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**Non-Partisan Business Falling Off**

So well is North Dakota's record in the matter of taxation becoming known that their agents who are now operating in western states do not find the pickings as easy this year as they did last. Those \$16 memberships in this Utopian (?) scheme of Townley and his cohorts, are not selling as fast as formerly. The American farmer is capable of thinking for himself, and especially of things political. Naturally all things radical do not receive his endorsement, generally speaking. The farmer has had brought home to him the past few seasons, just what labor, in its radical element, can do to him. In the present days of high cost, experimenting would not be likely to lessen the farmer's burden and after seeing what is taking place in North Dakota, he is not going, let it be said to his everlasting credit, swallow the bait held out by the Non-Partisan League.

It is the patriotic duty of every citizen to go to the polls tomorrow and vote. If this is truly to be a government "of, for and by the people" every citizen must exercise his right of franchise.

At the present rate of law making in our land, it would be interesting to sit down and attempt to figure out just how many thousand laws there will be on our statute books within the next twenty years. We have so many laws now that we can't enforce any of them and every session of the legislature finds hundreds of new bills introduced, with far too many passed. Remember how our own legislature met in special session last winter to take up three or four important and pressing matters and how nearly every legislator went to Salem loaded with from one to a half dozen pet measures. It is nearly time to "start in to begin" to call a halt on this legislative stuff and after repealing two thirds of the

present laws, enact a half dozen comprehensive measures that can be understood by everyone and made easily enforced.

**Rural Fire Fighting**

The chances for fires in rural communities are multiplying all the time and attention is now being given in scattering localities to the problem of scientific and efficient fire-fighting methods.

In spite of the utmost carefulness on the part of the individual there is still the possibility that a fire may occur and that it will not be discovered in time to be extinguishable by the individual with his own limited apparatus. For such occasions there should be available to the farmer, as well as the town dweller, prompt assistance from organized fire fighters with necessary equipment at their command.

Such rural fire-fighting organizations have been developed in hundreds of communities in California during the last three years. In a number of counties the local organizations have been consolidated for purposes of general cooperation and efficiency under an official known as county fire warden. The primary purpose of these organizations in California has been to fight grain or range fires. Naturally, however, they also serve to check fires which may occur in the buildings or on the farmstead. Two-wheeled trailers which can be attached to any automobile are used to carry the fire-fighting equipment. A few rural communities in the middle west also have organized for fire protection. The best equipped rural fire organizations are provided with auto trucks especially constructed to carry the fire-fighting apparatus, as well as several members of the force. The equipment provided where the primary purpose is to fight field fires naturally differs somewhat from that intended primarily to fight fires in buildings. In both cases, however, reliance is placed to a large extent upon chemical extinguishers. The Agricultural Department at Washington will give detailed information on both methods of rural fire fighting.

What will Hiram do if he doesn't land the nomination? The question leads to much speculation and many republicans are of the opinion that he will bolt and like a former occasion, attempt to launch a third party. However the indomitable Teddy will be missing, and he it was who put the pep into a third party once before as well as a democratic party into the White House at Washington.

Six feasible sites for retaining reservoirs on Willow and Rhea creeks and their tributaries are said to exist. Local irrigation projects will prove to be not impossible, but instead, highly probable, with always plenty of water when the scheme of conservation is carried out.

The primary election will soon be over and the real excitement just beginning.

A few more hours and then—"I told you so."

**Slat's Diary**

Thursday—Jake & me has decided to make a lot of money by starting a farm & raising pole cats. We sat a trap out by the branch las nite & we will sell the skins & get a lot of money & then we will buy a bigger farm & raise more pole cats & buy otomobeels & guns & motor botes & etc. the teacher sed ambishun pays & we think so 2. I ast J. E. today if she liked me enny & she sed she liked me a whole lot better than she did mice.

Friday—found a pole cat in our trap. Jake & me. ma sed there issent no sentis in pole cats, but when she got in the barn she changed her mind. About the sentis especially, pa maid me git rid of the animal. Also my close.

Saturday—Pa tuk a new job at another stoar today. he is a head man he gets there ahead of every 1 else & sweeps up & etc. pa all ways sed he wood maik a cleaning sum day. pa & ma & me left 2 spend Sunday in the countrie. At my unkeks farm. Unk kept on a working after dark while the moon was shining & he told pa he dident have enny lantern & pa sed why dont you trade your bed off & git a lantern.

Sunday—Come home from the countrie with my stummick aching from eating chicken & bacon & ham & buttermilk & all.

Monday—Got my report card today. average was ninety 7. pa was tickled, so was ma and pa give me a dime for 2 buy some candy. am saving sum for J. E. when I see her at skool tomorrow.

Tuesday—teacher sed for me 2 bring my report card up, which I did. She seen she had maid a mistake & had gave me Shrimp Clays card & my grade only was sixty 3. & I sed 2 her you may keep the card & she sed no you take it home 2 yure pa & I did. Which was the first licking this week.

Wednesday—pa & ma including me went 2 see a new baby which had come 2 our neighbors home. Its all rite for the first one but I cant see why they think it is such a bargin because it hassent enny teeth, or hair & dont know hardly ennything & they had to buy all new close for it But they ack satisfied so I shud Worry.

No more than justice is done the American mule bf the declaration of the quartermaster-general of the army that there was no comparison between the European animal employed by our armies in France and the up-standing creature that the army took

with it from the middle west, until the question of transport became so pressing that it was necessary to rely on countries nearer the battlefield for supplies. There were, it seems, 45,000 mules in service abroad, of which 11,000 were Spanish, 2000 were French and 7000 were British, and there were 100,000 duly enlisted in this country who never got across the sea. But we can easily believe that the 18,000 American mules abroad were worth more than the 27,000 that were bought on the ground. No beast of burden yields more work in proportion to the cost of keeping him than does the American mule, while he seldom requires the services of a veterinarian and customarily lives half again as long as the horse. The war department's formal tribute to his worth, though belated, is undoubtedly deserved.—Oregonian.

Bert Mason Meets O'Brien. Bert Mason's conference last Saturday with J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O-W. R. & N. Co., was a very satisfactory one, Mr. Mason states. Mr. O'Brien had Ione's position on the highway question put to him in an entirely new light, which resulted in his at once dispatching a force of engineers here to make surveys and estimates with a view to settling this troublesome question to the satisfaction of all parties.—Ione Independent.

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