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## GREAT NORTHERN CALLS FOR BIDS ON NEW DEPOT

### PLANS FOR NEW WILLISTON DEPOT ARE READY—CONTRACTORS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT BIDS—GOOD WORK OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Plans for a new depot for Williston are out and contractors have been asked to submit bids at an early date. The plans call for a depot similar to the new one built at Minot a few years ago and which is one of the best in the state. It is reported that the Great Northern expects to get the work started in July or August.

The early start which the road will make on the depot is due almost entirely to the Commercial club. The road was unable to get any satisfactory terms on the land wanted along the right of way before the depot would be located where the old one now stands. The Commercial club took up the propositions and within a few weeks had every thing arranged. The road sent a representative here who closed up all the deals and secured title to all the land in blocks twenty-one and twenty-two. It was understood that if the road could secure this property they would build the new depot at the foot of Main street where the old depot now stands, or a little nearer the city. This is the best location as regards the interests of the road and Williston, and the Commercial club deserves great credit for its good work in getting the necessary property at prices satisfactory to the railroad.

## McCUMBER FIGHTS FOR NORTHWEST

### THREATENS TO BRING IN MINORITY REPORT UNLESS LEGISLATION HELPS N. D.—RAISE BARLEY TARIFF.

Washington, April 9.—There is good authority for the statement that the senate draft of the Payne tariff bill will raise the tariff on barley from 15 to 30 cents. Senator McCumber is said to be back of the change. The statement was also made that unless the senate finance committee restores hides on the dutiable list and removes the tariff from lumber, that Senator McCumber will bring in a minority report on the bill.

It is conceded that the leaders in the senate will be willing to go almost any limit to prevent the filing of a minority report by republican members of the committee.

Determined to keep his promise to the rank and file of the republican party of the northwest, and by the means which he succeeded in securing the adoption of the rule governing the amendments to the Payne tariff bill. Chairman Payne today brought in a committee amendment raising the duty on barley to 24 cents and barley malt to 40 cents per bushel. It will be remembered that individual attempts to raise the tariff in these particulars failed.

The Payne amendment will be offered late in the afternoon and indications are that the vote will be a close one.

Both North Dakota and Minnesota are vitally affected; the former produces 18,000,000 bushels of barley yearly, while the latter raises 32,000,000 bushels.

## ASSESSORS MUST OWN REAL ESTATE

### PHASE OF LAW HERETOFORE UNRECORDED BROUGHT INTO PLAY WHICH DISQUALIFY MANY.

Grand Forks, Apr. 10.—William Taft could be president of the United States at a salary of \$75,000 a year without owning a particle of property, still Elmer Swenson cannot be assessor of Elm Grove township in Grand Forks county at a salary of \$40 a year because he does not own any real estate.

This remarkable fact was brought to light today when John S. Kylo, clerk of the township board, called on County Auditor Anderson and stated that he had read in a circular that an assessor not only had to be a voter but a real estate holder. He said that he had interviewed certain officials and they had told him that an assessor need only be a voter. County Auditor Anderson was about to tell Mr. Kylo the same thing in answer to what he supposed was a ridiculous question, but decided to look up the law first and in article 1515 of the codes he read "no assessor is eligible to office unless he is a voter and the owner of real estate."

The bonds of Mr. Swenson, who was elected assessor at the recent election, had been approved and he had qualified for office. He has been notified by County Auditor Anderson to come and receive his assessment books at the meeting to be held Saturday morning, but when he arrives the books will be refused him and John Doyle, chairman of the board of Elm Grove township, will be called upon to appoint an assessor to fill the vacancy until such time as the law is tested.

While there are no other assessors in Grand Forks county who are not owners of real estate, still it is known that there are many over the state who do not own any property and they have been allowed to be assessors simply because no one has ever considered the question to look up this particular phase of the law, in fact, authority would consider the question ridiculous.

The only way for Mr. Swenson to become assessor is for him to purchase a small piece of property at McCann, where he lives, before coming to Grand Forks Saturday, have the deed recorded and then demand his assessment books.

## Open Pool Hall.

Fred Wegley, who returned to the city the latter part of last week, has decided to open up his pool hall and will be ready for business by Monday, April 19th. He will run a lunch counter in connection with the pool hall and has hired a first-class short-order cook.

Advertise an important thing in an important way—always.

## HARRISON IS IN THE LEAD NOW

### RESIDENTS OF TOWNSHIP TO VOTE ON INCORPORATION—FIGHT IS PROGRESSING MERRILY.

Ninot, N. D., April 12.—The fight between the residents of Harrison township and the council of Minot continues merrily. The Harrison people have made the last move by presenting to the county commissioners a petition asking that they be allowed to vote on the question of incorporating "North Minot," the petition being granted. Under it, unless action is commenced to head the movement off, the people will shortly be engaged in an election of more than ordinary interest to Minot.

The council some time since took action towards having that portion of Harrison township under dispute being attached to the city, but a defect in the proceedings made it necessary to commence over again, and it was at this juncture that the Harrison people filed their petition.

## GOV. JOHNSON TO VISIT MINOT

### GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA WILL VISIT MINOT ON THE EIGHTH OF MAY AND DELIVER LECTURE.

Minot, N. D., April 8.—Secretary R. A. Nestos, of the Y. M. C. A., received a telegram last night from the Slayton lecture bureau, fixing May 8th as the date for the appearance of Governor John A. Johnson in this city. Gov. Johnson was originally scheduled to appear here April 3rd but as the Minnesota legislature is still in session and will be until April 23rd, the date was cancelled.

## WOULD IMPROVE MISSOURI RIVER

### NORTH DAKOTA REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON ON RIVER IMPROVEMENT BUSINESS.

Washington, April 10.—State Senator E. S. Neal of Garrison, N. D., is in Washington fostering a movement for an appointment of an army engineer at Sioux City, Iowa, with a view to advancing the navigation interests of the upper Missouri river. The Iowa and North Dakota congressional delegations already have been enlisted in support of the proposed change.

The charge is made that the interests of the upper river are being discriminated against because of the narrow views entertained by the army engineers at Kansas City.

In proof of this statement figures are produced showing that money appropriated by congress in the past has gone into the river improvements south of Kansas City.

## NEXT MARKET DAY SATURDAY APR. 17

### BUSINESS MEN HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD NEXT MARKET DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

Williston's next Market day will be held on Saturday, April 17th. The usual auction sale will be held on the city square and the stores will have many bargains to offer. Market day has become quite popular in this city and the sales are always well attended.

Have as much "elbow room" in your advertising as in your store.

# INTENSIVE FARMING FOR WILLISTON

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANNOUNCES THAT DAIRYING, HOG RAISING AND POTATO GROWING BEST FOR N. D.

Getting at the Root of the Question. Everybody wants the farmer to prosper. The farmer's business is so fundamental to all other occupations that when he prospers everybody else goes. The close relation of agricultural conditions to state and national welfare was clearly recognized in the appointments of the Country Life Commission by President Roosevelt. The appointment of the commission meant two things: That the nation needs prosperous agriculture, and, second, that agriculture is not now sufficiently prosperous. To this last point we in North Dakota may feel like taking exception, but North Dakota is in her early prime and the causes that have operated in other states upon agriculture have not had time to produce the ill effects seen in some of the other and more exhausted parts of the country.

The paramount question with the citizens of North Dakota of whatever occupation is the proper husbandry of the state's natural resources. Whatever educational, social, civic and industrial improvement may further this end is to be sought without undue delay.

It is being realized as never before that the way to get at the question of country life and country prosperity is through the schools. By instruction

in early years one comes to employ the principles of science to productive processes as easily and naturally as the old-method man clings to antiquated and ruinous practices. North Dakota of twenty-five years hence will be what the education of the boys and girls in school today leads to.

The prosperity of this state next year, even, depends upon the stratum of thought in which the producer is living. And we must bear in mind that of all productive forces knowledge and intelligence, science and experience are the greatest. Proper methods surpass mere force. Ideas as well as trees, bear fruit.

The particular problem with which the Agricultural College is wrestling is to diffuse as widely as possible those parts of science that mean most to the people of the state, especially those engaged in agricultural pursuits. To this end provision has been made for closer connections with the public schools. In schools which, surrounded by farmers and farming, have nothing to do with agriculture, there should be set up courses designed to further the real interests of the community. On the teaching staff should be at least one representative of applied science. The Agricultural College expects to

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## FLOUR MILL TO BE BUILT IN WILLISTON THIS YEAR

### RUGBY MAN HAS DECIDED TO BUILD LARGE FLOUR MILL HERE THIS SUMMER—HAS OPTIONS ON LOCATION.

## VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS SATURDAY

### ELECTION FOR VOTING SCHOOL BONDS CALLED FOR SATURDAY—CITIZENS SHOULD ALL VOTE.

On Saturday next all those eligible to vote at school elections will have the opportunity of voting on the bonds for a new school building. The election will be held in the high school building and the polls will be open from ten in the morning until five in the afternoon. The proposed building is an eight-room one and the Graphic believes that if the voters give the subject careful consideration they will come to the conclusion that anything smaller would be a big mistake. The school board studied the question very carefully before they decided upon the size of the building. At first they thought a four-room building would do but as they looked up the facts and figures they came to the conclusion that a four-room building would not give the proper amount of room. At the present time our school building is filled from basement to garret. Two rooms are in use in the basement and three in the garret. If the children are taken out of the basement, and we believe that everyone will admit that it is a poor place at the best for children, then we will have to have something larger than a four-room building. By taking the children out of the basement five rooms can be used next fall. If we are going to have a "BIGGER WILLISTON" would it not be well for us to build a school building to meet the needs next year as well as this. The western part of the city has made the most rapid growth during the past two years and that part of the city alone will fill an eight-room building inside of two or three years. Then if we need more room build another building to meet the demand in what ever section of the town needs it. Other growing towns in the state have been up against the school proposition and in a great many instances have built small buildings, and are sorry for it. Voters, it is up to you to say what shall be done regarding this school, and the responsibility will be yours. The school question is one of the most important upon which we are called upon to vote and every citizen should go to the polls Saturday, and when voting, remember that there is nothing too good for "Young America."

## BUTTER FACTORY MAY BE STARTED

### JOHN LEHNERT VISITS CITY FOR PURPOSE OF LOOKING OVER CHANCES FOR BUTTER FACTORY.

John Lehnert of Howard, S. D. was in the city last week looking up the proposition of putting in a butter factory. When here he stated that he would not think of starting with less than one hundred cows. The secretary of the Commercial club has been busy for several days gathering statistics as to the number of cows within a reasonable distance of Williston and finds that there are great many more than the number Mr. Lehnert wanted before he would open up the factory. With this showing the chances are that Mr. Lehnert will locate here.

## Knutson-Wentzel Wedding.

Edwin Albert Knutson of Zahl and Miss Grace Hattie Wentzel of Ray were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in this city yesterday morning at ten o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hollett.

C. W. Jennison, president of the Rugby Milling Company, who has been in the city several times sizing up the prospect for a flour mill, was here again last week and stated that he had decided to build. Mr. Jennison has secured options on several different locations along the Great Northern right of way and he went east the latter part of the week to make arrangements with the railroad officials regarding the location of the mill and a side track. He stated that just as soon as he could make satisfactory arrangements with the road he would start work on the foundation. Mr. Jennison expects to have the mill built and machinery installed in time to grind this year's crop. The Commercial club members are well pleased over the locating of the mill for the club has been working for a mill for a good many months and it was through the efforts of the club that Mr. Jennison decided to come here and look over the field.

The curtains must be washed—so must all the other dainty furnishings of the house be attended to before the on-coming of the summer days.

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