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POLITICS QUIET.

Efforts to stir up enthusiasm over politics, except for two or three of the leading candidates, are falling flat throughout the state. North Dakotans are too busy putting in their crops and watching war news to get excited over a political campaign.

Reports from Bismarck state that there will probably be no publicity pamphlet this year, owing to the indifference on the part of candidates. Very few wish to use it, many stating that they will not send anything for publication.

The Forum is of the opinion that this apathy, especially on the part of the people, will continue. There are no big questions to be settled, no stirring campaign issues, and the voters will go on about their business, read what the papers have to say about the different candidates and quietly make up their minds as to whom they will support.

Now and then there is a spasmodic effort to inject some of the old time factional bitters into the campaign. Generally these efforts come from the democratic ranks, in the hope of creating differences in the republican ranks that have worked so nicely in the past for the democrats. Such efforts, however, only fizzle out like a fire cracker that fails to explode, leaving the fellow who lights the fuse looking foolish.

There are no factional differences in the republican party in this state. The whole issue this year, so far as the republicans are concerned, is a choice of men. For the two big places to be filled, governor and United States senator, some of North Dakota's finest men are in the field. Every candidate for these two offices is a man who would make good on the job. Some would give greater service than others, but they are all progressive, clean and able. Every one of them has been in the public eye for some time. All have served the state, most of them for many years and the people will select the winners because of past records and performances.

NO NEED OF STANDING ARMIES.

There is something in American character which makes the volunteer idea, in case of war, singularly attractive.

Practically every American balks at the suggestion of compulsory military service. "Our soldiers are all volunteers," is a saying that was heard around the world when the Spanish-American war was in progress. In quaint cafes in Manila, where Europeans of many types met, the independent and high-spirited bearing of the American soldiers who entered such places was remarked immediately. The Europeans believed that at least the men of the regular regiments were serving from compulsion. Yet even the volunteer soldiers rejected this suggestion when it was made to them. "Our soldiers are all volunteers," they took pride in saying.

Perhaps it is because the American so strongly distrusts compulsory service that he so promptly volunteers when there is the remotest chance of his being needed.

Within the past week the Spanish-American veterans from many places have expressed their readiness to go into Mexico, in case of need. The young men of the militia in every state in the union are boyishly eager to be on the firing lines.

Recruiting offices throughout the land are being swamped by applicants for enlistment. Chicago reports that only about 15 per cent of the men who applied were found to be physically fit; but it must be remembered that the standards are very high; and at any rate, it is seen how ready the average man is to go to war when bullets begin to appear in the newspaper offices.

HEALTH IN MEXICO.

A subject of speculation is the danger to which American troops would be subjected in Mexico by reason of the climate. The rainy season is beginning. The coast climate is trying even to Mexicans, a large proportion of whom by preference live well up on the sides of the mountains. The altitude of the City of Mexico is 7,350 feet. General Winslow, who is now in Jaris, is quoted as making light of the Mexicans as fighters, but disposed to regard with fear the results of the Mexican climate. He says that the most important thing to be considered is the sanitary care of our army, as the coast zone, extending fifty miles into the interior, is deadly to foreigners. Our invading force, he

declares, must move out of this zone without delay if it is to escape a far greater danger than that of the enemy's bullets.

On the other hand, it is a cause for congratulation that the science of sanitation has made the problem of preserving health in the tropics simpler than it was in any former time. Maj. Buell S. Rogers, surgeon of the Second Infantry, Illinois National guard, says on this subject:

"The great problem for the army in Mexico will not be to fight the Mexicans, but to fight the mosquitoes, the bedbugs, the fleas and the flies. Before the medical department had reached its present efficiency these enemies would have been deadly, but in the present campaign I do not look for them to be so. Our campaigns in the Philippines, I think, establish the conquest that we have made over infectious diseases.

"Vera Cruz probably will offer us the greatest mosquito problem. Before we knew the part played by the mosquito in yellow fever and malaria, it was impossible to prevent outbreaks. Now, however, the army equipment provides nets which will protect the men, at least, at night, when the pests are at their worst.

"The army will have an advantage by its head, General Wood, having been a surgeon. He will realize the primary importance of sanitation more, probably, than another commander who had not had medical training. Men enlisting will be vaccinated against both typhoid and smallpox.

"Mexico City itself and the mountain uplands should give us little trouble, for the altitude makes the temperature moderate and the general conditions wholesome."

Of course there is a vast difference between theory and practice. During the preparations for the Spanish war there were frightful conditions in some of the concentration camps, and many splendid young fellows who never had a chance to go out of the country lost their lives. But there is a far better understanding of camp sanitation than there was sixteen years ago, and the American army will have a valuable asset in the medical reserve corps.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Soft Talk vs. Hard Fact.

Milwaukee Sentinel: "Our feeling for the people of Mexico is one of deep and genuine respect," says President Wilson.

Is it, indeed? Let us clear our minds of can't.

There are some Mexican people for whom we have "deep and genuine respect." But to say that we entertain any such sentiment for the bulk of the population is preposterous.

There are about 13,000,000 Mexicans whom we would not include in our boundaries at any price or in any status.

Amexicans is about the last thing the Mexicans have to dread. We don't want them. We have chronic wastrels and practical anarchists enough of our own, native and imported.

It is to be hoped that our amiable and scholarly president's tender and admiring words for the "greasers" will not inspire them with the fear that we love and value them so much that we want to kidnap them. Nothing of the sort!

Can Be Stopped.

Des Moines Register and Leader: A warm-blooded traveler abroad wrote a letter to Bennett's paper defining the tip system on shipboard as blag.

Steamship men got up in arms about it, instantly. "We want to tip, but we can't stop it," said they. "It is well known to all tourists that it is not compulsory upon any one to bestow a tip."

This is adding insult to injury. It is well known to all who travel that it is compulsory to tip. The tipping business is so devised for the benefit of those who serve in hotels, sleeping cars and in steamships. It was devised to force the traveling public to pay the wages of the employees after paying the employers for the service the wages represent.

And it is perfectly obvious that it can be stopped without the slightest difficulty whenever the employers want to stop it.

Must Follow Marlborough.

Philadelphia Record: Two more British landlords announce their intention to part with some of their real estate, but the amounts they are going to sell are too small to affect the general discontent at the tenure of land in Great Britain. A step in a better direction was taken last year by the Duke of Marlborough, who had 1,000 acres of Blenheim park plowed and sown with wheat. The yield of that area is not going to affect the price of bread, but it is something; the duke sets an example which will have been followed, or else there will be legislation seriously affecting land titles. What irritates public feeling is not the large ownership, with which people in cities are sufficiently familiar, but the amount of ground that ought to be producing food which is now reserved as pleasure grounds and hunting preserves.

War in Colorado.

New York Times: It is grave news that comes from the Trinidad mining district of Colorado—so grave that not even the big events before the Rio Grande can blot it out. More than 100 men are reported to have been killed in the district. But clearly the charge of grave crimes lies at the door of the state of Colorado which explanations can but little palliate.

The fundamental quarrel between the mine owners and the strikers has been much expounded. In that quarrel sides can be taken as one's convictions run. But we can conceive of no conditions or no facts which will justify the wholesale shooting of women and children with machine guns. Unless disproof comes quickly, the belief will grow stronger and stronger that here, as in the state of West Virginia, the authorities have far exceeded their constitutional duty to maintain order and are entering upon a campaign of war and destruction in behalf of the mine owners of the state.

EASTER STYLISHNESS.

Some Easter eggs did mother day; She got her eyebrows yellow.

Her funny looks made father say: And made the baby yell.

She used the dye that never fades, Cooked up some awful messes, And got both green and purple shades Commingling with her tresses.

At first poor ma was in despair, But father took compassion, And showed that with her rainbow hair She now is quite in fashion.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sweet potatoes are exposed to the attacks of about a dozen serious insects.

North Dakota Kernels

Next Friday is Arbor day.

Bad weather has made seeding a little bit late at Marion and vicinity.

Great Northern yards at Osnabrock are being improved by the installation of new ties.

The Norwegian school near Wyndmere will open for the spring term Monday, May 4.

Sunday school workers of Pembina county will meet in convention at St. Thomas, June 17 and 18.

A full-sized basement and other improvements are being added to the Lutheran church at Larimore.

Implement dealers in Stutsman and Kidder counties are making a demand for corn planters this year.

Rural route No. 1, out of Beach, has been extended south four miles, accommodating eighteen more families.

Considerable fat stock has recently been shipped to Chicago from Marion by farmers living tributary to that station.

During the war excitement The Mandan Pioneer will publish a daily edition, with associated press dispatches.

Prospects are good for the erection of several silos by farmers in the vicinity of Medina, the coming summer and fall.

P. B. Wickham of Glen Ullin will spend the summer in the Idaho mountains with his wife, for the benefit of her health.

The people of Hanover have opened up negotiations for the construction of a telephone line from that town into New Salem.

The second district convention of the North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs, will be held at Devils Lake, May 1 and 2.

Rev. J. Krogstad, formerly of Minneapolis, has been called to take charge of the Hauze congregations at Edinburg and vicinity.

The latest plans in barn construction will enter into a monster barn which is to be erected by James Murdock near Wimbledon.

Up to April 24 there were thirty-one signed up members of the commercial club at Leeds—a campaign is on to make a total of sixty.

Country correspondence in the state papers indicate a rather large exodus of people going to Norway among them a number of farming folks, going to see centennial doings.

The young women from the domestic science department of the high school at Wahpeton served luncheon to those attending the meeting of the federation of women's clubs.

Concerts by the celebrated Science School band at Wahpeton will be a Saturday evening attraction from now until the close of the school, June 12. Every other Saturday a concert will be given in Breckinridge.

Improvements are promised in the passenger service of the Midland Continental railroad, and it is very probable that a better and more frequent service will be put on the line between Edgely and Wimbledon. The use of up-to-date motor-driven passenger cars is contemplated.

The attendance at the teachers' and officers' meeting held in Jamestown in March was the largest in the history of the association. The exhibition of general work from one-room rural schools was held in connection with the meeting. After careful scoring the judges awarded Top school No. 1, Miss Julia McCarthy is the teacher.

Rev. J. T. Bursett of Clermont, Ia., has been appointed pastor of the Lutheran church at Beach and he has already assumed his duties. Besides being the guest of honor at a dinner, attended by 100 of his parishioners, the retiring acting pastor, Rev. Mr. Thorpe, who goes to Bellevue, was presented with a purse of \$100 as a token of esteem and appreciation for kind services rendered.

Beach has some postoffice. The sale of stamps, box rent and matter entered for second-class, for four quarters, ending March 31, 1914, amounted to a total of \$10,688. During the same period \$255 money orders were issued to the amount of \$64,137.65, the fees for \$494.40. The total amount of \$54,632.16. Nine hundred and eighty-five orders presented for payment amounted to \$9,486.40.

The Beach Progress: The Ekre & Ogden Hart-Parr outfit and the Miller Bros. Hart-Parr plowing outfit, who have been plowing the Lovell section since the middle of March, have now finished up work there Monday and pulled into Beach Tuesday on their way to the Lovell section ten miles north of Beach, where they are being done with that job in about ten days. They claim that they have been progressing much faster than they expected and find the soil in the best of condition to work, making a fine job of the section north of town.

President Smith of the State Science school at Wahpeton and County Superintendent Thornton slept on benches in a school house out in Shevone township last Friday night. President Smith and Superintendent Thornton went out to Shevone last Friday to address a meeting in the consolidated school house in that district and about the time of the meeting a terrific rain storm came up, making it impossible to make the drive back to Walcott to take the train. They therefore spent the night in the school house. The storm did not seem to be much the worse for the experience.

Medina Citizen: Quite a number of our farmers are going into the growing of alfalfa on an extensive scale this season. C. A. Bell is preparing twenty acres that he is going to seed this great forage crop. E. M. Reedson states that he is going to put in twenty-five acres. Karl and Jacob Hoffman, Fred Klein, Nick Johnson and many others are each going to plant quite an acreage. With the growing of alfalfa and corn, the building of silos and the addition of more and better stock—especially the milk cows—prospects are certainly most flattering for the development of the Medina country into one of the most prosperous diversified farming communities in the state. We have the start, let the good work continue.

Beginning April 27 a new schedule went into effect on the Stanton branch out of Mandan. The train leaves Mandan 7:15 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays running to Stanton and on to Golden Valley, where they lie up over night. The return will be made on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. There will be no Sunday service. On the return the trains will arrive at Mandan at 4:15 o'clock in the afternoon. Golden Valley will be the terminal of the north line from now on, is the belief of the local officials. Grading work west of Golden Valley and Dunn center will be finished shortly and it is probable that there will be many miles of track added west of Golden Valley before the time for moving the season's crop is here.



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