

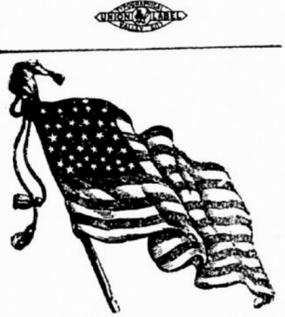
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William Jennings Bryan has decided after mature deliberation that he does not want to be the presidential candidate of the prohibition element of the country, and has declined the honor with thanks. Mr. Bryan is a shrewd politician. He knows he would have about as much show in that kind of a race as a snowball would have of lasting very long on a hot stove.

The public will not begrudge the railroad men their raise in wages if the men in return only do their level best to earn it. The great trouble is that it takes six men nowadays to do the work of one and needs usually a half dozen bosses to watch that one man work. The average business man and citizens believe in paying good wages to the men if they get results back again.

The democrats made a great hit when they nominated their candidate for the vice-presidency. The name of Roosevelt adds considerable strength to any ticket and with Franklin D. Roosevelt as the vice-presidential nominee, it will get votes that no other name would. The democrats did not like the name of Roosevelt years ago when the late Teddy was on the ticket—but it is different now.

Gov. Catts has refused to call a special session of the Florida legislature to act on the ratification of the woman suffrage amendment. The governor is liable to get scratched by the others Catts if he gets in their way. The court has shown very little progress on this proposition so far nearly every southern state—all of them democratic—have voted against suffrage. Yet we are informed that the republican party is to be blamed in case suffrage is defeated.

New Rockford is making another big effort to get a vote on the removal of the capital from Bismarck to that city, and has been stopped for the time being by the refusal of Tom Hall, secretary of state, who refuses to accept the petitions for filing claiming that the names received four years ago are not any good for this time. The matter will now have to be tried out before the supreme court. Whatever the outcome in the supreme court may be in our opinion New Rockford has very little chance of removing the capital from Bismarck to New Rockford. We cannot see where anything can be gained for the people of the state in so doing.

The railroad workers have been granted an increase of about 60 per cent of their demands which means a nice little boost in their pay check. It is not as large as they asked for but it helps very materially and we guess they are entitled to it. But the public is to be the goat as usual. We are now being gently prepared for a big boost in freight rates of from 20 to 30 per cent and we notice that in the last day or two the railroad companies are getting ready to boost passenger rates up a notch to take care of the raise in wages. Some of the railroads are reducing the working force to help out on the proposition.

The prohibition party, meeting at Lincoln, Neb., to nominate a presidential candidate and running mate, has drafted William J. Bryan to head their ticket. Up to the present time it is not known whether Mr. Bryan will accept this honor. It will be remembered that Mr. Bryan has already run for the presidency three times, about as many, if not more than any other man in this country. He has cast his hat into the ring at the invitation of a bunch of over enthusiastic delegates. He not only lost his hat but he also came a long way from getting the coveted seat at Washington. We are wondering whether, with three good hats already wasted, whether he will risk another.

The committee of twenty-one appointed by the I. V. A. last winter to sort of map out a plan of campaign against Townleyism, is in session today at Grand Forks for the purpose of mapping out a plan for the fall campaign. Here's hoping that their deliberations will be wisely conducted and that when they get through they will present a unified front and go forth into the campaign with renewed vigor to win next November. We notice that the league organ at Fargo, the Courier-News, this morning has discovered today that P. D. Norton is to be the candidate for governor and J. F. T. O'Connor for the senate. Yesterday it was somebody else and tomorrow and the next day this same paper will have somebody else—just mere guess work with the big idea of trying to divide the independent forces.

Notwithstanding the big bluff of the Courier-News, the meeting of the committee of 21 at Grand Forks last week was a very amicable one in every particular and the union forces endorsed a ticket to vote for at the fall election with Hon. J. F. T. O'Connor as the candidate for governor. The Courier-News is doing its best to try and work up a feeling of dissension between the two parties but it will fail in its object. There will be perfect unity between the two and Mr. O'Connor is going to get the backing of the republicans opposed to Townleyism just as much as Mr. Langer did. It is a question of principle and not politics with a majority of the people of this state and the majority of the people are against Townleyism and state socialism.

The cup races between Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock and the American defender Resolute, are very close indeed both boats now having won two heats each. The margin is so close between the two boats that today's race will be watched with a great deal of interest by those interested. Sir Thomas Lipton is one of the best sports in the world and for many years has been trying to lift America's yachting cup but has failed year after year. He has up to this time this year come closer to doing it than at any time for many years and the race today will be the deciding one of the series if the weather conditions are right. If he does succeed in beating out the Resolute with his Shamrock he will get the hearty congratulations of the American people because they will realize that his boat is the faster of the two and because Sir Thomas Lipton is a real, clean sportsman—and American citizens like a real sport.

A great deal of controversy has arisen the past few days over the guilt of Henry Laver, the man who was recently tried, and who pleaded guilty to the gruesome charge of killing the Wolf family at Turtle Lake. Relatives of the accused man claim that he is not the guilty person and that there is another party implicated in the plot. It is a rather odd case. If Laver did not kill the Wolf family, why did he keep quiet when brought up before the court. Would it not look as though he was trying to shield some body else? Or maybe on the other hand he knew that they had the goods on him and decided to take it like a man. No sound minded man is going to confess to the killing of an entire family including helpless children if he didn't do it, and a lot of them wouldn't if they did commit the deed. Our advice would be to keep Laver locked up where he is. He had his trial and what more does he want.

Hon. Lee Combs, who was nominated in the primaries as a candidate for district judge by stickers, informed the Times-Record editor that he has decided to make an active canvass for the election at the coming November election. Mr. Combs has received so much encouragement from various parts of the district that he thinks he can win out this fall. The Times-Record believes that should he be elected he will make an able jurist and a fair one. He is one of the leading lawyers of the state and while he has a very fine practice—more than there is in the judgeship—it is a great honor to be elevated to the bench and we do not blame Mr. Combs in the least for having an ambition to be judge.

Reinstatement and conversion of government war risk insurance is the subject discussed in a letter sent out by Governor Lynn J. Frazier, appealing to ex-service men to continue their government insurance or be reinstated. The letter says in part: In this Converted Insurance, the government offers to the ex-service men or women a standard policy with participating benefits, more liberal than any that are elsewhere obtainable and as a premium rate from twenty to twenty-five per cent lower than prevailing rates for similar contracts. Furthermore, the Government Converted Insurance is more liberal in that it gives a cash surrender or loan value at the end of the first year; it gives a total and permanent disability clause without cost and which has no age limitation so that in effect it is also a protection against old age. The insurance so granted is incontestable for any reason except non-payment of premiums. Full allowance is given to the insured to engage in any occupation or to travel in any country without losing or affecting his insurance in any way.

Townley and his lieutenants are preaching the gospel of hate and boycott to those merchants and farmers who do not come across with the \$18 per. This is the big club that this bunch holds over the head of the business men particularly in the smaller towns and we are sorry to say that in a number of cases it has worked charmingly and some of the weak kneed ones have come across much against their will. It is getting to be a great state of affairs when in this free country people have to stand for this kind of coercion in order to help a lot of socialists put over a wild-cat form of government that is no good to any one only the promoters who are getting the money from the schemes they promulgate. If these independent farmers and business men would exercise a little more spirit of independence and Americanism and tell the big boss to go to a warmer climate than this, it would have a very good effect, instead of knocking down and cringing at the knees of this bankrupt mountebank that is bossing the state of North Dakota. We have no patience with such weak kneed people. Get up on your toes and assert your independence and don't let these fellows bluff you into swallowing a dose of medicine that you do not want.

A town is usually judged by the class of people which inhabit it. For instance if a stranger drove into town asked the road to a certain place or for some other information, and for his reply received only a gruff answer, just what kind of an opinion would you form of this town if you were that

stranger. Tourists are thick throughout these northern states now, nearly all of them traveling by auto. As would be natural when they come to a town like, say Valley City for instance, they generally inquire for a good eating house. If they do, direct them to the best one. Do it in a courteous manner. Don't simply point your finger in the direction of the place they are seeking, but stop long enough to make things plain. Such small things as these is what puts a town on the face of the map. These tourists are not going to forget these acts of kindness right away, just the same as you wouldn't forget yourself. Such things may seem trivial at the time but sooner or later they are sure to bear fruit. On the other hand just because a man is a stranger don't try to get the best of him by overcharging him on an article that he may want to buy, or perhaps by helping him out of some little difficulty he may be involved in. Just because he is a stranger should not be taken as an excuse. This same man, if treated right, might be your neighbor some day.

The nonpartisan league seems to have won control of the state republican central committee by a close margin. This means very little to those opposed to socialism. They had control of the committee two years ago but the independent forces refused to recognize the bunch and reorganized along independent lines and made a wonderful showing at the primary election. The probabilities are that the same thing will happen again. The Barnes county organization is split. We have one leaguer and one independent. The fall election will be a warm number and from present indications will be fought out along probably the same lines as that of the primary election. There will be the combined democratic and republican forces opposed to the Townley force of state socialism. You pay your money and take your choice. About this time the leaguers are paying all the way from \$100 down to \$18 per for the privilege of voting for Mr. Townley's system of increased taxation which is bound to come again next year if he has his continued fling in the state. It has become so desperate in some places that they have been told that independent farmers living in localities largely composed of leaguers that if they did not come across with their \$18 they could not get their crops threshed. This is a great big bluff. The independent farmers should not allow themselves to be brow beat in any such manner. We guess that they can get threshing outfits to thresh the grain whether the league neighbors do it or not. Townley and his henchmen are going around preaching the doctrine of boycott against the towns and sowing the seeds of hate and discord. That is the situation today. We say to every business man with an ounce of red blood in his veins to stand pat on his honest convictions and not let a lot of red card socialist pirates scare them for a minute. The truth and right must prevail and will prevail. It may take a little while longer to bring the light of reason to many but if they only give the bunch in power enough rope it will come and they won't need any calomel to clear their vision, either.

**SAFEGUARDING OUR MONEY**  
The proposal to initiate new laws at the November election will, we predict meet with approval of a large majority of the voters. Foremost among these is the bill giving to cities and counties the right to handle their own funds, and not compel the treasurers to deposit the money in the Bank of North Dakota. The iniquitous plan now in vogue robs every community of the use of the money paid over for taxes, deprives the cities, counties and school districts of a very considerable sum in interest and makes it very difficult for the banks to extend to the farmers in their locality the accommodations they are justly entitled to.

Huge sums of money are at the disposal of the manager of the Bank of North Dakota to do with as he pleases. It can't be loaned by that bank to farmers except on first mortgage loans, and very few banks in the state feel justified in borrowing from the Bank of North Dakota to loan out to their customers not knowing when their loans may be called.

This is not a measure for the benefit of bankers, but for the benefit of every community in the state, and we hope it will be presented to the voters in such a form that they may understand the real reason for the law and we have no doubt they will restore the money to their respective counties, cities and school districts.

**THE BIG AFTER CONCERT**  
Mr. Townley is offering to sell the farmers of North Dakota an additional \$400,000 worth of political buncombe.

He is asking 100 farmers in each of the 40 counties to subscribe \$100 apiece to save the nonpartisan league from bankruptcy and extinction. He has canceled his engagements in other states, and he plans to remain in North Dakota in a desperate effort to retrieve the defeat he sustained at the primary election. The victory of Governor Frazier was a hollow one indeed, when the legislative situation is considered, and nobody knows that better than Mr. Townley. It is estimated that \$1,400,000 will be needed for the fall campaign, and the members are being asked to contribute it to "save the league." Does it recall circus days to you?

The line of patter runs something like this:  
Ladies and gentlemen: The big after concert.  
"Our gentlemanly agents will now pass among you offering tickets. The price is but \$100."  
"See Governor Frazier eat a pro-fiteer alive. See Senator Ladd, the Dare-Devil Chemist, broil Big Business over a fire of home-made statistics. Watch our wild west bankers fed by the state at great expense cause \$35,000,000 to disappear so nobody can tell where it has gone. Stay and see the most expensive bungalow in captivity, erected at a cost of \$12,000 for superintendence and \$5,000 for material."  
"Remember the main show is only a little over half over, but you can't afford to miss the big after concert. Just keep your seats, ladies and gentlemen, and the agents will pass among you. Just \$100 and we throw in the big boycott performance absolutely free. See Bishop Lemke boycott Fargo because Fargo wouldn't vote for him. Ab—so—lute—ly your last chance. We may never visit your state again."—Fargo Forum.

**IS CAPITAL STRIKING FOR PROFIT?**

If it is wrong for labor to check production by quitting work, in a time of shortage, is it not just as wrong for capital to check production by closing its factories? This accusing parallel is drawn by employees of the American Woolen Company, which has recently closed many of its plants in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Representatives of the employees insist that this is nothing less than a "strike" on the part of capital, intended to keep up prices, just as labor strikes for higher wages. In so far as it is calculated to hurt production, they argue that it is in violation of the Lever Act.

They also argue that it is morally wrong, inasmuch as it tends to deprive the public of sorely needed woolen cloth, and force consumers to pay exorbitant prices for what they get, and also imposes hardship on thousands of families by throwing people out of work unnecessarily. This is true, if the so-called woolen trust has really closed its mills for the reason charged, and not, as it maintains, from necessity, owing to a lack of orders to keep the plants running.

Whether there was enough business to keep the plants going could probably be determined from an examination of the company's books. The matter is not simple, however. The element of price enters into it at the very beginning. If there was a lack of new orders, was it because the manufacturers asked too much for their cloth? Undoubtedly lower prices would have stimulated business. The president of the company explains that "the margin of profit as fixed last February would not permit of a reduction in the price of cloth." But was that margin a fair one, or a profiteering one?

Interest is lent to the controversy by the fact that in the same cities where the "trust" plants have closed, the "independent" woolen mills are still operating. Surely here is something that the federal department of justice should look into. Either a wronged corporation should be justified or a wronged public should be protected. It is no time to tolerate "capital strikes."

**From Thursday's Daily**

Mrs. J. W. Jongeward, of Litchville, N. D., was a Valley City visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Mary London, of Jackson, Mich., and Mrs. Delle Vogelbacker, of Detroit Mich., were Valley City visitors yesterday.

C. A. Porterville who handles Armour's line of goods, is a Valley City visitor today arriving from Coopers-town last night.

Any member of the Business Women and Professional Women's Club, wishing their receipt for dues or their national membership card, may have same by calling on Miss Beatrice Paquette, at the telephone office.

Miss Minnie J. Nielson's lead over Miss Ruth Johnson in the primary election was 12,470. This is a mighty fine endorsement for our home candidate. She will get a bigger lead in the fall election.

Fred O. Olsen, manager of the N. J. Olsen Seed Company, is in the city today looking over the situation and visiting friends. Fred is an old Barnes county boy and naturally has lots of friends in the county seat who are pleased to see him whenever he happens to drop in to town.

Fire Chief W. T. Craswell left last night for Toronto, Canada, to attend an international convention of fire chiefs, going as a state delegate from North Dakota organization. Mr. Craswell will not only enjoy the splendid trip but will make the state a very efficient representative.

The Times-Record family have been kindly remembered the past few days with green stuff and vegetables from the gardens of Frank Oberg and Mrs. Francis Craswell. We thank our friends whose kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Northern Pacific weed burner was here this morning and left to burn up the weeds on one of the branches. If the city could only borrow it for a day or two to burn off the weeds growing so luxuriantly on the inside of the curbing around town what a splendid thing it would be.

A not overly big crowd enjoyed the dance which was given at the City Bowery last evening. The music was furnished by Beachem and McFarland's orchestra. The evening was ideal but perhaps being due to the fact that it was the middle of the week those who enjoy this past time did not get out.

A. C. Townley left in his ten thousand dollar aeroplane at noon yesterday for Minot where he went to shake up the drv bones of the nonpartisans in that neighborhood and he is mighty successful in getting the money we hear from reports. In one township in Barnes county he got seven hundred dollars in spite of all this black rust scare—which shows an abiding faith in the leadership of the peerless Arthur.

Aviator H. T. Davidson, and his mechanic Leo Westover, returned about 7 o'clock last night from Faulkton, S. D., via the air route and report the roads up ther in fine condition. They have been down there amusing spectators at the fair which was being held in that city by doing different stunts with their plane. Mr. Davidson will give his plane an overhauling now.

A few stalks of wheat were left in this office today. It certainly looks fine. The heads are plump and well filled, and the kernels are in the advanced doughy stage. Examining the stalks quite closely signs of red rust can be found but apparently is doing no damage. If good weather continues until after the doughy stage is passed the danger of shrunken kernels will be well passed. The kernels are evidently hardening up fast and in a few days will have become hard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wilkins and Bert and Marjorie Wilkins of Tabor, Iowa, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Melvin Lee for the past ten days, left this morning by auto for Denver, Colorado. They will visit with relatives there, and will go on a trout fishing trip into the mountains. They are traveling in regular tourist fashion, having their beds, cooking utensils and other necessities, and have enjoyed the trip immensely. They expect to return to their home in Iowa the first part of September. Mrs. John Goodfellow, an aunt of Mrs. Lee, who accompanied the party here, returned to her home at Ashland, Neb., yesterday morning.

The state press association is to hold its annual meeting at Fargo August 6, 7 and 8 and from all reports will be a humdinger. The live wire commercial club of Fargo is making preparations for a big time for the scribes and their ladies. One of the features of the entertainment part is to be a trip to Lake Lizzie provided by the Fargo bunch, and a regular fish banquet is to be served at the lake. In addition to that the ladies are to be banqueted and entertained and the fellows are going to have a real time—just like you could expect from the Fargo people.

Manager Piller has been frequently asked to secure and present some moving picture films especially adapted to the children, so that on next Monday afternoon and evening he will present "Little Red Riding Hood" and he wants all the children to go to the afternoon matinee to see this picture the story of which, perhaps, has been read to every child in the land. Mr. Piller wants the children to go to the matinee as they will not be admitted to the evening show. He tells the Times-Record editor to say that all those children who cannot afford to pay to see this picture will be admitted free. This of course applies only to those who are less fortunate than others in the matter of finances. It shows that Mr. Piller has his heart in the right place and that he is built along generous and humane lines. He wants the children to be happy and

contributes his bit toward making them happy in this way.

We have made an honest effort to get at this alleged black rust situation but have arrived at the conclusion that it is about as bad a job as trying to forecast a state election, but we are convinced that there are a whole lot of pessimists in the country. Yesterday we heard it said that Frank Ployhar's half section of wheat was entirely ruined by black rust as well as all the rest of the crop in that neighborhood. Ployhar immediately got into his gas wagon and with his family made a thorough investigation of the crop and came back to town with a smile on his face. He said "I found some red rust but believe I will get twice as much grain from this crop this year as I did last if hail does not take it." That is optimism. The same report is given by Percy Persons and other in that locality, all of whom acknowledge the presence of red rust. We have similar reports from prominent farmers in the county while on the other hand we have heard of slathers of black rust and the crop shot to pieces. You have both sides of it. You can take your choice. We are going to be on the optimistic side until we have to change our mind. We still think that Barnes county is going to harvest a fair crop. Mr. Ployhar said that his wheat would be ready to cut within ten days.

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It was a hot, sultry night last night and what is termed a storm breeder. It threatened to storm here last night but it passed west and east and north of us. In McHenry county last evening a small cyclone struck that vicinity and one man was killed and a couple of other persons injured.

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