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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Where, oh where is our Indian Summer? Time is called on the oldest inhabitant.

We fully expect State Auditor Whitcomb will, shortly after the publication of his recent great manifesto, in reference to the P. of H., offer a reward of \$5,000 in the columns of THE GRANGE ADVANCE for any man in the State of Minnesota who will acknowledge himself to belong to a Grange.

We called at the new office of the St. Paul Dispatch on Wabasha Street, opposite the Opera House, a few days ago. We did not find the Editor of that spiciest of dailies in the sanctum, but we looked around, and satisfied ourself that the Dispatch is in a most prosperous condition, all of which it merits, and more also.

It was our good fortune while traveling through the western part of the State to enjoy for a day or two the company of W. A. Nimmo, Secretary of the Farmers' Ins. Co., at Minneapolis. Mr. Nimmo is a man of the most indomitable energy — If unflagging industry can build up an enterprise, his should be a giant among the insurance companies of the land.

Hennepin county, and a few others which are subject to Hennepin county influences made quite a break on the Secretaryship. Some 700 Republicans in Hennepin, and about 200 in Kandiyohi, led by a fellow named Rice, lately from Minneapolis, voted for Stevens. — Goodhue County Republican of 13th inst.

If that isn't drawing it mild for you, what would you call mildness?

Connecticut charges the contractors with stealing \$200,000 of the appropriation for the new State House, and yet the foundation walls are not laid. Nevermind, fellow citizens of Connecticut, you'll have a State House yet. These contractors are evidently the original wooden nutmeg manufacturers, and they can steal all of the appropriation except \$67.33 and then have enough left to put up the building; but we wouldn't like to warrant the material.

We regret that we have to mention the little matter of payment once more. Do subscribers think we can run this paper for nothing? Now, gentlemen, it will cost at least \$4000 to run it a year without paying one cent for editors or writers. Every dollar due at the end of a week must be paid in cash. No part of our business can be done upon credit. We appeal to you to sustain your paper. It rests in your hands to make it a grand success, or to kill it within three months. Which do you propose to do?

Two very funny cities are St. Paul and Minneapolis. Each is larger than the other, each is doing more business than the other, each has got more capital than the other, each is a better place to live than the other, each has got a better class of citizens than the other, each is growing faster than the other, each is more enterprising than the other, and finally each is going to swallow up the other. We believe all this, because we know the papers and people of neither town will lie, and we have had it directly from their mouths, and no hearsay about it.

While in the western part of the state a short time ago we heard the following conversation in the bar-room of a hotel:

"Say stranger, would you sell that dog o' yours?"

"Would I sell that dog? — That dog? Why, sir, that dog stood by me when I wasn't worth a cent, and couldn't scarcely get him enough to eat. He laid out on the prairie with me many a night. He was worth 400 rods of fence to me on my place. He has helped make every dollar I'm worth in the world. I haven't got no children, but he knows as much as any child I ever see. He has gone through every kind of hardship with me, and still he stuck by me. Ask that dog if he'd sell me."

The dog's look satisfied us that the man was not for sale. We need scarcely add that neither the man or dog had ever been to the legislature.

If some of these nice gentlemen, who have made every dollar they have got in the world out of farmers, and who never lose a chance to sneer at the grange movement, don't begin to whistle a different tune through their nasal appendages before the end of a year, we shall miss our guess tremendously. At any rate, we can assure these gentlemen that their sneering will impede the progress of the organization about as much as the hissing of a serpent would impede a locomotive. We believe that the farmers are thoroughly aroused to their wants, their grievances, and their power in the land. We know that they do not desire to destroy or hurt any legitimate industry, but simply seek to secure to themselves the fruits of their own industry, and are perfectly willing to let others do likewise.

How strange that any man can be so blind as not to see that the elevation of the farming community must result in the elevation of the whole country!

In the year 1659 Thanksgiving Day was appointed by the New England Puritans, for the comfortable harvest, the health of the country generally, and for our preservation from the destructive desire of that pestilent company, the Quakers; for the healing of the great breach at Hartford, and for the peace of the churches and the commonwealth.

In these days when we see and hear and talk so much about modern degeneracy and corruption, it is refreshing to note occasionally a comparison of modern with ancient times, favorable to the former. We think the men are much more tolerant of each others views when in conflict, than they were in ancient times. We exercise a larger charity toward each other in the matter of religious and political dogmas than did our fathers. It will be remembered that some of these "pestilent Quakers" suffered martyrdom at the hands of these same intolerant Puritans. But there is still much room for improvement in this respect.

It is perfectly appalling to contemplate the terrible and wide spread sufferings that will be endured by the poorer classes in the large cities during the coming winter. It is estimated that about 50,000 are out of employment in the city of New York alone, and but little short of that number in the city of Philadelphia. Nearly all of these people are of that class who live from hand to mouth, and scarcely ever have a day's provision ahead. How many little children, and even babes, will cry for bread, and will not get it. It is absolutely certain that in this great land of plenty many will actually die of starvation before the return of another spring. It is easy for those whose granaries are full to pray with faith for daily bread, but must not the heavens seem covered with brass, and the ear of the Great Father deaf, to those who for weeks have cried in agony, "Give us this day our daily bread," and yet no bread comes. Be doubly thankful, you who have homes and food, and be not slow to relieve suffering and want wherever you find it.

A Great Man has Spoken.

The great, the good, the wise, and most honorable O. P. Whitcomb, who, for some mysterious cause, or want of fitness in the running arrangements of this planet, is neither a Prince, Potentate, Power of the Air, or even King of the Cannibal Islands, but only State Auditor of Minnesota, has recently expressed his opinion in reference to the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry. The world has long and anxiously been awaiting the opinion of this great man on this subject, and now we have it. The GRANGE ADVANCE is the first paper to publish the opinion, because its editor was present at the delivery, and got the start of the other fellows. Hear all ye Grangers, and prepare to shut up shop! Hear all ye ends of the earth, for words of wisdom should reach the very uttermost parts! Hear all ye generations to come, and avoid the errors of your ancestors! Here are the very words to a letter:

"THIS WHOLE MOVEMENT OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY IS A MOST STUPENDOUS HUMBBUG!!!"
GREAT MAN, WE CAVE!

Our Paper.

We are constantly receiving the most complimentary notices from the press of this State, and adjoining counties in other States. We know that considering the adverse circumstances in which we are situated, we are making a good paper. The unanimous voice of the Press is that our paper is ably edited, and yet not one cent has been paid, or promised to be paid to an editor or writer upon the paper. We are well aware it cannot be conducted in this way very long. Now will the Granges go to work at once and get up clubs and send us the money immediately. We pledge ourselves to give you a better paper than it has yet been if you will support us. At this day no organization can succeed without a newspaper organ. Paid newspapers, with magnificently furnished offices, have been the greatest power in the hands of the

monopolists. Will the granges be less wise in their day and generation? We do not ask for fine offices, but simply for a bare support.

Gentlemen, we are in your hands, what say you?

To Whom does Victory Belong?

In old Democratic States, we find a rout of their hosts, or a falling off in their majorities in old Republican States, we hear either of defeat or of demoralization in their ranks. Where there are Democratic losses the Republican party papers are crying, see what a victory we have won! on the other hand, where the Republicans have met with reverse, the Democratic party papers have trotted out their roosters for a genuine old Democratic crow. It reminds us of the story that our fathers tell of the man and his wife who were early settlers of Ohio, and whose humble log cabin once upon a time, was invaded by a big black bear. The story runs that the man sought the loft, but the wife, with true woman's grit, seized the heavy fire shovel and waged such a fierce contest against the intruder, that old Bruin soon succumbed and rolled over a dead beast. When the bear was dead and the coast clear and safe, the husband came down from his perch and called all the neighbors in to see what "a big bear Sal and me killed."

These partizan papers seem to think that there is no other influence, no other power in this world than that of party. Party runs their universe, and is more to these men than the law of gravitation is to the world. They have not yet learned that parties and party politics are dead and buried in this country, that all the issues that constitute the life of a party are defunct and the people are acting independently: no we will not say they have not learned this, for many of them have learned and only hang on to the old party carcass to scare men into voting for their pet candidates, while they vote for whom they please. But the people learned these tricks and have commenced voting for whom they please. There has been a mighty ground swell among the masses. The people have quit voting for politics so called, and commenced to vote for those who they deem to be the best men, honest men, true men, who will run the government in accordance with principles of common sense, economy and of political good faith and virtue. They may have and doubtless have been in some instances deceived and cheated. Politicians who have served a lifetime at wire-pulling have the advantage and have doubtless in some instances foisted themselves on the people *volens*. But let such be aware "Offences must come, but woe unto him by whom the offence cometh" The people are no longer asleep, nor are they longer a disorganized mob.

Above all this, deep down in their hearts is the conviction that they are right, and all history is full of lessons, as to the irresistible power of a people struggling together in what they have deemed a righteous cause.

Then let all papers and parties who have nothing left, but to recount the struggles, and victories of the past, like old veteran soldiers whose arms are nerveless and whose limbs refuse longer to support their tottering bodies, retire to some quiet, and safe retreat with all their old and richly earned honors upon them, but let them not disturb their own peace by contending for victories which they have never won, or battles where they were not engaged. Let the people in the meantime stand firmly to their guns, deceived by neither the false cries of defeat or of victory.

Less Luxury.

The N. Y. Times says that since the panic there has been a great falling off in the demand for cigars, and especially so of the fancy brands. Pipes are coming more into fashion, and discussions on the relative merits of the various kinds of smoking tobacco take the place of similar discussions on the different brands of cigars.

This is just as it should be. If every one would forego everything that is merely luxurious, we should soon talk of the panic as a thing of the past, and money would be plentiful, because nearly all our mere luxuries are purchased abroad.

Now let us hear that the jewelry business is going into a rapid decline, that the wholesale and retail liquor trade is on the rapids just above the gulf of everlasting bankruptcy, that importations of fancy silks and satins have stopped, and then we'll risk the panic. Let every man see to it that he is not paying a cent for anything but necessities.

If by foregoing one pleasure to-day we can secure three tomorrow, he must be a fool indeed who will not deny the one and secure the three.

—We had occasion to call at the large dry goods house of A. H. Strouse, St. Paul, a few days ago, and can assure our readers that Mr. Strouse means business, and business upon the square. Call and see him when you are up there and prove the truth of what we say. 194 Third St. is the place.

The Election.

The latest returns before going to press show that Davis' majority is a little over 5,000. Barto, Republican candidate for Lieut. Governor, runs ahead of Mr. Davis about 360 votes. Jennison's majority will not be much over 500. This is somewhat strange, as Mr. Jennison has certainly made a good officer. His opponent, however, Mr. Stevens, is one of the most popular men in the State wherever he is known, and this accounts for Jennison's small majority to some extent. Wilson, Republican candidate for Attorney General, has about 4,000 majority, while Mr. E. W. Dike, Opposition candidate for State Treasurer, is elected by a majority of over 4,000. This is the most significant fact in the election. It shows that the people of this State are not bound hand and foot by the ignominious shackles of party. They propose to vote for the man who has been tried and not found wanting. Mr. Dike had been in the office but about seven months, and his monthly statements proved highly satisfactory to the people, while the fact that nearly \$1,000 per month has been saved to the State, in the shape of interest upon State deposits during Mr. Dike's short administration, was a fact that had much influence upon election day.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Grinager has no reason to feel hurt, or to complain. Had he been in Mr. Dike's place, and Dike in his place, he would have received the same majority that Mr. Dike has. Those papers that attempt to make a question of nationality out of this vote for Treasurer, not only falsify the facts, but they are doing the country a serious injury by creating divisions on this subject of nationality. No one who is conversant with the facts, believes that one hundred votes were cast for Mr. Dike because he is an American, and it is more than certain that but few were cast for Grinager because he is a Scandinavian.

The Republican candidate for Supreme Judge, in Iowa, has 29,708 majority, and the State Superintendent 30,724 majority. The vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor will be canvassed by the Legislature in January.

The proposed amendment to the constitution in New York, making judicial officers appointive instead of elective, as at present, was defeated.

The N. Y. Fulton Patriot, says: The apparent majorities for the Democratic State candidates range from eight to ten thousand.

The Senate stands, politically, Republicans seventeen, Democrats fourteen, and Farmer Republicans one.

The Assembly is composed, politically, of seventy-one Republicans to fifty-seven Democrats. Two Districts only are at all in doubt. The Republican strength in the House will be at least seventy, and possibly seventy-two.

Of the members of the last Senate, nine are re-elected, and as many others have had legislative experience. Of the members of the last Assembly, thirty-four are re-elected, and twenty-five others have at some time been members of that body. The ability of both Houses is above the average, and with so many members of experience and high character, it is reasonably expected that the next Legislature will make for itself an honorable record in the service of the people of this State.

A revised list of the Legislature, according to the St. Paul Dispatch, show the present political complexion as follows:

	Senate.	House.	Joint Ballot.
Republican.....	27	57	84
Opposition.....	13	48	71
Rep. maj.....	14	9	23

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Republican.....	32	81	112
Opposition.....	10	25	35
Rep. ma.....	21	56	77

This is a gain for the Opposition of seven in the Senate, forty-seven in the House and fifty-four on Joint Ballot.

The Virginius Massacre.

The most horrifying, cold blooded butchery of recent times, is the murder of the officers and passengers of the Virginius by the Cuban Spaniards. These fellows seem to be vieing with the red demons of the West in the atrocity of their fiendish outrages. This vessel was alleged to be a filibustering steamer, and was captured by the Spanish gunboat Tornado somewhere on the seas between Cuba and Jamaica. It is not definitely known whether she was in Cuban waters, or upon the high seas, or within the water limits of Jamaica. Four of those found on board were instantly tried and shot at Santiago de Cuba; in other words, they were murdered outright. A few days afterward, the captain and thirty-six of the crew were executed at the same place, and on the next day twelve more. Intense excitement is felt at Washington and other parts of the country. Orders have been received at the Navy Yard at Philadelphia to fit out the Monitor Manhattan for sea at once, and it is understood that other monitors at League Island are to be made ready for sea immediately. We shall await further developments with much anxiety.

HUMBBUG.—We hear of a traveling humbug in Goodhue county. The enterprising peddler claims to represent a firm in England that has failed; that the firm have got their goods into this country under a

special revenue act, (favorable to firms that smash up we suppose,) at a discount of fifty per cent. The creditors have given the firm an extension of time, and by paying forty per cent. they can resume business. This is pretty thin, and it is a little strange that any body who takes the papers should be taken in. He travels with a wagon, his goods look well, and he talks fine. We understand that he has sold farmers to the amount of about two thousand dollars in this section of the country within ten days. There has not only been that much taken out of the county, but farmers have got nothing for the money. It is hardly necessary to say the goods are worthless. O ye too credulous, why do you not patronize home men whose business responsibility you know?

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