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"WILD BILL" CAMPBELL, FOUL BREATH OF ANACONDA ATTACKS PRODUCERS NEWS

DANIELS COUNTY MOVEMENT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

Meeting Held a Month or So Ago to Start Ball Rolling for a New County—to Be Composed of Western Part of Sheridan and Eastern Part of Valley.

MORE LAME DUCKS IN MOVEMENT

A new county division movement has been brewing for some time, and the hop now is ready for use. Of course times are hard and there will be but a fraction of the taxes of the county paid this fall, but yet that does not seem to dampen the ardor of the county divisionists.

You see it means another printing contract. And a printing contract for a new county is fat, very fat. The Scobey Sentinel has its mouth all puckered in anticipation of the plum.

It creates a lot of new offices and there are a lot of lame ducks hanging around waiting for the duck call. There will be bond issues and classification contracts, and contracts for the transcribing of records. There will be something doing all the time to keep the taxpayers entertained and the Scobey Sentinel promises to give the unsuspecting taxpayers their money's worth.

Things are all cut and dried and the officers are already picked, vultures are gathering and now all that is needed is a carcass to pick and Daniels county will be the carcass. Mr. Timmons of course will be a candidate for county commissioner and will furnish the experience in that county.

Following are a few enlightening lines taken from the Scobey Sentinel: MOVEMENT FAVORS COUNTY DIVISION

A meeting attended by about forty

business men and farmers was held at the city hall Monday evening, for the purpose of arranging plans for the calling of a special election, for the voters, of this section of Sheridan county and the northeastern portion of Valley to determine whether or not the proposed county of Daniels should be created. Data was submitted to the meeting, showing sufficient valuation and territory to create a county under the new McCone act as passed by the last session of the state legislature. The valuation will be approximately \$5,000,000.00 and the county, if created, will consist of between forty and fifty townships.

An organization was perfected to prepare the necessary data and report to the new large organization August 10th. The working committee to handle the original work will be appointed within the present week under the chairmanship of Roger Burke.

The people residing in the proposed Daniels county are unanimous in favor of local government in county affairs for several reasons, the most important of which is the heavy amount of taxes paid under the present system and the small amount of money expended on roads and bridges in return for the large amount of taxes paid for that very purpose. The farmers and business men seem to be of one mind as to the proposition and are willing to assist in taking the only possible way open to them to secure more and better roads during the coming year.

The special election will undoubtedly be called about the first of the year and the new county organized and operated by the first of March.

Make Humorous Attack on the Farmers' Paper Editor, and Calls Him Blasphemous For Mentioning the "Man of Sorrows" Who Was Crucified After Chasing the Money Changers Out of the Temple at Jerusalem.

WOULD ALSO NAIL KATE O'HARE TO CROSS

"Wild Bill" Campbell, editor of the Helena Independent, the slimy champion of the Anaconda Reptile, who like the snake of which Anaconda is the Spanish name, lays in wait to spring out upon the people, crushing their bones, covering with slime and swallowing them, attacked the editor of the Producers News in the following editorial and letter which the above assassinator of liberty and with her blood on his murderous hands, sent out to the press of the state under the cover of the name of the Montana Loyalty League, which is the patriotic banner under which the Copper Snake resides.

We reproduce herewith, the letter which the above liberty hating zealot and arch-enemy of free speech; the murderer of the traditions of Lexington and Bunker Hill and the hiring destroyer of the institutions consecrated by the blood of our ancestors, together with his frantic and wild editorial, containing its cover appeal to mob violence and lynch law, which is the only law which that political degenerate knows anything about.

"Wild Bill" Campbell didn't know that some of the editors to whom he sent his propaganda article and letter were friends of the Producers News and the farmers, whom he would like to destroy. We reproduce the editorial taken from the "Helens Snake," together with the accompanying Loyalty League letter and the letters sent to the Producers News. Altogether, they show the motives of this Anaconda head hunter and what a great number of the editors of the state think of him.

Editorial from Helena Independent July 9, 1919

SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

Here's the Proof
Since the first Nonpartisan league organizer set foot in Montana, the Independent has charged that the organization of the league was nothing more or less than a political plan of the socialist party to capture the farmer vote and amalgamate it with the socialists and radical labor element in the hope of controlling our government.

The Producers News, published at Plentywood by a company of socialist farmers, and edited by a socialist named Taylor, is probably the third most important of the Townley publications in Montana.

Here's an editorial from The Producers News of June 20, which shows what kind of men are back of the Nonpartisan league movement:

"If Christ will delay His coming the liberals here may be able to democratize our laws to such an extent that He will not be sent to Leavenworth for differing with special interest opinion yet He would find a lot of congenial company there in the persons of 'Gene' Debs, Kate Richards O'Hare and two or three thousand conscientious objectors and others opposed to murder and graft, who are now suffering for telling the truth and upholding the ideals of the bills of rights and the essence of the Declaration of Independence, contrary to the spirit of the Espionage Act—suffering much the same and for the same reason that Jesus suffered on the cross. Times haven't changed much. However, if Christ hesitates to take a chance in this 'land of the free and home of the brave' He may find congenial surroundings in Russia, so there is no necessity for delay."

Here's the proof right from a Townley publication, that the league leaders and editors are a set of dis-

loyal, seditious socialists. The Producers News says if Jesus Christ was sent to Leavenworth federal penitentiary, He "would find congenial company in the persons of 'Gene' Debs, Kate Richards O'Hare and two or three thousand conscientious objectors."

This man Taylor is not a fool, even though some of his writings might lead readers to think he was crazy. He was formerly a minister of the Gospel, who became infatuated with the idea of socialism and the opportunity which the Nonpartisan league officials offered him to make money. He forsook the church for socialism, and his blasphemous writings are those of an educated, cunning, radical socialist. He is another great admirer of Russia and the soviet system of government and concludes the above editorial with the remark that if Jesus Christ did not care to take a chance of being sent to Leavenworth penitentiary by coming to this "land of the free and home of the brave" He "may find congenial surroundings in Russia."

This is the best evidence in the world that the Townley outfit are out to do blasphemous socialists. If they were not would they hire such a man as Red Flag Taylor of Plentywood to preach such stuff as the above to the farmers of Montana?

WILD BILL'S LETTER TO PRESS
Will A. Campbell, G. M. Campbell, President, Vice Pres. Jane MacMillan, Sec'y-Treas.
THE HELENA INDEPENDENT
Established 1866
Daily and Sunday
July 3, 1919.
....., Editor,
....., Times, Mont.

Dear Mr.
During the last year or two I have sent you quite a number of editorials and news items, but I have never been able to send you one which should have the attention which the enclosed deserves.

Read over carefully the quotation from the editorial columns of 'The Producers News.'
What do you think of it?
I get a good panning every week from the Townley newspapers which accuse me of being a propagandist, hiring of the A. C. M., member of the "kept press" and graft. But that don't make any difference to me. I started in almost alone two years ago to show up the Townley outfit, and with the help of the loyal and decent newspaper publishers of the state, we have succeeded in at least making the farmers of Montana think before they join an outfit which preaches such stuff as I am quoting from the Townley paper in Plentywood.

I don't want you to reproduce my editorial unless you are too busy to write one of your own, but I do want you to take the quotations from the Producers News and write an editorial telling the people who read your paper, what kind of an outfit is seeking to get control of your government.
Did you ever read anything so un-American, blasphemous and downright rotten in your life as the editorial from The Producers News?
I never did.
With personal best wishes,
Cordially yours,
WILL A. CAMPBELL, Editor

LETTERS TO PRODUCERS NEWS
The following letters and excerpts from letters to the Producers News from editors of the state who Campbell believes to be real Americans as badly as he does, written after receiving the last installment of Campbell's spew:
.....County....., Publisher
Brother Taylor,
Editor, Producers News,
Plentywood, Mont.
Dear Brother:
I am enclosing herewith editorial sent me by special delivery letter from the Independent, Helena, Mont. or rather from Will A. Campbell. It's hot stuff, and will do you good boys now have under way.

The Stove League will meet as usual this winter in the White Front Barber Shop, and it is already conceded that many a game will be played and many a money making idea be brought out, so that by the time spring again rolls around, the exchequer will be full to overflowing, and Plentywood will have a ball team which has never been equalled in the history of the city.

FIRE! WHO RANG THE FIRE ALARM
The fire alarm was turned in last Tuesday night by some excitable person when they saw the smoke from a bonfire built by two ladies who were burning weeds near the Donaldson garage. The truck was a little late in arriving at the scene of the blaze on account of trouble in getting the engine started. Well a little fire practice is a good thing anyway.

SOME DAM
The concrete dam in course of construction by the U. S. Reclamation Service south of Homestead, and across the Muddy is quite an elaborated structure. The dam is being built for the purpose of providing a water supply for the irrigation system under which the Muddy Flats will be watered. It is said that with sufficient moisture these low lands will grow most anything. The outcome will be watched with much interest.—Froid Tribune.

to read it and is more than interesting because it show that you hit the nail on the head and it took affect. Go to it and by next election we will be able to show them where to head in at. People like Campbell will never become men who will look to the greatest good of the greatest number, but their spew and venom will help the masses to think as he states in his letter, and after due deliberation, join the Nonpartisan League. Wishing you an unlimited amount of success, I am
Yours cordially,
.....
July 16, 1919.

Dear Taylor:
I am enclosing some dope from Will A. Campbell of Helena, who seems to pat you on the back in nice shape. I have no use for it and thought perhaps you would like to know what "Bill" is doing to help you and the Producers News throughout the state.
Sincerely,
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July 11, 1919.

Editor Producers News,
Plentywood, Montana.
Dear Brother:

I am enclosing you circular and letter sent out by the press agent of the Anaconda Copper Company, Mr. Will A. Campbell, editor of the Helena Independent, whose insane venom and spew has made him a joke in newspaperdom in Montana. It is claimed that the Anaconda crowd is awakening to the fact that no one thing has contributed so much to the universal disrepute of copper in this state, than the juvenile, ridiculous and absurd campaign that has been carried on by the freak editor of the Helena Independent and it is understood that his rations will soon be cut off.

I am particularly impressed by the parallel to which you call attention, existing between the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus, by the high priests and money changers, lawyers and politicians, and their trumped up case against him, and the identical procedure against Debs and Kate O'Hare by the identical sources of corruption in high places.

As I write these lines, I can see the politicians, money changers, lawyers and priests, spitting in His face, crying blasphemer, agitator, seditious and what not that would serve the purpose of discrediting him with the people, they had no press in those days, while they ridiculed and abused him by scourging him with whips and pressing down upon his brow the cruel crown of thorns. I can see him bearing his cross towards the "hill of skulls" while the fat boys and the profiteers gnashed their teeth for joy in much the same manner as the food profiteers and the "kept press" and other money mongers are now doing in reference to Debs and O'Hare, these latest martyrs of humanity.

The villainous work of such men as Campbell, but helps place Liberty and Justice back on the throne from which they have been dispossessed. May your arm be strengthened.
Yours fraternally,
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In referring to the editorial comment of the Helena Independent, it will not be amiss to call attention to several deliberate lies concerning the editor of the Producers News, which lies are typical of the "kept press."

The editor of the Producers News was never in the ministry nor ever contemplated such a thing—never studied for the ministry, never took orders nor was ordained, never occupied a pulpit, and never was disrobed nor did he leave the ministry to work for the league or to join the socialist party or any other organization.

If the editor was trained to cunning, it was working for the "kept press" spinning falsehood and justifying vampires and public plunderers, for so much per week, not because he desired to do so, but because of necessity.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY
The Board of County Commissioners were in session as the County Board of Equalization last Monday. The entire board was present. However, there were but one or two who appeared and made any complaint in reference to their assessment. The most of those with objections had seen the equalization board at prior meetings.

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FORT PECK HOMESTEADERS PETITION CONGRESS FOR CHANGE OF LAW

Formed Organization at Redstone to Secure Relief—Many Will Be Forced Off From Homesteads Unless Congress Acts—Drought Conditions Have Made It Impossible to Meet Payments.

PETITIONS ARE BEING SIGNED EVERYWHERE

Commercial Clubs of Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey, and Other Towns are Aiding and the Newspapers are Assisting—Look for a Petition and Sign It.

The work of getting signatures to petitions to Congress to amend the Fort Peck Indian Reservation Homestead law is going on apace, and following in the lead of the Fort Peck settlers and homesteaders who met at Redstone a couple of weeks ago and formed an organization for the purpose of securing relief in the way of national legislation, looking towards the abolishment of the provision of that part of the Homestead law that provides for the payment of certain sums on the lands and the return to the settlers of the amounts that have already been paid, thus making these lands free, the commercial clubs of Scobey, Glasgow and Wolf Point, and other towns and organizations, have taken steps to boost the move along, for the purpose of saving the day for the settlers on the reservation who have been brought to the verge of destitution by three successive crop failures, which together with wartime prices have brought about a condition where many of the settlers are about to lose all that they have invested in the lands and the improvements which they have been putting on the lands.

The move is a good and necessary effort; something has got to be done in order to make it possible for these settlers to stay in the country. If they are forced to leave it will be a calamity to the country which it will require years to recover from—for if these settlers are allowed to leave because of starvation it will be impossible to get other settlers to come in, and all know that Montana is needed to crop the land against a fat year.

The Scobey Sentinel has been leading in this effort towards relief for the Fort Peck homesteaders and the history of the progress of the efforts towards this relief is reproduced from that paper:
The campaign for petitions to congress to aid the settlers of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation has gone forward rapidly the past week. Very good reports are being received at Relief Headquarters as the interest shown in the proposition by residents on the reservation and by the people generally in northeastern Montana who are anxious to see such congressional action at an early date as it will make possible a continuance of residence by the settlers affected.

Petitions are now being circulated in each township on the reservation, the Commercial Club of Redstone have formed a relief organization at that town and are playing a leading part of the work.

Headquarters at Scobey continues to send out petition blanks in response to demands from all parts of this sections and reports from the various towns are to the effect that all people; both farmers and business men are entering into the relief work with a zest that is sure to produce results.

At a well attended meeting of the Executive Committee the Relief Association held in Scobey Tuesday, it was the general opinion that the work was progressing in fine shape, but there should be no let up. Satisfaction was expressed because of the interest taken in the matter by the people who live away from the reservation, but the committee regretted very much that the newspapers generally over the northeastern part of Montana had not gone further in giving the matter the publicity to which it was entitled.—Scobey Sentinel.

According to the figures given out by County Assessor Hill, the assessed valuation of Sheridan County without the Great Northern railroad, but including the Soo Line, is \$28,158,945.

Last year the Great Northern was assessed on a valuation of \$12,000,000 per mile or on a valuation of \$720,000, but owing to the new law which requires all property to be listed at its full value, it is estimated by the assessor that the valuation of Great Northern will be about \$2,000,000, bringing the assessed valuation of the county up to about \$30,000,000.00.

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The basis of assessment for last year was 33 1-3 per cent of the actual value, and Assessor Hill calls attention to the fact that upon a 100 per cent basis, the valuation remains about the same.

A Want Ad in the Producers News brings results.

Representatives of the two relief associations met last week at Flaxville and combined their organizations, believing this to be the most effective method of securing the desired end. Besides the valuable assistance in circulating the petitions of the Redstone Commercial Club, the Secretary last week was in receipt of a communication from Glasgow, Chamber of Commerce to the effect that that organization would assist in the relief work in every way within their power. Various bankers and business men throughout the three counties are sending in word to the effect that petitions are being rapidly signed up, however, a few have been a little lax in calling the attention of the petitions to the necessity of signing up early.

This work is of great interest to every person interested in the welfare of this section and by united effort aid can be secured and our good people kept in this country until another harvest is secured. Let no one discount the necessity for this assistance, conditions on the reservation in many places are absolutely pitiful. Prompt and efficient relief is needed and this can only be attained by the united action of every person tributary to the Fort Peck Reservation.

Confidence is expressed in every quarter that the petitions to be forwarded to congress praying for relief for the settlers on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation will be of such volume that congress cannot under pretense fail to take action requested. Out of the two hundred and fifty petition forms sent out from the Secretary's office, less than fifty have been returned containing more than 2,000 signatures of reservation settlers and business men and farmers from all over northeastern Montana.

The Redstone Commercial Club and the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce have taken to the campaign in a way that will produce great results. Secretary Jones of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce is in constant communication with Relief headquarters at Scobey and his strong organization is doing everything in their power to help put the proposition over. The Redstone Commercial Club this week sent out a car at their own expense to make the entire territory in the interests of the work.

Glasgow, Wolf Point, Poplar, Redstone and Scobey will each send one or two representatives to Helena to present the Fort Peck Relief proposition to the state legislature and to Governor Sam V. Stewart with urgent request that while in special session, the legislature memorialize congress to assist the drought sufferers on the reservation. There is no question but what Governor Stewart and the legislature will do everything in their power to help this proposition.

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SPECIAL SESSION CONVENES TUESDAY

Legislature at Helena Introduces Many Drought Relief Bills—Governor Delivers Message.

The special session of the Legislature of the state of Montana, pursuant to the call recently issued by Governor Stewart, convened according to call at the capitol at Helena Tuesday.

The session was called to consider drought relief legislation, but the Governor in his message Tuesday, somewhat enlarged the scope of the activities of the legislature.

Numerous relief bills have been introduced and the bill has commenced to grind.

The first bill passed was an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the special session.

The Anaconda Mining Company is in complete control and any legislation detrimental to their interests and in the interest of the general public will be quietly put to sleep.

NEW VALUATION IS \$30,000,000

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LEGISLATURE PASSES SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

On Wednesday of this week the legislature of Montana ratified the amendment to the national constitution providing for woman suffrage. There was but one dissenting vote.

SYDNEY STOPS LEAGUE SPEAKERS

Last Sunday there was another demonstration of Kaiserism and Autocracy in the State of Montana occurring at Sydney, the county seat of Richland county.

Major Leo Horst and J. A. McGlynn were billed to speak at the ball park.

Arrangements had been made with the management for its use by the farmers a week prior.

When it was learned that there was to be a League meeting at the park a ball game was arranged for by the opposition.

When Major Horst arrived it was decided by the committee that he should speak after the ball game, but when the Major reached the park he was waited upon by three or four Kaiserists, very closely related to several of the Sydney bankers and closely associated with the banking business at that place, who had also been in the service as minor commissioned officers, and was told by these patriots that he would not be allowed to speak.

The Major inquired whom they represented and by what authority they forbid the meeting, whereupon the committee replied that they represented the American Legion, which in this state seems to be an Anaconda Soldiers organization.

The Major pressed the committee, asking if there was a chapter of the Legion at Sydney and when it had been organized, when the patriots threw discretion to the wind and forbid the meeting and threatened to incite a mob and riot.

The Major desisted and went outside of town to Senator Meader's farm where the farmers met and heard the Major deliver his speech on "Democracy vs. Autocracy," which was decidedly appropriate for the occasion.

PLENTYWOOD WINS FROM POPLAR

In a Game Filled With Thrills and Spectacular Moments, Plentywood Took the Pop Out of Poplar in the Last Game of the Season.

Poplar, once more, suffered defeat at the hands of the Plentywood ball team. This time by a score of 7 to 9. The game was by far the most ex-

HURRAH, PRIMARIES ARE SAVED

The September Primary Referendum Election Will Not Take Place—Nonpartisan League Saves Democracy in Montana—Boxing Bill Delayed Automatically.

ANACONDA CROWD ROUTED

According to reports received from Nonpartisan League headquarters at Great Falls and the Attorney General's office at Helena, the special election of September 2nd, has been vacated and will not, according to Attorney General Ford take place.

To vacate the September special election and to refer the law providing for it required the signatures of 15 per cent of the voter in 26 counties. It is reported that the required number of signatures in 35 counties have been filed and that the number of names on the petitions totals over 35,000.

The boxing bill which was referred by the legislature to be voted upon at the next special or general election, will now be delayed automatically until the next general election unless there is a special election provided for before that time.

The vacation of the September election means a signal victory for the Nonpartisan League in Montana, for it was that organization that made the fight on the attempt to abolish the primaries and the vacation of the election means that democracy has been saved in Montana, in spite of the efforts of the Anaconda Mining Company, aided and abetted by "Wild Bill" Campbell of the Helena Independent and the Montana Loyalty League to Prussianize Montana.

It is interesting to note that the boxing game from a spectators' standpoint to be played in Plentywood this season. Although very erratic at times, the hitting of both clubs, the sensational fielding of Hein, Gavin, McIntyre and Reuter for Plentywood and Slette for Poplar, caused excitement enough to please the most fastidious. Until the last man was bunched, the game belonged to either team. Jensen got away to a bad start, but showed the old fight and came out on the long end. Saunderauf's batting in pinches was a feature throughout the game. For Poplar, Kelly easily starred at the roving end, with Fishbeck, Duggan, Lou Harris and Bowler running a neck and neck race for the Plentywood honors.

With the Poplar game over, the Plentywood boys find that games are next to impossible to get, so have come to the conclusion to disband for the season. Jensen, who came to Plentywood highly recommended, lived up to his reputation, and was by far the best pitcher in this part of the state. Besides being a hard worker, with a lot of stuff, he was a gentleman of the highest or-

der, never quarreling and willing to always do more than his share. Should it be possible to secure his services again next year, it is the intention of the ball club to do so.

Much credit is due Manager Harry Smith, for the efficient manner in which the ball club was handled, and the class of ball which he offered the public with the means which he had to do it with. About \$350 or \$400 was subscribed by the citizens toward defraying expenses of a ball club end for the 1919 season. All the home boys who played upon the team, donated their services, and had it not been for this fact, it would have been impossible to have a team in Plentywood this year at all. The gate receipts hardly covered the expenses of the game, and in some instances fell way short of doing so. However, with the aid of dances, the management was able to secure enough to keep the team going, and although there is a small deficit at this time, it will be taken care of through a series of dances which the