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The president to the nation: Bear with me one minute.

If the golden rule was it the world would move to the music of one grand, sweet chime.

They are having trouble over changing the name of Pine county to Clover. Not a case of exactly being in clover after all.

A State official who rides on railroads on free passes and charges the State mileage is a thief as well as a perjurer.

Those Sherburne county farmers come pretty nearly knowing when a man is guilty. Scrawford is all in but the drop.

It is said that the supply of lobsters is falling off fast while the supply of lobbyists will also be ditto in a very short time.

Thomas W. Lawson has accepted an invitation to speak at a Kansas chautauqua the coming summer and then Standard Oil will boil sure.

Montana has established a quarantine against Minnesota sheep, because of scab. We always supposed that Minnesota sheep belonged to the union.

There are many thousands of people who do not have to sing "Oh, to be Nothing, Nothing!" They come pretty nearly being the real thing in this line.

Insurance companies are looking with much favor on northwestern farm mortgages as investments. Well they may as no line of investments can beat them.

In years to come the lumber baron will sleep in a magnificent tomb while the townsie and new settlements will be planting weeping willows on Arbor Day.

There are rumors of a big naval engagement between Rottenwhiski and Toga, but no particulars are at hand. Call up John Goodnow at Shanghai, he'll tell you all.

Pray tell us the use of a country with no trees. This is just what we are coming to unless we stop in our frenzied haste and give back to nature a portion of what we take.

The Illinois legislature is stirring up the railroad rate case investigations and over 3,000 shippers have appeared at the hearings. Looks like Illinois railroads had the long end of the string.

A municipal ownership ticket in the city of Albert Lea was elected last week, but proposed charter amendments failed to carry. Notwithstanding the importance of the issue at stake the vote was the lightest cast for many years.

The store owned by the governor of Maine was raided by the sheriff the other day and a quantity of patent medicine containing a large percentage of alcohol was found in stock. What did they expect to find in the patent medicines, diamonds?

Walter Wellman, the yellow Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, writes that paper that the administration views with alarm Japan's growing power in the far east. Wellman is one of those egotistical know-alls who is continually "seeing things."

The legislature killed the bill abolishing the poll tax on road work. We are not so sure but what the law makers expressed the desires of their constituents. How easy it is to whittle at a dry goods box. It's much easier than working at the hot forge of public progress.

In this issue appears the full and complete report of the house committee on public accounts and expenditures taken from the house journal. The report is the result of many weeks of careful investigation by a committee composed of fair-minded, conservative members of the legislature.

Practically no temperance legislation has been enacted by the present legislature, and it is just as well. Temperance reform must start in the home and the souls of men first. Public sentiment is not a very early riser in many places, and then, too, there are so many corns that might possibly be compressed.

The bill to place the city clerk, the assessor and city attorney of Minneapolis on the elective basis is all right and seems to have strong support and endorsement in that city. It is only another proposition to give the people the power to name their servants and not allow an aldermanic clique to usurp the prerogatives of the people.

A bill empowering cities and villages to construct and operate their own telephone lines was rejected by the State senate this week, on a very close vote. Why not allow municipalities to own their own telephone systems, just the same as electric light, and water plants. Give municipalities the utmost freedom in the handling of all public utilities, and a telephone system is one of them. Let's go forward and not backward.

The Free Press was not mistaken in its advocacy of Geo. H. Wyman for the legislature, as his constituents will discover when the returns are all in.—Anoka Free Press.

Mr. Wyman has made an excellent record for himself and "the returns are all in." He is one of the working members of the house. When occasion requires it he can and does make himself heard, and he is never at a loss for words to express his ideas. Mr. Wyman deserves well of his district.

If the legislature passed the code and Gov. Johnson should veto it, nothing short of the death of the governor could prevent his election in 1906. A Republican gubernatorial nomination would certainly be an empty honor.—Warroad Plaindealer.

If Gov. Johnson vetoes the code it will be at the bidding of the tax-evaders and corporate interests of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We are aware of the fact that the tax-dodgers and corporations are all powerful, and that the people are easily fooled.

Anoka Free Press: The public accounts committee, which has been investigating Sam T. Johnson's anticampaign charges against ex-Auditor R. C. Dunn, has handed in its report, showing in effect that the said charges were malicious vilifications for political purposes. Those are not the words of the report, but its spirit. The public, fortified with this vindication of Mr. Dunn's official character, will demand a serious reckoning with the traducers and villifiers, responsible for the character assassinating charges.

Judging by the size of the appropriations asked for through the legislature, it is time for the State to become stingy. No one is anxious for an increase in the State tax levy.—Battle Lake Review.

An increase in the State tax levy is unavoidable, but the appropriations should be kept within bounds. Why should there be a general increase of salaries, or why should several of the departments be granted larger appropriations than heretofore? Next year Gov. Johnson will be howling for retrenchment and reform and a re-election, and will promise to accomplish great things if a legislature that will do his bidding is chosen.

In a recent issue of the Union an editorial comment was made on the matter of having good roads instruction taken up by our farm institutes and practical talks and lectures given on good roads and kindred topics. In the Commercial West of last week we find an article on "Good Road School in Iowa" in which it is stated that the Iowa state agricultural college has planned a good roads school. We publish this article elsewhere in this issue of the Union and all those interested in good roads should read it. Minnesota is trying to get out of the poor roads rut, and will in time, but we want a vigorous good roads campaign first, and it will have to be conducted for some time before any practical results of this campaign can be noted. The State highway commission is a move in the right direction, but let us have the practical instruction.

SAM JOHNSON SICK!

Two years ago when the legislative committee on public accounts and expenditures was getting ready to do a little investigating in the public examiner's office, Mr. S. T. Johnson (then public examiner) suddenly faded from view, and it was given out by his press bureau that he was threatened with nervous prostration and had gone to the Pacific slope to recuperate. Immediately after the legislature adjourned Mr. Johnson regained his health and was at the capitol concocting political schemes and attending to everybody's business save his own.

Again the legislature is in session, again an inquisitive legislative committee wants Mr. Johnson to explain apparent irregularities in connection with his administration of the public examiner's office, and again it is heralded in the twin city papers that Mr. Johnson "is dangerously ill"—that his life is "trembling in the balance!" And yet it is only a few days since Mr. Johnson, through brother-in-law McLain in the columns of the dirty Journal, was demanding that he should be permitted to appear before the committee on public accounts and expenditures and defend his reports on the State auditor's office. In fact, modest Mr. Johnson was astounded when he learned that the committee had dared to take a single step until he could be present. Now, the committee is anxious to have Mr. Johnson do some "explaining" on his own account, but, lo and behold, he is "dangerously ill," and cannot respond to the committee's subpoena!

Several years since Mr. Johnson was taken "suddenly ill" in New York. (Certain unfeeling insurance men were the cause of his illness.) An astute Minneapolis lawyer, Bert Hall, successfully prescribed for him. But that is another story which may be given in detail later.

OLSEN REBUKED.

Anoka Free Press: Since when has the State superintendent of schools been authorized to create holidays to be observed in the public schools? This inquiry is prompted by the order issued by Supt. Olsen last week, that the public schools of Minnesota, on Monday, April 3, commemorate the birthday anniversary of Hans Christian Anderson, a Danish poet and author of "Anderson's Fairy Tales." The fact that Supt. Olsen is himself a Dane, would hardly seem to confer upon him such authority, inasmuch as this is the United States of America and not Denmark, Ireland, Germany or any other foreign country.

The legislature is to be congratulated on passing the code. It may contain many errors, but the probabilities are that it is a reasonably sound enactment, and in its present shape way ahead of the heterogeneous mass of laws the State was loaded down with before the revision commission began its work. The code can receive the finishing touches and what little polishing is necessary later. In the future if ambitious lawmakers will only swear off from introducing so many unnecessary and uncalled for measures, it will be a long while before we will need another code commission.

The Dunn Investigation.

It needed no formal report of a legislative committee to convince those Minnesotans who intelligently followed Robert C. Dunn's official course as auditor of the State of Minnesota, that his conduct of that office during his long incumbency was characterized by ability, honesty and a high regard for the best interests of the State. The inquiry just concluded has only served to strengthen their good opinion.

The formal report of the committee of investigation has been submitted to the legislature and the finding is that not in a single instance has the State lost a single dollar by incompetency, neglect or dereliction of duty on the part of Mr. Dunn or Mr. Iverson. The late bank examiner's campaign charges were analyzed carefully and he was given a full and fair hearing by the committee and the verdict is that wherever Mr. Dunn or Mr. Iverson may have stretched the law, it was done in the interest of the State and did not constitute misfeasance in office.

As the truth seldom overtakes a slander in time to neutralize it, the Johnson charges had their effect, but this official vindication will set Mr. Dunn right in the eyes of those who were honestly misled and, to that extent at least, will be satisfactory to Mr. Dunn and his friends.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Might Have Had Results.

Bob Dunn loaded down the gubernatorial wagon so heavily with issues and various other things that the Republican party of Minnesota couldn't pull it. The party was foolish to imagine it could, and Dunn—well, he was foolish to pile on so much.—Wadena Pioneer Journal.

Will the editor of the Pioneer Journal file his bill of exceptions to the last Republican State platform? There was not a plank in it, or a measure advocated by the Republican nominee for governor, but that was heartily endorsed by the Republicans of Minnesota, and the gentleman from Wadena knows it. And had the Republican nominee and his platform been accepted we might now have had some definite results from the legislature now in session.—Alexandria Post News.

Not a Very Speedy Trial.

Mike Norwitski of Willow River who was indicted by the grand jury for getting goods under false pretenses, and was placed under \$300 bonds, has been in the Princeton lockup since court adjourned, and so far has been unable to furnish bonds. Unless he can procure the same he will have to remain in the Hennepin county jail until the next term of court which does not convene until next October. Norwitski it is claimed has a wife and family near Willow River, and the question arises whether by the early adjournment of court, and the long interim before the fall term, the prisoner is not in line for a habeas corpus. This is not giving a man a trial according to constitutional provisions.

Cambridge Team Poisoned.

A fine \$400 team belonging to the drayman at Cambridge was poisoned last Thursday night. The drayman had hauled a load of beer for each of the three saloons early in the evening. He placed his team in the barn after supper and about nine o'clock one of the horses was taken suddenly ill. A veterinary surgeon was summoned but could do nothing for the team, and the second horse died before morning.

Death of Schimming Child.

Mabel Helen Dorothea Schimming, the two-year-old child of Fred Schimming, died of spinal meningitis at the home of its grandparents on April 6th. The funeral service was held last Saturday, a short service being held at the home at noon after which services were held at the German Lutheran church in Princeton, Rev. Stamm officiating. Interment was in the German Lutheran cemetery. The child was two years, four months and five days old. Its mother died about eight months ago.

No Alimony to It.

The statement in the Union last week that Charles A. Nokes had been ordered to pay alimony to his wife was incorrect. An action for divorce has been pending in the district court for some time, and matters have been in abeyance because of certain stipulations, but it is said that final stipulations were made at the last term of court but the judge did not have time to act on the case before he left and will render an opinion later.

A Damper on the Report.

The house committee on public accounts and expenditures, of which Representative P. E. Dowling is chairman, exonerates State Auditor Dunn and Iverson in the management of the auditor's office during their respective terms. This kind of puts a damper on Public Examiner Johnson's reports during the last gubernatorial campaign.—Eveleth Star.

Fishing for an Appointment.

Two years ago the State appropriated a lot of money for a fish hatchery at Glenwood and the people of that town were so well pleased with the act that they are now fishing for another appropriation.—Battle Lake Review.

Geo. B. Aiton, State inspector of high schools, arrived last night to inspect the Princeton school.

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