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League Members Ready for Fall Campaign---Plan Keen Contest

CONDITIONS IN STATE IN NEED OF BIG CHANGE

POLITICAL BATTLE LOOMS AS A BIG ISSUE IN HISTORY OF THE TREASURE STATE OF MONTANA.

Nonpartisan League Has Program Ready

RESULTS TO BE SHOWN DURING TWO YEARS—ORGANIZATION NOW VITAL TO FUTURE SUCCESS.

The first skirmish being over and the line of battle assuming shape, as good fighting men it behooves us to go over the ground and take stock of ourselves and our organization. We live in stirring times, the placid days of the pre-war period are over forever and we now face a future fraught with stupendous possibilities.

Conditions change with lightning rapidity, one day we see confronting us what appears to be an insolvable riddle and tomorrow it has gone forever from the sphere of human activities.

PRIVATE MONOPOLY DOOMED.

Yesterday we were held in the grip of transportation and telegraphic monopolies so vast and powerful that the struggle against them seemed all but vain. Today we see the beginning of the end for such as these. But this vast and liberating plan, this reaching out for industrial democracy, these first forward steps cannot be continual and brought to a final triumphant ending without preparation, organization and then action. Intelligent action skillfully directed.

INTEREST FIGHT DESPERATELY

The forces that battened upon the people are not content to let this new thing go on if it can be halted. They are organizing, too, secretly and in the most powerful manner for an attack upon any administration which shall seek to carry forward what has already been so ably begun. And who shall say them nay? Not the old political gangsters who are their willing slaves, not the stupid stavitist who votes as his father voted, not these.

LEAGUE IN THE FRONT.

That is where the Nonpartisan league comes in. That is one of the reasons for its existence.

A good start has already been made in Montana, but that is the least of the trials to be overcome, the real test lies ahead.

Next November will see the league reaching another milestone, establishing itself in new territory, consolidating its positions, if you will, and then we shall have but won the preliminary rounds. The great general engagement lies exactly two year and six short weeks ahead. Two years and six short weeks in which to organize ourselves for the final engagement.

BATTLE TO BE KEEN ONE.

Let there be no doubt about it. The battle will be keener then, for reaction, angry and afraid of this new thing, will line up for the final bout all the forces at its command. They are going to make a bid to turn back the clock and we must not let them. Two years hence, so far as this state is concerned, the day of trial will come. We shall be ready to meet it if we go about our task of preparation intelligently, if we organize effectively, closely, rapidly and with full understanding of what is in store.

Forward to 1920.

If You Want to Vote You Must Register; Take No Chances--Attend to This Today!

It is your duty to register. The ballot is the means whereby we achieve our aims. All the objects, the desires for which we fight will come to nothing if you do not register. You have given your money, your work; you have helped to organize; you have come to recognize the League as the one means to your goal.

Have you done this for nothing? Are you going to throw all this effort away? You will if you don't register. All the splendid machinery of your organization, its papers, books, speakers, organizers, officers, will be so much wastage if you do not register.

You MUST register. Don't say you will, do it tomorrow, do it today. Hook up the buggy, crank the "Jit" or just walk over to the register's office—but do it!

You can't vote if you don't register!

ONE DAY IN TWO YEARS.

For 730 long days you toil to build up better conditions, to make your life a little easier, and a trifle more comfortable. Then on the one day in which you may make these things secure—you stay away from the polls and refuse to cinch the thing. You wouldn't make all arrangements to fix up a business deal of great profit to yourself and then go to bed and stay there, on the day appointed, would you?

Get out and register!

FORMER REGISTRATION CANCELED.

Don't think you are on the register because you THINK you voted last general election. You are not. There is nothing certain about it. You may not have voted, in which case the register is instructed to CANCEL YOUR REGISTRATION! you may be lost in the shuffle. Your name may be overlooked. Anything might happen and something generally does. Don't leave it to chance or the uncertainty of human institutions.

Get out today and Register!

BOOKS CLOSE VERY SOON.

You have only a few days to register. Instantly at five p. m. Friday, October fourth, the clerk closes his books and it will be too late. Don't wait until then. You have invested \$16 and a lot of work in the League. It will be wasted and the investment lost if you are too late at the office.

Get out and do it now. REGISTER!

DISTANCE NO OBSTACLE.

If you live ten miles from the county seat you can register with the deputy registrar. Any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace can do it providing he is a resident of your county. Make it your business to see him. If there is no such officer in your precinct, get busy and have one appointed. Don't wait. Take your wife and any other electors you may have around and hike to the registration office.

REGISTER? YOU CAN'T VOTE IF YOU DON'T!

KEPT PRESS SEES MENACE TO VESTED INTERESTS IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER VOTE

HELENA INDEPENDENT AND OTHER MONTANA PUBLICATIONS SEE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL AND URGE KOPPER KROWD TO START BATTLE AGAINST FARMERS AGAIN—PEOPLE HAVE NOMINATED OVER 50 AS CANDIDATES FOR 1919 LEGISLATURE.

Exact returns of the primary election in Montana are not available, the official canvass not yet having been forwarded to this office. Nevertheless the indicated strength which the Nonpartisan league will wield when next the Montana Solons meet is such as to cause a great deal of uneasiness in the camp of the copper clans.

The old gang is alarmed and very uncomfortable. They begin to feel the ground slipping from under their feet and have been momentarily jolted into admitting the fact. Thus the Helena Independent, whose policy has been one of the utmost hostility, which last spring advised the farmers through its editorial columns to "Smash the Nonpartisan Organizer in the Face" finds itself compelled to utter a solemn warning to the copper forces that the above tactics have come home to roost. In order to drive home its point it tabulates the League nominees, not seeking in any way to minimize the weight of the blow but rather striving to direct the gaze of the copper henchmen to the handwriting on the wall.

FOR STATE SENATORIAL HONORS.

- Broadwater Homer Thompson
- Cascade J. H. Morehead
- Chouteau P. J. Wallace
- Fallon J. H. Bergstrom
- Jefferson D. P. Fabrick
- Madison C. S. Oliver
- Mineral R. S. Wilkinson
- Richland J. W. Anderson

- Sanders J. F. McKay
 - Stillwater J. H. Leuthold
 - Teton C. C. Davis
 - Toole W. Bourke
 - Valley A. U. Sand
 - Wibaux Art Jeffers
- FOR REPRESENTATIVE
- Broadwater W. D. Neild
 - Big Horn N. Oltum
 - Cascade Mike Holland
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OLD JUDGE AGAINST FARMERS

"Farmers politics serious," said Judge Mankin in an interview in St. Paul, Minn. day. "They will give their opinions of people in cities and towns as the own. 'The country people are deeply interested in every public problem from the winning of the war to the election of township officers. They are patriotic to the highest degree and they invite serious consideration of national, state or local affairs, but the campaign orator who expects to go into the country and get by with a few jokes and stereotyped phrases, will find himself up against it.'"

Don't Forget to Register!

OREGON PRESS STARTS FIGHT ON FARMERS AS ELECTION APPROACHES

REPUBLICAN PAPER CALLS ON DEMOCRATS TO HELP DEFEAT PEOPLE'S CANDIDATES AND PLATFORM—USE SUBTERFUGE.

Quite recently the Portland Oregonian in reply to a correspondent who sought advise as to what his action should be as a good patriot and a party man at the same time, thrust aside a life long habit and indulged in a little subterfuge. With sententious gravity—behind which one senses a grin—the Oregonian proceeds to expound its reply, in the first part of which it makes the remarkable admission that

"If it is learned or fairly believed that the substitution of a democrat, for either senator or representative, will the more effectively contribute to the result—winning the war—desired by every loyal citizen, let him vote for the democrat."

GOOD LEAGUE DOCTRINE

Now this is good Nonpartisan doctrine and for the application of this principle to the political life of this nation, the League came into existence and continues to flourish. The League is not in any way concerned as to the political pennant under which a candidate may march, but we are vitally interested in what calibre man he is and to what extent he is prepared to translate pre-election promises into dynamic processes.

ONLY GOOD MEN WANTED

Is he prepared to or for that matter fitted to champion the cause of the producing masses against the privileged few? For the Nonpartisan league political label is of no significance, it is the manner of man and his ways, which engages all our attention.

HERE YOU HAVE IT.

Thus far, it would seem to the unthinking, the Oregonian is in accord with the League but that would be a grave mistake for a little further down perusal of the editorial under question brings us to this.

"Be sure that your judgment is controlled wholly by public and not partisan considerations. It is well enough to be suspicious of any candidate who has flirted with the Nonpartisan league, for example, and who has quite busy trying to secure for it a footing in Oregon."

Now the Oregonian is a republican paper, and has been for years, in view

LEAGUE CLEANS IDAHO GANG IN PRIMARY FIGHT

ORGANIZED COUNTIES SHOW STRENGTH BY THREE TO ONE VOTE — GRANGE SUPPORTS NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES.

Samuels Candidacy Strongly Indorsed

SUGAR INTERESTS DEFEATED—TOWN VOTE IS STRONG REBUE TO POWER COMPANY TACTICS IN IDAHO ELECTION

The Nonpartisan league's big winning in the primary election, the first in which it ever participated in Idaho, while not fully measured at yet, owing to failure of election boards to give out the count, was indicated in special dispatches from widely separated points before the ballot boxes were sealed and forwarded to the county canvassing boards.

Fourteen out of 24 precincts in Bonneville county gave Samuels, League candidate, 315, Martin 290, and Van Sicklin 182. The remainder of the precincts were far out in the country and it was reported there was a very light vote of farmers, due to the pressure of farm work. It was estimated at Idaho Falls, the county seat, that the other precincts would give returns in the same order.

3 TO 1 FOR LEAGUE.

In Power county, five precincts out of sixteen counted, gave Samuels 197, Van Sicklin 27, and Martin 40, Samuels' vote being thus nearly three to one against his combined opponents. In this same county Nugent got 177 and Hawley 48; Jeppesen, League candidate for congress, 124, while his two opponents polled, Holden 53, and Langton 28. Other League candidates also followed Samuels' and Jeppesen's lead; Zuck, League candidate for lieutenant governor, 128; his combined opponents 100. For other state offices in Power county the vote was: Secretary of State, Fife (League) 139, Dougherty 83; state auditor, Rice (League) 128, Van Deusen 45; attorney general, Cummings (League) 137, Walters, 82; state mine inspector, Smith (League) 156, Schwed 99; while the League candidate for state senate was estimated three to one ahead of his opponent.

SUGAR INTERESTS DEFEATED

In Bingham county with ten precincts counted, (balance unknown) including the county seat vote, Samuels had 306, Martin 122, and Van Sicklin 64. This is one of the counties where the sugar interests fought the League bitterly.

An overwhelming League vote was polled in Twin Falls county and in the city of Twin Falls itself, where an alleged "patriotic" organization had some weeks ago attempted to engineer a fight against the League.

ALL CANDIDATES LEADING

Seventeen precincts (including the city of Twin Falls) out of twenty-six precincts in the county, gave Samuels 943, Van Sicklin 263, and Martin 438, Samuels' majority over his combined opponents being 242 votes. The same precincts gave Nugent 1418 and Hawley 563. A special press dispatch from Twin Falls to the Idaho Leader declared that other League candi-