

UTTERANCES IN NAMPA PAPER ARE VIOLENT

Nampa, May 3.—Asserting their belief that the editorial policy of the Non-partisan league newspaper here the Free Press, is Socialistic and inflammatory, and that the tendency is to encourage lawlessness and break down Americanism, 25 representative farmers and business men of this city and vicinity met here Friday and adopted censuring resolutions that demand a change in the editorial force of the league publication. Included in the meeting were stockholders in the company owning the Non-partisan league newspaper.

Socialistic and Dangerous.

For some time there has been protests of league members because editorials in the Free Press have been Socialistic and, therefore, in their opinion, cultivators of danger.

Recently the Free Press published an editorial on Eugene Debs, the Socialist leader, sent to prison for disloyal conduct during the war, in which Debs was compared to the Pilgrim fathers and John Bunyan in an attempt to make a martyr of him.

Friday morning the Free Press printed an editorial headed "Bombs and Free Speech," the plain interpretation of which, in view of the protests,

was to justify use of bombs. This incensed a number of people, including farmers and stockholders in the institution, that they decided to act vigorously.

C. A. Glouglie, George Duval, Major Estabrook, G. W. Lamson, G. T. Moore, A. G. Nettleton, M. M. Baker and others were prime movers in calling the meeting.

Petitions will be circulated to back up the action of the meeting.

"Bombs and Free Speech." One editorial to which special objection was taken was entitled "Bombs and Free Speech" and was regarded as an open invitation to and a subtle defense of violence.

The editorial says in part: "When excitable men are not allowed to talk with their tongues it is an old lesson of experience that they will begin to talk with dynamite."

It also condemns Judges and Prosecutors who have sent disloyalists and anarchists to prison.

The resolutions adopted by the farmers and others condemn these editorials of the Non-partisan League newspaper as being Un-American and inciting anarchy. They protest against attacks in the courts and say: "These officials have done their full duty to their country in the prosecution of persons guilty of murder and sedition."

Idaho's Center of Socialism. From all reports there are many people living in and around Nampa who resent the advertising that city is getting as "the Socialist center of Idaho." That statement is being handed over the country as part of Socialist and Non-partisan league propaganda—and there is no longer any attempt to screen the fact that leaders of the Non-partisan league are violent Socialists whose aim is to land farmers in the Socialist wagon by labeling it: "Non-partisan league."

Nampa is entitled to be spared the reputation that is being fastened upon it.

Using the fact that the Non-partisan league headquarters have been moved to Nampa and that the organ of the N. P. league-Socialists leaders is printed there, Nampa is heralded as the capital of Socialism in Idaho and Socialists are invited to bear it in mind.

Very recently the Nampa Non-partisan league newspaper, the Free Press told the story of its Socialism and clearly revealed its aims by publishing an editorial commendatory of Debs who has been sent to prison as a traitor to his country in time of war.

It compared Debs with the Pilgrim fathers. "There have been many such felons," says the Non-partisan league editorial. "He joins the company of Bunyan and John Hus. Chains may subdue the feeble spirit but thee, Debs of the iron heart, they could not tame."

This editorial has been reproduced in all Socialist newspapers and Nampa figures prominently therein.

Other newspapers have commented on this situation and unintentionally given Nampa a black eye.—Pocatello Tribune.

CHANGES IN BOUNTY LAWS.

Enactment of Legislature Become Effective on May 7th.

One of the numerous reform measures enacted by the recent legislature applies to the payment of bounty claims which the law allows for the destruction of predatory animals says a Boise writer. Heretofore these claims have been made before any officer authorized to acknowledge legal papers and who in the capacity of a "de-footer," would remove the feet of the pelt which, together with the claim, would be transmitted to the office of the state veterinarian. It has been the general belief in many cases at least, that these feet have found their way to the capital after the claimant had already collected a scalp bounty in adjoining state.

The new law, which goes into effect May 7th, 1919, requires proof of all claims under this law to be made before the sheriff or his deputy in the county in which the animals have been killed. The practice of bringing in pelts from other states, if such has been the case is made a felony under the new law.

Inasmuch as the practice of de-footing a pelt depreciates the value of the same in the fur markets of the country, the sheriffs of the state will be instructed to discontinue this practice and instead mark the pelt by cutting a slit on the top of the scalp the entire distance between the ears. This manner of marking the pelts will be in harmony with other states and will have no effect on the value of the furs when they are transmitted to market. The department of agriculture is now preparing to send out blank forms to the several counties throughout the state covering these claims and all claimants should transmit same, when certified by the sheriff or his deputy, direct to this department in Boise.

The new law omits the bounty on Bear. This was occasioned by the fact that Idaho was the only state in the northwest paying a bounty on this animal and these claims alone were running in excess of a thousand dollars per month. Many of the legislators were of the opinion that we were paying bounty on all the bears killed between Canada and Mexico.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Information Given Out by Commissioner of Public Welfare.

Boise, May 3.—Excuses arising from war time exigencies, having become unacceptable, prosecutions for violations of the state sanitary laws will be based entirely upon conditions as they exist at the time inspections are completed, according to a recent announcement made by J. K. White, commissioner of public welfare.

"It has been brought to my attention," said Commissioner White Saturday, "that inspectors of this department are making an unusual number of prosecutions based principally upon the maintenance of public nuisances within city and village limits and upon unsanitary conditions in and about places of business which come under our jurisdiction."

"It is not the policy of this department to conduct a campaign of prosecution, but it must be generally understood that these inspectors will take conditions as they find them at the time of the inspection. If conditions are discovered to be in vio-

lation of the general principals of decency and the rules of sanitation, legal action necessarily must be taken.

"In the recent past, much was overlooked because of the scarcity of labor, but this is no longer an excuse and inspectors have instructions to accept no excuse whatever for dirty, filthy, insanitary conditions in public places. It is hoped that our city officials and the various newspapers will cause

this information to be given to the public that full knowledge may be had of the policy and plan of work of this department that all concerned may protect themselves from prosecutions sure to follow if insanitary conditions are found by inspectors."

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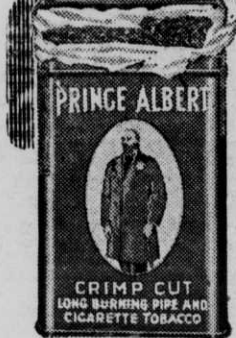
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