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A WISE DECISION.
The county commissioners have finally taken the decisive step and voted to submit to the taxpayers of Mills Lacs county the question of issuing bonds to secure funds for erecting a new court house. We believe the commissioners have acted wisely in referring this matter to the voters of the county and they are to be commended for their action. It is the property owners of the whole county who will have to pay for the new court house and they are the men and women who should have the privilege of selecting the time for erection of the building. The Union has consistently opposed all special legislation and any clever maneuvering that would deprive the people of this right. A scheme that would place all the responsibility on the county commissioners was not even fair to the five men who compose that board. If the voters of the county decide that it is not a propitious time for entering into a big building project, the question can again be placed before them at any time when the people demand it. Public sentiment controls such matters.

You perhaps have heard of that old proverb to the effect that if you sup with the devil you need a long spoon. Its truth is being confirmed at Genoa, where the soviet delegates, after begging frantically to be allowed to re-enter the European household, are now trying to lay down the terms upon which they will accept European fellowship. All they demand is that, in return for acknowledging their pre-war debts to European nationals and restoring the private property of such nationals confiscated since the revolution, the allied governments shall pay Moscow for the damage done in the Russian civil war following the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The debts to foreign nationals and the confiscation claims amount to 60,000,000,000 gold francs, while the soviet's so-called war claims amount to 300,000,000,000 gold francs. These soviet persons should be presented with a medal for ultra insolence.

A lesson may well be taken from the book of France. We are cutting down our timber at a greater rate than new wood is being grown, we are permitting the forests to be destroyed by flames and are not replacing them. Disaster will surely follow unless there is a change of policy. It is true that the public is beginning to awaken to the situation, but the corrective measures so far adopted have been entirely inadequate. There must be better protection against fire and more planting of trees in bare places, particularly on such land as is unfit for the plow. France is doing these things.

There is a peculiar election campaign in progress down in Texas, where Annie Blanton is opposing her brother, Representative Thomas L. Blanton, for his seat in congress. In her electioneering Miss Blanton strongly defends her brother's record and he in turn has naught but praise for his sister. It is, of course, possible that they have entered into a "gentlemen's" agreement to try to keep the job in the family and to go fifty-fifty on emoluments.

Dr. Hrdlicka says that "many generations must elapse before a pronounced American type will have formed." And old Dr. Hrdlicka ought to know.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Will the learned doctor please tell us what he expects his "pronounced American type" to be—an admixture of Anglo-Saxon, Latin, Slav, Teuton, Indian, Ethiopian and Mongol? If so, we have some of this type with us already.

It is announced by the Pullman company, says a press story, that 9,000 porters are to be trained in singing and assembled in quartets to do duty on cars making long trips. This would break the monotony of travel, but why not install radio phones, which would give a variety of concerts, speeches, etc.?

Henry Ford, having lost a car, appealed to the police. He was asked what kind of a car it was. Really the tactlessness of our police is getting unbearable.—St. Paul Dispatch.

May be, but does anyone suppose for a moment that when Henry goes on an important business trip he uses one of his crawling little flivvers?

A great many people criticize Mr. Bryan for opposing the theory of evolution, but William has the proof. Didn't he try upon three occasions to evolve into the presidency and failed? Isn't that sufficient to convince any man of the utter falsity of a theory, brethren?

Advertising seems to have reached the limit when the picture of the Empress Josephine, who lived more than 100 years ago, is used to illustrate corset pamphlets.

Fatty Arbuckle is in hard luck. Not only has he been barred from the screen, but his old occupation of barkeep disappeared with the coming of prohibition.

KEEP THE BUSINESS AT HOME.
The Union, like the majority of reputable newspapers, usually refrains from commenting on the patronage it receives from the local business establishments, but it would seem that a few remarks relative to a certain matter would not be amiss at this time.

The two methods of advertising most extensively employed by the merchants in a village the size of Princeton are advertising in the columns of the local newspaper and mailing circulars. The latter method has proved to be fairly popular during the last few months. We do not know just why the circulars are sometimes considered to be more effective than the newspaper advertisements. Possibly the average individual feels that a circular which he receives enclosed in an envelope is a mark of personal attention and he may therefore be inclined to give it particularly careful attention. Of course both the advertisement in the newspaper and the circular are a personal message from the merchant to his patrons. However, the point that should be emphasized is that both forms of advertising can and should be handled by the newspaper and printing establishment in the community.

There are printing houses located in Minnesota who specialize in these circulars. Representatives of these firms canvass the villages and smaller cities of the state endeavoring to secure season contracts with the various business houses. In any town where there is a printing office that is sufficiently well equipped to handle the volume of business demanded by the merchants, these solicitors should not be given a dollar's worth of advertising, unless the dealers are not in sympathy with their local newspaper and do not wish to support it. We sincerely hope that every newspaper and printing office located in the villages and smaller cities of the state will be awake to the situation. The newspaper, which is the mouthpiece of its community, should certainly raise a protesting voice against business being given to out-of-town establishments when it can be handled just as well or better by a local firm. The newspaper will be largely what its patrons make it. If it is given a big volume of business, it expands and becomes an influential factor in the up-building of the community. Any man displaying short-sighted judgment who does not support the local institutions from which he derives benefits.

Within the last month representatives from two establishments who specialize in printing these circulars visited Princeton. We trust that none of our local firms gave them encouragement, but we know that they received a decided rebuff in two of our largest stores. The heads of these firms informed the agents that they believed in patronizing home industries and that there was a printing office in Princeton that could prepare and circulate all the bills that they or any other firms could use. The Union appreciates the loyal support it has received from the Princeton merchants and it will in the future as in the past do everything in its power to reciprocate. In a technical sense we can reciprocate by offering our patrons first-class workmanship and the best possible service. In a bigger, broader sense we can reciprocate in maintaining an absolutely independent newspaper interested in the upbuilding of the entire community and working for the best interests of all the people.

A pig and bird census are being taken under direction of the government. What next, a squirrel or a flea census?

The concert of nations seems to have resolved itself into a sort of Donnebrogk fair.

A house divided against itself cannot stand. And that is the reason China and the league of nations cannot keep their feet. As to China, a couple of warring factions are "at it" again, and the culmination promises to bring disaster to both sides. China has evolved from the stinkpot age, when its principal weapon of defense was the evil-smelling and nauseating bottle of abomination mentioned. These stinkpots were hurled as are modern hand grenades and they certainly caused a scattering of the opposing hosts. Today Chinese warriors are using all the modern engines of destruction—artillery, airplanes, and even poison gas, the latter being contrary to the rules of the disarmament conference. And they can thank their hired European instructors for "putting them wise" to these things. However, it is perhaps better thus—a decimation of the Chinese hordes to the extent of fifty or sixty million would be a blessing to this old world of ours. At least that is the way the writer looks at it.

It is suggested by a contemporary that at least part of the bonus money be raised by taxing divorce decrees. We would respectfully add that grass widows who draw big alimonies also be taxed for the same purpose.—Grace Dunn in Princeton Union.

And, while you are about it, slip a tax on the old bachelor—he ought to pay; make him pay.—Le Sueur Herald.

We feel obliged to call Brother Eastwood's attention to the fact that there are two members on the Union's editorial staff and his comment compels us to state, even at the risk of arousing the ire of our worthy associate, that the writer of the paragraph quoted is naturally more interested in grass widows than old bachelors. By the way, why, pray, the use of the adjective "old"?

With all due respect to the late John A. Johnson it must be admitted by those who know the real facts of the case that the Red Wing Eagle is absolutely correct in its judgment when it makes the following statement: "If the anti-tonnage taxers have no better material with which to bolster up their cause than the Governor Johnson veto, they must be in sore straits for something to lean up against."

We wonder if Emma Goldman celebrated the first of May in the orthodox way according to the customs of her clan and was crowned Queen of the May by her brother and sister bolsheviks. It is possible that she may have foregone all May day activities in order to keep her whereabouts a secret.

An Austrian baron advertises that he will share his title with any American girl who will place a million dollars in a bank in his name, and we would not be surprised were some fool heinous to jump at the offer.

There are more than a thousand experts on the staffs of the delegations at the Genoa conference. If we remember rightly that's more than Henry Ford told us he employs when last we met.

It is evident that some of our statesmen are mistaken in their relationship to Uncle Sam. From their antics it would seem they are imbued with the impression that they are bringing up father.

It would seem that in his latest note to Europe Mr. Hughes used an altogether unnecessary number of words. "Please remit or abide the consequences," we should think, would have covered the ground.

Give Him Time. Progress is hitting a fast clip, but the umpire has yet to use a vacuum cleaner in dusting off the home plate.—Life.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS
Probably Both.
It has been pretty well established that if Ananias was not a fisherman he was a politician.—Red Wing Eagle.
Merely Spring Fever.
A. Conan Doyle says that death is "only a sweet, delicious languor." A. Conan is mistaken—that isn't death—it's spring fever.—Redwood Gazette.
Olson Has Doubts.
It's a dreadful age. Hardly anybody else has any sense any more, and sometimes we even have a little doubt about ourselves.—Red Wing Eagle.
More and Better Cows.
The farm bureau is on the right track. More cows and better ones for the northland, where we have the grass, the water and the air—the ideal home for the dairy cow.—Spoooner News.
Practices What He Preaches.
It used to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a month to run the White House establishment. Harding has cut the cost of \$15,000 a month. He does not ask any other department of the government to practice economy more than he does the offices under his control.—Rock County Herald.
A Suggestion.
We still contend that the only consistent thing left for Hadley of Winnebago, Welles of Worthington, Webster of Slayton, Bjornson of Minnesota and a few others who went on record against Kellogg, is to support Mrs. Peter Oleson for United States Senator. Of course we don't want to see Mrs. Peter elected, but we enjoy being of service to our fellow publishers—hence the free advice.—St. James Independent.
Beautiful Minnesota.
During the summer months there is no state in the Union that surpasses Minnesota in beauty. We who live here do not fully appreciate the beauties and glories of our state. We take too much for granted. But the tourists who come to Minnesota for their summer vacations marvel at what they see, and go home and tell their friends of our ten thousands lakes, our wonderful forests, our fertile farms, our great cities and prosperous villages.—Winnebago Enterprise.
His Defense Evidently Not Welcome.
One Cravens, so-called editor of the Milaca Times, growls because he finds that half a dozen women of the state are already professing to speak for all the women of the state. As one of the "women of the state" we rise to tell Mr. Cravens that we much prefer to be spoken for by "a half-dozen women" who are in a position to know than to revert to the old times when the spokesmen for women included the majority of the men of the state; none of whom knew what we wanted him to say for us—and none taking the trou-

ble to find out. We'll leave things as they are and as they are going to be, if the Milaca Times doesn't mind.—Redwood Gazette.
A Deserving Judge Honored.
The attorneys of Stearns county paid Judge John A. Roeser a high and merited compliment by indorsing him for the position of federal judge, which was unsolicited. He has made good as district judge and would make an equally able and just federal justice. He has been twice elected by a unanimous vote and there will be no opposition for his third election. No mistake would be made by Senators Nelson and Kellogg in naming him for appointment by President Harding.—St. Cloud Journal-Press.
To the Point.
Some of the subsidized nonpartisan organs are telling North Dakota farmers that they should support former Governor Frazier for the senate because of what he did for them while in office. It recalls the old story about a Swedish farmer out there whose pedigree cow was killed by a Great Northern train. A claim agent went to see Ole and with tears in his eyes told him how much Jim Hill was doing for the farmers. When he had finished the kind-hearted Ole asked how much he owed the railroad.—Duluth Herald.

Creator of the Rambler Rose.
Michael H. Walsh, who died Monday at his home in Woods Hole at the age of 75, is credited with originating the Rambler rose. The popular success of his creations was so immense that he altered as few men have done the aspect of the world—in the line of roses, at any rate. There are people

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who have a finicky distaste for this favorite variety, but the popular vote is against them, and in June the Ramblers, crimson and white, dominate the countryside so completely that it is hard to realize their modernity; in such a setting one would look for the cavaliers on horseback and unbobbed maidens beloved by the romantic painters of rustic beauty, in more idyllic days.
Nor have the experts been slow to recognize the value of this veteran horticulturist's work. Among the most successful varieties were the Lady Gay and Minnehaha varieties, and these brought him awards from many societies at home and abroad, including the gold medal of the American Rose-society and the London Agricultural society's high award. He lived among his roses and was at work preparing them for the spring budding when he was prostrated by the attack of influenza which caused his death a week later. His life work will be remembered when the roses bloom.—Springfield Republican.

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