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Last year scarcely any of the high school pupils attended the University Week lectures. This was a mistake. Another mistake was the presence of small children without their parents at the afternoon sessions. They were very noisy at times, and those times were of course the very times when the older people most wished to hear what the speaker was saying, for as the talk grew more interesting to the grown-ups it became less and less so to the tiny ones. This year make up your mind to keep the small lads and lassies at home if you can not take the time to go yourself and see that they are kept reasonably quiet. Then if you have half grown girls and boys encourage their attendance. They are the ones who can profit most by the work as their futures are still all before them and their eyes may be opened to the beauties of culture and education. It may awaken them to a realization of what place they are meant to fill in life and get out of the drifting habits that are so likely to beset youth that has not yet found its aim. It is a shame to waste any of the good that may be obtained thru the week here.

THE FOLLY OF IT ALL.

The present time seems opportune to make clear to ourselves just what war really is. Different definitions have been advanced at different times. One that, so our mind, covers the ground quite thoroughly is that of Thomas Carlyle in "Sartor Resartus." We quote:

"What, speaking in quite unofficial language, is the net purport and upshot of war? To my own knowledge, for example, there dwell and toil in the British village of Dumdrudge usually some five hundred souls. From these, by certain 'natural enemies' of the French, there are successively selected, during the French war, say thirty able-bodied men; Dumdrudge, at her own expense, has suckled and nursed them; she has, not without difficulty and sorrow, led them up to manhood, and even trained them to crafts, so that one can weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest can stand under thirty stone avoirdupois. Nevertheless, amid much weeping and swearing, they are selected; all dressed in red; and shipped away at the public charges, some two thousand miles, or say only to the south of Spain; and fed there till wanted.

"And now to that same spot, in the south of Spain, are thirty similar French artisans, from a French Dumdrudge, in like manner wending; till at length, after infinite effort, the two parties come into actual juxtaposition; and 'Thirty stands fronting Thirty, each with gun in his hand. Straightway the word 'Fire!' is given; and they blow the souls out of one another; and in place of sixty brisk, useful craftsmen, the world has sixty dead carcasses, which it must bury, and mow shed tears for.

"Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the Devil is, not the smallest! They fived far enough apart; were the entirest strangers; nay, in so wide a Universe, there was even, unconsciously, by Commerce, some mutual helpfulness between them. How then? Simpleton! their Governors had fallen out; and, instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make these poor blockheads shoot."

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AT FAULT.

Serious conditions in the High School have been brought to public notice the past week by the threatened revolt of the Senior class because the members felt that class honors had not been rightfully apportioned. It was said that one of the class members had not been honest in her work and had secured her marks by unfair methods. The teachers and superintendent found it difficult to believe the charges since the girl had always been a sincere and earnest student, interested and hardworking. The girl firmly denies that she is guilty of wrongdoing and there the matter stands at this writing.

We should not mention the affair at all if it were not for the lesson that should be brought home to patrons of the schools and also to the teachers employed here. It is more than likely that the matter will be smoothed over and forgotten but before that is done several questions should be asked and answered. It is not in the least important that this one instance should be sifted thoroughly. If the girl is guilty she has already suffered greatly for the fault. If she is innocent, the accusations made by her classmates are due to some misunderstanding. The guilt or innocence of the student probably can not be settled to the entire satisfaction of everybody and the matter should be dropped with as little hard feeling as possible—but let us ask why any pupil in our schools should have an incentive to use unfair methods.

That our school is full of "cheating," as it is called is well known; has been known for years. That it is worse than other schools in this respect is not proven but no one who has worked in the New Ulm schools will deny that there is a great deal of dishonesty in securing credits among the pupils. This does not mean that the pupils are naturally dishonest—by no means. It merely signifies that the system is wrong when it induces dishonesty.

There the fault lies just as it does in the bigger world. A wrong ambition is set before the people. In the big world, money and position are the goal which all are taught to strive for—and to gain at almost any cost. This breeds dishonesty. In our school system, credits and honors are the empty rewards put up at the end of the race. High School life is one mad scramble after another to attain a certain mark. To attain that mark pupils must hew close to the line, must all be run in the same mold, must learn the same petty little facts in order to answer the same petty questions at the year's close. The pupil, finding the questions too many for him and fearing the loss of his credits, resorts to dishonesty because the system of forcing employed by parents and schools compels him to do so. Is it the child's fault? No indeed!

Let us ask ourselves also at this time—what should be the end and aim of all education? Should it not be to enable us to live richer, fuller, better lives, to give us a broader outlook, a truer culture, a greater capacity for enjoying and understanding the experiences of life? Can we attain anything like these results if we are all crowded into one class and given the same lessons to do, when the Creator furnished us with such widely varying mental abilities? Would it not be better to do away entirely with the system of grading and attempt instead to find out early in the child's school career what the Creator has meant him to do in life? Does it matter greatly whether your son knows his Latin lesson thoroughly when his mind is bent on some mechanical contrivance and his fingers burn to get hold of tools? What harm will it do your daughter if she can not figure higher mathematics if she shows an aptitude for literature or history? Why not help these girls and boys to a clear understanding of their own individual capacities and thus equip them for life with a real education? Do this, cut out the credit system, and you will not be developing "cheats" among our pupils.

FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Altho the daily press has given some accounts of the civil war recently waged in the Colorado strike zone, it has maintained a studied silence as to the true conditions and the causes that led up to the bloodshed. Judge Lindsey of Denver rendered an inestimable service to the people of this country when he called a spade a spade and told the newspaper reporters of Chicago the facts about the atrocities that had been committed in the Ludlow district. Judge Lindsey was on his way to Washington to beg President Wilson not to withdraw the federal troops as their withdrawal might plunge the entire state of Colorado into a civil war.

It is well that these statements were made by a man so well known for his honesty and sincerity as is Judge Lindsey. Almost anyone else making the statements that are attributed to him would have been put down as an exaggerator of the facts. According to Judge Lindsey the true story of what occurred at Ludlow is too horrible to print. He then went on to state that children of tender years were killed and their heads blown off, that mothers who went to rescue their babes were shot down and mutilated and that a father who went to the militia camp for his little boy was saluted with the headless corpse of the child. It does not require a great stretch of the imagination to sense what the other

crimes are that are too horrible to mention.

This is a terrible arraignment, and the blood of every fairminded person boils when he contemplates this ruthless massacre and the mutilation of defenseless women and children. Naturally, we want to know to whom the blame attaches or should attach. The murder was committed by the militia and the gunmen. They actually committed the foul deeds, but they were not responsible for the conditions that brought about the conflict. Rockefeller and his kind, the ones higher up, are primarily to blame for the massacre and they should be made to realize that fact to the fullest extent.

Possibly, equally to blame with the mine owners are the officials of the state of Colorado, primarily Governor Ammons who knew that the laws of Colorado were being trampled under foot by the mine owners and that this disregard of the laws led up to the conflict which stains not only the fair name of Colorado, but of the entire Nation as well. The Governor knew of the flagrant violation of the laws of the state, because he had been advised thru a report filed with him by the Secretary of the State and Commissioner of Labor.

Speaking of the employment of armed guards to break up miners' unions, to enforce labor by imported strikebreakers, and to deny miners the rights of citizenship in Colorado, the Secretary of State declares: "The system as employed by the C. F. and I. Company in Las Animas County is not only in open defiance of all the laws of the State of Colorado, but it maintains, under the thin guise of law, an armed force, consisting of deputy sheriffs, in all its camps, who are used not only to violate all the laws, but to maltreat anyone who attempts in any way to assert his rights as a citizen."

"The county officials of Las Animas County are in league with this Company, so that it is absolutely impossible to get anything like justice from the hands of the legally elected officials of that county."

"In order to thoroughly understand to what extremes these so-called officials of the law go, I shall state that after the Company exacts a rent for their houses from their employees, no home is sacred or has any privacy, the Company taking the ground that, as they own the property they have the right to enter it at all times, and I have been told by women in Primers that there was no privacy in their home life, that whenever a representative of the Company or a deputy sheriff desired, they entered the house unannounced.

"We find that children are employed in the mines, at the coal washers and at the coke ovens, in direct violation of the laws of Colorado, which make it unlawful to employ any child under sixteen years of age in any dangerous occupation, and the only excuse offered by the officials of the Company it is none that is of their business, as these children are working with the consent of their parents."

Further evidence in the report refers to boys under sixteen years old engaged as "trappers" in the mines of the C. F. and I. Company, who lost their lives after working only six months in these mines. One of the boys was killed on his fifteenth birthday. Other children in the Rockefeller mines were as young as ten years.

As a result of permitting the coal barons to carry things with a high hand, human blood has been shed, defenseless women have been outraged and massacred and innocent children have been burned and shot to death. In addition to this sacrifice of human life the people of the State of Colorado are now called upon to tax themselves to the extent of \$1,000,000 to pay expenses of the state militia while they were committing murder to protect the property of the mine owners!

Costly and inexcusable as this sacrifice has been, it may not have been in vain if the lesson it teaches has been so well learned that there will be no repetition. The coal barons who stole the natural resources from the people should be taught their place and if they are not willing to learn that they do not own the mines for the purpose of exploiting the people, the natural resources should be confiscated and given back to the people to whom they rightfully belong.

TRACY MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

The Southern Minnesota Better Development League will hold its mid-summer meeting for the counties of Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood, Brown, Pipestone, Murray, Watonwan, Rock, Nobles, Jackson, Nicollet, Cottonwood and Jackson at Tracy June 22d and 23rd. The program is being prepared and will be of great interest to everybody living in these counties. Special features are being arranged for the day's convention, and any one attending will have one of the best events of this kind ever offered them.

One of the most interesting features will be a demonstration in farming by use of dynamite. The League feels that the people generally should have been given the opportunity to witness this. Not that it will be generally adopted, but it shows the possibilities of the future. There will be a demonstration in tillage, ditch digging, trench making, tree planting and general farm work by use of dynamite. There will also be a stock judging contest by teams of students

from various high schools in the above named counties, for which trophies will be arranged, and the indications are that several teams will be in the contest. There will also be speeches by some of the leading men in the state. The full program will be announced later.

We would like to have every man, woman and child have an opportunity to be present at this meeting. It will appeal especially to farmers, bankers, business men and those having property interests in southern Minnesota. The farmers are invited to bring their wives and spend a profitable day together.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Olga Brandt, Miss Florence Mueller, and Miss Marie Altermatt of Springfield visited with relatives from Saturday to Tuesday.

Rev. Wheeler will be in attendance at the Conference of Western Minnesota Congregational Churches at Winthrop the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June.

Revs. Gustav Albrecht of St. Peter and Hy. and Im. Albrecht of Renville visited with Rev. Albrecht over Sunday and attended the concert at the college.

Baby daughters arrived at the homes of Israel Johnson of Courtland and John L. Evans of Cambria on Sunday and at Ernst Roloff's in Milford, Tuesday. A son was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Tauer of Sigel.

Miss Elsie Baarsch underwent an operation at Loretto Hospital Friday morning and had two tumors removed. The operation was a critical one but all things considered the patient's condition is very satisfactory and it is confidently expected that she will recover.

Last Thursday Charles Klotz sold his residence on Payne Street to Ben Vetter. It was virtually a trade for Mr. Vetter's farm in the Town of Milford. Mr. Klotz and family expect to move on to the farm to-day. The Vetter family will move to New Ulm about the same time.

The circus will contend with University Week for attendance next week. Terry's Uncle Tom's Cabin comes Monday evening and the Gollmar Bros. Saturday all day. It is too bad that so many things pile up this one week. The Redwood Falls Homecoming Celebration is scheduled for the same time and the Southern Minnesota Bankers Convention at Fairmont also takes place.

Emil Seidel, at one time Mayor of Milwaukee and at the last election Socialist candidate for the same office has been secured by the Socialist local to deliver a lecture in New Ulm, Sunday, June 7th. He will speak in English and the lecture will be given either in Turner Hall Park Sunday afternoon or at the Turner Theatre Sunday evening. The subject of his address has not been made public.

Mrs. Marie Eder met with a painful and serious accident at the F. H. Retzlaff home Saturday evening shortly after nine o'clock. She was one of a quilting party that had met with Mrs. Retzlaff that evening. About nine o'clock Mrs. Eder started down stairs on an errand. She slipped and fell when she reached the last step, fracturing both bones of the left leg about an inch below the knee. She was immediately taken to her home across the street where the fracture was reduced by a local physician. She has a nurse and is receiving the best of care and attention but it will be several weeks before she will be able to sit up.

Frank Crosby, an aged inmate of the county poor farm of Nicollet County, disappeared May 15th and as yet has not been located. Crosby, who is about 80 years of age, first appeared in the Swan Lake neighborhood about thirty years ago. He was an eccentric individual, a recluse, and for some time lived in a shack on Brook's Island. For the last fifteen or twenty years he had been cared for in the county almshouse. Last Friday afternoon an employee at the poor farm saw Crosby walk into the woods north of the farm, on the shores of Swan Lake. When he did not return for supper Overseer Emil Menk became alarmed, and the following day a search was instituted. Last Tuesday and Wednesday Sheriff Aug. Olson took charge of the searching parties, but no trace of the missing man has been secured. It is feared that he has committed suicide by throwing himself into Swan Lake.

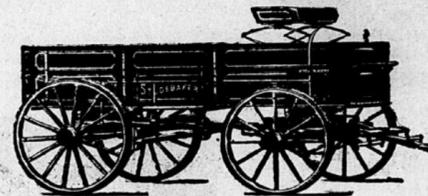
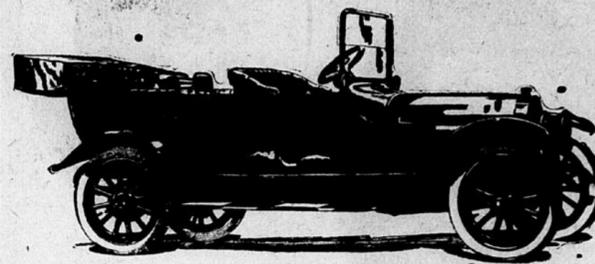
A dainty bride of last week was Miss Meta Falk who became Mrs. Wm. Ebert Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. J. Albrecht at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Ebert is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falk of this city and Mr. Ebert is a stone planer in the great stone mills of Bedford, Indiana. Besides the principals, the wedding party consisted of a maid of honor, Miss Eda Falk, and two bridesmaids, the Misses Elsa Falk and Hilda Blauert, the best man, Carl Pidde, and two ushers, Martin Dommer and George Meyer. Only relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony and partook of the wedding dinner following it. Mrs. Chas. Ebert, mother of the groom was present. The bride was gowned in white silk crepe di chine over messaline with an imported overdrap and garniture of pearls.

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She carried a shower bouquet of roses and valley lilies. The maid of honor wore flesh colored voile trimmed with shadow and gold thread lace and her flowers were pink roses. The bridesmaids both wore in green over pale pink with arm bouquets of pink carnations. For the dinner the house was decorated with red roses and cupids and hearts. The going-away gown was a dark tailor-made suit with hat to match. The young couple left Sunday afternoon for Chicago where they will spend some time before going on to their home at Bedford, where they expect to be settled down by the 20th of June.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

It was 25 years Friday since Fred Pfaender and his estimable wife plighted their troth at the John F. Neumann home but owing to the illness of their little daughter Therese, Mr. and Mrs. Pfaender decided to let this notable anniversary pass by without a celebration. But the event was not allowed to go unnoticed. Upon their return Friday afternoon from Meyer's Creek where they had gone for a drive they found their home on North Broadway in possession of members of their families who showered them with presents and good wishes and proceeded to make the occasion a memorable one. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hauser and Mrs. Chas. Albrecht of St. Paul came here expressly for the occasion and later some of the close friends of the family called and spent the evening. About 9 o'clock a band of six pieces gotten up by Capt. Jos. Hofmeister and Otto Zupfer tendered an enjoyable serenade.

MANLEY WILL NOT COME TO NEW ULM.

A. R. Manley who was selected by the City Council to superintend our city Light and Water plant writes the Review as follows:
Gentlemen:
You have doubtless been informed

that I decided that it would not be to my best interests to take the place as Superintendent of your City Electric Lighting Station.

I was very favorably impressed with your City and its people, and my decision to remain here was made almost entirely on account of financial reasons and not on account of any bad conditions there.

I trust that you will have no difficulty in securing a competent man and wish to thank the citizens I met and in particular the members of the City Council for their uniform courtesy. Regretting that circumstances will not permit me to become a member of your community, I am

Very Truly Yours,
A. L. Manley.

The fourth entry in the prize essay contest was received Monday and there is still time for four more. The more the merrier. No conditions attached. Any one who can write so it can be read may enter. Age, sex, color, race or previous condition of servitude no bar. But, remember to write only on one side of the paper and do not attach your own name to any portion of the copy. Use a pen name and enclose your own name on a separate sheet so that it need not be handed to the judges. And get it in before June 10th.

MARKET REPORT.

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New Wheat No. 1	88
" " No. 2	86
" " No. 3	83
Flour, Compass	100 to 2 75-3 00
" " Patent	2 60-2 90
" " Family	2 50-2 80
" " Bakers	2 25-2 50
" " Graham	2 05-2 30
" " Rye	2 50-2 80
Shorts	1 15
Bran	110
Oats	35
Barley	36-46
Rye	55
Flax	45
Corn	55-57
Chickenfeed	60
Potatoes, per Bushel	50-60
Butter, per lb.	25-30
Eggs, per dozen	15-16
Cows and Heifers 100 lb.	4 00-5 00
Steers	5 50-6 50
Calves	7 00-7 00
Sheep	8 00-4 00
Lambs	5 00-6 55
Hogs	7 20-7 40