

HURRAH, HURRAH! Hark Ye Rubes!

The Second Annual Nonpartisan League Picnic will take place at Brush Lake, July 11th and 12th, two days. The famous Walter Thomas Mills will speak in the afternoon of the 11th and Arthur C. Townley, the Cursed and Loved President of the League, fresh from the overwhelming victory in North Dakota, will speak Saturday, July 12th.—Yes, Ruben, sure thing, this time! Be there.

BE THERE

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Ah, There, Ruben!
TWO DAYS PICNIC
Nonpartisan League
BRUSH LAKE, MONT.
Friday & Saturday
JULY 11th and 12th
WALTER THOMAS MILLS
JULY 11th
ARTHUR C. TOWNLEY
JULY 12th
Meet Townley Face to Face

DISASTROUS FIRE AT RAYMOND

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN DESTROYED THE MONTANA & DAKOTA ELEVATOR AND THE EQUITY ELEVATOR EARLY THURSDAY MORNING.—LOSS \$25,000, COVERED BY INSURANCE.

The Montana & Dakota Elevator and the Equity Elevator at Raymond were destroyed by fire early Thursday morning, resulting in a loss of about \$25,000 fully covered by insurance.

There was very little grain in the Equity elevators, but there was a carload of ground feed stored there. In the Montana & Dakota there was about 2,000 bushels of different grains.

Just how the fire originated is not known. A few days ago the elevator chain broke and a crew of men had been at work for two or three evenings mending the chain under the supervision of the superintendent who has been in Raymond since Monday.

It is thought that some of the workmen must have been careless with smoking.

The evening before the fire the men had gotten the chain repaired and all left about half after eleven. At half past one the elevators were afire and when discovered the flames were under such headway that nothing could be done.

A number went over from Plentywood but to no avail.

The Montana & Dakota elevator at Whitetail burned early in the spring. This is the last Montana & Dakota elevator on the Soo line in Sheridan county. It is not known whether that company will rebuild. The Equity will rebuild at once.

Public Examiner Holds Warrants Fraudulent

The following excerpt from the report of the Public Examiner made last winter, which will soon be published, indicates what the Examining department thinks of the fraudulent warrant issued to Joe Dolin for printing primary ballots:

Claim No. 17463, favor of Jos. F. Dolin, for \$7,812.00, covers the printing of ballots for one election. We do not believe that this bill was presented in accordance with the printing contract. We find that the same

charge (\$15.75 per M) was made for the sample ballots for each party, as was charged for the first one thousand, and, whereas, the contract states that after the first thousand the rate per thousand will be less. It is our opinion that the official ballots and the sample ballots for each party should be considered as one "run" and all over the first thousand paid for at the rate stipulated for each subsequent thousand.

COUNTY PRINTING BIDS

We print the different bids with the bid of the Pioneer last year and this year, last on each item so the taxpayers can note the difference in prices.

It will be noticed that m means 1,000, 1/2 m means 500 and add. m means additional 1,000.

This is a continuation of the comparison of bids submitted on the county printing contract as appearing in last week's issue of the Producers News:

Blanks, Binding, Blocking, Etc. One eighth sheet 3 1/2 x 8 1/2, printed on one side, statutory rates 1/2 m \$4.50, add. m \$5; Producers News bid: 1/2 m \$2.25, add. m \$2.50; Herald bid: 1/2 m \$2.84, add. m \$3.33; Sentinel bid: 1/2 m \$1.27, m \$3.75, add. m \$1.50; Independent bid: 1/2 m \$2.50, m \$3.75, add. m \$3.

Pioneer Press, last year's bid: 1/2 m \$3.15, m \$4.55, add. m \$3.50; this year's bid: 1/2 m 22 cents, m 33 cents, add. m 28 cents. (This is another fake bid to make a low appearance. There will likely be no legal blanks printed this year.)

One-eighth sheet 3 1/2 x 8 1/2, printed 2 sides, statutory rates: 1/2 m \$7, m \$9.50, add. m \$6; Producers News: 1/2 m \$3.50, m \$4.75, add. m \$3; Herald: 1/2 m \$4.33, m \$6.33, add. m \$4; Sentinel: 1/2 m \$1.95, m \$2.85, add.

m \$1.80; Independent: 1/2 m \$4.50, m 68, add. m \$3.50.

Pioneer Press, last year: 1/2 m \$4.90, m \$6.65, add. m \$4.20; this year: 1/2 m 33 cents, m 47 1/2 cents, add. m 30 cents. (another fake bid).

1/4 sheet 7x8 1/2, printed on one side, statutory rates, 1/2 m \$6, m \$8.50, add. m \$6; Producers News: 1/2 m \$3, m \$4.25, add. m \$3; Herald: 1/2 m \$3.83, m \$5.66, add. m \$4; Sentinel: 1/2 m \$2.27, m \$3.32, add. m \$2.10; Independent: 1/2 m \$4, m \$5, add. m \$3.50.

Pioneer Press last year: 1/2 m \$4.20, m \$5.95, add. m \$4.20; this year: 1/2 m \$1.15, m \$1.70, add. m \$1.20.

1/4 sheet, 7x8 1/2, printed 2 sides, statutory rates, 1/2 m \$9, m \$13.50, add. m \$8; Producers News: 1/2 m \$4.50, m \$6.75, add. m \$4; Herald: 1/2 m \$5.66, m \$7.66, add. m \$5.33; Sentinel: 1/2 m \$5.10, m \$6.90, add. m \$4.80; Independent: 1/2 m \$6, m \$7, add. m \$5.

Pioneer Press, last year: 1/2 m \$6.30, m \$9.45, add. m \$7.20; this year: 1/2 m \$4.25, m \$5.75, add. m \$4. (the readers will note that this item climbed up; there are blanks of this size to be printed)

1/2 sheet 14x8 1/2, printed one side. Statutory rates: 1/2 m \$10.50, m \$14.

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"HOOKING" HOCKING NOW TELLS TROUBLE TO THE JUDGE

SCOBEY ENTER-TAINED WORLD WAR VETERANS

BOYS WELCOMED HOME IN APPRECIATIVE MANNER—SOLDIERS SAY SCOBEY MEETING HAS RIGHT SPIRIT—SPLENDID BANQUET SERVED TO SOLDIERS AND THEIR MOTHERS, SISTERS AND SWEETHEARTS—MAKE AFFAIR ANNUAL SAYS SCOBEY

NO GRAFTING ALLOWED

Between four and five thousand people attended the Soldier and Sailor reunion and welcome day program given in Scobey last Saturday. The day was bright and warm and people came from all directions as far away as fifty miles. About 150 Scobey soldiers and sailors were present.

The program for the day commenced at noon with the registration of all returned men for the purpose of organizing a branch of the World War Veterans of America. Private Charles Hardy had charge of this at the city hall. Following this registration, the immense crowd began to surge towards the ball park where the Scobey ball team took a soldier team into camp by a score of 10-0.

After the ball game the great throng moved back into town again for the next event on the program which happened to be the military parade.

The Plentywood band arrived on the afternoon train and led a military parade through the principal streets of the town. The parade was headed by Carl Haun on horseback, dressed as a General. After the parade the band played a street concert for half an hour at which time the banquet for the soldiers and sailors and their mothers, wives and sweethearts was announced.

This banquet, which was the feature of the day's program, was held in the Rex Theatre, where plates had

been laid for 250. The ladies of the Red Cross all dressed in uniform served the banquet and worked practically all day getting it ready. They are deserving of a great deal of credit for the successful way in which it was handled. The banquet lasted for about an hour at which time the speaking began. Judge N. Davis of this city presided in his usual happy fashion as toastmaster and delivered a stirring patriotic speech. The Citizens regrets that it is unable to secure a copy of this speech for publication for we believe that of all the patriotic speeches delivered by Judge Davis in Scobey, this was the best.

Judge Davis introduced as the first speaker, Mayor Sid Bennett who delivered a very appropriate welcome to the soldiers and sailors and took occasion to deliver to them the "keys of the city." "Take the town to yourselves," said Mayor Bennett, "Do what you want with it and when you have enjoyed yourselves to your satisfaction and return again to your homes remember that the city of Scobey and the people living there are your friends."

Attorney Thomas F. Clifford and Rev. R. T. Cookingham were on the program for short responses and both delivered very fine talks. A feature of the speaking was a short talk by Sergeant Irving Davis who just recently returned from France and who lost his right eye by the enemy (Continued on page eight)

THE WEEK

Reactionaries Show Speed
Henderson Coming to America
Government Manages Liability
N. D. Labor in the Fight

The more conservative labor papers are stirred up over the fact that Arthur Henderson, leader of the British Labor party, is coming to America at the invitation of the Labor party at Greater New York. The press excitement probably registers a still greater excitement or anxiety among the conservative leaders.

But the difference between Henderson and his American labor critics are easily explained. England is further along than we are in experience with economic effects of the war. England had three years of it before we started. The living conditions of England's industrial population were always inferior to those in America. All of which means that conditions have forced British labor to act as a body in certain ways ahead of ours. It has come out for independent politics and for a program designed to give the workers fair opportunities of livelihood.

Conditions which advance upon us like the seasons are forcing us in the direction England has gone. To the hard conditions preceding the war is added the burden of the war. There must be a new deal. In the meantime there must be a brisk and probably embittered struggle between those who would run and those who have to be dragged along.

Evidently anxious not to let the Republican congress get ahead of the Democratic administration in credit for good works, Burleson has ordered the wires back to their former owners. With the action comes profuse explanations that complete private control is not provided. The owners are to operate and the government is to keep the liability.

This same policy is also forecasted for the railroads. The government is not considered able to operate the system efficiently by our Washington representatives, but they are quite sure that it will be efficient in managing the liability end of it.

At its annual convention in Minot recently the North Dakota Federation of Labor went on record for independent political action in co-operation with the farmers. The opinion of labor in the state where defeat of the old party politicians has brought the best labor laws in the Union, ought to have great weight with labor in other states. Illinois and Pennsylvania labor has taken the same step ahead of and not behind the farmers. Over 75 of our big cities now have independent Labor parties, and in at least a dozen of them big political victories have already been won. Before 1920 there will be an immense organized vote which the sons of Barnum and Bailey, representing the special interest oligarchy, can not call their own.

If independent politics to secure farmer and labor representation in law-making bodies is treason and Bolshevism, as the sons of Barnum and Bailey declare, then, in the words of that famous leader of the American revolution, Patrick Henry, "we shall reply, 'Make the most of it.'"

Parliaments and congresses may be everlasting slow in dickering over legislation designed to improve the conditions of the people. Sometimes the fight drags out over a whole generation or more, but when it comes to anti-labor or anti-farmer legislation they can frequently show speed comparable to the latest thing in aeroplanes.

The Canadian parliament, for instance, has had no time to attend to the grievances of the workers which led to the strikes in Winnipeg and other cities but in less than an hour on June 7 a radical anti-labor act was passed and signed by the governor general. The lawmakers there saw only the strikes and not the vicious profiteering that has caused the strikes; so they planned to end strikes by providing for deportation of foreign-born leaders of the workers. Then they discovered that many of the labor leaders were British-born, and they found time in the hour mentioned to amend the law to provide deportation for British-born leaders too.

The next thing in this line of tyranny is for the different Canadian provinces to deport labor leaders not born in the province, and for our states to deport those born in other states.

Judge Comer Will Now Have an Opportunity to Say Whether Joe Hocking will Hook the Taxpayers for Another \$900---Taxpayers Await Decision.

"Hooking" Joe Hocking, that rare friend of J. F. Redmond in the olden, golden days at Glasgow, and also bosom friend of the experienced Frank Weinrich of Mondak, has not been able to get his claim for the nice shiny, green counter sections which "Sunny Jim" and the "Three Blind Men" bought for Clerk of Court Girard's office, just a few days before, the said "Sunny Jim" was separated from the county pay line, and for which nice pretty little counter sections, Mr. Girard, pants and pants, approved by "Bridget" O'Grady, county auditor.

So the Loyalty League booster has now gone to Judge Comer with his tale of woe and will try to persuade that gentleman to help him get his grapping irons hooked into the county treasury. Last week he had papers served on the county auditor, Mrs. O'Grady and took the matter to the Judge who can approve a claim over the head of the county auditor, if he wants to. Mr. Hocking is hoping for better luck this time, and the taxpayers are waiting to see what will happen next.

Sheridan county is so near bankrupt that practically no work can be done on the roads this year; it is even probable that much of the county activities will soon come to an end, because the county is dead broke and in debt to the limit, as a result of the management of J. F. Redmond and Frank Weinrich.

These counter sections must be paid for by another county warrant. This warrant will go into a bond; the warrant will be for \$900 and will cost the taxpayers by the time it is paid another \$900 for interest.

If there ever was a demonstration of downright incompetency and malfeasance in office, this counter section business is a splendid sample of it, and every involved officer should be removed from office on the grounds of lunacy.

The main excuse Mr. Girard gave for the purchase of these sections was that he wanted to fence the farmers away from the passage leading from the court room to the Judge's chamber, as during court sessions his front office was always filled with these uncouth tillers of the soil and that he wanted to fix the office in such a way, that the judge could pass from the court room to his chamber without having to rub elbows with these clothoppers. It is claimed that this was the argument that won the day with the "Blind Men" and the counter sections were ordered. Nobody ever thought of the fact that a barbed wire entanglement could have been put in that would have served the same purpose for about five dollars.

As it is now, anyone wanting to get in the judge's chamber can either go through the court room first or crawl through a window.

"Von Hindie Weinrich" Chloroforms Poplar

POPLAR STANDARD WEAKENING ON THE PETITON SKULDUGERY—LUNACY LEAGUE MOORE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH—PRUSSIAN WEINRICH, LIKE CASCARETS, WORKS WHILE HE SLEEPS—IS POPLAR IN PACT TO DEFY LAW?

POPLAR DOES "CAT'S PAW" STUNT, WOLF POINT "HE-HAWS"

To look is to laugh.

To laugh is to laugh again.

The political penetration of Lunacy League Moore is equal to a lead ax on a granite boulder.

But the trouble with "L. L." Moore is the fact that Mondak Frank has him chloroformed, hypnotized or fuddled. He is comatose—and Prussian Weinrich, like candy cascarets, is working, working, slowly working, while "wise guy" Moore sleeps.

In the meanwhile, Wolf Point stands aloof, and he-haws as it beholds Poplar do the "Cats Paw" stunt for the profit and edification of Mondak and Faithful Frank.

Surely to look is to laugh.

This Medicine-man Moore, sure is a political wonder, that is, he's young, but he may be able to see a hole in a blanket as big as a wash tub if he lives long enough—"Great aches from little toecorns grow" or Heaven has lots of time and he may wake up and rub his eyes after the county seat has been located and a court house or two has rotated down—but who cares for time?

Poplar is doing the "Cats Paw" stunt for Weinrich.

How?

By trying to prevent a county seat election; by illegally and without a color of an excuse, throwing out the Froid petitions. Everybody knows

what the law is; everybody knows that a petition fulfilling the requirements of the law has been filed; everybody knows that Froid had a moral right to file the petition and everybody knows that Poplar is throwing away every chance he ever had of getting the county seat by playing this game of Weinrich's. For it is plain to any one that this kind of dirty tactics only prejudices Poplar in the eyes of all lovers of real sport—all lovers of a square deal.

It is reported that Poplar is delaying the game in order to naturalize about six hundred Indians, who will vote for Poplar—we don't blame that city for that or for wanting the county seat. Poplar has as much right to pant for the county seat as has Bainville, Mondak or Froid.

But six hundred Indians will not win the county seat for Poplar, after Poplar has gained the ill-will of all of the other localities which aspire for the county seat.

The question is being asked on every side: "Is Poplar in a pact with Weinrich to defy the law, or is Poplar working for Mondak and Weinrich?" Things do look suspicious.

The Poplar Standard is the following article seems to be weakening:

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NOTICE

* CALL FOR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
* Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the People's Publishing Company, of Plentywood, Montana, that the Annual Stockholders Meeting of the above named corporation, is called as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the said People's Publishing Company, for Tuesday, July 1st, 1919, at 2 o'clock sharp, at Community Hall, in the City of Plentywood, Sheridan County, Montana, for the purpose of electing a complete Board of Seven Directors, to succeed the present Board of Directors, amending by-laws and constitution, and to transact such other business as may properly be transacted at any Regular Annual Meeting.

Signed

J. C. GRONVOLD,

Sec'y-Treas. Peoples Publishing Company.

* You are urged to present either in person or by proxy for a quorum of stock must be represented in order to hold meeting.