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CRARY ASKS QUESTIONS.

Milt Crary, who was made the subject of a series of bitter attacks by the "Consolidated Press" during the past week is not the one to lie quiet. Not for Milt. In the current issue of the Edmore Herald-News Editor Crary asks a few pertinent questions that may bother the editor of the Journal to answer. The editorial follows:

"The Devils Lake Journal—by the way, the most unreliable newspaper in the state—says that the whiskey element is firmly in the saddle in Devils Lake, and with the exception of two offices is in absolute control of the courthouse. If this were true it would certainly be a sad state of affairs, but it is so far from the truth that the most biased individual knows that the Journal is simply lying. The Journal's tirade along these lines in the past, backed by its few democratic sponsors, has cost this county in the neighborhood of $10,000 and the state of North Dakota $75,00, with no results whatever. The Journal cannot say that it was for the lack of prosecution, as all the machinery was pressed into action, including his democratic governor, his attorney general with his army of deputies, and around these were grouped the whole democratic machinery with all its imps and shysters.

"The Journal says that all the officers in Devils Lake and Ramsey county, with the exception of two, belong to the whiskey element. Below we publish a list of the city and county officials, and in order to be fair to those two, who the Journal claims to be 'lily whites,' and to be more explicit in his statements so that the taxpayers may know just the ones who are upholding and backing the booze element, we ask the Journal to 'sort out the sheep from the wolves' by giving the names of those two.

"The city officials of Devils Lake are as follows: P. J. McClory, F. T. Cuthbert, Geo. Jurgens, O. W. Ohnstad, P. G. Miller, S. L. Wineman, C. J. B. Turner, Hans Halgren, C. W. Greene, Louis Hansen, E. Callahan, Dr. McGurren, Messrs. Nygard, Johnson and Harris.

"The county officials are as follows: John McLean, D. G. Duell, R. V. Bice, Gus. Furstenau, J. A. Haig, J. F. Henry, M. A. Hoghaug, Herman Stenseth, C. O. Johnson, Frank Emigh, Thos. Maloney, Ole J. Hoistad and John Thelin.

"Now the Journal claims all but two of the above named men belong to the whiskey element, and for information we would ask Bro. Bloom to be more definite and give us the names of the two he is willing to take chances on as being against the piggers.

"Our opinion is that the Journal is sore because its handful of followers cannot run Devils Lake and Ramsey county, and in order to be antagonistic to the officials is willing to lie when the truth sounds much better. And further than that it is willing to class our county officials with blind piggers. Give us the names, Bloom!"

THE MATTER OF RATES.

So far as the consumer in Devils Lake is concerned the matter of a reduction in the rates on light and water is as far from a settlement now as it was before the meeting of the city council last evening.

Exhaustive reports were read both by representatives of the city and by those appearing for the Improvement Company, covering comparative figures applying to various cities in and out of this vicinity. Some little argument was indulged in, but the matter of machinery, the cost of a kilowatt, the price of coal, the cost of production, and the attitude of the public appeared to be so varied that it would take a close student of economics to ascertain the standing of the local plant.

But one fact stood out clearly amid the mass of figures presented, that being the undisputed statement that municipal plants wherever tried, were able to give the patrons of their service a lower rate than private corporations under similar circumstances. The World does not know at this time whether it would be feasible for the city of Devils Lake to install a municipal plant, but is willing to assert that if they are enabled to so do it would mean a decided saving in rates.

Prohibitive light and water rates will do more to deter the growth of a city than any other factor that enters into the computation of the prospective resident. These two public utilities are the mainstay of any family and upon their cost rests in the main the cost of living. We do not deny that the local corporation has met with obstacles but it is the general belief that a part of these obstacles have been the result of their own negligence in keeping abreast of the times with workmen. As the discussion has arisen it should result in a thorough investigation and a settlement if possible. It is not the desire of citizens of Devils Lake to do any corporation an injustice but it is generally conceded that the rates in this city are not in conformity with the service given the patrons and it is the wish of the people for the investigation to continue.

The World has made no attempt to arouse public sentiment nor will it in the future do more than to lay the facts as they appear to the council before the public in the hopes that some arrangement can be arrived at that will be equitable, both to the corporation and the public.

STICKLEY'S RESPECTS.

Though every editorial writer in the state paid his respects to the departure of Geo. B. Winship from the North Dakota field of journalism, it remained for Stickley, Himself, of the Kenmare Journal, to add the final touches for the fraternity as a whole and in the following excellent editorial he gives Mr. Winship his "Godspeed."

The consummation of the deal this week which consolidated the Grand Forks Herald and the Grand Forks Times, removes from North Dakota Newspaperdom the oldest head in the service—the daddy of us all—Geo. B. Winship.

For thirty-two years Mr. Winship has guided the destinies of that splendid sheet first established in the jungles of the Red River in the pioneer days, pushed it through the territorial days, territorial division, establishment of statehood, then through over twenty years of what might be termed foundation laying; party differences; adversity, prosperity, everything which goes with a long, eventful life in a public capacity, and finally saw his efforts crowned by placing his Herald in the metropolitan class of northwestern newspapers.

When Mr. Winship established the Herald Maj. Edwards was in his prime, having just established the Argus; Jud Jordan had just launched his Fargo Republican, and Col. Lounsberry was issuing the Bismarck Tribune among the Indians; Jud LaMoure was breaking into territorial politics and Alex. McKenzie was driving spikes on the railroad; Marshall McClure was conductor on a Mexican railroad; Old Bill Mumby was setting type on the Chicago papers; Kernel Brewer was in knee pants; M. H. Jewell was reporting in Chicago; the writer was playing marbles in southeastern Iowa while Sam Clark and Heiney Mitchell Alice Nelson Page, Leda Maree Mansfield and other bright lights of the fraternity were yet unborn.

Born of a dominant spirit; making a good record in the Civil war; he entered the newspaper business in Caledonia, Minn., but soon tired of that place and with a mule team took his plant and drove up into Dakota territory, finally stopping at the Forx where his life's work was to be done.

Toiling, fighting, progressing, his labors have been attended with final success, and while many of us have not agreed with this grey-headed old veteran, yet none can help but respect him and will gladly vote to him the laurels he has won.

In just what form the Herald will appear hereafter we do not know, but it in all probability will continue as the morning edition of the Times. However, it is in good hands—Jerry Bacon and Norman Black—two genuine business men, and it is safe to say that the staid old sheet will continue to prosper and make itself felt in North Dakota newspaper circles.

To Geo. B. Winship, editor emeritus, adieu and Godspeed; and to the Herald-Times combination—success.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

The following extracts from a report of the Citizens' Committee appointed in Minneapolis to investigate the smoke nuisance appear to be extremely timely and applicable in any community:

"That it is a direct menace to the public health, in that it fosters tuberculosis by loading the air with carbon particles which lodge in the lungs and by causing housekeepers to keep the windows closed to shut out the soot;

"That it creates a pall which hangs over the city, shuts out the life-giving, germ-destroying sunshine, and is most mentally and physically depressing;

"That it kills the conifer trees, and blights parks and city foliage;

"That it is a mark of uncleanliness;

"That it creates a waste to merchants, housekeepers and owners of buildings that cannot be estimated;

"That it spreads broadcast sulphuric acid, amonia, creosote and carbon monoxide. It attacks stone-work, especially limestone and marble, and causes mortar and concrete to disintegrate rapidly, and rot textiles;

"That it is in every case a preventable nuisance."

We hate to do it, but we just can't help but call attention to the reports of the western storm that appeared in the two papers of this city. The World Monday night gave a comprehensive and detailed report of the accident, stating that two were dead—the other paper had a score or more. Last night our first report was verified and there were no additional casualties—but the other paper ran the names of seven who were reported killed in the first report. It so happened that a representative of The World talked personally to N. W. Carlson of Sherwood, whom the other paper reported as having lost three from his family. The facts show his little child was killed, as we stated, and other members of his family were injured. The World does not like to boast but it must be admitted that so far as our state service is concerned, we are up and coming with the dailies of the larger cities.

The suggestion that has ben made by Henry Hale to the Commercial Club agitating a Mid-Winter Fair is an excellent one that should receive attention. Devils Lake is the center of a splendid farming community and from all indications this year is to be at least an average one. By starting now and offering prizes for the best exhibits a double purpose could be accomplished—a county exhibit could be secured to send to the the Industrial Show at Bismarck and interest could be aroused in a fair for this city. Devils Lake owes the farmers of the community something and a little entertainment for them during the dull winter months would be an excellent way in which to partially repay them.

The Minneapolis Journal of yesterday contains a lengthy news article dated from this city boosting Andy Miller for Governor. As the Inter-Ocean editor is the only one of the newspaper fraternity in this section of the state that is battling in behalf of the Attorney General we would naturally suspicion the souree, but the question then naturally arises—who sent in the picture of Alice Nelson Page that appeared in last Sunday's issue.

The Fargo Courier News is attempting to hand us little bunches of advice regarding Andy Miller and his political methods. While we are young in Devils Lake we have been long enough in the state to become acquainted with the above mentioned gentleman's method of getting the votes. Andy Miller was a "political chance" but the people having drawn a blank once will be on their guard in the next election so that a similar fate will not befall them.

While preparing to throw a switch at Larimore, the head brakeman of the freight was struck on the head by a bottle thrown from a passing coach. The missile cut a nasty gash in his temple. This is simply the result of another of those thoughtless acts which lead to disaster. People who ride on railway trains should carry sanitary drinking cups.

The above from the Hannah Moon contains good advice but the class of people who drink from a bottle seldom have any use for a drinking cup, sanitary or otherwise.

The man who lost his mind at Danbury, Ill., and is now looking for a statue of a lion at the base of which his name is engraved need not come to North Dakota. Here the summer homes of the wealthy are not flanked with lions, hors de combat, or nudes, a la mode, but by good, substantial silos or drinking troughs, which did not require the services of any foreign sculptor.

For the most narrow-minded, egotistical aggregation in the country we recommend the editorial force of the Fargo Courier-News. In a recent issue they go into spasms because Senator McCumber and Congressman Hanna invited President Taft to speak in North Dakota and question their sincerity on the reciprocity pact as a result. If there is anything in the universe that pleases the Courier-News we would like to know what it is. Ever since it entered th field of "Independent Journalism" it has been knocking, knocking, knocking.

L. D. McGahan, formerly of this city has resigned as commissioner at Minot and a new election is to be called. The people will also have a chance to vote on a Park Board. It is getting so in the Magic City that the good citizens will start for the polls right after breakfast each morning for fear they are going to miss a chance to put down their mark.

The Devils Lake Inter-Ocean refers to Attorney General Miller as the unbeatable one. Wait until after the next primaries. When Andy goes up against the thirteen inch guns of the state press he will think he has been in a scrap all right.—Cooperstown Courier.

One of the county exchanges heads a story of an accident in a mower "Shocking Accident." We do not know whether is was intentional or not.

The Buford Tribune, commenting on a Montana complaint about the inconvenience of not having the session laws published in the newspapers, says: "The people of North Dakota are in a similar quandry as are Montana people. The criminal and civil suits before the courts of this state would decrease at least one-half were the session laws and amendments published broadcast among our people as is done in Minnesota. This might be done were it not for the number of "pinhead" members of our state legislature who imagine that if the laws were published in the newspapers of the state, the publishers would all become millionaires.—Hillsboro Banner.

The Fargo Searchlight now states that Gov. Burke is being boomed for the Supreme Bench, the democratic press bureau operating in this city has him slated for President, some of his henchmen believe him to be the logical man for Wilson's running mate and he is understood to be a receptive candidate for Congress. It is a safe bet however that he retires on his honors and lets well enough alone.

The World today starts the publication of a new weekly feature headed, "Nineteen Years Ago." The news notes are taken from the Free Press published at that time by L. D. McGahan and Siever Serumgard and will be found to be decidedly interesting. The papers are full of little items about the residents of Devils Lake some of whom have left the city while others are still in business here.

The beautiful story evolved by Colonel Bloom of Devils Lake about Judge Cowan being a candidate for governor is all right as a fairy story—but won't work out in practice. The state prohibits judges from running for any other than a judicial office during the terms for which they have been elected.—Fargo Forum.

The Minot Optic Saturday ran a poem on Dr. Wiley and Beer at the head of its society column. It should have been run on the fashion page as it chronicles a change in the size of the "collar."

Some noted scientist has now discovered that it is the ear and not the stomach that causes sea sickness. If that is true the seat of the trouble is a long ways away from where the pain is.

State Treasurer Gunder Olson and Lieut. Gov. Burdick are both getting their share of "boomlets" for Governor in the newspapers of the state.

Judas Iscariot Miller, present attorney general is out for the insurgent nomination for governor. Judas is just about all in, so far as North Dakota politics are concerned, but of course John Burke can be depended upon to swing the democratic party into line for Miller, in return for the favor the latter did him the last time he ran. Oh, yes! Judas will run fine around here—anyway.—Rugby Optimist.

The Inter-Ocean denies the report that it is about time to die. Well, it has been dead so long that it may not be able to die again. But, if Sterilized Dan would conduct the management of the I. O. as well as he engineers some of his land deals around Edmore, he should be able to make a success of it for the time being, and keep alive thru another campaign.—Edmore Herald-News.

Alderman Callaghan demonstrated his usefulness on the Council last evening when he displayed a thorough knowledge of the machinery used in the operation of a light plant and asked a number of pertinent questions regarding the efficiency of different types.

The Commercial Club of Fargo in an effort towards a reconstruction of that organization has decided to hold a "get-together" banquet." We trust they will have better success than we did here.

Evidently Aldermen Harris and Miller had not been "instructed" by the Socialist local, as they failed to appear at the council meeting last night.

Bob St .Henry, the North Dakota aviator, has gone into bankruptcy. These high flyers always were poor financial risks.

This week's issue of the Calvin Times marks the fifth milestone of its career. In his birthday editorial Editor Hynds admits a hard struggle during the past year and predicts that unless the merchants are more generous in their advertising patronage that he will be obliged to seek greener fields. Editor Hynds is a capable man and the people of Calvin should give his paper the support it deserves.

We trust that we will never become so narrow that we fail to commend a competitor who has assisted in any movement that tends toward the welfare of the city.

Though we have been watching the Inter-Ocean with interest for several weeks we have failed to discover any mention of the office for which P. Pat Norton will aspire. And "aspire" is fitting word in a case like that.

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CONGRESSMAN WILL NOT DECIDE UNTIL HE CONFERS WITH HIS FRIENDS.

W. W. Jermaine, Washington correspondent of the Minneapolis Journal, says:

Representative Hanna of North Dakota will not decide whether he is to make the race for congress against his colleague, Mr. Helgesen, or try for the gubernatorial nomination, until he returns to the state after the adjournment of congress. He is receiving from a half a dozen to a dozen letters a day from his friends in the state, among regulars and progressives, urging him to announce his candidacy for the governorship and he has been giving the question consideration in order to take the matter up with the party leaders immediately upon his arrival home.

"There has beben quite a demand from the state to have me run for governor," said Mr. Hanna today, "but I have not made up my mind what I shall do. I shall not decide the question until I get back to the state and have an opportunity to talk the matter over with my friends."

May Try for Congress.

Among North Dakotans here it is the belief that Hanna would rather try for another term in congress and that he would have a good show of winning in the race against Helgesen. It is pointed out that in previous primary campaignes when the reprsentatives were elected at large, Hanna got more votes than Helgesen, although the indications at the beginning of the campaign were that Helgesen would lead by a wide margin. It is known that Hanna and Helgesen have talked over the congressional situation created by their both being in the same congressional district, but they have reached no conclusion.

It is reported on good authority that at one conference between the two repsesentatives Hanna made a proposition to Helgesen to toss a copper to decide which should stand for congress in their district. Helgesen, it is declared, declined to take the chance, however, saying that he wasn't very lucky and instanced the drawing of seats in the house when he secured a less desirable seat than Hanna.

It is understood, though not expressed by Mr. Hanna that he does not like the provision of the new election law requiring the expression of first and second choice of candidates, and, where there are a number running for one office, that the nominee shall be the one securing the largest total of the first and second choice expressions. Hanna is said to be confident that he can secure a plurality of votes, no matter how many candidates are in the race for the gubernatorial nomination. But he is said to be somewhat doubtful about securing a plurality of the combined first and second choice declarations.

Idea Appals to Hanna.

The idea of running for governor is said to appeal strongly to the Fargo man. He has been a member of the state house and senate, has been elected twice, and looks with decided favor upon the idea of advancing in the next step in his political career to the office of governor.

FINISHING UP.

Charles Endell, the local tinsmith, is completing his work on the ventilating system installed in the new Ramsey county jail.

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS AND THE REPUBLICANS GET TOGETHER AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The Progressive Democrats and the Republicans have formed a Bipartisan alliance and will endeavor to control all legislation in the regular session of congress.

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