

MOWER COUNTY TRANSCRIPT.

Announcement

On account of the general advance in rates of interest on savings deposits paid by banks throughout the Northwest, The Austin National Bank, in keeping with such general action, and beginning April 1, 1914, will pay interest on all savings deposits at the rate of four per cent, payable every three months, that is credits or payments will be made on the first days of January, April, July and October.

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The Austin National Bank
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Why a Change in Governor Is Needed.

Minnesota demands a governor that is governor in fact as well as in name. One who attends to business instead of traveling around to show himself wherever given an opportunity. No tango, song singer, old chestnut story teller.

We publish below an item from the Long Press Leader, showing the increase in state tax rate during Eberhart's administration.

Year	Rate
1909	2.80
1910	2.70
1911	3.88
1912	3.58
1913	5.03

The state tax has increased enormously notwithstanding the immense income which the state has from gross earnings taxes paid by corporations and from the tax income on iron ore properties in Northern Minnesota. It was predicted ten years ago that because of the large income the state derived from the gross earnings and iron ore tax it would not be necessary to levy a general tax for state expenses. However, those who prophesied did so without taking into account the presence of an incompetent, reckless and extravagant state administration. Notwithstanding the enormous income from gross earnings and iron ore taxes it has been necessary not only to maintain the general state tax but to increase it.

What Minnesota needs is a business administration. — Fairmont Independent.

The Vain Prophecies of the Infidel.

The Rev. Claude A. McKay, a Congregational minister of Ottawa, Illinois, made an interesting point in a sermon the other day.

In it he quoted the confident predictions of two unbelievers.

"In fifty years," said Thomas Paine in the youth of the Republic, "the Bible will have been consigned to the dusty archives of the past. If you want to see a copy, you will need to go to a museum."

"Before the dawn of the nineteenth century," said Voltaire somewhat earlier than that, "Christianity will have disappeared from the earth as a silly sentiment."

Fifty years have come and gone, and another fifty years have rolled away, and Tom Paine made his prediction. And the nineteenth century has dawned and ended and a new century has begun since Voltaire made his cocksure disposal of Christianity.

Paine has gone, and Voltaire has gone. They are but names, their works little read and remembered when at all for other things than their irreligion.

But Christianity and the Bible have marched triumphantly over the earth,

confounding infidels and making fools of prophets.

Mr. McKay was able to show that since Paine spoke, three hundred and fifty million copies of the Bible have been sold, and that since Voltaire spoke two hundred and fifty million have been added to the membership of Christian churches.

And, he added, "on the ground in Peoria, Illinois, where Robert G. Ingersoll wrote his infidel lectures, there stands a magnificent Young Men's Christian association building, where prayers, songs and praises daily ascend from concentrated young manhood to the great God of the Bible."

A Good Combination.

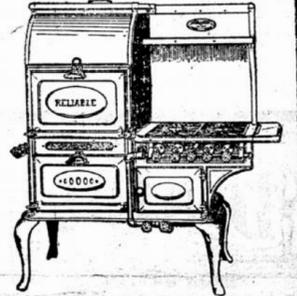
We can give you the Daily News of Minneapolis, The Woman's World, a monthly Magazine, six late songs with music published to be sold at \$1.00 and the Mower County Transcript all for \$3.00. If you wish you can have the Northwestern Agriculturist instead of the Woman's World.

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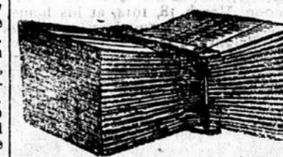
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FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

Eberhart and his gang may well be scared to death over the result of the conference on governor at Minneapolis last week. A thousand repub delegates from all over the state opposed to the present rotten conditions got together and agreed that all anti canditates for governor should be eliminated except the one chosen by the conference. It had no legal bindin' force and was not intended such but I tell you when the 60 per cent of the repubs opposed to Eberhart all unite on one man in the primaries our present light weight will be eliminated by the vote of the primary. And that is just what they did at Minneapolis. They picked on one man to receive the whole united vote. The ringsters alwus succeed when they can divide the opposition and keep 'em in a ruddle and they alwus lose out when the opposition is united and harmonious. There are some wise politicians besides the Eberhart lickspittles. The 'Twin City lyn' dailies will probably now quit their lies for a while.

Ain't it strange after all this fuss and feathers, that Eberhart has never said he would run for governor agen? He's in a queer place. He wants to go to be U. S. senator to rattle round in Mose Clapp's shoes same as Syd Anderson is in Tawney's. Of course, if Eberhart decides to run for governor this trip and gets left out in the primary or in the general, he's lost his grip forever and is as dead as Hooligan. His last chance has gone and nobody ever pays attention to a dead dog. That's what make me think that Ed Smith and the rest of the gang behind Adolph are doin' a whole lot of deep thinkin' since Lee was selected as the candydate of the combined opposition. The people know that there was never so extravagant administration as Eberhart's. The state tax rate has steadily increased under him altho valuations hav increased and we're gettin' millions more from gross earnings and ore royalties and such. The rate ought to be goin' down all the time. Insted it has jumped from 2.8 in 1909 to 5.03 in 1913.

I can't get off of my hobby about the law's criminal delays. My paper says that last week the U. S. court of appeals decided a case in favor of a poor preacher's widow against a rich corporation and giv her over a million dollars. That sounds good but wait. That preacher died thirteen years ago poor and penniless. Long years before that, he invented and got a patent on kodak films and the court now says that all these years he was entitled to all the benefits and profits but he got up agensat a rich corporation who kept him out of these and the smart lawyers by all the tricks of the trade postponed and delayed and prolonged and appealed until the man died, his family grew up and only persistent fightin' for twenty or thirty years at last won out. It's rotten for any courts to lend their

selves to such injustice and robbery and contempt for private rights of the poor. I just think of what that million might have done for that poor preacher and his family when they could enjoy it.

About as big a piece of foolishness in public finance as I know of is our Mower county bridge business. Years ago some ninny made a law that all bridges costin' \$100 or over should be put in by the county board and then they turn round and limit the possible amount of money for bridges they can legally raise. That is they required the county board to get two pounds of butter from the old cow a day and didn't provide enuf feed for her to make it. They required the full tale of bricks and didn't furnish straw for 'em. Now what do you think? We're payin' interest this blessed munit on \$80,000 of unpaid county bridge warrants, enuf interest to put up several new bridges every year. And we can't legally levy enuf money to meet the regular demand for bridges. I pity the county board for they are powerless. The only thing for 'em to do is to cut the coat accordin' to the cloth. Fix up the bridges that need repair this year and cut out new bridges until our finances warrant.

Farmer Ben ain't a bit afraid of this no saloon prop. It's a matter of sheer arithmetic easy to figger. If boozers are puttin' \$300,000 a year into the Austin saloons now every year and this is out out don't you see we hav this \$300,000 left rite here to go to other objects. That \$300,000 spent for groceries and necessaries and comforts would bring untold joy into hundreds of homes and into legitimate lines of business. All other business would just boom. Insted of our jails bein' full they'd be empty. Insted of murders and crime there would be peaceable times. There would be no quarrelin' incited by drink, none of the curses and evils that alwus go with saloons. I figger we'd be just as well off financially. License money is devil's money anyhow, and just so long as the Austin officials hav just that much more to spend they'll continue their extravagance and if this is cut off they will save it somehow and be just as well off financially at the end of the year.

Duluth, our big seaport for Minnesota, has decided very wisely to cut out a proposed ice palace winter celebration and plan for a big summer blow-out that will rival the Panama exposition. I remember that St. Paul once had a ice palace celebration and it hurt this state more. It giv impression that we were next to the north pole and were frozen up in Minnesota the twelve months round and one joke that was published in the east that the St. Paul ice palace was kept over one summer unmeltd and used the next winter was actually believed. Now insted Duluth is goin' to show the world what we hav up here in summer with our cool winds, our splendid fishin', our immense harvests, our ozone laden air, our healthy pines and all that and folks that hang round Lake Superior in July

and August and get the invigoratin' coolness and comfortness are goin' home to their hotbeds in hotter parts with a determination to come to Minnesota every summer they can. So we're ready for a big boost for our Zenith City summer carnival.

FARMER BEN.

School Superintendents are Meeting.

What is to be the "largest, longest and most important meeting of school men ever held in Minnesota" is scheduled for the University of Minnesota this week, March 23 to 28. The characterization is by Dean George F. James of the college of education, which offers the first short course for county and city superintendents that has ever been offered by any institution in the country. A conference of county superintendents and the state superintendent of education is scheduled for March 25 and 26. The short course, coming the same week, will enable the superintendents to attend both meetings without the cost of an extra trip.

The university senate committee on education will take advantage of the meeting of the superintendents at the university to get their views on proposed changes in the entrance requirements to the university.

"We will talk the different proposals over with the high school men," Professor Bauer said, "and get their views of the proposed changes. There will be a meeting of the university senate March 30, at which the plan will be presented to that body for final action." Lecturers of national importance have been secured for the short course.

What Whiskey Does.

An ex-editor at Fairmont spilled some whiskey on his barn floor so that a little stream of it ran out. A certain mouse sallied forth from his hole and being thirsty took a sip. It tasted strange and he went back in his hole and thot. Then he came back out and took another sip and went back again and thought. Then he came out and took a big drink. Then he jumped up on the edge of the soap box and stood upon his hind legs bristled his whiskers and exclaimed, "Now bring out that contemptible cat."—Canby News.

Mower County Fair Superintendents.

At a recent meeting of the Mower County Agricultural Society the appointment of the superintendents of the different departments were as follows: Horse dept., A. B. Olson, asst. L. C. Larson; cattle dept., Frank Cassidy, asst., John Heimer; sheep dept., John Heimer, asst., Frank Christie; swine dept., John Christgau; poultry dept., Geo. King, asst. C. R. Cook; dairy dept., E. H. Smith; horticulture dept., J. M. Lindsey; vegetable dept., Mrs. Chas. Hans; needle dept., Mrs. Fred Williams, asst. Mrs. A. W. Allen; fine arts dept., Miss Jennie Crandall; textile dept., Mrs. G. S. Chandler; poultry and kitchen dept., Mrs. Geo. Anderson; old ladies dept., Mrs. W. J. Urbach; home grown plants and flowers, Mrs. E. C. Sutherland; class 61, Mrs. A. W. Wright; school exhibit, Mrs. Eunice Rice, Miss Edith Padden, asst.; Supt. special premiums, J. W. Hare, asst., L. Kirkland; supt. gates, O. J. Simmons, asst., A. C. Page; advertising committee, J. W. Hare, A. C. Page, O. J. Simmons and editors of all the county papers.

Special attractions have been already secured and it is proposed to have special illumination on the down town streets with music and vanderlille attractions.

The Most Valuable Work in the World.

An Oklahoma mother, writing in the April Woman's Home Companion, says: "Many times I have thought it would be better if I could help my husband (who is a loyal citizen and a splendid business man) outside the home. I have been very anxious to assist him in other ways—aside from domestic duties. But I have come to the conclusion that the best work on earth is 'mother work.' The biggest, broadest work we can do is to carry on the home tasks, using economy, judgment, and plenty of good common sense, and last, but not least, training our boys and girls and preparing them to go out into the world fully equipped for their life-work."

How Money Gets Away in a Big City.

A Wisconsin farmer went down to Chicago the other day, and this is his story for the high cost of living in a big city: He got into town in the night, so he took a cab to the hotel, and this little ride cost him two bushels of oats or half a bushel of apples. He thought a light lunch would taste good, before retiring, and this cost him two bushels of corn; but by this time he had tipped the waiter and the man who hung up his hat and overcoat, he was shy another bushel of yellow dent. The next morning he went to breakfast with a keen appetite, and that made the repast expensive—the price of a half cord of block wood was necessary to square things. Then Mr. Farmer went out to the stock yards and transacted some business, coming back to his hotel in time for dinner. He was good and hungry, and after he had tipped the waiter, had a shine and a shave, he found that dinner and all cost him a quarter of a ton of his best hay. Then he hiked back to Wisconsin.

Big Removal Sale Continues.

Pianos, Organs, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, all going at special prices which means a genuine saving on high grade pianos and small musical goods and sewing machines. Sheet Music only 5 and 10 cents. All must go by Feb 1st. Call and get prices from H. C. BURGAN, adv 46 408 North Main St.

City Positions for Country Girls.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside Francis E. Boord makes a strong appeal to country girls to stay where they are unless there is some unusual reason for making them move. She reports many interesting facts about small salaries and poor opportunities for country girls in the cities, and concludes with the following warning: "Think long and hard before you leave the home nest and the pin-money of your chickens and turkeys, and the acquaintances who respect you as Mr. Brown's daughter, for in the city you are only one of thousands of wringing, struggling human atoms who are trying to be the first to come out on top. It is true that there is room at the top for you, if you are the right girl and have chosen the right place, but make sure of this fact."

An Interesting Automobile Offer.

Write to the American Motor League, 511 Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minn., and learn how to cut down the expense of running the auto to nearly half. All standard tires and accessories can be had at prices which the garage and dealer has to pay. Sixty cent oil costs you 20c. Discount on broken parts is from 25 to 60 per cent. The saving on a single tire is \$4 to \$15. Tops, side curtains, windshields, bumpers, horns, lamps, spark plugs, speedometers, carburetors, at 33% to 50 per cent below retail prices. No matter what car you have, we will supply you. We issue the most complete automobile supply catalogue ever published. Only standard goods, at prices almost unbelievable. Write to-day, for full information and prices.