

Why They're Fighting the League. Every Vicious Slander Answered



The Gooding-Davis Machine Charges:

1st. That A. C. Townley controls the Nonpartisan League of Idaho and that A. C. Townley is an I. W. W. and made speeches for that organization with Frank Little, the I. W. W. leader who was lynched at Butte—

2nd. That Arthur LeSueur is national secretary of the Nonpartisan League and is a factor in the Nonpartisan League in Idaho—

3rd. That the Nonpartisan League is tied up with Bill Haywood and the I. W. W.—

The Nonpartisan League of Idaho Answers:

Answer: The many thousands of loyal Idaho farmers who are members of the Nonpartisan League, can make oath that they themselves through their conventions and chosen representatives, and NOT A. C. Townley, control and dictate the policies of the Idaho Nonpartisan League. A. C. Townley is not now nor has he ever been an I. W. W. or affiliated in any way with the I. W. W. and never in his life even saw Frank Little, the Butte Agitator.

Answer: Arthur LeSueur is not now nor has he ever been the national secretary of the Nonpartisan League, nor has he ever been connected with the Nonpartisan League in any capacity that would give him the slightest voice in the direction of the Idaho campaign, control over its policies, or a word of authority to the candidates endorsed by it. Arthur LeSueur's connection with the National Nonpartisan League is as a lawyer HIRED TO OBEY THE LEAGUE'S INSTRUCTIONS in legal matters.

Answer: Bill Haywood is not now nor has he ever been a member of the Nonpartisan League, nor has Bill Haywood or any of his crowd ever SOUGHT THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE AS DID BOTH D. W. DAVIS AND FRANK R. GOODING, the twin heads of the Gooding-Davis political machine.

The Gooding-Davis Machine Charges:

4th. That the Nonpartisan League in Idaho is controlled by irresponsible leaders and by the members of the league—

5th. That the Nonpartisan League is against President Wilson's war policies and is itself opposed by the national administration—

6th. That H. F. Samuels, the Democratic nominee for governor of Idaho, and other candidates endorsed by the Nonpartisan League on the Democratic state ticket, are I. W. W. sympathizers—

The Nonpartisan League of Idaho Answers:

Answer: The Nonpartisan League president and campaign manager in Idaho, W. G. Scholtz, was ELECTED TO THE POSITION HE HOLDS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE IDAHO NONPARTISAN LEAGUE. He is responsible to the membership of the League, and to no one else, and can be removed from his position at will by the membership of the Idaho Nonpartisan League.

Answer: The Nonpartisan League has endorsed every war policy of President Wilson. North Dakota, the only state controlled politically by the Nonpartisan League, has a better war activities record than almost any state in the union. The national administration is not now opposing nor has it ever opposed the Nonpartisan League, while on the contrary it recognizes that THE INTERESTS WHICH THE LEAGUE IS FIGHTING, AND WHICH ARE FIGHTING THE LEAGUE, are opposing President Wilson.

Answer: H. F. Samuels, Democratic nominee for governor, and every other candidate endorsed by the Nonpartisan League, has always ACTIVELY OPPOSED THE I. W. W. AND LAST YEAR, BECAUSE OF H. F. SAMUELS' VIGOROUS OPPOSITION TO THE I. W. W. IN NORTH IDAHO, THE I. W. W. BURNED A THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR BARN ON MR. SAMUEL'S RANCH AT SAMUELS, IDAHO. Need

There voters of Idaho, is a plain and unvarnished presentation of the "case" that the Gooding-Davis machine, at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, has been trying to make against the Nonpartisan League and the candidates on the Democratic ticket endorsed by the League; and there, too, are the TRUE AND UNDENIABLE ANSWERS TO THAT ALLEGED "CASE."

We ask you to remember that in not one word has the Gooding-Davis machine ever dared attack the program or the platform of the Nonpartisan League.

Not one doubt as to the loyalty of any candidate endorsed by the Nonpartisan League was ever raised by the Gooding-Davis machine UNTIL FRANK R. GOODING AND D. W. DAVIS THEMSELVES FAILED TO SECURE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LEAGUE.

And now the Nonpartisan League asks you to consider fairly, honestly and without passion, this brief recapitulation of the program and platform unanimously adopted by the members of the League in state convention:

1. We declare our undying loyalty, our unalterable devotion to our beloved country at this time, when the soul of the nation is being tested in the fierce fires of the battlefield, and we pledge before God and man, all that we have, all that we are and all that we hope to be, to America in her championship of civilization, democracy and human rights.

We indorse, without qualification, the masterly statement of war aims that our great national leader, Woodrow Wilson, has given to the world

as America's purpose and to accomplish which the people of this nation have dedicated their fortunes and their lives.

2. We call attention to the insidious influences within our nation that would undermine the very foundations upon which is builded the temple of democracy and which for selfish and unholy motives would make of no avail the sacrifices, the price in blood and treasure, the supreme effort of America at this time to crush for all times the spirit of oppression and tyranny.

3. We urge attention to the danger from the profiteers who have placed above patriotism dollars and blood-drenched dividends.

4. The paramount issue is to win the war.

5. The chief qualification for office is loyalty—100 per cent Americanism.

6. Greater food production and better distribution being absolutely necessary toward winning the war, we therefore pledge our candidates one and all, to the carrying out of legislation for the following as fast as safe progress will permit:

State-owned packing plants, terminal elevators, flour mills and sugar factories.

State-owned warehouses and storage plants for farm products.

Rural credit banks operated at cost.

State ownership and distribution of the water power.

7. Labor laws which will not merely protect capital, but which will amply protect labor as well in accordance with the just demands of organized labor.

8. The taxation of all property upon an equitable basis.

9. The taxation of idle property at a higher rate in order to force such property to more largely assist in the financing of the war.

10. A workable initiative, referendum and recall.

Is there anything disloyal, seditious, treasonable, or anarchistic in this program?

Is there anything in this program that savors of I. W. W.ism?

Do you see that it is THIS program that the Gooding-Davis machine is opposing?

Before you vote, ask yourself this question; then as your common sense and conscience answers, the Nonpartisan League asks you to vote:

"Why have the Potlach Lumber Company and other big timber interests; the Day and other mining interests; the Idaho water power trust and other interests, pooled a gigantic slush fund of more than a million dollars for the Gooding-Davis machine to use in defeating the Democratic candidates endorsed by the Nonpartisan League in Idaho, and which President Wilson asks you to elect?"

Your answer will determine whether the people or the profiteers shall rule in Idaho.

THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE OF IDAHO