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(Continued From First Page) rived at. This latter decision is a death blow to range municipalities and unfortunately the residents will suffer the consequences.

Great stress is laid on the statement made by Governor Olson at Virginia when he stated that he would use all the resources of the state to keep its people from want when he said: "That if the mining companies fail to pay their taxes, then a substantial amount of relief may be secured. The only people who would secure this, would be those in need. In other words, proper relief may be secured to take care of all those in distress, though of course, there will be no assurance that moneys may be secured to take care of regular expenditures." Nothing in this can be construed as confiscation nor can anything in this statement be construed to relate to the payment of salaries for officials or for regular running expenses.

Another record has been established. Three couples participated in a kissing marathon and one couple held an oculatory clinch for three hours and two minutes. They won the fur-lined pot alright, besides getting a title of world champions among the educated apes who indulge in coffee drinking, sauer kraut and banana eating—flag pole sitting—dancing marathons and several other tests of ability in pulling nonsensical and unnecessary stunts.

How different is the record established by the Minnesota girl who was crowned queen at the State Fair for her 4-H achievements or the record of Dr. Margaret Smith of St. Louis who has discovered the sleeping sickness germ, a most important step in the struggle to combat the strange illness.

Now comes Sheriff Owens with an order that hereafter banquets by favored prisoners in the county jail on foods bought by themselves or sent in by friends and relatives are to be banned and that all will be compelled to eat the jail menu. This is going to be hard on some who have lorded it over the less fortunate prisoners and had foods sent in at their own expense. It will also sort of equalize the prisoners as far as eats are concerned and make them consider the fact that they are under sentence and not on a vacation.

For a county which specializes in iron ore, taxes and snowballs, according to down-staters opinion of St. Louis county, it must be somewhat galling to these same scoffers to find this county carrying off the first prize for agricultural exhibits at the State Fair year after year. Again this year the St. Louis County booth secured first prize while the county building and its recreational exhibit was a center of attraction. Ray Hoefler and Vince Habian were in charge of the agricultural booth.

The Fergus Falls Tribune tells of a political peculiarity in its county. The Tribune shows that one of the smallest villages of the county has seven applications for postmaster, each one of which mentions proudly the faithful democracy of the applicant. Then it goes on to show that there were two Democratic voters in the village in 1924; one in 1926; none in 1928; two in 1930, and six in 1932. Editor Wheelock comments on the case by saying: "It is a splendid showing, tempered only by the reflection

that anyhow five of the would-be postmasters must be lying. We hope one of the two who voted right in 1924 gets the plum."

Jake Weyenberg, secretary of the St. Louis County Press Association and editor of the Eveleth News, hid himself to Milwaukee and there took unto himself a bride a week ago Sunday in the person of Miss Annabel Miller. The Miner editor joins the hosts of friends of the groom on the ranges in wishing the couple all possible happiness.

The governor has the power to remove from office any clerk of the supreme or district court, judge of probate, justices of the peace, court commissioners, sheriffs, coroners, auditors, register of deeds, county attorneys, county superintendents of schools, county commissioners, county treasurers, but is powerless when it comes to removing a constable. This was held by Attorney General Peterson who found no law giving the governor power to oust a constable from the lucrative position he holds.

Why anyone should feed poison to a dog is past human knowledge. It shows rather a depraved condition of the mind and any party guilty of such an act is not human. "A man who loves not dogs or children is to be pitied" says an old adage. As near as we can make out, all of that class are in jail already—or will be before long.

TAXEGRAMS

An old law in Kansas requires that "when two trains approach each other at a crossing, they shall both come to a full stop, and neither shall start until the other has gone." That's "safety first."

Summer is waning. Bathing suits can be bought for "ridiculous figures."

Taxpayers are prone to forget that a reduced valuation of their property merely means a higher tax rate. The only way they can save money is to persuade the city to cut down expenses so they won't need so much money, says the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The savage desert tribes of Africa pay no taxes. It is a mystery, therefore, what makes them so savage, says Punch.

Japan indicates that it does not sanction a bigger American navy. Well, what would they suggest?

A lot of modern and enlightened thought has gone into the waste basket since the depression came. We use old-fashioned words to describe what we think of things now.

A lady novelist thinks that 30 is a nice age for a woman. It is, especially if she happens to be 40.—Boston Transcript.

COMMUNICATED

Ely, Minnesota, September 11, 1933. Editor, Ely Miner: I am told that some very nice people are much peeved because some good sized mama's darlings and auntie's pets got their pants torn and lost some stolen crab apples while making a quick get-away over a high strung barbed wire fence at my place.

If those good people will bring their darlings to me I will fix their pants for them and help them pick up the fruit they lost in their scramble to get away before their pants were identified. The chaps I refer to are not young children. They are big enough and old enough to know better. If they don't, it is high time they should learn.

Yours truly, JOHN SCHAEFER. Delphians Begin Fifth Year of Study.

The Ely Delphian chapter started their fifth year with unusual enthusiasm at the home of the new president, Mrs. Peter Schaefer. The year's study is music.

Mrs. H. N. Sutherland consented to be music advisor for illustrations to be given at each meeting. Mrs. William Wenzstrom gave some examples of Bach and Beethoven.

Mrs. Gust Maki was leader for the evening, the subject being "Development and Beginnings of Music." Mrs. William Jones had the preliminary discussion and a general survey of the development of music. The topics for report were given as follows: "Three Great Modern Musicians," Mrs. P. D. McCarty.

"Primitive Music—Origin and Nature," Mrs. Albert McMahan. "Rhythm in Primitive Music," Mrs. Emil Laitinen. "Achievements and Limitations of Primitive Music," Mrs. Wm. Gallagher. "Egyptian Music," Mrs. Arth. Forselius. Mrs. Peter Schaefer gave the summary in her usual able manner. Mrs. Emil Erickson gave a most instructive talk on the National Recovery Act—V. B.

We're All Company Men.

The following from the Ishpeming Iron Ore is pertinent and to the point covering all the range towns in particular and other industrial centers in general. The Ore says:

"Why is it that some individuals consider that the representative of a corporation is one who is to be shunned by his fellowmen and shown no favors when favors are being passed around? Those who make these remarks are in the minority, but they keep talking all the time and do their utmost to stir up friction.

"To get right down to cases, we are all 'company men,' whether we believe it or not. We are all dependent upon the corporations for our daily bread, although indirectly in most instances.

The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker are all gaining a living because of the larger employers of labor who keep the wheels of industry turning. The owner of a grocery is able to take care of his family and perhaps pay a few dollars aside because workmen of corporations trade with him.

There would be no Marquette, Ishpeming or Negaunee if it were not for the mining companies that support the communities. There are, to be sure, other concerns contributing to the success of the municipalities, but if a close analysis is made it will be ascertained that there is also a connection between these and the mining companies that cannot be overlooked. We are all far more dependent upon the corporations than the corporations are upon us, but when there is no friction between the two, the best results are obtained.

"It is the same corporations that contribute the most to our schools, state, county, and city governments. They place at our disposal fine hospitals and other community enterprises, and always carry more than their just share of the burden. When there are no companies here, there will be no use for any of these.

"It is the ton of ore in the ground and the concerns that get it to market that really count, and every man, woman and child should realize these truths. We want mines—lots of them—and factories if we can get them, but after they are established they must be treated fairly and not referred to in unkind terms. Don't forget that we're all 'company' men!

WHAT OTHERS SAY

This story isn't ours, but nevertheless we think it is a good one: A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived its usefulness. One day he fell into an old well. The farmer looked in and saw him standing deep in the water. There seemed to be no way to get him out, so he was quite useless, and the well abandoned and dangerous, the farmer ordered his men to fill up the well and leave the horse buried in it. The men began to shovel dirt into the well. But the horse was not willing to be buried. When the dirt began to pour in upon him he began to shake it off and tread it underfoot. As the well was filled up the horse came nearer and nearer to the surface, and when the men had finished their task the horse walked out into the pasture. The very things which conspire to bury the lion-hearted these days, are used by them to lift themselves out of difficulties and into the light. The very last thing one should do is to agree to stay dead and be buried.—Stillwater Gazette.

In every community there are a number of business hitch-hikers. They are business men who never aid any cause, never carry their share of any celebration, never take part in anything which will help the town. They never do anything to bring the people to town but are glad to have the other merchant spend his money in advertising to bring them to town because they show a crowd helps business. They are selfish existences and their hitch-hiking isn't particularly harmful unless every body joins their class and then the town stops still and starts spinning backwards.

There are business hitch-hikers in every town but when everybody becomes a hitch hiker—watch out.—Eveleth Clarion. Up to a short time ago a 20-story skyscraper stood in the famous loop district of Chicago. The building returned a rent of \$50,000 a year. A Chicago business man was offered the opportunity to buy it for \$5.00. And he turned it down! Since then the building has been wrecked, and the lot it stood on is being used for a parking space. This amazing little story appeared recently in the editorial columns of a metropolitan daily. As the knowing will have guessed, the trouble with the building was taxes. They came to \$40,000 a year. And the owners were in arrears an entire year. To continue to operate they would have had to pay out \$80,000. The rent return didn't justify it.

And the result? Well, everyone lost. The owners of the building, who had invested money in it were finally forced to destroy it in self-defense; the city, which was out thousands in taxes, and, lastly, the general public, which must make up the taxes the building would normally pay. This is the old story of excessive taxation, and it has been told a thousand times. Bankruptcy, unemployment, industrial recession, slowed community progress; there are the inevitable corollaries of wasteful and expensive government. It is time our lawmakers read the handwriting on the wall.—Steel Plant News.

Does thrift pay? That is what many are asking when they observe millions

HOW MOTORISTS LOSE THEIR LIVES ILLUSTRATED BY THE HIGHWAY PATROL OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FROM ACTUAL HIGHWAY ACCIDENT RECORDS. Car passing truck on slope of small hill at same time the same thing was happening on opposite side of the hill. All four vehicles collided. READ THE TRAFFIC LAWS No. 3

looking to the public to support them. And it is the thrifty, those who sought to lay by a little for a rainy day while the times were good, who are asked to foot the tax bills to give this charity. Then there is again the bankrupt communities who are now busy rifling Uncle Sam's trouser pockets to get at the \$3,200,000,000 which he is to spend over the country to help the unemployed. Towns that plunged in the boom years will be given special attention by the government, while the communities that were conservative and kept out of debt will find little appreciation from the government for their frugality. If it goes much further we are all going to throw thrift to the winds and let Uncle Sam worry about the rainy day.—Tracy Headlight.

No, under the new deal, thrift is to be handicapped, right and left, if we are to pull through, and we must brace up and take it. The days of the 'rugged individual' looking out for himself and family are gone forever. We don't know what will take the place of it, but anyway, they say it's gone forever. The thrifty farmer in the northern part of the state, who has paid his taxes finds that his neighbor who didn't pay gets a big rebate. The farmer in Southern Minnesota, who has kept up his taxes and interest finds that the old loan companies are going to pull out of the state, or at least will not make any new loans in the state, for the reason that the state moratorium law violates their contracts. We know a man who has tried to be honest and thrifty, has considerable property and no mortgage on his home. He wants to borrow money on this property at a reasonable rate of interest in order to carry on. But can he do it? No, these agencies are only for those in dire distress, thus many having their homes clear are not in distress. He has got to go on running in debt until he is in distress in order to get a loan at a reasonable rate of interest.—Windom Reporter.

It is about time that temporizing with drunken drivers be stopped in Two Harbors. This thing of entering a charge of reckless driving to substitute drunken driving has gone about far enough. Temperate folks who enjoy the pleasure of their cars and business people who must use them in their business, should be guaranteed protection from the kind of persons who mix beer and hooch before starting out on the highways with a car. A good percentage of the serious accidents can be attributed to the presence of alcohol in the gas mixture and the limit is none to strong for anyone who drives a car while drunk.—Two Harbors Chronicle.

No newspaper publisher ever was in business very long until he was forced to deal with the problem of leaving out of the news an item about this one or that one who had gotten into trouble. A good many rules for dealing with it have been laid down, but all have been broken. It would be a grand thing if some genius would come along who could tell us how to handle the question—and be willing to let us apply the rule to him or his friends if occasion arose.—La Habra (Calif.) Star.

IMPERATIVE. "Mistah Brown, what foh you call dat son of youb's Isaak Walton, when he was baptized George Washington." "Because, sah, dat rascal's reputation foh voracity made dat change imperative."

REGULAR SHARK. "She's a gossip, a regular shark for news." "Yes, always poking her nose in other people's affairs."

Slayer Found Dead. Alex Alango of Cook, who on July 23, killed his 19-months-old daughter and shot his father-in-law, George Thomas, three times besides beating his mother-in-law with the butt end of a rifle, was found dead in the woods about 10 miles from Cook. The condition of the body indicated that Alango had committed suicide shortly after he committed the crimes stated. A continuous hunt for the slayer has been kept up by the sheriff's office since July 23. Alango was a former section hand here and at one time resided in this city with his family.

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Many Men Registering. Oscar Bodin in charge of the Ely office of the Arowhead reemployment move under the NRA reports that, applications made for jobs now number 120 and more are daily registering. All applications are sent to Hibbing where the central employment office is located and which office will handle reemployment in St. Louis, Maaca, Carlton, Lake and Cook counties. Thos. H. Brennan of this city is a member of the district committee which includes Bert H. Farley, Virginia; Martin T. Haley, Hibbing; Dr. W. A. Coventry and S. B. Shepard, Duluth. Duluth unemployment is handled through John L. Craig, director for Duluth.

LOUDEST SPEAKER. Tom—I told her father that I expected to inherit several pieces of fine property. Dick—What did he say? Tom—He said that "deeds speak louder than words."

PROOF OF WORK. "Did Percy ever really work?" "He told me that he had moving pictures taken of himself while brushing his own hat to prove it."

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