



No sooner are you comfortably settled in the new home than somebody comes around wanting to sell you something you don't want. Ever noticed it? That's the way it is with this happy family entitled the Nonpartisan League. Here's a bunch of pests hammering at the door. Don't open it a foot or this long-whiskered guy will get his toe in and try to talk you to death. Now we certainly don't want to hear any of that rot about "sticking to the old party through thick and thin." We've outgrown that. We've got our eyes opened. Nor we don't want to deliver any hand-out or buy any pencils from this spectacled old fraud Blind Partisanship. We know that right behind both of them is the real boss of the gang, Old Gang Methods, who gets rich by swindling the farmer. We'll keep these fellows out of our house. We'll tell them to go on about their business and we'll attend to ours. We'll handle our own affairs this year for once in our lives and we'll not let any outsiders come in and stir up any differences among us.

Short Arm Jabs, Jolts and Uppercuts

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All politicians believe in good, strong organizations—for politicians.

Most all laws are made by lawyers. Maybe that explains why so many of them are full of loop-holes and jokers.

Lawyer-made laws are a prolific source of litigation. Litigation is a source of profit. Wonder if that is the reason lawyers insist on making the laws?

Many politicians, upon patriotic occasions and at old settlers' picnics, unctuously tell us that politics are rotten. Therefore, he will conclude, that good, honest, clean-minded farmers should have nothing to do with politics—except

to vote to keep said politician in politics.

Politics is the science of government and as such there is nothing more sacred. Therefore if politics is rotten it is because rotten politicians are in politics. To purify politics, it therefore becomes necessary to throw out the politician.

Democracy is where all the people understandingly and intelligently participate in politics without first having a full understanding of the inside workings of the political game—the workings of the politicians and also a clear knowledge of the principles of government.

A South Dakota politician, who has rotated in office for the past decade, says

he fears that the Nonpartisan League will hurt business. As an example of what it did for North Dakota he points warningly to the recent rust, hail and blight plague that scourged the state. The next thing we know they will blame the Nonpartisan League for the disastrous floods in China and the spots on the sun.

A Minnesota voter stated the other day that he got to ride in an automobile only once in two years—on election day, and added that he had to hotfoot it like a Yale athlete the day after election to keep from getting run over by the same automobile.

A North Dakota politician was lamenting the fact that the farmers financed the recent campaign. A local business man was sympathizing with him in his lamentations. A passing farmer overheard their waitings. He stopped and looked them square in the eyes for a full minute. Then in a burst of indignation and contempt, he flashed this package on

them:

"What kick have you fellows got? Wasn't it our money? Don't we have a right to spend it as we blamed please? An' say, you fellers ought to be glad that we farmers financed this campaign ourselves an' that we never called on you for a cent. We've cleaned up the politics of this state an' done it at our own expense an' still you kick. Gee! If you fellers had the earth you'd still bellyache 'cause you didn't have the sun, moon an' stars, too."

There are two ways to make money in any farming state. One way is to dig it out of the soil and the other way is to dig it out of the hide of the fellow who digs it out of the soil.

There are three kinds of co-operation. One kind is when I co-operate with you for my benefit. Another is when you co-operate with me for your benefit. A third is when we both co-operate for our mutual benefit. This is the kind of co-operation we need.