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THE PIMP STICK EVIL

"Cigaretts held as one more cause of boy's delinquency—Teachers, principals, assert habit prevails to an alarming degree among juveniles in school.—Law to protect youths is demanded." Taken from a heading in a leading St. Paul newspaper.

The demand for curbing of the cigaret evil may be a reform movement but there are few educators that will not agree—it is an evil. War conditions helped to develop the mountainous peak which must be overcome if the future generations are not to have the little life sapper sticks of fire aid in burning out manhood and womanhood. Professors in schools, students of life and "reformers" can not alone, however, by enforcing rules against cigaret smoking in the public schools, cause discontinuance of the practice. Neither can state laws stop the evil—the cure still remains in the home and in the hands of citizens to whom the public looks for its guide in things moral and it is urged that mothers, and most mothers dislike to see their boys smoke, face facts, discuss conditions with the teachers in the schools who see the boy who don't smoke jumping ahead of the lad who does. Why not let the father face the condition as it is.

The right of grown men to smoke cannot be questioned even to the smoking of the little "pills." But what of the man, supposed to be respected in his community for his teachings of morals, brazenly flaunting his "pills" in public places when there is a crying call from mothers and fathers and school professors to give the boys a chance in life by cutting out the "pills."

And what of the big broad minded business man of any community—perhaps himself with sons in school—who sets an example by using the tissue paper covered poison drops?

Shall those men be classed as adherents of the cause of the tobacco trust and believers in stagnation of brain of the nation's youth to such a degree that in manhood he shall ever be the slave of habit and better brains and a weakling in life's battles because his elders, the business men and the clergy fed him up on their example?

The dealer in cigarets is not to blame except in a minor way—it is the fathers who permit by example and otherwise, the softening of the brains of their sons and other sons to go on uninterrupted thru use of cigarets and don't put a stop to it.

The clergy too, in some cases by example, but generally by their laxity in moral uplift, shares in the condemnation for use of "pimp sticks" by our school boys.

ENFORCING THE LAW.

Police officials are elected and appointed to office in Ramsey county, like in other cities to enforce the law. In municipalities where personal prejudice is not permitted to govern police departments, those officials trusted with apprehending criminals of every description do so with a thoro knowledge that they are paid to do it—by means of the law but do it they must.

Boot leggers are violators of both state and federal statutes and they know it as evidenced by the fact that in their operations they travel armed with guns, ready to shoot and shoot to kill as numerous instances in the Northwest indicate. The only opportunity they have or will have to shoot to kill is when accosted by an officer and the officer knows he has only one protection, to be just a little quicker on the draw than his man and if need be just a little quicker on the trigger.

The officer committed with enforcement of prohibition statutes isn't worthy of the name if he won't protect himself as well as carry out his purpose. In the case of booze carrying autos or others ordered to halt on the road, common sense should lead to a knowledge that if the drivers face a rifle or revolver, it means business and not stopping they should know it is taking a chance on life.

An order from the head of a police department in the larger cities to "shoot to kill" in clean-ups of yeggs, and other criminals usually puts a stop to crime waves. The North Dakota official that dares to face death in his duty and uses his gun to do it is to be commended.

But!—The Public too has rights, and why the officer, who in the case of a car failing to stop on a signal, can't bring 'em to a halt after the passing—a punctured tire or two would do?

ARROGANCY LIES DORMANT.

The red tongued flag of the autocratic branch of mercantile interests of North Dakota is not wagging quite so glibly as it did in pre-election days. It has a sombre hue and the flap of its pennants whipping in the gale of a financial storm has been lashed until already only the wail of a one time arrogant snap can be heard—S-e-l-l y-o-u-r w-h-e-a-t, c-o-o-p-e-r-a-t-e, it says.

Governor Frazier has asked for co-operation among all branches of industry in North Dakota, he doesn't only appeal to the farmers, but he asks aid from business men to stave off an almost inevitable financial crash under the present stringency.

How different the conditions today from yesterday. Bankruptcy faces hundreds of merchants—and farmers, estranged before election at the hands of the autocracy of big interests and big bankers and grain gamblers with the farmers begging for co-operation that small mercantile dealer and farmer could fight their battles together—in turn called Socialists, the governor of the state condemned for politics, boycotts on farmer owned newspapers put into effect, farmers labeled free lovers because of political affiliations. That was yesterday.

Today is here and we find the merchants who were strongest in their unjustified attempt at tyranny, purportedly supporting the administration and patting Friend Farmer on the back; sell ten per cent of your wheat, might well be the slogan adopted. They're all for "co-operation" now.

Blame the farmer if he sits back, holds his wheat and refuses to budge? But if our great North Dakota merchants were right when they declared the really big farmers were not Non-partisans, why don't they come to the rescue—and sell their wheat? Unconsciously the majority are joined by the minority and they are all holding on, sticking together.

Whether the price of wheat ever goes up or not but a lesson is learned that will bring every warring faction in North Dakota to a common understanding that they should be as one unit in fighting the still dominating interest of grain combines—admitted now to be a reality; the big banking interests that seek to crush the small institution or use it as a tool, the jobber that holds up the retailer and all other go-betweens in commercial life that sap the ultimate profit of labor from the worker, then will the crisis have been worth while.

LITTLE FOR EDUCATION.

Congressman John M. Baer has not yet returned to Washington for the short session. But, tho he is not there in person, he is very much in spirit. Labor, the organ of the Plumb Plan league, recently carried a striking cartoon by Mr. Baer. It was labeled "U. S. Appropriation Pie." It showed a number of figures about a table. A grizzly figure, "Past Wars," was engaged in eating 68 per cent of the appropriation pie. A gaudily bedight officer, "Future War," had 25 per cent of the pie. "All the rest of us," labor, farmer, the public, had 6 per cent between them, and "Education," on her knees, was picking up from under the table the measly little scrap of 1 per cent that had been thrown her.

Labor explained underneath the cartoon that the percentages used by Mr. Baer had been supplied by Professor Rosa of the United States bureau of standards, and were therefore correct. And Labor also explained that it is sending the cartoon to every member of congress.—The Courier-News.

HOME BREW EVILS

"Home brew" concocted out of the brain of thirsty man and the usage of decaying fruits, potatoes, rye, raisins and what not, may serve to appease an appetite craving for liquors of bye gone days. And there may be a question of a majority of the people wanting or not wanting the laws changed that "killed" John Barleycorn but there's another side to the question. It is the side that hits home to the household where home brew in all its stench is made for family consumption—and in many cases being winked at by police authorities—the children.

The wiping out of liquor drinking as a national habit or pastime, was only calculated primarily to do away with the curse because it would save the coming generations—the boozier of this period "will have it any way." But what about the kiddies growing up in the thousands of rural homes? Shall the curse grow to a greater evil than before with the added wrong of an education to break the nation's laws?

"That man of Nazareth who walked along the shores of Galilee and smiled on the erring one and lifted up the leper, would be ashamed of the brand of Christianity that some of his so-called vicars are thrusting upon a gullible public. He was never known to have put his personal prejudices above his mission as a saviour of men, neither did he condemn the lawmaker whose heart was pulsating with a desire to help his fellow men."

FARMER OWNED NEWSPAPERS

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Endorse Governor Frazier
 "We take pride and pleasure in recording our hearty approval and endorsement of Governor Lynn J. Frazier and all true Nonpartisan state officials and their administration of the affairs of government and their untiring efforts of the state."

"As duly elected directors of fifty-three farmer-owned newspapers in the state, which are controlled by resident stockholders and none other, we commend these newspapers to the attention of the business men of the various towns in which they are published as being fully and truly representative of the farmers of those counties, and once again;

Advancing Cause of Farmers
 "We call the attention of the people of the state to the original purpose behind the establishment of these newspapers which was to advocate and advance the interests of the farmers and workers and with them the interests of the business men and of the entire state and we declare it to be the sense of the body that such purpose shall be adhered to without deviation, and that the several boards of directors, officers and editors in charge of such newspapers are hereby urged to continue to work for the best interests of all the people:

Business Men's Sincerity
 "We appreciate that no community can make progress where no co-operation exists and that strife and bitterness destroy what we have all labored many years to build up. Inasmuch as bankers and the business interests now profess to support the farmers' program and indicate a willingness to bury the hatchet, we consider this an opportune time to demonstrate whether or not they are sincere in their statements by inviting them to end their boycott against the farmer-owned publications which is still evident in many communities, and that if the business interests prove their sincerity by adopting farmer publications as advertising mediums, we urge upon all editors of our publications to co-operate with the merchants and bankers by a conciliatory attitude toward them.

Building Up Communities
 To the business men we point out the need for the newspapers that shall speak for the farmer, and that it can be made to serve a good purpose for the business men also. The farmer has invested his money in an enterprise and shown confidence in the town by doing so. That confidence and effort should not be rudely repulsed nor should boycott methods be used against the farmer newspaper, which can do more than the privately-owned newspaper to build up a town and make friends for it.

Forebearance Is Urged
 "We are confident that a little forbearance on both sides and a spirit of conciliation if shown by each side will soon bring about a friendly co-operation between town and country that will prove profitable, not only financially but morally and socially to the entire state."

"Arvie Queber,
 "Henry E. Chizek,
 "C. W. Wickens,
 "Resolution Committee."

G. P. Nye of the Griggs County Farmers' Press at Cooperstown officiated as chairman of the meeting and F. S. Austin of The World as secretary.

F. P. Mann, Jr., Heads Legionaires

F. P. Mann, Jr., has been elected to become post commandant of Tim Running Post Number 24 of the American Legion, succeeding Everett Duell, who expects to leave the city about January 1st.
 Other officers elected were: Ervin Enger of Churchs Ferry, vice-commander; Milton Kelly, adjutant; William Bagby, finance officer; Arthur Powell, historian; Mack V. Traynor, war risk insurance officer and George Crook, chaplain.

Watch Tax Reports
 BISMARCK, N. D.—Federal income tax reports will be examined to discover if any North Dakota persons reported a different income to the government than they did to the state, according to George E. Wallace, state tax commissioner.
 "The federal law permits states which have income tax laws to examine the returns of persons for the federal tax," said Mr. Wallace, "and I am going to check up the income taxpayers of North Dakota."

Police Chief Stands Pat
 COOPERSTOWN, N. D.—Chief of Police Jones of Cooperstown says he knows who got nine bottles of liquor taken from a whiskey runner, but he will not tell on "a friend."
 So on Jan. 1, Mr. Jones will retire from the Cooperstown service, in accordance with his resignation filed with the city council.
 In the meantime, Henry Ravndal, the runner who made the charge that Jones took 11 bottles of liquor from his car, only two of which were turned over to the sheriff of Griggs county, pleaded guilty to the charge of having liquor in his possession, and was given a light sentence by Judge M. J. Engler.

Gift Problems Solved



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Gifts For Men
 Perfumes—Toilet Sets — manicure sets—gifts that are appreciated, still they are at a low cost.
Gifts For Men
 Men's Silk Hose — In fancy Christmas boxes, newest patterns, at 98c, 69c, 58c, and **49c**
 Men's Silk Shirts—Newest patterns, very reasonably priced, at **\$6.50** and **\$5.90**

Gifts For Men
 Men's Slippers—Men's felt or leather slippers, with felt or leather soles, at **\$2.19**, \$2.98, \$2.49, and **\$2.19**
 Garter and Suspenders Sets—A gift he can always use **98c**
 Gloves—Men's kid gloves, silk or fur lined, at **\$2.98** and **\$3.98**
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TAKE NOTE OF THESE BARGAINS

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 Cold weather's here—a 52 inch sheeplined coat, lined sleeves at **\$24.75**

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