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### NOT SO LONESOME, THANK YOU!

The Willmar Tribune is the only paper on our exchange list that unreservedly upholds the men in the railroad strike. It admits that at Willmar there are sixty men at work and 150 strikers out. We should think the farmers of that county, who support that paper, and who have taken their losses by falling prices, would not endorse the stand of the strikers against a reduction of wages and for a tying up of traffic to the further damage of the farmer in preventing the marketing of his crops. We talked today with a man just arrived from California, who told us of the tremendous losses that are now being suffered by the fruit growers of that state on account of the railroad strike and the inability of the railroads to move trains. If the men would be reasonable and allow a scaling down of wages to correspond with those now paid in other vocations of similar grade, business would move and everybody be better off.—Litchfield Independent, reproduced in the Atwater Republican Press.

We thank the Independent for the compliment extended, but suspect that the only reason we are so lonesome on its exchange table is that such list is hopelessly lopsided. Really, no editor whom we used to know as a progressive has disappointed us so much as the publisher of the Litchfield Independent. This old game of dividing the producers against themselves is one as old as history, and that an editor who has at any time shown signs of having any sympathy for the underdog should assist in the performance is lamentable. The farmers of Kandiyohi County are not so easily fooled. Most of them sense that the organized laborers are fighting for the rights of the common man to exist and secure at least a comfortable living. If the laborer is denied the right to bargain collectively with organized capital, the farmers will know that they never will be permitted to bargain collectively for better prices for their produce. Then again, unless the laborers can get enough pay so that they can afford to buy the farmer's products, where will the farmer get his market?

If the modern economic masters can only keep the producers fighting among themselves, they can safely go to any lengths they wish in robbing them of fair returns for their labor. After having ruthlessly defeated the farmers they have turned on organized labor to demoralize them. Then

these masters have the impudence to expect the farmers to sympathize with them in their fight with organized labor because the farmers had not been sufficiently well organized to resist them when they struck at the farmers. No, Mr. Independent, we are not as lonesome as you may pretend to believe. It will be your class of country editors who will become more lonesome when people generally discover what you are helping to put over on them.

### A CLEARCUT ISSUE

The issue in the Seventh District on Congressman is as clear as it is possible to draw it.

Before leaving for Washington Congressman Volstead, who is asking for a re-election for a tenth term, took great pains to make known his position as a blind conservative. He said: "The shopmen are striking against the government inasmuch as they have refused to abide by an impartial court established by the government to settle controversies between the railroads and their employees." Also he said, "What we ought to do is to nationalize the Kansas Industrial court. Then we could deal with the situation." Rev. O. J. Kvale, who is the progressive candidate for congressman in the district replies: "Did Congressman Volstead talk about striking against the government when the Pennsylvania lines refused point blank to carry out the orders of the railroad board? Not that anyone has heard. In that case a friendly judge in Chicago smoothed the way for the railroad to float the board's orders by deciding that the orders were 'merely advisory.'" "Why have the decisions of this agency of the government, flouted by the railroads for months, suddenly become so sacred the moment the railroad workers seek to preserve wages that mean decent living conditions?" "As for nationalizing the Kansas industrial court plan, that remedy would be worse than the disease it seeks to cure. Why not repeal the anti-slavery clause in the constitution and be done with it?"

Volstead has taken his stand with organized capital and the captains of industry as opposed to organized labor and their fight for rights to a living wage. There ought to be no difficulty for most any citizen to decide on which side he belongs and vote accordingly.

### THE HANKE CASE

It has often been repeated that the mill wheels of the gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine.

Sometimes the wheels of Justice are speeded up too. They were in the case of Henry Hanke, Hennepin county treasurer, who appeared in court recently charged with defalcation of \$258,000 of the county's money. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to an indeterminate term in Stillwater penitentiary at 2 p. m. and placed in a cell at 6 p. m. For a few hours the people of the state sounded a note of approval for the way justice was meted out. But the echo answered: "Why?" Are there other bigger men who might have been implicated if Hanke had been given time to recover from the first shock of exposure and tell what he knows?

Hanke may have "taken the fall" to use a police expression for others higher up. This is what Shafer, defunct banker did and the people of Minnesota have the state parole board to thank for his early release from prison. As far as can be ascertained Hanke has not made application for parole as yet. This is not all of the story. We omit the romance of the beauty parlor. Mr. Hanke belongs to that "grand old party" which is saving the state from "free love." The Hanke case gives rise to the question whether the banks are going

to be allowed to continue making loans to county treasurers on securities belonging to the counties.

Floyd Olson, Hennepin county attorney, said that the banks who loaned Hanke money were to blame. They were accessories to Hanke's dishonesty. They must have been in collusion otherwise they would not have allowed him to borrow money on securities which did not belong to him. We all know that banks do not do such things unless they are given assurance that persons higher up are in favor of it.

If Hanke asked for loans on the plea that the county needed money the bankers should have told him to withdraw a part of the county's reserve fund in those banks. But this is not the way banks do business. The reserve fund brought them good returns and so they took a chance on Hanke's ability to repay.

Hanke's defalcation is another striking demonstration of the rottenness and incompetency of the particular form of gang rule under which Minnesota suffers. Suffice it to say that as usual the public gets nothing but the knowledge that it has been duped.—The "Broadcaster."

### GIVE US REAL POLITICAL PARTIES

The pre-primary conventions this year in Minn. are estimated to have cost the taxpayers \$400,000. The regulation of political parties by law is an absurd latter-day deviation from American ideals. If a political party has no cohesive principles to hold the people and hence have lost the moral power of persuasion necessary to maintain a disciplined and effective organization, then let it die and new organizations will spring into being. Machine "statesmen" in control are juggling the election laws every session in order to give their organizations the advantage and prevent new organizations to secure a chance in the elections. The state should provide a simple and fair means for the people to select their candidates and elect their officials and cut out all this legal red-tape and unnecessary public expense. Political parties should be free agents, even as the individual voters are supposed to be, and not political machines legalized and pampered by expenditure of public money.

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? WALLEYED PIKE AND SANGER

Willmar Man Received Humorous Reply on Question from the State Department

A Willmar man curious to ascertain the difference between the Walleyed pike and the Sanger inquired from the State Game and Fish Commission for enlightenment. He received the following reply: Dear Friend:

Replying to your query of recent date the difference between the Walleyed pike and the Sanger can only be definitely determined by an examination of the intestines. In the walleyed pike the pyloric caeca number three, are subequal, all about as long as stomach, while in the sanger the caeca number from four to seven and are unequal. It will, therefore, become apparent to you that it is safest, from an anglers point of view, to consider all pike as belonging to the walleyed species and return any to the water which do not measure up to the legal requirements of fourteen inches.

Very truly, "Game and Fish Commission."

### HIGHWAY INSPECTORS HERE

President Charles Henry Davis, L. E. Taylor and John Dale, all of Boston, Mass., passed thru this city last Sunday night. They are on an inspecting tour for the National Highway Association and were enroute to the Pacific Coast. They have inspected 15,000 miles of road in four months.

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### NEW HIGH SCHOOL COACH

Wm. R. McClaffin of Indianapolis, Ind., is New Athletic Teacher Engaged by Superintendent

The vacancy of the position of athletic coach and physical training instructor has now been filled by the engagement of William R. McClaffin of Indianapolis, Indiana, who will arrive in Willmar this week to take up his work here. The contract was received this week under which terms he will teach physical training and gymnasium work and act as coach for athletic teams during the year.

Mr. McClaffin held a similar position at Decatur, Illinois, last term and comes highly recommended for the school where he last taught.

He is a graduate of Butler College in Indiana and was prominent in the athletic life of that institution. During his senior year he made himself a state football star when he gained the position of halfback on the State eleven. During his first three years he was center and running guard on the basketball team of Butler.

During the summer months Mr. McClaffin has made a special study of athletic coaching under H. O. Page, former Chicago University star. He has been teaching during the past four years.

Mr. McClaffin is twenty-five years of age and married. He is a man of clean habits.

Besides his athletic work Mr. McClaffin will have charge of the mechanical drawing department.

### DONATIONS FOR STRIKERS RECEIVED AT 3 BANKS

Three Banking Institutions of City Aid Strikers by Donations on Deposit

Contributions to aid the striking shopmen in the city are being received at the First National Bank, Kandiyohi County Bank and the Bank of Willmar. The Kandiyohi County Bank and the Bank of Willmar established a fund on deposit amounting to fifty dollars upon which the strike committee may draw. The First National Bank created a fund of \$160 for the strikers. Individual donations and public contributions are added to these three funds.

The strikers appreciate what these institutions have done in thus aiding them. Several of the business men of the city have also made donations.

### HOSPITAL AIDES NEEDED

Men and Women Needed in Veteran Bureau Hospitals in the Country

The United States Civil Service Commission states that there is urgent need at the hospitals of the Veterans' Bureau for reconstruction aides and assistants in occupational therapy and physiotherapy in connection with the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines. The Commission will receive applications for these positions until further notice. Both men and women are admitted to examinations. Applicants are not required to report for a written examination, but are rated upon the subjects of education, training, experience and physical ability.

Full information concerning salaries and requirements, and application blanks, may be secured from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the board of civil service examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city.

### HANS JOHNSON

Hans Johnson died at his home in Kerkhoven Sunday. Two daughters, Mrs. W. K. Strawn and Mrs. J. C. Lindgren and one son, C. Johnson, are residing in this city. The funeral took place this afternoon at Kerkhoven.

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### ATWATER SCHOOL TO BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

Next Tuesday will be the first day of the school year for 1922-1923. All teaching positions have been filled and all the members of the teaching staff are expected to be on hand not later than next Monday, at which time the teachers will meet at the school building for the purpose of laying out the work.

Although the course of study for the high school subjects has been prepared tentatively, it will be well for all pupils planning to attend to be on hand the opening day. High school classes of thirty or more pupils are prohibited by the department of education. Classes involving laboratory work should not have more than 15 pupils enrolled. For the above reasons, a pupil who enters school after the class lists have been made up may find it difficult to get just the program he or she had planned on. But there is a better reason for entering school at the beginning of the school year. Last year 75 per cent of the failures in subjects were due directly to late entrance. In general this is true of every year. If parents could be brought to realize that keeping their children home for a month or two months after school opens almost surely means a partial or total failure for them for that school year, these parents would surely make such sacrifices as would be necessary to give their children the chance to enter school promptly at the beginning of the school year. It is no kindness to boys or girls to confront them with such handicaps that failure and discouragement result.

In the school this year, as in past years the main thing to be emphasized will be the regular studies. All extra activities will be used as aids and incentives to accomplishments of regular tasks. This applies to both the grades and the high school. In the latter, debate, declamation, basket ball and base ball will be provided for those pupils who make it a point to achieve in regular school work. We trust that this provision will bar few, if any, from taking part in school activities. This year, with a teacher on the force who is capable of coaching debate and declamation, thus continuing the good work of Miss Anderson, and with a young man as principal, who will give extra time to out door activities, school should be especially alluring. Let each school year be better than the last. May this one be no exception.

### STRIKERS DISTRIBUTE INTERESTING CIRCULARS

"Plain Facts" is a Pointed Statement of the Cause of the Shopmen's Strike

The striking shopmen of the city have distributed some one thousand circulars entitled "Plain Facts." These circulars contain some excellent information for many not knowing the truth of the shopmen's strike, and the reasons for the present economic struggle.

"Increase in passenger rates, freight rates, Pullman rates and Pullman surcharge rates were granted to the railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and these increases were put on the traveling public.

On July 1st, 1921, the United States Railroad Labor Board decision No. 147 reduced the railroad employees' wages 12 per cent. Did the public get any part of this reduction? No. No.

On August 16, 1921, the United States Railroad Labor Board in decision 222, reduced the shopcraft employees a further reduction of 10 per cent. Did the traveling public receive any part of this reduction? No. No.

On July 1st, 1922, the United States Labor Board in decision No. 1036, again reduced the shopcraft employees a further reduction of 12 per cent. A total reduction of 34 per cent in their wages within one year.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. Have the passenger rates been reduced 34 per cent?
- 2. Have the freight rates been reduced 34 per cent?
- 3. Have the high salaries of railroad officials been reduced 34 per cent?
- 4. Has the price of rent been reduced 34 per cent?
- 5. Have the taxes been reduced 34 per cent?
- 6. Has the street car fare been reduced 34 per cent?
- 7. Has flour been reduced 34 per cent?
- 8. Has your gas been reduced 34 per cent?
- 9. Has your electric light bill been reduced 34 per cent?
- 10. Did you ever read a decision that the salary of the Labor Board has been reduced 34 per cent? They only receive \$10,000.00 each per year, \$36 per day, or \$6 per hour, and the railroad employe helps pay this board that cut the wages of one class of employes to 28 cents per hour.

Do you know that during the last six months of 1921 the total pay roll slash, including the lay offs, was running at the annual rate of (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Dollars) per year?

Do you know that eleven railroad presidents draw more salary than the President of the United States, a total of \$865,571.06; an average of \$78,701.97, or \$52.00 per hour for a four hour day? Do you know that twelve other railroad officials and attorneys draw salaries amounting to \$670,900, an average of \$55,960 per year.

Do you know that forty-eight railroad, officials and attorneys, draw a total of \$1,586,150 per annum, an average of \$33,044, per year, and do you know that the grand total of the annual salaries of these seventy-one railroad officials and attorneys is \$3,022,901.06?

Do you know that 23,000 individuals, families and estates own and control One Hundred and Twenty Billion Dollars, or one-third of the National Wealth?

Page 26, U. S. R. R. Labor Board Decision (dissenting opinion) reads: The rates of pay established under this decision are not based upon the human needs of the hundreds of thousands of families involved. They are insufficient to provide these families with the absolute essentials. The earnings of this large group of railroad workers will not provide the father of a family with as much food as is allowed convicts in the Cook County, Illinois, Jail."

Can you blame the shopcrafts for refusing to accept decisions that are so unfair and unjust? The shopcraft employes have accepted decision after decision which were unjust. Did the railroads do this? No. No. Eighty-two railroads accepted only decisions that suited them and you do not read of these railroads as outlaws in the daily press. We were the last to receive an increase and first to take a reduction."

### Hot Weather Diseases

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particularly during the hot weather of the summer months, and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. It can be depended upon. Many have testified to its excellence.—Adv. August

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