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PROTECT HOME MERCHANTS.

The solution of the charity and fraud advertising question is not easy, but it is one that should not be neglected by the Commercial club, if that organization would do its members the justice that they demand of the organization. The matter of contributing to every Tom, Dick and Harry that comes along with some booster advertising scheme, or some charitable affair, has kept many in Devils Lake at the low water mark in a financial way, for all in the city are anxious to boost, and all are interested in supporting something deserving. But every other one is a fraud, is the opinion of those who have investigated and Devils Laker are digging down in their pockets day after day and contributing to something that will not only fail to bring them returns, but they know not whether it is deserving.

The remedy which the business man, for he is the one that suffers most, demands of the Commercial club, is that every proposition in the nature of booster advertising, and charity soliciting, go before the club, and no one will receive unless the sanction of the club by letter is in the possession of the solicitor, and then only at the discretion of the one solicited. Devils Lake is paying a publicity bureau of the Commercial club and it is up to that bureau to furnish publicity and advertising and no man should be allowed to peddle a fake advertising scheme where the individual is here today and gone tomorrow, unless the publicity bureau of the club sees that Devils Lake business men will get value received for such advertising.

Charity workers for eastern children's home institutions have been here recently. No endorsement was received from the club, and liberal contributions were made by the business men, and since Devils Laker learned that the one soliciting was not a representative of the institution she presented to be.

In Grand Forks a plan similar to the one suggested has been started, and as a result it is figured that eight hundred dollars was saved the business men of that city in two short weeks, the following appearing in the Grand Forks Times:

"Eight hundred dollars is the amount of cash that the new committee of the Grand Forks club, 'the charity and advertising soliciting committee,' has saved to club members in the two short weeks of its existence.

"The solution is easy. In that period five propositions have been put up to the committee, and on only one of those has the committee passed favorably, and that proposition was charitable in its nature. Four of the propositions failed to meet with the approval of the committee, and the promoters were so informed. They have left for other parts where the conditions for operating were not so thorny as they appeared to be here.

"Under this plan," said Secretary C. W. Graves today, "it has been shown that good results can be accomplished. When club members are approached on any kind of a proposition, all they have to do is to refer the promoter to the Commercial club for reference. If this operator does not carry any statement from the Commercial club it is a ten to one bet that he is not successful in promoting his plan.

"In the four propositions which have been turned down there has been a saving to the business men of \$800. These propositions were for the most part, advertising schemes which the committee did not believe came within the field of legitimacy, or which carried with them the benefits claimed by the promoters."

RAILROAD HEADS.

Just at present the heads of railroads, the men at the top of the great systems that traverse this continent, are popular in Devils Lake. People the world over look to these men as being the most interested in the agricultural line, and the railroad man who is not familiar with this particular branch, responsible for the bread of the country, would have little place on the top of the ladder.

This city is to be honored in another week with a man who has appeared often, but whose every appearance has brought forth greater attendance, his every speech greater applause. James J. Hill never fails to attract. He has been in the limelight longer than the age of many who sat at the banquet table a week or so ago and invited the Empire Builder to address the promoters of the Lake Region. Devils Lake may satisfy itself that in order to be here on November 28, others were put over by James J. Hill, and the exact date was set on short notice in order that the Lake Regionites would not miss this great opportunity, the greatest that will probably occur here for some time.

There is another man, however, who is now active in the railroad field, who too, will likely honor Devils Lake with a visit during the winter months; it is President Pennington of the Soo who may accept the invitation of the Mid-Winter Fair association. Mr. Pennington, who is at the head of the iron

highway that is soon to cut across Ramsey county and furnish a connecting link valuable to the continent, is naturally interested in the agricultural resources of this section, and more opportunity is thus given Devils Lake, Ramsey county and the Lake Region, in carrying out the great problems, for by so doing they not only help themselves but encourage the railroad builders in making the territory that is bound to bring them success.

This section should feel proud that it has the opportunity to listen to men who have gained their rank because they know, and with the interest manifest in the coming events there is no reason to doubt that the railway heads will also feel proud that they decided to come and talk of those interested in every sense of the word.

TRAVELING AT DANGEROUS SPEED.

The railroads, with the bit between their teeth and the reins where good drivers never permit them to get, are racing away to the day of reckoning. California should have been a warning, and common sense should have shown what is ahead; but those who have grown fat on power, seldom heed warnings, and never have a surplus of common sense.

There are to be no special holiday rates for railroad travel. Families which are scattered and look forward to Christmas reunions; children young and old, who count on this time to see again their mothers and fathers; students who spend the holidays at home; friends, who have anticipated seeing each other for old time's sake, will forego this pleasure unless they can afford to pay full fare.

It may be gratifying to the managers of the railroads to gloat over the bitter disappointment of fathers and mothers, of children and friends, that will come from this action. It can have little other purpose, since so many less will travel that the profit will be no greater. It costs little or nothing more to haul a full car than an empty one.

But what they overlook is the danger of further incensing the people. There is such a thing as blind rage, there is such a thing as vindictiveness. As convincing proof the railroads should consult their mirrors and then read the California election returns.

The people are, after all, the masters and if the railroads sometimes feel the lash, they may know that they supplied the vigor which yields it and the temper that is careless of consequences.

ANOTHER LESSON.

While this section of the state has been somewhat free the last few years from any disastrous wrecks, yet the same trouble which causes loss of life has occurred day after day in various sections of the country and it is estimated that the loss of life caused in railroad accidents is greater, by far, than death in any other manner.

Laws have been passed from time to time making the penalty so great for causing a wreck that it would seem to lessen the casualties, but instead, the number of wrecks in the past year have increased instead of decreased.

Of course most of them can be traced to carelessness on the part of someone, and just as in the case of the wreck yesterday, it may not be difficult to trace the blame. At that, however, it does not lessen the burden of those who have lost a loved one as a result of the accident, for there is little consolation at such times in finding the responsible one, as it will do no more than teach a lesson to others who might fall in the same rut.

The wreck of yesterday will only serve as a lesson to those who would learn from such disasters. It may lessen such occurrences, for the law prescribed by a railroad and by the state and nation in governing the railroads should be obeyed to the letter by those in the railroad's employ, to even a greater extent than any other law on the books.

ANOTHER ASSET.

Devils Lake has another asset which should not be overlooked, in its strictly sanitary meat markets. Probably no food that we eat requires purity and is so apt to be unpure as meat, and the fact that this city will never suffer in this regard should be a source of pride to the residents of Devils Lake.

The new Kirchof & Cooper market by its recent removal into one of the most sanitary market arrangements in North Dakota has added to the list of three markets in this city, and the Fox and Bjorlie & Nelson markets in comparison to those found in other cities, make three excellent places for selling meat.

Slaughter houses here receive careful inspection and butchers are not slow to comply with the law in this particular. The health inspector informs The World that Devils Lake is particularly fortunate, and we believe that the people at large should know how fortunate we are.

While Devils Lake has its faults, some of which we know, yet it is indeed a rare privilege for a city to say the fault is not in the meat service.

That President Taft is on the right trail in dealing with the high cost of living in his coming message is the opinion of the Fargo Forum, attacking the middleman for the sake-off and accusing the consumer of putting too much in the "kitty." That's true, "Kernel," but there are only a few of us that have a hand good enough to stay on, and some cannot even anti.

If half the people of Ramsey county were half as enthusiastic over the Mid-Winter Fair as is Henry Hale, there would be no question about its success, and The World is assured that nothing stands in the way.

THE LEADING QUESTION.

H. H. Aaker has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race and the progressives have endorsed the candidacy of James A. Buchanan for governor. We had thought that Buchanan had crossed the divide years ago. The name all but carries us to infancy's cradle, swarting the festive fly from our noble brow and trying to divorce the lasses from our tiny number 10's as we lay listening to the cries of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." If Buchanan is still alive and desires the nomination for governor of North Dakota, all very good. But before we can take his candidacy seriously, we shall first have to find out "What's the matter with Hanna"—Petersburg Record.

BANKERS AND FARMING.

Why are bankers interested in farming? The banker's business is measured by the products of the farm. The banker deals in money and credits, both of these are the greatest when the products of the farm are the largest. Buying and selling is then at its greatest activity. The number of dollars circulating at such times is large and credit being good the same dollar in actual money may do service ten times through checks and notes without once changing hands. Therefore it is vastly to the banker's interest that the products of the farm be good. It increases the two commodities in which the bank deals and allows the bank the use of them to the best advantage.

The Fargo Courier-News says that no sane man can be an advocate of LaFollette for president and L. B. Hanna for governor, because one is a progressive and the other a stalwart, and jumps onto the Valley City Times-Record editor because he is doing just that thing. This is the veriest kind of rot.

What difference does it make if both men are good men, and in this particular case they are. We believe that any man can honestly support LaFollette for president and also Mr. Hanna and still be sane, notwithstanding the lofty opinion of the Courier-News. The trouble with some of these mushroom growth reformers is that they will not give anyone credit but themselves for being honest. We see no good reason for the Times-Record editor to bury his hatchet in the back of Mr. Hanna because Mr. Hanna is not the choice of the Courier-News for governor. Editor Hyde believes Mr. Hanna to be a clean, capable man, so do we, and if he feels like supporting him for governor and LaFollette for president he has that right and we believe it is an honest conviction. Some of these recent reformers who have been licking the hand of McKensie for so these many years should not be heaving bricks over the fence at their neighbors.—Cooperstown Courier.

The home that possesses a cheerful wife and mother is not only a veritable haven of rest, but the safe harbor whose beacon light will guide her broad winners safely past all rocks and shoals with unflinching certainty. The woman whose cheerful spirit can take that "brave attitude toward life" that enables her to bear courageously the inevitable burdens of her life's environment; that strengthens her determination not to fret or worry those who, for her sake, are fighting the hard battles in the world, has reached that altitude that proclaims her price above rubies; and her influence and example are not felt only within the limits of her four walls she has made the unsalable bulwark of state and society, a happy home, but reach to those she knows not of.—Grafton Record.

Nearly every man in Devils Lake went on his way rejoicing today, because he knew that he had contributed to a good cause. The charity workers of this city are satisfied after the results today that Devils Laker are charitable when they know the cause to be a good one.

The Fargo Searchlight is trying to force Hanna to inform it as to what, when and who he is for. Mr. Hanna is a true republican and has made the statement that he will support the republican people's choice for president, whoever it will prove to be. What more could you ask? If Taft is nominated, would you expect Mr. Hanna or any other man to get up and knock and fight his party's candidate, thus fostering even a greater breach in the party, which is bad enough as it is.—Milton Globe.

Just now Devils Lake is considering the reorganization of the band, and The World, knowing the difficulty there is in holding such an organization together, hopes that without any great strain on the pocketbook, the new band will have the support of the people as a band is a valuable asset that can rarely be dispensed with.

The same story is told year after year, and yet each year is worse than the one before. Perhaps the snow was too sudden, but at that it has been on the ground several days and only a few, very few, sidewalks in Devils Lake have been cleared.

Of all things of annual occurrence there are two things that should not be overlooked—the purchase of a tag and a Red Cross Christmas stamp.

The melancholy days are here, the saddest of the year lit is now too cold by the garden gate and too hot by the kitchen fire.

Crazy got into the limelight last Friday afternoon by pulling off a ladies' wrestling match. It was said to be a bustling affair.—Lakota Observer.

There are few who are eager to secure a tax list and many who would feel satisfied if they never were published.

THE NIGHT AIR MYTH.

Every house that pretends to meet modern demands has a sleeping porch. Even the home not so fortunate to have a second story balcony or outside room will have canvas curtains at one end of the veranda, shielding the couch or swinging hammock bed from the gaze of the street.

Outdoor sleeping is becoming too common to be limited by such a restrictive term as fad. The recruits are increasing each year. Once having slept in the open, the four walls of a room, no matter how well ventilated, are too stuffy for your breather of all-out-of-doors.

A generation or two back to have slept out of doors unless by necessity would have exposed one to incarceration in a lunatic asylum. One might have been put under forcible restraint on the charge of slow self-destruction, as the night air was believed to be saturated with debilitating miasma. It was supposed to decrease in oxygen and increase nitrogen, the vegetable world exuding this poison by night, to the physical impairment of those so unfortunate as to be out after dark.

It was a sort of criminal negligence in the old days to have your window open. You were taking your life in your hands. The story is told of President Noah Porter, of Yale in an address to the Freshman class, "Young gentlemen," he said, "the air of New Haven is especially heavy and damp at night, owing to the proximity of the city to the sea, and I wish to advise you always to keep your windows closed at night, otherwise your health will be likely to suffer."

Times change and knowledge broadens. There were old men before President Noah Porter, but the tables of the actuaries show that the average human life is longer today than it was in the past. This result is from several contributing causes; the advancement of medical science, improvement in sanitation, the better hygiene of the individual and the realization that air, whether sun-washed or star strained, is a tonic beyond anything found in pharmacopoeia.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

H. H. Aaker took the hint from the way the newspaper boys received his announcement for candidate for the governorship and at the "frame-up" in the get together meeting at Grand Forks Monday, pulled out of the race and J. A. Buchanan was named as the man to head the progressive ticket in 1912. This leaves Hanna and Buchanan the leading candidates in the republican ranks. Andy Miller has no show and will likely cause his name to drop from the roll. His candidacy was as much of a jar on the minds of the newspaper fraternity as was Aaker's announcement. With things simmered down to two candidates in the republican ranks and a democrat candidate, yet to be announced, North Dakota politicians will be furnished with the usual amount of interest during the coming campaign year. But at that L. B. Hanna, of Fargo, will carry the state by the largest majority given a governor of North Dakota in many years. He is the logical man; a man who can fill the governor's chair with honor to this great state, and in a businesslike manner. The way the newspapers of the state have heralded his announcement speaks highly for Mr. Hanna. We have taken particular note of the sentiment expressed on the situation and practically all papers, progressive, stalwart, independent, and even some of the democratic sheets, are most favorable to Mr. Hanna and to a larger extent are anxious to support the Congressman for the state's high office. Even the last year's radical Burke papers in the republican ranks are now out for Mr. Hanna.—McVillie Journal.

The North Dakota Democrat, published at Fargo, has incurred the displeasure of the rest of the democratic organs of the state because its editor had the nerve to say that if a republican is to be elected governor of this state L. B. Hanna is one of the best men the party could nominate. Bro. Wilkinson has the courage of his convictions and not so hidebound that he cannot say a good word for his own townsman and a good citizen. The trouble with most of the democratic papers is that they can see no good in any person but a democrat and if a democratic editor happens to say a good word for a republican he is immediately made the target for a miscellaneous assortment of jibes and jeers.—Cooperstown Courier.

For one solid week the twin city papers have carried a story about the doings in the Lake Region. This section of the state is now getting even more publicity than the Red River Valley. More good has resulted from the new organization for this section in the few short months of the Lake Region association than was ever given during all the years of its previous existence. There is little future for a country without a name. The Lake Region means much.

A rabid progressive paper says that the announcement of Mr. Hanna's candidacy for governor does not entice the state press. That editor does not read his exchanges very thoroughly or he would change his mind. By far the greater number of exchanges that reach this city are heaving Hanna very enthusiastically and we get as many exchanges as most of them. There are none as kind as those who won't see.—Cooperstown Courier.

Mrs. Francis Woodward expects to leave in a day or so for Rolla where she will visit her son for a short time, after which she will go to Montana for an extended visit.

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