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tell you the shirt they handle is
just as good as the UNION
LEAGUE SHIRT, why don't
they sell them?

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work after a person gets into a cer-
tain habit to break himself of that
habit. In this case the profit is so
small compared to the old habit!

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MEN AND MEASURES

The Men Who Guarded the People's
Interests in the Legislature
During the Session.

A Brief Resume of the Work Done by
Our Lawmakers--Some Mer-
itorious Measures.

ST. PAUL, Tuesday Evening.

All is quiet around the capitol since
the legislature adjourned. In a few
days more the laws enacted will be
published in the newspapers, and then
the general public will be able to pass
upon the work of the law-makers.
But it should be remembered that
many unnecessary and harmful meas-
ures, proposed by well-meaning gentle-
men, fell by the wayside, and the
legislature is deserving of praise for
the laws it might have but did not en-
act.

It is fashionable to speak harshly of
the late legislature, and many of the
city and country papers have severely
criticized the members individually
and collectively, and I am sorry to
say, the criticisms are not altogether
undeserved, but on the whole the leg-
islature of 1897 will compare favorably
with previous legislatures. To be sure
there were some venal and unscrupu-
lous men in both branches and they
were not confined to any one party--
there were probably more venal Rep-
ublicans than there were venal Demo-
crats and Populists, simply because
there were more Republicans twice
over than all the other parties com-
bined. But there were many good
honest men in both branches--men
who worked earnestly and devotedly
for the best interests of the State.

Hon. J. F. Jacobson has been termed
a crank and a Populist. One day last
week a prominent Scandinavian editor
was in the auditor's office and he pro-
pounded to me this interrogatory:
"Who do you consider were the ablest
and best men in the house?" The first
man I named was Mr. Jacobson.
"Why," he said, "Jacobson is a d-d
cranky Populist." "Granted," I re-
marked, "but will you be kind enough
to point to me one single measure for
the best interests of the State that was
opposed by Mr. Jacobson? Will you
point to a single leg-pulling or rotten
bill that he favored? Was not his
voice raised and his vote recorded in
behalf of every really meritorious
bill?" The editor admitted that Mr.
Jacobson was honest and conscientious,
but he (the editor) had no love for the
rugged Norwegian from Lac qui Parle.

Then there is Hon. C. F. Staples, of
Dakota county. I conceived a violent
dislike for him two years ago, but I
misjudged the man. He is of a some-
what domineering disposition, but he
is a thoroughly conscientious gentle-
man and a useful legislator, as able
as he is honest.

Hon. A. N. Dare is another gentle-
man who has earned for himself a
splendid reputation as a legislator.
Our home member, Hon. H. C. Head,
has nothing to feel ashamed of in his
maiden term. He did not take as
active part as some of the older mem-
bers, but he was a hard worker, and no
one ever thought of questioning his
honesty of purpose. Hon. S. A. Stock-
well, of Hennepin, was also a useful
member; he was generally on the right
side of every question. Brusque Judge
Hicks, of Minneapolis, kicked up sev-
eral rows, but the State would not have
been the loser if there had been more
men of his stamp in the house. And
Ignatius Donnelly. There is only one
Donnelly. Say what you please about
him his eloquent voice is always raised
in behalf of the people. Donnelly was
by all odds the ablest man in either
branch. I might mention a dozen other
honest and sincere house members like
Hartshorn, Sederberg, Hill, McDonald,
Dunn, Snyder and Laybourn, but space
forbids.

In the senate, Hon. J. T. Wyman was
the most influential member. I have
mentioned Mr. Wyman's name before
in these columns. He is all right.
Other leaders in the senate were Barr,
of Blue Earth, Thompson, of Fillmore,
Knatvold, of Freeborn, Miller, of Rock,
and Ringdal, of Polk. Senator Miller,
the Luverne editor, labored diligently
in behalf of the people and fathered
several important measures; he made
an especially gallant fight for the bill
that provided for an increase of 50 per
cent. in the taxes paid by insurance
companies. Senator Ringdal is an ex-
ceedingly able and conscientious gen-
tleman, and he was highly esteemed
and respected by his colleagues. If the
Populists would send such men as Mr.

Ringdal to the legislature no one could
find fault with them. Senator Cullin,
of Wright county, was the especial
champion of Sixth district interests;
in point of ability he had few equals
and no superiors in the senate. Sena-
tor McHale, the Democratic war-horse
from Scott county, was an influential
legislator. He always commanded the
respect and attention of his colleagues.
I almost forgot to mention Senator
Hodge, of Pine. He is another Sixth
district man of whom we are all proud.
He ranked high in the senate, and was
classed with such men as Wyman,
Barr, Thorpe, Yale and Miller.
Princely Senator Yale, of Winona, is
one of the old school; he is the per-
sonification of honor and honesty.
Another man who made an excellent
record for a new senator was Whitney,
of Wadena.

There is one sin of omission that the
legislature just adjourned is blamable
for and will be held responsible by the
people of the State--the failure to pro-
vide for the erection of a fourth hos-
pital for the insane. The three insane
hospitals at present existing are
crowded to overflowing. A fourth hos-
pital will be absolutely necessary long
before it can be built and put in shape
to house the unfortunate wards of the
State.

Another bill that ought to have be-
come a law, but which died in the sen-
ate, was the measure that provided for
an increase in the taxes paid by insur-
ance companies. The insurance com-
panies receive annually from the peo-
ple of this State several million dollars
more for premiums than is paid out in
losses, and it would not hurt the rich
companies to pay a few thousand dol-
lars more taxes into the State treasury.

Despite the protests of interested
parties, the governor signed the Sperry
printing bill. Under its provisions it
will be impossible to publish a lot of
worthless reports that no one ever
reads, but if there was not a report
published in the next two years a ma-
jority of the people of Minnesota would
manage to pull through. Certainly
that bill will be the means of saving a
good many thousands of dollars.

The bill which provided that wheat
shall be taxed in the elevators where it
is found on the first of May each year,
was signed by the governor last Sat-
urday. Several of the big elevator com-
panies opposed the passage of the bill,
and also urged the governor to veto it.
Under the old law wheat was supposed
to be assessed at the terminal points,
but as a matter of fact three-fourths of
the wheat escaped taxation altogether.

Another good law enacted was one
which gives the State board of equal-
ization the power to raise individual
assessments. That law is more far-
reaching than some people are aware
of. It applies with equal force to the
wholesale jobbers of St. Paul and Min-
neapolis and the mine-owners of St.
Louis county.

Several of the country papers and at
least one of the St. Paul dailies are
disposed to criticize the senate for its
failure to pass the Reeves tonnage tax
bill. My views on this question are
well known to the readers of the
UNION. Perhaps I am more responsi-
ble than any other individual for the
defeat of the Reeves bill in the senate.
The Sleepy Eye Dispatch remarks:
"But suppose the assessor of St. Louis
county makes the same return on his
rolls as heretofore, that is \$3,922,791;
how is the State bettered? and the fact
that the St. Louis county assessor
values the mines at \$3,922,791 rather
proves that a direct valuation tax can
be evaded." The Dispatch should re-
member that this is the first year the
mines were ever assessed. Heretofore
the one cent per ton tax was in opera-
tion. Last April the State auditor
by advice of the attorney general,
directed the auditor of St. Louis
county to have mines and mineral
lands listed on the assessment rolls the
same as other real estate (see pages 12,
13 and 14 State auditor's report).
Everybody who knows anything about
the value of mineral lands in St. Louis
county knows that an assessment of
\$4,000,000 is ridiculously low. But
even under a four million assessment
the State will realize more than it ever
did when it received, or was supposed
to receive, 50 per cent. of the one cent
ton tax on the output. It should also
be remembered that the one cent ton
tax law was still on the statute books--
that law was repealed about six weeks
ago--and no court had decided it un-
constitutional. The attorney general
had simply given his opinion. Besides
the State board of equalization were
powerless to act. There is now a law
on the statute books which gives the
State board the power to raise individ-
ual assessments. If the St. Louis

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county authorities fail to make a fair
assessment in 1898 the State board will
see to it that the mistake is remedied,
and that mines and mining property
are assessed in the same proportion as
other property. If a fair assessment
cannot be had, then adopt the tonnage
tax system. But first the direct valua-
tion method should be given a fair
trial. As the valuation increases the
local rate of taxation will decrease.
For instance: In one of the assess-
ment districts of St. Louis county the
rate of taxation last year was 44 mills;
the State levy was three mills and the
county levy less than five mills--in
other words the local taxes were 36
mills. In that assessment district this
year the valuation has quadrupled, for
the reason that a valuable mine has
been placed on the assessment rolls,
and the local taxes will be correspond-
ingly reduced. As the valuation in-
creases the local rate of taxation will
decrease, and the State will be the
gainer. On a valuation of \$10,000,000
the State would receive \$30,000; on the
present valuation the State will re-
ceive about \$12,000. If the valuation
should go to \$20,000,000 the local taxes
would be a mere bagatelle, while the
State levy would be about what it is
now, and the State would realize
\$60,000, at the same time the aggre-
gate taxes paid by the mine
owners would not be 20
per cent. more than at present.
If the mine-owners act squarely--give
in a fair assessment and pay their taxes
promptly--public sentiment will pre-
vent any future legislature from inter-
fering with the present method of tax-
ation, but on the other hand, if the
iron barons attempt to evade taxation,
look out for some drastic legislation in
the near future. I believe that a man
who is fortunate enough to own an iron
mine is no better or no worse than any
other man, and he should bear his just
proportion of the burdens of taxation,
and no more than his just proportion.
The trouble is that rich corporations
are eternally devising ways and means
to escape taxation.

To-day I went to Anoka and rented
the site for the fourth hospital for the
insane for two years. About 165 acres
of the site is under cultivation, the bal-
ance of the 650 acres is pasture land,
yet the site was rented for two years
for \$930. How is that for land that
honorable members of the legislature
said was too poor to raise white beans?
The lease provides that trees shall not
be injured and not an acre of land can
be broken. I had no special authority
to rent the land, but I concluded that
the State might as well make a few
hundred dollars, and besides it is bet-
ter to rent the land to responsible par-
ties who will protect the trees and pre-
serve the natural beauty of the site.
After looking over the land I am more
firmly convinced than ever that the
commission acted wisely in selecting
the Anoka site, and that the legisla-
ture acted unwisely in not providing
means to go ahead with the buildings.
R. C. D.

It has been talked by some of our
citizens that the Princeton flour mill
has not heretofore been a paying in-
vestment. We would respectfully ask
the Princeton UNION in their next is-
sue to state whether or not the mill at
that place has or has not been a bene-
fit to their town.--Mora Times.

No town possessing a mill as good as
the Princeton Roller Mill company's
can fail to be benefitted by it. Its
products have taken high rank in the
market, one brand capturing a medal
and diploma at the World's fair. Be-
sides the widespread advertising which
the village gets from this industry an
excellent home market is furnished the
farmers. Yes, Bro. Pope, it is a bene-
fit to Princeton and the surrounding
country for miles each way and brings
business to the town which our mer-
chants would not get otherwise.

Hon. H. C. Head has been confined
to the house ever since he returned
from the legislature, but his ailment
is not considered serious.