

# THE PRINCETON UNION

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Forty-seven thousand barrels of whiskey went up in flames in Kentucky last week—sufficient to poison a large percentage of the state's population.

The New York Press says that "the best dandruff cure is a bald head." Yes, and the best way to acquire this "cure" is to cultivate the stuff you seek to get rid of!

Mismanagement has resulted in the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company being placed in the hands of receivers. It is said that the corporation will be reorganized.

Governor John chopped off the head of Vassaly for supporting W. J. Bryan and yet he professes to support the "peerless one" himself. Wherein lies the consistency?

Even though the whale swallowed Jonah, as contended by that learned authority, Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., there are thousands of people who refuse to swallow the story.

It is admitted that Thomas D. O'Brien is the brainiest democrat in the state, but his name and religion disqualifies him for the gubernatorial nomination on the democratic ticket. What an admission!

Otter Tail county has a dozen or more citizens who aspire to represent it in the legislature, and only four can be elected. E. E. Adams should be one of the four. He was a useful member at the last session.

Fifty Chinese have organized a Bryan-Kern club at Los Angeles. It would now be in order for Mr. Bryan to have his famous speeches interpreted and to shoot them at the heathen through a phonograph.

Dare of the Walker Pilot pays a brother editor this doubtful compliment: "We can't cite many instances wherein he had wandered so far from the truth as to need a compass to get back again into the beaten path."

Duluth business men have again demonstrated their public spirit and progressiveness by contributing to the general committee of the national rivers and harbors congress the sum of \$1,500. This is \$500 in excess of the amount asked for.

According to the Lake Crystal Union Gilbert Gutterson is the only candidate for the republican congressional nomination in the second district who is really a bona fide resident of the district. Mr. Gutterson is also a clean, able man.

Frank Day remarks: "Few of the better class of Minnesota country newspapers are longer held by partisan ties." Who ever heard of a democratic or an alleged independent newspaper supporting a republican if there was a ghost of a chance to elect a democrat?

Even though the fellow who attempted to assassinate the sultan of Turkey last week had been successful it is very unlikely that the people of the empire would receive any benefit therefrom, for in all probability the successor to the despot would be a greater tyrant than he.

In announcing its eighth birthday the Anoka Free Press intimates in these words that it intends to remain on earth for some time yet: "When all newspapers in Anoka county shall have died for want of business support the Free Press may conclude to die, too. But not till then."

There is a farmer living near St. Joseph, Michigan, who places greater faith in advertising than he does in prayer. He prayed seven consecutive nights for rain without avail and then placed an ad in his local paper which read, "Rain wanted." The next day there was a downpour. No one can now make that farmer believe that advertising does not bring results.

Fred B. Lynch: "Mr. Bryan was greatly pleased to learn of the harmony existing between the democratic factions in this state." But how can harmony exist among factions? If there are factions there cannot be harmony, for the two words are directly opposed in their meaning.

Frank Day's paper, the Martin County Sentinel, is knocking Judge Mills, one of the republican candidates for railroad commissioner. Mr. Day was never known to oppose any man or measure the Great Northern railroad company favored. Frank may rant and rave in public, but he was roped and branded by Mr. Hill years ago.

Editor Bell of the Roseau Times, who by the way is as capable a lawyer as he is a newspaper man, has not regarded the candidacy of Judge Mills for railroad commissioner with favor, yet a sense of fair play prompts him to remark: "After all, if some one will stand up and tell us what Mills has really done 'agin' the people's interests it will help some."

Would the Duluth Herald mind informing us when and where a democratic convention was held in this state that was not absolutely controlled by a handful of bosses? Could any candidate be nominated in a democratic state convention who was opposed by the O'Connors and the O'Briens the Weisses and the Days? Not in a thousand years. The democratic party of Minnesota is now and always has been a boss-ridden party.

Walter Wellman says that he has not given up his idea of attempting to reach the north pole in a dirigible balloon—that he will endeavor to make the trip next year. Wellman is a faker pure and simple—a greater humbug than the late Mr. Barnum of calomined-elephant fame. He never had the remotest intention of attempting a balloon journey to the pole. His sole aim is to secure free advertising and—he is getting it.

North Dakota has discovered a new use for its straw, and of this material the state has a plenty. At the Fargo fair a cottage was exhibited built entirely of artificial lumber manufactured from straw by a secret process. This material can be sawed, planed and nailed the same as lumber cut from a tree, and it is equal in durability, says its manufacturer. As timber is a scarce commodity in North Dakota the substitute should prove a blessing.

In one respect at least the Hon. Thomas Lipton closely resembles the Hon. William J. Bryan. Both are making elaborate preparations for another defeat. Such defeats will affect them, however, in a directly opposite manner. Sir Thomas will good-naturedly remark, "B'jove, you fellows are splendid sailors; I'll go home and build another Shamrock," or words to that effect, while Mr. Bryan, with a heavy heart, will go into seclusion with full knowledge that he has made his last race.

Ben Reitman, the notorious individual who styles himself "King of the Tramps," has issued a call for a convention of criminals in New York city next month, and immunity from arrest is asked by Reitman for the delegates who attend the gathering. Here, it seems to us, would be a great opportunity for the police to capture a dragnet full of miscellaneous villains. By pretending to grant immunity to the criminals the police could, at the opportune moment surround the convention hall and gather them in.

William Waldorf Astor, the snob who renounced his country and swore allegiance to King Edward in order to have a better opportunity of insinuating his presence into the ranks of royalty and thereby securing a title, is just as far from being knighted as ever. King Edward looks upon Astor as a turncoat—as he would upon a man who changes his political faith to secure office—and he has no use for such fellows. Astor may hobnob with Edward and that sort of thing, but he will never see the day when a title is bestowed upon him by an English monarch.

Count Okuma attributes the naval expansion of the United States to the sudden rise to importance of Japan. He says: "Judging from the fragmentary speeches of President Roosevelt, as they have been transmitted here, it is not difficult to infer that the augmentation of the United States navy in the Pacific is directed at Japan."

Mr. Jacobson is charged by his enemies with "operating a machine." Yes, he is running an automobile which he, and not "the interests," paid for. And he is doing this for the reason that he can cover the ground faster in making his campaign. There is another machine, however, which he will run through the state capitol sometime in January next. This machine is known as a rotary weeder, constructed especially for cutting off the heads of noxious perennials.

Mr. Hearst bears the distinction of being the only man on record who ever maintained a personal political party. That is the very thing Mr. Hearst is doing today although he should, and probably does, realize that a victory for his independence party is hopeless. While the king of the yellow sheets has plenty of money it would seem that he has but little brains, otherwise he would not have adopted this means of squandering his millions.

Members of the republican national committee, including Chairman Hitchcock, are strongly inclined to call down J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Manufacturers' association, so reads an associated press dispatch. That man Van Cleave and his associates, who are banded together for the purpose of crushing organized labor, will cost the national republican ticket hundreds of thousands of votes unless they are not only called down but thoroughly repudiated by the republican managers.

One of the innovations at this year's state fair will be the establishment of a forum near the grounds for the benefit of politicians—a place where they may harangue the multitude. Mr. Bryan will open this feature on August 31 with an address on "Good Government." Mr. Taft has also been asked to deliver an address during fair week. Could Mr. Day be persuaded to speak on "Me and John—Our Relation to the Interests," he would prove a greater attraction than either Bryan or Taft.

Dignitaries from foreign lands who represent their respective countries as ambassadors, etc., in America have long contended that they were exempt under existing treaties from the payment of automobile licenses, and in consequence have not paid them. The Massachusetts highway commission was the first to question this claim of the nabobs with the result that it received a ruling from the state department at Washington setting forth that no treaties existed with foreign nations exempting members of their diplomatic corps from payment of automobile or any other licenses. It would certainly be a nice state of affairs if these aliens were permitted to cut up our highways with their machines and Americans be compelled to pay for it.

Do you eat tomato catsup? If so, according to W. P. Hapgood of Indianapolis, one of the manufacturers who delivered an address at the national food convention, this is probably what you are taking into your system:

"Over 50 per cent of the tomato catsup on the market is made from skins and cores and rotten tomatoes taken from the peeling tables of canning houses. I know of not one single packer of tomato catsup who is fighting for the use of chemicals in his product who is not using more or less of this waste material. Cannery waste may possibly make a catsup of low grade, but cannery waste shoveled up from floors reeking with dirt and vegetable filth into barrels to be shipped about the country and used as wanted is at least of doubtful wholesomeness, and you may put it down as safe to say that no tomato pulp handled in this way or in any other way, if barreled and shipped, is ever held in condition for use without the addition of much more than one-tenth of 1 per cent of an anti-ferment."

## NEW ROAD LAW INVALID.

Under a decision of the state supreme court rendered last week chapter 458, laws of 1907, is held to be unconstitutional. The law in question provided for a county superintendent of highways who had virtually charge of all the roads within his county, abolished the office of town road overseer and provided that the supervisors of each town should appoint a road inspector to take the place of the road overseers. The provisions of the law, especially the section which applied to towns, were complied with last spring and no overseers of highways were elected. The question is, does the decision necessitate action by town boards that would establish the old order of things—do away with a road inspector and appoint one or more overseers of highways? Under the old law (section 1221 revised laws of 1905) the town board has general care and supervision of the roads in a town and has authority to divide the town into as many road districts as it deems convenient. It matters little whether the person in charge of the road work is termed an inspector or a road overseer. But it might be good policy for the town board of each town to meet and, in writing, declare the town one road district. In view of the decision by the supreme court it seems to us that would be the better plan.

## THE DEMOCRATS' ONLY HOPE.

In reviewing the gubernatorial situation from a democratic standpoint, the Anoka Free Press, one of the ablest democratic newspapers of the state, compliments T. D. O'Brien but tells him plainly that he won't do—his nationality and religion bars him in a democratic convention—and declares Governor Johnson is the only hope of his party. We quote from the Free Press:

"There is, for instance, T. D. O'Brien, than whom there is no abler nor cleaner man in the state. \* \* \* T. D. O'Brien is admittedly the strongest man named. Every argument is in his favor; yet nine out of every ten voters well know that when it comes to voting, the votes won't be there to elect him. People listen to arguments, and even agree with them, but they vote their sentiments; and the sentiments of the majority in this state are of the kind that would render O'Brien's election impossible—unless a man of the same nationality and religion was running against him on the other ticket."

"Taking everything into consideration, Johnson is democracy's only hope in Minnesota this fall. If he sees fit to throw down his party in its present predicament, the latter might as well lie down as to go through the agonies of a farce campaign."

Sir William Treloar of Ludgate Hill, London, upon being asked to give his opinion of the average young man of the present generation, did not swerve far from the truth when he replied:

"The young men of today are too nervous about their health. They seem to know more about symptoms. If they have a slight pain they rush off to a doctor. I do not think we used to trouble about such things when I was a young man. Young men are more 'funky.' They 'coddle' themselves more than we did. It is of course, a good thing to be careful. If a man does not care he is likely to drink a lot, but every virtue carried to excess is a vice, and a man may be so careful as to make himself ridiculous. Many young men smoke far too many cigarettes. George Augustus Sala used to say that 'the blood of a masher is composed of cigarette smoke and lemon squash,' and that is more true now than in his day."

From the papers of Duluth we learn that two men, thought to be impostors, are soliciting funds for the support of alleged Christian missions in Babylonia. In their possession they have letters purporting to be recommendations from foreign rulers and priests, but Duluth ministers who have examined the documents and questioned the beggars believe that the fellows are impostors. During the past few years the northwest has been overrun with grafters representing themselves to be priests from Armenia and other countries, and some of them were driven out of several towns, Princeton being among them. But ejecting them from a town after they have been proven swindlers, as was the case in Princeton, will not put a stop to their operations. They should be arrested and haled into court.

## THE BORROWER PAYS THE TAX.

Commenting on a paragraph which appeared in the Preston Times suggesting changes in the mortgage registry tax law, the Duluth Herald says:

"For one, the only change the Herald would recommend in the mortgage registry tax law and the only one that will make it good, is to kill it altogether, for the only good mortgage registry tax law, like the only good Indian, is a dead one."

The Herald then argues that the borrower pays the registry tax which is true. Under the old law mortgages were supposed to be assessed at their face value, but as a matter of fact ninety-five per cent evaded taxation, and non-resident money-lenders could not be reached at all. The registry tax is more equitable than the old method, but if the law-makers want to help the borrower—they are the people that need help most—let them exempt mortgages from taxation altogether. Under the new tax amendment to the constitution this is permissible.

## OPINIONS OF EDITORS

### A Day Dream.

Frank Day says the democrats are surely going to win in the coming state election. He doesn't know who the candidate for governor is going to be, but he is going to do up Jacobson, anyhow.—Delano Eagle.

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### The Only Thing That Counts.

Campaign cards and campaign buttons are now drugs on the political market. The only thing that makes much of an impression is the candidate's notice corner in the local newspaper.—Mary McFadden.

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### That Remains to be Seen.

As an evidence of good faith Bob Dunn says Jacobson could be elected without any campaign fund or campaign committee. We believe that to be true, but can he be elected in spite of them?—Ortonville Herald-Star.

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### Entitled to United Support.

Judging from the wall that is being sent up by a lot of newspapers we should imagine that Ira B. Mills is the whole works when it comes to the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners. But with all the howling nothing has yet been said to show why he is not entitled to the united support of the republican party.—Madison Independent Press.

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### Taft a Friend of Labor.

That Secretary Taft is a true friend of labor is certain and all the untrue, ungenerous, vicious attacks that President Gompers or any one else make on him cannot prevent him from continuing to be the friend of the wage worker. Organized labor cannot afford to have itself split up into factions on this political issue. That President Gompers is wrong in forcing the most ominous fight is certain and intelligent wage-workers will certainly come to this conclusion.—Pittsburg Labor World.

### Grit—That's Us.

That is why America leads the world in athletic sports. It isn't the much talked of mixture of races; it isn't the climate, for we have every variety of climate in the United States and our champions come from every part of the country. It is the national spirit that makes America take the lead in everything that requires quickness, determination, dash and grit; and then, too, some people are of the opinion that it is due to the daily use of a good malt tonic such as golden grain belt beer. This delicious table beverage has won a dignified place in the American home by reason of its pure, wholesome qualities. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by Sjoblom Bros., wholesale dealers, Princeton.

## WHERE THE GRASS GROWS GREEN.

When me wife is to a party and the house is all me own,  
I slip into the kitchen, where I sit and drink alone,  
I forget me billion dollars and the places I have seen,  
Since I played a boy in Ireland, where the grass grows green.  
Sure, me daughter Kate is stylish as anny girl in town;  
You should see the jools and bangles on her latest Paris gown;  
But there's days I'd like to watch her, a barefoot country queen.  
Tossin' hay on Wexford hillsides, where the grass grows green.  
They call me "Fighting Terence," sayin' Wall street knows my grip;  
Be it board of trade or politics, me fingers never slip.  
Then I mind me oak shillelah, that I swung wid elbows bare,  
Breakin' heads av County Cork boys at a Wexford cattle fair.  
Well, Broadway is a diff'rent place from Ballycorrig Bridge,  
And Murry Hill is diff'rent from Ennisceorthy Ridge,  
And I wish that I could cut away the years that lie between;  
And be a ragged young gossoon where the grass grows green.  
—Irish Paper.

## Political Announcements.



### For Representative.

To the Electors of the Forty-fifth District:  
It gives me great pleasure to announce myself as a candidate for representative in the forty-fifth district, and hope to be honored with your votes at the primaries to be held on September 15 next.

THOS. L. ARMITAGE,  
Princeton, Minn.

### For Representative.

To the Voters of the 45th Legislative District:  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative for the 45th legislative district, at the primary election to be held on the 15th day of September, 1908.

The forty-fifth legislative district is strictly an agricultural one, and it seems to me no more than fair and reasonable that at least a part of the delegation should be farmers. I served as an officer of the house during the session of 1907, and I thought then, and still believe, that if more farmers were sent to the legislature the interests of the common people of the state would be better protected.

What little campaigning I may do will be clean and above board, treating my opponents with respect, remembering that every American citizen has a right to aspire to public office.

I am backing myself, and if elected I will be under no obligation to any man or men for any financial support. If you consider me worthy of your support, I will be pleased to receive it.

Yours very respectfully,  
GEORGE H. DEANS.

### For Representative.

To the Voters of the 45th Legislative District:  
Having filed on the republican ticket for re-nomination for representative from the 45th legislative district, and thanking you for past favors, I again ask your support at the primary election, September 15th, 1908.

Respectfully yours,  
THOS. H. HORTON,  
North Branch, Isanti County, Minn.

### Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for representative from the 45th district, subject to the decision of the voters at the coming primary election on September 15th, 1908.

Respectfully yours,  
ROLLEFF VAALER,  
Milaca, Minn.

### For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of register of deeds of Mille Lacs county on the republican ticket at the primaries to be held September 15th, 1908, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters.

FRANK GOULDING.

### For Register of Deeds.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for register of deeds of Mille Lacs county, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters at the primaries on September 15.

J. A. ERSTAD.

### For Clerk of District Court.

To the Voters of Mille Lacs County:  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for re-election for the office of Clerk of the District Court of Mille Lacs county at the primary election, Sept. 15, 1908. If favored with nomination and re-election to this office, I shall continue to serve you with the same efficiency, courtesy and consideration that it has always been my aim to show in the past.

ROBT. H. KING.

### For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for Clerk of the District Court of Mille Lacs county, at the primaries to be held Sept. 15, 1908, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters.

ALBERTUS HANSON,  
Princeton, Minn.

### For Judge of Probate.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for Judge of Probate for Mille Lacs county, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters at the primaries on September 15.

ROBERT S. SHAW.

### For Judge of Probate Court.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of judge of probate court of Mille Lacs county at the primaries, September 15th, 1908, subject to the will of the people. Believing that I am fully competent, having had 6 years experience in said office, I therefore respectfully ask your support.

RICHARD W. FREER.

### For Judge of Probate.

To the Voters of Mille Lacs County:  
I wish to announce that I am a candidate for nomination for Judge of Probate at the coming primary election, September 15, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the people. Trusting that I may receive your support at the polls, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
WM. V. SANFORD.

### Auction Sale.

Friday, August 21, 1908, at S. J. Sarner's place, section 5, town of Wyanett, Isanti county, the following personal property will be offered at auction: One farm wagon, one mower, plow, cultivator, spring drag, and a number of all kinds of farm tools, household goods, clothing, cook and heating stoves, some flour and feed; also about six thousand feet of oak, pine and basswood lumber. Sale Commences at 1 p. m. All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount, four months' time will be given on bankable paper. Anna C. Lewis, Administratrix; A. F. Francis, Administrator; J. W. Clover, Clerk; J. A. Stoneberg, Auctioneer. 33-3

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