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21 barbers went out on strike at Fargo day before yesterday because the proprietors wanted to cut their commissions from 65 to 60 per cent. After being out two days and noticing that their meal tickets were getting shaved down to zero and nothing coming back, they decided to call the strike off. It is time some of these birds took a little reduction and came to their senses. There are too many men looking for work for them to think they can hold up everybody now.

Some person or persons broke into the Sentinel-Courier office at Cooperstown last Friday morning, broke into the safe and purloined all the records of the printing company, and then smeared printing ink on the machinery and fixtures, including the adding machine, etc., making a sad mess of the shop. The city of Cooperstown together with the publishing company, are offering a reward of $500 to anyone who will give information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of this job. The outcome of this case will be watched with interest. We do not believe that they can "hang it onto" one of Editor Nye's hated I. V. A.'s.

Postmaster General Will Hayes is to quit the president's cabinet with its twelve thousand a year salary to take up the job of being at the head of a moving picture corporation at a salary of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. We don't like to see Mr. Hayes quit because he is making good but if he wants to quit the cabinet we serve notice on the president that if the postmaster generalship is a stepping stone to one hundred and fifty thousand a year we are willing to try it out for awhile if he can't get anyone else. It will be some time before we strike even twelve thousand running a newspaper

The farm loan department of the Bank of North Dakota has made a ruling that eight thousand dollars is the limit that any farmer can secure as a loan on his farm. Mr. DeNault has made the statement that no more brothers-in-law will pull off any more twenty-five thousand dollar loans on worthless securities while he is at the head of that department. Congressman Baer, that great advocate of the people's rights, pulled off that stunt and now the state has nothing of any value to show for the loan. Many other loans were made by the recalled administration without regard to security or anything else but politics. The bank department will make no loans only to real farmers living on and operating their farms.

There is more truth than poetry in the following from an exchange: The thing that will go further than the activities of the prohibition agents in the elimination of bootlegging is the daily list of deaths from poison masquerading as whisky. And it must be remembered that the number of deaths from wood alcohol and other substitutes is small in comparison with the number of persons blinded or otherwise terribly injured by the stuff Any man who drinks the liquid that is sold nowadays—no matter how assuring the label or the story told by the glib bootlegger—is taking chances with his life. He is gambling with death. All he stands to win is a drink. What he stands to lose is all the earthly happiness which it is every man's privilege to pursue. Is that a good bet?

The nonpartisan league is now forming an organization in California. This will be encouraging news to the many who have had such rich pickings in North Dakota the past five years and who have recently been separated from their meal tickets as a result of the recall election. All we can say for California if that bunch gets control of that state is "God help you." You will need this help before that bunch gets through with you. We can hardly imagine, however, that California, knowing what the socialistic regime has done for North Dakota, will let the bunch get control of the state. But California must look good to the bunch as being ripe for fat pickings—and Liederbach is already out there on his fruit ranch ready to lend assistance. California had better guard her state treasury well.

The Gummer trial opens up in this city tomorrow and will probably last for some time. There are about a hundred witnesses to be called in the case. It is the intention of the Times-Record to try and give a synopsis of the proceedings of this trial from day to day in the columns of this paper, but it is also our intention to leave out any testimony that in our judgment is unfit for publication. We do not believe in giving publicity to this kind of testimony anyway, but the other daily papers of the state coming into this city will have full reports of the case and it is only reasonable that our own subscribers will want something in the home paper. We had some time ago decided not to give any testimony in this case in our columns but under the circumstances we cannot very well refuse to do so —but it will be censored rigidly so that nothing will be published of an unfit nature.

Secretary of State Tom Hall is being urged to run for congress in the event that Mr. Young should withdraw from the field. Mr. Hall yesterday made the following statement in the Bismarck Tribune: "I have understood that Congressman Young was slated for a judgeship on the U. S. Court of Claims", said Mr. Hall. "The progressive forces in the district should have their candidate in the field, and as I have been asked by a number of my friends to throw my hat in the ring it is very likely that I may chance the throw. If I decide to make the run you may be sure that I shall do my best to win." Mr. Hall has about as many friends in this district and in the state as any man we know of and if Mr. Young should decide to withdraw—which is doubtful —Tom would certainly make them all go some. John Knauf, of Jamestown, is also mentioned as a possible candidate for the position. The coming primary election gives promise of being a lively one.

The Bank of North Dakota recently loaned the state government money to pay the salaries of the state institutions to which a correspondent of the Courier-News very chestily says: "Supporters of the Frazier administration regime see in this move an actual demonstration at the hands of their friends, the enemy, of the useful part which the state bank is taking in financing the state's affairs, a claim which was always maintained by members of the league." The C. N. correspondent should have gone a little further in its explanation and told its readers that had it not been for the mismangement of the state affairs by the Frazier administration it would not have been necessary to borrow from the Bank of North Dakota to pay these salaries. The C. N. correspondent goes still further and wants to know why other creditors are left out in the cold. The same answer applies—a "busted" treasury brought about by mismanagement on the part of the Frazier administration. The Bank of North Dakota is going to be made efficient for good to the people of the state under a real business management. Just stick a pin in here.

Down at Fargo they have just completed a trial of one Heaton, teller of the notorious Scandinavian American Bank of much note on account of its checkered career financially and which was closed by Attorney General Langer as being insolvent, afterwards reopened by Attorney General Lemke and taken under the sheltering wing of the supreme court and which financially went under owing the people of this state nearly half a million dollars which are now frozen up and lots of it have eveaporated. Heaton was accused of embezzleing seventy-eight thousand dollars, and while he alone is not the only one guilty he was the one on trial and the jury decided that he was guilty of a misdemeanor for stealing less than twenty dollars. This seems to be the rankest sort of nonsense and a travesty on justice. Either Heaton was guilty of getting away with more than twenty dollars or else he was innocent and should have been acquitted. The verdict of the jury is a farce. That jury might have been influenced by the fact that he was probably made the goat and that some higher ups were being unmolested, yet the fact remains that he was a party to the deal and therefore guilty if the verdict of the jury means anything. There has been a lot of money lifted from that institution by others outside of Heaton and it is up to the states attorney of Cass county to get real busy and bring those who are guilty to the bar of justice.

The committee looking after the state mill and elevator projects at Grand Forks are doing good work and making progress. According to all reports the mill and elevator has cost up to date about one million two hundred thousand dollars. The engineers estimate that it will cost one million three hundred thousand dollars to complete the project or a total of something like two and one-half million dollars. That will not be so bad if the project turns out well and is handled in a businesslike manner. The farmers of the state want to try this experiment and see if such a project can be made not only to pay for itself but to provide a market for their grain. It certainly can find no reasonable objection in the mind of any one who wants to be fair. A bigger share of the taxes occasioned by putting up this mill and elevator will have to be borne by the farmers themselves and if they are willing to pay the piper we surely are. That mill and elevator project has been the big dream of the farmers of this state for many years and now the wish is about to be realized. It will require much money to operate the concern after it is complete but if it is rightly managed it should take care of itself in due time. This and the bank are main props of the farmers program and the present state administration is going to give them a fair tryout, which will meet with the approval of all reasonable minded citizens. There has never been any opposition to the real program of the farmers by the independents—the opposition has come against the leaders of the league who tried to put a system of complete socialism in vogue in the state and as a consequence we are now facing a serious financial stringency in state affairs as a result. We hope before the year 1922 closes that the Grand Forks project will be completed and in running order and that it can be given a fair and honest trial.

Nothing has been said lately about our commercial club proposition and it is going by default unless we ginger it up once in awhile. It is a fact that no city can get any place unless it has a live commercial club that will and can look after things and keep the town on the map. The coming summer we are to have the largest convention of them all at Valley City —the United Commercial Travellers. The boys will need all the help that they can get from the people of Valley City to properly look after this convention. Already word has been sent here that St. Paul and Minneapolis and Stillwater, Minn., U. T. C.'s have made arrangements for a special train to bring their delegates to the city next June. Other Minnesota cities will do the same thing and we shall have at that convention probably two or three thousand travelling men. It is highly important that we have a real live commercial club to act in conjunction with the boys at the head of the coming convention so we are just bringing out these facts and reminders to keep you alive to the fact that on the third Tuesday in February the annual meeting of the commercial club will be held at which time you are requested to be on hand and state your views regarding the continuance of the club or not. There is more hot air expelled from the sidewalks about this proposition than there is action in the club rooms where the criticisms if you have them should be made and where suggestions for the upbuilding of the city instead of the tearing of it down, should be made. Bear this meeting in mind and go.

The United States senate settled the fight on Senator Truman Newberry by Henry Ford by seating Newberry, the vote being 46 for and 41 against. Looking at the matter from a matter of expenditure we would say that the managers of Newberry spent altogether too much money in that campaign and that leaves the mind open to suspicion that this money was not spent in the best interests of the public good. On the other hand it was clearly shown that Mr. Newberry at the time this election was going on was attending to his duties in the navy yard out of the state and he personally had nothing to do with the spending of this large amount. Then there was such a fight made by the democratic side of the senate chamber to oust a republican to give the job to a democrat that there can be very little sincerity about the noise they made—it is just a rank case of politics, nothing more or less. Yet there were senators no doubt who stood up in the senate and fought against Newberry that if the truth were known spent just as much money to get elected as he did and probably many of them have gotten money in their capacity as senators that might possibly be tainted. Many of them are tarred with the same stick. But that does not make the matter right. There was no charge that Newberry by fraud or otherwise spent this large sum of money illegally to obtain his election, but the fact remains that where so much money is spent it gives the public a right to believe that money spent so freely might have been used in a corrupt manner. It would have been a good precedent to establish had the senate declared Newberry's seat vacant and ordered a new election. The lesson thus given, had the senate done this, would have served notice to other politicians that a seat in the highest governing body in the world cannot be obtained by the use of money but by the votes of the people who chose to pick what they regard as the proper person to represent them in that body.

"I AM THE RED CROSS"

"I am the Red Cross. I was born in the hearts of men. I am sustained by millions of souls. My mission is of mercy, kindness and charity. I am my brother's keeper. I know neither color, race, nor religion. My creed is of service. My goal is the goal of a higher humanity. My record is the gratitude of the widow and the orphan, of the strong and the sick, of the happy and the bereaved.

"I go forth into the darkness of the night, into the uncertainties of the day. I defy the peril of shell and bullet. I lighten the horrors of the battle. I encourage and inspire the soldier. I give him a thousand comforts. I minister to those he has left at home. I claim the wounded from the battlefield. I bind their wounds and ease their sufferings. I mark the graves of the dead. I assist in restoring the veterans of war to health and the normal relations of life.

"I go into the hospital and homes and hovel. I scorn contagion. I am the guardian of infant life, the apostle of health and cleanliness, and the conserver of old age. I visit the sick. I help the lame. I cheer the sorrowful. I lead the blind into paths of light. I teach the crippled new ways of life.

"I am the foe of plagues and pestilences. I mitigate the horrors of floods and fires and wrecks. I am the arch-enemy of calamities. I triumph over poverty, want and woe. I house the homeless, feed the hungry, and clothe the naked. I protect the widow and the orphans.

"I am the friend and helper of all nations. My hand and heart encompass the globe. My legionaires I send to the uttermost parts of the earth—across the threatening ocean, through war-swept territories, over infested lands. My ympathy and succor are boundless. I instill in children ideals of service and an attitude of mutual friendliness throughout the world. My purse is great enough for all. A dozen nations return me homage, a dozen potentates pay me tribute. The races of the earth support me with their prayers.

"My emblem is the cross, symbol of supreme charity and of the Saviour of men. I challenge and triumph over death. My strength and struggles are for the living, my prayers and compassion for the dead.

"I am the saviour of life, the assuage of death. I amy my brother's keeper.

"I am the Red Cross."

—JAMES A. MILLS.

Walter Thomas Mills has broken out again in California this time. He is manager of the nonpartisan league organization and is trying to collect a membership fee from one hundred California suckers at $10 per head. He is planning to organize the state in nine groups composed of housekeepers, farmers, persons engaged in transportation, factory workers, commercial workers, professional men and women, members of the building trades craft, miners and a miscellaneous group and all other suckers who want to drop in their ten dollars to the big promotion scheme which is built on radical lines headed for state socialism. If the Californians fall for the bait Walter Thomas Mills, Aaron Liederbach, Coates, and all the other workers for the cause of industrial freedom at so much per head, are going to find mighty nice pickings. There isn't one in the whole bunch that will do a day's work to earn a living—they just simply prey upon the unsophiscated and get their money easy. North Dakotans are now paying the piper for having too much confidence in this same bunch, and it will take us many years to straighten up from the heavy burdens of taxation that have been imposed on us by this so called industrial freedom idea. If the people of California are wise they will pay the expenses of a committee of real farmers and business men to come back here and look into the matter before they dig up a million dollars to fatten the bank accounts of these socialistic promoters whose only interest in the farmer is to see how much cash they can shake him down for. Right here now that the pickings are poor you will notice they have deserted the old state just like rats desert a sinking ship.

Mrs. Neal Tracy left for Washburn last night where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Harred.