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If reciprocity with Canada eventually results in a revision of the tariff downward won't the end justify the means?

"Civic fete draws heavily on rural districts," reads a headline in a Minneapolis paper. Also on father's pocketbook.

The government should prohibit the manufacture of at least two things—whiskey and fireworks. Both are death dealers.

"Who invented the loose-leaf ledger?" asks an exchange. Probably some former treasurer of the state university.

A daily paper has been started at International Falls. For a town of less than 1,500 population it looks like a pretty risky venture.

The Cloquet Independent has given up the ghost. Despite the efforts of many managers during the past few years to keep it on its pins, it shivered, sighed and died.

If the naked and unadorned truth were told of some of Minnesota's living and departed alleged great and brilliant sons it would not make pleasant reading for their friends.

It would never do for the lumber trust and the print paper combination of daylight robbers to fight Canadian reciprocity in the open, hence their tools do their fighting over the farmers' shoulders.

That grand old man, Col. Neff of the Lake Crystal Union, is not afraid of reciprocity with Canada. He does not think Minnesota farmers would go out of business even if Canada became a part of the United States.

The London Chronicle tells us that we can cure snoring by merely placing a clove in our mouth and holding it there till morning. But what would our wife think if she should happen to get a whiff of our spice-laden breath?

Having carefully examined the cigars presented to him by the emperor of Germany and fearing, perhaps, that they were loaded, King George immediately ordered that they be distributed among the lackeys for outdoor smoking.

From July 1 to 5 Old Sol slew over 500 white persons with his piercing shafts of heat, but not an Indian, so far as known, succumbed to his influence. The redmen may be expected to hereafter worship the sun more devoutly than ever.

President Taft was right when he said the lumber trust was the power behind the opposition to Canadian reciprocity and well does Senator Clapp know it. The lumber barons of Minnesota have been more than kind to Mr. Clapp.

First thing Representative Henry Rines knows Lynn Haines will be asking him "where did you get it?" Henry has installed a new linotype machine in the Mora Times office. Evidently the Times is prospering and it deserves to prosper.

With any kind of favorable weather there is no reason why the farmers of Mille Lacs and adjoining counties should not reap a bountiful harvest this fall and, better still, there is every reason to believe that the staple crops will bring good prices.

The Walker Pilot suggests that the state capitol be placed on wheels for the accommodation of its traveling governor. With Wheelock in its midst this is entirely unnecessary. He is capable of conducting the business of half a dozen such institutions!

There may be a few undesirable people in Cass Lake, but on the whole the residents of that thrifty town are good, law-abiding American citizens and they rightly object to being classed as abettors of yeggmen and incendiaries by hiring sensation-mongers.

Duluth is doing its best to enforce the pure food laws. Its latest move is to test the ice cream and the cones in which it is sold to determine whether they are as pure as required by the statute. The city health department is making the test—not the state inspectors. And it is better thus.

Old-fashioned Philadelphia of course celebrated the Fourth in an old-fashioned way and, as a result, there were 400 people injured by combustibles, some seriously. Many decades will probably roll by ere the people of the Quaker city can be taught common sense—they are altogether too slow and bullheaded.

"Congressmen are sweating down four or five collars apiece per day and putting on clean shirts morning, noon and night," is an important item of information we gather from a Washington newspaper. The sequel to this will probably be that some congressman introduces a bill asking an appropriation to cover the extra expense incurred thereby.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to utilize the \$4,000,000 additional appropriation provided for at the last session of congress in increasing the compensation paid to rural free delivery carriers. Carriers are now getting \$900 per annum, and the increase will amount to \$100 additional. No employees of the postoffice department are more deserving of an increase in salaries than the rural carriers.

For all trunks over forty inches in their longest dimensions the railroad companies will, after January 1, 1912, charge excess baggage rates unless the wholesale houses of the country prevail upon them to rescind a rule recently adopted. In view of the increasing tendency toward the utilization of cumbersome trunks by drummers the rule is evidently a good one. It almost requires a derrick to lift some of the trunks taken about the country by these fellows.

More conventions will be held in Duluth this summer than ever before known in its history. And why? Because Duluth has been advertising its advantages and has told the truth in the brochures which it has scattered broadcast. It has advertised its climate, its hotel accommodations, its scenic features, etc. It is an undeniable fact that, in the summer time at least, Duluth cannot be surpassed as a convention city or as a trying place for pleasure seekers.

A man in Philadelphia advertises for sale 13 volumes of the Congressional Record and designates them as "a history of the proceedings of our representatives in session." The Congressional Record a history? Far from it. Speeches appear therein which were never delivered and a lot of things are omitted which should be printed but are sidetracked for the benefit of constituents. The word "Record" is a misnomer and he who considers it a history of congressional proceedings is badly fooled.

Steel barons representing the great corporations of the world recently met in Brussels and appointed a committee to work out a plan for an international organization, such plan to be submitted to a conference at a date to be later named. The insignificant matter of the courts' power to dissolve trusts doesn't worry in the least the companies which comprise the great American steel combine—they simply ignore it. Well do they know that nary a trust has yet been dissolved in actuality, although some of them have been ordered to do so.

The state of Wisconsin is going into the life insurance business, a bill passed by the legislature empowering a commission to write policies ranging from \$100 to \$3,000 having been signed by the governor. The maintenance of the commission and the cost of conducting the business will be borne by the people of Wisconsin as a whole. How this scheme will work is conjectural. It looks one-sided and unfair from the fact that taxpayers who do not insure with the state will be compelled to contribute their share toward the maintenance of the commission.

Scores of farmers living in the country surrounding Hibbing, Tower and Ely swarmed in upon the county commissioners of St. Louis county last week and emphatically declared that unless good roads were constructed so that they could readily market their products they would be compelled to abandon their farms. They had waited six years, they said, for good roads and their patience had become exhausted. In this one instance can be found the prime reason why northern Minnesota lands find no more settlers—the absence of good roads. Build the roads and the lands will not go a-begging for purchasers.

"Governor Eberhart and his staff of uniformed cavaliers made a very imposing sight as they led the great procession," says a Minneapolis paper. No one will deny that the governor made an imposing sight, for he is naturally a man of imposing mien and sits a charger like a life guardman. But his "cavaliers"—his staff of colonels. Ye gods! They are the laughing stock of the state. Talk about an awkward squad. There isn't a bunch of raw recruits in the country that does not know more about military tactics than this assortment of bandy-legged, short and tall, fat and lean, mismatched "cavaliers."

A word to Governor Eberhart: The members of the state board of control have a great deal of important business that demands all their time and attention. Why oblige them to neglect their pressing duties in investigating the superintendent of a correctional institution where less than two per cent of its inmates ever complained of the management? The youths sent to the Red Wing reform school are not sprouting angelic wings; they are sent there for the reason that they are regarded as incorrigible at their homes. The state's money should not be expended for the purpose of gratifying the whims of disgruntled politicians, maudlin long-haired men and hysterical short-haired women. Ring down the curtain and end the farce.

It having been found by General Bixby, chief of the government's engineer corps, that the Maine was destroyed by an explosion from the inside, the question as to whether it was blown up by Spain or not is as far from solution as ever and will in all probability never be known. It would have been possible for an agent of the Spanish government to plant an infernal machine, regulated by clockwork, on the Maine when many of the crew were ashore, as they were upon the date of the catastrophe; or the big battleship's destruction may have been caused by accident. Even had it been found that she was blown up from the outside it would have been no proof that the Spanish government was responsible for the deed—it could have been committed by anarchists. Hence, we have gained nothing by exhuming that old hulk. In fact the discovery that she was blown up from the inside will naturally have a tendency to create among Spaniards a bad feeling against the United States for charging them with the crime.

If the Marshall News-Messenger and Minnesota Mascot are to be believed, and we see no reason for disbelieving them, they must have an army of road-butchers in Lyon county. These newspapers maintain that the local road authorities are busily engaged in despoiling the roads instead of bettering them. It certainly does not improve a road to plow great sods and dump them into its center. Such a road is bound to be uneven and rutty. The local road authorities as a general rule do the best they know how, but the lower regions are paved with good intentions. There is only one remedy: the local road authorities must be shown how to improve the highways by men who know how. The state must furnish the instructors. The advocates of the cause of good roads should not be discouraged. There may be dark spots here and there but throughout the state as a whole there is a noticeable change for the better in the condition of the country roads, and this year especially there is a great revival in road-improvement.

## REDUCED RATES IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

Increasing the rate of taxation paid by railroads simply means that, under recent court decisions, the people will be obliged to pay additional passenger and freight charges. That the rate of taxation will be increased from four to five per cent at the next session of the legislature is altogether probable. But adding one or two per cent to the railroad taxes will not benefit all the people of the state; it will provide means for larger appropriations for the state university and the other educational, charitable and correctional institutions of the state and the creation of a lot of new offices. It would be far better, and of a great deal more benefit to the people, if the railroads were to reduce their passenger and freight rates and leave the rate of taxation as it is at present. If, however, the boost in passenger and freight rates is to be maintained permanently the demand for an increase in the railroad gross earnings tax will become irresistible.

United States Senator Swanson of Virginia is a good roads enthusiast who has given much attention to the study of the problem. Last week, in the senate chamber, Mr. Swanson urged that an annual appropriation of \$20,000,000 be made for five years to improve the post roads and rural delivery routes throughout the country. He explained that under his plan the total would be divided among the states according to population and that these states, or the local authorities, would furnish an amount equal to that appropriated by the federal government. By this means, said he, more than 1,000,000 miles of roads would be open to government aid. Were the government to expend more money on such projects as that urged by Mr. Swanson instead of squandering it to dig up old hulks from the sea bottom it would escape much unfavorable criticism.

After all some good has come out of the Bren defalcations. Had he not carried on his peculations and been caught at his game the public would probably never have known of the abominable laxity permitted to exist in the financial department of the university as disclosed by John Barry, expert accountant. There is no obvious reason why these irregularities should not have been unearthed ere this, as the books were audited periodically by men from the public examiner's office. However, these men turned in reports which purported to show that the finances of the university were O. K.—an utter impossibility in view of later disclosures.

Our peeresses who were excluded from the coronation ceremonies are still on the warpath and some of them threaten to snub Queen Mary. It seems that Mary, in making out her list of those whom she considered proper persons to mix with, eliminated a number of American women who bought English titles—not because they came of plebeian ancestry, but for the reason that their characters would not bear investigation. Queen Mary should be commended rather than censured for placing character above title in making out her invitation list.

## OPINIONS OF EDITORS

And There Are Others.

The mayor of Cass Lake is a graduate of the state university. Since the Bren hold-up it begins to look as if Dr. Dumas was not the only crook turned out from this big institution of learning.—Winnebago Press-News.

Where Samuel Shines. They say Sam Fullerton can stir up more muss with a teaspoon than any other man with a plow. Sam's maiden effort, made in Bemidji, is pretty strong evidence that "they say" had it right.—Cass Lake Times.

If There Is Something in It for Him. The Houston Post editor defines an insurgent as a man who faces crises. To which we subscribe most heartily—going him one better by amending that if there are no crises for him to face he gets out and makes one.—Quentin in Minneapolis Tribune.

In Discard Already.

If Samuel Y. Gordon depends upon the so-called progressive republicans of this state for the republican nomination for governor next year he will

probably find himself in the discard when the noses are counted in the state convention.—Madison Press.

Not Judged by Number. The greatness of a town is not reckoned from the number of people that make their homes there, but from the unity that exists among them. Show us a town where all unite for a common good and we will show you a happy and prosperous community.—Evansville Enterprise.

All Leaders: No Followers. Heretofore it has been impossible to diagnose the trouble with the late legislature but now that Lynn Haines' book is out, the reason is known. Every man there was a "leader" according to his size-up and of course with no one to follow it made the situation bad.—Fergus Falls Journal.

Humbugging the Farmers. P. V. Collins, who led the banker elevator-creamery delegation to Washington to oppose reciprocity, still continues to misrepresent the issue in his Northwestern Agriculturist, with pencil and cartoon. Some day he will take it all back and apologize to the farmers—at least he ought to.—St. Cloud Times.

Too Much Before and After. It seems to be generally agreed that the state fire marshal's office talked too much before it made its raid on the crooks of northern Minnesota who had been "yegging" and burning things generally. We never thought that hunting ducks with a brass band was really the best method of securing game.—Cambridge North Star.

Less-Majesty, by Gad. Will the republican party be stronger or weaker in Minnesota in 1912 on account of the control of the machinery by the interests and the brewers? What was accomplished in 1910 except the election of Eberhart and a slight changing in the personnel of the salary absorbers at the public treasury? Are the people proud of the present incompetent, weak and vacillating administration? Do the rank and file of the party feel that they did a good job in 1910? Can't they find a competent, able, independent man who will be a credit to the state and to the party?—Cambridge North Star.

DALBO. Miss Margaret Walin and Florence Hedlund called on Florence Bergquist on Sunday.

Misses Mabel, Florence and Vivian Carlson, who have been visiting at A. Hedstrom's, left for Minneapolis on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hedstrom came home from Waverly on Thursday. They had been visiting friends and relatives there.

Mary Sohlin called on Minnie Erickson on Friday. The girls are making new hobble skirts, which seem to be the fashion.

The Dalbo ball nine played a picked team of Carmody, Karmel and Oxbow nines on Sunday. The game was of 5 innings and resulted in 28 to 1 in favor of Dalbo. Next Sunday the Dalbo nine will play the Maple Ridge and Day nines at the Dalbo diamond.

BLUE HILL. Philip Bohem, jr., cut rye for Matt Johnson last week.

Miss Tracy Boehm of Princeton spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Aurora Taylor has gone to Princeton to spend a couple of weeks.

Miss Mina Groff was a pleasant visitor at the Lavelle home on Thursday.

H. N. Humphrey is building a combined corncrib and granary on his farm.

We all appreciate the Greenbush correspondent's efforts to furnish the news.

Jim Johnson, wife and baby spent a part of Tuesday visiting relatives in Blue Hill.

Miss Alice Fullwiler left last Friday for a visit to her sister in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson in east Blue Hill last Sunday.

Ray Marsh, a nephew of Wm. Marsh of Princeton, is helping Frank Lavelle with his work.

Archie Hull went to Lake City last Friday to spend a few days with Company G, of which he is a member.

It is feared that many pieces of wheat are hurt by the heat and rust, but the cool weather we are having may save it.

Mrs. J. E. Thompson and daughters, Gertrude, Grace, Myrtle and Addie, of Princeton drove out to their farm on Sunday.

Corn is the most forward in many years. Most of it is tasseling out and if no early frost comes there will be an immense crop.

A young couple of Blue Hill, while passing the house of Clarence Taylor last Sunday, stole a little spaniel puppy belonging to Floyd Taylor. Clarence quickly mounted a horse and

overtook the parties about a mile from home, and, after calling the man a few pet names not fit for publication, he was pleased to give up the dog.

Lost, at Elk River on July 4, a baseball pad with the initials T. H. C. on it. Finder please return to Earl Fullwiler, Blue Hill.

Grover Taylor and wife went to Little Falls last week in their auto and returned on Sunday.

Miss Hilda Grovener of St. Paul is visiting her friend, Mrs. Marie Rottier.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. John Fullwiler is able to ride out and is recovering from her recent illness.

Otto Borneke held a dancing party for his friends on Saturday evening. A nice crowd was present and all enjoyed themselves.

The rye harvest is about completed in Sherburne county. It is the earliest harvest in many years. The crop was hastened in ripening by those hot winds from Kansas, but it is not damaged.

Matt Johnson's team, while attached to Philip Boehm's binder, indulged in a little runaway last Saturday. No one was hurt and no damage done. Such a team is not safe to leave alone for a minute.

The many friends of Warren Baker and wife of Hayland township, will be sorry to learn that their daughter, Lila, was taken to the Northwestern hospital at Princeton last Friday for an operation to remove a tumor.

Jim Horton made a trip to Princeton on Tuesday. He reports that his wife is not as well as usual this summer. Mrs. Horton has been an invalid for many years and requires the entire time of her husband to care for her.

DISTRICT NO. 24. Johnson Hyman spent Sunday evening at the Nelson home.

Miss Esther Nelson spent Monday evening at the Hyman home.

Misses Lillian and Myrtle Pierson called on the Patten girls Sunday.

Alvin and Victor Orne spent Sunday with their cousin, Teddy Torell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chute called at the Sam Sauser home on Sunday.

Miss Ida Torell spent Friday afternoon at the home of her cousin, Gertrude Orne.

Miss Grace Herdlika spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Stella Parks.

Alex Erickson of Duluth is spending a couple of weeks with his brother, Chas. Erickson.

Walter Erickson of Baldwin spent Saturday evening at the home of his friend, Art Gustafson.

Johnson Hyman and cousin, Bert, were pleasant callers at the Nelson home on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Josephson of St. Paul spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Gustafson.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Gustafson spent Sunday with Mrs. Gustafson's sister, Mrs. Leo Johnson, and family.

Mrs. E. Higlund was a pleasant caller at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. Olson, last week.

The services conducted by Rev. I. N. Goodell of Princeton last Sunday were well attended and we hope he will come again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gardiner of Minneapolis are spending a week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Parks.

A number of young people from this locality attended the dance given at the residence of Chas. Shearston at Spencer Brook last Saturday night.

Misses Hilda Liden and Norah Tellefson have returned to their homes in St. Paul after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Satterstrom.

Lillian Gustafson and brother, Art, entertained a number of their friends last Sunday evening. Outdoor games were played and all enjoyed themselves.

Henry Zetterstrom came up from the city for the Fourth and spent a pleasant week at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Satterstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Berry spent Sunday with Mrs. Berry's father, Mr. Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Berry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin.

Misses Lillian Gustafson, Lillian Patten and Gertrude Orne spent Monday evening with the Misses Hilda Liden and Norah Tellefson at the residence of E. J. Satterstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gustafson entertained a number of their friends and neighbors on the Fourth. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dahlin, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Orne, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Satterstrom, Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Skoog, Henry Zetterstrom and John Ax.

Harold Chapman is here from St. Cloud visiting friends.