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The business man and shipper finds it hard to see any brotherhood in a general strike.

Submarine freighters are marvels in their way, but not at all reliable as to routes and time tables.

Some moose have strayed away so far from the republican camp that they don't know the way home.

The Pennsylvania trooper who fractured his sweetheart's ribs with a goodbye hug ought to be turned loose on Villa.

It certainly is contrary to all the old rules to find a presidential candidate calling Pork by name and denouncing it.

The fellows who are wishing the war would come to an end soon have absolutely nothing on King Constantine of Greece.

When a German submarine is lost tract of the allies insist on letting the matter rest as far as possible as an unexplained mystery.

A lot of politicians, just now, would almost rather have a railroad strike than to have the administration receive the credit for forestalling one.

Mr. Hughes is still swinging 'round the circle, but whether the circle is appreciable swinging 'round to him cannot be determined at this writing.

The American farmer may not have so much wheat to ship this year as usual. But this fact will scarcely reconcile him to any suggestion of an increase in railway rates.

The Arkansas congressman who would bar negroes from enlisting in the military service of the country evidently never heard of or has forgotten the Tenth Cavalry.

Old Neptune once reigned all serene, Secure as any Croesus.
But now they say the submarine Has shot his realm to pieces!

Sea power is the true defense of the republic. When we are masters of our own coasts we shall hear no more of great standing armies.

Maine has been a thorough student of prohibition for many years, and will doubtless expect Secretary Daniels to speak on water as a medium for floating battleships rather than a beverage.

The newspaper men on the border who are inclined to exaggerate are having trouble, just as that class of fellows have in the newspaper work at home.

The Volkszeitung Publishing Company makes the announcement that the office and equipment of their paper is to be moved from Eureka to Aberdeen.

It may be desirable to have as many troops at the border as possible when Carranza discovers that hope of borrowing funds may as well be dismissed.

It required a long time for the Italians to get anywhere in their operations against the Austrians, but when they did move, great was the noise thereof.

Asquith hints women of England may get the ballot after the war. Perhaps, at that time there won't be anybody but the women left to vote.

Frost is credited with the power of inducing a calmer state of mind and with a-aging epidemics. Never was autumn more generally welcome than it will be in this year of strange calamities.

A remarkable prehistoric human skull has been found in the Susquehanna valley, from which, reports say, great horns grew straight out from the head. No doubt the poor fellow was somebody's scapegoat.

The railroad situation is one not for politics, but for business. The matter is too serious to be converted into campaign materials on either side. The first attempt to do so will result in defeat and humiliation.

The people do not appear to be taking much interest in politics so far this year, but it is presumed they will wake up later on and keep things moving. Even the speeches of Candidate Hughes are not creating much excitement since the first spasm of contradictions was brought out.—Sioux Falls Journal.

WILSON PROGRESSIVES

The chairman of the democratic national committee publishes a long and significant list of progressives in the far west who have assured him of their intentions to support Mr. Wilson. Men and women who have been influential in the progressive councils who have been the progressive candidates for national and state offices, names of distinction and character are on the list. Ungreatful for Mr. Hughes' sudden flop to federal women's suffrage, even progressive women suffragists are turning to Mr. Wilson.

If principles mean anything, if the progressive party was anything more than an expression and vehicle of Mr. Roosevelt's political hatred and a choir to hymn his worship, the mass of progressives who believed in 1912 that the republican party was reactionary, cannot now be herded into that party unchanged, unrepented, bossed by the old bosses, devoid of any issue save the noble one of "beating Wilson" and getting the offices.

Those progressive men and women who were most earnest in 1912 as they still are, see the progressive and reform legislation accomplished by or advocated by Mr. Wilson and the democrat. They see themselves contemptuously treated as puppets by the master of the show. They see the trailer at the bosses trying to boss the party that was all for the rule of the people, calmly ordering it back to the republican party. They know that Mr. Hughes' name is but a cloak of the republican bosses, the same old organization against which they revolted four years ago. They see sorrowfully or bitterly that Mr. T. R. Roosevelt has no fondness for being in a minority; that to him the sole remaining use of the progressive party is to serve as his bridge back to publicanism.

The position of the distinguished progressives who have informed Mr. McCormick of their resolve to vote the democratic ticket, is encouraging to democratic prospects. A stronger hope is to be found in the undistinguished, silent, and sincere progressives, who, like them, resent the attempt to deliver the progressives, unconsulted and unwilling into the republican party. The Wilson progressives are a strong body and not in the far west alone.—New York Times.

GREAT FIELD OF COPPER

New York, Aug. 19.—The discovery by the Canadian arctic expedition headed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, of a great field of native copper in the vicinity of Copper Mine river, in the neighborhood of Prince Albert island, will prove of great value to the business world, says Dr. Chester A. Reeds, of the American Museum of Natural History. Dr. Reeds believes also that it will afford scientists an opportunity for displaying their ingenuity finding an outlet from that region that is still unopened in a commercial sense. The work of the party which arrived in Nome, Alaska, on Tuesday, is expected to prove valuable in determining the direction of the winds and the movement of tides in the polar region. Dr. Reeds said this work might go a long way to prove or disprove the theory that an unknown continent exists in the great unexplored region north of Alaska, and west and northwest of Greenland.

It is now announced that saddle horses are again coming into style and that a really handsome animal may be purchased anywhere from \$250 to \$900. This is strangely confirmatory of a belief prevalent among a very large and important section of the public that just as soon as automobiles began to promise to come within reach something would happen.

PEOPLE WILL CREDIT WILSON

The following item is taken from the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader, a republican paper:

"This newspaper does not believe that the campaign in the United States will turn either on Mexico or on European politics. There is a very general feeling among fair-minded men that Mr. Wilson has handled these two very difficult problems about as well as Mr. Hughes or anybody else could have done. He has been president during an era of cataclysm when the world was on fire with war and the hatreds which war engenders. So far he has kept this country out of war. If he shall succeed to the end, the average American citizen will not question the path by which we have come if it leads to peace and happiness at its end.

NO SWAPPING OF HORSES.

In addressing the Iowa state democratic convention, as chairman, at Des Moines, recently Hon. E. W. McCormann, of Keokuk, had the following to say in part:

"We come to rejoice in a condition of prosperity without parallel in this country, a prosperity that has found its way into the pockets of the toilers as well as the coffers of the rich, that is securely grounded upon a sound financial system, wonderful crops and industrial freedom. We hold aloft the stainless banner that has carried the country safely through the shoals of a frightful crisis, standard of the party that has chastened every function of American life. We call upon a people rich with the abundance of plenty to bear witness to the blessings of democratic rule and the splendid achievements of democratic statesmanship.

"While war has been consuming the flower of Europe's manhood, paralyzing her industries and staining the face of her people with the ineffable lines of grief, we have been at peace. Fortunately our fathers planted deep in the marrow of American thought the principle of neutrality mellowed our souls with a genius for peace. That policy, conceived in the prophetic wisdom of Washington, hallowed by the example of Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln and Grant, is now, in the providence of God, committed to the hands of Woodrow Wilson.

The people of this country have never swapped horses while crossing a stream. They have never rebuked a faithful servant to satisfy political opportunists. In this year fraught with serious international difficulties the American people are not going to repudiate the triumphs of diplomacy and espouse a policy of violence. They will not desert the ship that has carried them safely through the troubled waters of critical days. They will never forsake the captain who is tried and true for one who is shrouded in mystery and doubt."

COUNTY AGENT SYSTEM

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 22.—Public expenditures for agricultural extension work in South Dakota from the beginning of the operations of the law last year up to the last day of June amounted to \$15,679.13. This was paid out for county agent work through the joint funds supplied by the counties and the state, the state adding 60 per cent to any funds donated by the counties. The counties which took advantage of the provisions of the law for the first year to secure county agents were Beadle, Clark, Codington, Day, Douglas, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lawrence, Lyman, Spink and Stanley. Codington shows the heaviest expenditures in this work the cost for the year being \$2,433.69. The demands on the state fund were not up to the expectation of the legislature, as but \$8,106 was used out of the \$25,000 appropriated for the year. The appropriated for the present fiscal year is \$30,000.

Do it myself and it will be done.

FORMER STATE

TREASURER CASES

Redfield Press: Sterling & Clark have just been advised that Judge Taylor has rendered a decision favorable to the defendants in the case of State vs. John Schamber, et al. These are known as the state interest cases where the state brought suit against former Treasurer John Schamber and a large number of bondsmen to recover approximately \$40,000 alleged to have been collected as interest in state funds. The defendants appeared separately and filed separate demurrers to the complaints. These were argued before Judge Taylor at Huron on June 16th and the matter has been under advisement since that time.

THE DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE

Democrats on the state ticket and the state central committee met in Mitchell on Monday and organized for the work of the coming campaign; it was an overflow gathering.

The plan of campaign work was briefly outlined by O. V. Rieuhart, who is the party nominee for governor.

Dr. C. A. McNamee was elected secretary of the state central committee, and J. W. Campbell of Huron was elected treasurer. Authority was given State Chairman Jurgenson to select an executive committee of seven, two from each congressional district, and one at large. Pierre was represented at this meeting by Louis Greenough, member of the state committee.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN BOARD

Washington, Aug. 23.—A hearing of great importance to farmers, farm organizations and cities will be conducted by the newly appointed Federal Farm Loan Board in the federal building at Sioux Falls, S. D., on August 30. This hearing is to secure information to guide the board in determining the boundaries of the twelve Federal Land bank districts into which the United States is to be divided for the application of the new rural credits legislation.

The members of the Federal Farm Loan Board who will conduct the hearing are Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury; Geo. W. Norris, Farm Loan Commissioner; Herbert Quick, Capt. W. S. A. Smith and C. E. Lobdell.

The board has requested farmers and farm organizations to furnish facts concerning the need of cheaper farm loans and it has asked interested cities to present claims for the location of one of these banks. This will be the only hearing in South Dakota.

The new Federal Farm Loan act will do for the farmer what the Federal Reserve Act is doing for the business man. The loans will be made at a low rate of interest, not yet determined, but not over 6 per cent, and provision is made for the borrower to pay off the loan and interest in small annual or semi-annual payments through a period of forty years or at his option. Farmers, to take advantage of the law, must associate themselves in groups of ten or more and form Farm Loan Associations and then make application to one of the twelve Federal Land banks.

The land will then be appraised and, if it meets requirements, the loans will be made.

Secretary McAdoo predicts that the banks will be ready for operation January 1st or shortly thereafter.

WILSON WORKING FULL TIME

Grant County Review: While Charles Evans Hughes is going about the country pleading the cause of labor and asking the Wilson administration to give labor a fair deal President Wilson is at home in the White House exerting all the power and influence of his high position and wonderful personality in the interest of labor and the welfare of the country in general. If he succeeds in preventing the strike of more than 400,000 railroad employes and the resultant loss of millions of dollars to the business interests of the country and many millions more to the laborers of the country he will have just added another to his long list of accomplishments in office and kicked another prop from under the flimsy arguments Mr. Hughes is putting forth in his desperation to win votes. The American people don't need to be told anything concerning Mr. Wilson's treatment of labor and Mr. Hughes will soon discover that he can't pour water in the eyes of the people and make them think it is raining.

Lord Derby said that it was the determination of England to destroy the efforts of Germany to dominate the world. England posing as a savior of the nations of the world looks a good like a stupendous joke.

SOUTH DAKOTA IS FOR WILSON

New York, Aug. 22.—The normal Republican majority in South Dakota is about 18,000, yet James Mee, Democratic national committeeman from that state, who was a visitor at headquarters of the Democratic national committee today declared his belief that the state's electoral vote will go to President Wilson in 1916.

"Prosperity is winning many votes for Democracy in South Dakota," said Mr. Mee. "We have a large Scandinavian population among our farmers and their natural inclination is to be for the government."

"In addition to being prosperous they appreciate the fact that this country is not involved in the European war."

"Near Centerville is a farmer whose name is T. I. Gunderson. On June 12th last he shipped 16 carloads of South Dakota cattle to the Chicago market. For these 16 cars he received the sum of \$41,360. That was a record breaking price. It was the largest amount ever paid for 16 carloads of cattle on the Chicago market. Other farmers are shipping their cattle and their produce to market and they likewise are receiving breaking prices. My personal opinion, based upon many conversations, is that they will not want to change the administration."