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The prohibition candidate for president announces that if he is elected president he will intervene in Mexico. He won't intervene.

A seat on the New York stock exchange recently sold for \$69,000 which would almost supply an ordinary family with the winter's flour.

William Sulzer, former democrat and recent prohibitionist, has wished himself onto the republican party. Bill always did hate republicans, you know.

The old state prison at Stillwater is to be used to manufacture war munitions. Well, there are those who believe that a prison is a proper place for munition makers.

Two dollar wheat before January 1 was predicted last week. The prediction is based on unfavorable news from Argentina and a report that Buenos Aires has had an extended drouth.

And now Jeremiah A. O'Leary brings a \$50,000 libel suit. Did you ever notice how a two for a quarter reputation increases in value the minute some one of prominence deigns to puncture it?

Will all the earth's machinery, now driven by steam, gasoline or water-power, eventually be driven by energy supplied by the sun? The Smithsonian institution thinks so. Stranger things have happened.

As election draws near interest in the presidential campaign is warming up. The democrats pretend to believe President Wilson has a chance in Minnesota, and they are centering practically all of their efforts toward that end.

A writer in the American Magazine quotes Charles M. Schwab as saying that there is no fun in great wealth. Well, unhappiness caused by great wealth can be easily cured. But usually the wealthy are not living for the fun there is in it.

Andy Rahn has been down to Chicago and has given out an interview in which he states that Hughes will have an old time republican majority in Minnesota. Andy runs no particular risk of injuring his reputation as a political prophet by predicting that Minnesota will go republican.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States concludes that this presidential campaign will have no effect upon the current business. At the present time there are no great domestic issues separating the two parties, and this is probably the reason that this conclusion was arrived at.

A train load of feminine Hughes supporters from the east invaded Minnesota last week, and gave their reasons for supporting the former supreme court justice. Activity of women in matters political is becoming more and more pronounced, and is another evidence of constantly changing conditions.

The Federal government has been to some expense in an effort to obtain recruits for the National Guard, and thus far the results have not been what might be termed gratifying. In fact Guard recruiting may be discontinued. A decent wage for the soldiers would doubtless stimulate patriotism and recruiting.

Waldo Thomas, of Aurora, Illinois, comes into prominence by proving himself to be the champion plowman of America. Ten thousand persons recently witnessed him turn clean-cut furrows of uniform depth, while the straw and natural debris of the field was buried under the soil. To be the champion in any field of endeavor bespeaks qualities that are to be admired.

Governor Burnquist wisely refuses to call an extra session of the legislature to enact a law that will enable the guardsmen on the Mexican border to vote at the ensuing election. Nobody wishes to deprive the boys of the right of suffrage, and there ought to be a law that would permit them to vote when away from home on duty, but the calling of an extra session for that purpose is hardly practical at this late day. Anyhow, we are of the opinion that if the boys did vote no particular candidate or party would profit largely thereby—their votes would be pretty evenly divided.

Again there is talk of compulsory military service in Ireland. What Irish there are in the British army are making a splendid record, but there are thousands of them, Unionists as well as Home Rulers, who have refused to volunteer. There is compulsory service in England and Scotland and there does not seem to be any good reason why the Irish should be exempted.

The printing of the state ballot has commenced, and the list will be the shortest in the history of the state—20 inches long as compared to 50 inches four years ago. The democrats have only three candidates for state office, while the progressives have none. There is no interest in the state campaign, as it is pretty generally conceded that the republican nominees will win.

President Wilson has appointed a commission of three to investigate the workings of the railroad eight-hour law. Col. Geo. W. Goethals, of Panama canal fame, E. E. Chase of the interstate commerce commission and Geo. Rublee of New Hampshire have been named. A fair and impartial investigation is expected, and that is undoubtedly the kind of an investigation these gentlemen will make.

Rumors to the effect that Sweden contemplated participating in the European war were given a sleeping potion last week when that nation's premier, Dr. K. H. L. Hammarskjold, gave out an interview in which he made it plain that Sweden would remain strictly neutral as long as it was possible to do so. Sweden will not become involved unless forced to do so by unreasonable and uncalled for tactics on the part of one or more of the belligerents.

Government manufacture of paper from national forest lumber, by means of government-owned and operated water power, to relieve the print paper situation is a possibility at the short session of Congress in December. This would relieve the government from exorbitant charges for the immense quantities of print paper it consumes; set a standard of cost for the production of paper which may be used as a means of determining whether private manufacturers are charging excessive prices, and by the sale of the surplus product to the public at cost would help to hold down the price charged by private interests.

There is an organization of radical reformers in this country with headquarters at Washington known as the National Voters League that stands for all sorts of advanced legislation. Here is an excerpt from a recent bulletin issued by the League:

The people now have the opportunity to choose their senators without the intervention of legislatures. But recent direct elections have not improved the personnel of the senate. On the contrary, it has deteriorated in ability and beyond question, the first results of popular elections has only contributed more to the professional politics of the senate.

In this state we have a candidate for the senate who was nominated by the popular vote, and who will be elected by anywhere from 75,000 to 100,000 plurality, who will improve the personnel of the American house of lords, and his name is Frank B. Kellogg.

## INTRASTATE ROADS 1 AND 2.

On every hand it is conceded that there should be a good broad highway connecting Duluth with the Twin Cities. It is unnecessary to adduce any argument in behalf of the proposition as there is no opposition to it. At the last meeting of the State Highway commission, shortly after the enactment of the federal road law, it was agreed that the Duluth-Twin Cities road should be known and designated as Intrastate Road No. 1, and that the Commission would recommend Federal aid for such road to the extent that the counties through which it passes were prepared to meet.

The counties must meet the Federal aid dollar for dollar. Unless some of the counties receive assistance in the shape of large allotments from the State road and bridge fund and private contributions, a bond issue on their part would be necessary to meet the Federal aid. Doubtless the necessary financial arrangements will be completed and their will be a serviceable hard-surfaced road, passable at all seasons of the year save when the snow is too deep, between the Twin Cities and Duluth, before the closing days of 1917.

At the meeting of the State Highway Commission referred to it was also determined to recommend the extension of substantial Federal aid to Intrastate Road No. 2, through Sherburne, Mille Lacs and Crow Wing counties. This road commences in the Twin Cities, passes north through Hennepin county, crosses the Mississippi at Anoka, thence on the east side of the river through Anoka and Sherburne counties to Elk River, thence north to Princeton and Milaca, to the queen of Minnesota lakes, around the southern and western shore of that beautiful lake, thence west to Brainerd

and on to Walker and International Falls. This road is part of the so-called Scenic Highway and, save for stretches in northern Sherburne and northern Mille Lacs, is in fair condition between Brainerd and Minneapolis—and for these stretches the Highway Commission has agreed to recommend Federal aid to the extent of \$65,000. In Mille Lacs county it is proposed to meet the Federal aid by a moderate bond issue. This road will materially aid in developing a country rich in natural resources, will be of immense benefit to farmers and will be the main highway to the beauty spots of central northern Minnesota.

In this connection we quote herewith an editorial from the Minneapolis Journal of the 7th inst., which the Union heartily endorses—save that too much credit is given the State Automobile Association:

### THE DULUTH ROAD FIRST.

Of all the various projects for trunk road improvement in this State, that for a serviceable, all-weather highway between the Twin Cities and Duluth is by far the most important. Such a road will connect the three largest cities of the state, and besides accommodating a large normal traffic, will attract numerous touring motorists to Minnesota. Many of these would like to come by water to Duluth and thence tour the state. But the road conditions at present are too uncertain for the venture.

The State Automobile Association, therefore, gives the State Highway Commission sound advice, when it urges that the first road recommended for the use of Federal funds be the Twin-City Duluth highway. While the commission has not yet taken action, it is evidently favorably impressed with this suggestion, and its recommendation to that effect would certainly receive the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The avowed purpose of the Federal roads aid law is to encourage the building of trunk highways through the various States and connecting with each other. Minnesota is deplorably undeveloped in this respect and much progress can be made, now that the Federal government stands ready to contribute a dollar for every dollar furnished by the State, up to the amount of our allotment.

The automobile organization, made up of enthusiastic propagandists of good roads, urges that "all roads to be built under the Federal roads aid act be continuations of roads already hard-surfaced, the idea being to build out from centers of population rather than to build small patches of disconnected roads which start nowhere and land nowhere."

This is precisely what the Journal has urged since the bill was passed. Indeed, it is doubtful whether Federal approval can be obtained for road improvements made on any other basis. The Duluth road fits in admirably with the system of roads radiating from the Twin Cities at one end and the fine roads to the Ranges at the other end. It is a highly important link. No time should be lost in putting it through.

### OPINIONS OF EDITORS.

#### It Would Help Some.

The statement is made that in August, 1914, Sweden and Norway made an agreement to never go to war with each other. If this could be extended so as to cover the entire civilized world, how much better the world would be.—Stillwater Gazette.

#### The Herald Is Optimistic.

The Duluth Herald says that a canvas of New York, New Jersey, Indiana and Illinois shows that President Wilson will have a large majority in each one of them. This would be "important if true," but under the circumstances it simply proves that "a man can always see what he is looking for."—Laporte News.

#### Prepared Editorials.

It begins to look as if the occupation of writing editorials for the country newspaper was to be a thing of the past, as every mail brings from two to ten columns of artistically worded editorial matter pertaining to the republican and democratic candidates for president, with an occasional article about the brilliant officials some of the state candidates are going to make. And what grieves us most is to see the stuff run in several of the exchanges.—Lake City Leader.

#### Must Be Stopped.

The mayor of Edgerton, this state, proclaims that hereafter he will arrest anyone, no matter who they are, who are found speeding in that village. The only course that a council can take is to adhere to the law. Suppose a child is killed by a reckless driver. How long would it take the citizens to rise in their wrath and demand that speeding be stopped. Put an end to the speeder before he puts an end to a human life.—Levang's Lanesboro Weekly.

#### Potato Prices Up.

Potato prices are some higher this week, and from \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel is being paid for all varieties except Triumphs, which are worth from 75c to 80c. Yesterday a load of white potatoes of fine quality brought \$1.20 per bushel. Receipts are good, and the quality is constantly improving. Shipments from here continue brisk.

The following election officials will be on duty at the general election in Princeton village on November 7: Judges—Ira G. Stanley, A. M. Davis and J. W. Hartman. Clerks—Clifton Cravens and T. M. Olsen.



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### School Aids Much on County's Farms.

Eleven boys from Mille Lacs county are among the list of 2,154 who have learned how to farm at the School of Agriculture, University of Minnesota. This is the number who have been graduated from the school. The number who have attended for one or two years of the three-year course is nearly three times as large.

Eighty percent of the students who have been graduated from the School of Agriculture since it was established as the first school of its kind in the United States in 1888 are engaged in farming. D. D. Mayne, principal of the school, estimates that a larger percentage of the number who attended for a time but were not graduated are engaged in agricultural work. The men trained in the state agricultural school have done much to improve farming conditions in this country.

The school of agriculture gives a course of study covering three years. At the opening of the 1916 session, October 2, new courses will be offered to allow students to specialize in work which interests them. No high school work is required for entering the classes in the School of Agriculture.

### Town Board Meets.

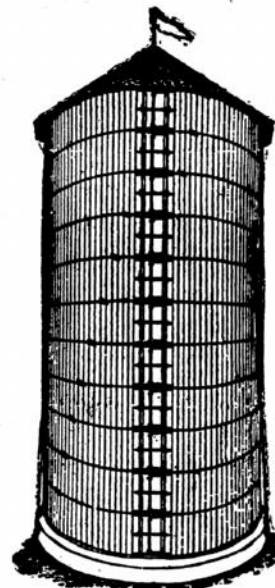
The town board met at the office of the Bockoven land agency Saturday, and all members were present. This was the day set for hearing on bids for the construction of a bridge to span the Rum river at the point where the so-called Sadley bridge is located. A couple of representatives of contractors were present, but no bids were submitted. The representatives offered to furnish plans for a cheaper bridge, but the board decided to lay the matter over until next spring.

Complaints having been made to the board that certain parties in northwest Princeton have plowed up portions of the public highway, contrary to law, and steps were taken to institute prosecutions.

Numerous bills were acted upon and the board then adjourned.

### Charged With Violating Liquor Laws.

Claire Neumann and Gus Kuhlman were gathered in by Sheriff Harry Shockley Tuesday and charged with maintaining unlicensed drinking places. They were brought before Justice Dickey for a preliminary hearing the same day. Both waived examination and were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$500.



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