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TIME TO SETTLE IT.

It appears that the time for the solution of the telephone question at Willmar is here. As long as matters drifted along in the old way but very few of the citizens cared very much about the abstract question of the rights of the city. But when the company proceeds to use the taxing power which it has usurped and taxes every 'phone in the city some $6 a year additional, and by that simple means adds over three thousand dollars to its yearly revenue, some who have not believed that there was any telephone question at Willmar are beginning to sit up and take notice. Even the committee which a year ago investigated the matter and advocated an unconditional surrender to the trust as the best solution, now vehemently declare that they knew nothing about whether the new rates are just or unjust.

The Tribune believes that the true solution of the question at Willmar is city ownership, and it is glad that some action has been taken to have the question submitted to the voters of the city. We shall have ample opportunity before such election is held to fully state the reasons why we believe that city ownership of the telephone at Willmar is the correct solution.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners to be held on the 17th of May, there will likely be propositions made to have the State road so far designated between Willmar and New London by way of Green Lake and Spicer extended south of Willmar to the county boundary. To our mind the road to the south will be of far greater utility as far as business to Willmar is concerned than the stretch to the north, which is admittedly one that will be used largely by pleasure seekers at the lakes. It is also said that petitions for designating a state road thru the county from the east to the west boundaries will be presented. The Tribune is of the opinion that the county could well afford to meet the requirements of the State so as to draw every cent available for this county. According to a statement of a member of the State Highway Commission made not long ago, this county has lost over $4,000 of state money since the Commission was established by the failure to designate roads and contribute its share of the funds.

The Kaleidoscope

Observations by Clarence

"There is an irresistible movement toward concentration in business. We must definitely recognize this as AN INEVITABLE ECONOMIC LAW. We must also recognize the fact that industrial concentration is already largely accomplished IN SPITE OF GENERAL STATUTORY PROHIBITION."—Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations.

Thus sayeth now an official of the party that has successively denied the existence of trusts, then acknowledged their existence but divided them into two classes—the good trusts, which were to be let alone, and the bad trusts, which were to be "regulated." It is true that the same party passed the anti-trust law, which positively forbids this concentration, but it was evidently to be taken only in a "Pickwickian sense," for the great trusts have practically all been formed since that law was passed, and for a number of years, while this concentration was going on at its fastest rate, no effort was made to apply the law. As far as the general result is concerned, any such effort would have had no effect, but it might have hastened the day when the truth of the above assertion made by Mr. Smith would have been recognized, and the American people, instead of making futile attempts to check an inevitable economic law, would have recognized it and taken steps towards applying this economic law in such a way as to give the people the advantage of the saving made by concentration and elimination of the waste of competition.

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While monopoly is private and the profits go into the hands of a few men, people will prefer competition without reasoning as to its cost. Yet no sane man who has devoted any thought to the subject will deny that competition is expensive and that it is wasteful.

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Did you ever study the history of the "Harvester War," the fiercest commercial struggle that ever took place on American soil? For years the different companies poured out money in torrents to get ahead of its competitors. Hordes of agents swarmed over the country; old machines were bought by competing companies to get them out of the field; every means, fair and unfair, was resorted to in this mad struggle. Who paid for all this rightful waste? The farmer certainly paid his full share of it, for all the companies would have failed. Now all that waste is iliminated; the cost of marketing the machines, which under the competitive system was the greater part of the whole cost, has been reduced to a minimum. The farmer is not hounded to death by agents, but can now go in and peacefully select his machine when he wants it. As an actual fact, the farmer is in this instance better off than he was under the competitive system; but what galls him is that the big saving under the new system goes into the hands of a few persons. That is why Minnesota has now decided to erect a state manufacturing establishment for making farm machinery. And that is the only logical solution of the problem. Competition is costly and unsatisfactory; private monopoly is intolerable, for it is not just and right that a few men shall have the privilege of charging what they please for their products with no recourse from their dicta. Hence public monopoly must step in and take the place of the private monopoly. The people will then get things at actual cost, for if they pay more than that the residue goes into the public treasury and will be used for public purposes.

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There are certain classes of industries that from their very nature are monopolies, such as lighting and water plants, telephone exchanges and other public utilities. Except at terminal points, this also holds true in regard to railroads. The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific might as independent companies have competed for business at points touched by both railroads; but if the competition at such points caused a loss to the companies, the people at the thousands of non-competitive points paid for it. The railroad is therefore essentially a monopoly, and ought to be a public monopoly. We have recognized the good sense of making public monopolies of water and light, and are gradually coming around to see that the same should be the case in regard to local telephone exchanges. Gradually we will come to see that this is the only practical way of settling the private monopoly question. Let us quit bucking the inevitable economic law and then quit the foolish attempt to "regulate" concerns that are powerful enough to exist in direct violation of a national law. Let us adapt that economic law to our use instead of letting John D. and his cohorts have a monopoly of its use.

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"But that is socialism," you say. Perhaps; what difference does a name make, anyway. We are all socialists more or less, some knowing it and others in blissful ignorance of the fact. The other day I heard a man declaiming against socialism with a vehemence that threatened to burst a bloodvessel in his alleged brain. Yet that man pays six dollars into the school fund of the city, and sends six children to school, which costs the district $108. Who pays the other $102? Society, or that part of it located in this district pays part of it. The settler on state school land located hundreds of miles away pays part of it. Society recognizes that it is its duty to provide an education for every child, and it taxes itself for the public good. Isnt' that socialism? Socialism simply means that society as a whole, or some recognized entity of it, does some thing that it can do better than the individual. The same man has no scruples of making use of the U. S. mail system, forgetting that that is another socialistic venture—the government having crowded private concerns out of the way, giving the people the service at actual cost. In this instance part of the cost is taken out of some of the other sources of income to the government, the system being run at a loss directly, but you must see that in some way or other the people pay just what it costs to carry the mails and distribute them—not a cent more or less. You haven't the least objection to letting the people of a township build roads and bridges for your convenience; yet that is applied socialism, a community doing something that it can do better than the individual.

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My friend, you are not afraid of real socialism; what you are suffering from is fear of the triumph of certain loud-mouthed presons who rail about class consciousness, social revolution, etc. Some of these are really socialists; some are in reality nearer to anarchism than to socialism, and it is really the anarchists that you are worrying about, and also certain communistic principles of "dividing up" that really have few adherents anywhere. Don't worry any longer. Whatever of increase in the application of the socialist principle we may get will be a gradual growth demanded by an overwhelming majority of the people, and not thru the ascendancy of the so-called socialistic party. If you don't believe in socialism at all, you should take your children out of the public schools and hire your own teacher for them; cut out the city water supply and dig your own well; take your lantern along when you go out evenings and pay no attention to the street lights; but unfortunately it will be absolutely impossible for you to walk down town without using the public streets, so to that extent you must remain a scolialist. If you are sensible, you will drop names and examine facts; not decide against a thing because it flavors of socialism, but determine for yourself if it would be a good thing for society. Just paste this statement into your hat: We can't fight an inevitable economic law; we must either make use of it for the benefit of all the people, or let some shrewd people make use of it for their own benefit. Which shall it be?

SALE AND COFFEE.

The Ladies Guild of St. Luke's church will hold their "Spring Sale" on Friday, May 14, at the Guild hall. The sale will open at 3:30 p. m. and coffee will be served from 3 to 6 p. m.

The sale will include a line of fancy and kitchen aprons, laundry bags and shoe bags of different styles and shapes, also a new assortment of rag rugs designed and made especially for this sale. There will also be a novel and attractive line of cottage, porch and hammock pillows; something entirely new.

Anyone desiring summer furnishings in this line can ill afford to miss this sale. Everyone is cordially invited to come and look over the many attractions offered this time. Secretary Ladies Guild.

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Harrison Hits.

Harrison, May 10.—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson of Atwater spent Sunday at Edw. Pagel's home.

Andrew Skoglund of Spicer is doing some painting and paperhanging at E. Feig's home this week.

Misses Berglund and Mc Rae the hustling dressmakers of Spicer-on-Green-Lake, spent Sunday at their respective homes in this vicinity, returning to Spicer Sunday evening.

The Harrison Red Socks crossed bats with the East Harrison Sunday afternoon. The scores numbered all around the diamond. The Red Socks have arranged to play the Grove City team next Sunday.

Henry Stene of Atwater was in this locality last Saturday.

Richard Olson made a trip to Atwater Saturday evening, and his friends are wondering what the attraction is.

Miss Euphemia Dalzell is assisting Mrs. J. C. Hanson.

Mesdames W. Rieff and Geo. Feig, of Atwater, called on relatives here last Saturday.

Peddlers have been quite numerous in this locality the past week.

Miss Lottie Halvorson spent a few days last week with friends in Atwater.

Misses Ella and Dora Upheber entertained a number of their friends at their home last Sunday evening.

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Among Our Neighbors.

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Renville this year has a poll tax of $3 per—haps.

Litchfield will soon have an all day and night electric power service.

Little Falls business men have donated $1,000 towards starting a shoe factory.

The Glenwood Farmers' elevator has just closed its first season, reporting a most successful business and a surplus on hand.

Morris will have a "general cleaning up day" May 22, when everybody will pitch in and pick up and cart away the stuff that under ordinary circumstances it is nobody's business to touch.

In spite of the fact that a placard containing the notice "This safe is Open" was hung on the safe of the Olivia Roller Mills, burglars wrecked it, but of course they found no cash. After this they will probably take more stock in signs.

Editor Mooers of the Brainerd Arena and Miss Florence Du Bois of Montevideo were married last Wednesday, and they are now working together in the Arena. Here's hoping their Arena will be altogether different from most of their namesakes.

The Benson Boosters had a great banquet one day last week. Among the items on the bill of fare we notice Jambon De Mayence Bordixed Aux Pirsil, A La Crevette and A La Demidoff, Potatoes A La Ritz and Fruit a La Gelee. Benson must have gone "wet"!

Comedy-Drama at Madison. Saloons open. Saloons close. Council tied, three to three. Mayor says "Saloons" and signs licenses. Saloons open. Big doings. Telephone. Atty. General Simpson: "Nothing Doing; shut up." Saloons shut up. Next!

When Editor Hoard of the Montevideo Leader saw all the young ladies coming out in their new spring gowns, he too got the fever, and last week he sent out his 36 year young paper-baby dressed in a new and attractive fluffy-ruffles type-gown. It is needless to say that the baby looks too cute for anything in its new creation.

When a tramp comes to Faribault and asks for bread they give him a stone, nay several in fact. That is, they put him on the "rock pile." Then when he has broken a certain quantity of stone he is invited to break bread with the city. The institution did a c-rushing business until its ends and methods were exposed. Since then it has looked as forsaken as the proverbial flea in the desert. They haven't been able to find a single Son-of-the-Road within a radius of 30 miles of Faribalt duuring the past week, and grave fears are entertained that the species of Roving American Free Men will soon become extinct in that vicinity.

"One fact brought out by the recent investigation of the affairs of school district No. 9 was the fact that during all the years a certain J. Esbjornson was treasurer, he never drew a cent of the salary to which he was entitled under the law."—Litchfield Independent.

What a discouraging thought it must be for "investigators" to come to the bottom and actually find a decent, unselfish man!

"Outlandish, hideous, unseemly, obstructive, impudent, self-assertive, loud, dominant, aiders and abettors of the devil," are some of the "words of emphasis" employed by the Western Christian Advocate in speaking of the new styles of women's hats. Bet 30 cents the editor had just received wifey's millinery bill. Probably, considering the provocation, he ought to be congratulated upon not indulging in less polite profanity.

The Scientific American says that after exhaustive experiments in potato planting, the United States Department of Agriculture has decided that there is absolutely nothing to the old theory that tubers must be planted in the dark of the moon. They may be put in any time, and with any kind of ancestry and favorable environment they will grow up and become respectable members of botanical society. Poor old moon! Slowly but surely the greedy scientists are shearing him of his old-time powers. Pretty soon the only thing he will have left to do will be to play with the tide and peep at the love-sick by the river banks. But the first is such hard work and the latter so frightfully common that there is really very little excitement to it.

SVEA SIFTINGS

Svea, May 10.—Mrs. Peter Monson has been sick the past week.

Miss Emma Matson has been dressmaking at the A. A. Johnson home the past week.

Oscar Linman returned home from the Twin cities last Monday. Mrs. Linman remained for a longer stay.

Paul Swenson made a business trip to Lake Lillian last Saturday.

Eric Moline and family were visitors at the county seat Saturday.

Charles Lindberg's family were guests at John Swenson's place Sunday.

A two months term of parochial school commenced at Svea last Tuesday, with Miss Hilda Rasmuson as teacher.

J. Ed Nelson and family were Willmar guests Sunday.

August Johnson and family went to Lake Lillian Sunday to visit at Mrs. Johnson's parental home. Her father, P. S. J. Johnson, was taken ill again on Saturday evening, Dr. Branton being called on Sunday.

Miss Pernilla Stephens returned to Willmar last Tuesday after an extended stay at Oscar Linman's home.

Misses Alvina Barker and Clara Anderson, who have been teaching in Roseland the past school term, returned to their respective homes on Friday.

Rev. J. O. Lundberg returned home last Thursday from Cosmos, where he had attended the mission meeting held at that place.

The board of directors of the Svea Co-operative store had a business meeting at Svea last Wednesday evening.

The Ladies society of the Northwest district will meet next Wednesday, May 12, at the Andrew Eastlund home, and on Thrusday, May 13, the ladies of the Southwest district will hold a meeting at Nels Bengtson's home.

Rev. J. O. Lundberg conducted services at the schoolhouse by C. A. Bengtson's place last Sunday afternoon.

A surprise was sprung on David Holmberg last Saturday evening at the P. N. Olson home by the members of the orchestra and their parents. Mr. Holmberg was given a neat roll of greenbacks as a remembrance of the occasion.

Ole Rasmuson is busy hauling lumber from Willmar to remodel his residence.

Martin Swenson's little daughter Elsie is reported sick.

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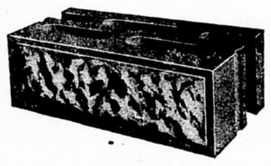
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