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### THE FIFTH STATEMENT

Make State School Fund a Guarantee of Opportunity to Every Child Says the Education Commission.

St. Paul, Dec. 7: One way and another the state spends between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 a year on education. The people, through the school districts, spend perhaps \$12,000,000 more. The total bill for public schools and other public education is close to \$20,000,000 a year.

The state supports the university and normals, and the schools for deaf and blind, and contributes in three ways to local school districts. The first is the income of trust funds amounting now to \$1,000,000 a year. The second is the proceeds of the 1 mill state tax amounting to more than \$1,250,000 a year. The third is special state aid amounting to \$2,000,000 a year, to schools that furnish special facilities or come above the minimum requirements.

The permanent school fund is now approximately \$25,000,000. It comes from the sale of state school lands, from the timber on school lands and the royalty on iron ore on school lands. It is estimated that it will eventually reach \$100,000,000; it may run anywhere from that to \$200,000,000.

The constitution says this income must be apportioned according to the number of scholars. The legislature has said that a scholar is one who has attended school at least forty days, in a district that has kept school open at least five months.

The education commission does not propose to change the constitution. Let the income of the trust fund be distributed on a per capita basis. The commission would change the requirement. It proposes that to qualify for apportionment, the pupil must attend school one hundred days—twenty weeks instead of eight.

The state believes in giving every child a common school education. To adopt the hundred-day rule would be equivalent to saying that a child can hardly get a common school education unless he attends twenty weeks in a year. The state is not interested in dabbling at an education.

Improve your schools, the state will say to the districts, and you shall have more from other funds. Keep your school open five months at least and for every child that puts in that much time in school you shall share in this trust fund.

### NOTES OF THE BENSON SHOW.

The Renville county team won the corn husking contest. They husked 50 ears in one minute and eighteen seconds. The contest was an exciting one.

Only 387 Kandiyohians registered. Had all from here done so, it is safe to say that our county would easily have won out over Stevens which captured the cup by a score of 785.

The Synod church people served meals, as did the other churches in town. The ladies of the above church did themselves proud for the good things on their table, we know from personal experience. This denomination have a beautiful church edifice.

M. R. Simons of Willmar was the official photographer of the Exposition and took a large number of views of the exhibits and crowds. Martin is a hustler and lined up some good pictures.

In the band contest the Glenwood Band won the first prize and the Chipewa Valley Mounted Band second. The Wheaton Band was given a special prize of \$100 as the best marching organization.

The following is the yell used by the Kandiyohi county contingent in their parade: KAN-DI-YO-HI KNOCKERS DEFY BOOSTERS DRAW NIGH KAN-DI-YO-HI

John Alstrom's fine exhibit of Reid's Yellow Dent corn was barred because the judges said it was too large a type to mature fully here. John's answer is that it has been successfully grown here. The same trouble was experienced by other growers at the State Fair. A special class for this corn will no doubt be provided at future fairs.

Benson has a model grade school building, completely fireproof; with provision for twelve school rooms; a fine high gymnasium; heat from the city heating plant; with fan ventilation; plate glass wardrobes, where the children's clothes are dried and ventilated; and light arrangement up-to-the-minute. The cost of the building to the district was about \$40,000. It's worth the time of anyone to go to Benson just to see this schoolhouse. The janitor, Mr. Ring, is a very courteous gentleman.

Dr. H. F. Porter, Dentistry, Carlson Block—Adv.

### The Wheels of Justice Turn Slowly.

Ohio State Fire Marshal Deffenbaugh is indignant over the slow operation of the wheels of justice in many arson cases in that state, and over the fact that in many cases, after conviction, the culprits have been given suspended sentences. Unless a good stiff sentence is given a person convicted of incendiarism, it would be better that no prosecution had been made. The moral effect of a conviction is what keeps the number of crimes down.—From the Western Underwriter.

Not long ago a fire occurred in a store building in Omaha. The fire was extinguished in its incipency and the body of one Bornstein was found in the debris. The coroner's jury returned a verdict which stands on the records at Omaha that said Bornstein came to his death by reason of an explosion and a fire while he was in the store of Epiegle and Klein for incendiary purposes, at the instigation of Alexander Spiegle, one of the firm.

Now, bear in mind that with this definite evidence before him, the prosecuting attorney made no move whatever to punish Alexander Spiegle. He was allowed to go scot-free. The insurance company paid the loss and taxed it up to the insuring public.

The courts in most cases reflect public opinion with great accuracy. Without active co-operation on the

part of the fire tax payers in general, the Fire Marshal finds it difficult to gather sufficient evidence to even indict, to say nothing of convicting the arson suspect. Thus the crooked fire gets across and fire insurance is on the edge of becoming a commercial sewer instead of a healthy avenue of benefit to humanity.

### NEW LONDON, ROUTE 4.

New London, Rt. 4, Nov. 30—Podar O. Rime and E. S. Gafken called at the W. L. Aasen home last Saturday.

Bennie Stavn has returned home to his father, after staying with E. P. Storaker for a number of years.

Thor Paaverud took a party of three to Benson Friday, where they attended the Corn and Alfalfa Show. They returned Saturday evening.

Tilfred Medalen of Belgrade called at the Theodor Spanem home last Friday.

E. S. Gafken hauled wheat to Belgrade last Wednesday.

Albin Paaverud shredded corn for J. E. Otterness last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Pladsen visited at the Stener Gafken home from Friday until Saturday.

Justin H. Georgeson shredded corn for Gustav Kapperud last week.

Parties attending the dance at the Olof Strete place a week ago last Saturday, report a convivial time spent during the evening.

### SWEET CHRISTMAS DREAMS



### NEW BANK AT NEW LONDON

A Farmer's State Bank is Organized With a Capital of \$12,000.

A new bank to be known as the Farmers' State Bank of New London will in all probability be opened up for business in the village shortly after the first of the year. At present there are forty shareholders who have subscribed \$12,000 at which capitalization the new institution will begin business. This capital will quite likely be increased after the project has been fairly started, and more stock issued for sale. The Erick Olson building has been leased and will be remodeled and fitted up for temporary quarters until a modern building can be erected. The parties interested have purchased the J. O. Nyberg lot just north of Monson Bros. & Holm's hardware store on which they intend to commence building operations in the spring. The institution will be controlled entirely by local parties.

This afternoon a meeting of the shareholders will be held when an organization will be perfected, articles of incorporation drawn up and a board of directors elected who will appoint officers.—New London Times.

Dr. Gerretson & Hodgson, Dentists, Loney Block. Telephone 199.—Adv.

### THE ALCOHOLIC MILLSTONE.

The democrats of the nation have an issue to face and they may as well prepare for it. The liquor interests are at bay; they are on the defensive. They realize that they have but a few more years in which to fatten upon the woes of their victims, but they are fighting desperately and are willing to hold any party between them and the fire. The democratic party can not afford to shield the brewery, the distillery and the saloon from the rising wrath of a determined people. Democracy is the nation's hope on political and economic questions—let it not, by taking sides with the liquor interests, repel those who put moral issues first. The young men of the country are democratic by nature, but they will not submit their claims to political preferment to those who conspire against the home and everything good—neither will they find political politicians congenial party associates. The president has set a high standard in intelligence and morals, and the party can not afford to lower the colors to gain a temporary advantage. Those whose support depends upon subservience to the liquor interests disgrace the party while they are with it, and then leave it if it refuses to obey them. They are a millstone about the party's neck. The democratic party is the party of the future—it has a chance to enter the Promis-

ed Land—why allow the liquor interests to lead it away into the wilderness? Get ready for the fight.—W. J. Bryan in The Commoner.

### CHRISTMASY THOUGHTS.

Some Timely Yuletide Season Advice For Children and Others.

This is the beginning of the time before Christmas when every one is thinking of holiday doings and Christmas presents. This, too, is a time of great excitement, when the grownups get tired thinking of what to give and often tired of shopping for others. This again is a time when we children are still at school and thinking sometimes real Christmas thoughts. What are Christmas thoughts? They should be thoughts of what am I going to do for poor little Johnny, who is alone and poor? Whom can I ask mother to have at our Christmas dinner, who perhaps would have to eat all alone were it not for me! Whom can I help deliver little gifts on Christmas? And many more such thoughts. But do we think those things? Are we not much more likely to be thinking of what we ourselves are going to get?

So, children, if you really want to be happy on Christmas think Christmas thoughts before Christmas and do Christmas things on Christmas. Receive gifts? Yes. But give gifts as well—gifts of cheer, unselfishness and kindness—and your Christmas will be the merriest sort of day.

## CHOICE HOLIDAY GIFTS

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### Parisian Ivory

Hand mirrors, \$1.25 to \$5.50; Military brush sets, \$1.25 to \$3.50; Buffers, 50c to 65c; combs, 50c to \$1.50; hair brushes, \$1.00 to \$3.50; desk clocks, \$1.50 to \$5.00; Toilet sets, \$3.00 to \$20.00.

### Chinaware and Cut Glass

Fancy decorated and hand painted china in plates, salad bowls, cups and saucers, tea sets, chocolate sets, sugar and creamer sets, dresser sets, nut sets, hair receivers, powder boxes, salt and pepper shakers. A complete assortment of the finest cut glass in water sets, bowls, salt and peppers, sugar and creamers, vases, pickle dishes, nut bowls, trays of all kinds.

### Games

Bridge Whist and Five Hundred, Cards and Score Books. Congress Playing Cards in latest design backs at 50c each. Flinch, Pit, Bunco and Sumer set Games, Roodles, Rook, Chantecler. Checkers and Dominoes in wood; also Card Dominoes. Big line of Games for Children at 5c, 10c and 25c. Stencils, Painting and Drawing Outfits from 10c to 25c. Chess India, Ring Toss, Crazy Traveler, Lotto, etc., in endless varieties.

### Cameras

Nothing better for an Xmas gift. All the latest models in the Anso and Buster Brown Cameras. \$2.00 to \$25.00.

### Books

The latest copyrights at \$1.00 to \$1.50; popular copyrights at 50c; the latest boys' and girls' books at 25c to 75c; books for the children at all prices. Beautiful leather bound books 50c to \$2.50; fancy gilt books 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1; Bibles, Testaments and Psalm books in English, Swedish and Norwegian in best leather bindings from 50c to \$3.50.

### Perfumes and Toilet Waters

The best of the Harmony, Bouquet, Jenise, Palmers, Willows and Hilbert, 50c to \$1.50 an ounce. Package goods in fancy boxes 25c to \$5.00. Toilet Waters in all the latest odors and in fancy packages, 25c to \$2.00. Fancy Perfumes and Toilet Water Atomizers in plain and cut glass, 50c to \$3.00.

### The Toy Shop

Fire Engines, Hose Carts, Dray Wagons, Patrol Wagons, Banks, Automobiles, Aeroplane, Trains and Cars, Stoves, Sad Irons, Whistles and Horns, Magic Lanterns, Trunks, Drums, Tops, Model Builders, Radripteans, Horses, Blocks, Doll Buggies, Doll Beds, Sleds, etc.

### Toilet Articles

Toilet sets in Parisian Ivory, Gold with Ivory inlaid and in different woods, \$1.00 to \$20; Manicure sets in Ivory, Pearl, Ebony and plain steel, 50c to \$2.50; Hair Brushes in Ivory and Wood backs, 25c to \$3.50; Clothes and Hat Brushes, 50c to \$2.50; Mirrors in Ivory and Fancy Woods, 50c to \$5.00; Shaving Sets, \$1 to \$5; Traveling Sets, \$1 to \$6.

### Post Cards and Photo Albums

Leather and paper covered post card albums 25c to \$3.00. Fancy plush and celluloid albums, 50c to \$2.50. Xmas post cards, 1c, 2 for 5 and 10c each. Our Photo Albums are the latest loose leaf and leather bound all sizes and different colors.

### Cigars and Smoker's Articles

50 10-cent cigars.....\$3.50 to \$4.00  
25 10-cent cigars..... 2.00  
12 10-cent cigars..... 1.00  
50 5-cent cigars..... 2.00  
25 5-cent cigars..... 1.00  
12 5-cent cigars..... .50c

Pipes—Plain and gold banded in nice cases from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

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### Gift Suggestions

Vanity purses 75c to \$2.50; metal and wood book racks, necktie racks, jewelry cases, ink stands, candle sticks, ash trays, smoking stands, etc., cuff and collar boxes, glove and handkerchief boxes, work boxes, manicure sets, brush and comb sets, manicure and embroidery scissors, reading glasses, scissor sets, 75c to \$3, two, three and four pair of scissors, pocket knives, 25c to \$2.00.



### Leather Goods

The latest styles in hand bags 75c to \$5; pocket books, card cases, pass books and bill books; music rolls and folders, 50c to \$3.50; collar and cuff bags \$1 to 4; traveling cases, \$1 to \$7; cigar cases, sofa pillows, pennants, calendars, book marks, table runners and center pieces, etc., etc.

### Dolls

Kid bodies, dressed dolls, china dolls, rubber dolls, doll heads, houses, bureaus, wash sets, etc.

### Before Sending the Present

Be sure and see our line of Xmas Seals, Tags, Labels, Cards, Holly Xmas Boxes, Twine, White and Colored Tissue.

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