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GOODING SUED FOR LIBEL BY NONPARTISAN LEADER

Ray McKaig Asks Court for \$50,000 Damages to His Character, From Candidate for Senator.

Former Governor Frank R. Gooding, now a candidate for the short term in the United States senate on the Republican ticket, was yesterday made defendant in a \$50,000 libel suit filed in the district court by Ray McKaig, leader of the Nonpartisan league in Idaho.

The complaint sets out that Mr. Gooding in a political advertisement published in Boise, Oct. 29, seeks to impeach the honesty, integrity and reputation of the plaintiff and expose him to public contempt and ridicule and humiliation and blacken his reputation and destroy public confidence in him through the publication in the newspapers of Boise of a certain advertisement known by the defendant to be defamatory, malicious, libelous and untrue.

The complaint alleges that in the publication a noted and convicted disloyalist, one Kate O'Hare is purported to be a bosom friend of Ray Mc-



Frank R. Gooding.

McKaig and that he hurriedly left Idaho in December, 1917, to attend her trial at which she was convicted in North Dakota and that he was in sympathy with her teachings and utterances, whereas, the complaint declares that he was not and is not an acquaintance at all with the said Kate O'Hare and never saw the woman, except on one occasion and is wholly out of sympathy with her utterances and beliefs.

The publication of the advertisement, the complainant declares, was put out to convey to the public that he was and is disloyal to his country in a time of war and national peril and to induce hatred and contempt for him throughout the state of Idaho and elsewhere for which he asks judgment in the sum of \$50,000.

GOODING REPLIES.

When the attention of former Governor Gooding was called to the suit of Ray McKaig, Nonpartisan league leader, he said:

"It is pure bluff. I welcome a chance in court to prove everything I said about the presence of McKaig at the trial of Kate O'Hare, the notorious Socialist and agitator, now in prison—sent there for sedition.

"I want the people to read my advertisement on that subject. There is ample proof at hand and more is coming."

In his advertisement referred to, Mr. Gooding printed letters and telegrams which assert that McKaig did attend the trial of Kate O'Hare, and gave comfort to her. Among the number was the following:

Minot, N. D., Oct. 15, 1918.
Hon Frank R. Gooding,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Gooding:

I am watching with interest your fight against Townleyism. In order to introduce myself will state that I am the trustee of A. C. Townley, bankrupt, and have been connected with that estate for over one year and am having a stiff fight to investigate that fellow and bring him to paying his creditors. In this I have not had one penny assistance from a single soul.

Recently the judge intimated that we will be given an opportunity to examine the books and records of the National Nonpartisan League to see if there are any assets there belonging to Townley. As trustee I expect to prove that he owns the whole thing and is responsible to no other person.

Personally I am not in politics. But what I wished to write you about was that man McKaig. He is no good. Formerly I understood he was a minister and a wild cat in every respect.

The best thing about him was that during the trial of Kate O'Hare he returned to Bismark to be at the trial and comfort and soothe her.

In open court he rushed up to her and lovingly placed his arm on her shoulder. He greeted her most affectionately and also said, "Massey sends his love." I understand this Massey was a Socialist working for the league in Idaho. Perhaps you know who he was. At any rate, he was an old friend of Kate O'Hare, who was sentenced by Judge Wade to five years at Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,
E. B. McCUTCHEON.

LOOK UP THE RECORDS.

Do you know who organized the National Nonpartisan League?

The records of the Federal Court for the District of North Idaho Nonpartisan League was organized by A. C. Townley, Arthur LeSueur, D. C. Darman, A. C. Thompson and E. C. Coats.

Who and what are these men?

The court records at Minot, N. D., show that Townley, LeSueur, Darman and Thompson were Socialists, and all were members of, and had worked as organizers for the I. W. W. The court records at Boise show that D. C. Coates was the chairman of the organization committee of the I. W. W. These are plain statements of facts established by court records and cannot be denied.

TOWNLEY TOLD THE TRUTH ONCE

By Rev. S. R. Maxwell, former Organizer, District Manager and National Lecturer for Nonpartisan League.

Townley has a real purpose and an apparent purpose. His real purpose is concealed by his apparent purpose. His APPARENT purpose is a harmless thing—may verily it is a good thing, and will powerfully appeal to every real American. His REAL purpose is a DEADLY thing. The apparent purpose is a silken glove drawn over the iron hand of the real purpose. The apparent purpose is a good right hand of democracy, in warm welcome extended, while the real purpose is the slick left hand seizing the reins of personal power.

Townley's real purpose was revealed to Bowen when he said, "I am to be BOSS." He has been loyal to his real purpose all through his career from that time to the present. His claim of absolute power has been driven home and clinched on the other side. Clinched? Yes.

Read the articles of Association of the National Nonpartisan League, and be convinced that he has nailed his throne down on the lives and money of the members of the League. These articles furnish the final power and sweep away the last remnants of doubt. Townley dare not publish these articles of agreement in pamphlet form and send each member of the League a copy. If he did, his palace of power would be blown up by a host of deceived and angry farmers. These articles of Association show:

First—That Townley has invested himself with absolute power over every part of the machine that he has built to control the League.

Second—That from his decision, there is no appeal.

Third—That he can perpetrate himself in office until his death.

Fourth—That the members of the League have no voice and no vote in its management. That they are as if they were not.

Fifth—That the only checking power provided for is a committee chosen by Townley himself and subject to his removal at will.

Sixth—That he has been elevated to this throne by himself or by his own appointees to remain until the year 1920 with the power of continuing on that throne as long as he deems it advisable. As I read these articles of Association the other day I thought of some of the speeches I have heard Townley deliver to the farmers, and the thoughts that I now hasten to record come to my mind.

Yes, Townley can denounce the Kaiser of Germany as an autocrat while at the same time he has beat the Kaiser at his own game. He can demand the overthrow of the thrones of power in the industrial world, while he is building a greater throne of his own. He asks the farmers to help him establish democracy while he deprives them of all right to vote in their own organization. He asks them to give him sixteen dollars apiece to help him fight for freedom, while he, at the same time, shuts the doors to the treasury of their own organization against them. He asks them to shake the exploiters of their backs while he holds on to their pocketbooks.

After reading these articles of Association which have been signed, sealed and recorded and delivered, the reader can understand what Townley said to me in the latter part of June, 1918: "Maxwell, I built the League and I own it." For once, my friend, Townley, you have told the truth!

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RED CROSS NOTES.

The rooms will be open each afternoon commencing November 1, and there is a great deal of work cut out ready to be made up. This must go in by Nov. 20, so please come to the Red Cross rooms, get this work and take it home to make up.

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CITY HEALTH BOARD ACTS

Quarantine Established on Influenza Infected Homes.

The city board of health this morning placed under quarantine all homes where there is influenza.

It continued in force its requirement that all convalescents, who are discharged from quarantine, be required to wear masks for a period of seven days.

WHAT THE SINGLE TAX WOULD MEAN TO FARMERS

State or government ownership of land is one of the cardinal principles of socialism. To bring about such a condition is believed to be one of the secret purposes of A. C. Townley and the inner circle of radical socialists and I. W. W.s who have control of the management and finances of the National Nonpartisan League. An official league textbook, "The High Cost of Living," seems to warrant the statement that public ownership of land is one of the purposes, and they propose to bring this about by relieving all other forms of property from taxation and placing it all on land, making the taxes so burdensome that no one can afford to own land.

If this plan should be adopted, this is what would happen in Power County, taking the assessed valuation of 1917, the last complete figures we have.

Valuation of all property for taxation	\$9,574,090
Public Utilities	\$3,217,611
Livestock	553,808
Merchandise, machinery, fixtures, etc.	304,375
Improvements on city property	539,275
Other personal property	435,000

Deduct from assessed valuation \$5,050,069 \$5,050,069

Leaving this total to bear all the taxes \$4,524,021

City real estate 396,562

Farm land \$4,127,519

Farm lands now pay 43 per cent of the taxes. Under the single tax system they would pay 91 per cent. The total taxes levied in the county on the 1917 assessment, exclusive of special school, special highway and all other special taxes, was \$197,870.27, of which lands paid 43 per cent, or \$86,427.10. Under the single tax they would have paid 91 per cent, or \$98,252.70.

Now just dig up your tax receipt and find what proportion of your total taxes your special school and special highway amounted to. In some districts they are more than the county and state taxes, which are the only taxes computed in the above. The districts which have small special levies by reason of public utility property in their districts, would notice the difference at once by a tenfold increase in their special school taxes.

American Falls schools cost upward of \$30,000 a year. Under the single tax system the country would pay a large part of this cost instead of receiving, as now, a revenue from American Falls property to help pay the costs of the country schools.

LETTERS FROM POWER COUNTY SOLDIERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman have received the following letter from their son, Percy, which all his friends will be glad to read:

Somewhere in France, Sept. 9, 1918.

My Dear Mother and Father—Received your letter of July 21st, also the one written about a month before. It has been a long time since I wrote you, don't remember just when it was, but anyway I am still alive and kicking. Hot weather and bad water rather got the best of me but the hottest days are over now and I am feeling fine. Went thru the big American offensive of July and August without a scratch. It sure was a glorious victory for the Yanks.

Being at the front for that length of time partly accounts for my delay in writing.

It was rather interesting after we got into territory previously occupied by the Germans. Every where were piles of German ammunition with equipment scattered all over, left by them in their hurry to get away from the oncoming Americans. I saw many prisoners and every one are big husky fellows, but they are evidently quite cowardly. I have slept in dugouts made by Germans and they were certainly fixed up fine with the furniture taken from French homes. Some dugouts even had pianos in them.

Best of all was the look on the French people when they came to their homes and found the country full of Americans. They realized that the Yanks were the ones that made it possible to return to their homes. I have come down a street in a village and before what looked to be a house one time an old lady was crying and cursing the Boche. Still they seem to be mighty thankful. I could tell you of many many things but I think it will be better to wait till I come home. It seems to me the opinion over here that the war will soon end for we all pushing the Germans back on all fronts. Am relieved to hear that my insurance went thru at last. I had so much trouble with it. My two Liberty Loan bonds were paid up the first of August and beginning with that date I made an allotment of \$15.00 a

month to go to you which you should soon be getting regularly. I ran across my old regiment not long ago and met all the fellows I used to know. You can realize what the meeting meant to a fellow over here. I also met Bill Gorsfield who is in a machine gun outfit. He is the only one I have seen from American Falls. When I get another chance I will send you a German helmet. I have picked up many souvenirs but got tired of carrying them. I have a good one left though which is the name plate of a German airplane. I can't remember of being so excited as when I was lucky enough to be near where the German was forced to land by an American aviator. It was his first encounter with an enemy plane. As we were in marching order when the fight took place I could not leave the column, but was there early next morning. I talked to the American. He was a fine fellow about 23 years old. I am having quite a time writing this, sitting cramped in my pup day. I will close for this time and season is on again so it rains every ten which leaks quite a bit. The rainy will try and write often hereafter. With love to all. Your son,

Pvt. Percy C. Newman, Sup. Co. 150 F. A. American E. F. France.

THE SINGLE TAX AND LAND VALUES.

In that the leaders of the league have officially heralded Frederic C. Howe's book, "The High Cost of Living," as "The League Text Book," it is certainly fair and proper to quote from it as correctly voicing the sentiments of the league leaders. Here is what "The League Text Book" says:

"Of all the measures proposed for the solution of these problems the taxation of land values is the simplest and most effective."

"This reform, known generally as the single tax, is comparatively easy to inaugurate. It can be put into effect by the legislature of any state or by a county where home rule in taxation exists, by an act which exempts from local taxation all houses, barns, improvements, growing crops, machinery, and personal property of every nature, by merely exempting these kinds of property from taxation all taxes will automatically fall upon the land. No other taxes will be levied. As a result the taxes on land will be automatically increased."

"If the tax upon the land was increased to 2 per cent, on the actual value it would become such a burden that owners would seek some means of escape from it. A tax of 2 per cent on land valued at \$100 an acre would amount to \$2 per acre."

"For as taxes on land are increased the price of all land diminishes, if the tax amounted to 5 or 6 per cent of the selling value, land would have very little value. And the taxation of all land values up to the full amount of the rental value is the aim of those who believe in the single tax philosophy."

If this does not mean that the purpose is to make every farmer a tenant, what does it mean?

RED CROSS SEEKS AID.

Persons willing to make soup, bake bread, or do other service for the aid of families where there is sickness, are requested to telephone their names to the secretary of the Red Cross, evenings at 115-J and during the day, 76.

insult to the rights and the intelligence of the faithful Democrats of the state who have carried the party's banner through long years of adversity.

"In my judgment Mr. Samuels is totally unfitted for the position of governor and I believe this opinion will be sustained by the voters overwhelmingly."

"The same position applies to L. I. Purcell, candidate for congress, who has been a lifelong Republican, participating the Republican state platform convention in June and was active as a member of the resolution committee."

"The Bolsheviki-Nonpartisan program is running true to form. It flies the black flag of hypocrisy, falsehood and deceit. Its principles are those of the Prussian and the Bolsheviki contempt for the rights of others and the unscrupulous concealment of its real principles. The so-called appeal, Nonpartisan, is distinctly untrue, as the aggregation led by the Dakota adventurers is aggressively partisan, Socialistic and un-American."

"As state committeemen for this county, which has always loyally delivered its party goods, I call upon all faithful Democrats, both in the county and state, to repudiate Messrs. Samuels, Purcell, Jeppesen, et al., and the sinister adventurers behind them."

WAR SITUATION LOOKS GOOD ON ALL ALLIED FRONTS

40,000 Austrians Made Prisoners; Armistice Terms of General Foch said to Have Reached Berlin.

Today's war news is by far the most encouraging yet received from the allied front, and, if one may be permitted to make a prediction without even seemingly lending aid to the enemy, we would say, it will be over very soon. We should not, however, let appearances deceive us, nor in any manner, or by the least degree relax in our efforts to aid in its conclusion, by the sacrifices we have been making. While hope burns eternal in the human breast, its ends are best attained by continuous effort for its accomplishment.

From every front the enemy is being driven back and numerous prisoners, many guns and much stores are being captured. Negotiations toward an armistice and peace are reaching a most favorable aspect. A few of the latest bulletins give the gist of the reports as follows:

London—The latest estimate of Austrian prisoners in the present big drive is 40,000.

Copenhagen—Marshal Foch's armistice terms reached Berlin on Tuesday night. It is declared by the Vossische Zeitung.

Washington—Heavy artillery fire on the American front east of the Meuse and destruction of 21 enemy airplanes were noted by General Foch today.

Wear masks and stop spread of disease.

An Example of Half-Truths Put Out by the National Organs of the Nonpartisan League.

WHAT THE TOWNLEY PAPER PRINTED

Accompanying the text by a picture of Lincoln, the Minnesota Leader, the official organ of the Nonpartisan league in Minnesota, in its issue of May 11, published the following under the caption, "A Message from Lincoln":

To the Workmen's Association, 1864:

Beware of prejudices working division among you. The strongest bond of sympathy outside of the family relations should be one uniting all working people of all nations and tongues and kindreds.

—Abraham Lincoln.

In the adjoining column is the paragraph from which the Townley quotation was lifted, a fragment here and another there, the result being an utter distortion of the substance and a falsification of the sense.

The accuracy of the quotation as it appears in the adjoining column can easily be verified by anyone who has access to a compilation of the letters and addresses of Lincoln. It is given in Volume X of the Nicolay and Hay edition of Lincoln's works.

The capitalized words in the Lincoln quotation have been omitted entirely from the Townley paper's quotation.

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INFLUENZA SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT IMPROVED

Peak of Epidemic Probably Not Reached, But Fewer Serious Cases are Reported Than in the Past—Many Entire Families Down.

It is believed the influenza situation is slightly improved, although there are many distressing cases and a few dangerously ill. The entire families of Andrew May, and W. P. Field of Rockland are ill. There are six cases at the Frodsham hotel, including Mrs. Will Oliver and children. There are fifteen cases in the Rockland hospital and four more were expected last night, and all are reported as getting along reasonably well.

Pneumonia has developed or is threatening in several cases. John Thorne is very ill and so is Moses Kinneer. Ernest Jones is not doing well, and is threatened with pneumonia. H. C. Boley's children are ill and the family of one of the Perry's is reported all down. There are many other cases. Half the families, possibly, have sick or convalescents.

In the Arbon country there are several entire families ill, and single cases in many others. West of town there are no reports.

In American Falls the number of cases is increasing, although there are few serious ones. L. L. Evans, Jr., is one of the more serious cases. He was reported better last night. The hospital is full, and four of the five nurses are down. Two of them are recovering rapidly and expect to be up soon. The rooming houses are pretty well filled. There are several at the Baugh and one case is reported from the Remington, a man named Cannon from Salt Lake.

Eight members of the Butters' family, living near the hospital, are ill with influenza.

Ross Bolton is also down, and quite sick.

Greater care is being exercised and it is hoped this will result in checking the spread of the disease.

Mrs. Hunter, of Pocatello, in charge of volunteer nurses for this part of the state, was here and in Rockland yesterday, and was well satisfied with conditions. The situation, she stated, was as satisfactory and well handled as could be expected. Coming from Pocatello, where there are a thousand cases or more, the conditions here appeared better to her than they do to those afflicted.

Five Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported since Tuesday:

Newell Young, hospital, American Falls.

Joe Kilm, hospital, American Falls.

Mrs. Lawrence Roy, Roy.

Mrs. Ingelberg Wanke, American Falls.

Mrs. Alma Wood, American Falls.

REPORTED DEATH FROM RABIES.

The death of a four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hoagland, of Wapi, is reported. The child died Wednesday. It is said that a dog bit the child and several hogs at the Hoagland place. The dog was killed and the head sent away for the rabies test, and word came back that the animal was not afflicted. Nevertheless, the child and the hogs have all died.

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The Power County News managed to get out its last issue before election without printing the letter from the State Liberty Loan committee calling the editor's attention to the injustice he had done D. W. Davis, and expressing the hope that he would be fair enough to make correction.

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