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The first issue of the Madelia News reached us the past week. The editor, Will Y. Sanborn, was a former man from Madelia who has been in Washington for some years but decided to come back home and locate. The News is to be a six column, eight page paper and while Mr. Sanborn doesn't say so, we judge its political policy will be Republican.

International Dangers

Altho our Country is a republic and should at all times express the popular will, yet there are instances in which public servants can commit the country to a course of action which does not meet with the approval of a majority of the people. There is no question that the President of the United States can so shape international policies as to lead the country into war. President Wilson could have brought about an invasion of Mexico and also precipitated war between the United States and Germany by so shaping the course of events that Congress would have been obliged to support him. With so much power vested in one individual, too much preparedness becomes a positive menace. Backed by a big armament, a President may consider it a clever political stroke to maneuver things so that Congress will be forced to declare war. Especially would this be the case if a belligerent should happen to occupy the President's chair. There is where the danger of preparedness lies, and the people of this country should ponder well before they give their assent to a policy which will commit this country to the spirit of militarism.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SERVICE.

We acknowledge receipt of the following communication in reply to a recent editorial and publish the matter in full since it concerns the public. By making public the various suggestions as to conduct of the office a sentiment will be created in favor of the proposed reforms which will assist in securing them. This is also true of suggestions that Postmaster Pfaender may have to make to the public and when he has them worked out the Review columns will be open to their publication for the good of all concerned.

New Ulm, Minnesota, Nov. 22d, 1915.
Editor New Ulm Review,
City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your article "Improvements at the Federal Building" in your issue of the 17th inst., it seems proper that I should advise you as to what has been done and what may be done along the lines mentioned.

In regard to enlarging the lobby, the only way that can be done, is by removing the revolving door to the outside, as you say.

I took this matter up with the inspector last summer, but for the present he refused to recommend it. I shall keep on trying to get this improvement, and hope that the next time the inspector comes, we may be able to succeed.

In regard to the service at certain times of the day, I have tried to improve matters in this respect, but it is a very hard thing to do, as the public should remember that they are getting night service, and are very impatient about getting their letters and papers after nine o'clock in the evening when other offices are either closed entirely or have only one clerk on duty. This evening service requires three clerks on duty, and with the rule of eight hours of work "within ten", it is hard to remedy until we get more clerks, which we will get as soon as we are entitled to them.

In regard to the lounging in the lobby, I shall try my very best to put a stop to it, and have made up my mind to ask for the regular service of the Police for this purpose, as it seems to be impossible to get rid of the loungers otherwise.

As to the outside drop box, I understand there was one on the Center Street side of the building, which was removed by order of the inspector.

I shall find out upon his next visit whether it can be replaced. At this time it may also be proper for me to state, that for the holiday rush I shall try and get all the extra help that I can, in order to give prompt service, and in order to relieve the congestion at the

General Delivery and Stamp windows have arranged to use one of the Carrier windows as "Parcel Post Window".

I shall be glad to receive suggestions that may help to improve the service, and later on will work out some suggestions to the public, how they can, without inconvenience to themselves help greatly to improve the service.

In this way, it seems to me, that by and by the service at this office can be improved quite a little.

Respectfully,
Fred Pfaender,
Postmaster.

CAPITOL NEWS LETTER.

"Let the prosperous aid the needy," is the plea made by Governor Hammond in his Thanksgiving proclamation, issued this week. The Governor's proclamation is brief and to the point free from stereotyped and meaningless phrases often found in these documents. He says:

"The people of Minnesota have especial reason to give thanks to God for His blessings through and by which they have peace, contentment, and the material things necessary for their welfare and wholesome enjoyment. The riches of the state due to the fertility of its soil, the mineral deposits, the forests, the fish, the game, and much else, supplemented by industry and frugality, are ample for the needs and reasonable desires of all who dwell in it. Unfortunately some who possess more of the world's goods than they need, give too little heed to others who through misfortune or other cause have less than actual necessities demand and suffer. Will not the prosperous at this time look for those who are in want, relieve the distressed, help the fallen to rise, and bring hope and cheer to the disconsolate for the sake of Him who has given us so bountifully?"

"There are no unusual disturbances; tranquility prevails; and there is little of bitterness and strife leading neighbor to suspect neighbor of evil designs or section to oppose section.

"But greatest of all, our nation is at peace. In the midst of the greatest war the world has known, accompanied with the most awful loss of life and destruction of property and attended by all the grief, misery, and woe that so terrific a struggle can develop, America is at peace. Our hearts bleed with sympathy for the stricken ones. We pray that the terrible conflict may end. We are thankful that we have been spared the catastrophe that has come upon so many of the great nations of the world.

"So it is especially fitting that we should set apart a day for Thanksgiving, and I do hereby as Governor of Minnesota proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1915, as Thanksgiving day, and I earnestly call upon the people of our commonwealth on that day to meet at their usual places of worship in order that they may render thanks to Almighty God for the manifold blessings we enjoy."

Governor Hammond has issued a call for an All-Minnesota convention to be held at the State Capitol, Wednesday, December 1. The purpose of this meeting is to unite the activities of all the organizations working for the development of various sections of the state in support of a program of state development which will be of benefit to the whole state. Each county will be asked to send three delegates, to represent all the commercial clubs, farmers' clubs and similar organizations in the county. The Southern Minnesota Better Development association, the West Central Development association, the Northern Minnesota Development association and the Red River Valley Development league have also been invited to send delegates and the members of the state immigration commission have been invited to attend.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR ASSESSORS.

Nearly 2,500 assessors in all counties of the state will receive instructions during visits of the Minnesota tax commission members to be made in February, March and April. The itinerary of the visitors was made public Saturday by H. A. S. Ives, secretary of the commissions.

The law requires that one or more members of the commission shall visit at least half of the counties annually and shall visit every county at least once in two years. The three commissioners, Samuel Lord, J. D. Armon and J. T. Hale, and the secretary, will make the instruction visits, each being assigned a number of counties.

The commission will visit Brown County, holding a meeting at the court house, New Ulm, March 16th, Blue Earth County, Feb. 29th, Nicollet Co., March 15th and they will visit Watonwan County, Feb. 1st, Redwood County, March 17th.



New Somsen Building Corner Minn. and 1st North

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he was ably assisted by A. J. Vogel and George L. Schmidt. It was nearly 12 o'clock when the last members hied themselves homeward. During the course of the evening about 100 of the members dropped in. No doubt more would have been there but for the fire which kept quite a number away.

The suite of the Commercial Club consists of four rooms exclusive of cloak and toilet and telephone rooms. The two rooms fronting on Minnesota Street are small, cozy places, one for small parties who wish to spend an hour at cards. It is fitted with card table and chairs. The other small room has a number of comfortable rockers and easy chairs and is suitable for half a dozen persons to carry on a more or less private conversation, or transact committee business.

J. F. ARMSTRONG



New Member of Club Directorate

The other two rooms are very large, the one at the rear which is the billiard room being 23 feet wide by about 20 the other way. It contains two billiard tables, several small stands placed about the room for the convenience of the players, a number of spectators' chairs and the cue racks. The fourth room which is the general assembly room is carpeted and more luxuriously furnished in general, with leather upholstered chairs and settee in warm brown tints, a large reading table and other items which add to the comfort and convenience without getting in the way of the club members. The whole arrangement, in fact, has had this last idea in mind, and the rooms have the appearance of being somewhat empty, which is the masculine ideal of furnishing a place in which he is to be comfortable. This assembly room is about 17 feet wide by 30 feet long and at the side of it are the telephone and cloak rooms while the

Miss Dorothy Sieburg of Fairmont has been visiting for several days with Miss Marie Rolwes. She left for her home yesterday.

Mrs. T. Collins, accompanied by her daughter Miss Margaret, went to Rochester last week to consult the Mayo's with regard to Mrs. Collins' health. They returned Friday after being told that an operation would not be advisable. Wm. Collins who has been here during his mothers' illness left for the West Saturday.

Mrs. F. H. Krook received a telephone message last Thursday from her sister, Mrs. W. L. Goodrich, in Minneapolis, telling her that Mr. Goodrich had died very suddenly that afternoon. He had gone to his drug store in the morning as usual but had returned home feeling poorly and in the afternoon passed away, apparently of heart failure. Mrs. Goodrich was Camilla Hirsch before her marriage. There are three children in the family. No word had been received at this writing as to the funeral but it was supposed that the remains would be taken to Michigan for interment, as Mr. Goodrich's people reside there.

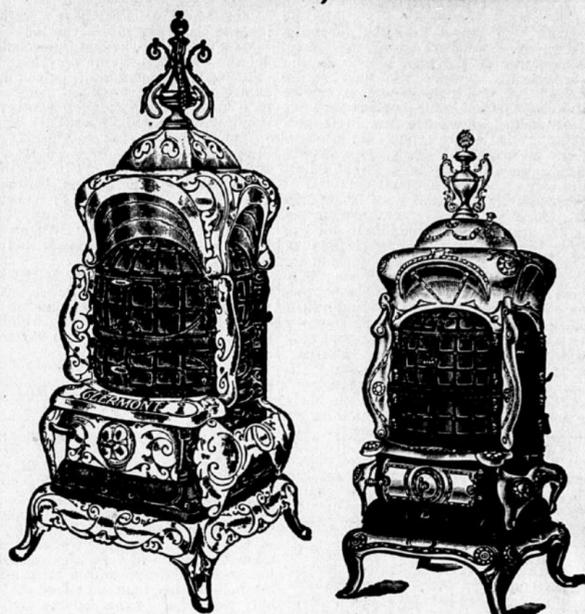
toilet and lavatory are off the Billiard room.

The rooms are all very light and airy with 11 foot ceilings and numerous windows. The woodwork is in mahogany finish and the walls are very light in tone with the lights close to the ceiling in the assembly rooms and swinging globes with green shades over the billiard tables.

The present officers of the club are G. A. Ottomeyer, Pres.; J. A. Ochs, Vice Pres.; Sec-Treas., William F. Meile; Directors, Charles Vogel, Henry N. Somsen, A. H. Stork and J. F. Armstrong.

The building in which the new Club Rooms are located was erected by Henry N. Somsen after he found that the building formerly on the corner would not stand the repairs he wished to make on it. Work was begun on the place early in the summer and it progressed rapidly to a finish, the contract work being in the hands of Heers and Cordes. The building has a frontage of 23 ft., 10 in. on Minnesota Street and extends back along First North Street a distance of 80 ft. 6 inches, without the cement porch which is 16 ft. additional. The first floor was finished for the purpose of being occupied by the Columbia Clothing Company and makes a very fine new home for them. The front elevation is 24 ft. and the material used is a fine brick.

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Thursday, December 2nd

1915

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OF THE YEAR TO BE THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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H. O. SCHLEUDER, JEWELER.

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