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"PREPAREDNESS"—BUT

A copy of the New Bedford (Conn.) Sunday Standard of Jan. 16th finds its way to our exchange table, and from its appearance we judge it to be a daily of wide circulation and influence. We are much pleased with its position on river and harbor legislation, which is given as follows in an editorial:

"Just as in cities, aldermen are expected to get things for their wards, so in the nation congressmen are expected to get things for their districts; and so long as that theory is honored, waterway improvements are bound to be wasteful and poorly planned. The nation's funds for this purpose should be expended according to a national plan, from a national, instead of a district, point of view.

"Cost what they may, properly planned river and harbor improvements are worth while. They are part of any well-conceived, comprehensive plan of (war) 'preparedness.' The present hit-or-miss method of each congressman for himself is, on the other hand, wasteful and ineffectual, and to perpetrate it at the expense of the army and navy would be a double calamity."

The Press has never had much to say about the meritorious acts or otherwise of South Dakota's congressmen. One reason for this is that we have not, and will not, knowingly endorse this "pork barrel" system of river and harbor improvements.

We fancy that only a few people realize that the extensive coal fields mentioned in the following paragraph from the Bison (Perkins-co) Courier, come within sixty to seventy miles of Forest City.

"These cold days when we are kept busy shoveling coal we cannot help but be thankful for the abundance of good coal that underlies all this section of the country. The coal we are getting from the local mines seems to be getting better each year as the veins are worked deeper into the banks. At the Sexton mine the vein has thickened to over six feet so that each yard square makes something over two double box loads. He has uncovered a quarter of an acre this fall and still has about 34 acres of coal to work. Mr Sexton reports the sale of nearly 700 double box loads this winter. Other mines in the country are being opened to supply local needs, but the mines at Haynes, the one at Lodgepole, and the Rogers and Sexton mines south of here are the largest in this section."

The Press is in receipt of a copy of the American Prohibition Year Book for 1916, a work of 207 pages, published by the National Prohibition Committee of Chicago Illinois, 106 N. LaSalle-st, and is to had for the low price of 25c. Everyone interested in the success of the "dry" campaign in South Dakota should have one, as it is truly an "Encyclopedia pertaining to the Liquor Traffic." We have an extra copy of the book on hand which we can sell to any of our home readers desiring one.

A report was in circulation here this week—started by one of the most prominent residents of Sully county, who comes to Forest City frequently—that there was a move on foot for the Milwaukee Ry Co to build a direct line from Moberg to Chamberlain. Well—

rumors like these are a great balm to our feelings when our mails, "patents" etc get to coming in twentyfour hours and over late. All we need is enough of such rumors, to make the C&NW "sit up and take notice."

A recent issue of the Moberg Bulletin contains a picture of the big Congregational church of that place, with its parsonage and Sundayschool classes, and her citizens are certainly to be congratulated. The Sundayschool has an enrollment of 175. We cannot apply the moral to Forest City better than in the language of the Bulletin, as follows:

"Whatever it costs to maintain a church in our city is money well spent when one realizes the throng of young folks that are brought within its influence and helped into a better manhood and womanhood. The plant that is shown (above) is a worthy tribute to the men and women of Moberg who have so freely contributed to establish it here. And the call is loud to the rest of our people to find their place and do their part to make the United Church (Congregational) and Sunday School what they ought to be."

The Immigration Department of South Dakota has asked the County Advisers, the seed dealers and those whom it is thought are in a position to know as to the seed corn for 1916 and the reports indicate that there is more than will be needed for So. Dakota, except perhaps the earliest varieties, and particularly in the northern part of the state. But before any is shipt out of a neighborhood, the local demand should be supplied, and farmers who must buy should be urged to purchase while they can. The Department has 150,000 bushels listed since the first of January and will be pleased to give the list to anyone needing seed corn. Chas. McCaffree
Commiss'ner of Immigration

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