

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.

This rule will apply to all who now have savings accounts in this bank as well as to all new depositors in the savings department.

The Austin National Bank
P. D. BEAULIEU, Cashier
J. L. MITCHELL, Vice-Pres.

FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

The Missouri Poultry association has set June 6 as Rooster Day and the slogan will be Swat the Rooster. The rooster is the direct cause of a loss to Missouri farmers and poultry raisers alone of fully \$3,000,000 every summer that could be prevented by the simple expedient of gettin' rid of all roosters as soon as hatchin' season is over. It is the fertile egg that spoils in hot weather. An infertile egg will keep for weeks even when subjected to a pretty high temperature but fertile eggs are the ones that spoil quick. So Missouri will observe Rooster Day and eggs from there will be sought after in the fancy markets of the world and will add millions to the income of poultry raisers. Farmer Ben is goin' to follow the same rule. Just as soon as we get thru settin' for chicks off goes the head of every rooster unless we have one to keep over when we'll pen him apart. I can't conceive of any easier way of makin' money than to get all my roosters into the stew kettle before the Fourth.

Farmer Ben is a great believer in aeration for health and it's cheap. More folks are sick from the lack of it than from any other cause. Fresh air is all over if we just open up to it. Nobody needs to hay foul air in their homes to begin with. We can open up windows night and day so as to have perfectly sweet air every minute. I see some doctors prescribe takin' a hour of keepin' naked so as to aerate the body. I bet it works good. Some folks wear the same underclothes night and day all winter without change. Spose they did like Farmer Ben, aerate all the day underwear all night and aerate all the night underwear all days. It would be better than tonic. I aerate my stable so my cow and old horse hav fresh air all winter. My wife aerates her food jars and other containers so they never get musty. She aerates her clothes closets and her rugs and her fruit cellar and her kitchen as regular as the clock. Our gal Sarah aerates so thoroly that she don't need any perfumes to hide smells. I tell you aeration is the chief.

Here comes Forest Henry of Dover, chairman of the rooral school commission of the Minnesota Education association, and he says that instead of the sad state in which our rooral schools are pictured by critics in the large cities in and out of the state, Minnesota's rooral schools are on the whole in excellent condition and lead the country for progressive efficiency. And that's every word true. I ain't sayin' that there can't be some improvement yet. It would be strange if there wasn't. Lots of improvements are needed in the town schools. But this everlastin' habit of folks sittin' down in the cities who never saw a country school or know absolutely nothin' about their work tryin' to criticize the work and cry it down and say it's no good

and all that is preposterous. These ignoramuses might as well try to tell Farmer Ben how to raise a pig or calf best. We've got the city schools skinned to a finish in lots of our rooral schools as results show.

The Standard Oil company cut the price of gasoline in St. Louis to 13 cents a gallon on Wednesday in its fight aginst the independents in that field makin' the fifth cut there since Nov. 4. Nobody believes that if the big company cleans out its rivals the price will stay at 13 cents. Of course with a monopoly market it naterally will be raised sky high. There's something rite here that Farmer Ben alwus believed should be fixed by law and that is that no company should be allowed to sell its goods or service at one point cheaper or higher than at any other place with practically the same conditions. The laws of Missouri should require that if the Standard Oil company sold oil in St. Louis at 13 cents they should be compelled to sell at 13 cents at every other point in the state where conditions were substantially the same and sell to all points at 13 cents just the differ in freights bein' figured. There's no reason why a telephone company should be allowed to charge \$2 a month for service in one town and fifty cents in another town of practically the same size and conditions. This allowin' big moneyed interests to freeze out the little chucks ought to be broken up.

Farmer Ben is gettin' to worry over this increasin' bunch of the unemployed. It's gettin' bigger every day and the cost of livin' isn't reducin'. It costs just as much in a lump to support your family as it did 18 months ago. But when hundreds of thousands of employees are bein' laid off I can't see where there's goin' to be the same demand for products as before and it augurs stoppage all along the line. The Pennsylvania railroad has just cut off 118 passenger trains on the lines east of Pittsburg and a large number on their western lines. They mean to cut off 40,000 employees. The N. Y. Central has recently laid off 25,000 simply because their business is reducin' so they can't meet expenses on present basis. In California the army of the unemployed is rumblin' for trouble. I tell you when all our factories are runnin' full time at good steady wages, there'll be good times in the way of money to spend by the great middle class of home makers but when these shut down it means hard times.

One city up in Canada has probably fixed the auto joy speeders good and plenty when they won't mind anything else. At all street intersections, they've built raised concrete crossings just high enuf to giv the inmates of a speedin' auto a hard shake up and shock while the horse driven vehicle goin' at a moderate speed hardly notis the jolt at all. These crossings are also high enuf so that those walkin' in wet muddy times hav highish dry cross walks. It's a happy thought any way you look at it and ought to be universally adopted. It would break up some of the joy

ridin' even in Austin. It seems to be the rule that anyone can speed any old rate and so long as they don't hit any one it's all rite but the way Farmer Ben's liver is scared almost out of him by tryin' to dodge these inventions of the devil is bad on the constitution. I'd like to see all the cross walks fix to throw the speeders. That's the only kind of logic that some folks will listen to.

FARMER BEN.

BEN FRANKLIN DISTRICT MEETING.

The spring meeting of the First District Ben Franklin club will be held in Austin Friday, April 10. A good program is in preparation. The meeting will be held during the day only with banquet at noon. The local editors and printers will make plans for a big meeting.

What a Little Decision Would Have Done.

We cannot but think that the timely use of a few regiments of U. S. Cavalry—preferably recruited in the southwest—would have saved Madero and forestalled all the bloodshed, pillage and plunder that has since devastated northern Mexico. Had there been anything to gain for the Mexican people, or the citizens of foreign lands resident there, by a policy of watchful waiting, if the Mexican people were working out anything permanent and enduring as a return for all this sacrifice and suffering it would be a different matter. There is however little to be hoped for from any native government. Aside from the opening up of the material and natural resources of the country, resulting from the invasion by foreign capital and foreign daring and initiative, there was little done for Mexico during the long dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz. Franchisees almost priceless were the rewards of foreign capital and enterprise but beyond peonage conditions of labor the Mexican people profited little; they are still in a state of appalling and seemingly hopeless ignorance and poverty. The advancement made by the Philippines since the battle of Manila is stupendous when compared with the progress of the Mexican people since—in 1835—Sam Houston and a handful of thorobreds took Texas away from her and made it into a Republic. Her leaders have grown rich off special privilege and foreign bribery, but the people have profited but little. The American people are not wont to think kindly of the iron hand, but we have used it in the Philippines and it must be used in Mexico. The difference being that Uncle Sam is a benevolent despot, with no selfish object in view; he has established a broad and efficient system of education in the tyranny ridden archipelago and is building up the people rather than the country. The people once built up the building and development of the country will not be slow to follow.

The President's plan of watchful waiting is not we fear a plan well adapted to the restoration of peace in Mexico. The spirit back of such a plan is not understood and consequently is not appreciated. The Yankee on horseback is the real thing in pacification, and Yankee honesty and fidelity to duty in handling the resources of the country is the real remedy for Mexican poverty and ignorance.—Cannon Falls Beacon.

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NORTHERN MINNESOTA

Former Lyle Residents Write of Their Journey to Their New Home Near Grand Rapids.

Cohasset, Minn., Mch. 31, 1914.

Having arrived at Cohasset, Minn., and being partly settled will write a few lines to the readers of the Transcript, telling them of our journey and the country where we are now making our home.

We left Austin on Wednesday at 3 o'clock reached St. Paul at 7, had to lay over until about eleven that night reaching Duluth at 6:30 Thursday morning. Duluth is surely a pretty town located on the lake and is built on a hill. When we leave the train we go up two flights of stairs into the depot. We are then on the level with the streets. The streets going north and south are level while those going east and west are up hill.

We left Duluth at 8 o'clock reaching Cohasset at about 2. The country we passed thru was mostly hilly and in some places heavy timber but fires in passing over had burned off the tops leaving the stumps. This country is not very thickly settled.

We are located on the Mississippi river 7 miles from Cohasset, a small lumbering town, and 12 miles from Grand Rapids, the county seat, a town of about 3000 inhabitants, and only a few rods from school.

This is a thickly wooded country, farming is the chief occupation now, having taken the place of lumbering. It is supposed to be a very healthy country, especially for lung and throat diseases as there are so many pine trees here.

They intend to put a telephone line and rural mail delivery thru here this summer and in a short time we will be as advanced as Southern Minnesota. Our goods and stock came thru in fine order after being on the road from Saturday evening until Tuesday.

If you Southern Minnesotians want land you had better come to Northern Minnesota where you can buy without having a fortune.

DELLA M. CLARK.

Rines to Run on Merit.

Henry Rines announces that he will not, because he cannot afford to spend much money in pursuing the state auditorship. Henry is depending for the most part upon his newspaper friends, who are seemingly numberless. On the other hand, "Jakey Preus" will probably have much to spend on his campaign, his backers being the Smith machine, which derives much of its support from the breweries and other big interests. Nevertheless, The Tribune and most of the other newspapers in the state, outside of the machine's near personal organs and oil inspector-edited sheets, will stand back of the Mora man in his fight not simply because he is NOT a machine man but because he made a splendid record as a speaker of the last house and because he is a man who will watch out for the people's interests every moment.—Albert Lea Tribune.

Austin Public Library Course.

April 13. The Maurer Sisters' Orchestra will close the course. The Redpath Bureau is very proud of this organization, and many of our patrons will remember the charming young women who at the Chautauqua of 1913 gave a program which was remarkable for its versatility without mediocrity.

County Agricultural Agent.

The Pilot does not want to go on record as being opposed to the new agricultural movement which is now in vogue thruout the northwest but we do believe that better results could be obtained if one of the agricultural agents would come and rent an average farm in Murray county. Do the work on the farm himself, or hire a man to keep a set of books and at the end of the year show the farmers just what he has made in cash during the year he was on the farm. Let the place be one where the farmers could go for advice and observations. There's a lot of difference between theoretical farming and practical farming and the best method to reach the farmer is by the practical method.—Lake Wilson Pilot.

Minnesota's Permanent Funds.

Minnesota's permanent trust funds exceed in size the total trust funds owned by ten prosperous states, according to a compilation made by George LaFond of the state treasurer's office. In searching the reports of various state treasurers he found that the great states of New York, Ohio and Iowa apparently have no state trust funds at all. Ten states have trust funds as follows, according to their 1912 and 1913 reports:

Maine	\$ 471,608
Florida	568,384
Michigan	6,894,212
Nebraska	9,307,987
Wisconsin	6,668,098
Arkansas	1,715,058
Connecticut	277,712
Indiana	23,314
New Jersey	459,120
Montana	4,028,746
Total	\$30,414,243

Minnesota's trust funds aggregate practically \$32,000,000, including the amounts due on state land contracts bearing interest.

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