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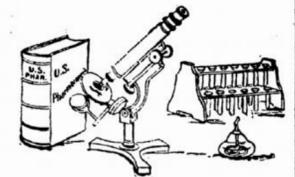
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OFFICE IN TRIBUNE BUILDING. TUESDAY, FEB. 15TH, 1898.

If you have any doubts of the People's party being alive, go to Minneapolis tomorrow. We resent the charge that if forced to fight under the allied flag, our populists will desert.

The Spanish minister, De Lome, called President McKinley a "pot-hunting politician," and therefore received his walking papers. "Politico!" That's a word that fills a long felt want.

In the face of a powerful enemy, we must keep our forces together. To divide means rout. United we can win, or at the worst, at least hold our ground.

In 1894 we exported 41,806,711 bushels of corn. In 1897 we exported no less than 189,127,570 bushels or 4 to 1. In 1894 we exported 72,523,384 bushels of wheat. In 1897 we exported 109,908,328 bushels, a gain of 37,384,939.

The crazy rush for Klondike continues, much to the future sorrow of most of the participants. No new gold fields have been discovered for eight months; every inch of ground where the late discoveries were made have been taken up; less than \$3,500,000 in gold have been taken out of the mines since the excitement set in; all the inventive genius of the sharper is at work to fleece those who are afflicted with the gold fever, and still people will not stop to consider the chances they are taking in spending a couple of years of their lives and their accumulated savings in this desire to become rich easily.

People are prone to express themselves in boasting terms of the fact that our country is not burdened by such military taxes as are crushing European lands, but they probably do not stop to consider that our country is now paying larger sums every year in the shape of pensions than the entire cost of the standing armies and military equipment of any country in Europe.

Just now one of the greatest trials in the annals of the judiciary of the land is being held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., where a sheriff and sixty-seven deputies are standing trial on the charges of murder and manslaughter for wantonly shooting down defenceless and peaceable miners on the public highway. The best legal talent obtainable has been engaged on both sides and the legal struggle is becoming fierce in its earnestness. The prosecution is

backed by the public sentiment of those parts, that is intent that justice shall be meted out to those reckless tools of capitalistic dictation who abused the law in their own hands and murdered innocent men. The testimony given is of the most sensational kind and would be read with interest everywhere, but it seems to be a fact that the Associated Press is suppressing everything concerning the trial except the barest outline. Immediately after the outrage all papers joined in denouncing it, but for some reason our big city dailies are now ignoring the matter and hedging in a manner that suggests that they are afraid to have the matter thoroughly aired. The only paper coming to the office of the WILLMAR TRIBUNE in which the trial can be followed up is the New York World. If some brute of a sausage-maker murders his wife, the public is given columns and columns of details; but in a case where sixty-eight men are charged with murder and a great principle is at stake the public is left in ignorance. Here is a chance for some enterprising publisher of the Twin Cities to gain fame and sell more newspapers.

The TRIBUNE office is now equipped with a fine gasoline engine—a credit to the builder and a credit to the village of Willmar. Some time ago Mr. Halvorson, Willmar's expert machinist, made us a proposition on re-building our engine, which was one of the very first he manufactured, in order to incorporate his latest ideas on same, that it might better represent the line of engines he is putting out. We accepted the offer and the result is that we have now as fine an engine as there is made, and in point of economy, we believe it excels anything in the market. Mr. Halvorson has succeeded in combining the maximum of power with the minimum of combustion of gasoline. Illustrating how thoroughly the gasoline is used we will state that in running the same without an exhaust pipe—allowing the engine to exhaust into the room—no odor of gas could be detected. The engine is a two-horse power. After running the engine 16 hours at pulling presses in our office, the contents of our gasoline tank showed a decrease of a gallon and a half, or a cost of but a trifle over 1 cent an hour. At this cost of operation the gasoline is bound to supercede all other power for light purposes. Any one interested is invited to call at our office and inspect the machine. Mr. Halvorson's facilities for making the machines are very limited owing to a lack of capital. We sincerely hope that some arrangement can be made which will enable Mr. Halvorson to place his machines on the market on a larger scale. We are satisfied if the facilities for manufacturing were ample, the Willmar gasoline engine would soon be a by-word for utility and economy in power all over the Northwest.

THE FARMER. (Tune of Home, Sweet Home.) I'd like to be a farmer and toil the virgin soil, And labor in the sunshine and sweat and toil, I'd like to own large acres on which the wheat I'd sow, And see the corn-stalks waving and hear the mortgage grow. Chorus— Farmers will please feed us all, Be it ever so hard a time, the farmer will feed us all. I'd like to be a farmer and raise a Hubbard squash, Pumpkins and potatoes, and other stuff— By Gosh! I'd like to be a farmer, I do upon my soul, But I have not got the money to buy a proper-hole. Chorus— Farmers will please, etc. CINCINNATI.

Klondike Social. The Young Ladies Guild will give a Klondike Social at the home of Mrs. A. E. Rice Friday evening, Feb. 18. Claims will be sold during the evening. A laughable farce will also be presented. Refreshments 15 cents.

From Dr. Johnson.

Editor Willmar Tribune: I have not discussed the question of fusion or anti-fusion in the TRIBUNE. The reason is that I do not wish to urge my views on the populists of Kandiyohi county. I am however and have been; ever since I joined the people's party four years ago, a loyal and consistent populist.

Two years ago the famous fusion arrangement was perfected. The people's party national convention endorsed the democratic ticket. This was inevitable and was submitted to with good grace by the people's party. But the democrats were not satisfied with national fusion, but also wanted state fusion, and local fusion all along the lines. The arrangement perfected in this state involved nothing more nor less than the utter destruction of the people's party organization.

I, for one, objected to this then. Many populists who did not understand the real meaning of this deal blamed me, and even accused me of treachery to the party. But the thing that I predicted two years ago as the result of this fusion deal has happened: The people's party is dead, has no legal existence, and is not mentioned in the official political record of the state. It is true that we have a so-called central committee but it has no legal standing under our election laws. The minute that the people's party state convention endorsed the nominees of another party for offices it lost its identity. All this talk about preserving the people's party in this state by men who favor fusion is simply dust raised to fool simple minded populists to keep still until the procession has passed.

The question now is whether the people's party shall be re-organized, that is whether steps shall be taken to hold a convention, nominate a ticket, and put it on the ballot by petition.

There is no question that the rank and file of populists in the state are middle-of-the-road populists. But the question is whether there is any use of forming reform parties at all? A few wire-pullers in Minneapolis destroyed the people's party in 1896 without anybody knowing about it. Why cannot this thing be done again, and again, and so on, and what is the use to waste time on an impossible project.

In either event, whether the populists re-organize independently or not, they will be the balance of power in the state just the same. The fusionists have killed our party but they will find that populists will vote as they please when election day comes, and they will not be bulldozed to walk like voting cattle at the crack of anybody's whip.

It is my candid opinion, and time will show whether I am correct or not, that the democratic party has cut its own throat by aiding the fusion leaders of our rank to side track the old populist leaders and break up our party.

Talk as we may about voting for principles irrespective of partisan affiliation political parties are a necessity under our political system to carry measures of legislation through. And party affiliation is the growth of years. When broken up the elements scatter in all directions and drift back to their former elements. Now three-fourths of the people's party were formerly republicans. If the party is not resurrected one-half if not more of the populists will go back to the old party. And if the whole political issue on both sides is merely to elect somebody to office irrespective of hope of any real reform what matters it anyway what ticket a man votes? Then all there is in politics is simply for every man to vote for his friends whenever found. That seems to be the end and object of politics now.

The meeting of the committees at Minneapolis this week will likely settle the fate of the people's party of Minnesota. Either way suits me. I have had all I want of politics. I came to that conclusion some time ago.

The part I have taken in the late meetings have been at the urgent request of old populist friends whose feelings in this matter I sympathize with. Further than that I shall take no part. I don't live by politics, ask for no office nor honor of any kind. If the populists of the state rally under the old flag I am with them with heart and soul as of old. If they do not, well and good, I shall still do my duty as a citizen as my conscience shall dictate.

CHRISTIAN JOHNSON. Get figures on large quantities of corn and feed at my place before buying elsewhere. PETER BONDE.

Position wanted by an experienced creamery man and cheese maker. Good references. Address, Box 184, Willmar, Minn. "A Sea of Troubles" at the Seminary Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22 at 7:30 o'clock.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Roise and Qvale are adding a grocery department to their business.

There will be services in the Sw. Luth. church next Sunday morning and evening.

"A Sea of Troubles" at the Seminary Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22 at 7:30 o'clock.

The Swedish Lutheran ladies meet at Mrs. Frank Rose's place on Thursday afternoon.

Lumber is being hauled for a residence to be erected on Third street for Andrew Thyden.

Messrs. Dale and Lawson, of the P. P. County Committee, will attend the Populist meeting at Minneapolis.

Dr. C. Johnson left for Minneapolis this morning to be on hand at the populist meeting that takes place tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nelson spent several days in Grove City last week with Mr. Nelson's father, who was quite ill.

Goes farther and farther, never stops until you're well. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents only. Sold by A. E. Mossberg.

The sale of tickets for the Trainmen's ball on the 21st has been large, and the indications are that the boys will be tendered a big turnout.

We understand that Mr. Tallman has resigned his position at the Kandiyohi Co. Bank, and assumes an active part in the telephone business. Mr. F. H. Wold will take his place at the bank.

Next Tuesday evening the Osseo Society will give its anniversary program at Seminary Hall consisting of a play entitled "A Sea of Troubles," music, recitations, etc. Entertainment begins at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

The young ladies in their Martha Washington costumes, who participated in the program given at the court house Saturday evening last, looked quite bewitching, to say the least. They acquitted themselves very creditably in their singing.

A. C. Johnson and Carl Carlson will leave this week on their trip to Alaska. They will be joined by Messrs. P. H. Parson, Jr., and Frank Baker, of Spicer, and the party will leave over the Soo line from Paynesville to Seattle, from where they will embark for the land of gold. Here's wishing that they will enrich their treasury with some good-sized nuggets before many years (?) roll by.

The newspaper publishers of the state will meet in Minneapolis Thursday, where they will attend the meeting of the Editorial Association. They will be accompanied by their wives and will be tendered a reception by the newspaper fraternity of the cities. An elaborate program has been arranged for their entertainment. Willmar will be represented among the other newspaper brethren.

A spectacle peddler jumped his board bill at the Commercial House recently. The authorities were notified and a search made for the man, but at this writing we understand he has not been located. He footed it one or two stations east of here and then boarded the train. As a security during his temporary (?) absence while here he left a case of cheap spectacles with the landlord, showing that he had some spark of honesty in him.

Alexander Cooper, the temperance evangelist, is addressing crowded houses here this week. Sunday evening, at the United Lutheran church, his address was on "Moderation." Monday evening at the opera house, his subject was, "Power of Appetite." Tonight his subject will be, "An Appeal to Working Men and Business Men;" Wednesday, "Mind Your Own Business;" Thursday, "The Bright Side of Life;" Friday, "The Dark Side of Life, or 20 Years of a Mispent Life."

Mr. Rogers, of Chicago, a representative of the Rutan system of heating and ventilating, was in the village last Saturday inspecting our sanitary system at the High School. Considerable complaint has been made in regard to the working of the system lately, and as a result of Mr. Rogers' investigation there will be a necessary overhauling of the dry closet system now in use. The school board held a meeting Saturday evening to decide upon what course to pursue. An entirely new system will probably be put in.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school wishes to increase their library. To obtain the needed funds they have arranged for a series of stereopticon entertainments on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the church. Monday will be an illustration of sixteen land and naval battles of the war; Tuesday, Washington's Birthday, 150 pictures of Washington and Washington City; Wednesday an illustrated description of the battle of Chickamauga by Mr. E. T. Cressey, a private soldier of the 2nd Minnesota, who was in the battle. Admission for adults 20c; season 50c; children, 10c; season, 25c.

Lincoln's Birthday last Saturday was appropriately celebrated by the entertainment given at the Court House in the evening. The court room was filled to its utmost capacity and the program was well rendered. It is to be regretted however that a certain element of the audience caused much annoyance by their noisy behavior thereby making it very unpleasant for the others. On the other hand those of our citizens who participated in making the entertainment a success are to be complimented for their sincere efforts; chiefly among these may be mentioned, Senator Thorpe, Sup't. Covell, Rev. D. T. Booth, Rev. C. H. Johnson, Mrs. Blanche Hand, the members of the High School and a number of the county teachers under whose auspices the entertainment was given.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Arcander and Lake Andrew Township Mutual Insurance Company, of the County of Kandiyohi, made to the Insurance Commissioner, for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Organized April 7, 1881. Commenced Business August 17, 1881. Nels Quam, President. S. A. SVEINSON, Secretary.

Balance cash on hand and in bank Dec. 31 of previous year... \$1831.96 Cash received as first payments on policies issued during the year... \$306.98 Cash received from all other sources... 102.40

Total amount of cash received during the year... 400.38 Total cash, including balance on hand from previous year... \$2261.34 Paid losses incurred during the year... \$15.87 Paid salary of officers... 15.00 All other expenditures... 45.80

Total amount of disbursements during the year... 76.67 Balance cash on hand at end of year... \$2161.67 Total assets of the company, including balance cash on hand Dec. 31, 1897... \$2161.67

Policies in force Dec. 31 of previous year... 156 \$147,487.00 Policies issued during the year... 44 \$21,116.00 Total... 200 \$189,603.00 Deduct policies expired and ceased to be in force during the year... 38 36,007.00

Policies and amount in force at end of year, viz.: Dec. 31, 1897... 162 \$133,596.00 Losses incurred during the year... 15.87 Nels Quam, president, and S. A. SVEINSON, secretary, of the above insurance company, being duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing statement is a true exhibit of the affairs and condition of said company on the 31st day of December, 1897.

NELS QUAM, President. S. A. SVEINSON, Secretary. Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of January, 1898. JOS. O. ESTREM, Notary Public, Kandiyohi Co., Minn.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, Department of Insurance. This is to certify that the Arcander and Lake Andrew Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of the County of Kandiyohi, in the State of Minnesota, a corporation duly organized under an act of the Legislature of this State, entitled "An Act authorizing the formation of Township Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, approved March 9th, 1875, and the acts amendatory thereof, is now authorized and empowered to assume risks and issue policies as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, within its proper territory until the 31st day of January, 1899, unless for sufficient cause this certificate should meanwhile be revoked.

Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of January, A. D. 1898. ELMER H. DEARTH, Insurance Commissioner.

Different Reasons. In a little New Hampshire village there lives an old lady who has such a sweet spirit of kindness toward all the world that she is unable to comprehend the entire lack of that spirit in some other people. Not long ago one of her granddaughters, a gay young city girl, was paying her a visit and one day told her of a ragged and intoxicated man whom she had seen on the street just before leaving home. "I can't bear to pass a man like that," she said vehemently at the end of her story. "I know just how 'tis, dear," said the old lady, laying one of her soft, wrinkled hands on the girl's head. "It does seem as if you'd got to stop and speak with the poor creatures just a minute, doesn't it? I never can bear to pass 'em by without a word. It doesn't seem human."