

LETTER FROM TRUBSHAW

Valley City, N. D., Feb. 19.

Editor Binford Times:

I note that my record on tax legislation is being attacked by the Sentinel-Courier at Cooperstown. I am not concerned about my vote on that measure, which is just in every particular, but having no chance to get the facts before the people of Griggs county, I am writing you a few lines to let you get at the truth.

Senate Bill 255, the tax measure, was passed by the senate first, of course, but there were four league senators, evidently fair-minded and who wanted to do the best they could for the farmers of the state, who voted for that bill—Messrs. Ingerson, Ettestad, Nathan and Peck four prominent leaguers and men who voted absolutely right on this measure. The vote on this bill was taken in the senate on Feb. 20, 1923, on page 26 of the Senate Journal of that date. Mr. Ingerson has been prominently mentioned as a league candidate for governor and if his record was right mine ought to be equally as good.

Some time ago I noticed that Representative E. E. Iverson, of your district, was very enthusiastically endorsed by the nonpartisan leaguers up there. Mr. Iverson also voted for this bill and on page 37 of the house journal of March 1, 1923, will be found the vote. He voted right. He was trying to reduce taxes for the farmer which this bill did. But if his vote was right in the eyes of his nonpartisan friends, surely I should be entitled to the same endorsement as to my vote on that bill, to say the least. I have no apologies to offer as to my record—I voted as I thought best for the people of the state and the district I had the honor to represent, and am just giving you these facts so that the truth can be known. "By their words ye shall know them." And if the angels are going to pray for me the coming campaign as suggested by your Cooperstown friend, then they should have a big chorus for Mr. Iverson, for he voted the same as I and he also voted right in my estimation. What a lot of piffle there is in peanut politics.

Sincerely,

P. R. Trubshaw.