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AND BROWNSDALE LEAFLET

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THE Allies say they did and the Germans say they did, so we can take choice of the faked news dispatches that appear daily.

THE state legislature adjourns tomorrow. They might have done worse by passing more vicious laws for which omission the people are thankful.

THE Allies are preparing a vast new army force to resume the war more effectively. They probably have forgotten the tale of the Kilkenny cats.

BILLY Sunday has been taking a census of hell. Those acquainted with the Christian faith may well plead the jurisdiction of the court in this case.

IT is estimated that there are at least one thousand needless state employees, whose sole purpose appears to be to look wise and travel around at the state's expense. Clean them all out summarily.

THE Pennsylvania railroad company is in market for approximately \$20,000,000 worth of new equipment and for new material for cars and locomotives, which it will build in its own shops. If they are so hard up, where do they get such a wad of money?

THE Independent Labor party of England insisted that the working classes are bearing the greater part of the burden resulting from the war, and protest against the allegation that workmen are unduly indulging in drink. This is evidently true.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, president emeritus of Harvard university says that the present is no time to pray for peace, especially a peace-at-any-price. A sudden termination of the European conflict would set civilization back several centuries. He ought to know better.

FRANK ROSE, a Denver attorney, is indicted by the grand jury on a charge of criminal libel in connection with affidavits reflecting upon the character of Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Denver juvenile court. An order for Rose's arrest was issued. He deserves the limit of the law's penalty.

CHICAGO went Republican with a whoop and plenty to spare. The Republican candidate the day before election estimated his plurality at 135,000, and the vote was 5,000 above his highest estimate. The Democratic candidate was sure he would be a winner by over 100,000. Possibly the people are getting tired of democratic rule.

IN 1913 Chicago outranked both New York and London in the number of murders, robberies and assaults to rob, though falling behind both those cities in the mere matter of burglaries. Chicago's figures for these crimes for that year are given thus: Murders, 262; robberies and assaults to rob, 1,022; burglaries, 1,041. A regular cesspool of crime.

ONE of the big railroad officials says if the construction of the Panama canal has lowered rates to coast points to a degree that will make Pacific coast terminals useless machinery so far as transcontinental traffic is concerned, they have the right to make rates that will send the freight to an intermediate point for distribution and they will do this too. Behold the benefit of competition.

THE administration has under consideration, a proposal for the creation of a national marketing commission to devise a better system for the distribution of agricultural products; investigate conditions of warehousing throughout the country and to work out all problems affecting the nation's food supply and demand. There is room for plenty of improvement over present methods.

FOR the first time since their famous dispute before the Republican National convention in 1912, which brought about the formation of the Progressive party, William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, erstwhile Presidents and rivals for the same honor at the last election, met at the funeral of Prof. Thomas P. Lounsbury of Yale university last week and shook hands. It is high time to drop this old grudge.

AFTER a fight of 15 years' duration for state control of telephone lines the

Mennette-Burrows bill, as agreed upon by the conference committee of the house and senate becomes a law. This places the jurisdiction of telephone companies under the state railroad and warehouse commission; which is empowered to fix rates, compel physical connection of competing lines, and govern other regulations. It is all right.

OTHER EDITORS OPINIONS.

St. Paul Review: A few more convictions for manslaughter by the automobile route may require us to board some at state expense but will do no end of good and preserve some souls at large in the world.

Red Wing Republican: Millions of eggs have been shipped to Europe since the present conflict began. The American hen, as a great wealth producer and advance agent of prosperity, has the American eagle backed off the boards.

Northfield News: Horse buyers for the French government have been in Northfield buying horses for the military service. The prices paid are low, but considering the present horse market some are fairly well sold. Prices rang up to \$150 each.

Some time a municipal club house will be found in every town. It will not be too high toned for the common fellows, and will furnish rest, recreation and comfort for the class that patronized the saloon. It is up to the churches, lodges and society generally to supply the temperance teaching and the substitute for the saloon.—Slayton Gazette.

Lyle Tribune: A. H. Halversen, K. H. and Chas. Volstad were Austin callers Saturday morning in the interest of the County Option fight which we understand is being started in this county. The Nevada people can always be depended on when the call comes for workers. A petition for signatures will undoubtedly be circulated in this vicinity ere long.

The trouble with many so-called "good" people is that they have no force. Their goodness is of the passive kind—and passive it is. The evils of this world are never going to be put out of business by a mixture of weakness and goodness. What is needed is a goodness that has got some force to it, and that means strong men and women.—St. Charles Union.

Adams Review: The bill to abolish saloons not located within the limits of incorporated village or cities passed the House of Representatives last Saturday. The vote was 88 to 10. The bill had previously passed the Senate and will become a law with the Governor's signature. This new law, which goes into effect January 1st, next, will put the Johnsburg saloon, south of Adams, out of business.

LeVang's Weekly: Samuel M. Swenson is once more circulating among his many friends here in his home town. All are sincerely glad to see him look so well and healthy after his recent serious illness, which was brought on by injuries received in a railroad wreck near Albert Lea. He expects to remain with his parents in Lanesboro for a week or more before returning to his home at Austin.

Morrilstown Press: The packing plant in Faribault known as the Faribault Packing and Provision Company, is now complete as to organization and the officers and directors have been elected. The building and plant of the present Chase Packing Co., will be taken over and the plant greatly increased. It has been announced that Mr. M. E. Brooks of the Hormel plant at Austin, will be superintendent of this new plant.

Windom Citizen: When big periodicals can freely send their product thru the United States mail, magazines which are suggestive to the very extreme, then it is all right for Jim Jam Jems to be published, for the express object of this magazine is to expose present day evils. The latter magazine does not pose as a reformer, but simply to expose corruption, then if the people wish to prosecute all well and good.

LeSueur News: Of course you may go to California and see the rose bloom and oranges on the trees, but to see them best and enjoy them most, you must make your money in Minnesota, Iowa or Wisconsin, the garden of the United States, for you can not make it selling roses or fruit in California. Fruit, you know, is not a necessity, as is flour, meat and butter. The latter all must eat. The former are used by those who have money to buy them.

Anoka Union: My old friend, Bro. C. D. Belden, has sold his newspaper, the Austin Transcript, to Miss Anna B. Roble, because of ill health. For nearly twenty-five years he published the paper, and proved himself a good editor of the good old kind. The old editors of Minnesota are passing away, either by the grim monster of retiring, and it fills my old heart with sorrow. There are no friends and no editors like the ones of early days. I shall miss the writings of Editor Belden and hope that he will improve in health and once again put on the editorial harness.

Blue Earth Post: The Austin Transcript, and by the way it is representative of all that is good and elevating in its field, makes bold this observation and confession: "Those responsible for the constant putting on of readings, concerts and such entertainments until the public is heartily tired of being canvassed to buy tickets and attend ought to call a halt

on them. The smart attendance at many of them shows that people are getting weary of them. This condition may not be an indication of the best of state but the facts are as stated."

Rochester Post Record: School lunches are being tried out with great success in Olmsted county. One teacher, Miss Florence Eddy, who teaches in district 26, located in Salem township, has experimented along these lines and she is enthusiastic over the success of the system. During the winter months Miss Eddy kept this plan going. All through the cold wintry weather the pupils of "26" enjoyed hot lunches, consisting of corn, beans, coffee, cocoa, beef and tomato soup. This represents a surely appetizing array of edible articles—edible and nutritious, and what a change it is over the old cold lunch system, when each child brought his or her lunch in a piece of paper, a basket, or a tin.

WEDDING TRIP 57 YEARS AGO

The Pioneer Press contains a lengthy article of great interest regarding the wedding trip of Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. Nutting of Faribault 57 years ago from Massachusetts to Faribault late in November coming by way of Niagara and Dubuque. The weather grew continually colder. They left the railroad at Dyersville and traveled 40 miles the first day in a carry-all that had brought a load of discouraged westerners back from the wilderness. The driver bargained to take them to Faribault. The last part of their trip is described as follows:

"We changed from sleds to wagons with the changing weather and from one driver to another, as each got tired of his job and sold us off to another, more hopeful. Often we found it impossible to make the stops we had planned for, and one day after we had made only four miles because of the awful mud, we had to put up at an unfinished hotel in a six-months' old town. Twenty men were sitting about in the one huge downstairs room of the kitchen. That day they were plastering and making elderberry pies in the kitchen and the combination made me so uncomfortable that I went to bed to escape it. But questionable food, long exposure and only surface water to drink, had made me distinctly uncomfortable for some days and when we drew up before our next stop I was feeling quite ill. It was a desolate enough looking place. Thanksgiving had been proclaimed by the governor of Massachusetts and loyal down-Easterners were celebrating, the men by a turkey shoot, the women by going off to a friends for dinner. There was no body left to look after us but the men and the hired girls. They gave us the best supper they could, but it was not very tempting; biscuits made of the dark, uncleaned Minnesota flour, streaked with yellow where the soda was not well mixed in; butter that was white with now and then a dark line in it; tea very strong and very black, and cabbage, cold slaw, hot slaw—cabbage in seven styles, my husband said, I went to bed early sicker than ever. But about 10 o'clock my hostess came in. She had been so homesick she wanted to die, she said, so she went off and had a good Thanksgiving dinner; but she was sorry I had had nothing fit to eat, so she got me some white bread and made some good tea and toast and left me to a restful sleep.

The thaw had swollen the streams and as we went north the floods seemed to be deeper. Once we were told it would be impossible to cross a stream. But we succeeded in hiring a man who would venture it, and though the horses went down to their bodies in water the stream was so narrow at its deepest point that the wagon sprang right over. But I was not in the least afraid for I knew that four men wouldn't let one woman drown.

Austin was to be our last stop before Faribault, but eight miles this side we had to stop again, just after we had crossed the Minnesota line, as it was impossible to get on to Austin that night. I felt better the minute I entered that household. The hostess certainly knew just what to do to make tired travelers happy. After we had had a good supper with real white bread, she showed us to our room, which was simply a bed in a corner, curtained off from the rest of the room. Two of the guests slept out in the lean-to—as airy as the modern sleeping porch. But we, and the rest of the family, who were disposed about on the floor of the living room, felt decidedly hot and stuffy when, the last thing before retiring the hostess roasted the coffee for breakfast. But I got up in the morning feeling entirely well, and my husband laughingly said: "Just see what a change Minnesota has made in you. You felt better the minute you crossed the line."

At noon we reached Austin and hoped to make the forty miles to Faribault that afternoon. But again we were forced to stop. Our driver gave up in disgust. It had snowed heavily but had not frozen and the roads were almost impassable. That night my husband felt ill, and I got up to get him a drink of water from the pail in the kitchen. In the morning we found three drowned mice in the bottom of the pail. But my husband felt much better. Finally we found a man who would take us on. About six miles from home we had to cross the Straight

river, so called, my husband said, because it was so crooked. It was rushing over its banks like a spring freshet, and the bridge was all under water. But we were eager to get home, so we decided to try the crossing, and we sat up on our trunks high and dry while the horses plunged through the water which flowed over the bridge.

As we drove into Faribault my husband's neighbors, many of whom I had known down East, greeted us heartily and congratulated us on getting safely home. But we were an odd looking bridal party in our woolen wraps and Indian blankets and tired and worn on our long journey; and as we drove up to the largest house in Faribault we were oddly welcomed. This was the house that was to be my home for the next twenty years, where we were to entertain Phillips Brooks, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Horace Greeley. But this first day our guests were three discouraged, jobless men, who were loafing in front of our big fireplace. For it was the hard times of the winter of '57. But in spite of the hard times we suffered no real privations, and had a very happy first winter among our friends."

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NO LICENSE CONDITIONS AT FAIRMONT.

Conditions at Fairmont are summed up this wise: Not a drunk for a week; justices of the peace think of resigning; the city policemen continue to draw their breath and salaries and that's about all; it is difficult to get within drinking distance of the water fountain; some of the citizens are getting to like root beer and other soft drinks; more money was spent at the stores Saturday night for groceries, dress goods and the like than for years; less Sunday morning headaches and heartaches; more little girls and boys at Sunday school; a larger church attendance. This condition of affairs may be explained by the following from last Thursday's Sentinel: "The Minneapolis Brewing Company is today loading big drays, which are billed for Mankato, where all the booze fighters will have to go for refreshment after a few months. The Hamm Co., will ship to Sherburn, where they already have a plant which will be enlarged and equipped to satisfy the Esterville camels. The Mitchell company transfers to Welcome from whence it will ship to Iowa customers. Good showing already."

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Scaled bids will be received at the office of the County Auditor of the County of Mower, at the Court House in the City of Austin, Minnesota, until 4 o'clock P. M., April 29, 1915, for furnishing all the necessary material including tools, appliances and labor except the reinforcing rods and for doing all the necessary work in the construction of fourteen (14) re-enforced Concrete Bridges as follows: 1 Bridge 40' thru Girder Span, 5 bridges 30' thru girder span, 3 bridges 50' thru girder span, 1 bridge 24' slab span, 2 bridges 30' deck girder span, 1 bridge—23'16" deck girder span, 1 bridge—35' thru girder span. Separate bids must be submitted for each bridge.

(A) Plans and specifications may be seen at the above named office, or at the office of the State Highway Commission at St. Paul.

(B) Plans are to be submitted by the respective bidders, which shall comply with the Specifications of the State Highway Commission dated 1912.

Each proposal must be accompanied by cash or a certified check for not less than 5 per cent of the amount of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer of said Mower County. All bids must be upon the blank forms furnished by the undersigned.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.

O. J. SIMMONS, County Auditor, Mower County, Minnesota. Adv. 5-3.

County Board Meeting

The County Board of the County of Mower will meet in special session at the office of the County Auditor in the City of Austin at 4 o'clock P. M. April 29th, 1915, for the purpose of opening and considering bids for the construction of re-enforced concrete bridges.

O. J. SIMMONS, County Auditor. 6-3t

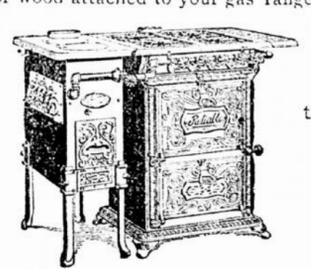
INSURANCE RATES TO BE REGULATED.

Governor Hammond has signed the bill by Senator A. L. Ward, granting the insurance commissioner authority to regulate and supervise fire insurance rates. Samuel D. Works, insurance commissioner, pronounces it the most important insurance measure enacted by Minnesota in years, as it places the ratemaking power under direct control of the state. Any person dissatisfied with rates quoted by fire insurance companies may appeal directly to the commissioner. This bill gives the commissioner power to investigate and ascertain if the rate is discriminatory or unjust, and to fix or order one in lieu thereof that shall not discriminate. This rate, so ordered and fixed, becomes the legal rate.

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