Tales of the Office Cat

In some manner the usual canned editorials from the "Powers That Be" did not arrive for the "pie-near" last week and the able literary gentleman who acknowledges himself to be the editor of that sheet was compelled to employ some school boy to write a long tirade upon the very interesting subject of Bolsheviks, Pro-Germans, etc. This was set in perfectly good type and printed upon nice white paper. After reading the dribble the reader is at loss to know what it is all about. The persons attacked in the article, with the possible exception of the editor of this paper, have long resided in Sheridan County and the general public knows their reputation and likewise knows the reputation of "Little Joe." Further comment is unnecessary.

A great number of vacancies that require relatives of prominent politicians to fill are now evident at the Court House. The Clerk and Recorder's office can pay $85 per to any of your young relatives from now until election if you have any political influence to trade. Incidentally, if you have just oodles of influence and can control the votes from some big end town perhaps you can "cop" $125 per for your good will between now and the closing of the polls. Of course this is the taxpayers' money and the approval of the County Commissioners is necessary, but they are all good fellows. If you doe not believe it ask "little joe."

It would sure hurt if you had for many moons flirted with an outfit of Bolshevikis, Pro-Germans and Socialists in the hope that somehow they could be induced to support you for the office of, for instance, County Attorney, and then have them indorse some person for that particular office who was practicing law when you were a school boy. You would probably then be so mad that you would forthwith meet with a gang of "paytriots" and eloquently and tearfully refer to all those who do not think you are the wisest and cleverest person in the community as "Pro-Huns." You would then bluster and snort about 100 per cent Americanism and other interesting subjects that the Montana State Council of Defense says shall not be used as campaign matter.

Of course, no person is doing anything like we have sketched above, but it might happen "doncherno."

Jack Leonard has been induced to become a candidate for county commissioner by the citizens of Wolf Point. Just how much inducement it requires to force Jack to become a candidate is not stated in any of the reports. He has unsuccessfully aspired for county office in this section for so long a time that the word induce is painfully appropriate.

Beware of the fellow that tells you that the League ticket is all O. K. with one or two exceptions and who then proceeds to tell you something about those exceptions. Someone else is telling some other Leaguer the same story about some other candidates and in that way the gang hopes to save something from the wreckage of their machine. The story-teller may even claim to be a member of the League and may show his credentials but the only CREDENTIALS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE AT THIS TIME IS A WILLINGNESS TO BE BOUND BY THE WILL OF THE CONVENTION AT WELLIVER AND A DETERMINATION TO STICK.

Bob McHugh—the Hamlet-like curbstone statesman from the fair city of Culbertson—is consoling his fellow Democrats with fatherly advice. He says that as the Republicans, Socialists and "Non-participating fellows" (Bob's own words) have formed a combination it is up to the Demmies to beat them. That is a great life, Bob, if you do not weaken.

Here's An Invitation

If you receive a copy of The Producers News this week, remember that it is an invitation for you to become a regular subscriber and reader of the Farmers' newspaper of Sheridan County. Fill out the subscription order blank which is printed elsewhere in this paper and mail it today so you can start reading this paper next week.

People will have a dead tooth pulled out of their heads, but dead ideas and ideals are clung to like a bull dob clings to a tramp's coat tail.

THE BOWLER-VOLLUM OFFENSIVE

Scobey was favored last week with a visit from Alfred T. Vollum, the modest candidate for county attorney who "seeks the office on merit alone." While busily peddling his cards and extending the glad hand, among other things he discussed things politically with the editor. He flashed his cherubic smile and turned on "the loud laugh," which so often, "betrays the vacant mind," and let us know that the political offensive was definitely on; that things were going to fairly sizzle and he urged us to be sure and read the coming issue of the Antelope Independent.

We waited with some impatience and were much surprised to find the campaign of "frightfulness" opened under the article headed: "Let Us Talk it Over." This article accused P. B. Murphy or B. D. Templeman, of Scobey, of PERJURY and SUBORDINATION of PERJURY, and advised that THEIR crime was punishable by one to fourteen years imprisonment. It seems that P. B. Murphy had made an affidavit and B. D. Templeman is supposed to have used the affidavit at the Nonpartisan league convention at Welliver to the alleged sad undoing of the noble Mr. Vollum.

We thought there must be a good story in the deal, since it had caused this long, loud wail from the camp of the Vollum supporters. So we went out for the news. We saw Templeman and he give this story of the controversy:

"Several years ago myself, and Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Morrison signed a note with Walter J. Smith to Murphy-Norman Co. for $320.00. Smith did not pay and, as he had received the benefit, we arranged with Mr. Murphy that he sue, take judgment against Smith and ourselves, and we would pay a sum equal to the judgment if Murphy would assign the judgment to someone we might designate so we could enforce the judgment against Smith's land. Alfred T. Vollum later proposed to buy the judgment against Smith, along with other claims, from Murphy and the deal was made to sell them. Mr. Murphy, with our consent and in my presence, executed an assignment of the judgment to Alfred T. Vollum containing this provision:

> "It is understood and agreed that second party (Vollum) shall not enforce this judgment against any of the parties defendant except Walter J. Smith."

"This assignment later came into Vollum's hands and he struck out this provision and filed the instrument, as so altered, and my property stood subject to the judgment. Naturally I went to Vollum and, although he had already executed partial release to another defendant he refused to fix the matter up or even give me a partial release on some land I had contracted to sell. Vollum first said to me: 'Murphy struck that out himself right at my desk,' but later, when Murphy returned to (Vollum) had struck out the provision himself but claimed Murphy authorized it. Later I asked Murphy if he would sign an affidavit that the assignment was delivered to Vollum containing the provision that the judgment should be enforced only against Walter J. Smith and that said provision was stricken out after it came to Vollum's hands, and without Murphy's knowledge or consent. Mr. Murphy readily made this affidavit and from his conduct and my own investigations, I feel confident that what he said was true and that he acted fairly in the matter.

Later a Nonpartisan meeting was held at Welliver at which candidates for county offices were discussed. It was the plan of that meeting that when a person was suggested for an office, that criticism of that party was wanted if there was any to offer. I told the boys what I am telling you, Mr. Cook, and they decided, as I had decided, that Mr. Vollum was not the kind of a man they desired for county attorney.

"The Independent article says the affidavit 'refers to an action in district court.' There never was an action in district court concerning this controversy and I have never been a party to any court action either civil or criminal, except the Murphy-Norman case. It is said I admitted Murphy committed perjury. This is incorrect. As Mark Twain said, when shown the report of his death, 'This report is highly exaggerated.' I believe these instances will show you how unfamiliar with, not to say careless of, the truth is Mr. Bowler of the Independent.

"Now I do not think that Mr. Murphy made any false statements in the affidavit he gave me or that he or I are guilty of anything in our relations with Mr. Vollum except being—unfortunate. I am an American born citizen and all my ancestors for seven generations were American born, and I do believe in our laws and their enforcement. I do believe that if anyone knows of the commission of perjury or subordination of perjury, it is his duty to SWEAR TO A COMPLAINT and assist in the ENFORCEMENT of the criminal laws, instead of yelping like a dog or fouling the air with slanderous statements from behind a camouflage of a so-called political discussion. If one happens to be a lawyer and especially if he aspires to be a prosecuting attorney, I believe failure to do so would be unpardonable and he would stand convicted as a four-flusher. Do I make myself clear, Mr. Cook?"

We thought so and moved. We then proceeded to interview Mr. P. B. Murphy and he said:

"Mr. Templeman had a controversy with Mr. Vollum which had arose as Templeman had explained." Mr. Murphy further said, "that at Templeman's request I willingly signed an affidavit setting out that the assignment of the judgment against Smith and Templeman contained the provision that it could be enforced only against Walter J. Smith, and that said provision, after it came to Mr. Vollum's hands, was stricken out without my knowledge or consent. The affidavit was made to assist Mr. Templeman in any way he could use it to clear up his land title. It was true when made and any purpose to which it was put or may be put does not change that fact. I heartily agree with Mr. Templeman that all the laws should be vigorously enforced and it is the clear duty of anyone who believes that perjury has been committed to swear to a complaint and assist in the prosecution of the offender. In so doing, they have my consent and best wishes. Get busy, Mr. Bowler, and if Mr. Vollum thinks as Bowler, get busy Mr. Vollum.

When asked if he would sue the Independent for damages, Mr. Murphy said: "I have not decided. I know people who will not be influenced by this article and from what inquiries I have been able to make so far I believe those who KNOW Mr. Bowler will not be influenced. It will not be likely to do much damage, besides there is a kind of an animal which it does not pay to fight. You may kill it off, and even then get the worst of it!"

We feel that Mr. Murphy has also made his position clear.

Any reader of The Citizen knows full well we are no follower of Townleyism, and most certainly not are we in favor of any convention that will endorse socialists, on the Republican ticket, for public office. But be that as it may, when such serious charges as perjury and subordination of perjury are boldly placed against two of our citizens, we believe in seeing them given fair play. The Citizen is not publishing this with any sold intent to injure Attorney Vollum in his candidacy for county attorney, merely to give the facts in justice to Messrs. Murphy and Templeman, but at that Vollum is not above criticism so long as he is asking the voters to place him in a public office.

It would seem that 'the Vollum forces' like the Crown Prince, have started a grand offensive without reserves, and have landed themselves into a hole. It sure seems to be 'Gen Bowler's move,' and he must either furnish evidence of his charges or retreat. We predict a retreat.—Scobey Citizen.

REDSTONE

Miss Effie Cornelius, of Flaxville, and Miss Agnes Amundson, of Minneapolis, are visiting with Mrs. S. Cornelius.

Mr. Sorby and Miss O. E. Lindgreen, of Flaxville, were Redstone visitors Wednesday evening.

Jack Wagner was a Plentywood visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Attor, accompanied by Mrs. Nina Farland, candidate for county superintendent of schools, were in and gave this office a pleasant call Thursday.

Wm. Schlewitz, Lloyd Carter, Henry Knudson and the Editor autoed to Plentywood Tuesday.

Wm. Schlewitz arrived Friday afternoon from Eau Clair, Wis., where he had been for a few days, visiting his sick mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bucklin autoed to Plentywood Tuesday.

Bert Daley and Joe Gordon autoed to Archer Tuesday, on business.

J. P. Pederson, auditor of the Libby Yards, was in town a few days ago.

Miss Mable Thayer and mother left for the former's claim near Julian, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray left Thursday for Brockton,, where Mr. Gray will look after his oil affairs.

Real Estate Transfers

Eastern Mont. Sec. Co. to Mrs. Nettie E. Mitchell, warranty deed, lots 7 and 8, block 2, North Wolf Point.

J. W. Schnitzler to Lena T. Mogen, warranty deed, lot 9, block 4, Froid.

Erick Erickson to Cit. St. Scobey, warranty deed, lots 3and 4, S 1-2 NW 1-4, 2-34-48.

C. F. and Mike May to J. B. Switzer, warranty deed, SE 1-4, 5-28-47.

J. B. Switzer to Emily F. May, warranty deed, part lots 9 and 10, block 37, Wolf Point.

Thos. LaRoque to Emma Nason, warranty deed, SE 1-4, 9, NE 1-4, 16-31-47.

J. L. Hatfield to Nels Sundvold, warranty deed, lots 17 and 18, block 10, Froid.

J. F. Linderman to J. S. and J. R. McMurdy, warranty deed, lot 15, block 6, Scobey.

U. S. A. to Anna Bond, patent, SE 1-4, 22, NE 1-4, 27-36-51.

Chas. R. Trinder to Bertha A. Kepler, warranty deed, lot 10, sec. 29-28-53.

City St. Culb. to Dinea Higgins, warranty deed, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1-28-54.

Gustav Oie to J. W. Bogart, warranty deed, lot 7, block 1, Oie's Add., Scobey.

Chas. H. Leever to C. B. Bull, warranty deed, W 1-2 SE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4, 29, E 1-2 NW 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, 32-34-52.

C. B. Bull to Alfred C. Leever, warranty deed, E 1-2, 21-35-52.

U. S. A. to Joe Wagoner, patent, N 1-2 SE 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, NE 1-4 SW 1-4, lot 6, sec. 7-36-52; E 1-2 SE 1-4, 1-36-51.

U. S. A. to Daniel J. Whitaker, patent, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4, 10-36-54.

U. S. A. to Annie E. Whitaker, patent, W 1-2 SW 1-4, 3, E 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 NE 1-4, 4, W 1-2 NW 1-4, NE 1-4 NW 1-4, 10-36-54.

U. S. A. to Tillman S. Herried, patent, NE 1-4 SE 1-4, S 1-2 SE 1-4, 11, NE 1-4, 14, NW 1-4 SW 1-4, 12-36-47.

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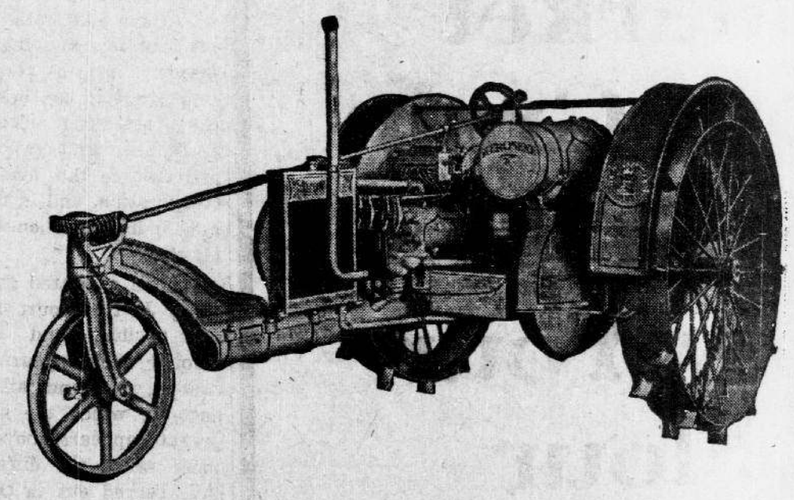

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