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It is easy enough to buy low shoes, but you have to pay a very high price to get them.

Yep, there's no getting around it. Johnson won the North Dakota primaries—and Michigan.

Have you ever stopped to think what a nice thing it would be if a dollar would only go as far in this country as it does in some of the old countries.

The Courier-News on Monday, with its usual keen foresight, comes out in a statement that Miss Nielson is the choice of the bosses for governor. There are two reasons why we think that the Fargo paper does not know what it is talking about at this time. In the first place until some more states ratify the constitutional amendment giving the women the right of suffrage, women are not eligible to the office of governor of the state at this time, therefore the so-called bosses would not be very apt to pick her out for the job. Secondly, we do not believe Miss Nielson wants the job of being governor.

Several large newspapers throughout the country are forced to cut out all display advertising and accept only classified advertising and amusement ads, due to the serious news print paper shortage. The Chicago Tribune the other day urged its customers not to buy a paper but rather to borrow one, which is certainly a good illustration of how serious a problem the shortage really is and the results which will come from it unless some effective measures are taken at once. Newspapers are one of the most essential things in a community or country and one can hardly realize the hardships the nation would be put under in case its newspapers were forced to suspend publication.

J. R. Waters, who has been manager of the Bank of North Dakota since it was first put in operation, has handed in his resignation to the governor which took effect April fourth. Mr. Waters wants to look after private business is the reason given for resigning this important position. He has been spending the winter in Florida and sends his letter from Miami to the governor. Mr. Frazier will now have an opportunity with the consent of Mr. Townley and Mr. Lenke, to name another manager for this big state bank. We have a townsman in Valley City—Mr. Wm. Olson—who might be induced to accept this position. He has had more banking experience than had Mr. Waters before he went into the managership of this bank. This is just a tip to the governor.

Strikes, strikes and nothing but strikes. The newest one is the walk out of railroad employees in Chicago and all it started over was the discharge of a yard conductor, but the men evidently wanted an excuse and took the first flimsy one that came along. Over ten thousand men in Chicago and other cities have been affected by the walkout, either directly or indirectly, and thousands of men in the big packing plants are thrown out of work due to the tie up of traffic which makes it impossible to ship in the live stock. An embargo on all freight entering or leaving Buffalo was announced late last night, after a conference of the officials of the roads whose yards are tied up by the striking switchmen. The men walked out unauthorized and are liable to lose their union rights unless they resume work at once. Officials declare that it is impossible to grant the wage increases demanded by the men because the Cummins-Esch act prohibits increased compensation to employees without approval of a railroad board, to be appointed by the president.

It is amusing to hear the different expressions now being used about one Bill Langer. One fellow says he is sure of defeat if he is nominated because the pool hall men are against him. Another says he is sure of defeat because he was once a leaver and is a traitor to the cause. Another says his religion is all wrong, while another insists that he brushes his hair the wrong way. The fact of the matter is that every one of these fellows looking at Bill Langer through those kind of glasses are absolutely scared to death for fear that he will be elected and their fears are really father to the thought of what they would like to happen. William Langer is the man who has done things and is doing things all the time and unless there is a mighty change of sentiment in the near future an avalanche could not stop his nomination at the coming convention. And if he is nominated he is going to be elected.

The Townley press is having a great time telling how the opposition to socialism is getting all split up and going to pieces on account of too many candidates, and Langer is the man that is getting the hook from the league press. Well, if that is the way they feel about it it is all right with us. They will have a very rude awak-

ening in the not very distant future. We rather think with that bunch that it is a case of whistling to keep up courage. The bunch is so scared of its future that it is sending labor agitators and organizers under the guise of the American Federation of Labor to organize labor into a nonpartisan political organization. It is not a question of helping the laboring man with these fellows—it is a question of trying to get their votes to perpetuate the nonpartisan socialists in power in North Dakota. The laboring men can organize for their own good without being tied to a socialist kite.

R. A. Nestos has said in an open letter that he will abide by the decision of a nominating convention which is conducted on the square. William Langer says he is willing to do the same thing, and both say they will pitch in and help elect the man that the anti-Townley forces nominate at a convention to be held shortly. There is nothing vague or uncertain about that. These men know that it means disaster to divide the forces of those opposed to Townleyism and are going to jump in and help along the ticket nominated. That shows a fine spirit and we feel sure that all factions will come together as patriots in the great cause of ridding the state of socialism. If these men stick to their promises the only thing we will have to do is to get together and nominate the best and strongest man for the job—then get behind the ticket and push it over. The time is ripe for such action.

Dean Froysoo of the State Normal school takes a great deal of pride in his department and is always doing the best he knows how to get the best there is in the musical world to come here to entertain our people. On Saturday of this week he has billed the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, which has a nation wide reputation and is really a great organization of musicians and soloists. We rather think that our people should stretch a point on Saturday to patronize this splendid organization that is to be with us. It requires a lot of money to bring such a bunch of high grade musicians to this city as is in the roster of this orchestra. Help sustain the reputation of the town and school for getting the best there is by buying liberally of tickets and going out to hear the Symphony Orchestra. Dean Froysoo is to be congratulated on his good work and in being able to give our people as well as those of the surrounding towns such splendid talent to listen to.

Illinois will be the next state to show its preference for a presidential candidate. The primaries in that state will be held next Tuesday. As Illinois has one of its own sons—Governor Frank O. Lowden in the race for the nomination, and political observers are inclined to believe that he will carry the state, notwithstanding the fact that Wood has made a spirited campaign there. Lowden has a mighty fine record back of him in Illinois. In the first legislature convening in the Lowden administration, the governor obtained enactment of the Civic Administration code, reducing the number of departments, boards and commissions at Springfield from 125 to 9 and establishing a system by which the business of the state was handled with smoothness and accuracy and notwithstanding the high cost of everything the state had to buy, the state tax was reduced 33 per cent. He is also credited with having secured many other beneficial laws for his state.

Remember brother voters—and perhaps sister voters—that if we ever intend to rid this state of this socialist bunch of carpet baggers we must unite our forces into one unit, forgetting all party lines or any past political or personal grievances which may have sprung up through differences of opinion—every man has a right to his own opinion—and go to the polls with but one thought in mind—to rid this state forever of the officials of the Lenine and Trotsky type, and mark a cross opposite the names of the men which you know stand for the good will of the people and for the best interests of the state and who will fulfill their duties in office to that end. Remember the fable of the father and his quarrelsome sons and how he took a bundle of sticks and bound them together and asked each son to attempt to break the bundle. Remember the unsuccessful efforts of the sons to break the bundle and how the father unbound the bundle, giving each son a stick which of course was broken with ease, how he explained the incident as an illustration of "where there is union there is strength." The same holds true right here in our state and we can never hope to win if strife and personal ambitions enter the anti-Townley political family.

So much is heard and talked about General Leonard Wood, one of the possible presidential nominees that it might be of interest to look back a little into his past life. He was born at Winchester, N. H. in 1860. At the age of twenty-four he graduated from the Harvard Medical school and two years later received the commission of first lieutenant and assistant surgeon in the United States army. He was united in marriage in 1890 to Miss Louise A. Smith of Washington. A year later he was appointed captain and assistant surgeon. In 1896 he organized the First Volunteers Cavalry Regiment known as the Rough Riders and appointed colonel. He was awarded the congressional medal of honor for his part in the campaign against Apaches in 1886 and was later promoted to brigadier general and mustered out of the volunteer service the year following. He was appointed governor over provinces in the Philippines and was in command of the Philippine division of the army. In 1918 he was appointed commander of the 89th Division, Camp Funston, Kansas, and was also commander of the Central Department at Chicago. Wood is a stout built man and tips the scales close to the 200 pound mark and stands five feet eleven inches in height. He shows marked ability in such sports as golf and swimming. It is said that the general never gives

orders that he himself can't or won't do. During Wood's regime in Cuba the unsanitary condition was greatly corrected and the death rate greatly reduced, most of the work being done by U. S. marines under the personal supervision of Wood. When the United States entered the European war, Wood along with other officers went on a tour of inspection in France but was ordered back to Camp Funston. He recently was granted a temporary leave of absence to carry on his campaign for the presidential nomination in 1920.

California showed some speed in Michigan, topped off victories in both the republican and democratic primaries.

Job Brinton said something about running for congress some time ago but since that time he has been very quiet on the subject. We rather think that Job will think twice before he gets into the congressional game—in fact we do not think he has the nerve to do it. If he should what fine pickings it would be for the press gang. When Friend Brinton got out into the preserves to tell his story how he stung the farmers on consumers stores, how he made great big money off the farmers to promote this gigantic newspaper trust that he gathered for him so many shekels—so they say—the opposition press would have a picnic showing up his record. It takes nerve to run for congress—and we don't think that Job has the nerve.

The Fargo-Courier-News persistently sticks to it that Miss Minnie J. Nielson is the candidate picked by Judge Young and others to be the candidate of the fusion forces for governor in case another state ratifies the constitutional amendment giving the right to women to vote before May 12, at which time the convention to select a ticket will be held in Minot. Candidly, we think that the C. N. is having a pipe dream and if we were to give a good guess as to who would be the candidate of that convention we would select William Langer for the nominee. We do not think the time is ripe or opportune for Miss Nielson to be the candidate for governor, and while we have not interviewed her on this subject we do not think she is in any sense a candidate for the office. William Langer has been the best friend of Minnie J. Nielson in this state and it would be in our judgment an act of ingratitude on her part to be a candidate under the circumstances. If she is truly the friend of Mr. Langer that we think she is, to set at rest the fears of the Fargo Courier-News and other league papers who are industriously trying with might and main to make a split in the opposing forces, she will come out with a statement denying any intent or purpose of becoming a candidate for governor.

The big I. V. A. convention at Grand Forks in February created a committee of twenty-one, seven from each party, I. V. A., republican and democratic, to devise ways and means of getting together to fight anti-Townleyism. These committees met last week and agreed upon the following ten points:

A fusion of old line democrats and republicans and an amalgamation of all forces opposed to socialism and Townley will be effected at state conventions of the republican and democratic parties to be held at Minot, May 12 and 13.

Dates for the calling of the convention were arrived at in a conference of seven democrats, seven republicans and seven members of the Independent Voters' Association, held last Thursday night at Fargo. The conventions will be restricted to republicans or democrats who are opposed to socialism as typified by the nonpartisan league. The outlined work for the conventions includes:

Endorsement of tickets of candidates made up of the independent electorate of the state.

Harmonious action so that all anti-socialist voters may unite on a single ticket of legislative candidates opposed to the Townley picked candidates in various legislative districts.

Joint action by state republican and democratic convention in the endorsement of a candidate for the state supreme court, state superintendent of public instruction, and of fifteen candidates for the district court judgeships, such offices being voted for on a nonpartisan ballot.

Congressional candidacies, both republican and democratic, will be nominated, each convention acting independently.

Defeat of the Townley plan to corner the county offices will be arranged through calling of county fusion conventions of republicans and democrats to pick a combined county ticket to the end that the entire working force of the opponents of socialism be concentrated. Such county conventions are held to be feasible inasmuch as county officer this year will appear on a nonpartisan ballot.

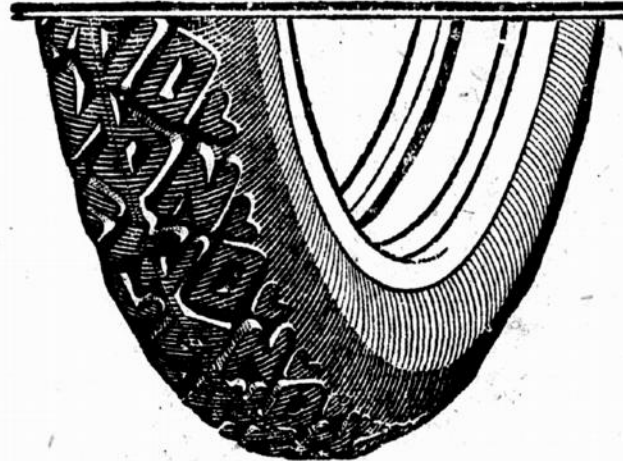
The recommendations made by the committee of 21 also call for county conventions on May 5 when delegates will be selected for the Minot convention. Representation in the republican convention will be on the basis of one delegate to each 100 Steen votes in the 1918 primary, and the democrats will name one delegate for each 100 Doyle votes in the 1918 general election. The republican and democratic county central committees and the republican members of the executive committee of the Independent Voters' Association will be seated as ex-officio delegates.

The committee of 21 also recommends that counties send their delegates without instructions and that in the convention endorsements of candidates be of secret ballot if no candidate has a majority, the lowest candidate will be dropped and balloting will continue until one candidate receives a majority of all the ballots cast. The "Twenty-One" also advise against the use of proxies except that they may be extended by delegates to men of the same county.

The committee of twenty-one which sponsors this unique call for simultaneous conventions was created as the result of a resolution adopted at the state convention of the Independent Voters Association held in Grand Forks in February.

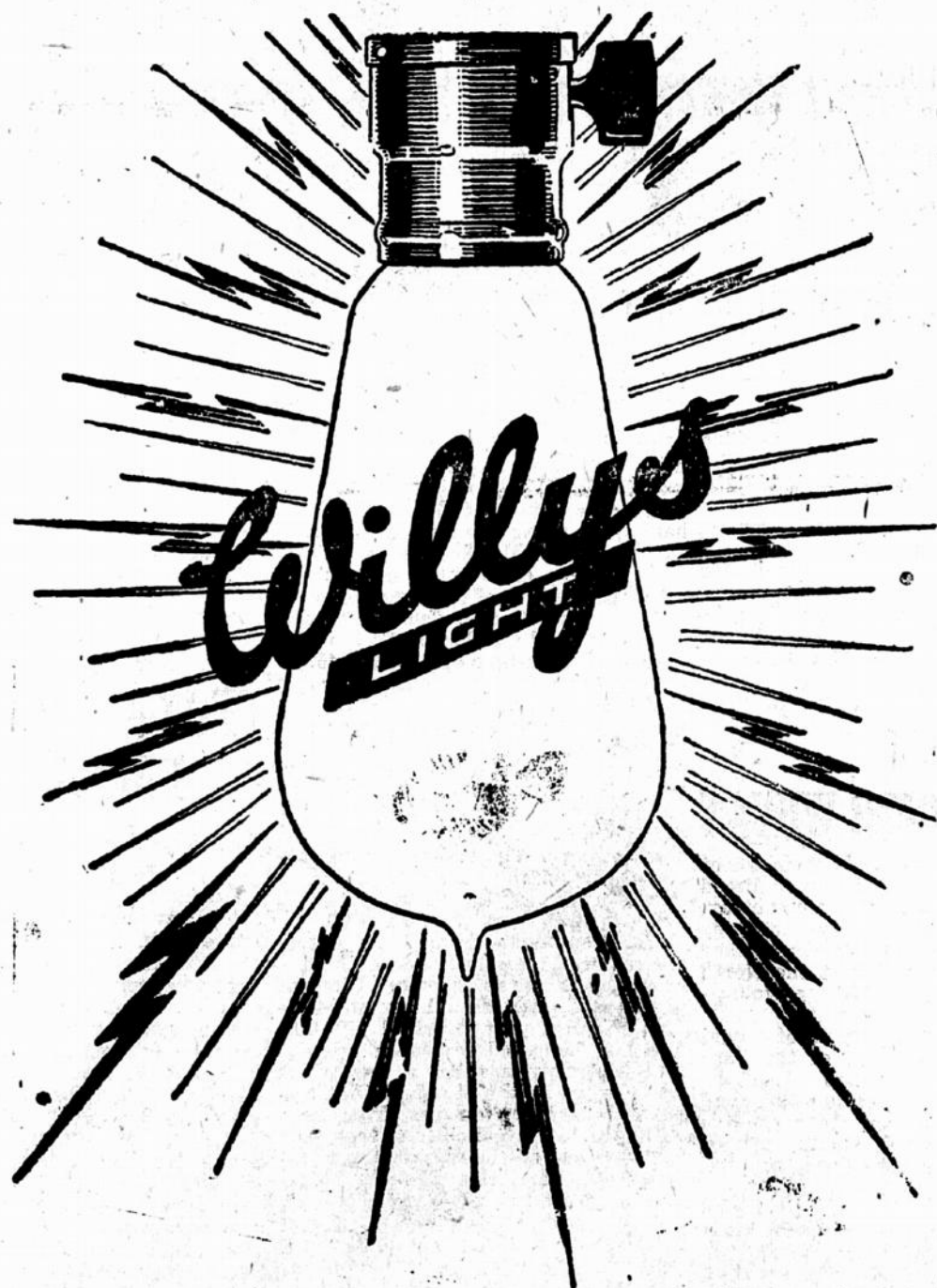


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