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OFFICIAL COUNTY AND CITY PROCEEDINGS

## CIVIC IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS

The Civic Improvement committee of the Woman's Civic and Community club is to be commended on their effort to turn the vacant lots north of the postoffice into a park. These are beautiful level lots and are passed daily by hundreds of people. The presence of flower beds and seats here would add much to the beauty of the street and comfort of many. While we are speaking of seats, we would suggest to the Park Board that three seats in Library park is altogether too small a number to accommodate park visitors, and that is all there were there Monday afternoon. On an evening such as Sunday, when crowds sought fresh air out of doors, fifty seats would have been occupied in Library park, and where better could one go than there to enjoy the view on the lake by moonlight and the fresh breeze from the water? It is not always comfortable to walk up and down the shore, many would prefer to sit. The ground is about the only available seat to be found.

The drinking fountain and light post will be a greatly appreciated addition to the attraction of the park.

We have another suggestion to offer with regard to the throwing of empty envelopes and wrappers on the ground around the postoffice entrance. What would otherwise be a spot of beauty is marred by the thoughtlessness of people who deliberately throw paper on the steps and grounds there. Proper receptacles are placed in the postoffice for waste paper and, if letters must be opened outside, let us have a couple of waste paper containers placed at the entrance in which the paper may be placed instead of on the ground. Let us have a little civic pride and keep things looking neat, for our own satisfaction, if we do not care to do it for our summer visitors.

## FIRST BARGAIN DAY A SUCCESS

The success of the first market day in Bemidji should be encouragement to the local merchants to make the venture a permanent custom. If a town can draw fifty new customers to its stores by putting on a special Market Day and offering special inducements, it is well worth while. Reports indicate there were many more than that at Bemidji's first Market Day. It is not so much the increase in the amount of business done as the fact that new territory is being added to Bemidji's trade zone, for a new, satisfied customer means many additional purchases each year and that is what counts rather than a spasmodic burst and then a settlement back to former lines.

From the opinion gathered, it would seem that a day in the middle of the week would be better than Saturday, as that day is usually a busy one under normal conditions. It would mean two busy days in the week instead of one.

From the advertising angle, every advertisement should carry a bargain on some article of general use. There would be little use for instance in advertising a special price on shaving mugs or corn removers. Their use is limited to a small number. The more general the demand for the article advertised the better bargain it is.

Taking everything into consideration, Bemidji's first bargain day was a huge success. Let's have more of them.

## HONOR THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAD HEROES

The Decorating Fund, to be used by the American Legion for the purpose of decorating the graves of army veterans in Greenwood cemetery, is growing, but not as fast as it should be. The amount asked, \$150.00, is not too much to spend on the graves of the heroes of our country. It is not enough, but it is much better than has been customary to spend for some time. It is true, we do not measure our appreciation of these men's heroic deeds by money, but how better can we honor their memory than by decorating the resting place of all that is human of them, and it is for this purpose the contributions are asked.

## POTATO INDUSTRY FORGES AHEAD

Notwithstanding the lower prices and the many hundred bushels of potatoes left on the producer's hands last year, it is interesting to note that an increased acreage is to be planted in Minnesota, the second largest potato producing state in the country, this year. Seed is cheaper, and labor is more plentiful and cheaper this year, which in all probability accounts for the increased acreage. More seed potato plots are being planted, which is intended to improve the quality of the seed and eventually increase the yield per acre. A marked tendency to standardize varieties is also another step being taken to raise and insure better marketing.

Governments are like people. If they persist in carrying chips on their shoulders some one is sure to knock them off.

## OVERHEARD BY EXCHANGE EDITOR

## CORRECT FOR ONCE

Says Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, to the Reichstag: "The world believes we are underestimating our ability to pay." For once the German authority is accurate in its appraisal of world opinion. That is precisely what the world believes. It believes Germany has a carefully prepared plan to escape, the liability it has incurred by a plea of national poverty. It does not believe—and reports from various sections of the former empire support this incredulity—that Germany is the national bankrupt itself, except in the matter of honor. Escaping from the war it provoked with a minimum of the devastation and suffering of war, it would carry that escape still further and make the monetary penalty as light as possible. It would leave unnumbered no plea calculated to reduce the bill of reparations.—St. Paul Dispatch.

The Canadians, at least, express the opinion that the tariff game is something at which more than the United States can play.—St. Cloud Times.

The chances are that Henry Ford would not make a very strong candidate as mayor of Perusalem.—Anoka Herald.

## New York Letter

by  
Lucy Jeanne Price

New York, May 24.—The road commission, or whoever it is of Oyster Bay, knows something about the psychology of advertising, as well as of the prosaic matter of making roads. Motorists on the north shore of Long Island meet with many kind of signs giving warning of steep hills or sharp turns. This is especially true of the Shore road, which traces the coast line of the Sound. But it is a sign near Oyster Bay that really makes the speeding motorist think and hesitate. "Slow down," it says, "dangerous hill. Nearest hospital nine miles away."

Maybe it's the example of Mrs. Lydig Hoyt and her plunge into the movies which has spurred her sister, Mrs. Van Rensselaer C. King, equally prominent in New York society, into doing something to help the needy. Mrs. King calls her enterprise "a business career." Anyway, she has just established a firm known as the Town and Country Secretariat, Inc., which proposes a place qualified persons in that particular "set" of society to which they are best adapted. When the particular social luminary has "arrived" Mrs. King's headquarters will advise her steps as she treads the mazy path of social success.

What is work? And why do you work? Is marriage work? Those are a few of the questions the national board of the Y. W. C. A. is going to find out about. Now that Thomas A. Edison has started a flood of academic questions abroad in the land, the Y. W. is going to send out a list of decidedly practical ones: Personal opinion, not the verdict of historians or geography, will be what's wanted as replies. A convention resolution was adopted by the board recently for the studying of the place and significance of work in the life of woman and then—here's the particularly practical note—for the promotion of the necessary instruction. The questionnaire being compiled will ask for a definition of work, and including that disputed question noted above, anent marriage. Then it will ask why the questioned person works. For necessities? A desire for self-expression? Among the other questions already framed are: What is the value

of work? Why is having to work sometimes regarded as undesirable? If you were married, would you work? What reward does a married woman receive for caring for her home? Does a home-maker have to spend as much money as before she was married? From the replies to these queries—and many more—the Y. W. classes will be planned to meet as best they can what seem to be the chief demands for vocational training.

Gone are the days when prestige and flash of uniform holds the heart. "I don't like this game; there's no money in it," said Policeman Alvin M. Gehrke, the other day as he walked up to Lieut. Fleming, took off his shield and handed it to the lieutenant. "I quit." Pressed for a reason, Gehrke explained that he was going to drive a pie-wagon. It paid better. And none of the advantages urged on the side of being a policeman with a badge and authority and everything compared, in Gehrke's mind with the pay and the joy from driving pies about the city streets.

One can see almost anything in New York. And frequently does. For instance: the other day from a train on the Sixth avenue elevated, I looked into the windows of a loft on Christopher street, right at a nice live goat, munching away on a bunch of hay. Why a goat was kept there and how all the rest of the story, I can't imagine and shall probably never know. But it was there.

It certainly was interesting the other night at the annual art models' ball held at Tammany hall. It was intriguingly called "a true village carnival," but that wasn't the particularly interesting thing about it. Picking out the girls you had seen pictured in your favorite brand of hosiery and talcum powder and pretty nearly everything else you buy—that was the thing that held you long after the hour when you were expected safe within the walls of your own apartment. They really DO look like their pictures. Probably especially so because a good many of them came dressed as they are in the ads—with reason, of course.

## POTATO SEED INSPECTION AND SEED CERTIFICATION

**Seed Potato Plots.**  
Every potato grower who expects to grow certified potatoes is required to maintain a special seed plot each year, or if he does not wish to do this, to obtain seed potatoes from a grower who does maintain one. (Directions for growing a seed plot can be obtained from the County Agricultural agent.)

In order to facilitate the marketing of certified seed potatoes, it is strongly urged that the growers in a given community grow not more than three of the standard varieties recommended for Minnesota.

**Application for Inspection.**  
Time limit. All applications for inspection must be made to the chief inspector by July 1st of the year in which inspection is desired on blanks which will be supplied on request from the chief inspector's office at University Farm, or from the county agent, Dvoracek.

The application blank properly filled out should contain the following information: varieties grown; acreage; history of the seed; performance of the seed; source of seed; was seed treated? how?; approximate yield of field from which seed was obtained; percentage of diseases in the field from which seed was obtained; growing conditions in the field from which the seed was obtained; crop history of field intended for certification; approximate date of planting.

**Fees.** Applications for certification must be accompanied by an initial fee of fifty cents per acre for the number of acres for which application for inspection is made. A flat fee of \$5 which includes both initial and annual fees will be charged for the inspection of all fields up to and including three acres. This fee is payable at the time application for inspection is made.

**Instructions.**  
Object. The following information must be available before seed can be certified: stand; general constitutional vigor; freedom from disease; varietal purity; trueness to type.  
Number—Three inspections will be made at the following times: flowering time; when the vines are ripe, but before they have died; digging time or when the potatoes are in storage.

Note. If an inspection is made before the potatoes have been graded and they comply with all other requirements, the inspector shall sort out one-half bushel to show the grower or how the potatoes must be graded to be sold as certified. This half-bushel together with one-half bushel of the ungraded stock must be sent to the office of the chief inspector. If the potatoes have already been graded when the final inspection is made, only one-half bushel need be sent. Certificates of certification tags will not be sent to any grower until a sample of the stock grown has been received at the chief inspector's office.

**Requirements for Eligibility.**  
Varieties. Only the varieties now adopted or which may be adopted in the future by the Minnesota Potato Growers' association as standard va-

to the accepted type for the variety in shape, color, size and characteristic markings. (Allowance will be made for minor variations due to local condition of soil and climate.)

**Size.** The size must be fairly uniform. Ideal seed potatoes should weigh from 2 to 8 ounces. Potatoes will not be certified if more than 5 per cent of the tubers weigh less than 2 ounces or over 10 ounces in the case of early varieties and 12 ounces in the case of late varieties. The diameter of the potatoes of the round varieties shall not be less than one and seven-eighths inches and of potatoes of long varieties one and three-fourths inches. This is the same size as Minnesota Grade No. 1.

In order to obtain the above size the following screen sizes are recommended:

**Round mesh.** Screen mesh of the same size as the minimum for the grade.

**Square mesh.** Screen mesh one-eighth inch smaller than grade size minimum.

**Intermediate mesh.** (Between square and round.) Screen mesh one-sixteenth inch smaller than grade size minimum.

## Freedom From Disease.

The following percentage of disease will disqualify seed stock from certification: Vine Diseases: Total of 5 per cent of the following: Leaf Roll; Curly dwarf; mosaic.

More than 1 per cent of hills affected with Blackleg at the time of first inspection.

More than 2 per cent of Fusarium wilt at the time of first inspection. A field containing more than a total of 5 per cent of all the above diseases combined will not be considered for certification. In order that fields may become eligible for final certification all diseased plants must be removed before the second inspection.

**Late blight inspection** disqualified potatoes for certification.

**Tuber diseases:** More than 5 per cent of characteristic brown ring discoloration of Fusarium wilt.

Presence of powdery scab shall disqualify.

More than 10 per cent of common scab, moderate infection.

More than 10 per cent of Rhizoctonia, moderate infection.

Presence of late blight, rot shall disqualify.

All bin rots and cuts must be removed.

A total of more than 10 per cent of all tuber diseases will disqualify.

Presence of black wart shall disqualify.

Grades of Certified Seed.

Certified seed potatoes are divided into three grades, according to productiveness, conformity to the accepted type and quality. These grades are designated as follows: XXX, XX, and X. Grade X potatoes have just met the certification re-

quirements while only those showing exceptional superiority will be designated Grade XXX. Owing to the importance of environmental influence involving the above factors, the minimum standard for each grade must necessarily be fixed each year.

## AGREEMENT PREDICTED ON YAP SITUATION SOON

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 24.—Developments recently in the Yap situation have led administration officials to believe that an agreement will be reached by the United States and Japan and the other allies on this question, it was learned Monday.

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TO BE HELD ON THE FARM OF  
THOS. PORTE—7 MILES NORTH OF BEMIDJI

FRIDAY, MAY 27th

Program at 10 O'Clock

Basket Lunch at 11:30

Blowing on an Acre of Stumps at 12:00

The Pathe News Weekly intend to take Moving Pictures of the Demonstration

## Governor J. A. O. Preus

Will touch the button that will blow an acre of stumps in one blast

Every resident of Beltrami County should be interested in this big Land Clearing project—if you are a farmer or not—more land cleared means greater prosperity for everyone.

Bring a basket lunch for the whole family—enjoy the good speeches—see an acre of ground made tillable in the twinkling of an eye.

There will be an afternoon meeting at Blackduck when Gov. Preus will again speak—and another acre of stumps will be touched off.

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