

LATE RETURNS CUT DOWN "WET" LEAD IN COUNTY OPTION ELECTION

"Drys" Confident of Victory Despite the "Wet" Lead of 78 Votes; 25 Precincts Out

Vote Expected to Be Close; Twenty-five Missing Precincts May Cast 450 Votes; Benville and Angle Precincts Still Out; Change is Made in Spooner Township Vote; Cormant Dry 20 to 2.

TOWN OF KELLIHER IN "DRY"

COLUMN BY VOTE OF 12 TO 5

Delayed returns received today cut the "wet" lead in the county option election to 78 votes, with 25 precincts still to be heard from.

The vote, with the 25 precincts missing, is 1,419 for the "wets" and 1,341 for the "drys."

Twenty-three of the 25 precincts to be heard from cast 399 votes in the June primaries for representative to the legislature. No vote was cast at the Angle in the June primaries. It is believed that over 450 votes were cast in these precincts.

The precincts to be heard from include the Benville district which it is believed will go "dry."

Drys are Confident.

"Dry" advocates are confident today that they will win the election.

"The vote will be close, I will admit, but I believe that further returns will give us a lead," said a "dry" advocate today.

"Wet" followers were also confident today that they would be victorious. Much interest was shown in the receiving of further returns.

The vote in Spooner township, which was reported as 11 dry and 31 wet, was today reported as 11 dry and 22 wet by the town clerk.

Cormant Goes Dry.

One of the biggest "dry" gains today was the town of Cormant which went 20 dry and 2 wet. The town of O'Brien went seven dry and one wet. Eland cast 12 dry votes and 3 wet votes.

Kelliher township went dry 12 to 5. The election results in the towns and villages are as follows:

Table with columns: Town, Dry, Wet. Lists various towns and their respective vote counts for the election.

Beltrami County Exhibit for State Fair Being Prepared

By Bueford M. Gile (School Agriculturist)

A building two doors south of the Bemidji Steam Laundry is being used to assemble the Beltrami county exhibit for the state fair at Hamline. The grains and grasses have been gathered or arranged for, but if better samples are brought in than those already secured they will be used.

15 Fruit Varieties.

In order to meet the requirements it is necessary that we exhibit 15 varieties of fresh fruit. These are hard to find and any co-operation along this line will be appreciated.

WAR WILL END IN 1917 SAYS OFFICER

By Wilbur S. Forrest (United Press Staff Correspondent)

British Base Hospital, North France, July 21.—(By mail)—"The war will end early in 1917. Which side will win? Germany will win, of course."

A wounded officer of the noted Prussian guard made this assertion to the United Press today. The words came between big bites of white bread, laid sandwich-like over a heavy spread of real butter and orange marmalade. The officer was hungry. With about 200 comrades he had just arrived from the scene of the big British offensive. He had been nipped in the leg by shrapnel. His wound did not deter him from verbal optimism. But he was greatly thankful for the neat hospital cot and the treatment he was receiving.

Want Corn Exhibit.

We would like to make a good showing on corn this year. Many of the people farther south do not believe that corn can be raised successfully up here and a good showing of mature corn by Sept. 1 this year would be good advertising for us. We must show 20 ears of each—yellow dent, white dent, Northwestern dent, sweet corn, flint and pop corn. The husk should be left on the ears and about forty ears brought in so that we can pick out the best twenty ears.

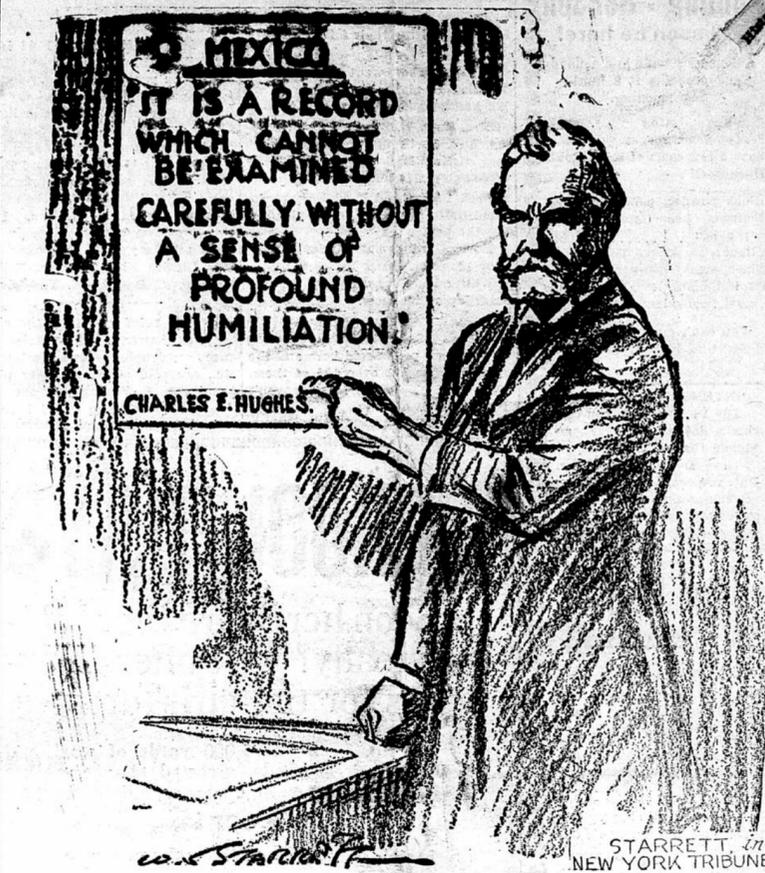
In the class for potatoes we want one-half bushel each of the following varieties: Early Ohio, Red Bliss, Triumph, Carmen No. 1 (Green Mountain), Carmen No. 3 (Rural New Yorker), Burbank, Russett and King (Maggie Murphy). The potatoes must be free from scab, smooth and each one wrapped in paper to keep them from skinning.

"Why where you taken prisoner?" he was asked. "The British had too much artillery for us," was the reply. "Their fire was stronger than ours and we were cut off. We had plenty of food, but no water. We had to surrender."

SOLWAY FARMERS' CLUB TO MEET SEPTEMBER 10

The Solway Farmers' club will hold an outdoor picnic Sept. 10 at the Charles Larson farm, south of Solway. It is expected that many will attend as several important matters will be discussed. The killing of pocket gophers, the shipping of cattle and gardening and chicken raising will be discussed. Bemidji merchants are invited to attend the meeting.

THE MAN AND THE ISSUE



ANDERSON TO REOPEN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

A. F. Anderson, who conducted an employment agency in Bemidji for eight years up to two years ago, will reopen his office in the Kaplan block next Monday. Mr. Anderson has been on his homestead during the past two years.

PROMINENT PEOPLE BUY LAND HERE

Dr. W. A. Jones, noted specialist, and his wife motored up from Minneapolis yesterday and spent the day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilcox. While here Dr. Jones purchased a quarter section of land from Mr. Wilcox of the Northern Land Co.

Among others who have procured land from Mr. Wilcox are the following people: W. C. Whitney, manager of the Minneapolis Dry Goods Co., Fannie Zimmerman, one of the buyers for the Minneapolis Dry Goods Co., C. P. Matson, wholesale merchant of St. Louis, T. W. Lagerquist, passenger elevator manufacturer of Minneapolis, W. A. Alden, of the Alden Rug Co., Minneapolis, H. H. Dunn of the J. W. Thomas Co., Minneapolis, and W. C. Dunn and L. E. Carpenter, auditors of the Soo Line, both of Minneapolis.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

(By United Press) St. Cloud, Minn., Aug. 16.—"Endeavor that wins" was the slogan of the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor society, opening here today.

HUGHES SAYS HE WOULD UPHOLD RIGHTS

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 16.—Charles E. Hughes told an audience in Tacoma's stadium yesterday that he would not shrink from war in enforcing American rights abroad.

HANGKEY IS HEAD OF SAUM SCHOOLS

Prof. C. G. Hangkey of Helan, Ga., has been selected as the head of the consolidated school at Saum. Prof. Hangkey was in the city today. He was superintendent of the schools at International Falls several years ago.

GILL BROS. STORE BEING REDECORATED

The Gill Bros. men's furnishing store is being painted and redecorated.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC TOMORROW

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold its annual picnic tomorrow. Every person desiring to go is requested to be at the church at nine o'clock and automobiles will be waiting. Bring well filled lunch baskets and cups and plates, orders the picnic committee.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CITY WARRANTS

Funds are available for the paying of all poor fund warrants to date, permanent improvement warrants to and including No. 7289 issued June 27, 1916, all general fund warrants issued prior to June 1, 1916, and all revolving fund warrants to and including No. 7503 issued Aug. 8, 1916, according to a notice published today by George W. Rhea, city treasurer.

NO WORD OF GERMAN MERCHANT SUBMARINE

(By United Press) Berlin, Aug. 16.—The United Press learned today reliably that the submarine Deutschland has not been heard from since Aug. 2 when it cleared the Virginia capes.

CHILDREN RECOVER FROM PARALYSIS

New York, Aug. 16.—Children who have recovered from infantile paralysis and are being discharged from hospitals, although still suffering from the effect of the disease, Dr. Emerson, health commissioner, declared in a statement, require expert orthopedic treatment to escape becoming cripples for life. The commissioner was optimistic of the ultimate recovery of the little patients with preparatory treatment, but he held out scant hope for a cure in less than two years.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD HERE TUESDAY

The state normal school board will hold a meeting in Bemidji next Tuesday. They will view the site of the normal school which is to be located in Bemidji and it is expected that some action will be taken in regard to the school here. A topographical survey of the site has been made.

CONVICTS BEGIN WORK ON \$3,500,000 PRISON

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 16.—Work is under way on the construction of the new \$3,500,000 Illinois penitentiary which is expected to be completed within five years. The work is being done entirely by convict labor.

Germans Believe Worst Of Offensive is Over; Unable to Reach Lemberg

(By United Press) Russians Completely Halted at Stokod River; Fall of Stanislau Offset by Failure to Reach Kovel and Lemberg; Attacks are Weak North of Dneister; Italians Capture Austrian Trenches Near Goritz.

MORGAN & COMPANY ANNOUNCE WAR LOAN OF \$250,000,000 TO ENGLAND

Headquarters of Von Hindenberg's Army, Aug. 16.—The worst of the Russian offensive is over, a high commanding officer told the United Press today. He had just finished an inspection of the Teutonic lines. The Russians have been completely halted at the Stokod river while attempting to retake Kovel. Undaunted, the Russians have swung southward against the Austrians. The fall of Stanislau was admittedly unpleasant but the Germans claim that it had been outweighed by the failure of the Russians to reach Kovel or Lemberg.

German Losses Large. Petrograd, Aug. 16.—(Official)—The Russians under General Brusiloff from June 4 to August 13 captured 358,602 Teutonic prisoners and 405 cannons.

To Sever Relations. London, Aug. 16.—England may not resume diplomatic relations with Germany after the war unless Germany makes full reparation for the execution of Captain Fryatt and similar alleged outrages, Premier Asquith intimated in the House of Commons today.

Attacks are Weak. Berlin, Aug. 16.—(Official)—The Russians are only weakly attacking north of Dneister following the heavy losses in Monday's fighting. These attacks were repulsed. The Germans are holding the Starawipeczyna heights.

Italy Takes Trenches. Rome, Aug. 16.—(Official)—The Italians have captured the Austrian trenches on the slope of Mount Peckina, south of Goritz.

England Gets Big Loan. New York, Aug. 16.—Morgan & Co. today announced the detail of a \$250,000,000 loan to England at five per cent interest. England must de-

posit in this country \$300,000,000 to secure the loan.

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No Hope is Held For The Arbitration of Big Strike, Crisis Expected Tomorrow

Washington, Aug. 16.—There is no hope of arbitrating the differences between the railway managers and brotherhood men to prevent a big railway strike. President Wilson has definitely discarded this to accomplish peace.

Conferences Continued. The White House conference was continued but it was not believed that a crisis would be reached until tomorrow.

After conferring with President Wilson late last night the employees sub-committee sent to New York for the private members of the general committee to come to Washington in order to facilitate negotiations. They are expected here Thursday and probably will see the president Friday.

Has No Power. The decision to send to New York for the general committee of the railroad employees was reached because the sub-committee here is without power to reach important decisions without reference to the men in New York.

Official statements issued today from the White House merely stated that the discussions were in progress.

May Appoint Commission. When it became clear that arbitration of the entire problem never would be agreed to but that the railroads might concede the principle of the eight-hour day and dispose of other issues by some form of negotiations, the president directed his energies toward obtaining expressions from both sides on how negotiations could be carried on. Direct conferences and inquiry by an investigating commission were sought as the president indicated his willingness to appoint such a committee himself.

No Suggestions Made. It was understood that the employees' representatives offered no suggestions on this feature of the situation. The railroads were reported to be ready to concede the principle of the eight-hour day on condition that all collateral issues be thoroughly investigated by the interstate commerce commission or some other body. Administration officials refused to predict what the outcome would be and the president was understood to be uncertain whether a strike could be avoided.

Men Quitting Work on the Range; I. W. W. blamed

(By United Press) Brainerd, Minn., Aug. 16.—Flocks of men are quitting work in the Cuyuna iron range underground mines.

None of these are striking. They merely are leaving their jobs, claiming they are being intimidated by I. W. W. leaders.

"I don't want to strike but I don't want to stay here where there's trouble. There's plenty of that back across the seas, where my people are. I can't live at the boarding house. They'll run me out. So I'll just go where there isn't any trouble," one of the better educated of the miners said today.

These men on the range bear varied nationalities. In one case there were working besides each other Austrians, Croathians, Serbians, Bulgarians, Irish, Swedes, Norwegians, Finns, English, Mexicans and Americans.

Blame Agitation. St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 16.—I. W. W. agitation, dissatisfaction with the piece work system, lack of candor of employers in telling employees why