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News Notes From Everywhere

NORTH DAKOTA



WILLIAM LANGER, turn-coat attorney general, and **R. A. Nestos** of Minot are both announced candidates of the anti-League forces for

governor, with a possibility that **John Steen**, former state treasurer, also will file. While the anti-Leaguers are thus fighting among themselves the League forces are preparing for a rousing state convention, which will be held soon, to nominate another winning ticket to duplicate the successes of 1918.

County conventions were an overwhelming success throughout the state. In all counties in which there were labor unions, organized labor was given representation. More than three-fourths of the counties decided to put up county tickets. Twenty counties have adopted the county manager plan.

Fred Argast, who has been holding meetings in three southern counties in which the League met with losses at the referendum election due to misrepresentations of the opposition, reports that the farmers are fully aware of the deceptions practiced upon them and are stronger for the League than ever before.

Spurgeon Odell has been holding a series of big meetings throughout the northern part of the state. Senators **McCarten** and **Cahill** also are holding big series of meetings and report enthusiasm everywhere.

Former service men of Cass county are putting up a local ticket to oppose old gang political candidates.

Doctor John H. Worst, immigration commissioner, reports many new farmers coming to the state.

NEBRASKA

The constitutional convention has adjourned without adopting any measure to remedy the growth of land tenantry, without including the recall of public officials in the list of measures to be submitted to the people and without changing the provision that limits the amount of state indebtedness to \$100,000. The new constitution will be voted upon at a special election September 21.

Nonpartisan league candidates for congress in the third, fifth and sixth districts are making vigorous campaigns for nomination on the Republican ticket. **Fred L. Crowley** of Battle Creek in the third district, **Edwin W. Reed** of Haigler in the fifth district and **J. D. Ream** of Broken Bow in the sixth district are the candidates. They are being supported by the railroad men and union labor.

Reports from over the state indicate that the mass convention of organized farmers and organized labor and other progressives on May 4, called to indorse or nominate candidates for state offices, will be the most enthusiastic gathering held in Nebraska in many years.

George C. Porter, attorney of Morrill, candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general and who was indorsed by the League, is making an active campaign. Porter will poll a large labor vote in Omaha and other labor centers.

In a speech to a massmeeting of women that filled the Lincoln city auditorium, **W. J. Bryan** indorsed the Nonpartisan league program of government ownership whenever necessary to curb monopoly.

The speech of an imported orator to the boys and girls of the South Omaha high school, in which he denounced the initiative and referendum and ridicul-

ed the Declaration of Independence, has aroused a storm of criticism in Omaha. The Omaha post of the American Legion has openly disavowed any connection with the Northwest Warriors, who brought the speaker to Nebraska.

KANSAS

Labor has made the initial move toward political action through a farmer-labor convention, held in Emporia on Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23, at the call of the president of the State Federation of Labor. **George J. Klein** of Barton county, field representative of the Nonpartisan league, was requested to address the conference on three different occasions and was heartily received. An incident of the convention was the public announcement on the part of a delegate from Ellis county that he had been a party to the attempted mobbing of a League organizer in that county last year, but that he had been convinced that he was wrong in opposing the farmers' movement and had been misled by big business influence. The convention passed resolutions pledging itself to nonpartisan political action.

Kansans opposed to state ownership are frequently forgetful of the fact that the state now operates a state-owned industry that has proved something of a benefit to the farmers. It is the state-owned twine plant, which **James A. Kimball**, state business agent, says will market its product this year at 50 cents per 100 pounds less than the trust prices, and in addition will save the difference in freight between Chicago and Lansing, about 40 cents per 100 pounds. The wheat harvest generally requires about 30,000,000 pounds of twine and the state plant will furnish about 2,000,000 pounds of this amount, which will largely be handled through the farmers' co-operative organizations.

The farmer-labor political convention just held in this state demonstrated the fact that the labor boys realize how the farmers are being robbed in unfair grain grading. They inserted a "plank" in their platform calling for "Revision of grain grading laws to permit producers to realize the full milling value of grain, and requiring payment for dockage." If the League farmers and the laboring men can get together and cause the enactment of such a law it will be worth the whole effort, to say nothing of the other advantages which will come to them by political co-operation.

MINNESOTA

There are now seven avowed Republican candidates for governor of Minnesota, five of whom have already filed. The list is as follows: **Doctor Henrik Shipstead** (farmer-labor), **Thomas Frankson**, **J. A. Schmahl**, **M. J. Dowling**, **Thomas Keefe**, **F. E. Ellsworth** and **Frank Nelson**. Ellsworth withdrew a few weeks ago after conducting a flirtation with the Nonpartisan league farmers and organized labor, but has changed his mind again and decided to enter the campaign in opposition to the farmer-labor forces. **Schmahl** and **Dowling** will submit their candidacy to an "elimination" convention to be held early in May. **W. I. Nolan**, speaker of the house in the last legislature, and **J. A. O. Preus**, state auditor, also will be considered in the "elimination" convention planned in defiance of the direct primary law. Nelson has not announced his attitude toward the elimination plan.

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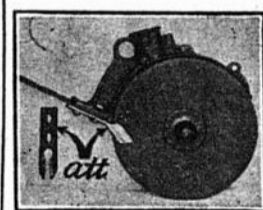
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