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Anyway, Wilson did not have to apologize for the tariff bill he signed.

What is wanted is more elasticity in the currency and less in the minds of the senators.

The tide of immigration is running strong; is the work of regulation keeping abreast with it?

U. S. District Attorney Stewart has appointed Edwin W. Smith of Redfield to be assistant attorney.

An impression prevails statewide that a man who can fall twenty-five feet and land squarely on his feet is qualified to enter politics this year.

The banana may have its freedom confirmed by the new tariff, but this carries with it no immunity for the banana-eater who is careless with the peeling.

The Grand Army reports a membership of 187,203. It is a fine showing for the stamina of the men who went through the greatest of civil wars fifty years ago.

The senatorial campaign in this state which bade fair to become rather warm a few weeks ago, has gone back to the simmering stage again. However, it will not remain long in that condition.

The packers are trying to scare the farmers into raising more cattle. But the farmers don't scare worth speaking about. The farmers will raise cattle when they think it pays them.

It is now pretty generally understood that George W. Egan has given up his ambition to be governor of this state at this time but that instead he will make the race for nomination for congress in the first district.—Sioux Falls Argus-Leader.

By the October crop report the condition of corn in South Dakota is raised from the September report to 79, compared with a ten year's average of 84. In most of the corn states the average is down to 50, which gives South Dakota standing that may this year be called excellent.

Banks in the southern part of the state are increasing their capital, in the past few days amendments to articles having been filed by the Jordan State Bank increasing capital from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and by the Bi-Mellette State Bank of Colome increasing capital from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The colonel has departed for South America and the world's series has ended, but the country will not long be without excitement, for Emmeline sailed from Havre for New York last Saturday. And Emmeline really should stir things up a bit in this land of the free, when she gets fairly started.

The work of Prof. N. E. Hansen of the South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, has become so prominent that the American Review of Reviews, devotes seven pages to an account of his plans and accomplishments in securing varieties of alfalfa and other plants adapted to this northwestern climate and soil.

It is predicted that there will be a surplus of \$10,000,000 in the postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30th, largely owing to the establishment of the parcels post. Both the public and the department is profiting largely from the institution of this branch of the mail service and its convenience is as yet only in its infancy.

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, is trying to find out how many senators are in favor of a congressional recess until the 15th of November, while the man in the white house is insistent that there be no recess. The president expects congress to go right along doing business up to the opening of the regular session.

It is said that all the prominent exhibiting farmers at the recent Mineola (L. I.) fair were millionaires. They did not make their millions in farming of course, but, judging from the opportunities presented by agriculture in the United States in recent years, and assuming that they had given it the same attention they have they have bestowed upon other lines of endeavor, there is no reason why they should not have made their money that way.

JOHNSON BROS. COMPANY LOCATE IN SIOUX FALLS

The Johnson Bros. Co., recently moved its headquarters from Sioux City to Sioux Falls. The firm is composed of Ed Johnson, democratic candidate for governor in the last campaign, and his brothers, Frank and Homer. The firm, one of the best known and strongest financially in this state, is engaged in land, loan and banking business, over a large area. Ed Johnson will continue to make his home at Yankton.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

On the first Tuesday in December of this year, there will be a mass meeting of all of the parties, held in the court house, for the purpose of electing the first membership of the minority and majority proposal committees as provided in section 58 of chapter 201 of the laws of 1911, and there has been much dispute among and others interested as to whether or not precinct committeemen shall be chosen by the entire body of electors present from all parts of the county, or from the electors present from the precinct for which the committeemen is to be chosen. In an opinion rendered the attorney general has held that while the language is somewhat uncertain, it is his opinion that the precinct proposal committeemen should be chosen by the entire body voting upon each committeeman. The statute says:

"For the purpose of electing one member from each precinct for each county committee—a mass conference of the party members may be called." And further in the same section, the statute uses the expression "conference body" in speaking of this mass meeting, clearly indicating that it was the intention of the enactors of the statute that the entire gathering should act as one body.

MCCARTER FOR GOVERNOR

Present indications, supported by information from different parts of the state, point toward Judge James W. McCarter of Edmunds county as the standard bearer for the democrats of South Dakota in the campaign next year. Since his announcement several weeks ago his candidacy has been looked upon with favor by every element of the party and he has been gaining ground generally through the state. It is said by the leaders that he will have the united support of the Johnson and Wickham factions and this will practically assure him the nomination without opposition in the primaries.

Judge McCarter is about 45 years of age, of Scotch-Irish descent, and has a striking personality. He is a man of exceptionally good principles and character, absolutely sound on all public questions, and is reputed to be an accomplished public speaker and debater. He is noted for absolute fairness in both his private and official life and his many friends and admirers believe that he would make an ideal executive.

Within a short time the report on the preliminary work of the next big irrigation project for South Dakota will be out, showing the practicability of irrigating sixty thousand acres of Cheyenne river valley lands in Fall River county.

BETTER MEN

Under the Richards primary law, the initiatory proceeding of the minority and the majority proposal committees in the creation of the declarations of principle and the choice of candidates forces the selection of concrete issues and better men. These are consequences of competition between the two proposals within each party.

Again, the proposalmen and the candidates will have to agree on the issues and upon associate candidates, a strong man naturally objecting to companionship with a weak man on the same ticket.

A conservative man will inherently object to radical proposals that cannot be made practical, it being a part of the duty of candidates to sign the proposals and they are subject to recall if they fail to sustain the policies enunciated.

The proposalmen cannot propose a candidate who is not willing to run and is not willing to endorse the principles proposed. The candidates cannot propose themselves, but must be proposed by others.

The wedding process on issues and candidates will be self-rectifying, because of competition and the checks and balances put into operation in the make up of the tickets.

NO TIME TO BE SPLITTING HAIRS

The lines in the currency fight are tightening as the end of the session draws near. Some men are faltering who were expected to stand fast.

One of these is Senator Norris, of Nebraska, a good progressive. He is allowing partisanship to bias his mind.

Norris is against private private monopoly of credits, but he fears that government control through a broad named by the president would mean a party machine.

Is the interstate commerce commission a party machine? Are the various scientific bureaus and agencies of the government party machines? Are the army and navy party machines?

We guess that if the senator's own party were in power he wouldn't be using this argument.

Of course there isn't any kind of government which mayn't be abused. Are we, therefore, to do without government?

The privately controlled money trust has been quite a political machine at times, but the people had no way to get at it.

Now Wilson proposes to vest control of credits in a public trust which the people can get at, and the senator from Nebraska cries that it is a play for partisan power.

We expect henchmen of the money trust to say that. But of free men like Norris we expect better things. Partisanship isn't what it used to be, senator; the folks are broadening out. They'd make a quick funeral for a party which should try to use credits as vote getting clubs.

ANOTHER TEA PARTY

Huron Huronite: While the loss of life by the burning of the steamship Volturno does not total anywhere near that which came with the destruction of the Titanic, the affair was appalling enough in many of its features.

The Volturno was well equipped with life saving appliances, enough to have taken off every soul on board, they were rendered practically useless on account of the storm that beset the burning ship and the heavy rolling sea.

Wireless telegraphy brought several vessels to the scene and all night long they stood by unable to take off the people on board the doomed ship, on account of the storm that rendered approach impossible for several hours.

Finally 521 were saved of the 664 on board. The heroism displayed in the rescue is a story yet to be told, but imagination can readily supply many of the yet missing details.

The Titanic went down in a placid sea. The long list of deaths was due to inadequate preparations for the unusual. On board the Volturno these safeguards were not wanting but the violence of the tempest rendered them useless. Against such a condition human foresight cannot prevail.

HAS NO GOOD INTENTIONS

Aberdeen News: The Democratic administration has about determined to no longer treat with Huerta. Possibly because Huerta succeeded in hoodwinking the administration into a belief in his good intentions which enabled him to proceed unhindered in his plans for doing away with what little appearance of constitutional government still remained in Mexico.

But Schoolmaster Wilson has shaken a warning finger at Huerta and cried, "Naughty! Naughty!" at the spectacle of a president imprisoning members of the house of deputies, and has warned him that he mustn't be harsh with the imprisoned deputies. And of course Huerta will not be harsh with them. If he finally decides to put them out of the way, doubtless he will put into effect some speedy means of execution, refraining from torturing them.

BLOW AT CIVIL SERVICE

Washington, Oct. 11.—By the closest vote of the session, of 111 to 106, the house last night voted to recede from the conference disagreement and concur in the senate amendment to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill which provides for the removal of deputy internal revenue collectors and deputy marshals from the civil service regulations. The vote came after a protracted debate, in which many democrats bitterly assailed the proposal as a direct blow at civil service, and characterized it as a step backward towards the spoils system.

HE WILL PUSH FORWARD

President Wilson is determined that the big measures by which the people will judge his administration shall be written upon the statute books early enough for a fair trial of them before the next congressional election, and for a thorough trial before the 1916 presidential election comes around. His little speech at the white house, after he signed the tariff bill, swept away the last vestige of doubt that congress will be here until it enacts a currency measure. That may mean the merging of the two sessions, but the chances now in favor of the passage of a currency bill before the regular session begins, even though the interval between may be a very brief one.

The president has shown himself to be too astute a politician to lose the advantage in which the present situation finds him. His forces in congress are lined up and well in hand. A recess without currency legislation might throw the whole combination out. Congress has learned that Mr. Wilson has an iron will and shrewdly suspects that people sympathize with him in his policy of pushing things to a conclusion at once. His victory in tariff legislation has immeasurably strengthened his position so far as his control over congress goes.

EXHIBIT DOES GOOD WORK

South Dakota's exhibit at the Illinois state fair at Springfield taken there by Immigration Commissioner McCaffree has elicited a wonderful amount of praise for this state from the citizens of Illinois, and Springfield in particular. Louis Stoughton of Pierre and Wallace Burden of Rapid City formerly of Pierre, and who was chief clerk of the house of representatives last winter, are with McCaffree in the presentation of his material and information. The Springfield papers report them surrounded by crowds all the time, and the people being much impressed with the beautiful exhibit of corn and alfalfa particularly.

The Illinois people marvel that as good soil as theirs, which sells at from \$150 to \$300 an acre, should be sold here for \$50 to \$75. The office at Pierre is receiving such a great amount of inquiries as a result of these exhibits, in the ways of those desiring to settle here, that it cannot be doubted the exhibit and McCaffree's system of exploiting South Dakota is getting immediate favorable results.

FEDERAL GAME LAW

Game Warden Hedrick is sending out special notices of the federal law which went into effect October 1, provisions of which immediately affect South Dakota, and which will be a rather strenuous proceeding in some parts of the state.

First, there is to be no shooting from sunrise; formerly shooting was allowed from daylight to dark, which included several hours of good shooting, not now allowed.

Second, there is absolutely no shooting allowed along the Missouri river at any hour whatsoever, of migratory game, which includes practically everything which appears here, the ban extending from Bismarck, N. D., to Nebraska City, Neb.

The third provision is that a five-year absolutely closed season now exists on ban-tailed pigeons, cranes, curlew, and small shore birds except plover, jack snipe, and yellow legs. This is another great change in the game laws.

PIERRE SCHOOL RECORDS

City Superintendent Helm of the Pierre Schools has found that only ten children of the entire spring census of school children are not attending the Pierre schools, some of these having moved out of the city, and that of the thirty-eighth eighth grade graduates of last year that thirty-four are in the Pierre high school, and two others are in high schools away from here, only two remaining entirely out of school.

As the usual average for eighth grade graduates in high schools through the states is but fifty per cent and the Pierre school shows an average of ninety per cent. Mr. Helm believes no other town of this size anywhere has a better or perhaps so good a record. Of the high school graduating class of thirty-two members, nineteen are in college this year, which is also an unusually high average, being nearly fifty per cent. The usual average for college attendance is about thirty per cent or even lower, all over the country.