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ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND DELUGE HEADQUARTERS WITH 50,000 SIGNATURES IN 30 DAYS

Drop a Regular Barrage of Names To Show The Gangsters In Montana That You Do Not Propose To Be Robbed Of The Open Primary. Compensation Law Initiated At Same Time.

Letters are still pouring in by the hundreds from all over the State, in response to our call for help to circulate referendum petitions, those who are responding are not all League members either. Organized labor and many women in the towns have offered to help defeat the contemptible efforts of the politicians to destroy our open primary.

From the way the letters keep coming in we should have no difficulty in rolling up 50,000 signatures this time.

There are, however greater obstacles to overcome than we encountered in the last referendum drive, and for this reason it is necessary before we start that everything be as clear as crystal to those circulating petitions, in order that the petitions be signed up and returned in the short space of time available.

To save the necessity and expense of sending an individual letter of instructions to each booster we are running in this issue of the paper clear and concise instructions as to what is necessary to be done to successfully complete the referendum fight. We will continue to run these instructions of seven important points in each succeeding issue of the Nonpartisan. Read them over carefully and then if there is anything further that is not entirely clear to you send in your question to the Referendum Secretary, Box 1625, Great Falls.

Let us take just two minutes and go over carefully each "point" as we have them outlined, and then we can better understand the necessity of conforming to these essential requirements.

1. All signers must be duly qualified electors. This means that if you failed to vote at the general election last November you are not now a qualified voter unless you have since that time registered before either the County Clerk or a deputy registrar, justice of the peace or a Notary public. If you have moved from one precinct to another in the same county since last November you must notify your county clerk of the change, either by mail or in person. If you moved from one county to another since you last registered or voted you must register over again. If you are in doubt about registration take no chances, REGISTER AGAIN!

2. Each person must sign their own name. Not only this, but the signature must be the same as it appears on the registration card at the County Clerk's office. Many hundreds of good signatures were counted out on the last petitions because of just this one technicality. Remember it is signatures they check off, not names. If your name appears as 'J. W. Smith' on the registration card sign it the same way on the petition and not 'John W. Smith'. The women should also be careful to sign their own given name, 'Mary E. Smith' instead of 'Mrs. John W. Smith.'

3. Each petition must be confined to one county. In other words, no two signers on any one petition should live in different counties, as the County Clerks cannot certify to the names of voters in other counties.

4. The fourth point should be clear to all. Write out in full the County under the word "Residence"; then your Post Office Address, and under the heading "Street and Number" write in your section, township and range. Don't omit the number or name of your voting precinct as this is the most important of all.

5. The fifth point needs no comment. When you run out of petitions send in for more.

6. We wish that all boosters would heed especially this request to send all signed petitions into this office by registered mail, instead of taking them direct to the county clerk. This is the only way we can gain an accurate estimate as to how many signatures have been obtained. In our last referendum we at first asked our boosters to deliver the petitions to their County Clerks and send a duplicate list of the names to this office. Many failed to send in their duplicates so that we were continually in the dark as to how many signatures we had. We also know that quite

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More Farmers Swinging To Support Of League

Lothair, Mont., Sept. 28, 1919
Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Montana.

Gentlemen:—Just send a couple of these petitions and I will do my best to get them filled from top to bottom.

Your paper is getting better every week, just ordered a car of hay from your classified ad columns.

Would liked to have taken in the conference at Glasgow on the 29, but as I am alone on the ranch at present, I was not able to go. The farmers around here are sure changing their views towards the League. I have spoken to a number of farmers that are going to join and get the paper. I am always boosting the best thing on earth that is the Nonpartisan League.

Yours for Victory in 1920.
S. J. MYHRE.

THE TYPE OF MEN BEHIND THE LEAGUE ARE UNBEATABLE

Slayton, Mont., Sept. 28, 1919.
Editor Montana Nonpartisan,
I am leaving here about the first of next month and I am not worried about the League doubling up on me this fall on dues, as that would be rather hard on a poor dry-lander who never raised a bushel of grain.

I know you are right, if I had not thought so I would not have let loose of that barrel of flour which I could have bought for that \$16.00 roll I sent you.

Well here is hoping for a 1920 clean up of the "powers that be".
Respectfully yours,
JACOB EPPLEY.

A FARMER ELECTION JUDGE URGES ALL TO REGISTER AT ONCE

Can Neither Vote at Next Election Nor Sign Petitions Soon To Be Circulated. Are You In The "Slacker" Class?

CLOVERDALE RANCH
Sam E. Button, Prop.
Larchwood, Sept. 25, 1919.
Editor Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Mont.

Some time ago I wrote a short letter on "What the Farmers DON'T THINK" and you were good enough to publish it. It was very much surprised when I saw it in print, and must confess that I am embarrassed to try my luck again, not so much for trying out my literary ability (?) as to call attention to a fact that is so very apparent throughout the country.

It has been my good fortune (?) to be appointed to serve as election clerk at every election, excepting one, for the last forty years. At the close of each election as soon as the last form is signed, the last envelope sealed, the claims made out, etc., I take a solemn oath that I shall not serve again—But around comes election time, special or general, and I am on the sucker list. Then my personal desire to see the different phases of human nature acquires the "balance of power" and I am on hand like a sore thumb.

Now at EVERY election time, there are SOME who can not VOTE because they HAVE NOT REGISTERED. The election judges and clerks are regularly bawled out, because—"Why?" (and some times worse), "you all know me. Why can't you let me vote?"

The laws of this sovereign State plainly say that in order to vote, the voter MUST be a duly qualified elector and their NAME MUST BE UPON THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION LIST.

Prior to the elections, there are always several notices posted, warning the people of the time of CLOSING the registration books. It costs the individual NOTHING to register and it may be done before ANY NOTARY, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL WHO MAY BE DULY APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE.

Must Register to Sign Petitions.
It is also necessary that one be registered in order to sign certain petitions, and when one is NOT registered and signs the petition, their names are crossed out.

In these days of "emergency legislation", it behooves EVERYONE who has the welfare and interest of the commonwealth and themselves at heart, to REGISTER and if they miss voting at a general election, REGISTER again.

In counting the ballots, the judges and clerks ALWAYS find some of the

Things to Remember

1. Every person signing a Petition must be a duly qualified voter. (If you voted last November, or have since registered, you are a qualified voter, even if you failed to vote at the recent county election).

2. Each person must sign their own name and sign it as it appears on the registration cards at the court house. No one can sign for another. (Married women must sign their own Christian names and not their husband's.)

3. All signers on the same petition must be voters IN THE SAME COUNTY, altho they may live in different voting precincts.

4. Don't use ditto (") marks. Fill each space out in full.

5. When petition is full don't paste on a sheet of blank paper for more signatures. Start another petition.

6. After you have obtained every signature possible ON ALL THREE petitions, send them to Referendum Secretary, Box 1625, Great Falls, Mont. and NOT to your County Clerk. As added precaution, we suggest that you send them BY REGISTERED MAIL, writing your name and address on the envelope.

7. All petitions should be in the hands of the Referendum Secretary by November 8th, 1919. SOONER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

Below is a sample of how a petition should be signed and properly filled out.

Name	Residence	P.O. Add.	If in city Street and Number	Vot Pre
1 Ole K. Olson	Cascade County	Belt	Sec. 5 Twp 20 Rng 4E	12
2 Annie B. Olson	Cascade County	Belt	Sec. 5 Twp 20 Rng 4E	12
3 James Smith	Cascade County	Ulm	Sec. 9 Twp 19 Rng 2E	8
4 Martha Moore	Cascade County	Belt	421 Second Ave. No.	1

It is most important that the "Voting precinct" be properly filled in as all registration cards at the Courthouse are filed according to precinct. If you can't give the number give the NAME of the precinct.

Address all further questions to Referendum Secretary, Box 1625, Great Falls, Mont.

N. D. Leaguers Offer To Aid In Getting Hay

Orrin, North Dakota
Editor Montana Nonpartisan,
Seeing your advertisement for hay in the North Dakota Leader would state that you can buy about 500 tons of hay right close to my place. I have 50 tons for sale.

There is a hay press here but help is scarce, but if you could send men down to run it and some one to buy up the hay the Montana farmers could save considerable money. The hay is all within from 2 to 4 miles from the railroad and there is a good loading platform. Any buyer who comes representing the farmers, I will be glad to drive him around to the farmers who have hay for sale.

Write or wire
Joe J. Hammers, Route 1, Box 61 A. Orrin, N. D.
We'll stick, we'll win.

Promises To Do Much Better Than Before

Editor Montana Nonpartisan:
Please send me a petition and whatever may be necessary to work with. I am in a position to go round and do better than I did last spring and if need be I will turn the petition over after I have done my bit. I have more time and hope to do much better than before.

Yours for victory,
HENRY ZOSEL,
Lambert, Mont.

GETS BIG RETURNS FROM ADVERTISING IN MONT. NONPARTISAN

FRANK R. WEISGERBER
Manufacturer,
Salina, Kansas,
Sept. 20, 1919.
Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Mont.

Gentlemen:—As I am beginning my fall and winter advertising campaign, I am starting with the Nonpartisan League papers. THEY HAVE MADE ME MORE MONEY FOR THE AMOUNT SPENT THAN ANY OTHER CLASS OF NEWSPAPERS.

Please insert the attached display advertisement and run every week until I send you new copy.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK R. WEISGERBER.

(Ed. Note—This manufacturer has advertised with the Montana Nonpartisan ever since it started and knows what he is talking about. The Montana Nonpartisan can sell anything you have for sale if it has merit. We will refuse to run any kind of fake advertising. Those buying things advertised in this paper, who do not get a square deal, will please report same to this paper at once.)

Big N. D. Concern Received Splendid Returns From Ad

GEO. E. DUIS CO.
Distributors—Mitchell Cars
Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 27, 1919.

N. S. Davies, Editor
Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Montana.

Will say I have had a very large number of inquiries to the advertisement which I had in the Montana Nonpartisan.

Sincerely yours,
GEO. E. DUIS.

HOW STATE CON OPENLY FLOUT GANG LEGISLATION IS GIVING FAT JOBS

Illegal For Law-Makers To Be Given Appointive Jobs But They Get Their Berths Just The Same Regardless Of The Sacredness (?) of the Constitution In Eyes of Loyalty Leaguers.

Since the farmers and laborers of Montana have begun to realize that there is a big economic and political future before them, and having demonstrated by 40,000 signatures on petitions, holding up the rotten vicious primary law put over by a Copper bound Legislature that they are alive to the fact, that Montana needs a political clean up, this fact has been penetrating slightly, the "Bone and Copper" which control Legislative Assemblies at the "Main Graft House", at Helena.

The above fact has also been the reason that when any legislation has been introduced for the benefit of "All the People", or legislation that would put the crimp into the "Special Interests" four flushing political pirates like smiling Dan Kelly of the A. C. M. Beldon of Ferguson, Wash McCormick of Missoula, Gibson of Park, Eddie Booth of

Fallon and Gum Shoe Donlin would all come to their feet and in floods of would-be oratory attempt to define the "Sacred (?) Constitution" and declare that the people were trying to defile the same.

Such actions viewed by the public who don't know the "Galvanic Copper Mixture" that inspires them, seem very laudable, but to those on the inside, the bunch looks like "Whited Sepuchres" and in comparison Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold were patriotic gentlemen.

Outgrown Pants.
Much used oratory and printer's ink has been wasted in discussing the Sacred (?) Constitution of Montana. All good citizens have respect for the parts of it that are useful under present day conditions, but it is somewhat in many instances like a boy's first pair of pants, a good fit at that period of his life, but let him try these same pants "30 years" later and he will find them "shy" in more places than one on his anatomy.

For political and utterly selfish reasons the Copper Barons, Big Interests and Political Poo-Bah's of the State will not admit this fact, but the mass of the thinking citizens of the State realize that it is a true, and for that reason in the near future are going to call a Constitutional Convention and make many amendments to it.

And when this is done, there will be a few sections in it that no doubt will make "The punishment fit the crime".

How Does This Look?
The office holders sitting in the "Main Graft House" at Helena, construe from time to time the "Sacred (?) Constitution" to suit the needs of the particular case in question and for the second time, the men comprising our R. R. and Public Service Commission and who now also constitute the "Montana Trade Commission" have practically said "D— the Constitution". We intend to do as "We" please, and are doing so as follows:

Read This Carefully.
"Article V. Sec. 7 contains these words:

"No Senator or Representative shall during the term for which he is elected—Be appointed to any civil office under the State."

And forthwith the "Sacred (?) Constitution" is slapped in the face and in direct defiance of the above Sec. 7, but strictly in accordance with the wishes of "Big Business" comprising the profiteers, the Senator from Ravalli County with another term to serve, Mr. Frank Cone is appointed as Market Director, under the law passed during the very "Extraordinary" session.

Outlo Von Huelenburg.
Talk about the "Imperial High Command" of Berlin, this Montana Trade Commission could give the German autocrats all the cards in the deck and then "Beat them at their own Game".

The Sacred (?) Constitution is about as sacred to them, as a sick pup with a broken hind leg. This is their second joke on the Sacred (?) Constitution, the previous prostitution of the S. C. being after the adjournment of the 15th session when the Hon (?) Carter of Broadwater County was appointed to a lucrative position in the office of the "High-binders."

A Record of Betrayal.
These men elected by the people to fulfill a public trust, make a jest of it, prostitute the law and betray the people. Is-cariot was a gentleman along— (Continued on Page 4)

Copper Patriots To Get Lesson In Democracy

Kalspell, Mont, Sept. 26, 1919
Editor Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Montana.

Yessiree! We Flatlanders and Flatfooters are Johnny on the spot. Send along those petitions about three or four of them this time. The one I had the last time had names written all over the margin so send plenty this time and we will give Big Biz, the hired press and Willie Campbell and the rest of the gang of copper patriots a lesson in Democracy with the dollars knocked out.

Yours for the hide of a camel.
A. S. HOWARD.

"SEND PETITIONS"
Vananda, Mont., Sept. 25, 1919
Montana Nonpartisan,
Dear Sirs:—You may send me a petition with full instructions, Yours to Win,
C. F. ERICKSON.

Livingston, Mont. Sept. 19, 1919.
Editor Montana Nonpartisan,
Great Falls, Montana,
Dear Sir:—

Having seen a copy of your paper this week, I think I need it to find out what is doing in the field. Enclosed find check to pay for same. Don't be afraid to shoot the truth at all times and we common folks will yet win if we can only keep the politicians out of our ranks. Am glad to see at last some of the laboring men are waking up. Keep after them. Hope we can get a dally some day that will print the news also.

Yours truly,
A. B. CARLETON.

HE WANTS THE PAPER THAT PRINTS THE TRUTH ALL OF THE TIME

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