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WILLMAR, MINNESOTA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1912.

A subscriber asks us what authority we have for stating that Roosevelt believed in the same brand of reciprocity with Canada as President Taft. Look at any of his speeches and editorials of a year ago. In a speech at the Waldorf Hotel in New York City before the Republican Club Feb. 14, he said: "I want to say how glad I am to hear of the way in which the members of the club here tonight responded to the two appeals made to them to uphold the hands of President Taft..."

The City Council voted to submit the telephone ordinance at the city election April 2. At last the people of the city will have the chance to give the final vote on the proposition. If the council had done any less they would have been neglectful of their duties to the public interests. Of course there will be a big fight, and every influence which the Northwestern can enlist will be out shouting against the proposition, but Willmar is a progressive city and we have faith that the people here will rise in their might and help establish a popular system which they can control and not submit to control and dictation from an outside corporation. Give these gentlemen the chance to build their exchange and money will be saved to those who use 'phones in the city and many who cannot afford such convenience now will be able to secure it. Naturally every councilman who refused to another the proposition will be marked for slaughter by the big interests back of the Northwestern. It will not be difficult to pick their candidates as they appear.

Early returns from our straw vote taken at 48 town meetings and a dozen or more villages indicate conclusively that the Taft administration has been absolutely repudiated by the people of this part of Minnesota. Col. Roosevelt is somewhat in the lead, with La Follette a close second. La Follette occupies somewhat the position that Lincoln did in 1860. He represents the true blue progressive sentiment, which will win out finally. If not with the Republican party, with some other party.

EATING BARK OF TREES

Pitiful Efforts of Starving Chinese to Sustain Life—Graphic Description of Conditions by an American Traveler.

Mr. Earl H. Cressy, an American, who has recently returned from a tour of inspection of the famine districts of China, relates many instances illustrative of the frightful conditions of starvation which prevailed early in February. He made a minute examination of many Chinese homes. Describing an inspection of all the houses, large and small, in several groups, a total of fifty-five houses, Mr. Cressy makes the following statement: "A straw stack indicates that there has been a crop. I found straw in four yards. Grain was found in only seven houses out of the fifty-five, and in no place over a peck of it. The food in process of preparation was invariably greens—sweet potato leaves or carrot tops, a thin, acrid smelling mass of the appearance of stagnant water and about as appetizing, only once in a while containing a bit of vegetable or grain. About one out of every three was eating elm bark which they prepare by reducing it to a fine sawdust and then making it into cakes. Whole rows of trees have been stripped of their bark. Of even such sorry food as this only a few have any great amount on hand. After it is gone they will eat the bark of the willow and mulberry which cause swelling and hasten death. Except for these the countryside is absolutely bare. "To look back upon it, the whole seems like a bad dream. The gloom of the wretched homes, the whirling snow, driven by the bitter wind, the hungry garrulousness of the old women, the modest shyness of young matrons at suddenly finding themselves in the presence of a foreign man, little children crying over their pitiful food, the dumb agony on the face of the woman whom we had to tell that her husband had just breathed his last, the dead with mummy faces and claw-like feet—all this is only a small part of the grim tragedy of the famine where two and a half millions are facing conditions like these."

As rapidly as contributions are received by the American Red Cross they are hurried by cable to the relief committee in Shanghai. Up to March 1, \$29,000 has been forwarded: Millions are needed, because the new grain crop in China cannot be harvested for three months. The New York relief committee, co-operating closely with the Red Cross, is urging every pastor in the United States to speak to his congregation on the famine on Sunday, March 17th, and to take a collection for the starving. The Red Cross approves this request and urges universal compliance with it. The money thus collected may be sent to the New York China Famine Relief Committee, 1 Madison Avenue, New York, or to the American Red Cross, Washington. In either case, the amounts received will be acknowledged and promptly cabled to China.

COUNTRY BEFORE PARTY

William J. Bryan Gives La Follette a Most Hearty Endorsement.

Fargo, N. D., March 7.—Speaking to 2,000 persons in the Fargo opera house tonight, William J. Bryan predicted that La Follette will poll more votes than either Roosevelt or Taft and paid a high tribute to the Wisconsin senator. In part Mr. Bryan said: "When you name Progressive men in the Republican party I am for Bob La Follette. He was a Progressive before Roosevelt could spell the word. I have gone to Wisconsin to do what I could to help elect La Follette governor of the state, and I have refused to stump that state for Democrats who were against him. I have seen Bob La Follette when the interests of his own state were against him, and I have seen him go on to victory. There is faith in La Follette. I have seen him in the Senate of the United States, when members of his party would turn their backs on him and leave in the middle of his speech, and I have noticed that he put the marks on their backs. I have seen twelve of those senators defeated and their places filled by Progressives. "If I was a Republican I would be for La Follette. I would want him for the leader of my party. He will poll more votes than either Roosevelt or Taft. This may seem strange to you Democratic friends, but Mr. La Follette is a Progressive and I want to see a Progressive nominated by the Democrats to show that the country will be saved, no matter which of the two are elected. I put my country ahead of my party every time."—Pioneer Press.

The Season's Theatrical Event.

The appearance of Chas. Klein's play "The Lion and the Mouse" at the opera house, Monday, March 18, is arousing no end of interest. Without doubt this will be one big event of the season and indications are now, before the date is announced, that the company will do a record business.

Decorah Professor Speaks. Prof. O. A. Tingstad of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, will make an address before the Young People's Society of the Synod church next Monday evening. He will also preach at the Sunday evening service in the English language.

Statement to the Public.

Ed. Willmar Tribune: Having been asked by a great many as to whether or not I would again become a candidate for Representative of this county, I feel it my duty to make some statement to the public as to my position at this time. I want to express my appreciation to the people of this county for their kindly consideration in thus conferring upon me the honor of electing me as their Representative for three terms to the Legislature. During these many years it has been a pleasure to me to serve a people that have been most lenient in their criticism of my efforts. I feel and I know that no servant of the people could have been treated with more consideration and had more good will extended than has been shown to me, and that while my convictions and my principles may not have been in harmony with all the people, I feel that the majority of the people of this county are looking for greater, better and more elevating things to come to pass in the future through the enacting of such laws that will better conditions and bring greater prosperity to the people of this state. During my incumbency of this position I have through experience gained a great deal of knowledge as to what a legislator ought to be. A legislator can do greater harm and be a greater detriment to the public welfare in that position than in any other official capacity in the State. The greater independence shown and the stronger the personal convictions of principles based upon honesty of purpose, free from dictation and political party influences, the better results will be attained. Until we have a majority of members in the legislature, who will take such a position, we need not look for a change for the better. I want to again thank the people for their kindly consideration. Should the friends who have asked me to again file for that position prove to me that the sentiment is strong enough to warrant making the race, I, of course, will with pleasure file for the position. Most Sincerely, C. E. JOHNSON. Atwater, Minn., Mar. 9, 1912.

Miss Thora Johnson spent Sunday at her home near Spicer. Andrew Lindquist left for his home at Penock last Wednesday. "Hurry up there! We don't want to waste any idle moments!" Miss Mabel Peterson spent Sunday with friends and relatives at Norway Lake. Mr. Elmer Boyd of Valley City, N. D., visited at the Seminary last Saturday.

SEMINARY NOTES

Harold Jordahl and John Walby visited at their respective homes over Sunday. Last Monday Albin Wallin left for his home north of Penock for a couple of weeks' vacation. Last Friday Gerhard Landmark discontinued his studies at the Seminary and left for his home. Miss Bernice Severinson visited Commercial Law and Physical Geography classes last Saturday. Paul Hedin and Ernest Reitan left for Grove City last Saturday to spend Sunday with relatives and friends at that place. Andy Birkeland was down to the St. Paul train last Monday. By the baggage he had one might have mistaken him for a traveling agent of some kind.

ROSELAND REPORTS

Roseland, March 11.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Dragt and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Dragt. Mr. and Mrs. Van Egmond were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brouwer last Thursday afternoon. Miss Grace Bosch is spending some time with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vander Elnde. Mr. and Mrs. E. Dragt had their baby boy christened last Sunday afternoon, and it received the name of Harold Edward. Misses Hilda Ledell and Tillie Hoicheck spent last Thursday evening at the home of H. Williams. Mr. John Brouwer suppered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kohrs last Sunday. A number of neighbors helped the Bulckema family move to the H. Brouwer farm which they have rented for this year. Miss Tracy Bulckema was a Sunday caller on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stob. Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruggers and children visited with Mrs. S. Dykema last Sunday evening.

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SPICER-ON-GREEN LAKE

Spicer-on-Green-Lake, March 12.—Mrs. Dan Downs enjoyed a visit from her sister, Miss Agnes Nelson of Grupe, the past week. Miss Helen Campbell is in St. Paul having her eyes treated. She is also visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hudek. H. P. Barager was at Kerkhoven the first of the week. Miss Hattie Thompson was a guest of Mrs. Christofferson last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. Samuelson are enjoying a visit from their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Hibbing. Messrs. Emil and Oscar Olson were at Willmar Friday and Saturday on business. Peter Henderson conducted auction sales in Mamre and in the neighborhood of Penock, the past week. Erick Paulson of New London was in Spicer between trains Friday. Misses Ida Rosenberger and Jul'ia Peterson left on Friday for their homes at St. Cloud and Kandiyohi respectively, to enjoy a week's vacation from their school duties. The Thobina Johnson arrived home from Willmar Saturday, for an over Sunday visit with their folks. Thobina has been spending the past week in Willmar. Ole Arvhus, Willie and Carl Levander and Arvid Pohl, who have been working with the Pfeifer ice crew, arrived here from Montana last week. Bert Martin and Walter Henderson remained and went to Spokane. K. T. Johnson of New London was in Spicer Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Hultgren came over from Murdock Saturday and are the guests of relatives at Tepeetoka. Charlie Nyberg recently purchased a confectionery store and restaurant combined at Ferguson Falls. He intends to move there with his family this week. Mrs. Sorenson and daughter of Penock were guests at the home of the former's brother, Peter Swenson, the first of the week. Miss Alma Holt spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Esther at Willmar, who is attending the High School there. Oscar Johnson visited friends at Penock over Sunday. Arne Larson came down from New London Saturday and went out to the Jalmar Larson home. Wm. Peterson was at Willmar Monday between trains. The Willmar Workers' Society will meet with Mrs. M. J. Kloster next Friday evening. Mrs. N. O. Jacobson entertained last Friday. Mrs. Oscar Hillman is at present visiting relatives and friends at Murdock. Mrs. Kloster of Willmar arrived Saturday and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silvert Hanson. Mrs. Field returned to her home at New London Monday, after spending the past week with friends in this neighborhood. Mrs. Steele arrived from Willmar last week and is visiting with her sister, Emma Roberg at Peter Anderson's. Sheriff Bonde came out from Willmar Sunday and left by team for Irving on business. Miss Ellen Monson left for Willmar Monday for a visit with relatives. Prof. Swain of Willmar was at Spicer Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Haverly were at the county seat, the first of the week. Mrs. Sophia Gustrud, Arnold and Mabel Gustrud and Miss Olga Loftness were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thorvick last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kloster and daughter visited at the home of Jacob Kloster, Sunday afternoon. Jim Wilson has rented the Erick Johnson farm, south-west of town, and will move there with his family next week. Services will be held in the Green Lake church next Sunday forenoon at 11 o'clock by Student Fosso. The Young People's Society will conduct services in the Sw. Luth. church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Sunday School beginning at 2 o'clock. The remodeling of the local drug store is near completion. The main room on the first floor, south-west of town, will be occupied by M. J. Kloster, who will move his stock from his store on the west side. The prescription department will be in charge of Doctor Healy and will occupy the three rooms on the north. Misses Jennie Knutson and Anna Claire Findley represented the Spicer Presbyterian Sunday School at the Sunday School Institute held in the Sw. Baptist church at Willmar last week. A party of four girls from New London walked down to Spicer last Sunday, but were fortunate enough in getting a sleigh-ride back again. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Green Lake church will meet with Mrs. Theo. Johnson on Wednesday, Mar. 27. Mrs. Ida Jacobson and daughter Marcella left for Grupe Monday to spend a couple of weeks with relatives. The Girls' Society of the Green Lake church will meet with Miss Marie Kloster at her home on Friday, Mar. 22. Jacob Jacobson arrived here Monday and is spending the week, visiting with his daughter, Mrs. John Carlson. Mrs. J. J. Thorvick were guests at the Tom Nelson home, Monday afternoon. Remember the program and social given by the Young People's Society of the Zion church this Thursday evening. E. Alvig was a guest of friends at Spicer last Sunday. Andrew Hannes and family and Mrs. Inger Jacobson were guests at the home of Jacob Kloster last Sunday. Miss Della Arneson spent the past week at her home south of town. Next Saturday evening, Mar. 16, an interesting missionary meeting will be held at the Sw. Luth. church at Spicer under the auspices of the Y. P. S. Missionary A. W. Edwin, of Hsu-Choo, Honan, China, will speak in the English language. Rev. Edwin is missionary to China from the Sw. Luth. Synod of America and is home now on a year's furlough. He will have many wonderful and interesting things to tell of his work and experiences in China, and as he is a splendid speaker, his lecture deserves a full house. No admission will be charged but a collection will be taken up. Do not miss this chance of hearing Rev. Edwin. Tell your friends about it.

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SVETA SIFTINGS

Svea, March 11.—Miss Esther Engvall visited with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, over Sunday. Miss Ellen Lindberg has been dress-making at August Johnson's the past week. Miss Olga Nelson from Spicer is visiting with relatives and friends here at present. Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Johnson visited with J. P. Johnson's Sunday. Miss Amy Mattson was taken sick with appendicitis last week. Dr. Jacobs was at once summoned and it is said that she must undergo an operation. We all hope for a speedy recovery. A. P. Johnson and family visited at E. R. Swenson's Sunday afternoon. Messrs. G. A. Foster and C. L. McNeilly from Willmar attended the Farmers' Institute here last Wednesday. The Misses Bangston, Schnor, Thilda Johnson and Clara Anderson and John Bangston visited at P. N. Olson's Sunday. Misses Ruth Swenson and Hazel Ostrom visited with Amy Lindberg Sunday afternoon. Messrs. Erick Molin, August Norman and A. O. Nelson and families were entertained at P. N. Olson's Sunday. Several young people called at the C. A. Lindberg home Sunday evening. Mrs. P. P. Johnson had a "quitting bee" Thursday afternoon. Miss Colton went to P. G. Gibson's home in Roseland Saturday. A. D. Dahlquist was suddenly taken sick Saturday. Dr. Branton is attending him and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery. The Institute which was held at Svea last week proved a success. The attendance was estimated at about 250. Lunch was served by the ladies at noon and also at the close of the Institute. The audience showed great appreciation of the lectures which were both entertaining and instructive. Mrs. J. E. Johnson and sons, Clayton and Kermit, from Lake Lillian, are visiting at Mrs. Johnson's parental home. The school board of District 15, School Commissioner Phillips and Ben Benson had a meeting in the school Friday morning. The church council of the Svea church will hold a meeting at Svea Thursday. Communion and confirmation services will be held in the Svea church next Sunday morning. Services will also be held Friday morning at 10:30.

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