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MONTANA HORSE THEIVES ROAR ABOUT NORTH DAK. TAXES BUT SILENT ABOUT MONTANA TAXES

In poor tax ridden North Dakota the farmers can pay ALL THEIR TAXES from the money they receive in payment for dockage for which Montana farmers DO NOT RECEIVE ONE CENT. That is the result of one of those horrible Nonpartisan League laws.

The North Dakota farmer who insured his crop under the State Hall insurance law, saved enough money from his insurance premium paid TO PAY ALL HIS TAXES.

As a result of the Bank of North Dakota, interest rates on loans to farmers have dropped from 8 per cent and 10 per cent down to 6 per cent and 7 per cent AND THE SAVING ON INTEREST PAID ALONE AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN ALL THE TAXES COLLECTED IN NORTH DAKOTA.

ABOVE ARE MENTIONED THREE INSTANCES WHERE, AS A RESULT OF NONPARTISAN LAWS, THE FARMERS OF THAT STATE HAVE SAVED THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THEIR TAXES THREE TIMES OVER.

Will the Montana Loyalty League attempt to deny any one of the above facts? And will the Kept Press of Montana print the facts when they know them.

Scoundrelly crooks hate the truth worse than the Devil hates holy water. We dare any of the gang to either print the truth or to deny the facts we have stated above.

FARM & GRAZING LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS		
A—	Val. Lands	Imp'ts.
1917	\$102,940,075	\$23,000,000
1918	171,221,927	27,727,741
1919	191,569,389	41,851,043
Increase in 1918-19	107,569,357	
Total	\$568,310,175	
MINING		
B—	Val. Lands	Imp'ts.
1917	\$760,178	1,709,134
1918	693,714	1,718,943
1919	328,402	1,151,769
Total	6,362,140	
Decrease in 1918-19	990,131	
C— Val. City Lots Val. Imp'ts.		
1917	38,417,032	51,169,215
1918	38,985,619	54,542,364
1919	32,581,616	42,770,146
Total	258,445,992	
Net Decrease in 1919	14,254,435	
D— Val. Goods, Wares & Mds.		
1917	16,989,152	
1918	20,034,006	
1919	20,118,258	
Total	\$57,141,416	
Increase in 1918-19	3,139,108	
E— Val. Solvent Credits and		

Money in Banks	
1917	1,587,178
1918	2,936,915
1919	4,662,321
Total	\$ 9,166,414
Increase in 1918-19	3,095,143

F— Value Bank Stock	
1917	\$13,713,928
1918	13,816,845
1919	8,677,768
Total	\$ 36,208,531
Net Decrease 1919	\$ 5,036,160

G— Live Stock	
1917	\$5,685,652
1918	75,000,516
1919	62,500,853
Total	\$193,186,821
Net Decrease 1919	\$ 13,184,999

HERE ARE THE INCREASES
 Increase in valuation of A. to B. thru the 3 year dry period 8.77%.
 Increase in valuation of A. to C. thru the 3 year dry period 390%.
 Increase in valuation of A. to D. thru the 3 year dry period 910%.
 Increase in valuation of A. to E. thru the 3 year dry period 6.1%.
 Increase in valuation of A. to F. thru the 3 year dry period 1.54%.

Barefaced Skulduggary.

While Mining properties have been enjoying huge incomes during the past three years the valuation of their property for taxing purposes has decreased. While the State Bank Examiner stated not over 90 days ago thru the press that there was practically \$190,000,000 of deposits in the banks of Montana, the property of the Mining interests, the Profiteers and other Big Business, still the assessors of the state can only find \$66,604,594 which under the democratic Classification law gotten up by a trinity of Tax Fools and put thru a Copper Legislature with the name of a poor Copper Sinner named Rasmussen attached to it brings for taxation revenue only \$4,608,321.

Dodge Evaz a Pittance.

Even the "measly" 7 per cent won't induce the "Montana Disloyalty League," the Profiteers and Copper Snakes to disgorge or state what their illegotten gains amount to and on the classification of the "Pawnbros" we get \$5,000,000 to tax less than last year. No wonder that children in 12 counties of the state are suffering for the necessities of life.

Where Do They Hide Wealth?

From figures given out by the State Bank Examiner in 1918 the resources of All banks in Montana were \$199,026,566. Since then, how many have been added to the Pawning list? or how many of them have gone broke? But they certainly are Organized when it comes to Tax Dodging.

The dryland farmers of Montana because of lack of feed for the past three years have been selling off their stock at low prices to pay their obligations either to the Pawnbroker or Cattle Barons. (Both are in cahoots) and that is one reason for the decrease in the live stock valuation.

Farmers Bear The Big Burden.

But, on a good assumption that 50 per cent of the above valuation is on the farms of Montana, we can still add to the farming valuation for the three year period \$96,000,000 making a total valuation that the farmers have paid taxes on of \$634,310,175 and making his percentage so far above other properties in the above table that most of the petty Pawnbros posing as Bankers would end up in Warm Springs trying to figure them out.

Outside of a few assessors in the state, the rank and file of them, know absolutely nothing regarding the principles of taxation and take their orders from the Helena Gang who construe the law for them and very rottenly at that and it is high time that the tax-

Miners Offered Great Falls 5000 Tons of Coal Free But Silk Sock Crowd Reject It

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Did you know that the United Mine Workers of Sand Coulee and Tracey offered the people of Great Falls and Vicinity 5,000 tons of coal, all to be delivered, Dec. 16 FREE OF COST?

And did you know that Dr. Longeway turned a deaf ear to the Committee of the Cascade County Trades and Labor Assembly because he wanted the Citizens Committee to distribute the coal and charge \$8 per ton for it, or he would not permit its being distributed at all?

Did you know that the Miners of Sand Coulee loaded three cars of coal and shipped here Saturday last for free distribution but instead of billing it to the Cascade Trades and Labor Assembly Manager Sederholm of the A. O. M. mines at Sand Coulee billed it to the Citizens Committee so that IT COULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED FREE?

Read the signed statement of facts, which the Great Falls Tribune REFUSED TO PUBLISH, on page 4 of this paper.

The Great Falls Tribune refused to publish a signed statement EVEN THO THE UNION MEN PAID FOR IT, till after the Union men threatened to publish the statement on handbills.

Read the article on page 4 of this paper and see how Doc. Longeway and Fuel Administrator Martin REFUSED TO PERMIT THE MINERWORKERS TO SEND FREE COAL TO GREAT FALLS AND VICINITY TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THOSE NEEDING IT, RICH OR POOR, UNION OR NON-UNION.

Then decide who is to blame for any coal shortage in Great Falls and vicinity.

The Union men did all they could do, but rather than recognize Union efficiency, arrogant Czars kicked the coal miners in the face because they wanted to donate coal.

READ PAGE 4!

REFERENDUM HAS GONE OVER IN ALL NEEDED COUNTIES BUT ONE AND VICTORY IS NOW CERTAIN

The referendum has carried! Every county in which a special drive was made, with the exception of one, had sent in the necessary number of signers, and some of them sent double and treble the number necessary. In the next issue of the Nonpartisan the details will be given. Suffice now to say that the victory is a wonderful one. The petitions are still pouring in and it will require several days to tabulate them. The one county that is short will not be named as the Big Biz outfit would at once start a campaign to prevent more signatures being secured. Therefore if you have not already sent in your petitions, do so at once.

It is expected that by the end of the week 5000 more signers will be sent in.

Remember that you can continue sending in more signers as long as you wish, even tho the big drive is over. The late signatures will count in the totals just the same.

HENRY C. SMITH, COPPER CO. ATTORNEY STARTS AN ACTION TO DEFEAT THE REFERENDUM

It will be of considerable interest to the people of Montana to learn that Henry C. Smith, the attorney who has started an action in district court at Helena to prevent Secretary of State Stewart from accepting the referendum petitions to save the primary laws, IS THE PAID ATTORNEY FOR THE COPPER COMPANY. The case comes up December 20.

This is the same Henry C. Smith who was formerly associate justice of the supreme court. While still a member of that body, the Copper Crowd trotted him out as a candidate for United States Senator to defeat Walsh. Smith ran third in the race, both Walsh and Dixon getting more votes than he did. He was severely criticized at that time for not resigning from the supreme bench when he entered the senatorial race.

As a reward for running for senator, the Copper Company hired him after his defeat. In fighting the referendum he is earning a part of the retainer he gets from that invisible branch of the government.

Henry thinks that if the Copper barons decide that the people shall not have any voice in making their own laws—that ends it. However, the Montana Supreme Court may decide that 40,000 or 50,000 people in this state should have as much to say in state government as the hired attorney of the Copper Crowd. IN 1920 THEY WILL HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY THAN MR. SMITH AND HIS POLLUTED EMPLOYERS.

payers of this state begin to look around for men that as assessors would have some brains and who would not be at the beck and call of petty Political appointees who have less brains than Balaam's Ass.

"Farmers of Montana stick for the 'New Day' in Montana." Just at present invite the Gangsters to publish a few tax tables regarding Montana, and not do so much worrying about North Dakota. In North Dakota the farmers can pay ALL their taxes from money they receive in pay for dockage on their grain, dockage that is stolen outright from the Montana farmers.

A Nonpartisan Farmer.

NONPARTISAN LEAGUE PROGRAM COSTS NORTH DAKOTANS 2 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR PAID IN TAXES

In sheer desperation, the Montana Loyalty League, which, parading under a false name is, in reality, the vilest political organization that ever disgraced Montana, has published full page advertisements regarding taxes in North Dakota, which they claim are ruinously high—ALL ON ACCOUNT OF THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Now any man with any intelligence, to say nothing of honesty, should know that the Nonpartisan League has nothing whatever to do with township, county, village, city, ditch or local school taxes.

The taxes for which the Nonpartisan League are responsible in North Dakota are the taxes levied to put the League program into effect in that state, such as the State mill and elevator, the Bank of North Dakota, the Workmens compensation act, the grain grading act, etc.

FOR ALL THESE PURPOSES it requires less than 2 per cent of the taxes levied.

In other words, only 2 cents out of every dollar levied for taxes in North Dakota can be spent in carrying out the League program.

But do these page advertisements published in the Great Falls Tribune, the Great Falls Leader, the Helena Independent, the Montana Record Herald and other contemptible sheets that are willing to prostitute their columns at any time for a price tell the people the real facts?

No indeed. They represent that ALL the money is spent and ALL the taxes levied by what they term the red handed socialists of North Dakota.

Down at the bottom of the advertisement there is a line that reads—"write to Tax Commissioner George E. Wallace, Bismarck, North Dakota to confirm these figures." Well we did and Tax Commissioner Wallace of North Dakota published a lengthy article in which he PROVES THIS ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED UNDER THE NAME OF THE MONTANA LOYALTY LEAGUE TO BE A TISSUE OF LIES.

Here is what tax commissioner Wallace says to prove the truth of the statements we make:

"Statement showing the distribution of each dollar paid in state taxes for the year 1919.

State bond sinking fund	1.342 cents
State Bond interest fund	5.706 "
Soldiers Bonus fund	18.778 "
Legislature	1.000 "
State Judiciary	2.200 "
Education	30.92 "
Other State Institutions	17.025 "
Military Appropriations	.845 "
State emergency or contingency	.422 "
Public printing	.344 "
State Fairs	.264 "
Bounties	1.637 "
State Industries	4.54 "
Miscellaneous	1.664 "
Total	100.000 cents

Now look at the above figures carefully and note that the STATE INDUSTRIES, which means the League program laws, such as the State owned flour mill and elevators, the State Bank, etc., cost the people of North Dakota a little over 4 cents out of every dollar paid in state taxes!

Earlier in this article we stated that less than 2 cents out of every dollar paid went to the state industries, or League program, that is less than 2 cents out of every dollar paid in ALL TAXES. Of strictly STATE TAXES, for which figures are given above, 4.45 cents out of each dollar paid goes for the state industries or League program.

Now will any fair minded honest man claim, with the facts straight in front of him, that THE NONPARTISAN IN NORTH DAKOTA HAVE RUINED THE STATE WITH HIGH TAXES IN CARRYING OUT THE LEAGUE PROGRAM?

No, and the full page advertisement is an unprincipled attempt to deceive FROM START TO FINISH. It is a full page FALSEHOOD.

We are glad, however, that the unscrupulous whited scoundrels have published this lie about North Dakota. From week to week we will point out the miserable falsehoods contained in it.

While we have sympathy for any decent person who has contributed funds to the Loyalty League, which are being spent with gang newspapers in publishing lies at the rate of several thousand dollars per week, the money so spent will make more votes for the Nonpartisan League than it will for the copper crowd, because the average citizen HATES A LIAR—and especially hypocrites hiding behind a supposedly patriotic organization.

But when a bunch of filthy politicians get so low in the scale that it is necessary to form a fake organization with a patriotic name in order to get their lying political propaganda published to fool the people—truly they are in a bad way.

And we assert, without fear of contradiction, that not one of the filthy, thieving gang fighting decent government in Montana DARE SIGN THEIR OWN NAMES TO THE FUTURE LIES TO BE PUBLISHED ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA, because their rotten reputations would convince the people that nothing such men advocated COULD BE RIGHT.

That is why they have their filthy deceptions published under the name of the Montana Loyalty League.

GREAT CONVENTION OF NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE AT ST. PAUL

The Annual convention of the National Nonpartisan League at St. Paul convened December 9. There was a full attendance of delegates from 13 states, and plans were laid for a vigorous campaign.

Owing to late mails, the Montana Nonpartisan cannot publish the report of the meeting as only a portion of the report has been received, but we will publish it in full in the next issue.