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THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Congress has adjourned. Aldrich and Cannon have done the best they could for the predatory trusts and therefore permitted their subordinates to hurry home to look after their fences, which are—ought to be—in poor condition. The session just closed has been called a do-nothing session, but that is not strictly true. If it were, it would be better for all concerned.

In the first place, it has been the most extravagant session of congress we have ever had. The total of appropriations amounts to considerably over one billion dollars. It is only a few years since the country was stirred to indignation on account of a "billion dollar congress," but that was the total for the two sessions of that congress, covering two years' appropriations. No one will for a moment claim that the country has doubled in wealth or population since that time; hence this congress is clearly entitled to the championship belt for extravagance.

In the very last hours of its existence congress passed a compromise currency measure. The exact meaning of the measure is not clearly known, but from what scant outlines thereof have appeared it seems that the "compromise" consisted of a picking out of the worst features of the Aldrich and the Vreeland bills and uniting these features into one measure that passed. Aldrich managed to get in the one proviso for which he was principally fighting, and one that was so vicious that even the plutocratic senate had knocked it out of the original bill before its passage, namely the provision for issuing certain railroad bonds as a basis for currency.

The passage of this bill affords an interesting study of the game of politics. Up to a few days before the end of the session it appeared impossible to get the congressmen to consent to the passage of any such bill, and especially of the railroad bond feature thereof. Then Cannon and Aldrich got together and decided what they wanted. Now, there was pending before the house a bill known in common parlance as "the pork barrel," otherwise designated as the public buildings bill. Practically every congressman was interested in the passage of this bill, as it contained some item for his district. So Joe quietly sat down on this bill, refusing to have it brought before the house for final action. It was a case of "currency bill or no pork," and the desire for pork won. The senators, too, were interested the same way, and Joe sat on the measure till the senate had acted on the currency measure. La Follette of Wisconsin, Stone of Missouri and Gore of Oklahoma were the only senators who could not be led astray by the smell of pork. La Follette held the floor for over sixteen hours, making the longest speech in the history of the American congress; Stone spoke for seven hours and Gore occupied several hours, but the filibuster was hopeless against such odds. The pork barrel won.

Lindberg of the Sixth district. The other Minnesota members could not get the smell of the pork out of their nostrils. The actions and nonactions of the session certainly leave the republicans in bad shape for the coming presidential contest. With the bottom dropped out of the full dinner pail and with such a bad congressional record, the campaign spellbinders will have only the "T. R." brand on Taft to "point to with pride."

INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

Referring to a recent statement regarding the political attitude of the editor of the Willmar Tribune, the Browns Valley Tribune says that in Minnesota an independent is always a democrat. In our case we have supported Democrats for office. We supported Bryan twice for president, Lind for governor three times and Johnson once. If that makes a democrat of us, well and good. In the meantime we have supported various republican, populist and prohibition candidates. The Tribune was the only paper that supported Peter Bonde for sheriff two years ago, and thus helped to elect the first prohibition sheriff of the Northwest. We are contributing such space and means as we can spare to assist the prohibition organization, feeling safe that this is a movement actuated by principle and not simply a cabal organized to secure offices. If that makes a prohibitionist of us, well and good. We expect to take an active interest in the republican primaries this fall, using what little influence the Tribune may have to assist in the nomination of such candidates as we believe represent the liberal and progressive element of the population in our county and whom we do not believe are so hide-bound partisans that they can be whipped by the party bosses to do the work of the reactionary element. If you choose to call us a republican for so doing, such is your privilege.

But the Tribune has never hesitated to state where we stood on PUBLIC QUESTIONS, and that we consider as far more important than making a choice between two old parties both honeycombed with rottenness. We challenge the Browns Valley Tribune or the Willmar Gazette to name any question or issue in favor of the masses of the people on which either one of the old parties are united. These parties represent no progressive principles. Old party names mean nothing now unless they are qualified with something to indicate what faction or idea within the party that they represent. We would have no objection to being called a La Follette republican or an Oklahoma democrat, but in either case we would be with the minority of the party.

A party organization is simply a means to an end. Its legitimate function is to represent some idea or principle of government. When such question is disposed of or settled the mission of that organization is over. As now constituted, the two old parties simply fight for the offices and dodge the questions pressing for solution. They have secured the allegiance of a number of voters, happily growing less in number, who vote for the party regardless of what it stands for or who are their candidates. Party organization is necessary, but principles and men to back them up are indispensable for good government. We want to know for what the men we vote for stand, and old party names tell us no longer. That is why every progressive voter now says, "I vote independently." If it is creditable for a voter to be independent, it ought to be just as creditable for a newspaper to be independent.

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dependent, it ought to be just as creditable for a newspaper to be independent. The party designation of a candidate should be stricken off from the official ballot. The party organization is subject to change every two years, but the name goes right on, regardless of the crowd that is using it. If there were no party names on the ballot a voter would have to know who his candidates were or he could not vote. In some states each party adopts an emblem or picture to be printed on the ballot to enable the ignorant voter to find his party ticket. Thus the illiterate voter votes for the plow, the rooster, etc., as the case may be. It there were a pass where the party designation on the ballot is used mostly to line up a lot of unthinking and prejudiced voters, and might well be dispensed with without injuring any party with a legitimate claim for its existence.

In these days of official subserviency to corporation influence it is refreshing to hear of a member of congress who has the courage to stand on his own feet and say what he thinks about the methods of his party. It is also refreshing to see that sort of an official make headway. The other day the Beacon challenged the press of the state to refuse their support to any member of congress who was unwilling to pledge himself to vote against the retention of Joseph G. Cannon in his present position; and here comes Congressman Lindberg who openly condemns the Cannon crowd and goes after them in plain terms. What we need is more men, many more of them, who have the courage to take such a stand and maintain it. There has been too much crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee to the Cannon oligarchy by weak members, and by others who, having something they want passed, are afraid to take a stand against the tyrannical methods of the speaker; who continues to demonstrate his sympathy for the down trodden and much abused corporations. It is pleasing, too, to see that Mr. Lindberg succeeds in getting things he was sent to congress to get; for instance, a handsome appropriation for a public building at Brainerd. The Beacon extends its greetings and congratulations to Mr. Lindberg and prays for more like him.—Cannon Falls Beacon.

Congressman Lindberg also voted against the iniquitous currency bill, the most vicious kind of class legislation. To stand alone for justice when ones party stands solid for injustice requires courage of the rarest sort.

This paper is opposed to municipal ownership of telephone system, and if the real plan of the Tribune and those who bark whenever it whistles is to go into the telephone business, they can rest assured they will have a fight on their hands.—Willmar Gazette.

Very well. The above is about as plain a statement as can be made. The sooner the issue is decided the better. Municipal ownership is the best solution of the telephone question in this city. It would give the ideal condition of one exchange to which all lines entering the city could have access on equal terms and at the same time do away with the monopoly control of competing lines in this neighborhood. Further it would give the city revenue, whereas now the city gets nothing. The Tribune does not control the council and does not pretend to. It believes city ownership is the correct solution and is perfectly willing to trust whoever are elected public officials in the city to administer the business. If city ownership carries, the city officials will have to do with the business, not the Tribune. But the Tribune expects to participate in the benefits such ownership and control would give the citizens of the city generally.

Editor Berghuis of Clara City was in the city last Friday en route for Green lake for a few days' outing. He expected to go after the fish in Nest lake. Mr. Berghuis recently suggested in his paper that the editors of the Seventh congressional district ought to form an organization. The days of the big excursions to other parts of the country are past, and the brief sessions of the state association do not give much opportunity for social intercourse and personal acquaintance. Mr. Berghuis suggests that the meeting and outing for the editors of the Seventh district be arranged for at Green lake during the Chautauqua. He says, whether the pencil pushers from other counties will take it or not, the editors from Chippewa county expect to come up at that time in a body. We hope that the matter will be taken up and considered by all our

brethren and that we may get together and have a social time during the first part of July.

Should M. W. Savage be nominated for governor the Republican war cry would no doubt be changed from "full dinner pail" to "three feeds for one cent."

Minnesota Banquet at Spokane. Spokane, Wash., May 25.—Recollections of the old homes in the North Star State were revived and acquaintances renewed at the first annual banquet of the Minnesota club of Spokane in the Hall of the Doges on the evening of May 27. More than 200 former residents of the gopher state were seated around the tables and at a signal from D. H. Twomey, who presided, all joined in the singing of the Minnesota state song. Men and women who had not met in years clasped hands, and on the whole the assembly resolved itself into an old-fashioned reunion. Judge Marshall A. Spooner, who recently resigned from the bench in the Fifteenth judicial district of Minnesota, was the chief speaker. Other speakers were Cyrus L. Smith, Lieut. J. M. Walling, P. W. Kimball, Prof. C. L. Brownell, Dr. Jackson, A. G. Gray, J. Oscar Peterson and Gus Adler. H. L. Knappen, formerly of the Minneapolis Journal, was instrumental in arranging the banquet.

Grue, June 1.—Hans Olson came down from North Dakota last Tuesday.

Miss Ellen Thompson visited in Willmar Monday and Tuesday. John Pederson has hired out to Willie Pederson for four months. Road work has commenced in this neighborhood.

Miss Agnes Nelson, who is teaching school about four miles north of New London, made a short visit at home over Sunday. She will finish her term at the end of this month.

Mrs. Dan Downs of Spicer made a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Nelson. Miss Helen Gunderson returned home last Monday from Morris, Minn., where she has made a three months' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Erickson and the A. Sands family spent Sunday with A. O. Erickson.

The Sunday school and services held in the Grue schoolhouse last Sunday were well attended. Don't forget the Y. P. S. meeting to be held at the Grue schoolhouse next Monday, June 8.

Conrad Olsvik spent Sunday at the home of Peter Erickson. Mr. Hagensen and son Walter, of St. Paul, are visiting with relatives here.

Mrs. A. Nelson visited with Mrs. H. C. Gunderson Sunday.

A Tin Wedding. A party of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scotton of this city last evening. The occasion was the tenth anniversary of their wedding. A very pleasant evening was spent, delicious refreshments were served and a number of useful tinware articles were left with Mrs. Scotton as mementoes of their "tin" wedding.

HELP THE OLD FOLKS

A Helping Hand Extended to Many Old People in Willmar.

Be considerate of the aged. Lend them a helping hand. Make life easy for them. The infirmities of age are many. Most old people have a bad back. The kidneys are weak. Are worn out with years of work. Backache makes days of misery. Urinary troubles cause nights of unrest. Doan's Kidney Pills will make life easier. They are doing so for old and young. Willmar People are learning this. Read the following local endorsement: Gustaf Nord, living at 425 Third St., Willmar, Minn., says: "I suppose I can attribute my kidney trouble to my old age, as I am nearly 72 years. I have known of the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills previous to using them. My kidneys were very irregular causing me to arise many times during the night. I noticed that my secretions were unnatural in appearance and that there was something radically wrong with these organs. My back pained me severely and it really felt as if it were breaking. I felt tired out and at times could hardly drag myself about. I felt very lame when I arose in the morning, so when Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention, I procured a box at A. E. Mossberg's drug store. They helped me from the first and in spite of my old age I am in fine condition. I know of no remedy that can equal Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney complaints." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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QUOTATIONS

Selected for the TRIBUNE by MARTIN A. ANDERSON.

Congress shall make no laws abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.—U. S. Constitution.

The liberty of the press shall forever remain inviolate, and all persons may freely speak, write and publish their sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such rights.—Minnesota Constitution.

The evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is that it is robbing the human race.—Mill.

In cases of real industrial grievances or oppressions, publicity would be by far the quickest and surest means of cure, vastly more effective for all just ends than secret combinations of either capitalists or laborers.—Pres. C. W. Eliot of Harvard, in The Forum, October, 1894.

Publicity is the only sure remedy which we can now invoke. What further remedies are needed in the way of governmental regulation or taxation can only be determined by process of law, and in the course of administration. The first requisite is knowledge, full and complete—knowledge which may be made public to the world.—From Roosevelt's message to congress.

Light is the best policeman.—Emerson.

The brook bubbles because it is shallow; likewise some people.—Home Herald.

It takes a strong man to hold his own tongue.—Home Herald.

The most insignificant people are apt to sneer at others. They are safe from reprisals; and have no hope of rising in their own esteem but by lowering their neighbors.—Hazlitt.

When vice prevails and impious men bear sway, the post of honor is a private station.—Addison.

Speech is silver, silence gold.—German Proverb.

Some men are like clothespins; they perform their best service when their mouths are shut.—Christian Cynosure.

Men of few words are the best men.—Shakespeare.

With malice towards none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us press forward to finish the work we are in.—Abraham Lincoln.

Coming Street Fair. The committee appointed by a recent citizens' meeting has announced the election of the following board of managers for the Willmar Street Fair of 1908: D. N. Tallman, E. C. Wellin, W. J. Pinney, V. E. Lawson, C. C. Selvig, H. S. Peterson, and O. R. Berkeness. The four first named have been appointed finance committee. It is expected that the board will have a meeting in the near future to decide on the dates for the fair and make other preliminary arrangements.

Atwater Press Items.

T. L. Saugmyr arrived here last Saturday morning from White Hawk, Sask., Canada, for a couple of weeks' visit at the old home near Atwater. He was accompanied by his aged father, who returned to the old farm home after spending some time at his son's new Canadian home.

A district meeting of the Swedish Baptists is being held in Lake Elizabeth this week. The meeting opened last evening and there will be sessions continuing over Sunday. Rev. P. G. Nelson, state evangelist, will be present and other pastors who will address the meetings are as follows: Revs. Lovine of Leontrop, Lundgren of Grove City, Anderson of Alexandria, Nylin and Bergstrom of Kokato.

A series of mission meetings will be held in the Rosendale Swedish M. E. church, beginning on Thursday, evening, June 4, and continuing over Sunday, June 7. The following pastors will be present and address the meetings: C. F. Edwards, Stillwater; Andrew Nelson, Afton, Adolph Carlson, Belgrade; Axel Anderson, Tripolis; A. G. Hultgren, Atwater. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend these meetings.—Atwater Republican Press.

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The "Boston Bloomers" are scheduled to play at Willmar June 4th.

(First publication May 20.) Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

ESTATE OF ALFRED HOLMGREN. STATE OF MINNESOTA. County of Kandiyohi. In Probate Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Alfred Holmgren, Deceased.

Letters of Administration this day having been granted to Joseph Holmgren. It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to six months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1908, at 1 o'clock P. M. in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House at the City of Willmar, in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Notice hereby given by the publication of this order in the Willmar Tribune as provided by law. Dated May 14, 1908. A. F. NORDBL, (SEAL) Judge of Probate. GEO. H. OTTERNESS, ATTORNEY. Willmar, Minn.

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