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## GREAT CHANGE IN SENTIMENT

One of the most gratifying phenomena of public opinion is the practically overwhelming sentiment in favor of this country adopting a policy of preparedness for military and naval defense. The great war is unquestionably responsible. It has the same effect that great conflagrations have in arousing public realization of the necessity for adequate insurance. Less than a year ago the president read a message to Congress that afforded much comfort to the fatuous pacifists. The last annual report of the secretary of the navy made light of the recommendations of the general board and contained assurances of security which were not based on the actual condition of any branch of the navy. Assuming illegal authority, he threatened court-martial against any naval official who should dare to tell one country of true conditions and based his recommendations on our actual needs. This was the secretary of war. In his first report, in 1913, he showed an indifference to military needs. He even suggested that this country pay no attention to military aeronautics until other nations had developed the art of aviation. But as he became familiar with conditions, he came out boldly for adequate military preparedness, regardless of the attitude of his chief and colleagues.

The campaign for preparedness was generally carried on by private citizens and minority members of Congress, aided by the logic of events. Now everybody, except the incorrigible pacifists, are in line. The last Congress went beyond the recommendations of the secretary of the navy. He appears to have been converted and will take an advanced position in his next report. He is now busy organizing a board of civilian advisors to encourage and pass upon naval inventions. The speaker of the House has declared for doubling the number of students at West Point and for assignment of regular army officers to private schools. The chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has given a ringing interview in favor of preparedness. Public sentiment is aroused throughout the entire country, not in favor of "militarism" the bugaboo Mr. Bryan raised in the campaign of 1900, but for the establishment and maintenance of sufficient military and naval force to protect this nation's vital interests.

## MORE TAXES FOR FARMERS

C. C. Bowsfield, author of "Making the Farm Pay," "Wealth From the Soil" and other books for farmers, writing in the July Hearsthouse warns the farmer that unless legislation against business stops, the farmer will have to pay more taxes. "Capital is idle," he says, "because manufacturers, merchants transportation companies and business people generally are fearful of the constant meddling with the laws which affect their interests. Capitalists and business men are afraid of the people. They are especially afraid of the granger states. This situation has resulted from unreasoning prejudice and demagoguery. Farmers are isolated, and while they mean to be honest and fair, they do not exercise a broad public spirit. They allow themselves to be led by fluent agitators and visionaries, many of whom are dishonest and are merely seeking their own advancement at the expense of the public. The result has been a vast amount of unwise and destructive legislation. The business man desires more settled political conditions before he can shape up the broad programs of construction which the country would like to see. In the nature of things there must be some reaction of sentiment and a proportion of the burdens which city property owners bear, justly or unjustly, will be transferred to the shoulders of land-owners in the agricultural districts and the farming class in general."

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The editor of one of the smaller newspapers of the state is said to have received the following letter:

"Please send me a few copies of the paper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece, who lives in Lebanon. And I wish you would mention in your local column, if it don't cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale. As my subscription is out, please stop my paper. Times are too bad to waste money on newspapers."

The letter may be genuine or it may be the satirical production of a newspaper maker, but who ever is the author, it represents admirably the mental attitude of a vast number of persons toward the newspaper. The average man or woman thinks the charge for an advertisement, no matter what it may be, is too high. The general idea is that the newspaper has to fill its columns and that anyone who helps in any manner in the filling is doing a favor to the editor. To the country editor the collection of subscription is the bane of his life. Many a man honest in other lines will think nothing of dodging payment of his subscription to his county paper and feel resentment if his paper stops coming. Not a few persons who pay for the paper more or less regularly feel in their hearts they are doing an act of charity and that they are placing the editor under a debt of gratitude.

A few years ago there was a man by the name of Archtander, better known as "Gold Ship, Archtander," who worked this country with a wildcat scheme, and how the people bit, only to find out later that they were badly duped. A little later on a large number of farmers and business men were humbugged by the Sizing Threshing Machine Co., and the grief that this fake concern caused many people in this county is still in evidence. Now we have Loftus, who to our notion is working along about the same lines, and we venture to say that some day the farmers will wake up to the fact that they have been "Loftusized" out of their money. Will people never wake up to the fact that when these fakirs come around with their smooth talk and plausible schemes, that we should steer shy of them? Loftus makes a terrible trade about the existing wrongs of the grain market, but do you notice that he offers no remedy for the righting of these wrongs, more than to say "give me your business."

About as chilly a reception as any man ever got was handed to Loftus by the people of this city and county last Wednesday and Thursday. By riding on the tail of LaFollette's kite he was enabled to talk to about 150 people for a short time Wednesday, and Thursday forenoon when he was billed to talk at the Chautauqua auditorium he didn't have enough listeners to make a corporal's guard. People are waking up to the fact that it is "too much Loftus."

Automobiles are a good thing and they have come to stay, but the large number of accidents every week are causing the people to sit up and take notice. There is too much fast and reckless driving. There is hardly a doubt but what a large percentage of the accidents with autos is caused by rushing over the roads too fast. If a driver does not know enough to maintain a reasonable speed limit, there should be a stringent law made to keep him within decent bounds.

## WALT MASON ON HOME PATRONAGE

Kersmith & Kershaw deal in wax, and Chinese eggs and carpet tacks. They are good sports in every way; they cough up money every day to make the town a better place in which to live and push your face. They hire a couple of clerks or more to wait on patrons in the store.

Our cross-roads burg they would upbuild, and see it with glad people filled. And to that end they blow their seeds like truly patriotic lads. But when we need of eggs a few we send away to Timbuctoo, and when a carpet tack we wish, it's shipped from Ypsilanti, Mich. Each has the notion in his dome that things are best away from home; and so we order hods and hots and humming birds and maltese cats from strangers in some town remote, who wouldn't know us from a goat.

We ship away our hard earned kale, and get our fourth rate junk by mail. Say, are we seers, or are we fools? These strangers don't support our schools, or keep the peddler on his beat, or help to pave the muddy street. They do not paint the village pump, or build a fence around the dump. If our old berg were blown away away they wouldn't care a wisp of hay.

## ROOSEVELT AT N. D. BUILDING

Unheralded and unannounced Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt called at the North Dakota building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition last Friday afternoon, and his exclamations of surprise and wonder came out in short, jerky sentences, but although the words were short they were none the less expressive. Upon stepping into the building he remarked, "I just want to take a little peep at the building representing the state in which I once lived." He was escorted about the building, met all the attaches, saw all the exhibits, asked questions, and before leaving expressed himself as more than pleased with his short visit.

Col. Roosevelt has been a very busy man since coming to the exposition city, with social, political and other engagements occupying his mind and time, but when asked what buildings and exhibits he wished to visit, he mentioned among a very few the North Dakota building. So at four o'clock Friday he was brought with his escort to our building.

He was first shown a beautiful pennant from Medora. Col. Roosevelt's home while he resided in our state. The pennant was sent to the building by the Woman's Needle Club of that city, and when asked whether there was a needle club in Medora when he lived there the Colonel said, "no indeed—no needle club," and the Roosevelt smile mantled his face as he said it. As he was escorted through the exhibits of grain, clay and other products on display in the building he made repeated expressions of praise for North Dakota and its exhibit. "This is great—Great," he would say. And when shown the beautiful corn and grain exhibit he said most enthusiastically, "they didn't raise corn when I was there and no flax, but this is fine, wonderful."

When shown the pottery exhibit he asked, "Just where is this pottery made?" He seemed greatly interested to know the School of Mines at the State University had developed this resource so well.

Before leaving the building, and at Secretary Holbein's request, Col. Roosevelt registered in the North Dakota register, saying as he did so, "Delight—ed—will be pleased to do so," and when thanked for his courtesy he remarked, "It is indeed a pleasure." And that isn't all—he registered as "Theodore Roosevelt of Medora, North Dakota."

A wealthy San Francisco lady drove up to the North Dakota building the other day in her limousine and proceeded to sketch the outlines of the building, explaining she was going to build a villa near the city and wanted to have it a reproduction of the North Dakota building, for she considered it the most beautiful piece of architecture on the exposition grounds. Coming from a lady who has ample means to build anything she wants makes this a pretty compliment to the architect of the building and the North Dakota Commission.

Hon. Chas. Grow of Minot, who has been attending the exposition, has been spending a great deal of his time studying the good roads problem, as there is no other man in North Dakota who takes more interest in this question than Mr. Grow. There is ample opportunity to get wised up on this subject here at the exposition and about San Francisco, for a great deal of attention has been paid to this one item, and the roads in this part of California are perfect, although built at an expense that would stagger the average North Dakotan. It is safe to say that Mr. Grow will bring some valuable information back home with him.

Col. R. C. Wynn of Sherwood, arrived in San Francisco the latter part of last week, in time to attend several sessions of the International Purify Congress of which he was a delegate from North Dakota. Of course, he came to the North Dakota building the first thing, as Col. Wynn is one of the most consistent and honest boosters

## DEVILS LAKE AND THE FARMERS

Editor World: We noticed in the Devils Lake Journal of Saturday evening a head editorial entitled "Devils and the Farmer," and in our estimation it was about as silly and unfair an article as one could imagine coming from a newspaper from a city the size of Devils Lake, to say nothing of a smaller town.

Most of the merchants of Devils Lake have been here for at least six months, and we would ask do they not know better than the Journal whether it pays to leave their towns of business open evenings or not? The Journal speaks of Penn. Crary, Tokio and other small towns in Devils Lake is such a great town, and if all the business is going to these small towns, why is it that they are not larger than Devils Lake? The Journal had better move into one of these towns, they would probably feel more at home.

All other towns the size of Devils Lake close their stores at six o'clock, with the exceptions of two weeks at Christmas time. There is no need of any one not being able to get what they want in Devils Lake for there are some stores that are open day and night for 6 1/2 days in the week. And if a farmer could not find what he wanted, a telephone call to any one of the merchants of the city, even at midnight, would enable any one to buy out the place if they so desired. We assert that the progressive and up-to-date farmer of this community (and the majority are of that kind) has no trouble in getting his supplies. Every merchant is ready and willing to accommodate his customers to the limit, but the argument that said merchant must keep his store open all night to get his trade and hold it does not hold water. The Journal hires men who go to work at 8:00 in the forenoon and quit at 5:00 in the afternoon, and yet they maintain that stores should work their men from 15 to 18 hours a day. Their argument is silly.

A Business Man.

Mrs. D. G. Rupp has had as her guests this week Mrs. D. F. Sinclair and daughters of Grand Forks.

## CONVICTS ARE STILL AT LARGE

The two convicts who recently escaped from the penitentiary are still at large, although a trace of them has been found and the chances that they will be captured and returned, and if they do it is probable that they will not be given a second chance to escape.

North Dakota has within its confines. Besides being one of the state's best railroad men, he is the organizer and prime mover in the Non-Swearing Knights, which organization has a very large membership all over the country. Col. Wynn had an idea that he could do some good along this line in San Francisco, but after spending an evening on Market street and listening to the lurid and varied conversation of the passer-by made up his mind the job was too big for him to tackle. He says North Dakota is in the midst of the biggest boom in its history, and attributes some of it to the magnificent display at the exposition.

Alfred Zuger, formerly assistant attorney general of the state of North Dakota, arrived at the North Dakota building last week from Seattle, where he attended the shrine meeting. He was more than agreeably surprised at the appearance of the North Dakota building and its contents, and feels the state will receive a great deal of valuable advertising by its participation in the exposition. Mr. Zuger met a number of old North Dakota friends while at the building.

## MONTH OF JULY IS PECULIAR

In many respects the month of July 1915, will go down in history as a very peculiar one in this section of the country.

The report of M. E. Hoyde, observer of the local weather bureau shows some peculiar conditions. During the month there was 8 clear days, 8 partly cloudy and 15 cloudy. The highest

temperature was 83 degrees and the lowest 40. On an average it was the coldest July for 11 years, and we had the least precipitation of any July in 11 years. The total rainfall in Devils Lake during the month of July was only one inch.

Notwithstanding this fact the crops in this vicinity are splendid, and the only thing we can attribute it to is the fact that the weather was cool and cloudy a greater part of the month.

Miss Thelma Thorson and Misses Hilda and Norma Alstad of Grand Forks, are the guests of the Misses Serungard of this city.

## OTHERS MADE HAPPY.

Aaker's Business College received nine requests for office help the past week and the following were made happy by going into fine positions: Mabel Knowl, Harriet Watchie, Laura Ekeon, and Myron O'Meara. Fine opportunities are open to those who attend the A. B. C. Attend a school that has the confidence of business men and can place you in a position. Send for Catalogue to A. B. C., Grand Forks, N. D., also for a Gas and Auto Course catalogue.

Miss Clara Kepp of Minot is visiting Devils Lake friends and relatives.

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## Basement Department HARDWARE:

Does your tool box need replenishing? They generally do in the fall.

The season of the year when you make the most use of your tool box is here and it means time and money to you to see that it contains every item that will be needed throughout the season. Tools are a good investment to anyone using machinery because if you have them you keep your machines in better repair, and if they are kept in repair you save wear and tear. Its just a little investment to make your profits greater at the end of the year.

Here are some of the things you will need without fail:

Pliers, Wrenches, Punches, Machinists Hammers, Cold Chisels, Files, Hack Saws, Drills, Vices, Braces, Etc.

You are also sure to need some of the following:

Oil cans, machine oil, hard oil, clevises, single-trees, hay rope, hay track, hay carriers, etc.

## More Help Means More Dishes.

The addition of a few harvest hands will make it necessary to buy a few more dishes. Our BASEMENT department carries the largest and most complete line of crockery in the NORTH-WEST, and getting supplied here is merely a matter of selecting what you want; you don't have to wait to have things ordered, we have them in stock. In this department you will see we have made a special effort to keep some extra good bargains on our money saving bargain tables and the articles we have there now will surely save you a tidy sum if you will look them over.

## Our Granite Wear Sale Is Interesting to Many.

Here are the articles we have on sale:

6 qt. Covered Berlin Kettles.....39c	14 qt. Heavy Dish Pan.....49c
8 qt. Covered Berlin Kettles.....49c	17 qt. Heavy Dish Pan.....59c
10 qt. Covered Berlin Kettles.....59c	10 qt. Water Pail.....49c
12 qt. Covered Berlin Kettles.....69c	12 qt. Water Pail.....59c
8 qt. Lipped Preserving Kettles.....39c	With each and every item we include FREE one 3-4 quart enameled fruit jar dipper. Come and get yours.
10 qt. Lipped Preserving Kettles 49c	
12 qt. Lipped Preserving Kettles 59c	
14 qt. Lipped Preserving Kettles 69c	

Other things to consider in the Basement Department is our immense stock of Bedding. We believe you will find that lower prices prevail here than anywhere else.

All Housekeepers find use for numerous small rugs throughout their home for which they wish to pay a moderate sum. This department can supply you with these necessary articles which lend a touch of tastiness and beauty to any home.