

# MOWER COUNTY TRANSCRIPT.

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## FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

I had great curiosity to see how primary came out on governor. Two years ago when Eberhart got less than forty per cent of the total repub vote and the rest was divided up among half a dozen others it was claimed that the anti would never combine on one candidate so as to show that they were opposed to the state machine. But in the last primary with all the rest of the anti eliminated except Leo we do actually find that the conditions are just about as Farmer Ben figured all the time. Now the majority has spoken so decidedly it ought to be a matter of party principle as well as common fairness and honor to all turn in and elect the whole repub list of nominees from A to Z. We never make anything by electin' dems to office when repubs standin' together are in the majority. It's just demoralizin' and the repub party has gone to the dogs lots of times from the Bob Dunn frauds down to Bill Barnes and his rotten schemes. It pays to tote fair in politix and then all are in mood to get together in solid front.

Our gal Sarah says that the encore boobs ain't all dead yet, more's the pity. They don't have any idea of the common courtesies and decencies and rights of things. Show folks make up their program so they will come out in about so long and a few encore clackers actually keep up a clatter and din and demand until the rest of the audience get tired out before the show is half thru. I ain't sayin' anything agensit sincere and deserved applause. I like it. It shows appreciation when correctly weighed out. But when a set of boobs don't know when they've enuf and have no regard to firin' out the rest of the listeners and no regard for the patience and good nature of the performers then they the encourers get to be a nuisance. It looks like good common horse sense would hint at this but some folks's noddles are so pachydermons that you couldn't beat good sense into 'em with a eight foot club. When Farmer Ben goes to a show he likes to have it begin on time and end on time and only enuf encore to give spice.

Ain't it queer that when a man goes into politix so many get suspicious of him? Chaps runnin' for office who you think are pretty honest and straight are so often caught in such unholy deals and such two faced positions and such good lord, good devil business, that you can't help losin' confidence in their general integrity. Rite in the recent primary some of the fellows tried to ride two horses and they fell off of both and didn't get the real help of either. It is pretty tough when one has to tell a differin' story to every other man he meets in order to try and get votes. But it is quite common opinion that a man can't be honest in politix and ever get anything. Cert, lots forgot so easy what they've promised and pledged to do. The worst of it is that so many will vote for the devil if he's a good fellow and friendly no matter for principles or betrayin' of the best interests of the people. So long as you can't get this differin' you have a poor case.

So the Bob Dunn good roads law has got to go if the demand from all over is heeded. It is provin' a awful expensy burden and the worst of it seems to be that a big share of the money goes for salaries and expenses and much too little gets actually on the roads to improve 'em. It has most always been thusly. If there was some way could be devised to cut out the tremendous side trackin' of public funds to private pockets so that the bulk could be actually and honestly expended in public improvement it would not be so bad. Farmers are beginnin' to wake up to see that their taxes are doublin' up on 'em. Valuations are raised, and tax rates are higher on top of that which makes a double header advance. Just look at what you paid on your farm six years ago and what you pay tax this year and then go out on the roads in front of your farm and see if they are at all better than they were five years ago. Then ask yourself what about the Dunn good roads law in actual workin'.

I never saw such monkey work in our election returns anyhow. Under the new law, the primary polls are to be kept open until nine o'clock at night in city and country and the result is that no one can get anything like idea of results the same night no matter how late they wait. What under the sun is the fool notion of keepin' open until nine o'clock beats me out. It

surely ain't needed in the rooral doo-tricks and they tell me it ain't needed in the biggest cities. My paper says that wherever the late keepin' open has been tried it has ben dropped in other states. Clerks and others in the cities cert can get to the polls as they come or go and seven o'clock is late enuf for anybody. I see the statement made that the law was changed to accommodate the votin' machines in Minneapolis where the idjits take five minits to work it but that ought not to hold up the rest of the state. Better buy a individual votin' machine for every Minneapolis voter and let him hav the day at it.

The railroads are cert up agensit a hard row of stumps these days with their big budget of increased expenses and lessenin' incomes. The trouble starts back a long ways in part when the money sharks and manipulators watered the stocks and put fictitious values on their property so that really they have to earn a good deal more than is proper to pay dividends on inflated values and stocks. But really they are sure in a hole today with autos takin' away so much passenger traffic and every one ready to 'give 'em a kick. The commissions hav ben cuttin' down passenger and freight rates on 'em until the roads claim some of their haulin' is less than it actually costs. The interstate commerce commission is lookin' up these matters and claims and is inclined to allow advance in rates on commodities now transported below cost and they ought. What with the demand for increased wages and the heavy personal injury damage suits and the steady drain on railroad incomes and they've got a tough financial prop.

### FARMER BEN.

### RURAL SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The Annual Rural School Eighth Grade Graduating Exercises will be held in the grove at Adams Village Thursday, June 25th. Program both forenoon and afternoon with picnic dinner. Plan to be present. Fuller particulars next week. Eunice L. Rice, Co. Supt.

### Annual Meeting of Chandler Cousins.

The 14th annual picnic and reunion of the Chandler Cousins was held Tuesday, June 16, 1914, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chandler, 401 South Chatham street, Austin. About fifty cousins gathered to enjoy the good time that comes once a year. A table was set on the lawn in the shade of the fine trees, and fifty sat down to a bountiful dinner. After dinner letters were read from absent cousins: N. E. Chandler, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Myra Scullin, Ipswich, S. D.; Ella Roberts, Lyle, Minn.; George Ernest Chandler, Peoria, Ill. Nora Carlil was appointed chairman of the day.

The following resolutions were adopted:  
I. Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to our host and hostess for their generous hospitality to Chandler Cousins.  
II. Resolved that all cousins—honorary cousins and cousins-in-law, be heavily scored and fined for failure to wear badges of organization at future meetings.  
III. Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to the absent cousins whose letters reached here in time for their expressions of good will and fellowship.  
IV. Resolved, that little Harold Warrington be extended a welcome in our midst.  
V. Resolved, that the committee heartily approved of the method employed of self-appointed secretaries.  
(Signed) Grace Trowbridge Wilder, Lily Chandler Clark, Mable Chandler Thornton.  
Nora Chandler Carlil invited the cousins to meet with her next year.

### Oregon Farming Land.

Large tract of good valley farming land just thrown open for free settlement in Oregon. Over 200,000 acres in all. Good climate, rich soil, and does not require irrigation to raise finest crops of grain, fruit, and garden truck. For large map, full instructions and information, and a plat of several sections of exceptionally good claims, send \$3.40 to John Keefe, Eugene, Oregon; three years a U. S. surveyor and timberman. An opportunity to get a good fertile homestead near town and market.

### Preparing for Alfalfa.

A carload of crushed limestone was received last week by the Agricultural Department of the High School and distributed to a number of farmers who are putting it on their soil preparatory to sowing alfalfa.  
It has been found that the soil is acid and requires from one to three tons of lime to correct the acidity. The lime also helps the growth of the roots of the alfalfa plants. Alfalfa may start and do well for a while, but will eventually die sooner or later.

### District W. C. T. U. Convention.

The 24th Annual Convention of the W. C. T. U. of the 13th District, Mower and Freeborn Counties will be held in the Lutheran church at Lyle, June 25 and 26. Following is the complete program:  
THURSDAY, 2:00 P. M.  
Consecration Service. Mrs. H. Dahl  
Roll Call of Officers.  
Enrollment of delegates.  
Appointment of committees.  
Reading of minutes of 1913.  
Solo. Mrs. H. Dahl  
Mothers Meeting led by Mrs. Patterson  
Paper, "Purity."  
Paper, "Sabbath Observance."  
Mrs. M. Thompson

THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M.  
Devotionals led by Rev. Moe.  
Solo. Mrs. J. Gibson  
Welcome of Union. Mrs. Carberry  
Welcome of Churches. Rev. Moe  
Response. Mrs. E. A. Whitcomb, LeRoy  
Original poem. Mrs. Abe Newell, Austin  
Music. Ladies Trio  
Address. Mrs. Waterman  
Offering.  
Doxology and Benediction.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.  
Praise Service. Mrs. Opie, Austin  
Reading of minutes.  
Treasurer's report.  
Report of committees.  
Report of local Unions.  
Paper. Mrs. Pankhurst, Albert Lea  
Short Discussion—"The best thing our Union has accomplished during the year."  
Election of Officers.  
Duet. Mesdames Johnson, Patterson  
Memorial Service.  
Mrs. Petran, Albert Lea  
Noontide Prayer.

FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.  
Devotionals. Mrs. Vaughn, Lansing  
Paper, "Women Voters and the Liquor Traffic." Miss Hare, Albert Lea  
Solo. Miss Irene Craig, Austin  
Discussion, "National Prohibition" led by Mrs. Craig of Austin.  
Children's Hour  
Duet. Irene and Ruth Craig, Austin  
Reading. Ruth Craig  
Recitation. Grace Gibson  
Address. Prof. Arrington  
Solo. Genevieve Dahl

FRIDAY, 7:00 P. M.  
Song. "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
Devotionals. Rev. Johnson  
Music. Male Quartette  
Address. Mrs. B. Scovell, Minneapolis  
Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Do You Know It?  
C. J. Mahr, does the best and cheapest shoe repair work in town. See him, 223 E. Mill St. All work guaranteed. Look at the Gold Boot Sign.

### Left Property Worth More Than Million and a Half Dollars.

That it pays to farm in Minnesota is indicated by the appraisal of the estate of Tannis S. Slingerland of Kasson, Dodge county, who died January 28, 1914, which has been filed with Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith to have the inheritance tax determined.  
The property left by Slingerland is valued at \$1,270,405.14 and this does not include a sum, variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$800,000, which he settled on his wife in lieu of her dower rights several years before his death. Slingerland was 82 years old at the time of his death and was the richest man in Southern Minnesota.

The inventory gives a minute description of every item of property, including a list of all animals with their prominent physical characteristics given in detail. Here are some of them:  
One bay mare with white stripes in face, called "Maude," 14 years old, value \$60.  
One black mare with stiff knee, 20 years old, value \$45.  
One spotted cow with bob-tail, 8 years old, value \$45.  
One black mare, crippled (dead) no value.  
"To fix a value of \$45 on a 20-year-old mare with a stiff knee is generous, not to say liberal," commented the attorney general.

Slingerland had a unique career and the state records are full of opinions of the Supreme Court on suits brought by him or against him. He left six children, the oldest being 60 years old at the time of his father's death and the youngest 8, having been born when Slingerland was 84 years old.  
His first wife died many years ago and in 1892 he re-married. Before his second marriage he insisted that his betrothed sign an anti-nuptial contract wherein she gave up all right to claim any share of his estate on the payment of \$5,800.  
The Supreme Court several years ago set this aside and the settlement by which he gave her about one-third of his property followed. On February 28 last, exactly one month after her husband's death, Mrs. Slingerland re-married. Pioneer Press.

### That California Building Graft.

It makes me mad to see how willingly many citizens subscribe to the fund to put a Minnesota building on the grounds of the Panama exposition, a scheme instead of benefiting the state will actually prove to its detriment. The state of California for years has taken away many of our citizens, and even our little city has contributed some of its best people. Those who subscribe for this building fund are sold that it is expected the legislature will make an appropriation covering the cost and their money will be returned in the state's treasury. It is a shame that the state's money would be used to build a building that the state would never use. It should be held in trust and not be used for anything but the benefit of the state.—Anoka Union.

### Motoring to the Poorhouse.

Over the hills to the poorhouse I am setting a sizzling pace; I've mortgaged the home for an auto, and I'm playing her straight and for her place.  
There are others will help in the running, but I'm holding my own, you bet—  
I can see the roof of the county farm and I'm going to get there yet.  
Of course, I couldn't afford it—there are very few who can—  
But the family whined about it and insisted I wasn't a man  
If I didn't get six cylinders, a tonneau, some tires and plugs  
And go out, and speed on the highway with the automobile bugs.

The girls had to hire a "shuffer," a lantern-jawed son-of-a-gun, and when sonny goes out for a joy ride I'm sorry he hasn't one, for whenever he hits a lamp post, or sends the old car in the ditch, I caught up some more spondulix to tatten the bloated rich.  
Whoopie! Clear the way, for I'm coming—just passed by a bunch of my friends,  
All bent in the same direction, where the road of the scorcher ends.  
It's the place of a drunken sailor at the helm of a rudderless ship—  
Over the hills to the poorhouse I'm hitting a lively clip.  
—Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

### S. M. Better Development League.

The Southern Minnesota Better Development League, together with the Commercial club of Rochester and the Farmer's clubs of Olmstead county have made arrangements to become jointly responsible for the success of the mid-summer meeting of the Development league and the annual picnic of the farmers of Olmstead county, and the first annual picnic dinner of the people of Rochester at Mayo Park, Rochester, on Thursday, June 25th.  
The Development League meeting is for the counties of Wabasha, Dodge, Winona, Houston, Olmstead, Fillmore and Mower. The league meeting is for every citizen of the above named counties, and the arrangement made with the Rochester Commercial club and Olmstead County Farmer's clubs insures the largest attendance possible.  
The following is the program:  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning session in Mayo park  
Address of Welcome—Mayor  
Response—D. C. Armstrong, Albert Lea, President Southern Minnesota Development League.  
Appointment of Committees.  
PICNIC DINNER.  
Demonstration in farming by use of dynamite—L. C. Martin of the Dupont Powder Company.  
Address—Dr. E. Dana Durand, State University.  
Address—Prof. Clifford Willis, Editor Northwest Farmstead.  
Address—Hon. L. E. Potter, Springfield, Minnesota.  
Address—B. C. Pollock, County Agent, Dakota County.

Address—Hon. Geo. F. Tawney, Winona.  
Address—John D. Deets, Secretary Development League.  
There will be a stock judging contest by several teams of high school students. This will be the most interesting contest ever held in this section of the state.  
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### Neglect of the Polls.

The cause of good government suffers more from the neglect of the electorate to voice their own sentiments at the polls than from any other cause. There is too much of a sentiment among the voters to "Let George do it" and stay at home. If this would not happen too often perhaps no harm would be done but since we reckon voting by percentages when the percentage of stay-at-homes is large the cause of good government has suffered just to that extent. You may be sure that the friend of every special interest that can be benefited by legislation will be at the polls and vote as many of his kind as possible. It is the indifferent voter, who stays at home if he were at the polls with his vote that would turn the scale and balance of power in the right direction.—Benville Star Farmer.

### Next State Art Exhibit.

The next exhibition of the State Art Commission will be the eleventh and will be held this coming September in connection with the Annual State Fair and Exposition at Hamline, September 7th to 12th. This will institute two Annual State Art Exhibitions within a period of one year.  
The State Fair Management has provided for this Annual Exhibition a series of new art galleries with special facilities in the way of lighting and wall space. These galleries will offer an opportunity to display the art work of Minnesotans under the most approved and modern conditions. Some 10,000 square feet of wall space will be available and the State Art Commission will install its Annual Exhibition, as well as a valuable loan collection of American contemporary art.

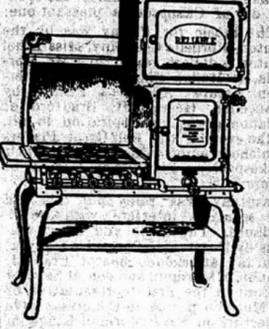
### A Good Combination.

We can give you the Daily News of Minneapolis, The Woman's World, a monthly magazine, six late songs with music published by the state of \$1.00 and the Mower County Transcript for \$3.00. If you will the price is the Northern Agriculturalist instead of the Woman's World.  
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