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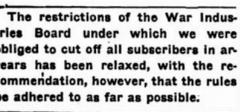
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OBSERVATIONS

(By a Cornfield Philosopher).

—XXXI—LEGISLATIVE LETTER

A Strenuous Week.

The past week has been the most strenuous one of the session. Not only has a large number of minor bills been disposed of, but the House has acted on both the Tonnage Tax and Street Railway bills as special orders and the bill to tax Mine Royalties and passed some of the appropriation bills.

How the Tonnage Tax Was Defeated.

There is probably no more popular measure in Minnesota than the proposed Tonnage Tax on iron ore. Fully nine-tenths of the voters favor it, yet the Tonnage Tax has just been defeated in the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority of whose members were elected largely on that issue. I will here briefly summarize the causes of its defeat because the voters are entitled to know the facts. The people who have gobbled up most of the great mineral wealth of Minnesota, which include the Rockefeller, Morgan and Hill interests are not going to tamely submit to what they deem "unjust taxation." Probably any taxation in their eyes would be deemed "unjust." They are past masters in the arts of political trickery and they keep in their employ the most

few men like Warner who voted to kill the other bills in Committee and then helped to send out the "Welch bill" for consideration only to vote against it on final passage.
9. And finally that subtle influence that lobbyists representing "big business" and furnished with any necessary amount of the needful, know so well how to exert on weak, prejudiced and inexperienced members. To their overlying credit be it said that every member of the Nonpartisan League present, twenty-three in all, stood by their guns and voted for the bill. The moral is plain: If the people want Tonnage Tax bills passed they must elect members of this organization to make the laws.

Disappointed Profit Hogs.

The investigation of the Bendixen Committee into the cause of the sudden jump in the price of mill feed of \$20.00 per ton has not been completed but the profit hogs who desire a whitewash are gnashing their teeth with rage. It was expected that three of the five members of the Committee would prove tractable. They could do nothing with Bendixen himself or with Col. Wilkinson but they had some hope of excuse or leniency from the others, Howard Serline and Baxter, a hope which apparently has completely evaporated. A report from this Committee will likely be submitted soon. Both Serline and Baxter have disappointed the profit hogs and will join with Bendixen and Wilkinson in a report that will not be at all complimentary to the parties concerned.

The Stock Yards Bill.

Mr. Green has introduced and made a formal order of the bill which places all the stock yards under the control of the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commission. A large number of members in both Houses favor this measure.

The Steel Trust Lobby's Week.

The Steel Trust lobby pulled every string possible to defeat the Tonnage Tax, trading votes right and left on every measure good or bad and finally instituting a veritable reign of terror. If the Gandrud-Weeker Court Amendment is adopted which is very likely the next Legislature which will probably be controlled by the Nonpartisan League not being hampered by Court restrictions can put the screws.

The Appropriations.

The House has passed the bill to meet the expenses of the various state institutions under the management of the Board of Control carrying in all nearly eight million, some \$2,900,000 more than at the last session. The Christianson, Chairman House Committee on Appropriations, says the best they can do to the total will be one-third greater than at the last session even if the contemplated general increase in salaries is defeated.

A Strenuous Week for the Senate.

The Senate will have some very important measures to dispose of this coming week, among them the Workmen's Compensation or Insurance, and likely the bill to repeal the direct Primary.

The Farmers Co-Operative Bill.

The House has passed a comprehensive co-operative bill introduced by Mr. Weeker of Dodge, to legalize and regulate all co-operative associations. The bill is too long to even give a summary, but it included the carrying on or conducting of any agricultural, dairy, mercantile, mining, telephone, manufacturing or mechanical business upon the co-operative plan. The amount of stock any one person may hold is limited to \$1,000. Each stockholder is limited to one vote which may be cast by mail. Transfers of stock may be made only with the consent of the Board of Directors. Provisions are made for freezing out an undesirable stockholder on payment for his stock.

Parochial School Bill.

House File 1110, a bill aimed at parochial schools, requiring them to file reports and obtain a license to operate, introduced by Trowbridge and Haglund, merely by request created a storm of opposition and was "returned to its authors," a polite way of killing a measure. More letters and telegrams were sent in regarding this bill than any other. Some members were receiving from 200 to 500 in a single day.

To Inspect Co-Operative Associations.

The bill introduced by Nordgren and Theo. Christianson requiring an annual inspection by the State Public Examiner of all Co-operative Corporations and Associations provoked a storm of opposition in the House. The bill intended to apply only to "Co-operative Elevators, packing plants and stores" it passed eighty-two to ten. The Bank Examiner gets \$7.00 per day and expenses while performing the work and is limited neither as to number of inspections or expenses. The feature was strongly opposed by some of the farmers interested in co-operative enterprises, who insisted that the examination should be optional or on request by a majority of the Board of Directors or one-fourth of the stockholders.

The Anti Grain Gambling Bill.

This measure now pending in both branches of the Legislature is being most vigorously assailed by representatives of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and by the owners of some country elevators. The bill is being modified to meet any reasonable objection but the prospect of such a measure getting past the present reactionary legislature is not very bright. Call Wilkinson of Washington is fighting hard for this measure in the House. While Sen. Peterson is pushing the bill in the Senate aided by all the League Senators.

The Motor Corps Bill.

The famous or infamous Motor Corps Bill designed to give the Governor the authority and the means to suppress gatherings of farmers and labor organizations without the aid of the sheriff and regular peace officers after being badly dehorned and stripped of its worst features passed the House in dying a slow death in the Senate. The Governor is peeved, so it is rumored, at the way the House treated his pet measure and had his friends put it back in its original form in the Senate, but meanwhile the protests of the people frightened Senators and the vigorous opposition of Sen. Widell of Mankato side-tracked the measure. It is lying on the table subject to call, but no Senator seems anxious to father it and acknowledge his paternity so it will likely die and be forgotten and not even be accorded a respectable funeral.

Gene Glimmering.

The pet measure of Senator McGarry to use \$100,000 of the tax payer's money to advertise the lakes in North-

ern Minnesota, which passed the Senate, has met a snag in the House Committee on Appropriations and will get no further unless this Committee shall be overturned by a vote of the House which is not at all likely.

SPICER-ON-GREEN-LAKE

Spicer-on-Green-Lake, March 31st.—Miss Elizabeth Witte went to Willmar last week and is receiving medical aid at a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gillette arrived Thursday from Minneapolis where they have spent the winter. They have opened their summer home on Green Lake Beach.

B. Simonson was a Willmar visitor Saturday between trains.

Mrs. John Hoyde is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Swenson at Willmar.

Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Lunde have enjoyed a visit from the latter's sister, Miss Serena Johnson, who returned to her home at Minneapolis Wednesday.

Otto Thompson and Austin Haverly arrived here Thursday from Oak-lee, Minn., with a carload of household goods. Mrs. Thompson and children have been visiting relatives here for some time. They have now moved into the parsonage.

Mrs. Sivert Hanson was a guest of relatives at Willmar the latter part of the week.

Miss Mabelle Gustrud is the new assistant at the Breeze office. She commenced her work last week. Miss Elizabeth Witte, who has been employed at the office for the past six months, was obliged to give up her work on account of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Peterson and family returned to Lunda Valley, N. Dak., last week, after spending several months with relatives here. Mr. Peterson has been employed at Minneapolis while the family has been staying in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanson, who have visited at St. House's last week, returned to their home at Willmar, N. Dak., last week, after spending several months with relatives here. Mr. Peterson has been employed at Minneapolis while the family has been staying in this vicinity.

Wm. Nelson was an over Sunday visitor with his family here.

Sallor Chas. Hegstrom arrived home last week from New York on a furlough.

Herman Miller arrived here last week from Grantsburg, Wis., where he has been visiting his parents for some time.

Miss Bertha Pederson returned home last Wednesday from Kandiyohi, where she has been employed at the E. L. Quam home for some time.

M. Witte and family moved Monday from the Walker Wilson residence into the Mrs. Geo. Holt residence recently vacated by A. K. Anderson and family.

Pvt. Gehard Ronning made a business trip to the Cities last week.

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The entertainment given at the M. W. A. Hall last Saturday evening by the Intermediate and Primary grades, was very well attended in every respect, and the pupils did very well. After the program there was a sale of various articles donated by the scholars and their parents, which brought good prices. A lunch was also served.

Mrs. C. Engen and daughter Mrs. Mason and Eleonore of Minneapolis, who came up here to attend the funeral of little Bernice Peterson and to visit relatives, returned home the first of the week.

Confirmation exercises and communion services will be held in the Norwegian church Sunday at 11 o'clock. English services in the evening at 7:30. Rev. A. M. Lunde, pastor.

Rev. A. E. Motta, "The best for you" College is in session all year and you can start at any time. Write for information.

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Gilbert Stavn bought a pair of horses from Halvor Eliasson recently.

Albert Teige and Feder Vold intend to go to Canada this spring.
Emil Hellerud is helping Born Teige hauling lumber from Korhonen for a new barn, which is to be erected on the Teige farm this spring.

The Ladies Aid of the Swedish Lutheran Church held a meeting at Sunburg last Wednesday.

Mrs. Theodore Frolvold is reported to be very sick.

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Kandiyohi, March 31.—Mrs. Bert Lind is at present visiting at the Hans Lewis home.

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Mrs. Irene Isaacson of Atwater spent the week-end here visiting with her cousin, Frances Nelson.

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The Jens Anderson and Morgan Kloster families of Green Lake were entertained at Arvid Anderson's for dinner on Sunday.

Adeline Holm and Mae Bjornberg of Fabus spent Friday afternoon with friends here.

Miss Anna Lunde spent the week-end at her home in Regal.

Mrs. Frank Hawkins, Mrs. John Mattson and daughters Anna and Hattie spent Friday afternoon at Frank Nelson's.

Edith and Vera Shosten spent Sunday at J. P. Carlson's.

Miss Bednora of Benson, visited at the Wm. McDermott home last week.

James Lawler's have moved into the residence which they recently purchased from C. G. Johnson.

Ruby Larson, Gladys Riersen and Ruth Harrison, who attend Atwater High school, spent Sunday at their respective homes here.

Waldo Shosten spent the week-end at Joseph Noid's.

Mrs. C. U. Peterson spent the first part of the week at Willmar.

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