

FAITH IS THE ONE ESSENTIAL

Commissioner Flint Strong Advocate for More Settlers.

Commissioner Flint of the agricultural department is a strong advocate of the idea that the best inducement for immigrants is for the people of North Dakota to have confidence in their state, to work diligently and systematically that they may make the most of their opportunities and resources, and to tell others what a good thing they have.

In support of this contention a case is cited at Garrison, in McLean county. Up to about two years ago there was a feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction among farmers and business men, but at that time they were fortunate in having a newspaper man who was pretty much of a booster and an optimist. He insisted that there was nothing wrong with the town or the country, but with the people themselves. They were in the wrong mood. The farmers felt that the merchants were not giving them a square deal, and the merchants felt that the farmers were against them. This got the farmers in the way of thinking that they were in an area of land, and many were planning on leaving.

But the newspaper man still boosted the town and country and printed column after column of better farming matter and corn raising until the business men decided to organize the Garrison industrial association and subscribed funds sufficient to carry out some work. The objects as outlined for this association are to show a great strength for immigration on the face of it but they have worked out strong in that direction. (1) Promotion of better farming work. (2) Betterment of social welfare. (3) Stimulation of immigration. (4) Publicity of our natural resources. They put this editor at the head of the work as manager, and the whole organization has been on the job ever since.

Meetings were held and farm clubs organized. Experts were brought into the community, and the more the farmers and merchants met and talked things over, the more they began to understand each other; and the better they understood each other the better became the feeling toward the general welfare of all concerned. Mr. Flint, who was then dairy commissioner, met with them and talked dairying, diversifying and silos. He assisted them in putting up silos economically and helped in many ways toward getting them to feel right toward the country.

First Movement. As one of the first movements in the direction of getting the actual new settlers and betterment of conditions generally, the manager secured a list of land for sale and with farm scenes and a picture machine and he went to the east where he showed the advantages of this country. One of the greatest drawbacks to the work was in trying to induce settlers to come into a country where people had tried it out and were dissatisfied.

Then the people of Garrison and vicinity decided it was necessary to show what could actually be done in this country. That was the course of work outlined after carefully talking it over with farmers and town folks, so a campaign for corn on every farm, alfalfa in small patches, better selection of seed grain and better methods of tillage were slogans that were pretty generally accepted by all concerned. General interest was aroused and the results centered on a big corn show where the results were a surprise to the people themselves. At the beginning of this season it was decided to revise the list of lands and have owners sign up contracts of sale. When this was tried an entirely different sentiment was found. They had changed their minds, and did not want to sell for it this land could do what it had shown it could, they wanted to stay here. And if it was good for the man coming from the east it was certainly good enough for them. There was difficulty in getting less than one-half of the original land listed and on practically all of this the price had been increased. All because everyone was working together for a better country and was getting it.

One event alone proves the point of co-operation. The farmers and business men organized a creamery, and it was hardly well opened when it was destroyed by fire. At once all hands rallied and in a surprisingly short time the building was rebuilt and the creamery was running again. A mill was also built about the same time and the opening was celebrated by the entire country joining in a feast of homemade bread and butter. This proved one of the biggest boosts that the community ever received. The feeling was so changed now that instead of the expense being borne largely by business men in town, the business men of the farm are subscribing cash to help the work along.

What Was Done at Garrison. A demonstration of what was done at Garrison, and which can be done in many parts of the state, is shown in the recent corn contest among the boys in that vicinity. In this contest one Garrison boy produced 96.3 bushels of corn on an acre; the average yield of the boys in the contest was 47.6 bushels; the average yield of the boys in the state in similar contests was 42.1 bushels; the average yield of the state was 28.9 bushels; while the average yield of the United States was 25.8 bushels. Can we raise corn successfully in North Dakota? There is but one answer. The boys at Garrison proved it, and Garrison products won McLean county first place at the North Dakota Industrial Exposition in 1914.

Conditions Entirely Changed. Conditions are entirely changed there. The soil is no better than it was, but the people are learning to

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appreciate it and its resourceful qualities when properly handled. It is stated without fear of successful contradiction that the land in the community of Garrison has advanced more than \$5 per acre for the simple reason that the people are contented and believe in the country and are willing to make something out of it. The fact that in so doing they are making others desirous of securing land there is ample evidence of the effectiveness of their work. It is a pretty hard proposition to induce a man to buy a farm in a com-

munity where all the people are running it down and leaving, but it is no trouble to induce him to settle in a community where there is confidence and contentment. Hence it would seem that Mr. Flint's theory is a good one.

GEORGE NELSON TO EDIT NEW MONTHLY

Former Editor of Co-Operator's Herald Is About to Launch the Free Lance at Fargo.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—George L. Nelson of Fargo, who recently was forced to resign as editor of the Co-operators' Herald because, he claims, the board of directors in control of that publication "undertook to apply the gag to him" in his discussion of the contempt of court proceedings brought against him, is about to launch a new monthly publication, Nelson's Free Lance. As the name implies, Editor Nelson will discuss political, social and economic questions in his independent, untrammeled, right from the shoulder style. Mr. Nelson has shown himself a fearless fighter for what he believes to be for the common good and able to stand the gaff for his principles when necessary. He has won many friends among all classes throughout the northwest who will be glad to learn that he is soon to be back in the harness.

Because of inducements offered him by business men at Harvey, N. D., he has concluded to establish his printing plant in that thriving and progressive little city in central North Dakota, where he will also establish an independent Republican local weekly newspaper. He is installing a modern printing plant, including a model five linotype.

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BARNES GIVES SWAN SONG

Explains Why He Retired as a Member of Republican National Committee.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 11.—An analysis of national economic conditions and of recent political history formed the subject of a speech delivered to-night by William Barnes, member of the republican national committee from New York. Mr. Barnes explained why he retired from the republican state committee. He gave his ideas regarding the "evil that besets the country."

Confusion of Deals. "America," he said, "is suffering from confusion of deals in that the natural spiritual aspiration of the race has expressed itself in recent thinking in materialistic form, without accepting natural law, that must govern materialistic things. The proposal for a minimum wage by statute is the best example I know of this particular kind of erroneous thinking. Such false methods of accomplishing a good result invite unnecessary materialistic disaster, thus crushing the uplift of the spirit, which secures its quality only because of its superiority."

"This error has taken its most unfortunate form in the popular misconception of the meaning of wealth, and in placing upon government responsibilities and burdens impossible for it to bear effectively. The attempt to capitalize the religious instinct of the human race into a political asset has been the method used by the ambitious for power from the beginning of organized human society. Through the credulity of the race, through its love of the mysterious, through its devotion to the unknowable, the progress of real democracy has been impeded by those who would exploit it, not necessarily, though frequently, for financial gain, but for the exercise of vanity or power."

"Our present government at Washington, whatever may be the integrity

of the motives of the president, which I do not impugn, has been under the influence of fallacious economic ideas, and so has violated that American policy of Protection, which, properly explained, means that each tariff schedule should be so high that no American industry can be destroyed by foreign competition, and so low that no American industry can, through it, secure abnormal profits.

Economic Mistake. "This is the economic mistake which has been made. Assault upon wealth, as such, is an assault upon the power to produce. Power to produce means employment. The lack of it, idleness, which, if long continued, means starvation. "The second error is the confusion of the ideal of democracy, which is an assault upon democratic institutions. Inefficiency has been assailed as the evil. The remedy proposed has been the injection of a theory de-

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structive of democratic principles through the attempt to apply them fallaciously, in aid of a kind of efficiency which makes for the servile and not the democratic state."

Political Errors. Mr. Barnes said that his ideas of the place the republican party should occupy "to withstand the political errors of the time" were based upon firm beliefs. The American Republic, he said, was based upon the rock of individualism. He found fault with "a tendency in American thought to deny democracy, by approaching government from the angle of common welfare as antagonistic to individual welfare." This tendency, he added, was most popularly voiced by a peripatetic accelerator and party leader, Mr. Bryan. "President Roosevelt," he asserted, "publicly expressed ideas so consonant with those which Mr. Bryan advanced that he was depicted in the press of the country as having stolen Mr. Bryan's clothes."

Reviews Convention. The National Committee man reviewed the Republican ante-convention struggle of 1912. When the year 1914 came, he went on, "it was clear to me that we had relinquished nothing of the contention which we had made in 1912, and the issue for which we had battled had become more clear, no candidate for governor, senator or state office who had accepted the Rooseveltian propaganda of 1912 could be nominated by the Republican."

Therefore, he continued, prior to the primary election, he announced that he would not again accept the chairmanship of the state committee or retain membership in it. "Had I remained in the responsible position at the head of the party organization of the state after the victory, which was certain to come, the entire purpose for which I had been contending might have lost its quality. It would have been charged that my desire was for power and not for the maintenance of the principles for which I insisted that the Republican party should contend; that my purpose was to build up a party organization through the aid of patronage, prestige, and the occupancy of official positions on the part of friends; to reestablish myself for personal purposes in the future; possibly to attempt unduly to influence legislation or the acts of the governor, or to use one against the

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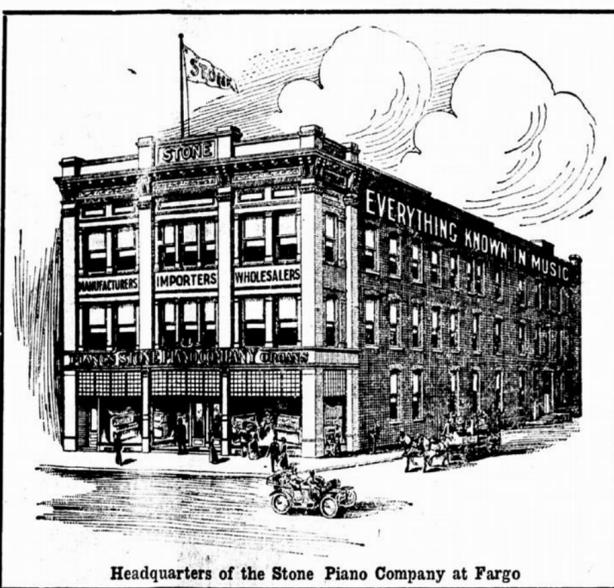
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