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MEMORIAL DAY FOR CITY'S PIONEERS

FIRST SETTLERS ARRIVED IN NEW ULM 65 YEARS AGO, OCTOBER 7th.

JUNIOR PIONEERS ARRANGE BANQUET AT TURNER HALL.

Tuesday, October 7th, will be a memorial day of special importance in the history of this community. On that day, 65 years will have passed since the arrival of the first pioneers in this neigborhood. They settld in the Town of Milford and laid the foundation there for the future developments in civic and agricultural lines, which we are now witnessing in this territory. Two of the very first settlers are still living, Peter Mack of Milford and Mrs. Hembsih of St. Paul.

Arrange For Banquet.

Following a time-honored custom the Junior Pioneers of New Ulm are making arrangements to honor the old Pioneers still living by giving a banquet at Turner Hall. The Junior Pioneers also will take part in this celebration. A special committee has been appointed to take charge of the preparations. Members of this committee are Alfred A. Schlumpberger, John H. Weddendorf, Alfred J. Vogel and Dr. Emil Mueller, assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. Carl Crone, Sr., Mrs. George Marti, Mrs. Bertha Fenske and Miss Bertha Pfeiffer and Miss Lydia Schilling. Several meetings have been held and it is reported that the arrangements are well under way.

According to present plans, the piothe Turner Hall around 4 o'clock in the townsite of New Ulm in 1855. afternoon for an informal social meeting.

The Program.

cultities he had to contend with.

rendered during the course of the supper. All old and junior pioneers are expected to take part. Assurance is given that everybody will enjoy a pleasant evening.

Annual Meeting. The Junior Pioneers will hold their annual meeting at the close of the banquet. Plans for future work will be discussed. Officers will read their annual reports and new officers will be elected.

During the year just nearing its close the Junior Pioneers have gained 50 new members. A Home Coming celebration has been held with great success and several other achievements of the organization prove that it is always willing to do something for the development of the city.

NIGHT CLASSES TO OPEN.

School Superintendent H. C. Hess in the New Ulm High School will be commenced in the near future. Application for participation in these studies can be completed. The subjects taught are American history and government and American language in the science department and typewriting and shorthand in the commercial department.

of Western Germany. Mr. Winkel- his normal state of mind when he remann was with the sixth division, sta- turned from his service in the army. tioned at Weibern, Rheinish Province, when he was made a member of this his departure from home, at Mountain state treasurer and adjutant general, famous aggregation of American sol- Lake. He was riding a pony of grey or and it is believed that the necessary diers. Although they were extensive- steel grey color, a veritable Don Quixote funds can be raised to begin making ly used in parades in Coblenz, Paris on his famous Rosinante. He wore payments in about three months, around and London, it is the opinion of the a blue serge coat, khaki trousers, Army men in the regiment that this formation shirt and cowboy style hat. On his was made up mainly for the purpose of way to Mountain Lake he passed appropriated for this purpose by taxainducing other American boys to enter through Comfrey where he was seen tion at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year for military life.

Pvt. Winkelmann saw actual service at the battle front for about two weeks.

drive. After the signing of the armistice they were stationed at Verdun, in reserve positions, and later on were sent back into France for training purposes. In May they were sent to Coblenz on the Rhine.

Judging from his own observations Mr. Winkelmann believes that the Germans are rapidly recovering from the terrible sufferings of the war although the effects of the British-American hunger blockade among the poor women and children will be noticeable for some time, he thinks. In farming like in many other things they are way ahead of the French, Mr. Winkelmann says They produce three times the amount of products the French do on the same piece of ground, although at present they are forced to use oxen instead of horses the latter having been requisitioned by the government during the

Mr. Winkelmann is an experienced plumber by trade and he again will enter the services of Chas. Emmerich for whom he worked when he left New Ulm for army service.

TABLET IN MEMORY OF SURVEYOR YOLK

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRANT REQUEST OF JUNIOR PIONEERS.

TUBERCULOSIS SUFFERS TO RECEIVE TREATMENT AT COUNTY'S EXPENSE.

A memorial tablet in honor of H. Volk, surveryor, will be erected in the Brown County Court house by the Junior Pioneers of New Ulm. Mr. neers will gather in the small room at Volk made the original survey of the

memory of county surveyor H. Volk September 24th, by Capt. Albert Stein- I. W. W. who designed the city project will be hauser, president of the organization. presented to the county commissioners. Mr. Steinhauser asked permission of Fritz Fritsche of Nicollet countp will the Board to place the tablet in the act, feeling that he has done everything ing plants and other marketing faciliber 7th.

Receive County Aid.

the County Board at the same meeting. In regard to the case of Emil Roloff a resolution was passed saying that he is affiicted with tuberculosis, that he resided in Minnesota during the year 1918, that he is unable to pay the charges for his maintenance and care at the State Sanatorium and is without near relatives legally liable therefor and able to pay for his maintenace in said institution. It was therefore, resolved by the Board that the man be sent to the State Sanatorium and that the charges for his care and maintenance be paid by this county.

Another case was that of Hans Norsby, BONUS DUE AROUND CHRISTof the village of Hanska. Commissioner John M. Johnson informed the Board that Mr. Norsby who isafflicted with tuberculosis has returned home announces that the night school classes from Thomas hospital where he received treatment for some time. The recommendation of Mr. Johnson that the man be sent to the Riverside Sanahave to be made to Mr. Hess. This torium at Granite Falls, for further session provides an apropriation of should be as soon as possible so arrange- treatment was granted by the Commis- \$20,000,000 for the payment of the ments for the beginning of the classes sioners the charges to be paid by the bonuses. Each soldier is to receive county.

LOSES MENTAL BALANCE.

Sheriff Wm. J. Julius has promised a reward of \$10.00 for information of ONE OF "PERSHING'S OWN." the whereabouts of William M. Jenkins. of Springfield. This young man, who Pvt. Albert Winkelmann, one of the is 23 years of age, left home on Tuesday, latest arrivals from overseas service, September 23rd and, in the opinion of was a member of "Pershing's Own" the Sheriff, is on his way to some Iowa regiment. The men in this regiment point. He is mentally deranged and were all six feet tall and were picked imagines that he is a Jesse James or of tuition will be deducted from the from the divisions in the occupied area bad man. It is said that he had lost

Jenkins was last seen the day after Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jos. Land, of Sleepy Eye was in Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wellner, of of November during the Meuse-Argonne securing medical attention.

EAST AROUSED BY BIG STEEL STRIKE

CHALLENGED BY WORKERS . IN STRUGGLE.

LABOR'S PARTICIPATION POLITICS WILL GROW, IS PREDICTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C.-All observers in the East consider the steel strike an event of first magnitude. The whole world of eastern industry holds its breath over the possible outcome. In a special sense it is a struggle between the old order and the new.

The great steel trust broke up the unions of American workers over a generation ago. Native labor was gradually replaced by workers lured from the farms and towns of southern Europe. With this raw material the trust has been able to exercise an autocracy over the livelihood of its employes comparable At the same time the trust fastens its it operates from Pennsylvania to Minnesota.

Rapidly increasing costs of living in an organized way. have forced these ordinarily docile employes to challenge this old order, as the farmers of Minnesota have challenged it with a tonnage tax on iron ore. They have tried to organize, and now they strike first for the right to organize for better conditions.

The organization has followed traditional federation of labor methods. Consequently observers see in it a test of these methods and the springing up of different types of labor organizations The motive of this action by the in case of failure. Labor participation At 5 o'clock, the memorial plate dedi- Junior Pioneers was explained at a special in politics will grow; so also will the one cated by the Junior Pioneers to the meeting of the County Commissioners, big union sentiment as preached by the

Private Warfare Allowed.

deliver an interesting talk on the work Court House. This request was grant- possible to prevent the break. The done by Mr. Volk and the many diffi- ed by the Commissioners and Comfact that the United States Constitution, people such state operation becomes missioners J. P. Graff and Henry J. however, is being violated in Pennsyl-After this ceremony the pioneers and Meyer were appointed as a committee vania by refusal to allow workmen the junior pioneers will sit down at the to represent the county, and to receive right of assemblage and by brutal asbanquet table. A program of speeches, the gift when it is officially turned over saults of gunmen on unarmed workers, recitations and musical numbers will be by the Junior Pioneers, Tuesday, Octo- would indicate that the administration Two cases of tuberculosis came before on state authorities. If workingmen were rioting it would not take the federal government long to see that the law was upheld, as in the case of the Chicago riots in 1892.

If, on the other hand, the workers had voted for men of their own kind ballots would not now be coming back and suspension of law. It almost passes understanding that even old-party officeholders can allow private warfare to be waged by the great corporations.

MAS.

Discharged Soldiers and Sailors Will Receive Their Payments In About Three Months.

The soldier bonus bill passed by the Minnesota legislature at its special \$15 per month for every month he was in the service. Women in the military service of the country will receive the same amount. The minimum payment under the bill will be \$50, it being held that, even though a man saw but one month of service, his business affairs necessarily were disrupted to some degree. Provision is made in the bill that in cases where the state has paid tuition for soldiers, as provided in the bill passed last winter, such payments

Board to Make Payments.

Payments of bonuses will be made by a board composed of the state auditor, Christmas time.

It is planned to raise the \$20,000,000 ten years.

a son, who arrived recently.

ISSUE STATEMENT TO THEIR VOTERS

INDUSTRIAL AUTOCRACY IS FARMER LEGISLATORS REPORT ON WORK IN SPECIAL SESSION.

> TELL OF VICTORY IN TONNAGE TAX CONTROVERSY: SAVE PRIMARY LAW.

To the Members of the National Nonof Minnesota:

We, the members of the legislature indorsed by the National Nonpartisan high cost of living has had no other league and elected by the people in effect except to reduce the price paid November, 1918, take this opportunity to the farmers for their products. In of congratulating you upon the wholesome influence you have exerted upon the legislative body in this state since the regular session last winter...

The evidence that the legislators WANTS TO DEBATE have harkened to your voice on some important propositions are many. The refusal of the legislature to pass any to nothing found in mere political forms. of the bills changing the election laws and the passage of the tonnage tax tentacles on the federal government and bill through both houses of the legisthe government of every state where lature indicate that you have been heard from. You have for once demonstrated your influence when acting

In this connection, we want to review briefly the efforts we have made to enact the League program into law, and especially our efforts to enact the tonnage tax. We, as your representatives, have aimed at all times to carry and bargain collectively and beyond that out the mandates of the people as expressed in the program on which we were elected.

Bills for Whole Program.

During the regular session last winter we introduced measures covering practically every point in the League program. A portion of this program requires changes in the constitution. A bill for constitutional amendment was accordingly introduced permitting the state to engage in the operation Wilson declares he has decided not to of terminal elevators, flour mills, packties whenever in the judgment of the necessary to protect the people against exploitation by speculators and gambers in food products.

We introduced also such other measures as could be enacted into law at not enough to put the responsibility the most important was the tonnage branded those citizens of Gibbon who did creating the following funds: tax. This bill provided for a 10 per not share his ultra-patriotic views in cent tax on the net profits of companies engaged in ore production. The evident fairness of this measure is such as to obviate the necessity for ing the League of Nations. But in doing comment or explanation. After con- so he did not express the sentiments of siderable time had been spent in pub- the returned soldiers of Gibbon. Of

instead of old-party politicians, their lic hearings and general discussion 42 veterans present only 4 expressed the committee finally reported out the themselves in harmony with Mr. Boock's to them in the form of clubs, bullets League (Welch) bill without recommendation. As is now well known the League bill was lost in the house by two votes.

Tonnage Tax Victory.

At the opening of the special session the Leaguers introduced another tonnage tax bill essentially the same as the one introduced at the regular session. Mr. Bendixen also reintroduced his bill practically the same as it had been introduced at the regular session and embodying the main features of the League bill. Both bills were introduced at the same time, but it happened that the speaker presented the Bendixen bill first, thus putting it ahead of the League bill for con-

sideration by the house. The League members had decided to support whichever bill came up first and when they discovered that the Bendixen bill had been put ahead of their own, they supported Mr. Bendixen's motion to suspend the rules This motion, requiring a two-thirds 5th. vote, was lost. All League members then supported the motion to make the Bendixen bill a special order. They had fully determined that nothing should stand in the way of passing tonnage tax it had been heralded all over the country legislation at this session. As a result the Bendixen bill passed the house by an mands for its out-of-town presentation overwhelming vote, 101 to 22.

Incidentally, we call your attention when Castle & Call should sent it on to the change in front on the part of tour. It duplicated its success at the many who opposed such legislation Cort Theatre, Chicago, during its six last winter. We take this as evidence month's capacity engagement there. that they had heard the protests of New York held a tournament of adthe people and feared the political jectives over "FAIR AND WARMER," consequences if they again defeated each striving for emphasis to describe this measure. The overwhelming vote how funny it really was. These reviews in the house made a profound impression on the senate, and in spite of the so that "FAIR AND WARMER" determined opposition of the old guard needs now no further introduction. the bill was forced through the senate | Castle & Call present it here with an at the end of October and the beginning New Ulm last week for the purpose of Lafayette township are the parents of by a vote of 38 to 28, and the people would now be enjoying the benefits of new scenic investure.

this much-needed legislation had it not been for the veto of Governor Burnquist.

Primary Saved.

We also take pride in having been instrumental in defeating the attempt on the part of the politicians to tamper with the election laws. At the very hour the senate was passing the tonnage tax bill the house was voting overwhelming to defeat the assault on the primary election laws. The opposition and the press of the state generally attribute both of these results to the work of the Nonpartisan league.

But neither the passage of the tonnage tax nor the saving of the primary will solve the high cost of living, the problem now engrossing the public attention. Something more fundamentpartisan League and the People al has to be done to remedy the economic ills that now afflict society. Up to the present the campaign against the

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

EX-CONGRESSMAN E. LUNDEEN CHALLENGES MR. BOOCK, OF FARIBAULT.

WAS ATTACKED BY LATTER AT HOME COMING FETE AT GIBBON.

The citizens of Gibbon had been greatly disappointed. They invited John Boock, of Faribault, former representative of Sibley County, to preside at the marines. This was done in order to Ulm were by the talk Julius Schmahl state board of relief. held here at the time of the Home Coming celebration.

Attacks New Ulm.

every respect as un-American. Further he was not satisfied with the way ex-Congressman Ernest Lundeen is attackviews.

The attacks of Mr. Boock on Mr. Lundeen have been answered with a challenge by the latter. Mr. Lundeen challenges Mr. Boock to debate the the 1913 law directing a tax of 1.23 merits and emerits of the League at mills as the state school tax besides Gibbon and the members of the American Club at Gibbon have notified Mr. Boock school purposes. who now lives at Faribault. In his letter to the citizens of Gibbon Mr. extend the school tax on all real and Lundeen says in case Mr. Boock is personal property assessed for the curwilling to let Great Britain have six rent year. votes in the League of Nationsr the American one he should follow his hearts desire and go to great Britain. He calls teachers' insurance and retirement fund Boocks attitude as un-American and in addition to 2.82 mills state tax levy pro-foreign and draws the conclusion

"FAIR AND WARMER."

Castle & Call will present the extraordinary farce success, "FAIR AND WARMER," Avery Hopwood's topmost achievement in mirthmaking at and put the bill on its passage at once. the Turner Theatre on Sunday, Oct.

> This delectable bubbling farce, with uncountable laughs in its three acts, ran so long and so profitably in New York that before the end of its first six months as the farce hit of its decade and dehad poured in to insure its welcome were echoed in the out-of-town press

> admirable company of farceurs, and

BIG INCREASE IN STATE TAX LEVY

INE STATE

LARGE APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY LEGISLATURE TO BE MET BY CASH.

8.14 MILLS IS RATE ANNOUNCED BY STATE AUDITOR ON SATURDAY.

Minnesota state taxes next year will be the heaviest in the history of the State. the new rate is 8.10 mills, according to an announcement by State Auditor Preus, last Saturday. The auditor stated this would provide a fund of \$14,176.465. The total amount to be raised for state expenses is \$26940.495. The remainder needed will be raised by gross earnings taxes, license fees,

In 1917 the levy was but 5.8 mills. County Auditor Louis G. Vogel was notified of the new state rate Tuesday.

Appropriations by the 1919 legislature call for 5.67 mills of the new rate and the acts of previous sessions for 2.43 mills.

War Expenses Reflected.

War expenses are reflected in the state rate, the new rate which breaks all records for high levels, having been approached only by the six mill rate of 1865 at the end of the Civil war. The lowest Minnesota rate was 2.7 in 1910; the 1918 rate 3.5, and the 1917 rate of 5.8 mills. Taxes for state purposes only to be collected next year will be more than double the current

The Appropriations Are \$65,985,027.

Appropriations by the 1919 legislature, in regular and special session, Home Coming celebration at Gibbon are estimated at \$65,985,027. The in honor of the returned soldiers and principal items are \$32,510,027 of regular appropriations for state activities show Mr. Boock that the citizens of during the two year period, the soldiers' Gibbon had no bad feelings against bonus fund of \$20,000,000, with a \$5,him. But Mr. Boock showed in his 000,000 added for interest, a Univeraddress to the soldiers that he did not sity of Minnesota fund of \$5,650,000, understand the spirit of the people of the state forest fire relief commission Gibbon and they were disappointed in fund of \$2,225,000, and \$600,000, ina similar degree as the citizens of New terest included for the newly created

The Funds Created.

Certifications to county auditors place the rate of taxation to delray vario In speaking to the soldiers Mr. Boock state expenses for the ensuing year at is not so neutral as supposed. It is the present time. Among these latter attacked New Ulm's patriotism and also 6.82 mills under 1913 and 1919 laws

	Tax	Rate,
Fund—		Mills.
State revenue		3.3
Soldiers relief		.1
State road and bridge		1.00
Soldiers bonus		1.75
Historical society building		01
Itasca State park		.01
National Guard armory		.03
State Board of relief		.05
Forest fire relief		
University buildings		
T 1107		

In addition, attention is called to the local 1 mill and special taxes for

Auditors are required to levy and

Another special levy of .05 of 1 mill is ordered under the 1915 law for the and 1.23 mills state school and univerthat he does not belong in this country. sity tax levy. This latter tax does not apply in the larger cities maintaining their own teachers' pension and insurance fund.

MERCURY PLAYS PRANKS.

An exceptionally great range of degrees in temperature was experienced last Friday in New Ulm and Southern Minnesota. Our citizens woke up in the morning to feel a touch of winter, and a strong south-west wind, but around noon the wind, although still quite strong, changed into a veritable July breeze causing the thermometer to rise to a regular summer record. At 7 a. m. the thermometer registered 46 degrees, and by 5 p. m. it had risen to 80. Saturday also was a compartively warm and sunny day.

Miss Clara Steffen has returned home from a visit at Sleepy Eye. Miss Ida Belz of Sleepy Eye is visiting with her.

A new public school building will be erected in Lafayette during the coming year. All necessary arrangements are being made now so that work can be commenced immediately in the