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Speaker Rockne, we believe, voiced the true sentiment of the people of southern Minnesota regarding the tonnage tax proposition when he said in an interview the other day: "The farmers of Minnesota can be trusted to do the right thing. They do not want anything that is unfair or unjust, as the tonnage tax undoubtedly was. The veto of the bill will have a tendency to place its merits and demerits before the public, something that had never happened before. The only thing that made the tonnage tax strong was the cry of the 'steel trust.' At the mention of that name everybody took to cover. The fact of the matter is that it did not particularly touch the steel trust, but did strike at northeastern Minnesota and at Duluth. Suppose some such hostile measure had been directed against Minneapolis in the sawmill days. Minneapolis would not be what it is today. The sawmills are gone now, but Minneapolis went right ahead and is now a great city, and that is what will happen at Duluth. Even assuming that the additional revenue claimed by Mr. Borge would have been added to the state funds as a result of the proposed bill, it would have meant only about seven cents to every quarter section. All that will be necessary in the southern part of the state is to put the facts before the people. To insinuate that the farmers of southern Minnesota want something that is unfair and unjust is a libel to the residents of that section."

Friends of Einar Hoidale, the former New Ulm attorney who is now practicing in Minneapolis, are urging his appointment to a place on the Hennepin district bench to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Donahue. No petitions have been filed, but flattering letters of endorsement are being sent in to the governor from scores of sources. To these the Review is willing to add one of its own. Not only is Mr. Hoidale fitted by education and temperament to fill so responsible a position, but he possesses in addition to these qualities the strongest of all—that of unyielding honesty.

When Prof. J. W. Olsen entered upon his duties as dean of the agricultural school the Review made the prediction that in the brief six months allotted to him he would make so good that the regents wouldn't permit him to retire, resignation or no resignation. The prediction is now on the eve of being verified.

The sale of the St. Paul Pioneer Press to the St. Paul Dispatch was announced early in the week. If the Dispatch's present policy of independence is to be injected into the new acquisition, no one will have reason to regret the change.

Frank Whitney, son of Capt. C. C. Whitney of the Marshall News-Messenger, has been made secretary of the state dairy and food commission. He succeeds W. W. Wall, who was originally appointed by Gov. Van Sant.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt says that half of the men she knows are lobsters and the other half are shrimps. Which leads some pun-paragrapher to inquire if her husband is not a Catfish.

Republican congressmen who vote for increased tariff taxes after promising revision downward should take good care that hides are well protected.—Bryan's Commoner.

The Minneapolis Journal will discontinue its Sunday sermons during the hot season. Why not keep up the good work, that is the discontinuation, all year round?

A prominent New York musician has been arrested on a charge of forgery. It is always risky for a musician to get tangled up with false notes.

Anyway, Roosevelt continues to aim high. He is shooting giraffes.—St. Paul Dispatch.

It must be a new kind of jungle that is so easily accessible to cable dispatches.

## Takes Rap at Tariff Tinkerers

Minnesota Executive Warns Republican Leaders of the Wrath that is to Come.

Just before leaving Washington for St. Paul Saturday afternoon Governor Johnson consented to give a public statement of his views on the pending tariff legislation. He said:

"The Republican party promised the people a thorough, honest and downward revision of the tariff. There is no doubt of that. The people expect that party to redeem that pledge. If that party does not keep faith with the people, the Middle West is lost to the Republicans for years hence.

"The national administration cannot escape responsibility for the action of congress on the tariff. Early in the proceedings President Taft took a hand. He helped to organize the lower house of congress and he is responsible for the leadership in that body. "Out in my country the people—the masses of the people—have no faith in the leadership of Mr. Cannon and Senator Aldrich. They have heard so much of this combination and its control of congress that they regard this control as being in the interest of the interests. The people believe the interests control congress.

"I don't know how the senators and leading Republican papers are going to defend this tariff bill. They have outspokenly fought it. They should fight it, and our people want them to fight it. How they can take up the cudgels of defense for it will be a rare sight if they can find the method.

"Our people—not alone Minnesotans, but the tillers of the soil and the working men of the entire Middle West—are hoping against hope; expecting to get something they know they won't get. But they will get an accounting from the party they trusted.

"The Republican party cannot place the blame for the Aldrich bill on a few Republicans and a few Democrats. It's up to the party, no matter how such and such a senator voted and spoke. The party which passes the Aldrich bill will get all the praise and criticism that bill merits.

"I have heard since I came to Washington that Senator Aldrich is not alarmed about the Middle West. In fact, I am told that he has said the Republicans can elect a president without the Middle West—that the East and West will carry the election. I recommend Senator Aldrich as a south-sayer, but not as a campaign manager.

"I am not intimately acquainted with the provisions of the bill, and do not assume to criticize any measure pending before congress. The fundamentals of the bill are known to me, and I am certain that the bill as it now stands is not the revision of the tariff the people expected.

"A few years ago I remember that the Democrats were sneered at because

they declared for a tariff for revenue. That is exactly what the Republican party is standing for today. There is no other pretense made except that a revision of the tariff is now needed to help the revenues. Of course, the pledges to the people before the election for a revision of the tariff are not being considered now. The whole effort of the Payne bill is to raise more revenue to support the government.

"Middle Western farmers and producers do not depend on tidal waves for their prosperity. The tariff does not bring good times or bad times to the Middle West with the calling of the roll in the senate. Down East the tariff, no doubt, has a big effect on the people, but out our way we are not disturbed because some critics condemn the debate over the tariff bill.

"We can wait for a good bill. We want a bill passed as rapidly as possible, but we want a bill passed which will come up to our expectations. No spur in the interest of business demands will suit us if it means that we must take any bill agreed upon by the leaders. We do not want a bad bill just because it will take a few days more to write and consider a good bill.

"Take lumber, for instance. We in Minnesota have seen our forests stripped bare. We are even now trying to devise some method by which we can build up our timber lands again. We can see no reason for the duty on lumber except that the men who own the big timber lands want that duty continued. The man who builds a house and builds a fence wants free lumber. That is what we ask of congress and that is what our representatives demand.

"If our voices are unheard, the leaders of the party responsible will have to reckon with a dissatisfied element in the next election. In Minnesota and other states—Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, the Dakotas and others—Republicans as well as Democrats want the tariff rates reduced. The papers are demanding it.

"Take the steel and iron schedule, for instance. The farmer buys nails for fencing. He pays some unknown factor in his purchase as a tribute to some interest, and he knows it. For thirty years these people have been studying this condition, which means to them everything going out and nothing coming in. The protection they enjoy for farm products, in my opinion, is no protection. I don't think the duties on products of the farm have anything to do with the price the farmer gets for his crops. We do know, though, that the tariff has a whole lot to do with everything the farmer has to buy."

## The Minnesota River.

A staff correspondent of the St. Paul Dispatch, who made the trip on the Steamer Lorene from St. Paul to Mankato, has this to say of the river, its present conditions and its possibilities under an intelligent system of dredging:

"The government boat, the Barnard, is to make a trip up the Minnesota this summer, but if it ventures on the business of removing snags as it goes, the journey will be tedious. Only dynamite can remove some of these long cottonwood trunks where they have stood for decades settling lower and lower into the mud bottom.

"There are no landing places. At Shakopee where an occasional excursion boat makes in the summer, it was possible to snub to a tree and make footing. But at Carver the Lorene harbored for the night against a sand bar; at Henderson the mayor ventured his Sunday suit to save the pilot house top works from crashing into the bridge; at Le Sueur it was plain that no boat was wanted; at St. Peter there is the old natural sandstone landing against which the river has rushed these ages without making impressions; at Mankato there is nothing whatever and the boat had to tie up at North Mankato, which is across the river and not even in Blue Earth county.

"The bridges are in a parlous condition, and many a parley is needful before they open to navigation. If the Minnesota again becomes a highway, it will be necessary to improve the bridges as well as control the river. And above Le Sueur, which by rail is not more than sixty miles from the mouth of the stream, no bridge need open its draws. This is neither the fault nor the credit of Le Sueur. St. Peter may claim all the concern. For St. Peter needed another bridge at the upper end of town to keep into country trade, so it had Congressman Davis labor with the war department, which finally declared Le Sueur the head of navigation, so the stationary and cheaper bridge was placed at St. Peter. Yet this is the town of greatest

fame in the state, even out in the nation.

"The towns have forgotten the river. And perhaps this is the reason why so many of the towns look forgotten themselves.

"Yet surely the Minnesota River, which stretches through 250 miles of as rich farming country as may be, might become a main traveled way.

"Consider the Tombigbee, down in Alabama. Six years ago, this was a shallow, tortuous stream, from one to two feet in depth, from sixty to one hundred feet wide. Today it is, for three hundred miles—a longer reach than the length of the Minnesota, if it were reasonably straightened—navigable with a six foot channel. Where once it was merely a creek—which the Minnesota is not—choked with sandbars and bridged with fallen trees, today it is carrying barges of 500 tons, capable each one of doing the work of a freight train of 75 cars. In 1908 the tonnage was 429,921 on the Tombigbee—nothing on the Minnesota. And the value of the trade is estimated at nearly seven millions—nothing on the Minnesota. Freight rates have been lowered twenty per cent in Alabama, through the influence of river navigation.

"The Minnesota back in the '60's was loaded with barges, loaded with golden grain, to be elevated at La Crosse, and forwarded by rail. The new water era should see a new line of barges, bound rather for the South than the East. And freight rates would right themselves."

The Sleepy Eye Rural Telephone company held its annual meeting on Tuesday of last week and elected C. P. Cutting president, Arnold Hillesheim vice president, Wm. Brust secretary and F. J. Riedl treasurer, these officers, with Emil Rasmussen, H. G. Hillesheim, H. F. Dohrman, Andrew Losleben and Robert Hose, constituting the board of directors. The monthly toll rate was raised from \$1 to \$1.25 and the sum of \$1,031.50 was apportioned among the stockholders in the shape of dividends. The company's receipts for the fiscal year were \$3,120 and its operating expenses \$1,572.14. The value of the system is placed at \$20,298.56.

## MEMORIAL DAY IS PROCLAIMED

May 31st Set Apart as a Legal Holiday for the Commemoration of a Nation's Heroes.

Gov. Johnson on Monday issued the following proclamation:

"Though nearly threescore years have come and gone since the sound of Sumter's guns, the recurrence of each Memorial day brings to us again the debt of love and duty it is our privilege and pleasure to pay to the memory of the nation's defenders.

"This is not a new bereavement, but one which time, the healer of even the most poignant grief, has softened. These are not new-made graves we garland, for over them all nature has already spread the memorials of her love. They have received the benediction of her sunshine and her tears, and above them her vines and grasses have spread the mantle of immortality.

"The Civil war ended long ago, and but a remnant of the grand army of veterans remain. Those spared to life's activities are worn by the ravages of time and weakened by wounds and disease. Soon will the lone survivor be gathered to the silent portals, and the annual march of the boys in blue become but a memory. Other lips and other hands will perform the service of love and decoration that belongs to the heritage of the soldier. But the army of the soldier dead will be with us as long as patriotism swells the heart, its campfires burn as long as liberty lives. Time enriches their memories, and to the farthest day the heroes who gave their lives for their country will be honored by a grateful posterity.

"It is fitting that we should on one day of each year lay aside our accustomed duties and join with our fellow citizens in appropriate memorial to the patriot dead; therefore, I, John A. Johnson, Governor of Minnesota, hereby designate Monday, May 31st, 1909, to be a public holiday, and ask that the significance of the day be commemorated."

The New Ulm delegates to the annual convention of the Second District Federation of Women's Club, which was held at Sleepy Eye last Wednesday and Thursday, report a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. Windom was selected as the next convention place and officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Bingham of Sleepy Eye; vice president, Mrs. Green of Windom; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Johnson of Windom; recording secretary, Mrs. Olsen of Sleepy Eye; treasurer, Mrs. Mo of Springfield.

At the thirty-seventh annual session of the Pythian grand lodge in St. Paul last week Attorney Frank Ellsworth of St. James was chosen grand chancellor and Rev. F. S. Attwood, the "blind optimist," grand prelate. Fred Wheaton of Minneapolis continues as grand keeper of the records and seal and W. R. Hodges of Sleepy Eye remains on the board of trustees.

Delegates from Courtland and Lafayette townships and from New Ulm appeared before the board of county commissioners of Nicollet county at St. Peter Wednesday and requested an appropriation for the raising and improvement of the Lafayette and Courtland roads leading into New Ulm, but the board refused to take any action.

The pupils of the high school will give a public entertainment at the Turner Theatre next Friday evening. The program will include musical selections by the high school orchestra and glee clubs and the presentation of a one-act farce entitled "The New Squire."

Senators are said to be anxious to adjourn because of the hot weather at Washington. Unless they improve the tariff bill now under consideration they will find it much hotter at home.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Harry Halbert of Missouri paid a visit yesterday to his cousin, Mrs. J. L. Schoch.

## TYPHOID THREATENS ST. PETER

Conditions Existing There Now Akin to Those Preceding Epidemic in Mankato.

An epidemic of bowel trouble has been prevalent in St. Peter the past few days, cases having been reported in upwards of twenty families. The symptoms are somewhat similar to those which marked the early stages of the typhoid epidemic at Mankato a year ago, and in most cases they can be traced to the drinking of city water.

As soon as the trouble was reported Health Officer G. F. Merritt ordered the water cut off from the public school buildings and a bulletin was issued warning all consumers to boil the water before using it for drinking purposes. It is thought that the infection may have resulted from seepage into the city reservoir, and cultures of the water have been sent to the state board of health.



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