

# BE YOUR OWN REORGANIZER

CONVENTIONS JUST HELD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE HAVE ORDERED REORGANIZATION WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE

In last week's issue of the Leader, we pointed out to you that by doing your own re-enrolling, you would effect a great saving in expense, time, and men. SO FAR AS THE ITEM OF MEN IS CONCERNED, THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE. There is not a sufficient number obtainable, even for the unorganized territory in the state, to say nothing of the organized sections. THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES MUST THEREFORE DO THIS WORK. They can do it, if they will, and the "will" rests upon incentive.

Have you an incentive, a purpose, in accomplishing this reorganization? When you put in your field in the spring, you have a purpose, an incentive. It is the harvesting of a crop in the fall. During the past year and a half or two, education and organization of the farmers has been going on, but the work is not complete, as was shown in the fact that the farmers in some of the counties did not win in the recent primaries. The final political harvest comes on Nov. 5. What shall it be? Just enough to pay for the seed or shall it be a bounteous crop that will insure the possibility of bringing better conditions to the farmer, the farmer's wife and the farmer's children in the days to come? Is not that an incentive, a purpose, that is worth some effort or even sacrifice?

The majority of you are making tremendous sacrifices today to satisfy the demands of your exploiters, THE FELLOWS WHO ARE FIGHTING YOUR ORGANIZATION, and telling you not to organize until after the war, and that doing so, is to array class against class. They recognize the existence of classes, but they don't want you to make that distinction.

They want you to think that they and you are in the same class, with "equal opportunities."

Now, if you want a big victory on Nov. 5, you will need to get into the harness and work. PRACTICALLY EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE HAS LEAGUE CANDIDATES, you have therefore something to work for. To put these over, means the curbing of the "old gang," and the passing of laws that will be more nearly in the interest of the farmers and the worker—the producers of all things.

What can you do to accomplish this? Several things. First: You can fill out the accompanying enrollment blank and send it to this office at once, together with your membership fee of \$16.00. This will mean added funds for the purpose of carrying on a successful

campaign next month, without which it will be difficult to accomplish the purposes of the League farmers. Postdated checks will be accepted if you cannot pay cash, but they will not help much in the coming campaign. Second: YOU CAN SEE THAT

## OUT THIS OUT AND SEND IT IN

National Nonpartisan League,  
P. O. Box 1625,  
Great Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed please find \$16 in payment for my membership to January 1, 1921, and subscription to the Montana Leader and Nonpartisan Leader for two years.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

SECTION ..... TOWNSHIP ..... RANGE .....

PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AS IT NOW APPEARS ON LEADER:

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NUMBER OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE  
NAME OF ORGANIZER WHO SECURED YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**—In many cases members sign their full names at some times and sign their initials at other times. In other cases members have changed postoffice addresses since joining or have moved to another section, township or range. To avoid all mistakes, fill out the above blank, giving your name just as it appears on address label of your Leader, and your OLD address, if you have moved.

YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE REGISTERED, so that it will be possible to vote on Nov. 5. Failure to observe this preliminary step, will defeat our purpose in November. To the end that this registration may be complete and that no one may escape, you should see that meetings of your neighbors are held, and that a notary is brought to these meetings to register such persons as are not already registered. Also see that the delegates in the various precincts are made deputy registrars, and then see that they are taken from farmer to farmer, until every one has been reached. Do you realize the importance of this?

Third: See that a campaign committee is organized in every precinct for the purpose of having this work done thoroughly and planning the campaign at once, and to carry it on when it opens the middle of next month. This is very important. If the plans are carefully made, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CARRY THE WORK THROUGH SMOOTHLY and without friction, and all energy concentrated on the one thing, that of educating the voters, so that they will vote in their own interest on Nov. 5.

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**HER SERVICE FLAG**  
(Detroit News)  
"You bet I have a service flag,"  
Said Farmerette Miss Nan.  
"A million freckles, more or less,  
Upon a field of tan."  
—Be Sure To Register—  
Winning the war is our first business. It can be carried on more effectively if the farmers are organized, the same as every one else. The way to get results is through organization.—Gunnison (Colo.) Empire.

—Be Sure To Register—  
The height of munificence was the refusal of the Arkansas republicans to put up a fight, as they did not have a ghost of a chance. Now we may expect the old gang in North Dakota to concede Governor Frazier's re-election.

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Writing in the Wall Street Journal, B. C. Forbes speaks of "the battles of big business." So there is such a thing as Big Biz after all, in spite of the fact that the Nonpartisan league says so?

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# WOMAN WRITES OF MISS RANKIN

To the Editor of the Montana Leader, Great Falls, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly give space to the following communication, relating to what the women of Butte think of Miss Rankin and the terrible misrepresentation of her by our press.

That Miss Rankin was prevailed upon to run for election was hailed with joy by her many strong adherents in our city, because we know her worth, her fearlessness and her determined stand for what is right and good for the common people as no other women in the state can possibly know.

It is because of the interest Miss Rankin took in the sufferings of the miners' families that she came to us in answer to urgent calls for help in our troubles of last year. Our women realize that she has the ability to really represent the laboring people in our national congress. This misrepresentation of this noble woman by our press, is an unpardonable fault (in their eyes) as her cause of the laboring people, has been so unmannerly, untrue, unfair, as to call for condemnation from every citizen of common intellect.

The newspapers which are especially vicious in attacking Miss Rankin seem to proceed on the theory that a lie repeated often enough assumes the proportions of truth. This attitude has the same effect, and many of our citizens, men as well as women, have unfortunately fallen into this vile trap and it is in an effort to eradicate some of the poison of these misrepresentations from the minds of our people that I ask the privilege of your columns at this time. If Miss Rankin had served the moneyed interests in our community in the same manner as she served the cause of the workers, these same newspapers would today be urging her election to the U. S. senate instead of trying to vilify her in the eyes of her constituents.

**STRIKE WAS SHORTENED.**  
Wives of professional men of Butte have asked "why Miss Rankin did not consult with the A. M. F. before talking to the miners?" After the terrible fire disaster in the Speculator mine when so many men lost their lives, and in the frame of mind these men were at the time, the strike has been useless for Miss Rankin to try to address them if she had ever so remotely been suspected of conferring with the mining interests. It must be remembered that these offerings were refused to confer with committees appointed by the miners. I wish to say here that it was largely due to Miss Rankin's influence that the strike was not prolonged, due to her plea that our country must have the upper to successfully prosecute the war.

Our women's clubs spend a lot of time in discussing the conditions, welfare problems and child labor laws, and the needs of women and children. It is because of the broad vision gained by these discussions that we realize that we must have national representation at Washington by a woman who has devoted her life to the interests of women and children. Secretary McAdoo says: "The women of America are doing their share in the winning of the war, both by actual hard work and by the tremendous force of their moral influence." Nowhere can this influence be more strongly felt than by having a woman representative in our national legislature.

**REPRESENTATION NEEDED.**  
These attacks on Miss Rankin are a part of an effort of the moneyed party to keep women out of politics, and it is up to the women of this state to defeat the un-American attitude of these interests, by insisting on having women representation, especially during this terrible stress of war, when women are making gigantic sacrifices to help win the war for humanity.

Last year the State Federation of Women's Clubs, composed of 150 delegates from all over the state, met at Miles City and every time Miss Rankin's name was mentioned it was greeted with prolonged applause, and this was some months after her vote on war. Committees were appointed to draft resolutions approving of her course in congress, insisting on having a body of women and children, and these resolutions were wired to Miss Rankin. I served on such a committee myself at that time. Miss Rankin has done nothing since that time to merit the disapproval of these representative women but answer the call for help of their suffering sisters in Butte, Mont., and I am reluctant to believe that the body of women of our state could possibly disapprove of her actions and motives at that time, for she was actuated solely by her interest in humanity which we proudly designate as the sisterhood of women and the brotherhood of man.

**THE VOTE ON WAR.**  
At this state convention Mrs. Frank White of Valley City, N. D., said of Miss Rankin's vote on war, that "I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war" would go down in our history as the sentiment of American womanhood at that time, and reminded us that just a few months previous to our declaration of war we had elected a president mainly on the strength of his having "kept us out of war."

So all charges of disloyalty because of her vote on war are too ridiculous to be given any consideration by thinking people. In securing the support of the voters of this state for Miss Rankin's election to the United States senate, I do so not only in the name of the women and children of this state, but in the name of the women and children of the world, who are looking to this country for relief from the intolerable conditions inflicted on them by the lust and greed of the German soldiers and their Kaiser.

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## 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 registrar'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 CANCELLED.

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 registrar 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. Instantor 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!

## WAIL OF OLD GANG OVER PRIMARY LAW

**PROGRESSIVES OF SESSION 1917 MAY SMILE—OLD GANG DEFEATED AMENDMENT TO PRIMARY LAW—NOW WISH THEY HADN'T**

The copper press continues to howl about the terrible primary law. And what a huge joke the whole thing is. What can be the matter now? It was only a few months ago, at the 1917 session to be exact, that the progressives in the state legislature were overwhelmingly defeated in an effort to amend the very thing which now gives the old gang such a spasm. In those days their henchmen fulminated against the proposed amendment, they described it as unwarranted and against the best interests of the people of Montana. They were particularly aggrieved that any one should seek to change the date of holding the primaries from the middle of harvest to a time more convenient for farmers, they were sure that the farmers did not want any such thing to happen. They voted against the amendment to a man. Now behold the change. The primaries can no longer be used to their own ends; the farmers and wage workers, thru their own political organization, the Nonpartisan league, have turned the trick upon the tricksters, and what a howl there is! Well, they had their chance when the matter was up for amendment and they chose at once again to suppress the expressed wishes of the people so they must reap the reward, and they are going to get it. To mix a metaphor, they cast their bread upon the waters and it came home to roost. Let them take heart, however. The Nonpartisan league also looks upon the present law as not altogether what it should be and will alter it, not by enmeshing it in obscurities and obstructions, but by

writing such an act as shall make the machinery of election as free and accessible as is humanly possible.

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