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WET ORGANIZATION IN THIS STATE ACTIVE

Liquor Interests Sending Out "S. O. S." Call to Trade---Should Be Warning to Dry Forces.

Mitchell, S. D.—One of the chief dangers of the present wet and dry campaign from the standpoint of the dry forces is the tendency to apathy and over-confidence, according to the statement of the state Anti-Saloon League officials here. There are a half dozen or more state organizers at work in an effort to organize each county and voting precinct in the state. These men report, it is said, that many of the leading temperance workers of the state fail or refuse to manifest any interest in these organizations, on the ground that the state is sure to vote dry in November and that it is unnecessary to expend so much time and effort in organizing.

It is pointed out at the dry headquarters here that such an attitude on the part of the friends of prohibition would be suicidal to the prohibition cause in the fall. They say that the liquor interests are working hard and spending a load of money in organizing the wet vote of the state. In support of this claim they are showing a letter sent out by the president of the South Dakota Retail Liquor Dealers' association urging the trade to get busy in the fight against the drys. The letter, omitting the name of the person to whom it was addressed, follows:

"SOUTH DAKOTA RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.
Office of the Secretary.

"Mr. ————,
"————, S. D.

"Dear Sir—The superintendent of the South Dakota Anti-Saloon League boasts of the fact that he will raise $75,000 to make South Dakota a prohibition state.

"The election takes place next November.

"The drys are organizing industriously and they are leaving nothing undone to carry out their designs.

"It is high time that the retail liquor dealers of South Dakota prepare their defense against the proposed attack of the prohibitionists.

"Complete organization of the liquor trade is absolutely necessary. **This fact is admitted by every wide-awake license holder in the state.**

"We want the active and financial co-operation of all South Dakota saloonkeepers, **for unless the trade is completely organized and the organization properly supported,** our enemies may succeed in putting something over on us.

"With the assistance of the voters of South Dakota we have defeated our intolerant enemies on three different occasions. We can do it again if you will do your part, but remember, 'danger is always present when men are too confident.'

"The officers of the state organization ask every man engaged in the retail liquor business to become a member of the association; moreover, they have financial assistance.

"At a recent meeting of the executive committee it was decided, beginning Jan. 1st, 1916, to assess each member of this association $10 per month. We sincerely hope you will see the necessity of carrying out this plan and trust that we will have your absolute co-operation. Checks for the amount of the monthly assessment should be sent to **JOHN DRADY, TREAS., SIOUX FALLS, S. D.**

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "J. A. FARL,
"President.

"P. S. Please do not consign this letter to the scrap heap. This is important business.

"If you have anything to suggest that might benefit the trade in a general way, such suggestions from you will be highly appreciated."

VOTE "YES" FOR DRY NOV. 7.

Drowning.

The popular belief that a drowning person rises to the surface three times is unfounded.

AGENCY RIFFLES

Mrs Cole, a nurse at the Hospital, left this morning for Curley S. D. to visit her children and her mother

Miss Muhmel returned from her vacation Friday last

Chas. Kemmery has accepted a position as disciplinarian at the School in the place of Henry Keeler who does not expect to return here again

Mrs Bruce, boys matron, returned last Saturday from her vacation

Mrs Harrington returned Monday and has taken up her duties again at the school

Supt. Campbell made a trip to Eagle Butte this week

FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

Saturday, September 9, 1916.

Examination starts at 9 a. m.

The United Strtes Civil Service Commission announces that on the date named above an examination will be held at LaPlant, S. Dak. as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at LaPlant and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was $201 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements can be secured from the postmaster at LaPlant, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commissioner at Washington at least 7 days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

U.S.Civil Service Commission.

Ye Editor is back on deck again returning Wednesday evening. After enjoying a fortnight of varied and pleasant experiences, it remained for him to get soaked to the skin by a driving rain—one of the fiercest storms of the season, while it lasted,—when within three miles of his home town.

At Onida our party was joined by Comrade Henry C. Spencer, who was the only veteran present at the encampment from Sully-co, Comrade Howard being the only one present from Potter-co.

As our readers will undoubtedly be interested in some particulars of our trip, in order to do the subject justice we will have to give it in a future issue.

Our pleasure and enjoyment has been greatly enhanced by the good work done for us in our absence by Miss Grace Gear, compositor, Mrs. Frank Smith, local news, and Mr. Chas. Harris, of the Gettysburg News, who came over last week and run the press for us. The "forms" this week as well as last week were made up by Miss Gear, this issue being all ready to print on our arrival home, with the exception of this mention of our trip.

On our return the writer spent a pleasant night with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shepardson at Huron, well known as a former resident of Forest City and a brother of our townsman Will Shepardson.

Geo. has a position as janitor of the Washington High School at Huron.

A SPORTMANLIKE BUNCH

The South Dakota soldiers, now on the Mexican border, have made a fine impression on the Editor of the Brownsville (Texas) Sentinal, who boosts our boys in the following article:

"The editor has fully made up his mind that if he ever falls heir to a railroad ticket long enough he is going to South Dakota. If the soldier boys now on the border below us are a sample of the people of that state, and without a doubt they are, blamed if we would not like to visit the state and get acquainted with the people in their homes. It is natural to expect soldiers to have a kick. Officers who have spent thirty years in the service say a kick is as much the part of a soldier as it is a part of the make-up of a Missouri mule, yet after talking with a hundred or more of the rank and file of the South Dakota militiamen, we have failed to meet one of them with a grouch. Everything suits them, the food suits them, their location suits them, the climate suits them alright, and there are sufficient bugs, insects, small animals and reptiles in close proximity to their camp to afford amusement. A grizzled old sergent who has spent many years in the army, both as a regular and as a militiaman, stepped in the door last night and remarked: "Say, do me a favor. I want you to say that all this bull which has been printed in northern papers about poor mess, is all to the bad. We got a cook that can take a dishpan and a box of matches and make Delmonica look like a selling plater. And we've got a quartermaster that can get his share of what the government is issuing to the soldiers. And if anybody goes hungry it is because he is too busy hustling new bugs for his show to hear the mess call. Say for me there ain't going to be any knock about this country going up from the South Dakota bunch."— Exchange

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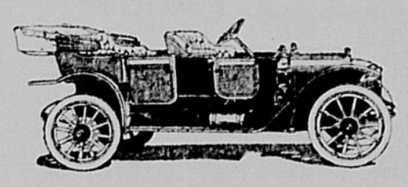

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