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Dictaphones

A year or two ago, the exact time is of no interest, one Ben Johnson, who was clerk and recorder of Sheridan county at that time, having read in the latest detective stories and the press reports of our national detective agency about a famous little instrument called the dictaphone got a unquenchable fancy for one of these little instruments.

In his mind the business affairs of the county clerk and recorder's office could not longer be properly administered without the use of a dictaphone so the proposition was sprung to the "three blind men," was favorably passed upon and the order sent forward.

In time the little plaything arrived.

It cost, it is reported, around five hundred bucks, maybe more, maybe less.

The Johnsons played with this instrument for a couple weeks. It was great sport. Finally one member after another of the family grew weary of the "jimmiecrack" and at last it was pushed away into a corner and forgotten and is now covered by an inch of dust.

Several months later, "Sunny Jim," the county auditor, we understand, also got bit by the dictaphone bug which engendered a high dictaphone fever.

The "efficiency" of the county auditor's office could not be kept up to standard without the aid of a dictaphone.

There was a perfectly good dictaphone in the clerk & recorder's office being used by nobody and doing no one no good, but this instrument had been entirely forgotten. "Sunny Jim," in his fever, went to the "three blind men," and another dictaphone

County Superintendent

We want to call your particular attention to the candidates for the office of county superintendent of schools.

The office of county superintendent of schools is from its very nature a non-partisan office.

When the farmers nominated a candidate for this office the only idea they had in their mind was the public good.

This office means nothing to the League from a political standpoint. The farmers do not care who is elected to the office as long as the best qualified candidate is elected.

The farmers, in making their selection of a candidate, considered nearly every name that any member at the convention could think of and finally picked Miss Mabel V. Thayer, of Julian, as by all means the best qualified and best equipped person in the county available for the office to which they nominated her.

Now, while the farmers have been perfectly fair minded in the selection

of candidates for the county office the opposition to the farmers have not been. It seems that the opposition will take revenge upon any one the farmers nominated whether the farmers' candidate is a member of the League or not.

However, the farmers are not narrow-minded.

Miss Mabel Thayer is not and never has been a member of the League. She was nominated by the farmers because of her qualification and executive ability.

All of us are equally interested in the schools. All of us want the best superintendent that can be had. Miss Mabel V. Thayer is by far the best qualified and equipped of any of the candidates, and without regard to politics or prejudice, she should be elected county superintendent of schools.

Her name will be found on the National ticket.

Cut politics this time and vote for the interests of the boys and girls.

working on the old tactics of "divide and govern."

League Urges Alliance

Another absolute answer to the special interest lie that the League is stirring up class against class is the fact that the Nonpartisan league farmers are not preaching class struggle but political alliance of all farmers, workers and business of a non-monopolistic nature. The farmers, however, must first organize before they can make any kind of alliance. On the other hand, the special interests are preaching bogus class interest to small business men as a means of keeping them from joining with the farmers. They are

But if there is anything distinctly new and vicious in devising a more effective means of carrying on the fight against monopoly which progressive, patriotic Americans have waged for two generations; if there is anything against class in this, if Rockefeller, Morgan, Armour, etc., are the men divinely appointed to rule America, and if America can be united only in bondage to special interests, then the Nonpartisan league must plead guilty to arraying class against class.

If we need any more proof of the strength of the League and the correctness of its program, we can find it in the fact that the Democrats of North Dakota and the Republicans of South Dakota, leading the fight against the League, have swallowed the League farmers' program.

If all the present-day lying about organized farmers arraying class against class was true, still they could learn a whole lot from the way the kept press and business in general has rushed to the aid of the profiteering packers.

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The League has never held a meeting or promulgated any such rot as that which the Searchlight editor has stated, editorially.

The League has never held a meeting at St. Louis.

Preparing For The Boys

ARE WE REALLY GOING TO PREPARE FOR THE RETURN OF THE SOLDIER BOYS OR ARE WE MERELY SELLING THE WAR TO THEM WHEN WE PROMISE THAT CONDITIONS FOR THEM AFTER THE WAR WILL BE BETTER THAN BEFORE?

After a year and a half of war we have done nothing for "after the war," AND THE DISCUSSIONS IN OUR BIG PAPERS AND MAGAZINES OF WHAT WILL BE DONE HAVE ALL THE EARMARKS OF BLUFF AND CLAP-TRAP.

We can not make special conditions to favor the millions of soldiers and sailors that will be returning.

For U. S. Senate

The politicians are puzzled over the senatorial situation in Montana. Jeannette Rankin having decided to become a candidate on the National ticket, the senatorial problem becomes a political equation with three unknown quantities. Those who have the temerity to express an opinion declare the contest is between Jeannette and Lanstrum or Jeannette and Walsh, according to their individual political bias. No one believes the result lies between Lanstrum and Walsh.

An analysis of the vote polled at the recent statewide primary shows conclusively that Miss Rankin was the choice of the Republican voters if the farmers had been able to get out to the polls. It is quite evident that less than one-half of her strength was indicated in the country precincts because the farmers were too busy with harvest and threshing to take the time to vote. This will not be the case on the fifth of November. It is then that Miss Rankin's strength with both the farmer and labor vote will be shown.

And why should not Miss Rankin be the choice of the people of Montana for senator this fall? No arguments can be advanced for the other candidates that do not apply equally to her. She is able and capable, has been a firm and fearless supporter of the administration in every measure concerning the progress of the war. Moreover, she stands alone as the champion of labor, the farmers and the workingmen against the dominating influence of organized capital and the spoilation of the profiteer. She alone represents the PEOPLE of Montana in the United States congress.

But this is not all. There are graver reasons for sending her to the senate of the United States. We are or are supposed to be a democratic nation—a nation the legislative power of which is made up of the representatives of the whole people. The various classes, professions and interests are supposed to be represented in our congressional bodies. We admit the principle that every considerable body of citizens having distinct interests in our moral or economic problems are entitled to be represented in our legislative bodies. Yet 50 per cent of the voters of the United States—the women—are not represented in the senate of the United States.

It is up to the voters of Montana

Isn't it peculiar how the anti-League press use up white space in their papers knocking the League and "Townleyism," but have little to say about the Hun atrocities perpetrated on some of the citizens in Minnesota?

How many of these illustrious sheets mentioned the case of the tarring and feathering of Meints, a peaceful farmer of Laverne (Minn.) neighborhood, by a gang of thugs who profess to be 100 per cent American citizens? Well, count 'em! It isn't much of a job. No great amount of mathematical ability is required to do so.—Carrington (N. D.) Record.

The Agricultural Publishers' association, to which nearly all farm paper publishers belong, has approved and is sending out the propaganda of the Mortgage Brokers' association against the federal farm loan banks. What shall we make of it? Better look over those farm papers you get for a few cents a year to see which are following this snake-in-the-grass policy.

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After re-reading the dirty lie above reprinted from the Searchlight, one cannot help but think it is but another drunken dream.

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM.

The only way to prepare for the boys is to bring in better general conditions on the farm and in the factory, where they will spend the remaining two-thirds of their lives.

AND ONLY AN AWAKENED COMMON PEOPLE CAN MAKE THIS PREPARATION.

The special interests are fighting every step toward this kind of preparation, even when the major purpose of the step is immediate efficiency in the war, and they are planning to use the returning soldiers to force down labor conditions. LET'S DO SOME REAL THINKING ON THE MATTER.

both men and women to see that the enfranchised women of America have a voice in the upper house of congress.

The exigencies of the war have restored woman to her natural rights as the equal of man. We have demanded of her every sacrifice except service in the front trenches. She has responded to this supreme test, not only in Red Cross work here and abroad, but she has taken her place beside the men in the munition factories, the workshops and on the farm. She is doing her share in this great world conflict for democracy. Who can say that the women of America failed to meet the demands made on their sex or failed in any way to justify their new place in the economic and political world?

Can any honest man or woman say that Jeannette Rankin has failed to discharge her duties as a public servant or has failed in any way to represent the enfranchised women of America? The voters of Montana did themselves an honor and the state a signal service by electing Miss Rankin to congress. They will do themselves a greater honor and the state a still greater service by advancing her to the senate.

Should the tricks of politicians and the profiteer press succeed in preventing the election of Miss Rankin to the senate, the clock of universal suffrage will be turned back 50 years.

The women of Montana, no matter what may be their political faith cannot afford to see their champions go down to defeat before the copper-colored organization that is opposing her. Woman that she is, she will receive the fire of profiteer press, she will be lied about and slandered, her record will be attacked, twisted and distorted by her enemies. The political Huns will make no distinction of race, sex or previous condition. This is to be expected. The organized profiteers will show no more consideration in their fight than do the Huns who fire on Red Cross nurses or sink a hospital ship. But, if we are not much mistaken in the temper of the loyal men and women of Montana, especially those in the workshops, in the mines and on the farms, they will see to it that the women of not only the state of Montana, but of the nation, have a representative in the highest lawmaking body in the world.—Campbell's Scientific Farmer.

St. Paul and Jerry Bacon of Grand Forks, might be able to see some sense in the farmer's demand for a greater share of prosperity. Then, too, think of what a calamity it would be for the country to have the "lower classes" prosperous and possibly wasting money the way the "upper classes" do. SPARE THE POOR, O LORD, FROM THIS SIN, THAT THE RICH MAY SIN TO THE LIMIT.

Some of the anti-farmer gang papers are trying to play up the farmers' demand for exemption of farm improvements from taxation as unfair to the city business man. Are they too lazy to fight for this advantage over the city land speculators, or are they spouting for the owners of the slacker acres?

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—STONER FOR SENATOR—

TIDE TURNS TO LAW AND ORDER

SPECIAL INTERESTS, DEPENDING ON SWIFT VICTORY TO COVER DENIAL OF FREE SPEECH AND MOB VIOLENCE, LOST BECAUSE PEOPLE REFUSED TO BE STAMPEDED.

The realization that the farmers and workers of the cities must take hold of politics to insure a rule of law and order rather than the arbitrary rule of men, which is the essence of junkerdom, is spreading rapidly in the nation and especially in the Northwest. The best proof that the heart of America is sound where this issue is clear, is found in the surprising number of votes for Non-partisan league and labor candidates in the states where the farmers have organized. After the interests (that resort to lawlessness when they see their opportunity for stealing within the law slipping away) had done their worst, the votes gave splendid support to the League and labor candidates.

THE PRIMARY RESULTS

In Minnesota, where the lawlessness of special interest politicians has been worst, the voters gave the League and labor candidate for governor 150,000 votes in the first measure of strength and there is a full law and order ticket nominated in 52 of the 67 legislative districts of the state. Eleven days later the League and labor carried everything in the North Dakota primaries. Violence had been impossible in North Dakota because the people already had control there, but huge funds and star spell binders were sent in from the outside to help the reactionaries. On September 3, the League and labor forces of Idaho swept everything in the primaries, putting their nominees on the dominant party ticket of the state. A little later Montana, with a primary coming in the midst of the harvest, nominated League candidate for two-thirds of the senatorial vacancies and over half of the vacancies in the lower house. The state officers are not up for election in Montana this year. Nebraska has nominated a block of 27 state representatives, although the state is only partly organized and although a vicious anti-League campaign had been waged there. The same situation holds in Colorado, where the League put up eight men for the lower house and three for the upper, and then put every one of these on the Democratic or Republican ticket. South Dakota has a full independent League ticket in the field and the League and labor combination is so strong there that its strongest opponent, the Republican party, has taken over the League platform.

TURNING POINT IN MINNESOTA

The surprisingly large vote in Minnesota in June marked the turning of the tide. Up to that time mob violence and official terrorism had a chance to win, but the farmers "stuck" and from that moment the game was lost. Shortly after came the decision of the Minnesota supreme court freeing Mr. Townley and Mr. Gilbert of the charges against them that had been made the excuse of so much mob violence and interference with the right of free assembly. A little later the Nebraska situation was settled in court in favor of the League and much to the discredit of previous activity of the Nebraska defense council. These decisions were just what many persons, who felt that there must be some basis for the seemingly outrageous official conduct needed to set them right. On top of the court decisions came the president's message urging Americans to live up to the law and order fundamentals of American democracy. He didn't have to mention any particular localities, because every one knew where the mob activities had been allowed.

GANG LEFT WITHOUT COVER

Because of these and other events that have ripped the cover off the old gang officials and politicians, the League and labor candidates will come through splendidly in the fall. Having failed in the game of mob violence, the opposition is in a worse position than it could possibly have been in had it followed American methods. What they needed for success was a swift overthrow of the League, so that they could cover up any careful inquiries as to methods. Failing in this a federal interference on their side would have turned the trick, but what federal interference there has been, has been on the side of law and order. Consequently the opposition stands convicted of violating American democracy, and has lost the support of many elements in the population who have not been reached by the economic program of the League, but who have a pretty clear idea of what Americanism is. Other big events that have strength

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