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Crookston Times: When republican Minneapolis keeps its hands off the governorship the republicans of Minnesota will probably get a governor again.

Longworth has likely ere this discovered that all that is necessary to effectually hide one's light under a bushel is to marry into the house of Theodore I.

The antiquity of some of the eggs being marketed at this time might lead one to infer that they were unearthed by Professor Clay in his excavations at Herculaneum.

It is safe to say that the fellow down in Grunderville, Pa., who saw a snake with two white sheet-like wings sailing through the air had three sheets in the wind himself.

Peculiar paradox: While the Maes are receiving credit for defeating the democratic governor in New York the O's are being congratulated for electing the democratic governor in Minnesota.

Now that Count Boni is again on the matrimonial market it should occasion no surprise were another American girl with more money than brains to again purchase the rapscallion.

Edward VII has conferred the order of the Garter upon King Haakon of Norway and Queen Maud has been made a colonel in the Buffs. 'Tis amazing how they twist things around in old England.

At the beginning of the new year chalk is expected to advance. This is merely a tip to our lady readers so that they may be enabled to lay in a supply at present market prices and thus save money.

The constitutional amendment giving to farmers the right to peddle their products in cities and towns without first securing a license has carried. It is a measure which will prove highly beneficial to the tiller of the soil.

Pharisee Vanrant has personally congratulated Governor John and ticked off the names of a few friends on the traitors' list whom he suggests be appointed to office. Governor John has also personally congratulated Pharisee Vanrant.

Hearst's campaign expenses, as filed with the secretary of state of New York, were \$256,370.22 while those of Hughes were \$618.55. As Hughes was elected this reverses the usual order of things—the candidate who spent the less money came out ahead.

Doc Ohage now asks that a lid be placed on all St. Paul's whistles—from that used by the locomotive to the tooter of the peanut stand. While seeking to eliminate noises Doc should also give his attention to the hum of the street car and the cry of the newsboy.

"Old Joe Cannon has become converted to the two-cent passenger fare doctrine," says a news item. Joe would also like to be converted from speaker of the house of representatives into president of the United States, but the people will never accede to his desire.

Mike Ward, an Ontario pugilist, has been forever "put to sleep" by Harry Lewis of Philadelphia. No sympathy should be wasted over fellows who meet their deaths in the barbarous contests known as prize fights. The fewer the number the world has of pugilists the better.

It is proposed by the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways association to cut a channel of fourteen feet depth from the Chicago drainage canal through the valleys of the Desplaines and Illinois rivers to the Mississippi at Grafton, Ill. This would make a navigable waterway from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico which would prove of inestimable value to the world of commerce. The cost of the project is estimated at \$30,000,000.

About half of the voters of Minnesota went to the polls. What would Johnson's majority have been if the other half had voted?—Crookston Times.

In this neck o' the woods Mr. Johnson's friends voted. It was the other fellows who remained away from the polls.

Magnusson, the democratic candidate for secretary of state, spent a day and a night in Milaca and delivered one of his "soul-stirring" speeches there at a meeting that had been advertised for days in advance of his coming, yet he failed to carry either the town or village of Milaca on election day.

That impecunious libertine Count Boni de Castellane—who has been divorced from his wife by the French courts and thus thrown upon his own resources—could now rapidly accumulate a fortune were he to either place himself upon exhibition in that great American institution known as the dime museum or go upon the stage.

C. A. Smith of Minneapolis will have to pay \$5,000 for the accidental death of Erick Peterson, who was killed while in Smith's employ. This is but a small sum to a man who could afford to drop \$150,000 into a campaign barrel, but still he made an attempt to evade payment of the \$5,000, by appealing the case to the supreme court.

Mayor Schmitz and Abraham Ruef of San Francisco have been indicted by a grand jury for conspiracy and felony. It appears that they extorted "hush" money from houses of ill-repute and misappropriated funds donated to earthquake sufferers. Men so heartless as to steal from the homeless and starving should be punished to the full extent of the law.

Wisconsin will probably turn out its militia to capture John Dietz of Cameron dam for defending his property against the encroachments of a big logging corporation. Why doesn't the United States send forth a company of soldiers to round up Rockefeller, who has upon a dozen occasions refused to come into court, and whose crime—wholesale public robbery—is ten thousand times greater than that of Dietz?

One of the most dastardly acts on record was that perpetrated, supposedly by an anarchist, in St. Peter's at Rome on Sunday. While the edifice was crowded with worshipers a blackguardly assassin threw a nitroglycerine bomb which exploded with a tremendous roar, but fortunately not a person was injured. It is to be deplored that there are human beings of so low a stripe that they even enter the house of God to perpetrate their hellish designs.

It pleases us to note that President and Mrs. Roosevelt have had an enjoyable time on the isthmus of Panama. The president is, however, such a strenuous cuss that when he ran across a lazy dago who handled a shovel at so much per hour he grasped the implement and demonstrated to the son of Italy that three shovelful more per minute could be easily thrown. With an army of Roosevelts at the shovel that Panama ditch would be completed in about thirty days.

Horse thieves and pickpockets were very much in evidence at the Johnson jollification in St. Peter the other evening. Sixteen horses were stolen from farmers in the vicinity and the pockets of scores of the faithful were picked with neatness and dispatch. Mayor-elect Haynes lost the bran new lid he had made to order for the Minneapolis booze-dispensers, and Frank O'Day mourns the disappearance of a sparkler worth \$5,000. It was a great night for the unterrified democracy.

Santos Dumont has attained such perfect control over his aeroplane that he can now sail about among the chimney tops without loosening a brick. He can either ascend, descend, back up, go ahead or carve fancy figures in the atmosphere without fear of splitting his gas bag or getting his eccentric disorganized. We are glad that he can do this, but at the same time we are sorry for other aeroplane enthusiasts who will attempt similar feats and incidentally—or rather accidentally—break their necks.

J. Howard Moore, in an address before the humane society convention in Chicago, denounced women who adorned their hats with the wings, heads or bodies of birds as "barbarians and murderers." While the language used by Mr. Moore was perhaps unnecessarily severe, the truth still remains that the slaughter of our pretty songbirds for headgear decoration or for any other purpose is a shameful proceeding. Despite the laws prohibiting their killing, these songsters are growing less and less every year and more active steps should be taken to protect them—every community should constitute itself a society for this purpose.

That the great railroads of the country are in a highly prosperous condition is shown by the fact that they are ready to accept the standard of wages set by the Pennsylvania company and to increase the pay of employees ten per cent. This proposition has been made under the provision that the employees will cease for the time being any further demands for advances in wages. While the increase would involve an additional annual expenditure of about \$12,000,000 by the great roads, the belief is that the companies would to a large extent be reimbursed by the effect created in averting strikes. Strikes, as is well known, has cost the railroad companies millions of dollars.

It now seems likely that one Sam Fullerton will be given his walking papers at the end of the year. A. B. Clair of Grand Rapids is an active candidate for Sam's position, and as he was a hard worker for Johnson throughout the campaign, it is thought that he has a good chance of landing the plum. The great unpopularity of Fullerton and the disrespect in which he is generally held has resulted, it is said, in hundreds of letters from both republicans and democrats being poured in upon the governor asking that some one other than Fullerton be appointed. Discrimination and unfairness in the enforcement of the game laws are said to be among the charges made. Governor John can perform no more worthy act than that of removing Fullerton.

There has been considerable talk since election of Attorney General Young as the next republican gubernatorial candidate. With all due respect to Mr. Young, we are of the opinion that the next governor of Minnesota will be J. F. Jacobson—or a democrat.—Wilkin County Gazette.

Is it not a little early to indulge in threats? Had Mr. Jacobson been nominated at Duluth instead of Mr. Cole the threats made by his unwise friends prior to the convention would have cost him thousands of votes. There are a great many republicans who dislike being told they must support a certain man for office. If the state does not go to the dogs in the next two years, and we hardly think it will, and the alternative of "Jacobson or a democrat" should be the ultimatum of the friends of the Lac qui Parle statesman, the result at the polls in 1908 might be even more disastrous to the republican party than it was this year.

Washington and Oregon, two of the states which boast of a salubrious climate,—of perpetual summer and freedom from storms,—have during the past two weeks experienced continuous hurricanes and floods which resulted in great loss of life and destruction of property. Heavy rains have poured down incessantly during that period, towns and bridges have been washed away, railroad and telegraph service have been demoralized and thousands of people have been compelled to seek the hilltops for safety. This is the "land of sunshine and flowers" which we read about in the brochures of promoters. This is the land where many a Minnesota farmer goes, after sacrificing his holdings here, and from which he is within a short time anxious to return. This is the land where climate, soil and all other conditions have been tremendously exaggerated. 'Tis true that Minnesota occasionally experiences a storm, but it is far better to take chances here than to run the risk of hurricanes, earthquakes and floods which are at any moment liable to sweep the "land of sunshine and flowers" from the face of the earth.

Occasionally an exchange refers to the Pioneer Press as J. J. Hill's newspaper. We have it on the best of authority—from one who is actively identified with the Pioneer Press and knows whereof he speaks—that Mr. Hill neither owns nor controls one dollar's worth of the stock of that newspaper. If Mr. Hill saw fit to purchase a controlling interest in the Pioneer Press we presume he could do so without violating any of the provisions of the anti-merger law. The great railroad magnate can secure a half interest in the Princeton Union, provided he has the price.

Some genius has invented an artificial Christmas tree which he expects to manufacture in large number and place on the market. If any man deserves praise it is this inventor, for he is truly a benefactor to mankind. So great has been the demand in recent years for Christmas trees that hundreds of thousands—yes, millions—have been required to supply the market. But while the hand of man has been equal to the occasion it has been at the expense of the pretty evergreen trees, the tops of which have been ruthlessly lopped off and the attractiveness of such trees in consequence spoiled. Lovers of nature will welcome the artificial Christmas tree.

"Tom Nowsal," the St. Paul correspondent of the Northfield News, administers a merited rebuke to the Winona Republican in these words: "The comment of the press generally throughout the state has been sympathetic with Mr. Cole, who was much more the victim of circumstances over which he had no control and of combinations which, while pretending friendship, never had any other intention than to sell him out, than to any weakness in his public record, his associations or his personality. It has been reserved for Jim Tawney's paper, the Winona Republican, to make the only nasty fling at him I have seen and to suggest that he is not possessed of the qualifications to fit him for the place. This was unkind, unnecessary and unjust. Mr. Cole's executive ability is fully equal either to the average of governors of the past, and to that of the candidates who contended with him at Duluth. If he had been elected Tawney's organ would have ground out a different tune."

### OPINIONS OF EDITORS

**Inquirer Laughs at Proposition.**  
Gov. Johnson of Minnesota is being talked of as democratic presidential timber. If it goes no farther this may be considered a compliment to him.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Give Him Two More Terms.**  
The present governor says he will retire at the close of his present term. That is the trouble with him, he has been retiring forwards ever since we knew him.—Sauk Centre Herald.

**Irony of Benevolence.**  
By the irony of fate some community will yet enjoy a fine gift library built on the proceeds of the defective steel boiler tubes sold to the government for the navy.—Detroit Free Press.

**Henry Johnson is Tired.**  
Editors and politicians are already talking of the next nominee for governor of Minnesota and their thoughts turn to Julius Block and Ed. Young. Oh, give us a rest. We're tired.—Battle Lake Review.

**One Disadvantage.**  
The whole country is clamoring for good roads, but no sooner is a piece of good road in sight than the "honk" of the automobile frightens your team and strings yourself and vehicle along the highway, and there you are.—Easton Leader.

**Depends on Circumstances.**  
Rev. McArthur tells us that a man should not be afraid to express his candid opinion on any subject under the sun. Well, a good many do this, and possibly a good many more would if their dodging and sprinting capabilities were a little better.—Anoka Herald.

**Condemned the Assassins.**  
This year, instead of two prominent public men aspiring for the governorship, the convention was full of good men, but few of them known outside his own district, all of whom were willing to condone the crime of 1904, and none of whom had the manliness to condemn it. The intelligent voter, who believes in fair play, when in the voting booth on November the sixth,

along with his conscience, showed by his Johnson x his condemnation of the Dunn assassins—and don't you forget it.—St. Vincent New Era.

**Turn 'Em All Out.**  
It is said that Game Warden Fullerton's place is being sought by a democratic friend of Gov. Johnson. No republican will kick if the governor fires every mother's son of a republican from any office over which he has control. If he has 400 places at his bestowal let him give them to 400 hungry democrats whose turn has been so long in coming.—Winona Republican.

**A Truth Succinctly Stated.**  
Republican papers that helped elect Gov. Johnson two years ago and who taught for several months before and even after the republican convention this year that any candidate for governor other than their choice would be and was nominated by corporations (conveying the meaning that he would be the tool of the money interests) had already cast their influence beyond recall, for Johnson's re-election.—Hubbard County Clipper.

**What Might Have Been.**  
A nerveless, stupidly inefficient campaign was that of the democratic congressional committee; its literature was dull, its strategy infantile. Indeed, it practically abandoned its efforts weeks ago. It lacked from the beginning vigor, sincerity, and moral earnestness; hence its sorry showing today. The leaders cannot even take much credit for such successes as have occurred, for they are in large measure due to republican factional strife, or to local causes of small importance. But the defeat of Congressman J. T. McCleary of the Second Minnesota district, because of his stand-patism and his record on the Philippine tariff, shows clearly that tariff reform could easily have been made a winning issue.—New York Sun.

### REGULATIONS ARE STRINGENT.

**Difficulties Confront Farmers Who Propose to Manufacture Denatured Alcohol.**  
"There is no objection to a farmer manufacturing his alcohol in his backyard provided he wants to establish a distillery there."—Commissioner of Internal Revenue John W. Yerkes.

The above statement was made over the signature of Mr. Yerkes, in answer to a large number of letters, daily pouring in on him for information, relative to the manufacture of denatured alcohol. Mr. Yerkes' statement on its face would seem to give farmers an equal footing with everybody, but it will be mighty hard sledding for a farmer to meet the following requirements, which Mr. Yerkes lays down in the same statement as that from which the foregoing was taken.

However, farmers will probably get together in different communities and organize and establish neighborhood distilleries. Preliminary steps to this end have already been taken in Chicago county, where it is said alcohol can be manufactured to good advantage. In reply to many inquiries, Commissioner Yerkes has issued this statement:

"If a farmer or other person desires to go into the business of manufacturing denatured alcohol, at a plant, however small, he will be required to construct his plant in the manner prescribed by the general laws and regulations. He will be required to give bond, establish a distillery, warehouse, deposit the spirits produced by him in this warehouse, establish a denaturing bonded warehouse, and to pay the tax or denature, just as he may wish the alcohol produced by him.

All this will be done under government supervision, but the government pays for it. The manufacturer of alcohol does not bear one cent of it, and, as long as there is a tax on distilled spirits, anything less than a complete supervision of all distilled spirits produced, whether for tax payment or denaturation, would result in gross frauds on the revenue, and would work hardships on honest dealers in and manufacturers of tax paid spirits.

"If people will take trouble to investigate they will find that the laws and regulations relating to manufacture of alcohol in Germany do not differ to any great extent from the laws and regulations in this country, and that, so far as the manufacture of denatured alcohol by the American farmer is concerned, it is simply a business proposition, and they will not be greatly deterred from entering into the business by what some are pleased to term ridiculous red tape of regulations and instructions. The very fact that there are small independent distilleries, established and operating all over the country, in the manufacture of distilled spirits for beverage purposes ought to be sufficient answer to any claim that the present internal revenue laws and regulations favor special interests."

**Two Kinds of Friends.**  
"That man is one of my friends," remarked the novice in public life.  
"Which kind?" responded Senator Sorghum. "Friends, you know, are divided into two great classes; those whom you need and those who need you."—Washington Star.

### State News.

Jim Perkins, a locater, shot a big bull moose the first part of the week near Rapid River. The horns had a spread of fifty-five inches.

The United States land office in Duluth has received official notice that the Marshall land district, with its office at St. Cloud, will be discontinued after Dec. 15.

Louis Kling, an engineer employed by the Cross Lake Logging company at Brainerd, was fatally shot near there by William Butchette, who was hunting deer. Kling was shot through the abdomen.

Chas. A. Nelson, the young man who was charged with robbing the postoffice at Dahl, Becker county, pleaded guilty in the federal court at Fergus Falls and was sentenced to one year in the reformatory.

Ben Gug, 22 years old, an employe of the Crookston Lumber company at Bemidji, received injuries from which he died. Gug was working on a lath machine and raised the rolls to look at the machine when one of the lath bolts flew through the air and hit him in the abdomen.

Celestian St. Antoine, the octogenarian wife murderer, pleaded guilty on Friday at Preston and received a life sentence. St. Antoine was much grieved because he was not sentenced to death. He complained bitterly to the judge, saying: "I am guilty and am ready to take what I deserve."

The town of Schroeder has attached three pieces of real estate belonging to Town Treasurer James Pinkerton in the hope of making good its loss of \$3,000 which Pinkerton claims was stolen from him while he was carrying the public funds from the boat landing at Grand Marais to the hotel.

Harry Johnson, who was sent to the reformatory from Minneapolis on Nov. 13, 1897, for an assault in the second degree, and transferred to the prison for incorrigibility on Jan. 12, 1900, being released July 26, 1901, having finished his term, has just been sentenced to ninety-nine years in the Missouri state penitentiary for the murder of a man named Carruthers in Kansas City.

A state's prison term of a year and a day and a fine of \$895.11 is the sentence meted out to Edwin D. Holmes, the former Detroit postmaster, in the federal court in Fergus Falls. Holmes became financially embarrassed and disappeared about eight months ago, and an examination of his accounts showed a shortage of \$900 in the general postoffice account and \$895.11 in the money order account.

Tuesday morning's east bound flyer had with it the evidence of a very serious accident when it passed through Benson. While coming through the mountains in the west a large rock became dislodged and came down crashing through the side of the smoking car and killed two men who were passengers on the train. The rock was left in the position in which it stopped on its disastrous course and was being taken through with the train.

The Northern Pacific drawbridge connecting Rice's Point with Superior, which is used by practically all the freight and passenger trains between Duluth and Superior, was put out of commission on Sunday morning at 7:25 o'clock by the steel steamer James E. Davidson, Capt. Albert Reed of the Tomlinson fleet, which collided with the south abutment of the Minnesota draw, badly smashing it and knocking a span 165 feet in length into the water.

Fire on Thursday night wiped out the entire business section of Battle Lake, comprising all that part of the place on the west side of the river with the exception of one residence. Every able-bodied male citizen of the village joined the brigade of fire fighters, but in the absence of a regular fire department the flames had gained considerable headway before the efforts of the citizens were brought under systematic control, the single fire engine being of little avail. The loss will exceed \$35,000.

The opponents to the division of Itasca county are not inclined to give up. The Shevlin Lumber company has employed A. Y. Merrill to investigate the vote as returned and other matters with a view to beginning proceedings to contest the election. In sixteen precincts, including Nps. 1, 2 and 3, of Grand Rapids, the election judges failed to certify to the vote on division and hence the canvassing board could not count the vote. The vote as canvassed gave division a majority of 477.

Jack Reed, a mulatto, pleaded guilty at Preston to the indictment found by the grand jury, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for horse stealing, committed in the village of Harmony in September. Jack Reed evidently prefers life under guard. When seven years of age he was sent to the reformatory, from which he was released at the age of 21. About four years ago he was sentenced to the state prison for a term of three and one-half years by Judge Kingsley at Austin. He served time at Stillwater until eight months ago.