OPINIONS OF EDITORS

Mighty Lonesome.

Doing business without advertising is like living without a family—it may be cheaper, but it is far more lonesome.—Big Fork Compass.

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Advertising Pays.

The North Dakota editors cut out all railroad advertising January first and some of the towns haven't had a train since. It pays to advertise.—Bemidji Sentinel.

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Allen Approves of Salary Advance.

The editor of this paper heartily approves of the measure to raise the salaries of all state employes to a living basis. Senators and representatives should receive at least $1,000 a term. As it is now no poor man can afford to take office unless dishonest.—Bemidji Sentinel.

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Equal to the Occasion.

Princeton has had two fires within two weeks, entailing a loss in property of nearly 140,000 dollars. Such a calamity is almost a death blow to any small town, but Princeton will no doubt be equal to the occasion and rise out of the ashes more beautiful than ever.—Chisago County Press.

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Bjornson's Suggestion.

An information bureau for the state legislature is said to be the burden of a bill recently introduced. We would suggest that each member of the legislature order the local papers of his district sent to his St. Paul address. If that doesn't give him about all the information he can digest between sessions, we miss our guess.—Minneota Mascot.

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County Option—H U S H!

That the state legislature might adopt a coat of arms having the letters H U S H rampant on a field of whitewash.—St. Peter Herald.

Wouldn't a picture of Governor John when he wrote his "rampant" opinion of local option to the house of representatives be better?—Blue Earth Post.

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"Them's Our Sentiments, Too."

This paper declines to believe that the legislature is as rotten as some of the St. Paul correspondents allege. It is poor buisness charging that the state's representatives are corrupt and unworthy of confidence. Some of the correspondents make it a business to besmirch private character and question the motives of men of unblemished reputations. It is shameful.—Ortonville Herald-Star.

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An Unjust Measure.

A bill before the Minnesota legislature would compel all corporations in the state to report the details of their business to a state official. It is seldom a measure of more villainous character than this is presented for consideration. The state of Minnesota is just beginning to reap some of the results of her political demagoguery. If this sort of agitation goes on Minnesota will be a good state for business enterprises to stay out of.—Commercial West.

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Butter and Corn.

A pound and a half of butter will buy a bushel of corn. A bushel of corn, if properly fed, will make six pounds of butter. If you sell the six pounds of butter from the farm you remove practically no fertility and get four times as much for it as you would for the corn. If you sell the corn you get only a fourth as much as you could make from it by feeding it to the cows and selling the butter, and still be removing about 17 cents worth of fertility from the farm, about half as much as the corn is worth.—LeSueur News.

GOOD ADVICE.

Theodore P. Shonts' Sensible Talk Before the Iowa Society of New York.

In an address delivered before the Iowa society of New York on the evening of the 14th inst., Theodore P. Shonts talked of railroads and said in part:

"Conditions have changed. The struggle today is to provide facilities to handle the traffic. But does this justify a complete change in financial methods now that the growth of traffic has passed the capacity of the railroads to handle it, and has brought the earning power of the railroads up to a fairly remunerative point?

"Is it just to say that the stockholders who have stood firm through many years of storm and stress stand on equal footing with the mere outsider? Does public policy now require that these stockholders shall relinquish all claims to preferential privileges and allow the public to bid for new issues of securities on an even basis with themselves?

"The question of whether outstanding securities are watered depends largely on the point of view. If by watered stock we mean that the outstanding securities do not represent cash paid in at their par value, then the securities of practically every corporation are to a greater or less extent watered. But if you look at the situation from the point of view that none of the leading railway systems of the country can be duplicated for the amount of money which their securities represent, then to a large extent there is no water in outstanding stocks.

"In view of the enormous rises which always come with the construction and operation of railroad properties and of the vast sums required to keep adequate the facilities for promptly handling the constantly growing traffic, I doubt the wisdom of placing limitations on the amount of returns which stockholders who put their money in this class of investments should receive.

"If any government permits any injustice to be done to corporations simply because they are corporations, whether this injustice is the result of proper or improper motives, the real sufferer in the last analysis is the small investor.

"Let us compromise on the most available and the most practicable. Let the railroad managers lay aside all subterfuge and come out in the open. Let there be a maximum of publicity and a minimum of legislation. Let eminent financiers and captains of industry co-operate with the president to bring about better corporate practices. Let them lay their cards on the table and say to the president: 'We will uphold your hands, not only in enforcing existing laws but in asking such others as are necessary to prevent wrong-doing, but you in return must protect us from the irresponsible agitator, whoever he may be.' Let us convince the public that we will give it the best facilities American ingenuity can devise, and in my judgment the funds required will be forthcoming."

Buying Spuds for the Coast.

Chicago.—A. F. Roberts of the Hobbs-Parsons Co., extensive potato dealers in California with offices at Fresno and Stockton, was in the city on business. He has been up in Minnesota for some time and has been buying extensively of Minnesota and Wisconsin stock for shipment to the coast. Mr. Roberts states that he will probably remain in this section for a considerable while as he considers it likely Minnesota stock will continue to move to the coast until well up in June.

Potato Situation in Chicago.

Chicago.—Potatoes have been in larger supply this week and prices are lower, with an easy feeling and a further decline is expected in the market unless the weather should change and shipping should be tied up again. Everywhere along the line there is still a lot of complaint about car shortage, blockades in transit and numerous other things for which the railroads are being held accountable. Reports received here indicate that there is very little hope for improvement in the general situation. A free movement is still reported to the Pacific coast and prices heretofore mentioned in The Packer are being pretty well maintained.

Carlots of fancy white stock have sold from 40 cents to 44 cents and choice 40 to 43 cents; Rose, 35 to 38 cents; mixed white, 36 to 40 cents; red mixed, 35 to 38 cents, and mixed red and white 35 cents.

Information from Texas seems to indicate that in the next month or six weeks there will be a fairly free movement of new potatoes.

We Must Have Both, Norton.

We note that there is some talk of the people of Princeton raising a bonus to assist in the erection of an opera house to replace the one recenly burned. Worse even than an opera house Princeton stands sadly in need of a first class hotel of a capacity in keeping with the size and business of the town. It already has several excellent hotels in so far as quality is concerned but their capacity is too limited for a town of Princeton's size, and if the people there are interested in retaining the county seat they should better themselves in the matter of providing sufficient first-class hotel accommodations for the people compelled to transact business there.—Mille Lacs Pioneer.

Minnesota Sunday School Convention.

The Forty-ninth annual convention will be held in the city of Minneapolis, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 10, 11 and 12.

This will be a mass convention and every county will be allowed to send as many delegates as it can get to come. However, all delegates must obtain credentials from either pastor or superintendent in order to receive entertainment.

All railroads in the state will give a fare and one-third for the round trip on the certificate plan.

Rising From the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at C. A. Jack's, druggist. Price only 50 cents.

State News.

Mayor Haynes of Minneapolis has signed the "six for a quarter" street car ordinance.

Jerry S. Dowd, arrested some weeks ago in Duluth, charged with passing worthless checks, has been sentenced by Judge Dibbell to six years in the penitentiary.

Dr. S. H. Ward, executive agent of the state veterinary board, reports that rabies are prevalent in several counties of the state, including Wright county. The number of cattle affected in Wright county is small, but it is feared the disease will spread.

The postoffice at Olander, in the northern part of St. Louis county, is to be discontinued on the last day of of the present month. The office was established to serve the settlers about Sturgeon Lake, but from the start there has been much difficulty in finding persons who had the time to spare to act as postmaster.

Claiming that the so-called swamp lands taken over by the state at the government land opening last fall are not swamp lands, twelve settlers have filed contests against the land in the Duluth land office with Register J. C. H. Engel. About 1,360 acres are involved. The state authorities have been notified and will be given sixty days in which to give notice if they want a hearing.

Olmsted county is becoming infested with wolves. Reports are coming in from the towns around Rochester to the effect that the animals are becoming quite alarming in number. South of the city one of the largest timber wolves ever seen in the county was killed Tuesday by a farmer who saw the animal in the vicinity of his farm. Other farmers report seeing wolves in packs of five and six prowling around in broad daylight.

Fire completely destroyed the city fire station and left Greenbush without adequate protection. The origin of the fire is not known. It had made some headway when discovered and soon communicated to a quantity of gasoline which was stored in the building for the use of the fire engine. An explosion followed which overturned the big tank in which the supply of water for fire purposes was stored. This fell upon the blaze and checked it, so that it did not spread to adjacent buildings.

Horses, Horses.

On Saturday, March 2, I will hold my regular monthly horse auction and at this sale will offer 200 head of native farm mares and horses, weighing from 1,000 to 1,500 pounds each; 25 head of mules, a lot of Shetland and Welsh ponies, and 10 Percheron stallions. All of the native horses are northern bred and acclimated and the westerns are of the best Montana breed. This sale should be of especial interest to liverymen, for I have bought out three livery outfits consisting of horses, harness, buggies, sleighs and robes, and everything must be sold. I will sell all horses brought in on commission. Terms: cash or on time to suit purchaser.

Emmet Mark, Auctioneer.

Balance Rock.

In a strip of woodland among the slopes of the Berkshire hills near the city of Pittsfield, Mass., can be seen a strange phenomenon. It is a massive boulder weighing about 170 tons perched upon a bed of rock of Berkshire limestone—of entirely different formation—in such a way as to appear to be delicately balanced on its small base. The boulder is, in fact, known as "Balance Rock." It is a well known fact that golden grain belt beer is the best tonic for your stomach—nerves—it gives them strength to digest and assimilate the food you eat. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by Henry Veidt, Princeton.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher of Grovertown, Stark county, Ind. This king of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by C. A. Jack, druggist. 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

Farmers, Attention!

A meeting of the farmers of Wyanett and vicinity will be held on February 23 at the Smith school house under the auspices of the American Society of Equity for the purpose of organizing a co-operative local union. Let there be a full representation. The potato growers should especially be there in force, as it is of the utmost importance to them. All are invited to attend.

Meeting will be called at 7:30 sharp.

Geo. W. Carr, Organizer.
W. C. Krinke, Assistant.

His Sorest Disappointment.

The sorest disappointment of an airship inventor is his inability to soar.—Chicago News.