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## Big "Biz" is After Wheeler's Scalp

### WILL FARMERS ALLOW SINISTER INFLUENCE TO GET THEIR FRIEND?

### IF NOT THEN GET BUSY RIGHT NOW

United States Senator Meyers, Who Has an Ear for the Clink of the "Golden Buck" Responds to His Masters Voice, the A. C. M.

The fight of the people against the big business in Montana has opened. The powers of big business through their servile tool in the United States Senate, Henry L. Meyers, are opposing the re-appointment of B. K. Wheeler as United States District Attorney in this state. The reason is that he is a man that cannot be controlled by them and when he made his famous speech at the co-operative congress at Great Falls last winter they promptly marked him for slaughter.

In the past, too often, fair minded public officials who took a stand for the people, have been sacrificed because of the fact that the opposition

#### TOR FROM MONTANA: GREETING.

We, the undersigned citizens of Sheridan County, Montana, feeling that the people of this state require the services of a United States District Attorney, who does not wear a "copper collar" and realizing that certain interests in this state oppose the appointment of the Hon. B. K. Wheeler for the reason that they cannot control him and his office to further their own selfish aims and we having implicit faith and confidence in the ability, integrity, faithfulness and patriotism of said Honorable B. K. Wheeler hereby commend your stand for the re-appointment of said



Keep the old Flag flying.

### IRA E. WORLEY GOES IN ARMY

Being an Expert Mechanic He Answers the Call of Uncle Sam. Leaves soon.

Ira E. Worley, who recently resigned as the secretary and treasurer of the Peoples Publishing Company and who has been active in organizing this company and starting this paper, has enlisted in the United States Army as an expert Gas and Steam engine man.

Mr. Worley has had years of experience in these lines and will no doubt be very useful in this capacity.

Mr. Worley was also the State Secretary of the Socialist party of Montana, which position he resigned prior to his enlistment.

His many friends wish him the best of luck and predict a very successful army career for him.

### VANDERLIP'S PRIVATE "THRIFT" AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

Newspapers in Los Angeles and elsewhere are criticizing the action of Frank A. Vanderlip and a syndicate of which he is the head in asking \$632,000 for 12 1/2% of unused land near Los Angeles needed by the government as a lighthouse site.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield has denounced the action of the syndicate and says the plans for a lighthouse at this point have in consequence been abandoned.

The Vanderlip syndicate bought the land in 1913 for \$100 an acre, and now demand over \$50,000 an acre.

- H. W. Barner Dooley
- A. F. McLean Dooley
- S. K. Haralseth Plentywood
- L. C. Christiansen Plentywood
- J. C. Grunvold Plentywood
- P. M. Ziebarth Plentywood
- P. K. Aklestad Raymond
- W. L. Nichol Plentywood
- David E. McLaughlin Plentywood
- C. H. Miller Plentywood
- O. A. Aspelund Dooley
- Geo. W. LaGrange, Raymond
- Ed Wunderlich Outlook
- Reuben Seaberg Outlook
- J. W. Freeman Dooley
- G. C. Bantz Outlook
- John C. O'Grady Raymond
- O. J. Collins Raymond
- E. E. York Outlook
- Arthur Rueber Outlook
- I. E. Worley Plentywood
- Charles E. Taylor Plentywood
- E. S. Mohr Plentywood
- Chas. Christiansen Plentywood

If you are in favor of popular government and believe in the principles of the Non-partisan League, you will please sign the following and forward it to Senator Welsh.

To the Hon. T. J. Walsh, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.

Your course in recommending the re-appointment of B. K. Wheeler as U. S. District Attorney for Montana

is approved by me.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### HUNS PREVENT MISS RANKIN'S LOAN SPEECH

Small Town Kaisers Stop Liberty Loan Speech at Butte and Deer Lodge.

### IS IT GERMAN PROPAGANDA?

Montana's congresswoman, Jeannette Rankin, was denied the privilege of using the High School Auditorium at Butte for the purpose of making a Liberty Bond speech a few days ago. The "copper collared" members of the school board who opened the auditorium for all manner of public speaking, decided that the official speaker on behalf of the Liberty Loan could not have the use of the building and thereby deliberately slapped the President and all patriotic Americans in the face.

Miss Rankin was undaunted by this refusal and in her usual plucky manner, clung precariously to the iron gates that were locked against her and the government of the United States and made her speech in the raging of a blinding snow storm.

This refusal on the part of the Pro-Hun School Board of Butte is a direct case of interference with the sale of Liberty Bonds and shows plainly that the Amalgamated interests of this state are not beyond giving aid and comfort to the enemy and that we have Huns at home to deal with at all times. Miss Rankin was authorized to do this work on behalf of the Liberty Loan and did her part in a noble manner. The pro-Hun daily press of the city of Butte refused to give the meeting any publicity such as is usually given by American daily papers. In spite of this an enormous crowd of honest, hard working people gathered to hear her and a substantial subscription for the Liberty Bond was made. The common people are going to finance this war as well as fight it and the opposition to Liberty Bond speakers by the old guard politicians will surely seal their doom.

The sentiment of the common people at Butte and elsewhere was well expressed by one husky miner at Butte at this meeting who said "Miss Rankin, I want to give this money so they can hurry and clean the Kaiser. Then we can start clean at home."

Miss Rankin was also prevented from speaking for the Liberty Loan by the petty politicians of Deer Lodge, Montana. In this city they refused her the use of any hall and prevented her speech by threats of violence. It appears that the political bosses of Western Montana are aiding the German propaganda by such interferences with the Liberty Loan and a Federal investigation may be ordered.

At this time every American must bend every effort to support the administration in the successful prosecution of the war for Democracy.

### FAIRVIEW LOCAL A. S. of E. RESIST THE PRO-HUN TREATMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN.

Plentywood, Montana, May 1st, 1918.

John S. V. Stewart, Governor, Helena, Montana.

Your Excellency:

We, the members of Fairview Local, No. 7102, American Society of Equity, in meeting assembled, do hereby protest against the treatment accorded Miss Jeannette Rankin by State Senator Williams, R. D. Larabee and others, at Deer Lodge, Montana.

It was resolved to send a copy of this letter to the Montana Equity News and The Producers News of Plentywood, for publication.

Yours Respectfully,  
Fairview Local of the A. S. of E.  
Guy B. Mellon, Pres.  
C. M. Vesterby, Sec'y.

### PEOPLES PUBLISHING COMPANY'S ELECTION

Seven Prominent Farmers and League Boosters Elected--Many other Leading Farmers Get Big Vote.

Pursuant to the call published in The Producers News, the Special meeting of the Stockholders of the Peoples Publishing Company was held at the Community Hall in Plentywood on the first day of May, 1918. President McElroy called the meeting to order promptly at 2:30 p. m., and a majority of the stock was found to be represented at the meeting. After minor routine matters were attended to, the meeting voted to accept the resignation of the board of directors and after several ballots, the following farmers were elected to fill the said vacancies: J. S. Nyquist of Homestead; Clair Stoner of Outlook; J. J. McElroy of McElroy; J. C. Grunvold, Guy Mellon and G. H. Rowley of Plentywood and A. F. McLean of Dooley. Many votes were cast for Theodore Larson of Dagmar; J. M. Fleischman of Culbertson; Emil Moe of Archer; Ira E. Worley and D. J. Olson of Plentywood. For several ballots the results were in doubt.

The Board of Directors as selected is fairly representative of the farmers and the Non-partisan League of Sheridan County and no person can now truthfully say that this paper is not controlled by the farmers of Sheridan County.

Mr. McLean, one of the directors named is one of the members of the Executive Committee of the Non-partisan League of Montana.

Mr. Nyquist has been before the people of this county before as the candidate for the legislature on the Democratic ticket and all of the other members of the board are well known farmers of this county.

The meeting was harmonious in every respect and the stockholders are well satisfied with their investment and with the prospects for the success of this paper.

After the election the new board met immediately and organized. J. J. McElroy was elected president, Guy Mellon, vice-president and J. C. Grunvold, Secretary-Treasurer.

### HELP YOUR UNCLE SAMUEL EXTERMINATE GOFERS IN THIS COUNTY

GOFERS—KILL THEM ALL  
Gofer Extermination, May 15th to 22d. Gofer Day May, 18.

Every Sunshine day is a Gofer day. Success is now. Get the Gofers today. Buy County Poison (your poison) from the distributor in your local town today, put it out and apply to county agent for Free Poison to put on State, Government and Indian lands. Farmers of each township should club together to buy and distribute poison on their soldier's land. They should also recommend some man as township Gofer Exterminator. He could get the farmers together and see that all State, Government Indian and Soldier's Lands are poisoned as well as those of the Non-residents and resident land owners. Get all the Gofers, before the First of June.

The poison oats prepared from 7000 ounces of powdered strychnin alkaloid and the other necessary ingredients will be put out in Sheridan Co. this year. The land owners and all others interested in the extermination of the Gofers must buy the poison bait prepared from the 5000 ounces and the other 2000 ounces will then be given away free, to be put out as above stated. Get your poison today. Rid Sheridan County of Gofers. "Everybody's doing it now" Killing Gofers.

Dr. W. B. Bell, Bureau Biological Survey, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., G. A. Roosevelt, Scientific Assistant, Bureau of Biol. Survey, and Ernest Newman, arrived Saturday, April 27th to investigate the progress of the Gofer Campaign in Sheridan County and to assist in preparing the rest of the poison for the County and to prepare poison for the Indian lands. Dr. Bell has worked on Rodent control problems for fourteen years. In general he is well pleased with the work done in Sheridan county; but was surprised to learn that more of the farmers did season. There are several districts in the county where no free Indian Gofer bait can be given out until the farmers buy poison bait and put it out.

Mr. Roosevelt will take the place of Mr. A. F. Taylor who died on Apr.

1st. His death delayed the government end of the work at least a month. Mr. Roosevelt will have charge of all the Rodent control work in Montana.

Mr. Newman will have the field work in the Northeastern corner of Montana. He is now mixing all the rest of the poison bait that will be used in this county.

These gentlemen say that two years constructive work will make gofers a scarcity. The number of acres of State school, Indian and Government lands in each township is being calculated carefully so that when the farmers of each township buy their quota of County Poison; free bait will be given out for the above lands.

Fathers and mothers who are interested in both the boys and girls, and the gofers, should give the children a cent apiece for every gofer killed. Pay them with War Saving Stamps. Teach the boys and girls to save thereby, exterminate the Gofer. How to Put out Poison.

The County Agent's office has been notified that some farmers have neglected to read and to follow the directions for scattering gofer poison bait attached to each sack and have therefore brot about the loss of stock. The poisoned oats must be scattered about properly. If losses of livestock occur, the parties putting out the poison carelessly, are liable for the damages that may result. Be sure to scatter poison bait carefully on clean, dry bare spots and in the runs, furrows, etc. Stock cannot pick up enuf oats to harm, if it is put out properly.

Ralph Williams of Plentywood says "put out gofer poison late in the evening or early in the morning. The Gofers feed early in the morning. Place it in furrows, and runs."

Find Farm Labor at Home. Go to work or go to jail.

The County Agent will use his best efforts to secure a job for every person who expresses his (or her) willingness to go to work on the farm. Every Banker, elevator manager, secretary of Commercial Club, and City Police will help anyone get a job. (Continued on last page.)



United States District Attorney B. K. Wheeler who the Big Business Huns Have Slated for Slaughter.

ed systematically to achieve the of all who opposed them and did not rush to the rescue of their friends.  
T. J. Walsh has endorsed Wheeler and it is our duty to let know that we are in favor of the office the man who has duty without fear or favor.  
meeting of the stockholders of Peoples Publishing Company at Plentywood, May first, the following was signed and forwarded to T. J. Walsh:  
HONORABLE THOMAS J. UNITED STATES SENA-

Honorable B. K. Wheeler and assure you that the position taken by you is in full accord with the wishes and desires of the people of Montana excepting only the "copper collared" politicians of western Montana and their henchmen in east Montana.  
John J. McElroy McElroy, Mont  
John R. Swiger, Plentywood  
Z. Crouse Raymond  
W. T. Armstrong Plentywood  
C. W. Westphal Outlook  
Wm. Hegland Plentywood  
Guy B. Mellon Plentywood  
G. H. Rowley Plentywood  
Peter C. Biever Westby