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The league press bureau is busy selecting candidates for superintendent of schools and other offices for the independent party trying no doubt to split things up some but it won't work. One of the most remarkable combinations for superintendent of public instruction is the bringing out of Miss Fanny Amidon and Mrs. Frank White of this city for that office. Can you beat it.

BUY W. S. S.

Attorney General William Langer has made a definite statement to the effect that he will not be a candidate for re-election to his present office. While Mr. Langer has not said so, this declaration is taken by his friends to mean that he will be a candidate for governor. More power to you, William.

BUY W. S. S.

Emma Goldman has reached good old free love Bolshevik Russia and sends back her love to the people of America. Emma is altogether too mushy. She should keep her love for such persons as Trotsky and Lenine who are responsible for free love conditions in that country. We have Lemke, Totten and a few others here who are quite busy bolstering up these theories but of late they have been falling behind on the job. Emma also says that she is coming back to America. Wonder how she is going to sneak in?

BUY W. S. S.

The Courier-News sends up a wail like the last sad notes of a dying swan. The supreme court decision knocking out the pet scheme of the league bunch has hit the C. N. a solar plexus punch. It bewails its fate and says that Langer, Hall and Kositzky have until July first to loot the state treasury. It is truly pathetic, to say the least. Those men are doing their best to keep the treasury from being looted but the bunch in control have already looted it until it is about as empty as the old woman's cupboard was when she went to get the poor doggie a bone. The C. N. is more concerned about getting some of its padded bills through than it is of these men looting the treasury. The supreme court could not decide any different unless it threw the constitution out of the window and said it was no good.

BUY W. S. S.

Monday, one minute after the clock struck twelve, constitutional prohibition went into effect in every nook and corner of the United States and its tributaries, forever shutting off the sale of liquor for profit. Those people who had private stocks are allowed to keep them, but are subject to a severe penalty if it is sold. One cry the big liquor interests put up, was that it would throw hundreds of men out of work, cut down the markets for the grains which are used in the manufacture of the poison and make it bad all around. But any good sound thinking person can see that this is all bunk, merely being put up as a bluff to offset legal action until they could dispose of their entire stock which will be almost an entire loss under the ruling of the new amendment. The downfall of John Barleycorn was celebrated throughout the country in the churches by speeches and entertainments.

BUY W. S. S.

This is Thrift Week. In its attempt to bring about a greater degree of thrift on the part of the American people the Y. M. C. A., which is responsible for National Thrift Week, has set aside a day known as "Own Your Own Home Day." Many are the advantages set forth in the Association's propaganda for this association. They fall into three classes: domestic, financial and patriotic. At home persons can feel sure that their family circle will be much happier than otherwise. There is less waste of time, energy, and money by those living at home who avoid continual moving. From the view point of patriotism one can do nothing greater for the country than have a home. From the home life of a community the nation draws its strength. Now that the ban on building placed during the war has been lifted, persons should take advantage of conditions and plan future dwellings. Already have many sections of the country experienced stimulation in the building trade. It is hoped that the new year will bring about greater activities along these lines. This would be a good time for many Valley City pepole to start on a home building campaign with a view to owning their own home.

BUY W. S. S.

The state supreme court yesterday handed down a four to one decision knocking out Bill 60 passed by the special session of the legislature and which was designed to put all the new laws in effect immediately contrary to the constitution. We do not regard this decision as a victory to any political party but rather a safe and sane decision to uphold the constitution of the state. The constitution on this particular subject is very plain and any lawyer who really wanted to decide according to law would have held with the decision of the court. The constitution provides that no laws can go into effect until the first of July following unless they are carried with an emergency clause and a two-thirds vote of each branch of the legislature. This was not done in the case of Bill No. 60 and the court very wisely decides that it is absolutely wrong in principle and in law to try to override the constitution in the roughshod way the league majority tried to do so in this particular case. Judge Robinson was the only one to dissent in the opinion and he was the last one we would have picked out for a dissenting opinion because—we have always looked upon him as a good lawyer even if he is erratic.

BUY W. S. S.

It has been discoverel that the famous new ballot law passed by the special session giving the right to vote by absent ballot to any person living half a mile from the polling place, applies only to the women. It seems that the law was originally intended to apply to all voters but on its final passage only provided for the women. This is another law passed in a botched sort of a manner. In speaking of the matter the Fargo Forum last night says: The "absent voter' law amendment passed by the state legislature in the recent special session, heretofore popularly considered as applying to all voters residing more than a half mile from polling places, applies only to women voters.

Maurice Duffy, assistant secretary of state, read to The Forum over the long distance telephone this afternoon the provision of the act as it was finally passed. It designates women only as "absent voters" when residing more than a half mile from the polls. In the latter days of the assembly, and since then, the act has been considered and has been published, particularly in administration papers, as being applicable to all qualified voters—men and women alike. That was the sense of the debate on the measure in the form that it was finally passed. Receipt of a certified copy of the bill, as passed, brought to light the fact that the impression, heretofore prevalent, has been based on a misconception of the actual provisions of the measure.

BUY W. S. S.

A poll of the college and universities of the country of the students and faculty members discloses the fact that a great majority of these men favor the ratification of the peace treaty with reservations. This is only a straw vote but it gives very concrete evidence that the people of the United States want reservations. If this is a fact it seems to us that President Wilson should give in a little and accept the reservations that are necessary according to his own party leaders who favor reservations. That peace treaty can be ratified in short order if the executive will only bend a little to the will of the majority.

The nonpartisan league caucuses have been changed from January 30 to January 31. It is understood that the league is going to dip into county politics this campaign and that it intends to name a county ticket. Just at this time there is very little activity along these lines in Barnes county and so far we have heard very little about any avowed candidates. If the league does put up a county ticket it will inject quite a lot of spice into the county campaign, which will be different than in past years. The candidates in past elections have virtually had no opposition and did not have to work for their job. It will be different with two tickets in the field and we believe will be all right. Sometimes officials who do not have to hustle for their jobs get a notion that they have a warranty deed not only to the job to the courthouse and a little opposition might make them think a little different.

BUY W. S. S.

The Times-Record editor is not a moralist or straight laced Sunday blue law advocate—there can be extremes on this side of the question as well as on the other, but when you talk about having the law prohibiting the selling of cigarettes in this state repealed, we say go slow. We do not think that such a step is a wise one. This position is strengthened every day if you will only look around and be fair with yourself, whether you are a cigarette smoker or not. We see every day small boys smoking cigarettes, stunting their growth, filling up their systems with nicotine, who need sterner supervision by their parents. You can see this for yourself most any time. You cannot tell us that this is a good thing for the small boy—because you know better. It is far better for the grown ups to sacrifice their own cravings for cigarettes if it will help the boy. It certainly looks to us as if we need stricter supervision of the small boy along these lines than by throwing the matter wide open where the boy can go and buy cigarettes at will. Smokers who must smoke can get solace in the pipe and cigar if they feel so disposed. We are not going to say that smoking should be cut out entirely—we are willing to waive that part of it, but we do say that the present law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes is a good law and should be retained on the statutes books of the state. There is much argument pro and con upon this subject and always will be. Cigarette smokers come back and say that the boys will get smoking material somewhere and the law is a failure. This may be true, but at the same time the evil can be curbed very materially. The same silly talk can be made about the liquor law, yet in every daily paper you pick up you read where prohibition is closing up poor houses, jails and alms houses. They say this is a failure, too, but it seems to be making the world better just the same. Men are saving money under the prohibition law that heretofore used to spend it with the saloon. Cigarette smoking certainly is not beneficial to the boy or the grown up either. We heard a father say the other day "I don't want the cigarette law repealed," and this man was a very ardent user of the cigarette and is seldom seen thirty minutes at a time without one in his mouth. If he does not want his boy to form this habit why does he not set a contrete example himself to his boy by cutting out the habit. He should be willing to practice what he professes. The cigarette law is a mighty good thing to keep.

BUY W. S. S.

This is the day to welcome prosperity. To climb on the joy wagon and start for Prosperity Park.

The tickets are free and all the banks have them.

No debts in Prosperity Park. The roads are bank accounts—good roads to travel. Prosperity Park is a right nice place to live in.

This is Ben Franklin's borthday. He found the way to Prosperity Park when times were hard.

You see, most people have the idea it is so hard to start a bank account, and they look at banks as such cold propositions that they fool themselves into believing there is no escape from debt and high prices.

Take it from us: Banks are real places. And bankers are real people, sympathetic, encouraging, and full of solutions for money problems.

Stop fighting poverty single-handed. Get a banker on your side. It is a lot easier than you think to get on the road to Prosperity Park.

It begins at every bank.

Ben Franklin's birthday is the best day in the year to start.

BUY W. S. S.

FIVE TOASTS

A story is told that some time ago in New York five gentlement of foreign birth chanced to meet. One was a Russian, one a Turk, one a Frenchman, one an American, and the other an Englishman. These gentlemen soon became bosom friends, and finally a champagne supper was proposed, at which each gentleman, to be in keeping with the ceremonies of such an occasion, was to propose a toast to his native country, the one giving the best toast to be at no expense for the wine.

The Russian said: "Here's to the stars and bars of Russia, that were never pulled down."

The Turk: "Here's to the bird of Turkey, whose wings were never clipped."

The Frenchman: "Here's to the cock of France, whose feathers were never picked."

The American: "Here's to the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America, never trailed in defeat."

The Englishman: "Here's to the roarin,' rampin' lion of Great Britain, that tore down the stars and bars of Russia, clipped the wings of Turkey, picked the feathers off the cock of France, and ran like h——from the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America."

It is unnecessary to say that the Englishman paid for no wine.

BUY W. S. S.

LEAGUE LEADERS REPUDIATED BY THEIR OWN COURT

Repudiated by a supreme court which they helped to elect, leaders of the Townley movement come out of the House Bill 60 fiasco discredited, stripped of the last shred of respect, exposed as men who would deliberately set aside the constitution when that fundamental basis of law stands between them and their selfish ambition.

Nothing since the organization of the Nonpartisan league was first conceived has so served to reveal the complete disregard entertained by the leaders of this movement for any established form of government which stands in the way of their plans. The conflict between House Bill 60 and the clear wording of the constitution of North Dakota, as amended, only a year ago through the dictates of these same leaders, was so apparent that the average grammar school student could easily discern it. **And still this man Lemke, reputed father of this bill, had the temerity to go before a dignified body of jurists, sworn to uphold the constitution and the laws of their state, and to ask them to stultify themselves in order that he might put through his scheme for the more complete communization of North Dakota.**

Anarchy could not go further; Russia, even under Trotzky and Lenine, can offer no more blaring example of a dictatorship which would override all right of the people and degrade the constitution.

North Dakota should give thanks for House Bill 60. It has put socialism—communism, if you will—to the supreme test in North Dakota. The conflict between the anarchistic will of an autocratic dictator and the constitutional will expressed by a democratic people reached a crisis at an opportune moment. Had the dictatorship been permitted to proceed longer, welding ever tighter the chains with which it sought to strifle freedom of thought, of speech and of action, North Dakota might have awakened too late to the fact that it was enslaved, its hands tied, and its every avenue of free government closed.

It is well to remember that the decision which held House Bill 60 unconstitutional did not come from an unfriendly court dominated by "Big Business." It came from a tribunal four of whose members were endorsed and elected by the organization which A. C. Townley and Bill Lemke dominate. It is natural to believe that had there been a reasonable shadow of a doubt these judges would have given Lemke and Townley the benefit of it.

The thing which Bill Lemke sought to do to North Dakota was too glaring, too flagrant.

Bill Lemke today is not a pretty spectacle. Stripped of all the shams of false democracy behind which he has sought to hide, he stands forth, bare and naked in his demagogery, revealed in his true light as a petty autocrat, a man who would abuse the powers of a temporary majority, and who would sacrifice the constitution and the guaranties which he, as a stepping stone to power, helped to secure, in order that he might fortify the dictatorship to which a misguided constituency has unwittingly elevated him.

The constitution still governs; there is yet such a thing as law and order in North Dakota; Bill Lemke and A. C. Townley and anarchism and communism are in eclipse.

Will an outraged electorate arise and redeem itself?—Bismarck Tribune.

BUY W. S. S.

John H. Bloom, who for many years has owned and edited the Devils Lake Journal, has sold his paper and we hear will move to Fargo where he will continue to operate with the nonpartisan league in some capacity or other. He has been fish commissioner or some other fishy job for some time, while Mrs. Bloom is postmistress at Devils Lake. In the relinquishing of the editorial pen by Mr. Bloom, passes away editorially of one of the best newspaper men in the state, even if he has said mean things of us once in awhile. We have often thought that John has gone wrong politically, but then we cannot all be right, and he will straighten up some of these days when he sees the light. Here's wishing him success, anyway.

BUY W. S. S.

A mass meeting of representative democrats of the state is called to meet at Fargo on February 4 to consider naming candidates for presidential electors to be voted upon in the March primaries. The I. V. A.'s will hold their state gathering the day following in Grand Forks and from now on we can say that the political campaign for the season of 1920 will be on in full force and effect. The non-partisan leaguers will hold their state convention also in a few days and we look for some stirring times all around.

BUY W. S. S.

MAKES A WILL

Ask any family whose father died without a will and you'll make yours.

Making a will never made any one sick except a lot of unknown relatives eager to get some of the widow's share.

The less you have to leave the more reason for a will that will reduce court fees and delays for your family. Don't be superstitious; have will power.

A will is evidence that your thought for your family extended beyond your life time.

Find out what the courts would do with your estate if you died without a will. You'll make that will.

Where there's a will there's an easier way for widows and orphans.

A will registers your disposition and doesn't trust to the disposition of a number of unknown relatives.

Where there's a will, there's a house in order—consult a lawyer during Thrift Week.

Put a will behind your desires for disposal of your property—make one during Thrift Week.

Those who do not believe in making a will are still trusting in a rabbit's foot—maye wours during Thrift week.

The Californian gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock; buttons his Chicago suspenders to Detroit overalls; washes his face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania basin; wipes on a Rhode Island towel, sits up to a Grand Rapids table; eats Kansas City meat; and Minneapolis flour with Idaho potatoes cooked in Indiana lard on a St. Louis stove burning Wyoming coal; puts a New York bridle on a Colorado bronco fed with Iowa corn; plows five acres of land (covered with Ohio mortgages) with a Chattanooga plow. When bed time comes he reads a chapter from a Bible printed in Boston; says a prayer written in Jerusalem; crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey, only to be kept awake by fleas—the only home product of his home state—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT

No political event in recent years has so interested ALL the people of Golden Valley county as the three speeches of Attorney General Langer, Thursday and today.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME A POLITICIAN HAS COME AMONG US WITH THE REAL GOODS.

It is the first time one has talked right out from the shoulder and called things and men by their right names.

All the world likes a fighter, and certainly everybody must be in love with big Bill Langer, not only because of the fight he is putting up against the dangers of Socialism and free love that beset the people of the state, but because of his courage in standing for his convictions against attacks on his good name and integrity such as have never before been made against an official in this or any other country.

Attorney General Langer, while defending himself, is FIGHTING FOR US; FOR EVERY TAXPAYER IN THE STATE; FOR EVERY HOME; FOR EVERY CHILD WHOSE MOTHER HOPES WILL GROW INTO WORTHY MANHOOD OR WOMANHOOD AND IN THE FAITH OF CHRISTIAN WORLD, A CHRISTIAN GOD AND A CHRISTIAN HEREAFTER. He is really fighting to maintain in this state the high civilization all advanced people have attained. It is a good fight, and all thinking people should hold up his hands and pray for more MEN with the courage of their convictions may stand forth and be counted instead of slinking behind the fear of losing a dollar through expressing their beliefs and making the fight all of us, sooner or later will be called upon to make, or be swept away in the maelstrom of Bolshevism.

MR. LANGER IS CARRYING A REAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

Under proposed laws he is taking his liberty in his hands, for Townley purposes, like all who believe in Bolshevistic theories, that those who have the power may oppress all who disagree with them. The attorney general is spending his own means in carrying the truth to the people, and it costs good money to travel and pay the expenses of a stenographer (the latter being absolutely essential in self protection from the lies told of his speeches,) and more good money will have to be spent by others of the same political belief before a victory is won from the HIGH PRIESTS OF SOCIALISM HOLDING OUR STATE IN BONDAGE.

A year ago the editor of this paper would not have believed it possible he could ever pen these words in support of Mr. Langer, but politics make strange bedfellows, and only the switch of the attorney general from his old affiliations makes them possible. Knowing Mr. Langer many years we have frequently opposed his policies and views, but through it all we have admired his stand for law enforcement, and his slogan that laws will be enforced by him until they are repealed, regardless of his own personal opinions, is sound, and commendable in an official whose duties lie in law enforcement.

That Mr. Langer has been able to stand up against the terrific power of Townley is also worthy of praise; that he has withstood the threats and the dirty, contemptible stabs in the dark, without opportunity to defend himself, makes The Advance his champion, just as it would champion the cause of any man the authorities tried to railroad to perdition without judge or jury or chance of defense.

No one but moral cowards like senators from this and other counties, cowering under the lash of the master, and protected by their legislative prerogative, would attack a public official as the senate did in the dying hours of the special session in its infamous resolutions against Langer. Afraid to impeach the man, because under impeachment proceedings he could defend his good name, the measly misrepresentatives of a decent people sought by resolution to utterly damn this man before the state. It is no wonder he is going up and down the land telling the true story of what Townley is doing to us, and it is little wonder that the manhood and womanhood of the state is turning out en masse to hear him. It is the sense of decency, of justice and right, that cause thousands to listen to his tale—and to believe it.

Since the beginning of time humanity has struggled for liberty of possession, of speech, of the peaceful pursuit of happiness. It has been a fierce fight, BUT RIGHT HAS PREVAILED, though frequently almost overcome. Liberty, decency, justice, have been the watchword of the American people and upon these corner stones they have builded the wonder-nation of the world. No Townleys, Mills, Lemkes, Fraziers, Macdonalds, Tottens, Stangelands, nor their like, will be able to destroy what God seems to have blessed and taken into His keeping.

THE RIGHT, EVEN IN NORTH DAKOTA, WILL PREVAIL. DON'T FORGET THAT FOR A MOMENT.—Beach Advance.

THE NEWSPAPER GUY

I see a man pushing his way thru the lines
Of cops where the work of the "fire-fiends" shines.
"The chief?" I inquire—but fireman replies,
"Gee, no. Why that's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a wan walk thru the door of a show
Where great throngs are blocked by the signs S. R. O.
"Is the man the star, that no ticket he buys?"
'Star nothin'. He's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man start on the trail of a crook
And he scorns the police, but brings him to book.
"Sherlock Holmes?" I inquire—someone scornfully cries.
"Sherlock H——. No he's one of those newspaper guys."

I see a man sit in the seat of the great,
And they ask his advice upon matters of state.
"A diplomat surely." But to my surprise
They tell me he's "one of those newspaper guys."

And some day I'll stand by the great gates of gold,
And see a man pass through unquestioned and bold;
"A saint?" I'll ask, and St. Peter'll reply:
"No, he's only a plain, honest newspaper guy."

—The Yeoman.

FARMERS' MEETINGS JANUARY 26-31

During the week of Jan. 26 to 31, a series of Farm Bureau meetings will be conducted in several communities of Barnes county.

These meetings will be of special interest to the farmers. Subjects of interest to the women as well as the men will be discussed.

The following meetings have been scheduled:

Sanborn—Monday, Jan. 26.
Leal—Tuesday, Jan. 27.
Oriska—Wednesday, Jan. 28.
Nome—Thursday, Jan. 29.
Litchville—Friday, Jan. 30.

The speakers and their subjects for the above meetings are as follows:

Farm Management and Accounts—Rex. Willard of the Agricultural College.

Grasses—Wm. Porter of the Agricultural College.

Potatoes or Kubanka Wheat—T. X. Calnan, county agent.

Problems of the Home Maker—Miss Emma E. DeWitt, county home demonstration agent.

Other questions of local interest may also be discussed.

Arrangements for these meetings have been made by local committees.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings for the purpose of asking questions of hearing the discussions.

T. X. CALNAN,
County Agent.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN RECEIVE LETTERS

The week was well opened Monday morning at the High school by a thrilling pep meeting led by Leo Brady, yell master The school body displayed very well their enthusiasm over the results of last week's victorious basket ball games.

Ralph Curren gave a very detailed account of the Jamestown game which proved to be a very close contest and decidedly in Jamestown's favor until four minutes before the final whistle when V. C. picked up and shot them in, making the score 22 to 25 in favor of Valley City.

The Cooperstown victory was also a very close and interesting game according to the report made by Francis Holm before the assembly, as the majority of the baskets made were rung in late in the game making the score 10 to 5 in Valley's favor at the close.

As a final number in the opening exercises, Coach Geotzloe made his first appearance. His entrance upon the platform was met by a hearty applause. Mr. Geotzloe gave a short summary of the football season and the satisfactory results received from such inexperienced stock as he had to deal with at the beginning of the year. He then called the team on the platform and presented the football letters to the most deserving men who took part during the season. Those receiving letters were:

G. Wertin—"The boy with the green sweater."
A. Busdicker—"The ploughing full back."
C. Lyon—"He hits 'em with his head."
J. McFadgen—"The speediest half."
W. Larson—"The snapper back."
C. Noltimier—"A guard that stops 'em."
E. Doucette—"A comer."
M. Mulhaid—"You'll hear from him again."
R. Curren—"One of our two great ends."
A DeLancey—"The battling half."
E. Isensee—"New game to him—he must have inherited it."
A. Kernkamp—"The other great end."

We might say here that five of these letter men are seniors, and a sixth would have been if he handn't taken to matrimony.

Wertin was introduced to the school as captain-elect and the cheers after his speech showed that he was accepted unanimously by the student body.

BIOGRAPHIES AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The biography of scientists, musicians, leaders, men great in the history of our country, is as fascinating as fiction and more so, for it is actual. Because the characters are real, the form a goal, an inspiration, something just beyond, toward which to work, made vivid and possible by close acquaintance with the lives of those who have actually accomplished.

The public Library can furnish biographies taken from many walks of life. The following is a list of a few the library has on file.

The Story of my Boyhood and Youth—John Muir.
The Many Sided Franklin — Paul Leicester Ford.
George Washington—Henry Cabot Lodge.
A Son of the Middle Border—Hamlin Garland.
Chopin, the Man and his Music—James Huneker.
Abraham Lincoln—Isaac N. Arnold.
Louis Agassiz—C. F. Holder.
Joan of Arc—M. Mitchelet.
Life of Mozart—Louis Nohl.
Life of Theodore Roosevelt—Wm. D. Lewis.
A Study in the Greatness of Men—P. N. Larned.
Alice Freeman Palmer—Geo. H. Palmer.
William Ewart Gladstone—James Bryce.

MOVING PICTURE PLEASURES DEPICTED

A writer in the Fargo Courier-News has the following timely remarks to make which are pertinent:

There is a great deal of pleasure to be derived from attending a picture show. There is also a certain educational feature that is worthy of consideration. But the things that really make the attending of the entertainments of this nature worth while are summed up as follows:

The person who sits behind you and kicks the back of your seat in time with the music.

The person who has seen the show and is kind enough to explain what is going to happen in a voice loud enough to be heard several seats away.

The person who discusses the events of the day for the benefit of those near, realizing that pleasure and the sordid events of life should be mixed and the pleasure spoiled.

The person who sits just in front of you and reels back and forth in the seat, knowing that you came there to dodge him rather than see the show.

The person who would rather see his bride's lovely head on his shoulder than to witness the final close-up clinch of the hero and heroine.

The person who spits tobacco juice under your seat, knowing that you wore gum boots and will wade out without getting your feet wet.

We might add to this that the person who gets directly behind you with a big crinkly bag of pop corn and "champs" away at that all through the performance making as much noise as a hog chewing acorns, also adds much to the discomfort of the occasion.

TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES

Three brothers in the third and fourth grades organized a firm, Wills & Wills Company, to meet the current expenses of the new term—book rent, crayons, drawing pencils, tablets, etc., which makes a considerable total for three. Wills & Wills Company contracted to clean the cellar in the building just south of the one destroyed by fire Sunday night. Their estimate was five dollars, but the work was so well done that Mr. James Nielson, who awarded them the cellar contract, presented them with a bonus of one dollar. Tuesday morning Loren Wills, the senior member of the firm, showed with justifiable pride a check for six dollars drawn on the First National Bank. The liabilities of the firm have been met for the present term and a nest egg kept, which will increase with future contracts. Our good wishes go with this energetic business firm.

The third and fourth grades are very glad to welcome a group of second graders, as they sent eight of their own number on to Miss Norton. Those who left them for the fifth grade were Arthur Amundson, Arthur Mickalson, Edward Holland, Millicent Seymour, Florence Feldman, Alpha Soroos, Ruby Davidson, and Helen Smith.