

FARMERS SHOULD KNOW HEADS OF NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

What the Organization Is and Record of Men Who Seek Initiation Fees in Nebraska.

Wahoo, Neb., March 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was glad to read the letter of O. G. Smith, about the Nonpartisan league, in your paper on Friday. I agree with him that it is time that the Nebraska farmers were looking into this proposition. He is a big, broad-minded man, whose integrity, patriotism and loyalty to the farmers can never be questioned, and just the man to lead, if an investigation is to be made.

For my own personal information, I have looked up the history of this league. In doing so, I have discovered some things, which I think will be of interest to the general public in Nebraska. I propose to write a few letters to your paper on the subject, and I believe the farmers of Nebraska will be interested in them.

Farmers in Control.

The farmers of Nebraska are patriotic. Nebraska legislatures have stood in the front rank with progressive legislation. We have fought it out with the trusts, the railroads, and the breweries, until today there are few states in the union which have so-called big business under better control than the state of Nebraska. The farmers of Nebraska are not socialists and I do not believe they will knowingly join the socialist party or adopt the platform of that party.

An organization such as the Nonpartisan league must be judged by its leaders, or by men who manage its affairs, and by its platform and declaration of principles. Mr. Smith asks, is this movement an attempt to run the farmers into the socialist party, and he says that it has been charged that the leaders of the league are adventurers. I find there is some evidence to support these charges.

As to the managers of the league, I find this startling state of affairs. The whole organization is under the domination of one A. C. Townley and four or five close associates. These men have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars, and have never rendered a complete accounting to the membership of the league. Mr. Townley in his bankruptcy hearing, testified that Thomas Keyes, of St. Paul, is treasurer of the national organization, and of each state organization. Therefore, not only the management, but the handling of all the money is given to those few men in St. Paul.

Who are the Men?

Now who are these men, who are asking the Nebraska farmers, to pay them \$16 a piece?

A. C. Townley, is and always has been the head of the nonpartisan league. Until he organized the league he had always been a rank socialist.

It is said that in 1911, he organized a company to plant wheat on an extensive scale. He tried closing every other opening in the drill, and planted the rows of wheat wide apart. The weeds, having plenty of room to grow, soon choked out the wheat, and the men who had backed Mr. Townley, lost about \$70,000.

A few years later at Beach, N. D., he organized a company to raise flax. I have not space to give the details of his management, but he failed for an enormous sum, and has just finished going through bankruptcy to clear himself of the indebtedness.

I wonder if he is the proper man for the farmers of Nebraska to entrust with handling their \$16, and with their political organization? But let us see about some of the others.

A. Meitzen, a socialist who was brought in to conduct meetings in German, and was editor of the German edition of the nonpartisan leader until the war regulations put an end to that edition.

Arthur LeSeuer, one of the league attorneys. Formerly socialist mayor of Minot; now in the St. Paul headquarters of the league. Was thrown in jail at Minot and convicted during the Industrial Workers of the World riots in 1913. His wife secured a divorce some time ago.

D. C. Dorman, socialist, now in charge of the Montana league organization work; also arrested and thrown in jail at Minot during the famous Minot raids, and convicted.

Ray McKaig, organizer of state of Idaho, who rushed up to Kate Richards O'Hare after her conviction and sympathized with her.

N. A. Mason, socialist; now private secretary to Governor Frazier at Bismarck.

Walter Thomas Mills, advertised as a famous economic orator; is one of the biggest socialists in the United States. A friend of Kate Richards O'Hare.

Governor Frazier's Record.

Governor Frazier, the nonpartisan league governor of North Dakota, would not have been tolerated in the state of Nebraska. He refused to issue any proclamation relative to war work until forced to do so by patriotic citizens. He invited the peace council, which had been refused permission to meet in several states, to come to Fargo, and promised protection for the meetings.

I am informed that Mr. Evans, who is now state organizer in Nebraska, was a socialist until he joined the Nonpartisan league and that the man who was state secretary for the socialists in Nebraska during the summer of 1917, is now organizer for the Nonpartisan league in the state.

I wonder how many farmers of Nebraska who have paid their \$16 for membership in the Nonpartisan league, knew when they did so that they were associating themselves with men like these?

EMERSON BANKER IS GIVEN COAT OF TAR AND FEATHERS

Refuses to Sign Check for Red Cross Aid After Scoring Work of This Organization.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—Rudolph Schopke, Emerson, Neb., banker, was tarred and feathered and driven through the streets of the town because of alleged pro-German sympathies, according to information reaching Lincoln today.

It is alleged that he told Red Cross workers he owed the United States nothing and that they could go to hell as far as he was concerned.

Schopke is said to be worth more than a half million dollars, but several weeks ago declined to buy a "Red Cross goat" for \$15.

When Schopke refused to sign a check for \$500 for war work, which was demanded by an angry mob of citizens Saturday evening, he was escorted to the edge of town and the coat of tar and feathers applied, it is reported.

Schopke located at Emerson 35 years ago and had just half a dollar in his pocket, it is said. He is said to be an alien enemy.

The incident was related to the State Council of Defense by a citizen of Emerson.

State Officials Do Not Look for Execution Soon

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, April 1.—(Special.)—Although Vincent Grammer and Alton B. Cole are under sentence to die in the state penitentiary here July 12 for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt at St. Paul, Neb., prison officials are making no arrangements to install an electric chair.

Grammer and Cole were brought to Lancaster Monday afternoon and placed in the safe-keeping cell.

Warden Enton is of the opinion that Cole will appeal from the sentence and his would automatically stay the execution until the high court makes its decision. Cole, however, pleaded guilty to the murder charge.

Sheriff Atwood, who brought the prisoners to the penitentiary, said Grammer had indicated he would carry his fight for life to the supreme court.

Two Cedar Bluffs Men Forced to Kiss the Flag

Fremont, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—John Fenstermacher Sr. and Frank Smejkal, two Cedar Bluffs residents, were made to kiss the flag for alleged disloyal remarks.

Fenstermacher was charged with making the statement that it would be an easy matter to burn the elevator, although guarded by the home guards. He said he meant nothing disrespectful, but other remarks he was heard to make caused to be brought before the guards. He complied with the requests and kissed the flag.

Smejkal was less responsive and refused to go to the armory when called. A squad of guards was delegated to bring him. At first he refused to answer the questions.

Fenstermacher will be required to salute every time he passes for a specified time the new flags to be raised at Cedar Bluffs.

Ellsworth Citizens Form Red Cross Chapter

Ellsworth, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Ellsworth chapter of the Red Cross was established here today with a membership of 50. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Al Moore, chairman; Mrs. C. L. Murphy, treasurer; Miss Nell Shrewsbury, secretary. Mrs. J. Sellers and Mrs. J. H. Willey of Ellsworth, who were the organizers, suggested a line of work that will be of great benefit to our soldier boys, both at the front and in the various cantonments, which will be taken up immediately.

The membership will be augmented at the big rally and dance to be held Saturday night, April 6. This now will be under the management of the local chapter and the biggest event of the season promised.

Lutheran Pastor Indicted By Grand Jury at Eustis

Eustis, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. Johann Hiltner, pastor of the Lutheran church, has been indicted by the grand jury for alleged violation of the espionage act, it became known here today.

Hiltner is alleged to have said the "Kaiser is right and the United States had no business to enter the war."

Hiltner, however, denies the accusation and protests that he is a loyal American. He was born in Germany, but took out first papers in Kansas. He says moving from Kansas to Nebraska prevented him from taking out second papers before war was declared.

Scottsbluff High School Meets New Requirements

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, April 1.—(The Scottsbluff High school has met Smith-Hughes requirements for federal and state aid in vocational agriculture and has received recognition by the state board.

W. A. Dunbar, the agricultural instructor, is employed for 12 months in the year at a salary of \$1,600. The federal government pays one-half, the state one-fourth and the local school district one-fourth of the salary.

Winnebago Now Owns Famous Red Cross Mascot Goat

Winnebago, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The Winnebago local Red Cross chapter now is owner of the famous Red Cross goat. As a result of today's sales this goat is rapidly gaining fame as the American Red Cross mascot. The Winnebago chapter will loan him to any and all chapters or branch chapters desiring to put on a successful sale.

DODGE EXPERTS SAY SEED CORN POOR

Farm Demonstrator Hogue Warns Farmers of Soil That They Must Exercise Care in Their Selection.

Fremont, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A writ of mandamus ordering Clerk George F. Basler to place the name of Charles W. Harris, republican candidate for council, top position that of Henry C. Dahl, instead of Frank H. Wallace on the city ticket, was issued by Judge Button in district court. Mr. Harris, who brought the action, claimed his name had been placed on the ballot for the long term instead of for the short term by error, Basler, it is alleged, refused to make the change.

W. A. Cobb Dead.

W. A. Cobb, Fremont pioneer, died suddenly at his home here, following an illness of a few hours. Mr. Cobb was 77 years of age and a native of Germany. He was the first captain of Fremont Company E, Nebraska National Guard. He served during the civil war. For years he was engaged in the lumber and grain business in Fremont.

In addition to voting for city clerk, members of council and two school nonpartisan school board members at the city election will be asked to say whether the city shall issue bonds in the sum of \$75,000 to finance the installation of a sewage disposal plant.

Seed Corn Bad.

At a meeting of the Dodge county farm agricultural bureau at Scribner, R. C. Hogue, who is acting farm demonstrator until L. C. Christ, selected for that position, reports for duty, submitted a written report on the seed corn situation in the county.

Mr. Hogue found, after careful tests, that on an average less than 50 percent of the 1917 crop is fit for seed. He advised the use of the 1916 crop wherever it is possible to get it. A canvass among the farmers in attendance at the meetings, showed that there is no scarcity of farm help. Prevailing prices are \$40 to \$50 a month.

J. R. Quein Withdraws as Candidate at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—J. R. Quein, who purchased a ranch near Potter, Neb., Saturday, wired Mayor Saunders from that point to have his name withdrawn from the ballot as a candidate for city commissioner at the election Tuesday. As the ballots have been printed his name cannot be taken off. The withdrawal of Mr. Quein from the race leaves but five candidates to be voted upon next Tuesday, as follows: J. W. Mayer, W. E. Rife, J. R. C. Field, Ray Heffelfinger and Wallace Weigle.

Adam Muck, formerly of this city, died at his home at Lincoln Friday, aged 68 years. Heart disease was the cause of death. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Al Jessup and Mrs. D. S. Whitcomb, both of this city. Interment was at Adams.

W. W. Scott Saturday purchased the bottling plant of E. A. Dittmar of this city, trading a farm near Goodland, Kan., in the deal.

John Gorman, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gorman of West Beatrice, died suddenly Saturday of heart disease.

The traveling men of this city held a meeting Saturday evening and took steps to organize a home guard company. Another meeting will be held next Saturday night, at which time they expect to organize a company.

Farmers report that winter wheat in this section is looking good, but that a soaking rain to thoroughly moisten the ground is badly needed.

A council of the Knights and Ladies of Security was organized at Cortland Saturday night. 70 members of this city, trading a farm near Goodland, Kan., in the deal.

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The Nonpartisan league meeting planned for Pickrel Saturday night by Organizer Bennett was not held owing to the fact that the business men of that place protested against such a meeting being held.

Two Howard County Men Sentenced to Die in Chair

Grand Island, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Allen Vincent Grammer and Alton B. Cole were sentenced at St. Paul last yesterday to be electrocuted Friday July 12. They were convicted of the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt, of Elba, mother-in-law of Grammer.

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FRIES AND OLSON ESCAPE FROM WAHOO

Two Members of Legislature Finally Make Appearance in Lincoln After Exciting Adventure in Saunders County.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Legislative survivors of the "Battle of Wahoo" today, when the roll of the house was called, this afternoon none was reported among the missing. At one time great fear was entertained that Representative Soren M. Fries, dean of the house, had been either captured or seriously incapacitated, as it was reported that when the troop train which carried the members of the legislature to the scene of conflict pulled out in a hurry, Representative Fries and Representative Olson were missing.

Mr. Fries is now serving his eighth consecutive term in the legislature, most of the time as chairman of the committee on claims. To lose him now when the legislature may have to put in deficiency claims for salaries at the next session would be nothing less than a legislative calamity.

Some members blame Representative Taylor for inviting Messrs Fries and Olson to go with him to Wahoo and then leaving them to their fate in the retreat when they evacuated the town. But others insist that it was not to be expected that Mr. Taylor should remember the other fellows, for had he not for the first time in his life been deprived of a chance to talk when he had a perfectly good load of language in his system and was forced to hold it in check?

Others say that when a man is springing to get away from possible danger he is stopped from worrying about the other fellows. But Fries and Olson discovered a train making progress toward Lincoln and they boarded it and were saved.

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Topless Corsets, \$2.00

White Silk Dotted Batiste Topless Models, with rubber band all around the top, at.....\$2.00

Basement Draperies

Now, when you want new draperies, here are two low priced specials for Tuesday.

Curtain Samples, 19c Each

One Table of Salesmen's Curtain Samples, pretty lace and filet, many with lace edges, slightly soiled, special, each.....19c

Curtain Material, 19c

2,000 Yards of Fancy Dotted and Figured Swiss, 36 and 40 inches wide, worth on the bolt 29c a yard; lengths 2 to 10 yards, sale price.....19c

Genuine Wizard Mops and Polish

Special—A 75c size Wizard Mop, a Dust Cloth and a bottle of Wizard 69c

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1-pint 40c 1-quart 75c

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Unusually low price on these items for Tuesday.

White and Gold Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, a set.....\$19.85
Star Cut Table Tumblers, each.....10c
Glass Bread Bakers, each.....69c
Glass Casserole, 8-inch, oblong shape, each.....\$1.25

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