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By the way, how is the digging of our Panama ditch progressing?

One Johnson too many in Minneapolis this year to suit Mr. Frank Day's convenience.

The difference between a mechanical and a human crank is that one can be turned and the other can't.

Senator Platt declares that he married an impecunious termagant. Good enough for the old libertine.

We always thought Frank O'Day was a social sort of a fellow. But it seems he is very un-social at present.

Frank Day: Get me a gun and I will hie me to Minneapolis and shoot that presumptuous John Johnson before breakfast.

We fail to see why republican newspapers or the republican state committee should dance to Frank Day's discordant music.

Two Johnsons are now candidates for governor of Minnesota and the cry of "too much Johnson" goeth up from the kitchen cabinet.

If Mr. Cole's vote falls short of expectations he can safely attribute the result—partially at least—to his trotting about the state with one Samuel Vansant.

Dr. Forbes Winslow has computed that within a short period there will be actually more lunatics in the world than sane people. We occasionally incline to the belief that there are now.

Wagner, who won the Vanderbilt cup in the international automobile race, made 297 miles in 290 minutes. But the roads of course differed materially from those we have hereabouts.

You will generally find the man who fails to pay his bills walking on the shady side of the street in winter and the sunny side in summer. By this means does he evade coming into contact with his creditors.

The ancient Greeks, according to an exchange, were even more unscrupulous than the packers of Chicago. The exchange says that Aristides was canned in Athens. There is no record, however, of who ate the old chap.

There is at least one party to which Governor John cannot be accused of belonging, and that is the prohibitionist. He has, however, been a greenbacker, a populist, a democrat and a republican. He is now a mugwump.

Football fatality returns have already commenced to come in. A young man at Sterling, Kentucky, and another in Toronto, Canada, have been killed while engaged in the game. The revision of the rules does not seem to have made the playing of the game any safer.

There is not the scintilla of a doubt that Hon. Knute Nelson will succeed himself in the United States senate. The few politicians opposing him are doing so for purely personal reasons. But scarcely anyone places credence in their allegations, and their opposition will enhance, rather than retard, Mr. Nelson's election.

Another murder has been committed in Minneapolis. Upon this occasion a negro was assassinated. If this sort of thing continues in the "reformed" city it will be necessary for its inhabitants to go about clad in coats of mail, for the assassin and the sandbagger are prowling around o' nights in large number.

E. A. Nelson, former state librarian, is said to be looking for the secretaryship of the senate in opposition to Sam Langum. Nelson calls himself a republican, but he is in reality a Johnson toady, and he will find that his hypocritical maneuvering in the last campaign has not been forgotten and will result in his being thrown down hard.

Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale university tells us that we should eat slowly. But has the professor ever followed this principle while traveling on a railroad where the train stops only five minutes for dinner and the meal costs one dollar?

There are thousands of Johnsons in Minnesota, many of them are ambitious politically, and it is not to be wondered at that two of them want to be governor this year. The wonder is that there are not more Johnsons in the gubernatorial race.

If Gov. Johnson is re-elected he will make a strenuous recommendation to the legislature to enact a law that will prevent socialists of any description from being candidates for office, more especially socialists bearing the euphonious name of Johnson.

An Isanti gentleman informs the Union that Tornberg's confidence in the voters of the 45th district has been so irreparably rent and torn asunder by the primary result that he threatens to vamoose the country. But, under the circumstances, what other result could Tornberg expect?

A congressional campaign text book has recently been issued by the democratic national committee and in it President Roosevelt is the subject of unjustified attack. Mr. Bryan, who is an ardent admirer of the president, might now be expected to at any time flop over to the republicans.

The republican voters must supply the sinews of war this time. The corporations will not, and what is more, they are not being asked to.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Without being asked, however, the corporations are filling the corruption barrels of the democratic state central committee.

It is a notable fact that not once in his spellbinding speeches, while touring the state with Candidate Cole, has one Samuel Vansant referred to his dissolution of the merger. Candidate Cole has probably made it clear to the bombastic nonentity that the dissolution has not yet materialized.

A process for tempering gold, silver and copper has, according to the Scientific American, been discovered by Z. F. Vaughn of Los Angeles. The tempering of copper was known to the ancients, as shown by edged tools in many European museums, but the art had been a lost one until rediscovered by Mr. Vaughn.

Representatives of the oil trust declare that unless the fight against that corporation is discontinued in Ohio the two independent concerns doing business there will be withdrawn from the state.—Associated Press.

This seems to substantiate our contention, as expressed heretofore in these columns, that the so-called "independent" oil concerns are part and parcel of the Standard company.

While the printers' strike has by no means been settled the indications are that the union will in the end win out. The Typothetae shops are gradually acceding to the demands of the union and at this time but few card-men are idle. Advertisers from Duluth say that the Typothetae in that city has been successfully smashed, all but four of the open shops having signed the scale, and that scarcity of printers has made necessary the importation of union men from the twin cities.

It has been deemed necessary by the state board of equalization to increase the percentage of assessment on real and personal property throughout the country districts, and the county of Mille Lacs is no exception. But how could it possibly be otherwise when the assessments on the property of corporations and jobbers in the city of Minneapolis have been reduced millions of dollars? It does not require the brains of an expert mathematician to figure that this reduction in Minneapolis must be made up from some other source. Neither does it require the faculties of a seer to determine the purpose for which this discriminatory action was instituted. Governor John is thereby liquidating his political debt to Minneapolis, and courting further favors, while the farmers and other residents of the country districts in the state have to pay the penalty.

Frank Day is a shrewd as well as an unscrupulous politician. He can read the handwriting on the wall. He foresees the defeat of his boss at the polls on the 6th day of November next. Hence all the row and rumpus over that poor lone socialist-labor candidate for governor. Frank has found a scapegoat.

An attempt, it is said, will be made to secure the passage of a bill by the next legislature which shall prohibit the killing of prairie chickens for a period of three years. Scarcity of this species of fowl is set forth as a reason for attempting to obtain this additional protection. The entire abolition of the game laws would produce equally as good results as the procedure suggested.

St. Paul's school board has adopted a measure for the enforcement of discipline which permits the use of the rod by principals when permission in writing of the children's parents is obtained. We believe that there are many forms of punishment which are productive of better results than the application of the birch. That some pupils deserve it, 'tis true, but the rod seems to demoralize rather than to reform.

Immediately upon the organization of the Russian democratic club in Minneapolis Governor John ordered his keynote speech to be translated into the Muscovite tongue and placed on a phonograph record for the club's edification at its next meeting. It is estimated that at least twelve hours will be necessary to grind off the "keynote" in its translated form. This is sufficient to tire even the patience of a nihilist.

William Dean Howells has declared himself in favor of shortening all words in the English language which will admit of such abbreviation without changing their sound. He is said to advocate also the abolition of capital letters. Mr. Howells, we believe, would quickly reverse his opinion were he to run across in a newspaper a sentence commencing as hereunder with the commas omitted: "william dean howells, in a stentorian voice,"

One Vansant, in his address at Fairmont, said that "independent voting has been necessary for party discipline." This brief remark is truly characteristic of the individual who uttered it, and the only deduction possible from the expression is that Vansant voted for Johnson in 1904—that he assisted in that which he has the cheek to designate "party discipline." Yet, withal, this Vansant is on the stump, not alone for, but with, Candidate Cole! "Hypocrisy," says Dr. Johnson, "is the necessary burden of villainy."

Jacobson is telling people in every speech he makes that the Duluth convention was as fair as any ever held and that he was fairly defeated, and yet there are people who claim he was beaten for the nomination by the lumber barons, and such men claim to be republicans. Either Jacobson is a hypocrite or the people who make that claim do not know what they are talking about.—Granite Falls Tribune.

There is considerable pith in the above, and were we not so well acquainted with "Old Put" it would be difficult for us to fathom his meaning. As it is, however, the solution becomes easy. "Put" despises a hypocrite.

In a letter to Dr. A. L. Cole, chairman of the republican state central committee, Mr. Frank O'Day passionately declares:

"The attempt to confuse the voters of this state in the manner which has been attempted by the filing of a petition which has been filed in behalf of the pretended socialist-labor candidate is not new in the history of the politics of this state. In 1900 John Lind, who was then the candidate of the democratic party for governor, was defrauded of some 20,000 votes, and more than enough to secure his election by a majority of at least 15,000 by a similar subterfuge."

In other words Mr. Day asserts that in 1900 20,000 democrats had not sufficient intelligence to discern the difference between "John Lind, democrat," and Tom Lucas, social-democrat. What a terrific indictment of the unwashed democracy by the recognized head of the party in the state!

Even the democratic newspapers have tired of printing the campaign speeches of Governor John. They are seemingly disgusted with the sameness of the harangues delivered by their chief and refuse to give space to the boiler-plate reproductions week after week.

"If given another term I will bring ALL the timber thieves to justice!" vociferates Governor John in his stereotyped speech. But millionaire lumberman C. A. Smith, one of the governor's financial backers, feeling immune and secure, merely chuckleth to himself and writes another check for the democratic corruption fund.

Chas. E. Halliwell, the millionaire vice president of the tobacco trust, has married a trained nurse, setting an example which it would be well for other millionaires to follow instead of wedding, as in their wont, chorus girls and other painted sirens from whom they usually seek a divorce within a short period. Too much praise cannot be given to the trained nurse. She is invariably patient, kindly and indefatigable.

William A. Dowell, a well known Minneapolis reporter, was shot and killed by John P. Quirk in that city Sunday afternoon. Dowell, who was a married man, persisted in keeping company with Miss Bessie Squires, Quirk's stepdaughter, after having been warned by Quirk to desist. On Sunday afternoon, in company with Miss Squires, Dowell paid a visit to the Quirk abode. Harsh words passed between the two men and, as Dowell was leaving the house, Quirk shot him. It was a cowardly murder, but Dowell was not altogether blameless. The cause of the tragedy is succinctly told by the woman in the case in these few words: "My step-father has always objected to my keeping company with Billy because he is married. He ordered us away from the house on different occasions and told us never to come there again." Quirk had a right to object to his step-daughter keeping company with a married man, and Dowell should have heeded the repeated warnings given him.

John W. Johnson of Minneapolis has filed a petition which entitles him to have his name placed on the state ballot as candidate for governor on the socialist-labor ticket. The kitchen cabinet, and especially those important personages Frank O'Day and Harvey S. Grimmer, contend that it is a put-up job on Governor John to bring another Johnson into the field—a scheme concocted to confuse the voters. But the truth of the matter is that the kitchen cabinet papsuckers fear defeat for their chief and, consequently, that which is of far more import personally—their dismissal from the snaps which they hold. A socialist-labor candidate, even though his name be Johnson, has exactly as much right to run for governor as Johnson the mugwump, who is appealing to the democrats, republicans and populists for their support. The kitchen cabinet must, however, have an excuse, even though it be a poor one, for the defeat which seems likely to be Governor John's portion of the contest.

We do not believe J. J. Hill ever uttered the words attributed to him in a Chicago interview with reference to the location of the extensive steel works at Gary, Ind. The purported interview alleges that Mr. Hill was asked if it was because of lack of fuel that Gary was selected as the site for the new steel plant instead of some point in Minnesota near where the ore is mined, and he replied:

"Lack of fuel is not the difficulty with Minnesota. The state is overrun by a peculiarly vicious type of political grafter, whose influence for evil is so tremendous that no sane men intrusted with the investment of great capital would dare locate works there."

Minnesota is cursed with a gang of pin-headed political grafters, and they are not confined to any one political party. But we fail to see how they could affect, for good or evil, any industrial enterprise in the state. It is not the first time that Mr. Hill has been misquoted and misrepresented by newspaper reporters and correspondents, and before condemning him it might be as well to wait for a verification of the alleged interview.

THE MAGGOT OF POLITICS.

It appears that Gov. Johnson has just as many compunctions about dragging the educational system of the state into politics as he has about dragging in the penal and charitable institutions—and no more. The facts are well known. They have been before the public for several weeks. Yet he has not shown any more zeal in correcting matters than he has shown in suppressing Mr. Rosing's political activity as a member of the board of control. Reference is had to the participation in the campaign of one of the teachers at the St. Cloud normal school, Mr. Magnusson, democratic candidate for secretary of state. Alvah Eastman, president of the normal school board—who, incidentally, is an appointee of Gov. Johnson—has admitted that on his responsibility he gave Mr. Magnusson three months' leave of absence to engage in the campaign. His excuse was that Mr. Magnusson was too good a teacher to lose and that he did not want to take his resignation merely because Magnusson was to be a candidate. Yet he knew perfectly well that Mr. Magnusson had no chance whatever of election. He knew that the sole effect of the leave of absence was to put on the stump on behalf of Gov. Johnson a teacher in the employ of the normal school board, who as soon as the campaign is over is likely again to take up his former duties. Having turned this gentleman loose while keeping his place for him there appears to be no good reason why the rest of the teachers should not do political work every two years. What is good for one school ought to be good for all. Three dozen workers are better than one.

The rest of the normal school board were not responsible for the leave of absence and this toleration of political activity on the part of one of the teaching staff. The case is so flagrant, however, that it is, to say the least, extraordinary that the board has not repudiated Mr. Eastman's action and definitely severed Mr. Magnusson's connection with the schools. Nor has there come a word of protest from our "reform" administration. So long as the normal schools and the board of control are used in his own interests, Gov. Johnson is not at all disturbed at any amount of political activity.

There is one unavoidable inference to make from this state of affairs. It may not be true that there is a deliberate purpose to turn both the board of control and the normal school board into political machines, but it is certain that an administration, which not only tolerates but, in the face of public protest, encourages the utilization of the institutional machinery of the state for political purposes is perfectly capable of filling up the board of control and the normal school board with politicians, who will not hesitate to use their powers, not in the interests of the institution under their care but in the interests of the political organization to which they belong, and for the purpose of entrenching themselves in positions of honor or profit. The step from that condition of affairs to the filling of the subordinate places, high and low, in prisons, hospitals and schools with political workers is a dangerously short and easy one. It has been taken in other states, and it can be taken in Minnesota with just as much facility. If the people of the state do not, at the very inception of this evil, put their foot down upon it and crush it they will have to do battle before long, not with a maggot but with a monster.—Pioneer Press.

It is charged by the International Policyholders' committee that the New York Life Insurance company is spending \$50,000 a day, exclusive of postage, stationery and printing, in an effort to elect the administration ticket. The supposition prevails that the corporations and jobbers of Minnesota are resorting to similar tactics, on a smaller scale, perhaps, in an attempt to re-elect their friend, Governor John.

Governor John is still appealing to "my friends the republicans" for support, and there are strong indications that many of the two-faced scoundrels who pretend allegiance to the republican party are covertly responding to his request.

Assistant Secretary of State Lomen is a sturdy Norwegian whom no man can bulldoze, as witness the following from the Minneapolis Tribune of last evening:

Attorney General Young called at the secretary of state's office and, addressing Mr. Lomen, said:

"There is evidence that at least 34 of the names subscribed on this petition were signed twice, therefore, Mr. Lomen, you may drop the name of John W. Johnson from the list of candidates on the state ballot."

"No, I will not," replied Mr. Lomen. "You have taken the matter into court. Now let the court decide what shall be done."

Mr. Young replied: "You made an error in accepting this petition Saturday. Of course that error would be discovered when the clerks in the office checked up the names on the petition. Furthermore, it is quite evident now that some of the names were repeated and that on the face of it would make the petition illegal and void."

Mr. Young has an exalted opinion of himself and his office, and he manifests undue interest in behalf of his crony Gov. Johnson. Mr. Lomen is right when he says "let the court decide what shall be done." Even an humble socialist has rights that Gov. Johnson and his complaisant attorney general must respect. Whether the petition does or does not contain the requisite number of signers is a question for the court to determine. There are thousands of instances where two or more people of the same name reside in the same abode.

In his speech at Lincoln, Neb., Senator Beveridge of Indiana said:

Government ownership is not an issue. It will never be an issue until government regulation shall fail. It will never be an issue until the American people themselves shall fail—never until they confess that they can no longer manage their business and shackle their criminals; never until history shall record that the American people have become degenerate; never until instead of being American this people shall have become Latin and changed American ideals of industry to European ideals of industry. And that day will never dawn.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS

Corporations Satisfied With Johnson.

Governor Johnson is exceedingly popular—with the interests. They are perfectly satisfied with his declaration that the present laws are "efficient and sufficient."—Brieclyn Sentinel.

No Danger.

Gov. Johnson's state board of equalization reduced the merchandise valuations in Minneapolis. No danger of their relieving the farmers' burdens in any such way.—Austin Transcript.

Entitled to Support of Republicans.

The candidate nominated for senator and the three candidates nominated as representatives from this legislative district at the late republican primary election, are all reported to be good men. They won their nominations fairly and are entitled to the support of the republicans of Mille Lacs as well as the other counties of the district.—Mille Lacs Pioneer.

What is the Drainage League For?

The state drainage league is not doing the work that it ought to do. The issue of drainage is scarcely heard of. No candidate for the legislature is pledged to drainage except in a loose sort of a way and in those sections of the state where pledges are most needed there are none at all. There is time yet before election for the league to put every legislative candidate upon record and it ought to be done. What have we got a drainage league for?—Crookston Times.

Paying His Political Debts.

Last year the state board of equalization, of which Governor Johnson is a member, reduced the assessment of twin city merchandise stocks some \$2,000,000. This year the state board of equalization, which is now democratic, is doing better than that for its friends in Minneapolis. It is reducing the assessment of Minneapolis building lots and structures by the enormous total of \$5,857,917. It may be remembered that Hennepin county two years ago gave Governor Johnson a majority of 8,252. On the other hand, as the state's revenue had to be made up somewhere, the valuation of farm lands in Otter Tail county was increased 50 per cent and the valuation of farm lands in 40 other counties from 5 to 33 1/3 per cent. By these facts Governor Johnson's real consideration for the rural districts may well be measured.—Pelican Rapids Press.