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HOMEBUILDER "BILL" EXCITED

When Comrade William Prater, manager of the Townley interests in Burleigh, went to the state capitol to file the petition of nomination for L. D. Bailey, he must have been badly rattled. Just how he happened to file the secret caucus pledge by mistake has not been revealed, but Comrade William Prater has performed a distinct service for the opposition.

Do the voters want representatives in the legislature who pledge themselves to jump every time Boss Townley or Boss Lemke cracks the whip over their backs. Is there any more vicious thrust against representative government or majority rule than the pledge Comrade William Prater inadvertently gave to the world?

The Burleigh county anti-Townley Republicans have nominated a well balanced ticket consisting of Len Sperry for state senator and Semling, Heaton and Anderson for members of the lower house. These men will take no pledge save that imposed by the constitution of the state—the oath of office binding them to support the constitution of the United States and that of the state of North Dakota. This pledge to the people of their fealty is the only one that will actuate these gentlemen—not a secret pledge to a political machine whose sole object is the overthrow of representative and constitutional government and the substitution of a soviet system.

GETS WHITEWASHED

In a long winded resolution the county board of commissioners have completely whitewashed Chairman E. G. Patterson of any criticism in diverting a road engine from county work in order that it might be used on his farm.

At the close of the meeting Chairman Patterson took the resolution from his pocket and proceeded to spread the whitewash with a lavish hand.

Every commissioner with the exception of Commissioner Ward joined in the little whitewashing party. Mr. Ward refused to assist in giving Mr. Patterson the immunity bath and when it came to vote on the proposition he passed.

Voters of the county know full well from this that Commissioner Swanson is completely within the domination of Mr. Patterson as well as are several of the other commissioners.

Judging from the way the affairs of the county are being conducted over the protest of Commissioner Ward, it is high time for the voters to reject Commissioner Swanson and select Mr. Tierney and Victor Moynier both of whom are commissioners on the anti-Townley ticket.

They are men deserving of the support of the men and women voters in their respective districts and can be depended upon not to wear the Pattersonian collar.

CENTER FIGHT HERE

Burleigh county is of immense importance to the Nonpartisan league and the leaders are bending every effort to win it back into the column of the organization. In June, Burleigh repudiated the Townley program and stepped into that group of counties which stand for an immediate return to constitutional government.

Not a stone is going to be left unturned to carry the county in which the capital city is located and where most suits are instituted involving political issues.

In addition to putting over their state ticket in Burleigh, the henchmen of Townley want control of the legislative delegation and most especially the district judge and state's attorney.

At present E. S. Allen is the plant servant of the nonpartisan league and the political bedfellow of E. G. Patterson. He is on the ticket which the "Bill" Prater voters' school is circulating together with the slander on Miss Nielson.

The league wants their representative here where criminal suits are instituted against state officials and investigations are made into charges of irregularities. That is the reason Mr. Allen is being supported. He is proud of his league affiliation and at various times was connected with the league's fight made upon Miss Nielson. It is not forgotten that this Edward S. Allen was at one time attorney for N. C. Macdonald in his brazen attempt to oust Miss Nielson from office. Associated with him in law practice is Joe Coughlan, law librarian, who also assists Mr. Townley's legal department in Burleigh.

It is essential to have a state's attorney in this county who is not under the domination of Townley. F. E. McCurdy served the county well in the past and was defeated two years ago by unfair

tactics and the circulation at the eleventh hour of a political roorback, most vicious in type. He is entitled to the vote of the men and women who stand for a clean administration of that important office.

As vigorous a fight is being made to supplant Judge Nuessle in this district as is being made to retain the services of State's Attorney Allen. Realizing that there is little chance to elect Freerks of Jamestown, once disbarred for fraud, the league is trying to secure the election of Foster, a former assistant attorney general and league special counsel at Bismarck. They hope through a lucky turn of the political wheel to land Foster and secure his assignment to Bismarck, transferring the other judge who may be selected to Jamestown.

Every effort should be put forth over the district to retain Judge Nuessle at Bismarck. It is a trying judicial post to fill because so many factional quarrels reach the court which have little merit and it takes a strong judge to maintain justice and strict impartiality. Judge Nuessle has kept his office above suspicion of political taint. He has some critics in every faction because he has refused resolutely to play factional politics. Judge Nuessle has been every inch a judge and regardless of the voters' political affiliations they should support him and defeat the Townley plot to supplant him here.

All that has been written here of Judge Nuessle applies with equal force to Judge Coffey. He should be retained in this judicial district for the same reason.

In the strife of the closing weeks of the campaign the voters are inclined to overlook these two important offices which are intended to safeguard the peace, health and safety of the community.

Don't fail to support Judges Nuessle and Coffey and F. E. McCurdy for states attorney.

Don't let the league drag the judgship in this district into the mire of factional politics.

Let us rescue the office of state's attorney.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Comments reproduced in this column may or may not express the opinions of The Tribune. They are presented here in order that our readers may have both sides of important issues which are being discussed in the press of the day.

THE CAUCUS PLEDGE

The Townley caucus pledge is to the front again. Through the clumsiness of an organization worker there was filed with the secretary of state in lieu a copy of the pledge exacted from league legislative candidates, and which, in this case, had been signed by one of the organizations candidates.

It was not intended that this pledge should be made public. It will be remembered that when the practice of pledging candidates to be bound by the action of the caucus was exposed in another campaign the Townley press denied positively that such pledges had been exacted, and candidates were brought forward to sign statements denying that they had been asked to sign such pledges. When the facts were sifted down it developed that, because of fear or the effect of the exposure of the practice, the pledge, which had originally been in the exact form published by The Herald and other independent papers, had been slightly amended as to form, so that the pledge used later differed slightly in wording, but not at all in essential meaning.

The practice of hog-tying candidates in advance of their election continues. It is a vicious practice, absolutely with justification from any standpoint. It makes the legislator who is bound by it a puppet rather than an independent representative of his constituents. It makes him the slave of a chance majority, no matter how that majority may be obtained, whether by fraud, misrepresentation or intimidation; and the Townley managers have used all three. Such a pledge requires a legislator to vote at times in opposition to his own convictions and contrary to what he believes to be his duty to his state and his own constituents.

There is one pledge that the new official is required to take, and that pledge is sufficient for every purpose. It is that he will support the constitution of the United States and that of the state of North Dakota. To add to or subtract from that pledge is to destroy its force and strike at the very foundations of our government, for one of the essentials of that government is that the lawmaker shall be absolutely independent, free to use his own judgment on all questions that arise, and not to be molested for the use of his own judgment in performing what he believes to be his duty.

There are two or three questions which citizens may appropriately ask of every man who presents himself before them as a candidate for legislative honors. Among them are these:

Have you signed a pledge similar to that signed by L. D. Bailey of Burleigh County?

Have you been asked to sign this or any similar pledge?

Would you sign such a pledge if asked to do so?

If you have signed any pledge with reference to your legislative work, what is its exact text?

These are things that the people are entitled to know. They are things that the people need to know before they can pass intelligently on the character and general fitness of the men who ask for their support for any public position. If these questions are asked, and if he answers unsatisfactorily, or refuses to answer, the voters should know what to do with him without advice from any quarter.—Grand Forks Herald.

FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS OF STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

The full text of the resolutions adopted by the state federation of clubs follows:

Resolved: That we extend to the citizens of Bismarck, the members of the Federated class, and the commercial, especially the members of the various committees, our sincere appreciation of their hospitality during the 24th annual convention. That we express thanks to all of those who contributed their talent and time to the success of this meeting.

That we extend to the ladies of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Catholic churches our appreciation of their efforts to serve splendid meals during our stay in their city. Be it further resolved: That we express to Mrs. McKinstry our appreciation for her thoughtful and efficient leadership during the past.

That we express to Mrs. McFriede our appreciation for her efficient service especially during this meeting. CITIZENSHIP WHEREAS, we realize that the acquisition of the ballot by the women of the United States in these critical times is a great opportunity as well as a high privilege.

Be it resolved, that we make the following declarations concerning the fundamental truths which we wish to guide all women in our citizenship:

FIRST: That it is the duty of every woman to cast her ballot, and to make that ballot as conscientious and as intelligent as she is able to.

SECOND: We do not believe in new parties for women but that women should align themselves with the most capable and public-spirited men in the parties now in existence.

THIRD: We believe that our schools and courts should be maintained at the highest possible standard and that for the sake of children and the unfortunate, they must be kept out of politics.

FOURTH: We believe it is now the duty of every woman to inform herself concerning the affairs of our government from the precinct to the national administration, especially concerning issues, the political records and personal character of candidates, and we demand an adequate, just and reliable source of information, fair to all parties.

EDUCATION WHEREAS, The teaching of Mothercraft or a definite health League program is of primary importance.

Resolved, that we encourage in our immediate communities the program, whenever presented by the Department of Education of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, The institutional equipment at Grafton is entirely inadequate to meet the demands.

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure two ward buildings for the institution.

Resolved, that we shall promote interest in each community in a Central Bureau of welfare Agencies to prevent duplication of effort and finances and to secure more effective work.

(Recommended by the Social and Industrial Conditions Department, Mrs. E. O. Dickson, Chairman.) RESOLVED:

FIRST: That we endorse the establishment of a Department of Education under secretary in the president's cabinet, and the granting of Federal aid, as provided in the Smith-Towner bill.

SECOND: That a copy of this resolutions be sent to each congressman from North Dakota. (Recommended by Anna M. Tibbets.)

WHEREAS, Our present kindergarten law presents such difficulties in securing a sufficient number of signers that it is impossible to secure a public school kindergarten, and

WHEREAS, The kindergarten has proven its value as a means of promoting loyalty and efficiency, of forming right habits and thought and action early in life, and thus laying the foundation of citizenship, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Legislative committee, after conferring with our state chairman on Kindergarten Extension, draft an amendment to our present kindergarten law, and amend it to be modeled after the California kindergarten law, and present same to the next legislature.

HEALTH Since statistics show that in the United States, preventable death of mothers and infants at time of childbirth total annually more than the entire American casualties incident to the war, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Shepherd-Towner bill and urge its speedy passage, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to our congressmen.

RESOLVED: That we advocate state aid in making a survey and giving aid and assistance to the crippled children of our state.

WHEREAS, The United States government was the first to insist upon continuation as a necessity, to the efficiency of its fighting forces and established a program of education and recreation which enabled America to maintain in the great World War, the cleanest army of men in body and in character that the world has ever seen; and

WHEREAS, Statistics regarding venereal diseases show that in civil life they are responsible for more death and sickness than any other form of disease and that at least fifty per cent of the victims are innocent wives and children; be it

RESOLVED, That we, the North Dakota Federation of women's clubs in annual convention, commend and pledge our support to the United States government in its campaign against venereal disease; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we recommended to each constituent club that at least one meeting each year be devoted to a discussion of the menace of venereal disease, and that representatives of the United States Public Health Service be invited to attend such meetings and, by means of charts and moving pictures, to illustrate the most approved methods of combating such diseases. (Recommended by the United States Public Health Service.)

RESOLVED: That we will sell more Christmas seals this year than ever before and so support the fight for health and against tuberculosis, and furthermore, that we will report our sales to our public health chairman as the North Dakota Anti-tuberculosis Association urges us to do. (Sales last year reported at the National Federation as \$6,000.00, but we think it really was larger. Many club women did not report their work to the Public Health Chairman.) (Recommended by the Anti-tuberculosis Association.)

MOTHER'S PENSION WHEREAS, The present method of granting mothers' pensions is inadequate.

RESOLVED, That we shall promote interest in a judge, system for mothers' pension and to place supervision of such aid to some especially delegated worker. Recommended by Northern division Red Cross worker.)

PROHIBITION WHEREAS, There are several discrepancies between the prohibition laws of North Dakota and the Federal law, be it

RESOLVED, That we believe it to be the best interests of our state that such legislation be enacted at the next session of the legislature as will bring our state prohibition law into complete accord with the Federal law, known as the Volstead act, and that

We are unalterably opposed ever to re-open the question of national prohibition.

HAZEL MINER MEMORIAL WHEREAS, In the heroic sacrifice of her life in the very fulness and promise of youth in the endeavor to save the lives of her little brother and sister in the bitter cold of a terrible blizzard on the night of March 15, 1920, Miss Hazel Miner, a fifteen year old girl of Center, North Dakota, lost her life; and

WHEREAS, The sublime courage and marvelous love of Hazel Miner has set a mark for all womanhood of the state and of the nation, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs express in this manner the fullest recognition of the beauty of character of this young girl, and its utmost sympathy for the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters, be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this convention, and also be sent to the members of her devoted family, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a portion of the scholarship fund be known as the Hazel Miner Memorial Fund.

HOMES WHEREAS, The board of the National Federation of Women's clubs has determined upon the development of home demonstration work as a means to better homes in America, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Federation of North Dakota loyally support this movement and lend every possible assistance to the movement.

MOTION PICTURE GROUP WHEREAS, The motion picture has become a paramount issue in the minds of the women composing the membership of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and

WHEREAS, The motion picture must be preserved to furnish wholesome entertainment for the present generation without undermining or in any way destroying the mental, moral or physical development of its own and future generations, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs, in convention assembled, express its approval of the action of the General Federation in its effort to extend through state censorship, the area protected by law from harmful films (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Maryland) and be it further

RESOLVED: That we use every possible effort to secure this protection for the state of North Dakota during the coming session of its legislature.

LILLIAN LILLIBRIDGE, ROXIE SHEPHERD JONES, MRS. W. B. WANNER.

The Experiences Of Hiram Wise

INTRODUCTION "Hiram Wise" is a farmer of the old school who believes in the "manysashun of humanity." Being a forward looking man, he is one of the first to join the Nonpartisan league when its organizers visited his community. While his varied experiences are told in story form, practically every one of them has been duplicated in real life.

"Bobs" speech has been written in dialect in order to carry out the general idea. It is "Hiram" who is doing the talking, telling the reader of his experiences with the Nonpartisan league in emancipating North Dakota. —The Author.

Chapter II. He Helps Pick the Candidates One night when I called at the Henroost Center postoffice for my mail I see a new paper among it. I wondered what on earth it wuz. So after I got home I sat down an' looked it over. I see at once it was our Nonpartisan paper an' o' all the funny pictures I ever seen they wuz the best. Why it had o' Big Business pictured as a big fat feller with a big diamond ring on his finger an' a big diamond in his necktie, looked as big as a goose egg. an' it had a lot o' pictures showin' how the farmers got the worst end o' it an' a lot o' 'residin' tellin' how the farmers would join all together fer their perfectshun an' how the big hogs would get no more swill. I s'pose you've all seen these papers by now an' I won't go into details but it sure made a hit with the farmers. Si Hawkins came over to my place tickled to death. "We'll show 'em Hiram," sez he, we'll show 'em: "I've been doin' some figurin' an' I figure that :

I'd got all that wuz comin' to me instead o' bein' cheated out o' most o' it I would be worth nearly a million by this time." Wal, sez I, "better not crow too loud, Si. Mebbe after you get what's comin' to you, you'll be worse off than you be. I ailers believe in waitin' before bein' too sure. If them fellers do as they promise things will be all right, an' if they don't we won't be any better off. But anyway we're not out much." (The price to join wuz six dollars.)

One day we all got letters from headquarters tellin' us to meet in the school house an' pick out a candy-date, or I believe they called it representative, to go down an' help pick the farmers' ticket.

So on the day mentshoned we all went down as requested to the school house an' after some considerable talkin' it wuz decided that I be selected to represent the Henroost Center district when it came to picking the ticket, as I had been down to Fargo once or twice, an' traveled considerable back an' forth in my duties as assessor an' also as deligate of the Farmers Union when they met at Bascom, forty miles distant. So, bein' called on for a speech I riz an' said I would do all I could for the good o' my community an' thanked them for the way they had shone their trust in me. Then we played a few tunes on the phony-graft an' went home. Sum time later I got a letter sayin' all deligates wuz to meet at certain places to pick deligates for the conventshun, so I went to the nearest place mentshoned an' once again I wuz picked to head the deligashun that wuz to go to the conventshun. Finally, one day I got word that on such an' such a day the meetin', or conventshun wuz to be held in Fargo, an' for me to be sure an' be there. So I hired E. Swanson to do the chores while I wuz gone, packed my grip, an' started fer Fargo the day before the conventshun wuz to be called. I got there about six o'clock in the evenin' an' a bus took me to a hotel where I got a room, washed up an' went down to supper. Bein' tired from my long ride I went to bed early, an' bright an' early the next mornin' I got up an' started down town. I met quite a few farmers with 'Well Stick buttons on an' o' course that wuz some, who had cum down with me, so we struck up quite an acquaintance an' stood talkin' an' aizin' things up, until the time cum for the half to be opened up when we all went in an' set down.

After awhile a feller cum out on the stage an' said the meetin' would be called to order. I 'most forgot to say this meetin' was sort o' private only the deligates an' others bein' allowed in at first. They had a big blackboard on the stage an' a feller stood by it with a piece o' chalk in his hand. "Now," sez he, "on this board we will write the names of the men you suggest to fill the different state offices. Then we'll decide on one and grade the rest, in this way you will all have an equal chance at naming the candidates. First we will pick our candidate for governor."

At this several fellers offered names all o' which the feller at the blackboard writ down. When he had quite a lot o' names an' no more were bein' suggested he said: "Here's a list o' names to choose from. Now if any o' you know anything against these men speak up." At that there wuz a general discussun, after which name I offered after name wuz rubbed out, till finally only one wuz left. No one seemed to know anything against this feller, so they let him stay on the board. I talked to a lot o' the deligates afterward, an' found none o' them had ever heard tell o' him before, him bein' a farmer, like us, an' not very well known except in his immedjet community. So after we had picked on him to lead our ticket we kept on right down the line, just as the organizer had told us we would. I didn't mentshun any names to put on the blackboard until they got to state treasurer. Then as I wuz the duly elected representative of 11 nabors I looked on me as a pillar o' society. I tho't I'd put up the name o' Jason Trumbull, him bein' a well known farmer o' Henroost Center, an' treasurer o' our school board fer the last fifteen years, so I felt that he was qualified to hold the job if anybody wuz. So I riz an' offered Jason Trumbull as a candydate fer state treasurer. So Jason's name went on the board with about twenty others. An' I actually believe he'd been nominated if it hadn't been for an old skin flint who lives over in the next county who riz an' said that, he felt it wuz his boundin' duty to inform the conventshun that Jason's wife's granddader's brother George had been caught stealin' his neighbor's chickens, wuz hanged in 48 in Missouri, an' he feared that if Jason wuz nominated the opposition would find this out an' use it to defeat him. So they rubbed Jason's name out an' give the nomination to the feller who wuz left, that bein' only two names left when this discussun occurred.

Gosh, I've often tho't since we didn't pick our candydates out fer what they had done, but for what they hadn't done. (To Be Continued.)

JUST JOKING Disillusioned Vistor—What's the matter with that super? He looks all banged up. Props—he thought he was entitled to join the American Legion because he fought in a dozen motion picture battles, and started a row when he was rejected.—Film Fun.

What Made the Bother Professor (giving examination)—Does any question embarrass you? Bright student—Not at all, sir. Not at all. The questions are quite clear. It is the answers that bother me.—Penn State Forth.

Definite Enough "I heard father laughing instead of storming. Then he doesn't consider your suit unfavorably after all!" "Well," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop, "if there happens to be a little liquor around for an emergency, a crowd gathers around and congratulates him."—Washington Star.

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