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RAILROADS DOING GREAT WORK

AUTHOR OF ADAMSON LAW SAYS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP FARCE

WAR CRISIS HANDLED FINE

TRANSPORTATION OF SOLDIERS AND SUPPLIES SHOWS ROADS HAVE MET ALL DEMANDS

"What do we want of government ownership of railroads when we have something far better in this country right now?"

The question was put by William C. Adamson, famous as the author of the Adamson Law, which averted a nation-wide railroad strike in 1916 at the Brown Palace Hotel recently. The Georgia congressman, who has been chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for the past seven years, stopped in Denver for two days en route to San Francisco on congressional business.

Government ownership of railroads is not only a fallacy, but is entirely without excuse for having a champion in the United States at this time, the congressman says. He has been on the Commerce Committee of the national house for nearly a quarter of a century and considers himself fairly well posted on railroading in this country and the relations of the railroads to the government.

"When we faced this war there was at once talk of the government taking over the railroads," said Mr. Adamson. "I thought the government was too busy preparing for the greatest war this world ever dreamed of to stop to wrestle with the herculean task of taking over the most enormous and complicated network of railroads on any continent on the globe. And, besides, it would have cost billions of dollars. We have no right to take over anyone's property without paying the owners. This government knows nothing of operating railroads, so I suggested that we make the President of the United States the traffic agent of all the railroads in this country, and the President agreed with me."

"Then we passed a clause in the war bill which provided for preferential shipments—that is, government business was to move first."

"The result was that millions of tons of equipment, hundreds of thousands of soldiers and all sorts of supplies have moved on schedule time during the last seven months and without a hitch. No country even where they have government owned railroads, ever duplicated this feat. England had an enormous task to move men and munitions, but we saw not the slightest delay or confusion. We told the railroads what to do and they co-operated, not only with splendid spirit but with an efficiency that demands the admiration of the world. The government got just what it wanted and the railroad chiefs—men whose life work has been railroading—were there to carry out or wishes."

POLITICS TO GOOD IN S. D.

Nobody But Candidates and "Non-Partisans" Interested.

Pierre, Nov. 2nd.—For once, probably the first time since statehood, the people of South Dakota are not allowing themselves to be "het up" by politics. It is only six months until the next primaries come along, and the only ones who are showing any activity, or desire to even discuss politics are those who would fill official positions. One can ride all day in the smoking car of a train crossing the state from one end to the other, and not hear politics mentioned by any of the shifting travel on these cars unless he started the conversation himself, and even then it does not go far. People have something else to think of and the talk is high cost of living, possible war movements, shortage of help to gather corn, and high price for husking asked by those who can be secured. But politics are not brought into the general discussion. The only place you get any slant at the situation is in the different cities of the state, where there are those who thrive by political affairs, and who are willing to talk each being certain of a state of fact which fits his individual view point, and which don't track at any point in the road, except in wondering just what the "non-partisan" is going to do, or rather what they will be able to do in the coming campaign. All the speculation is based on that surmise.

But one thing is certain, regardless of what that organization can accomplish, that is that the different farmer organizations over the state are going to take a hand when it comes to the real campaign. The farmers union, the equality league and the grain association are all getting ready to have something to say in the matter. Issues are going to loom bigger than candidates in the coming campaign. The farmers union has taken up the

amendments, at a state meeting and enthusiastically endorsed several of the amendments, especially those relating to state hail insurance, and classification of property for the purpose of taxation. Two years ago the latter amendment was defeated by the opposition of banks and farmers, and now it is endorsed by both, and shows an indication of boosting a part of the taxing policy of the state.

There is more or less discussion in regard to a special session of the legislature this winter. Possibly there may be need for such action, but that need will likely have to be made apparent before such a move is seriously contemplated. If the need shows up, very likely there will be a call for the latter part of the winter, and if no condition arises which makes a session imperative, there is not likely to be a special session, but under existing conditions in the country, no one can say what need may arise at any time.

HOLDING SEED WHEAT

Good Seed Wheat Should Be Held Until Next Spring

In every community where spring wheat was grown this year there are farmers who are willing to hold seed for sowing next spring, but they do not feel that they should hold the wheat through the winter and sell it next spring for seed at the government fixed price. It is not necessary that they do so. It would not be fair to expect it.

An farmer who has good wheat and can hold it for seed until next spring is urged to do so. While a sale for seed will not be guaranteed he will be allowed to sell on the same basis as the seed dealer, namely at a profit of not to exceed 15%, or from twenty-five to thirty cents a bushel. There is no chance of getting speculative profits but the pay will be remunerative.

It is desirable that farmers do this in many communities where there are not proper storage facilities to keep wheat separate in elevators and seed houses. Much can be done by farmers to preserve the purity of seed of good quality by keeping it in their own bins until seeding time. The varieties preferred are Marquis, Scotch Pife, Bluestem, in the order named. If special information is desired it may be had from the representative of the Department of Agriculture who has this work in charge, W. L. Oswald, 326 Flour Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn. It is hoped that farmers will help to keep good seed in the home community for the sake of efficiency, economy and increased acreage next year.

NEEDS ORGANIZED BACKING

How to Start and Manage a Farm Bureau

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2nd.—That the active co-operation, advice, and assistance of farmers themselves is necessary to the success of county agent work is one of the most important lessons impressed upon officials of the United States Department of Agriculture after six years of experience with this work in the northern and western states. The best means of securing this local support has proved to be the establishment of a county organization usually as a farm bureau.

To enable the county agent and local farmers to organize and conduct a farm bureau most effectively, the department has just published detailed suggestions as to methods of procedure in a guide known as "Handbook on Farm Bureau Organization for County Agricultural Agents." The plan represents the fruit of experience in this field thus far, it is said. It can be adapted readily to the varying conditions of different counties. It may be established in counties having inefficient organizations, in counties contemplating the employment of an agent and in places where the agent is now unsupported by a local county organization.

The chief functions of a farm bureau, as outlined in the handbook are:

- (1) To co-ordinate the efforts of existing local agricultural forces, either organized or unorganized, and to organize new lines of effort. It does not supplant any existing organizations or compete with them, but establishes a clearing house through which all may increase their efficiency without in any way surrendering their individuality.

- (2) To bring to the agent the counsel and co-operation of the best farmers in the county in planning and executing an agricultural improvement program.

- (3) To further the necessary local machinery for easily and quickly reaching every community in the county with information of value to that community or to the county as a whole.

- (4) To encourage self-help through developing and exercising leadership in the rural affairs of each community.

- (5) To reveal to all the people of the county the agricultural possibilities of the county and how they may be realized.

For a Weak Stomach

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

UDINE OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

BERLIN ANNOUNCES OCCUPATION ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

ITALIANS CONTINUE THEIR RETREAT. ROME DISPATCHES STATE—DESTROY BRIDGES

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Udine, the former Italian headquarters has been occupied by the Austro-German forces, army headquarters announced today. The Austrians and Germans are pressing forward irresistibly toward the course of the Tagliamento river, the statement says, Austro-German troops advancing from the Alps having reached Venetian soil on the whole front, and are pressing forward against the upper course of the Tagliamento.

The retirement of the defeated Italian army is being made at the few crossings of the river, which is greatly flowing.

London, Nov. 2.—The Germans have been driven back in places to a depth of 100 yards in today's British drive on the Ypres front, Reuters correspondent reports.

Rome, Nov. 2.—The Italian retreat continued yesterday, the war office announces. The Italians destroyed bridges over the Isonzo and fought rearguard actions by which means they checked the Austro-German advance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Seventh Annual Custer-Fall River Convention Held Here

The 7th annual convention of Custer and Fall River County Sunday Schools came to a successful close on Friday evening. It goes on record as one that was most inspiring and helpful.

Although some of the speakers were unable to present the vacancies selected from the talent in attendance, and the interest was never allowed to lag for a moment.

George Miller, general secretary of the State Association, of Huron, added life and spirit by his able addresses on Thursday afternoon and evening. The evening address was patriotic throughout, his subject being "The Sunday School the Cradle of Democracy."

The Teachers Training Alumni banquet was held on Thursday evening in the Parish rooms of the Presbyterian church. The ladies of the Presbyterian church served an elegant three course menu which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who attended.

John Taylor acted as toast master, his subject being "Preparedness." The toasts which followed were interesting throughout.

There was in attendance at the convention from out of town, delegates from Oral, W. G. Flat, Mayo, Miller, Morning Star, Folsom, Hermosa, Fairburn, Dewey, Sturgis, Nemo, Oelrichs and Minnekahta.

The officers for the year are as follows:

President, Dr. L. E. Eaton, Hot Springs; vice-president, E. B. Adams, Hot Springs; secretary, Mrs. Rex Joyce, Hot Springs; treasurer, Mr. Benson, Hot Springs; superintendent of organization adult classes, Mrs. Scott Weldon, Oral; superintendent of missions, Mrs. Montgomery, Dewey; superintendent of home department, Mrs. F. Bender, Hermosa; superintendent of teacher training, Mrs. W. E. Fonken, Hermosa; delegate to state convention at Watertown, Mrs. Rex Joyce.

Convention to be held in the

Methodist church at Hot Springs next year.

THE B. M. S. ROLL OF HONOR.

Patriotic Members and Employees Generously Respond.

Following are the names of the members and employees of the Battle Mountain Sanitarium, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, who purchased United States Government bonds of the second Liberty Loan to the amount of \$14,400.00:

Horace N. Adams, Thomas Adams, Miss Marguerite Ahern, Ira S. Allen, William C. Armor, Army & Navy Union No. 147, Henry Bacon, Allen Baker, Alonzo F. Baldwin, Dr. B. Bantly, David D. Bennett, Frank Bitney, Wilbur Bonnel, John B. Bourne, C. E. Bradish, Aaron S. Bragg, Asbury Brier, Frank D. Brown, Miss Nellie Card, Luman Carpenter, Henry Casser, John T. Cassidy, William A. Clark, Andrew Clicoqueni, Angelo Covi, S. T. Danner, L. Davenport, William Donoho, John H. Dunn, Charles D. Evans, David Fagan, A. W. Fellows, H. C. Ferrell, Thomas Fitch, Robert Flynn, Fred Folger, Michael Foley, Samuel Fulton, Peter Gallagher, Miss J. L. Godown, John Grady, August Granneman, Thomas Greer, Charles W. Halls, Miss Mary Halls, Miss Frances Hamilton, John Haney, O. E. Harper, George W. Heckman, Jabez R. Hill, Martin J. Hogan, Augustus Holmes, Dr. J. Holbert, John C. Horner, J. E. Howe, Herbert L. Hutchins, William F. Jackson, Miss Helen James, Miss Ida James, Robert James, M. H. Jamison, Miss Margaret K. Jungles, Earl H. Klock, Miss Oliva Kofeed, Jerome Lansing, George Laughead, George W. Lawton, Abraham Lewis, George Lobner, Sandford Lunderman, Charles H. Madden, Martin Minister, Charles E. Morris, Frank McDermott, Peter McFarland, James McGlone, J. R. McKeever, M. McNulty, Frank Nequist, Dr. John P. Nuttal, Geo. H. O'Shea, W. W. Parks, William B. Petty, William M. Post, Frank D. Powers, R. J. Reals, Thomas A. Reed, Luke Richards, Frank Robbins, Cornelius B. Roberts, Charles G. Root, W. S. Ryess, Thomas W. Seery, James Smith, Thomas H. Smith, William H. Stanley, Stephen Stevens, Elisha C. Storms, Mrs. C. H. Stratton, J. J. Taylor, Charles F. Thumm, Frank E. Town, F. A. Trumbull, S. E. Van Liew, Frank Von Heukelom, H. H. Wallace, Richard Watterson, Louis Wedekind, Harrison Wertz, Joseph Wertz, Miss Esther Whitehead, Mrs. Nola Whitaker, William A. Witter, William Young, Henry J. Wiener, Solomon Zarbaugh, George S. Zimmerman.

Y. M. C. A. WORK

November 12th to 17th Week for Boosting War Work Campaign

Brookings, S. D., Nov. 2.—South Dakota is now divided into ten districts for the big Y. M. C. A. war work campaign during the week November 12th to 17th. The executive committee is composed of H. L. Hopkins, Clair, chairman; W. H. T. Foster, Sioux Falls, and G. F. Knappen, Brookings. Each district has a chairman assisted by a committeeman from each county.

The campaign will be carried direct into Fall River county to help boost the state fund of \$125,000, which will become a part of the national drive for \$35,000,000 to put the Y. M. C. A. war work on every mile of fighting front of the entire allied forces. The commanders of the allied armies are agreed that by keeping their soldiers in mental and physical trim, the Y. M. C. A. war work will be one of the big factors in speeding up the finish of the great struggle.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

FALL RIVER SUBSCRIBES QUOTA

GOES OVER MARK IN TAKING LIBERTY BONDS

TOTAL AMOUNT \$101,850

LAST FEW DAYS WERE BUSY ONES FOR BANKERS WHEN APPLICATIONS CAME IN

Fall River county is one hundred per cent patriotic when it comes to doing her share in the second Liberty Loan and some thing over \$101,850.00 was reported as the amount subscribed at the time of closing Saturday night.

Following the meeting here last Wednesday called by Mayor Hargens everyone seemed to get busy with the result that Hot Springs alone subscribed over \$61,000 of the entire quota of \$100,000.00. Committees in every ward secured good subscriptions but the Battle Mountain Sanitarium and the State Home both did exceptionally fine. The old boys at both places not alone gave their share but many would now be in the army if the age limit did not prevent them. Uncle Sam is their big brother all the time. About \$17,000 was raised at the State Home and \$14,000 at the Sanitarium.

The towns in the county subscribed as follows: Hot Springs, \$61,050; Edgemont, \$28,300; Ardmore, \$5,500; and Oelrichs, \$7,000. These figures are not official however and may vary a few dollars one way or the other.

Hot Springs and the county are to be congratulated on their noble effort in subscribing their full quota of Liberty Bonds.

AN UNBELIEVER CONVINCED.

State Fire Marshall Gave Demonstration Causes For Fire.

Parker Press: The State Fire Marshall, co-operating with Relief Hose Company No. 1, gave a demonstration in the city auditorium Saturday night which was at once so interesting as to hold the fixed attention of the audience, and so instructive as to give each individual something serious to think about, in regard to his or her personal responsibility for fires. The demonstration was made vivid through the use of motion pictures of some of the great fires and their causes. "An Unbeliever Convinced" was a story of a wealthy tenement house owner, who, upon being told by the authorities to properly equip his tenement houses with fire escapes, ordered the officials out of the way, with the assertion that he knew how to handle his own affairs. The following day, his daughter a social service worker, visited the poor in one of these same tenement houses, and while she was there, the building caught fire from the stub of a cigarette which one of the boys had been smoking, contrary to regulations, and the daughter perished with scores of others who jammed the hallways because there were no fire escapes. This and the other pictures were taken from real life, and there are on record many such instances, and the lesson was a most forceful one. The fire marshal stated that in his investigations in South Dakota he had discovered that more fires were caused from greasy rags and oiled mops than from any other one thing. This demonstration was given in line with the fire-prevention activities which are a part of the work of the state and local departments. This picture will be shown at the Morris Grand next Tuesday evening, November 13th.

SCHOOL NOTES.

News Notes of the Week From Our City Schools.

The report for the second month of school shows an increase in attendance in all departments. The enrollment in the high school is now the largest in the history of the school. There were 173 pupils in the grades who were entitled to a quarter holiday by being neither tardy nor absent during the month. The fifth grade, taught by Miss Dudley, holds the honor roll for the month. There were none tardy and but one absent during the month. The athletic association purchased a Liberty Bond last week. This would indicate that the association is not organized for the purpose of developing a select few physically but the organization is an important factor in the organization of the school in more ways than one and its members are the better able to render service to the country as well as the school and community.

The High school received a valuable addition to the Physical Laboratory equipment this week through the generosity of Dr. McRoberts, who presented the school with an Electric Static machine. The gift is a valuable one to the school and is another expression of the Doctor's interest in the development of the

schools and the welfare of the students. This kind of interest of the citizens in our schools is not only highly commendable but will result in greater efficiency in the development of the school. This gift of Dr. McRoberts is more than \$125.00 addition to the \$250.00 worth of apparatus that the Board of Education purchased for this department this fall making the High school laboratory as well equipped as any High school in the state. Hot Springs High school is fast becoming a real High school and is fast coming to the front among the best schools of the larger cities of the country.

Friday afternoon of last week section one of the High school Literary societies gave the first program of the year. The program was well arranged and those who appeared did credit to themselves and the school. There were a number of visitors present and it is intended that these programs will be of such a character that they will be of great value to the students, but will be of much interest to the people in general who are especially invited to attend the exercises which are to be given once a month during the school year. The program given Friday afternoon was as follows:

Piano Solo.....Marjorie Spencer
Reading "Autumn".....Chattie Cleaver
PIONEER DAY PROGRAM
Columbus.....Marie Rinehart
De Sota.....Ida McCracken
Marquette and Joliet.....Elva Sindow
Daniel Boone.....Arthur Willoughby
Lewis and Clarke.....Lillian Baxter
Zebulon Pike.....Ruth Heinzerling
Long.....Frank Thornton
John C. Fremont.....Lucy Wellner
David Crockett.....Clara Muhm
Discovery of Gold in California.....
Settlement of Oregon.....Grace Borphy

General Cluster.....Lillian Chamberlain
Express of the Black Hills.....George Burg
Chorus.....Lola Magowen
Oration, "The National Flag".....
Henry Thebaud
Essay, "Garden Edwards".....Bernice Jones
Reading, "Song of the Camp".....
Frances Roe
Reading, "I Aint Goin' to Cry no More".....Clara Peterson
Reading, "Fool Young-uns".....
Euphemia Bale

Newspaper.....Donald Petty and Opal Ball
Vocal Solo.....Frank Thornton
Reading, "On the Other Train".....
Cora Daniels
Recitation, "Recessional".....Linn Phillips

Chorus, "America".....High School
The greatest foot ball game of the season will be staged on the local field Saturday between Hot Springs and Lead teams. This game will largely determine the Black Hills championship and the students of the local school as well as the citizens of the community should show their loyalty to Hot Springs by being present and support our home team in this battle royal for the Black Hills title.

4,000,000 MILES HIS RECORD

Joseph Willet, Burlington Conductor Has Traveled That Far

How would you like to travel 4,000,000 miles in the United States and try all the time to make other travelers see what is along the way? Joseph Willet, who passes through Chicago every ten days, probably holds the travel record. He crosses the continent from Boston to San Francisco, Los Angeles and back every three weeks. On his latest trip through this city a few days ago Mr. Willet completed his 300th round trip.

Mr. Willet is a tourist conductor in the employ of the Burlington railroad. He estimates he has traveled a distance equal to 1,600 times around the world, or he feels as young and spry as he did at 35, although he is close to twice that age. He says that he would rather ride a hundred miles in a railroad train than five in an automobile.

"Uncle Joe" is perhaps the best known railroad conductor in the United States. Children are frequently placed in his care to be taken west or east to relatives or friends. Recently he took a 5-year old child all the way from Salt Lake City to Springfield, Mass.

SANDBUR CAUSES DEATH

Clarence McClelland, of Lithia, Dead from Swallowing Sandbur

Clarence McClelland died in this city last Saturday as the result of swallowing a sandbur while husking corn on his place fifteen miles southwest of this city. It seems the burr stuck to his hand and in using his teeth to extricate it he drew it into his windpipe. All efforts to dislodge it were futile and he was rushed to this city where an operation was of no avail. The hemorrhage and swelling of his lung caused death late Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Lithia and the interment made in the cemetery near that place. The deceased was one of the well known ranchers of the county and leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two children besides his aged father and mother.

Steam heated rooms \$10 per month single, or \$12.00 per month double. Plaza Hotel.

The Tables Turned

