

pearing in the Minnesota Leader in support of tonnage tax.

KANSAS

The mob spirit in Kansas is gaining the ascendancy, and the deplorable part of it is that in every instance where it has been exercised against a League organizer the American Legion has been involved. Recently Organizer Thomas L. Buie was invited to hold a farmers' meeting at the home of H. G. Holloway, near Fowler, in Meade county. There were a number of farmers present and Mr. Buie had just begun to speak when the phone rang and the speaker was called to the phone. In about 45 minutes after the parties had found where he was four cars containing the mob drove into Mr. Holloway's yard. At the front door they were met by Mrs. Holloway, who invited them in, but only two accepted the invitation. Once inside the mobsters sized up the farmers but evidently lost heart and withdrew, after informing Mr. Holloway that they had a warrant for his arrest, which, however, they were unable to produce. They said they represented the American Legion. On the next night Mr. Buie held a meeting about six miles north, in Gray county, and was there arrested and charged with everything that comes under the provisions of the anti-syndicalism law passed at the special session of the legislature.

Phil E. Zimmerman, the traveling salesman, who has persistently fought the League in Kansas and who recently complained that the business interests of the state were not putting up sufficient money to finance his "anti-Bolshevik" campaign, has returned to Kansas and again taken up the work.

WASHINGTON STATE

An agreement signed by the state manager of the Nonpartisan league and the chairman of the state Triple alliance has healed a breach which for a time had separated the workers' and farmers' political organizations in Washington. Under this agreement the Nonpartisan league will work exclusively among the farmers and the Alliance among industrial workers. The Triple alliance will hold its convention at the same time as the Nonpartisan league, and each will name a conference committee to agree on a platform and on candidates.

Walter Thomas Mills, completing a five months' survey of the state, has expressed the opinion that the producers will carry the state this year. Mr. Mills has finished his tour in Washington and has gone to his home in California before starting a tour of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

A report has been made by Attorney General Palmer in the investigation by the federal department of justice into the alleged wheat steal in Washington manipulated by Max Houser, former deputy food administrator. The report whitewashes Houser.

Many counties of the state held precinct primaries May 15 and named delegates to county conventions and also named county committeemen.

WISCONSIN

At a conference held recently in Milwaukee, attended by representatives of the Nonpartisan league, the Equity society, the railroad brotherhoods, the American Federation of Labor, La Follette Republicans and the Committee of Forty-eight, a statement of principles was agreed upon which, if ratified by the various elements, will be the basis for a state campaign in the September primaries upon which all will unite.

With the establishment of the long-

expected Wisconsin Leader, the holding of the various conventions, and the energetic organization work of State Manager Emil Pladsen and Office Manager W. C. Zumach, the work in Wisconsin is beginning to hum. Organizers are meeting with great success in every part of the state.

Nonpartisan league primaries were held throughout counties in which the League is organized on May 4. County conventions are now being held, the first being that of Dane county, in which Madison is located, on May 17.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Nonpartisan league and labor forces of Sioux Falls and vicinity are planning one of the largest picnics and celebrations in the history of that section of the state for May 29. The occasion will be in the nature of an open air meeting, with good speakers, amusements, edibles and music. The picnic will be held at one of the parks in Sioux Falls and will mark the launching of the political campaign for that part of the state.

The farmers of Lake county are negotiating for the purchase of the Wentworth Enterprise and the Chester Journal. If the deal is consummated the two papers will be consolidated and issued from Wentworth as an independent people's publication, supporting the farmers' ticket.

NEBRASKA

The American Legion band of Lincoln Post No. 3, of Lincoln, Neb., has voted to become affiliated with the musicians' union. In a statement to the press Commander Chappel of Lincoln Post No. 3 declared himself much pleased with the action of the band and stated that the American Legion had absolutely no intention of fighting union labor.

Thomas Van Lear, former mayor of Minneapolis, held a series of meetings in Nebraska, ending with an evening address at Omaha at the Labor temple. He delivered addresses at North Platte, Fremont, Columbus and Omaha to large and enthusiastic audiences.

MONTANA

Miles City, the scene of mobbings of League speakers in the past, held a successful League meeting without interference from any of the disorderly elements. The reason that the meeting was free from interference was that Attorney General Ford was conducting a "round-up" of lawbreakers on the day of the meeting, raiding 14 gambling joints, 18 houses of prostitution and 5 blind pigs. The lawbreakers were so busy trying to defend themselves that they had no opportunity to marshal their forces and break up the farmers' meeting.

TEXAS

The League and labor have opened joint offices in Houston for an immediate primary campaign to nominate legislative candidates. In this district, at a recent special election, the League candidate for state senator carried the city of Houston and Harris county by 400 votes. In the coming primaries the League candidates expect to carry the entire district.

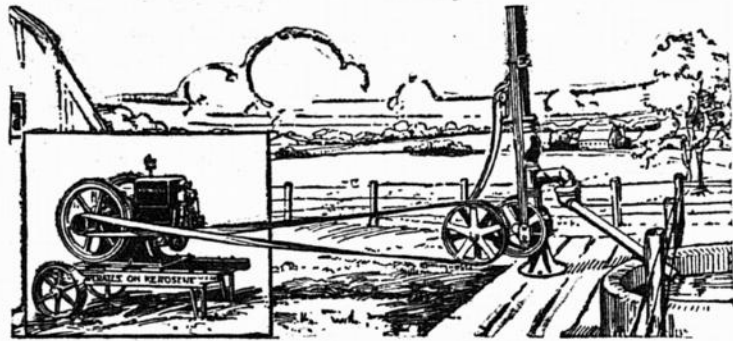
Labor elected two of its three candidates in school elections in El Paso.

GENERAL

The Committee of Forty-eight has called a national convention at Chicago for July 10-13, both dates inclusive, to organize a new political party. The national convention of the Labor party will be held at Chicago July 4. It is likely that these two liberal groups may unite on a ticket.

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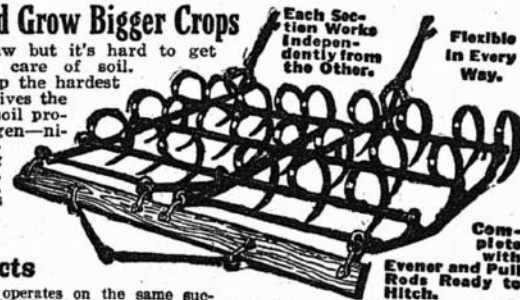
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