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An anniversary edition on the occasion of the rounding out of fifty years of its existence was published by the Anoka Union last week and it is without question the most expensive paper ever printed in the state. It was printed on a tinted enameled book paper and contained several hundred halftone cuts of business men of prominence in the state. Granville S. Pease, nestor of Minnesota editors, has been the editor and publisher of the Union for the past fifty years.

In this everlasting chase for the nickels and dimes to transform them into almighty dollars, men are prone to forget that the human race is made up of individuals whose rights are equal to their own. We are prone to forget when we refer to the plutocracy of the world that our lives and acts are not so free from criticism when held up to the light of unbiased judgment. If many of us were to take council with ourselves we would find the most startling evidence of the presence of that self-same germ which we denounce as being the disease of the present-day blue-bloods of America—that greed for more. We race on in our daily business pursuits with a homicidal disregard of the next man in line and if need be push away from the trough others with ambitions similar to our own. We say we are prone to forget those whom we regard as our equals upon the stadia of business and society, but in this respect we possess, for the laudable purpose of making more, the one redeeming feature of combining our efforts with those similarly situated. We see in others the image of ourselves and gradually come to the realization that others are not so bad as we imagined and we are worse than our self-esteem had permitted us to acknowledge. We combine and co-operate until at last we have reached the summit of our ambitions. We have become a power in the business world; the praise of our fellow citizens, lauding us for our progressive business spirit, is sweet music to our ears; by judicious investments we have acquired a competence and we anticipate the wishes of our loved ones at home with lavish abandon. But what has been the cost? Who, during all the years when we were co-operating and combining with others of our class, were the ones from whom we exacted daily tribute by the sweat of their brow? What has become of those scores who during the years of our activity have labored incessantly for a pittance, while we have amassed a snug fortune? You will find the answer in the hovel of the class below; that same hovel which has sheltered misery for all these years and is sheltering misery still. Families have been raised in these hovels,

so that at some future period our heirs may have victims to exploit. The cost of our success has been the crushing of every hope and ambition in the class below. We close our eyes to the anguish and sometimes hunger this class has suffered and with swelling chest add insult to injury by holding ourselves up to them as examples of what they might have been had they taken the same course.

## General Dissatisfaction Over Primary Law

Opposition to the primary law as at present constituted is becoming general all over the state, nearly all the progressive newspapers conducting an editorial page lambasting this freak legislation at every turn. The latest to fall into line is the Farm, Stock and Home, which no doubt felt out its readers carefully and therefore expresses the sentiment of a large class of voters. The article follows: "The rather amazing results of the voters' use of the direct primary is working out to a desirable end. One of the obvious weaknesses of this new system is that it permits any man with a few dollars in his pocket to get his name on the preliminary ballot and for any office from dog-catcher to president. A further weakness is that when a nonentity has filed he is certain to receive a considerable number of votes, and under conditions that can easily be imagined he might even secure the nomination for office. "This brings into sharp relief one very real fault of our present elective system viz.; the extreme length of the ballot and our predilection for voting for offices regarding which we as individuals know little, and for candidates regarding whose fitness for such offices we know even less. If the reader will recall the last presidential election he will remember the extreme length of the ballot, the large number of offices to be filled and the still larger number of names from which selection must be made in a few brief minutes. Theoretically this work of selection has been carefully done before hand; practically, it is impossible for any average citizen to cast an intelligent vote for more than a few of the candidates in question. The erroneous theory that the power of the voter to elect a list of officials is proof of his direct control of the government has been fostered by the office holders themselves until the list has grown so long that a man of mediocre ability or even no fitness at all frequently slips into an important administrative position. The fact that a certain candidate in the Northwest bears the same name as another well-known political figure has given this candidate thousands of votes in previous campaigns and undoubtedly will do so again. This is no criticism of the intelligence of the American voter; it is merely stating the obvious fact that the ballot is already entirely too long and that instead of making the officers elected responsible to the voters, as was intended, it has exactly the opposite effect. The remedy does not consist in discarding the direct primary, but rather in shortening the ballot. This will largely do away with the freak candidacies that are now such an annoying feature of the primary campaign, and if necessary, supplementary legislation can no doubt set a limit to the ambitions of men who have no further qualifications for office than a pocketbook and a yearning."

Managers of the county fair to be held at Gaylord evidently are of the opinion that the cheapest way to get music for the event is to advertise a band concert with prizes amounting to \$300, just about the right price to pay a first class band for a day's work. The smaller bands of the neighborhood will no doubt attend, but the big musical organizations will not be tempted with a chance to win the first prize of \$150 and stand a chance to lose a day's work and spend \$100 in railroad fare.

Shoe-blackening owes its peculiar aromatic odor, faintly suggestive of the deep woods where spruce or hemlock needles pad the ground, to an oil which is manufactured from these same kinds of needles. Similar oils are obtained from the foliage and small twigs of various cone-bearing trees, and find use for a number of purposes. In Europe the finer of these oils are used extensively as perfume in soap.

The following interesting notice, signed by the village marshal, appeared in one of our neighboring exchanges: "I have been instructed by the village council to enforce the ordinance against chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

Love is blind, 'tis said, but the worst case of stigmatism is cured when the honeymoon is over.

The monuments of British humanity are found in Ireland on the graves of murdered patriots.

Deliberation and conference are the only ways of getting to the bottom of any problem.

Vice and virtue often meet in daily life and the problem generally is to keep them apart.

Some people can't live alongside of each other without getting after each other.

The Irish revolutionists are dead. Long live the Irish revolutionists!

The doctor who said that autoing was conducive to health no doubt meant this for the pedestrians who are kept on the jump and get the benefit of the exercise.

As the wife is considered the husband's better half there can't be very much left of the fellow who marries a second time.

On account of the shortage of paper the exchange of notes between governments ought to be cut down.

Whoever will tell us what is going to become of the Mexican tangle will be considered the equal of the biblical prophets.

The proverbial thirty cents look mighty big just now when gasoline sells for that price per gallon.

Billy Sunday refused to speak from the same platform with Teddy Roosevelt. Afraid of competition?

Truth is mighty, but as a general rule does not prevail in the reports on the European war.

There is no place like home because it is the origin of everything that is good and true.

A floating debt has been the cause of many of our cities getting into deep water.

He loved and lost, is an old saying, but sometimes he is better off than the fellow who won out.

'Tis a whole lot easier to make a bad condition worse than to better a good condition.

Some people's conception of business is limited to juggling the first and last letters.

Bitter medicine, like bitter experiences, often are the best remedies.

Some people borrow trouble in order to pass it on someone else.

It is never too late to blame others for the mistakes you make.

The straw hat has again come into its own.

Prejudice is the daughter of ignorance.

Thawing a little these days.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NOTES

Mrs. H. F. Krook and daughter Amy left for Minneapolis yesterday to spend some time visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Katherina Schroeck, who has been visiting at the home of her children in Minneapolis during the past winter, has returned to New Ulm and expects to remain for the balance of the summer.

Considerable excitement was caused in the vicinity of Mapleton last week when the report spread that several cases of the foot and mouth disease had made their appearance in a large herd of cattle recently shipped in. Investigation proved the fears groundless, however, although the malady discovered closely resembled the dreaded cattle disease.

Consolidation of four rural school districts with the Comfrey district was decided upon at the recent school election by a vote of 115 for and 60 votes against. This is the first case of consolidation of schools in Brown county, but now that the start has been made it is expected that others similarly situated will follow suit.

A novel way of drawing trade to the town in the evening is being tried out by the village of Vernon Center in Blue Earth county. The merchants have agreed to keep their stores open every Thursday evening for the benefit of the farmers who cannot leave their farm work during the daytime. Several of the stores are announcing special sales as further attractions. In return for the added time put in by the clerks, the stores are closed Saturday afternoons.

An insane person, who was being treated at the St. James Sanatorium, stepped into a St. James barber shop Tuesday of last week and demanded a shave. When the barber turned his back the fellow grabbed a razor and began slashing his own throat, at the same time threatening everybody else. A doctor who happened to know the demented man happened along and succeeded in subduing him before he had done great damage to himself. Several customers were in the shop at the time, but did not wait for the call "next".

An Iowa paper asks why it would not be a good plan to give back to the farms one rod of the road on each side as soon as the roads were brought to grade and graveled? There is no need of a road four rods wide if the road is good. Land is too valuable to waste. The provision that the unused part of the highway revert to the land owner adjoining would encourage him in assisting to put the remaining two rods in shape to travel over. Back in the old days, when prairie sod made the top coating on the road, it frequently happened that a space even more than four rods got cut up, but we are supposed to be past those days, and as fast as the roads are put in shape the width can be legitimately cut down.

## VIEWS AND REVIEWS

The primary law seems to have taken the "pep" out of the Minnesota elections. Not in the memory of man has there been as peaceful a "hustling" as there has been in the year 1916. Ask the average citizen who he is going to vote for and outside of the governor and perhaps the senatorial proposition he has not the faintest idea who the candidates are.—*Lake Wilson Pilot.*

The benefits of the reform, "rule-of-the-people" laws are great! Nit.

Over in Rice county Herman Roe, of the Northfield News, is going to try and get himself elected to the legislature. It won't do! He might find out what is really going on in the legislature and then publish it in his paper. This would indeed be a disaster.—*Le Sueur Center Democrat.*

For Roe or his readers?

If the wireless telephone ever comes into general use it will be cruelty to the neighborhood. No listening on the wires.—*Mankato Ledger.*

John must be on a party line.

"You can't kill a germ by freezing it" we are told. This scientific fact accounts for the existence of some young men, after repeated meals of "cold shoulder" by the opposite sex.—*Redwood Gazette.*

Did you tell him this is leap year?

A man may be a success in the business world and accumulate riches but if he has done nothing to aid and benefit his neighbor and advance the community in which he lived, it should not be said of him that he made a success in life. On the contrary, he has been a miserable failure—a mere selfish individual seeking only selfish gain.—*Inter-Lake Tribune.*

Still the woods are full of that kind of birds.

A northern Minnesota man has been arrested for stealing a locomotive engine. His chance of acquittal would be better had he stolen a whole railroad.—*Springfield Free Press.*

Or looted the state treasury.

No thank you, our opinion concerning the primary law is not what it was once. We are satisfied the people do not have a preference at all, only a privilege—a privilege to vote for someone who by either begging, borrowing or stealing, obtained money enough to nominate themselves—the people have nothing whatever to do with it. Even the worst criticisms ever hurled at the convention system are not equal to that which can truthfully be charged against the present Minnesota primary law. Give us a change, by all means.—*Windom Citizen.*

Criticisms like the above must stop. According to Frank Day they must be confined to a few "disgruntled politicians."

Its the most natural thing in the world for Frank Eddy and J. Adam Bede to work for Kellogg. It is said Kellogg will loosen up \$100,000 for the campaign.—*Heron Lake News.*

Kellogg's services in the Senate will be worth more than that—to the trusts.

Many of the members of the New Mexico and Arizona National Guard must belong to the yellow striped class. They have absolutely refused to volunteer to defend their states against an invasion by Mexicans. A fine lot of "dubs" they must be!—*Mankato Free Press.*

They were perfectly willing to defend their states from foreign invasion, but refused to take the oath which would have forced them to invade Mexico. Tell the truth, Joe.

## DID HE GET THE RAISE?

A young gentile who had been working for a Hebrew clothier for some time and whose wages were rather scant, thought he was deserving of a raise in salary and accordingly broached the subject to his employer who spake thus: "You wants a raise hey, vat for?" "In the year der ish . . . . . XX In the year der ish . . . . . 365 days You work 8 hours a day consequently you works only 1-3 of de time or . . . . . 121 days but der ish to come out o' dat yet Sundays . . . . . 52 " vich leafs . . . . . 69 " den you haf 1-2 of every Saturday vich iss . . . . . 26 " dis leafs . . . . . 43 " Den you haf 1 hours for lunch effry day vich amounts to . . . . . 15 " und dot leafs . . . . . 28 " Each year I gif you two weeks vacation . . . . . 14 " und dat leafs . . . . . 14 " Dere ish in der year holidays . . . . . 12 " vich leafs . . . . . 2 " und any dam fool knows der ish two Jewish Holidays . . . . . 2 " vich leafs noddings. Now why in Moses' name do you want a raise? . . . . . 0 "

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