VOTE the Farmers Nonpartisan Ticket on the REPUBLICAN BALLOT

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THE "SOLID WEST" A POLITICAL PUZZLE

FARMERS' MOVEMENT FOR STATE OWNERSHIP SPREADS FROM NORTH DAKOTA TO THE GULF, AND FROM WASHINGTON TO IOWA.

St. Paul, Aug. 15.—"The 'Solid West' is the newest figure in the political world. This new giant matches in political strength the Solid South, and is without the complacent leave-things-alone attitude that characterizes the older states. Farmers are the mainstay of the movement, although in several states organized labor already has made treaties with the farmers and will unite to indorse representative men for office.

Take a map and begin at the Canadian boundary. There's North Dakota, the seed of the new movement. Almost four years ago the farmers there decided that the way to obtain legislation badly needed by them was to organize and vote as a unit. There was formed the National Nonpartisan League. The working principle of this innovation was to unite all the farmer votes on a friendly candidate, no matter what his political party. The method was a success from the start, and resulted in turning the state government over to the agricultural class, which is in an overwhelming majority.

From North Dakota, the backbone of the Solid West runs south to the Gulf of Mexico. In South Dakota the farmers have put a full state ticket in the field for the November elections. Their candidate for governor is M. P. Bates, a farmer who is noted for his fine stock.

BACKING GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Next comes Nebraska, where the farmers' League has indorsed a large number of candidates for the legislature. The movement was too young to be sufficiently organized to venture the indorsement of a candidate for state office, since it wants no defeat chalked up against it. Rather, the farmers are willing to play a waiting game, and have their eyes on the elections of 1920. They are content for the present to elect a solid block of farmers to the legislature and thus control the law-making body.

From Nebraska the League has extended into Kansas, always a fertile field for radicalism. The backbone continues through Oklahoma and into Texas.

Then there are a number of ribs extending from this backbone. There's Colorado, where the farmers are making the state candidates bid high for their votes, and have named candidates for the legislature. Farther north is Montana, where, in the absence of a general state election, the farmers have put up a long list of candidates for the state legislature. In Idaho, the farmers have put out a full state ticket, headed by H. Samuels, a millionaire who made his money in mining and is spending it as a farmer. Senator William E. Borah, a Republican, and Senator John F. Nugent, Democrat, have been indorsed by the Nonpartisan League for re-election.

In Washington state are almost ,000 members of the farmers' League. Other farm and co-operative organizations are working hand in hand on the political program. From Oregon and California farmers are watching the spread of this political movement, whose principal platform is for government ownership of public utilities and control of marketing conditions by the state rather than by the monopolies.

A NEW CIVILIZATION

Even as far east as New York and Maine the farmers are studying the movement. Michigan, too, has invited the farmers' League to extend its organization there. But so far the backbone has only three ribs in the eastward, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. In the recent Minnesota primaries the League nominated more than half of the candidates for the state legislature, casting 151,000 votes. At a farmers' convention to be held this month in St. Paul, the organized producers, including both the farmers and union labor, will take up the matter of entering a state ticket for the fall election. In Wisconsin the farmers of the Equity society have nominated a candidate for governor and are being aided in their campaign by the farmers of the political league. The prediction is made that the farmers' League will have 100,000 members in Iowa by next year.

What do these signs presage? Just as Massachusetts has been defined as a state of mind, so may the agricultural West be defined as a separate civilization, entirely distinct from anything in the East. Nowhere else is the dignity of toil, and the importance of the producing classes so recognized. Publicly owned packing houses, stockyards, grain elevators, flour mills and cold storage plants are among the demands of the National Nonpartisan League. State ownership is seen by the farmers simply as their old and tried policy of co-operation, put on a wider basis.

If the "Solid West" achieves its ambition, it will bring the center of the manufacturing industry to the westward through state ownership of important plants. They will make their portion of America self-supporting, independent of eastern loans and free of absentee exploitation.

25,000 WAR NURSES WANTED

The young women of Sheridan County are given the opportunity of enlisting in the Student Nurse Reserve. The age limit is from 19-35 years. All those interested may obtain information and enlist with any of the following:

Mrs. T. E. Collinson, Scobey.
Mrs. H. E. Lochren, Madoc.
Mrs. A. P. Semrud, Flaxville.
Mrs. C. B. Bull, Redstone.
Miss Irene Murphy, Plentywood.
Mr. D. E. Bowman, Antelope.
Ed. Powers, Medicine Lake.
Mrs. Frank Arnett, Culbertson.
Miss Katie Meinhart, Bainville.
Mrs. Council, Mondak.
Mrs. Patch, Poplar.
Mrs. Geo. Cook, Wolf Point.
Mrs. Bently, Westby.
Mr. D. J. Bailey, Dooley.
Mrs. Nelson, Outlook.
Mrs. J. P. Nelson, Whitetail.

P'WOOD MAN GETS 20 YEARS

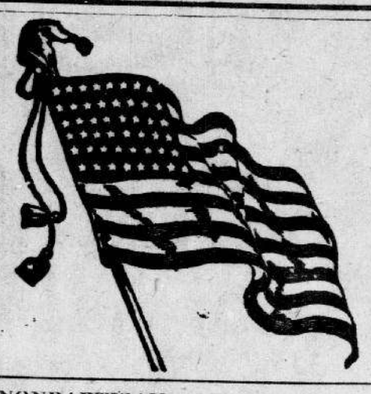
DISOBEYED MILITARY ORDERS AS AN OBJECTOR—ADMITTED GUILT. ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Aug. 14.—Private Dewitt Ramsdell, of the 44th company, 166th depot brigade, a selective draft man from Seattle, who had appeared before a military board with a claim as a conscientious objector, was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment today following his trial by general courtmartial for disobedience of orders. Private Peter Slynstag, a draft man from Plentywood, Mont., was sentenced to 20 years on a similar charge after presenting an objector's claim, says the Great Falls Tribune.

Ramsdell was found to be insincere in protesting conscientious scruples in a report of a military board here recently. Following the board's action he was ordered to active combatant service, but refused to accept the gun issued him by the company supply sergeant.

Slynstag, following his plea of guilty several days ago, attempted to end his own life, according to the local officer.

United States Judge E. E. Cushman today granted citizenship to 445 aliens, now soldiers with the 13th division. Two of the number were subjects of Germany, two until today were subjects of Turkey. Twenty nationalities were represented.



NONPARTISAN LEAGUE PROGRAM

1. Exemption of Farm Improvements from Taxation.
2. Rural Credit Banks operated at cost.
3. State Terminal Elevators, Warehouses, Flour Mills, Stock Yards, Packing Houses, Creameries and Cold Storage Plants.
4. State Hail Insurance.
5. State Inspection of Dockage and Grading of Grain.
6. Torrens Land Title System.
7. Nonpartisan Election Law.
8. Equal taxation of Railroads, Mines, Telegraph, Telephone, Electric Light and Power Companies, and all Public Utility Corporations.
9. State Rural Telephone System operated at cost.

WE'LL STICK

NEW PAPER FOR CULBERTSON

The League farmers of the vicinity of Culbertson held a meeting the other evening and decided to start a farmers' paper at that city to compete with the gang owned paper issued at that point.

It is reported that the farmers are quitting the Culbertson paper by the dozens and are going to put their money in a paper that is fighting for the farmers instead of the exploiters.

Just when the new newspaper will be launched is not known, but a committee is at work on the details more about which will be published as the matter develops.

CONGRESSWOMAN JEANNETTE RANKIN CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATE

SHE HAS CONFIDENCE OF CONGRESSMEN FROM ALL PARTS OF U. S., INCLUDING FAMOUS UNCLE JOE CANNON AND OTHERS

Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Scotch and English descent, was born on a ranch near Missoula, Montana. She has always been a resident of Montana; was graduated from Montana's University, New York School of Philanthrop; worked for years for passage of suffrage bill in Montana; finally, when submitted to voters, as Chairman Suffrage Association, traveled throughout the state, spending her money and time leading fight that gave right of suffrage to women.

Miss Rankin's platform: "If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office support the President in the vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion, and as heretofore, vote for every measure that he may recommend, to more efficiently prosecute the war. I will stand for legislation: To prevent profiteering and thus protect people from unnecessarily high prices; to prohibit consumption of grain for manufacture of liquor; to secure adequate compensation for farmers' products; National Prohibition; to give administration power to fix food prices and necessaries of life, including farm implements, etc.; for National Equal Suffrage. Shall endeavor to faithfullly care for interests of Montana and her people in Washington."

She has been strong prohibitionist; her work in Congress is shown by Randall of California, only Congressman elected on Prohibition Ticket. He says:

"I want to take this method of adding my word of praise for the most remarkable record of achievement which you have made in your first term and especially do I wish to thank you for the great help and influence which you have given for the prohibition cause in Congress. This fight has been close and difficult and I am aware of numerous times and places in the struggle where your work has given us votes and better chance for victory."

She has confidence of Congressmen from all parts of U. S., as a few of the many letters from Congressmen indicate. Mr. Cannon (Uncle Joe Cannon), for years speaker of the House, and present member of Congress, one of the best known Republicans in the world, says:

"At practically the close of the Second Session of the 65th Congress, I want to congratulate you on your work as a member of the House of Representatives. You came as a new member of this Congress, and also as the first woman elected as a member of the American Congress, both trying positions, but you have acquitted yourself as a representative of the people without regard to sex. You have been faithful in attendance, earnest in effort and intelligent in understanding the methods of legislation.

"I will not presume to express an opinion as to how well you have represented the people of Montana because each and every constitutency must under our form of government pass judgment on this question; but I believe I am competent to commend your effort to represent the whole American people in the trying work before this Congress in preparing for the emergencies of a great foreign war."

Merrill Moores, Congressman from Indiana, says:

"She has at all times been courageous and unfaltering in her loyalty to her country, as well as to the great principles of the party of which she is the chosen representative.

"She has the respect, confidence and affection of every member of the House and is an honor to her party, her sex, her state and her country. I ask that you support her for the nomination she seeks; and I sincerely and earnestly hope she may be nominated and elected to the Senate."

F. W. Mondell, Congressman from Wyoming, says:

"It is most fortunate for the cause of Woman's Suffrage and Representative Government that the first woman to serve in the Congress is one who in a marked and unusual degree combines womanly grace and modesty with ability and capacity for legislative work.

"The fine qualities that have made Miss Rankin a highly popular, universally respected and very useful member of the House would equip her for creditable and efficient service in the U. S. Senate."

Mr. Charles H. Rowland, Congressman from Pennsylvania, says:

"To the Voters of Montana: Miss Jeannette Rankin in my opinion has discharged most admirably her duties in the House of Representatives. We wish her all success in her efforts to represent her state in the United States Senate, having every confidence that she will fill the position there equally as well as she has in the House."

Mr. CharlesB. Miller, Congressman from Minnesota, says:

"Miss Rankin has comported herself with rare good taste and has earned the respect of the entire membership of the House, both Democratic and Republican. She is honest, courageous, industrious and thinks clearly. She is always in her place at work, giving intelligent attention to a great mass of details connected with legislation and has come to be very influential.

"During these many months of war work Miss Rankin has vigorously and effectively supported the Administration in its war work and I consider her one of the efficient and valuable members of the House. * *

"The women of the country are entitled to at least some representation in Congress and Miss Rankin now stands as the national champion of American women in their political work. * * *"

Miss Rankin has always stood for the rights of plain people; the laborer and the farmer. She always places human rights above property rights.

She has spoken upon many occasions in the East for Liberty Loan and Red Cross. She came to Montana at her own expense, spoke for the Liberty Loan in several counties. She has done all in her power to help win the war. She voted for conscription and for practically every war measure offered by the administration.

She worked for and succeeded in improving conditions of 6,000 workers in Bureau of Engraving; has labored unceasingly for farmers and workers by working for Federal Farm Loan Law; Seed Grain Law; Madden Bill to Increase Pay to Postal Employes; Increase of Soldiers' Allowance for Widows and Children.

Miss Rankin's slogan: "WIN THE WAR FIRST."

COUNTRIES OWNING TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Dahomey, Denmark, Egypt, Formosa, France, Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain, Sweden, Greece, Union of South Africa, Servia, Hungary, Rumania, India, Italy, Norway, Japan, New Zealand, Luxemburg Holland, Rusia, Siam.

GIRLS DANCE HUGE SUCCESS; WILL GIVE DANCE TONIGHT

The social dance given by the Plentywood girls at the Community Hall here last Saturday night for the benefit of the Red Cross was a huge success and it was largely attended by local and out of town people who were well pleased with the event, undoubtedly the best of the season.

The Plentywood Girls will give a free dance at the Community Hall here on Friday (tonight), and the comic poster will be raffled off by drawing numbers. The poster was put up for sale at auction at the dance last Saturday night and was bid in by Mrs. Hoster for the sum of $200.00.

Everybody in Plentywood and a large number of people from neighboring towns are planning on attending the Friday night, August 16th, dance, and judging from the appreciation of what the Plentywood Girls can do when they set out to accomplish anything, everyone can look for a good time.

FARMERS' TICKET

ENDORSED BY THE FARMERS' NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

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State Senator-
CLAIR STONER of Outlook

Represenative-
J. S. NYQUIST of Homestead

COUNTY TICKET

Sheriff-
JACK BENNETT of Redstone

Auditor-
BEATRICE K. O'GRADY of Raymond

Clerk & Recorder-
E. E. YORK of Outlook

Treasurer-
REX MOVIUS of Froid

County Attorney-
J. J. GUNTHER of Plentywood

Supt. of Schools-
MABEL V. THAYER of Julian

County Surveyor-
C. E. CORYELL of Enterprise

County Assessor-
H. B. HILL of Mondak

County Coroner-
M. M. JOHNSON of Plentywood

County Commissioner-
JOHN ANDERSON of Froid

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