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When Woodrow Wilson was a candidate for the nomination for the Presidency his publicity bureau sent out an article which began: "One of the traits which shines forth most conspicuously in the make-up of Woodrow Wilson is his marvelous facility in phrasing." And after his record in the White House has demonstrated the truth of the declaration. He finds it just as easy to form phrases on one side of a question as on the other. He can phrase for free tolls or against them. He has as great facility in constructing phrases for preparedness as against it. He phrased the sugar tariff out of existence and will doubtless phrase it in again. His phrasing in support of extravagant appropriations was as "felicitous" as his phrasing for economy. His phrasing in aid of the spoils system is perhaps a little more effective than his phrasing for Civil Service reform but the difference is due entirely to the official power his words carry now as compared with the days when he posed as a friend of the merit system. When American business men complained of the dull times that came with the Underwood tariff, the President merely coined a few phrases—a process as easy as making fiat money. He refused to voice phrases for the G. A. R. at the Arlington memorial exercises but uttered them with great felicity when Champ Clark accepted the invitation. The murder of American citizens on the high seas and in Mexico was an occasion for phrasing at the White House—nothing more. The "dopster" of the Wilson campaign was certainly right—"marvelous felicity in phrasing" is one of his most conspicuous traits. In fact, it puts all other traits into almost total eclipse.

There isn't a more level-headed, conservative or intelligent class of people than the American farmers. They don't stampee. They are not panicky. They read extensively and think carefully. This is not because they are engaged in a pursuit that brings them close to nature, keeps their minds free from prejudice and gives the abundant opportunity to think for themselves. They know that soon after the beginning of the European war there was an enormous increase in the demand for all kinds of grain, cattle, and other provisions, as well as for horses. They know that this demand sent prices soaring. As a result of this increased demand they were assured of a larger market in 1915 and they put in larger acres of crops. Statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture show that this increase of acreage was about 7 per cent. The first year of the war resulted in an increase of 32 per cent in the value of farm products. This has brought prosperity to the American farmer. He knows the facts and the causes. The efforts of the Democratic press to create the impression that this agricultural prosperity is a normal condition might deceive some people but it won't mislead the man who follows the plow. That man does his own thinking.

The people of Ramsey county are beginning to appreciate the efforts of the management of the World in getting out an up-to-date and live weekly newspaper and the result is that subscriptions are coming in from every part of the county. During the past two weeks we have received new subscriptions from Tokio, Penn, Ramsey, Devils Lake, Doyon, Edmore and Starkweather. We have even had phone calls asking to subscribe. While a few news subscriptions does not mean much from a financial standpoint to the World, it is a great deal of satisfaction to know that this paper is appreciated, and that new subscribers are being added every week, and during the past years we have not lost a dozen of our subscribers.

The ineptitude of a Democratic Administration has again been demonstrated in the manner of handling the charges preferred against Austro-Hungarian consular officers in this country. By permitting a statement to be published in which an implication of guilt was made, this government has been put in a position where an apology may have to be made to the Austrian government. This, and other incidents, make the people long for an Administration which will not have to apologize or to be apologized for. Happily, such an administration is coming before long.

Next week, December 16, the World will issue its regular Christmas edition. This is done to give our advertisers the benefit of our columns for advertising their Christmas goods. This will be a splendid advertising medium, and will have a wide circulation. While it means a great deal of extra work for this office, and considerable extra expense we propose to give our advertisers the benefit of our regular rates. We would ask that all copy be in early in order that we may get out on time.

Now that three candidates have announced themselves as wanting the job of Governor Hanna and McCumber are after U. S. senatorship, and also two candidates in the field for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the political campaign to be waged next year is beginning to take on form. It is going to be a Republican year in North Dakota and the ones who are successful in landing the Republican nomination for any office will be pretty sure of election.

Henry Ford and his party of peace makers are crossing the waters with a view to ending the great European war, but our opinion is that they will return, provided they do not hit a mine or meet with a submarine, without accomplishing anything. The scheme will give Mr. Ford a great amount of publicity, and will cost him the price of a new Ford car, but what matters that. He has money to burn, and all he spends on this trip will not bother him any.

Up in Ward county they are sending prisoners to the penitentiary in special cars. At the recent term of District court at Minot twenty prisoners were convicted and sentenced to the pen, and owing to the large number to be transported it was thought best to secure a special car, and accordingly they were all placed in a special car and attached to the regular train they were landed at the pen.

Burdick and Fraine have accounted themselves as candidates for the Republican nomination as governor, and "Froggy" Smith has done likewise. However, Smith will cut very little figure. He will stand about as much chance of landing the nomination as Midboe did in going to the United States senate, and will get about the class of votes Midboe got when he ran two years ago.

If the state is to have a packing plant, every citizen of Devils Lake and tributary territory would like to see it located in this city. It would mean a great deal to us, and the growth of Devils Lake. Then why not go after it. Other cities are making bids for it and unless the business men of this city get busy and make some effort to get it it will go elsewhere.

The price of all kinds of grain have been going up for the past few days, but we have not heard of John Burke claiming credit for the raise. He had better get busy again, as it will take all this kind of dope he can muster up if he expects to make any showing in the race for U. S. Senator.

Is it not about time that John Burke was telling the North Dakota farmers that he is responsible for the present rise in the price of wheat? John generally takes all the credit that belongs to him, and it seems a little strange that we have not heard from him along these lines.

The Chicago Herald, after taking a poll, reports that twenty-one Democratic Congressmen favor a revision of the tariff at this session. These twenty-one, joined with the Republicans, can control the House.

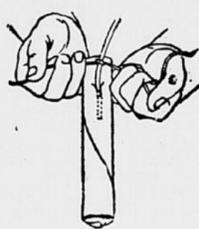
Priming a Dynamite Cartridge

To properly prime a dynamite cartridge four things are essential—the cap, the fuse, the cartridge and a crimping tool. The method in itself is very simple. First crimp the priming cap about the fuse, using the crimping tool as



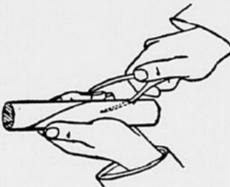
Crimping the Cap to the Fuse.

shown in the illustration. Next punch a diagonal hole in the cartridge with the end of the crimping tool, making the hole deep enough to entirely bury the cap. Insert the cap into this hole and tie the fuse to the side of the cartridge.



Tying Fuse and Cap to Cartridge.

through it, then insert in another diagonal hole below the first hole. No tying is necessary to hold the cap in the cartridge. This method is called "lacing the fuse through the cartridge." It is unsafe and unreliable. The fuse is likely to break at the sharp turns and the powder train will spit fire through



Making Cap Hole In Cartridge.

tridre securely with a stout piece of cord.

If the job is done carefully and correctly the entire outfit will look like illustration No. 4, and the priming will be complete.

Ignorance, fear or carelessness are the causes of most accidents. There

the break, setting fire to the cartridge instead of exploding it, or the fuse may miss fire altogether, leaving an unexploded charge in the hole, or it may hang fire for half an hour or half a day and cause a serious accident. Short cuts do not pay in handling explosives.



The Finished Cartridge—Primed.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

IX—Peter Radford

On "Back to the Soil With Wall Street"



When Wall Street wants good business men she usually goes back to the soil to get them. That financial thoroughfare is said to be honeycombed with men who have plowed barefooted, who have drunk branch water, eaten cornbread and molasses and slept on the floor in their early days. A man is more capable of holding the reins of business who knows how to drive a team of mules, shear a sheep or put a ring in a goat's nose. A man is better equipped to meet the problems of life who in his youth has walked the log across the creek to get to school, courted the girls at husking bees and pitched horse shoes Saturday afternoon. A man who has spent the moonlight nights of his youth possum hunting, going to protracted meetings and occasionally turning down the community at a spelling match has the right sort of stuff in him to make a good business man. The active officials of most of the large business organizations of America. It is said were, with a very few exceptions, raised on the farm, and could swim the creek, pitch hay, chop wood, milk the cows or slop the hogs as easily as they can run world-wide business institutions.

The farmers look to these capable and loyal sons of the soil to assist in the solution of the business problems of agriculture. Wall Street is reputed to be capable of financing everything from a Y. M. C. A. to a war, so why not finance agriculture? It is not sufficient to lend money to a correspondent to lend to a local banker, to lend to a broker to lend to a merchant, to lend to the landlord to lend to a farmer. Such a financial system sounds like the house that Jack built, and is just about as useful. Neither is assistance complete when money is furnished buyers to "move the crop." What the farmer wants is money to hold the crop. What better security is there than a warehouse receipt for a bale of cotton, a sack of wheat or a bushel of corn and why will such securities not travel by the side of government bonds?

The American farmer is a capable plowman. He always has filled and always will fill the nation's granary, larder and wardrobe, but he has nothing to say in fixing the price of his products. The problem confronting the farmers of this nation today is marketing and its solution depends first upon the farmer organizing for concert of action and the cooperation of the financial interests in marketing the crop. Agriculture is the biggest business in America and the only one that has not a financial system adapted to its use.

BEGINNING MONDAY, DEC. 13TH

Triangle Plays

The highest development of the motion picture art will be seen for the first time in Devils Lake when the Grand Opera House presents the initial bill which the New York press has acclaimed immeasurably superior to anything previously offered anywhere.

These are the same plays now being shown in New York at the Knickerbocker Theatre at regular \$2.00 theatre prices. The opening will be

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

DUSTIN FARNUM in "THE IRON STAIN"
RAYMOND HITCHCOCK in "MY VALET"

THURSDAY

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS in "THE LAMB"
CHARLES MURRAY in "A GAME OLD KNIGHT"



REGULAR PRICES 10 and 20c

FUTURE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Diversification of Farming Industries Will Give Farmer His Greatest Profits.

By THOMAS COOPER, Director North Dakota Experiment Station.

North Dakota has been noted for leadership in the production of spring wheat. Our farmers have become expert in its production at a minimum cost. The state's leadership in this is passing as she comes in competition with the new lands of the Canadian Northwest. Consequently, the future of North Dakota's agriculture lies not in the production of wheat but in the diversification of her farming industries in which wheat shall be one of the leading products.

One does not require the spirit of prophecy to see that only through the reduction of the wheat acreage and the increased production of feed grains, corn, alfalfa and pastures will the North Dakota farmer be enabled to make his greatest profits. Diversification is particularly necessary in this state. Methods of agriculture in the less humid areas must be such as will produce some classes of feed each year. In these areas the farmer must

learn to depend largely upon live stock and upon live-stock products. The production of small grains for sale shall be an incident in the agricultural operations rather than the main purpose of operating the farm. In all sections of the state sufficient live stock must be maintained upon the farm to utilize the roughage and to consume the coarse grains. The production of forage, especially of alfalfa and corn, will be materially increased.

In consequence, this means a reduced wheat acreage, but a larger production of wheat to the acre. It means fewer burning straw stacks and more silos, and stacks of alfalfa hay in place of the prairie grass. In the section of the state devoted to large farms, as well as in the rougher lands, there is a splendid opportunity for further development of the beef industry. This enterprise will fit in well in the conditions which prevail there. In the areas of smaller farms, where more labor is available, the dairy cow is proving of value and importance. Horses may be produced not only to advantage but to a high degree of excellence in practically every section of the state. While the production of swine fits in well in farms where an excess of feed grains can be produced, North Dakota should become noted as a producer of high-class horses,

beef cattle and dairy stock. Every investigation that has been carried on in this state shows that we have distinct advantages along this line as compared with many of the other states. In a few words, the problem of the North Dakota farmer is to so organize the farm that a considerable percentage of his income will be obtained from live stock and live-stock products. This, I believe, is the type of agriculture that we must develop in this state, and the one which will bring about the greatest agricultural advancement. It is the basis of most of our present agricultural problems.

It may be said that the seasons in North Dakota are shorter than the seasons farther south. But if the seasons are shorter the days are longer.

A Woman Rat Catcher.

At least once a woman has held the position of rat catcher to the king of England. A warrant issued in 1672 by the master of the ordnance states that: "whereas Elizabeth Wickley is employed in killing of Rattes and other Vermins, in and about His Ma'te's stores and Houses in ye Tower of London, I have therefore thought fit to allow her ye sum of Eight Pounds per annum."

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MANN'S

Our Semi-Annual Silk Sale Begins To-day

December 9th

Each season our silk sale has scored a great success and every patron has been more than satisfied with the value received. This year we have striven to make our offerings more attractive than ever. We want to make this year show the largest sales in the history of our business and we are offering you these wonderful values an an inducement to come here and buy before the close of the year. Look at these prices.

49c, 59c, 79c, 99c, \$1.19

69c value, 30-inch Kimona Silks (printed) floral and Japanese designs, all in exquisite colorings, such as lavender, navy, red and tan. This excellent assortment of Silks at only

49c Per Yard

85c quality Cheney's shower proof foulards, good range of colors. A run of plaid messalines, together with an assortment of several standard silks, silk taffetas included. Any of these splendid patterns at

59c Per Yard

\$1.00 value, celebrated No. 8,000 messaline and 36 inch Black Taffeta. This is an extra special number, price

79c Per Yard

\$2.00 value 40 inch Canton Crepe in Navy and Black. \$2.00 value 40 inch Satin stripe Silk Poplin. \$1.50 value 36 inch stripe Peau du Chene. Any of the above three standard Silks at

99c Per Yard

\$2 value, 40 inch Crepe du Chene (printed.) \$2 value, 40 inch Narrow stripe Canton Crepe. \$1.75 and \$1.50 values, 36 inch Skinnors satin and satine du chenes. To be sold during this sale at the extremely low price of

\$1.19 Per Yard

Look these goods over carefully before you make a purchase of silks elsewhere, for we can assure you that each item enumerated above is of standard quality and worth. The prices speak for themselves.

SHOP EARLY AND GET THE BEST