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An Ante-Election Thought.

Political Boss—I saw a little joke in an almanac today: "Where there's a will there's a way—to break it."

His Lieutenant—Yes? Political Boss—Yes, and it got me thinkin' about the "will of the people." We've got to think up a new way to break that.—Philadelphia Press.

The above clipping certainly gives us food for thought. All of the large daily papers west of Chicago are filled with the signs of approaching dissension in the ranks of the Republican party before the convention to be held at Chicago next June.

The followers of Mark Hanna are simply waiting for a chance to stampede the party in favor of the big boss. There is no doubt that so far as he himself is concerned that he would be perfectly willing to make the sacrifice. But there is still the will of a people who are awakening to the power which they hold.

In the popular mind there is no one who would make as good a president as the man who has served us so faithfully since the assassination of President McKinley. A man who is neither afraid of the machine or the money which is behind it. A movement which bade fair at one time to unite the forces as widely divergent as the poles in which the labor unions and the forces of money should combine against Roosevelt was lost sight of when the unions found that the man whom they were fighting was their best friend. Some traces of their disunity still remain but it is to be hoped that they will disappear long before the selection is finally made.

It is too early both in time and in our age to outline any course of action for this paper but we hope to be found at all times on the side of the right and will never be bound by the narrow confines of politics commonly known as "yellow dog."—Hiddenwood Budget.

HIDDENWOOD.

Major Thos. Richards is slightly indisposed at this time.

Miss Daisy Dean and Mr. W. S. Dean were among the arrivals at their claims this week.

Geo. Gerhard and T. J. McCauley, who have claims one mile and a half south of Hiddenwood came home last Wednesday.

Minot travel has been very light from these parts for some time past but the mail carried celebrated New Years by making the trip.

The mail route No. 61449 has been awarded to Jas. H. Huntzinger for the carrying the mail between Hiddenwood and Ryder and he will make semi-weekly trips after the 5th of Jan.

Senator Robt. Fox was a guest at the Hotel at Hiddenwood this week. He was on his way to the Indian Agency at Elbowoods. Postmaster Wright accompanied Mr. Fox to Elbowoods.

Christmas was celebrated in a most magnificent style at Hiddenwood. A beautifully decorated tree was arranged in the middle of the store building laden with rich and appreciative gifts, every resident of this portion of the country was remembered. An elaborate program had been prepared and was carried out with very gratifying results to those in whose charge it had been placed. The Christmas carol was sung by F. J. Shilling and W. W. Wright and loudly applauded. At the close of the exercises the guests departed for their respective homes feeling that the time had been well spent.

Around the State

A big fat gopher was seen frisking along near Bowbells.

A Minnesota miller wired to Bowbells for 400 bushels of macaroni wheat.

It is now said that the niece of David Morris, of Bordulac, did not commit suicide.

A Ray man loaded a car of oats, 1200 bushels in six hours. He also did the weighing.

Louis Olson, wife and six children of Kenmare, all have the scarlet fever, \$65 was raised by subscription to assist the couple.

Civil service examination will be held at Grand Forks January 27 and 28 for physicians for the Philippines—wages \$1200 to \$1800.

Cattle scab is said to be gaining headway in the western counties of the state so far, not much of the disease has been reported in Ward county of late.

The Williston Herald and the Williston Graphic have formed a combination and will sue their subscribers unless they pay up at once. P. D. Q.

Miscreants stole everything loose from Jim Gagnum's house near Portal. Not being satisfied with what was in the house, they took off the doors and windows.

Considerable scarlet fever is reported at Bowbells. Chris Murk's 17-year-old daughter died. His 12-year-old daughter died the week previous. Henry Boxrud's 3-year-old son died. The disease is not right in the city but in the country surrounding the place.

The Carrington Record announces that there will be no "free list" in that paper, that advertising space is about all the publisher has for sale, and he does not intend to give it away. The courtesies of the press will be extended to the pulpit, but pastors are requested to make their announcements brief.

Editor Streeter tells the subscribers of the Record that when they dress their poultry they should leave on the heads and legs if they want to find a market. Poultry buyers will not buy decapitated or de-legitated fowls. We suppose this is because so many fowls freeze to death.

With lignite coal selling at from \$3 to \$4 per ton in Grand Forks and Fargo it is hard for the Pierce county Tribune to understand why it cannot be sold for less than \$5 per ton in Rugby which is 200 miles nearer the mines than the former named cities.

The editor of the Dunseith Herald writes to the Bismarck Tribune stating the Rev. Beede's letter in the Cando Herald of recent date, is nothing more than a slander on the Indians and the people who reside at Dunseith. He says that there are Indians who are suffering in the Turtle mountains, but they refuse to work.

The Williston Herald rejoices that Williston has grown so during the last year, and on account of the great wave of morality striking the town. The Herald says that Williston now ranks among the cleanest towns in the state whereas a few weeks ago it was the byword throughout the state for everything that was bad.

Two boys, Ray Gilmer and Ray Reynolds skipped from the reform school and went to Bismarck to spend Christmas. A party was out searching for them when they came back and informed the jailer that they wanted a good time on Christmas. They have been placed in closer confinement.

The publisher of the Ellendale Leader has been sued for \$20,000 worth of "character," and the next day a delinquent subscriber paid one whole hog on subscription. When a hog is only worth the price of a years subscription to a country paper, and "characters" are worth \$20,000 per, we ought to raise more "characters" and less hogs for the market.—Devils Lake Free Press.

The North Dakota editors have planned to take a trip to Old Mexico, starting from St. Paul February 9. The trip will last 20 days. Stops will be made at Chicago, New Orleans and El Paso before entering Mexico. None but bonafide newspaper men and women will be allowed to take the trip. The cost will be \$51. for singles and \$71 for doubles, or pairs. Only newspaper men in good standing with the association will be allowed on this trip.

USHER NEW YEAR IN WITH GREAT NOISE

Round House Whistle Tamed Loose and Bells Were Ring—Cannon-crackers Notified Everybody That the Old Year Had Passed Away

New Year's Eve was fittingly observed in Minot. A Union Watchnight service was held at the M. E. church, many watching the old year out and the new in. A number of enjoyable parties were held.

Judge William Murray entertained in his own style, a number of friends. He was a royal host. A dance was held at Saueressig's machinery hall. A large crowd attended this affair. The Pioneer club gave a swell ball. The orchestra for the Oard-Fenwick theatre one of the best that ever played here, furnished the music.

At 12 o'clock the round whistle was turned loose. Many people who had forgotten all about New Year's eve, crawled out of their warm beds and rushed into the cold to ascertain where the fire was. The man who manipulated the whistle, was a novice. The thing shrieked, it tooted, it rent the air with long dashes. Bells were rung. Cannon fire crackers were touched off in all parts of the city. If this year in Minot is as lively as she was ushered in Thursday night, there will be a busy lot of people and no mistake.

It Means Much to Us.

The Independent is sending out subscription notices to its readers. We trust that everyone will respond to these notices. We need the money to carry on the business with, and if everyone will pay up, it will enable us to make improvements on the paper which we have been contemplating. It means but a little to you, but a great deal to this paper.

Tough Old Soldier

Here is a good one from Palermo, the veracity of which we dare not vouch.

An old soldier started out in the face of a raging blizzard from Palermo to walk to his claim a little over four miles from that place and got tired out and lay down to rest, and fell asleep; but the strangest part of it is that he was not frozen to death, and his experience cost him nothing more than a severe cold.

Better Than Last Year

The Minot merchants are about through with their invoices and state that they are well pleased with the business which they did in the year 1903. Most of them report the sales much larger than they were the year before and feel good over what they have done. The holiday trade was a little light, but the year averaged very well indeed.

Graves a Model Prisoner

Murderer Graves has little to say to his comrades in the county jail. He is quite composed and sleeps and eats well. He does not act like an insane man at all, and if his attorney intends to make that his defense he had better get busy and cut up a few pranks. He is a model prisoner.

Made Excellent Record

The state of North Dakota is divided into three Methodist conference districts with heads at Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot. Presiding Elder Moore of this district informs us that there was \$8000 more building in this district last year than in the other two combined.

New Store at Stanley.

Albert Larson of Stanley was a caller at this office Thursday and informs us that he is building a fine store building in Stanley and will start a confectionery, grocery and tobacco business. Albert has had much experience and will make a success of the undertaking.

Hiddenwood.

To those who may not be acquired with the location of the town of Hiddenwood we will say that it may be found on the banks of Hiddenwood Lake in the north side of Township 150 Range 87.

A postoffice was established there on July 13, 1903, and has been well patronized ever since its first mail arrived. A more ideal spot for a town could hardly have been selected, lying as it does upon the shores of a beautiful lake and surrounded by a farming and stock country of unequalled excellence it bids fair to become the metropolis of the country of unequalled excellence it bids fair to become the metropolis of the country known locally as the Missouri slope.

Word has reached us that it is a matter of only a short time until the R. R. will reach this place and will open to the settler a means of transportation which is at the present time the only drawback to the community.

No portion of the district can boast of a better class of settlers and no part can claim as rapid development as that by which we are surrounded. Where only a short year ago the wild coyote sang his nightly song unscared now may be found the homes of hundreds of industrious and determined farmers. The coyote has taken to the hills and in his stead graze peaceful herds of cattle and the poultry roost goes unrobbed.

A general store supplies the necessary wants of the people and a hotel for the accommodation of the stranger is in process of erection. The latest addition to the business of the place is its newspaper which with this issue makes its first appearance in its new home.

We invite your personal investigation and should you wish to tarry with us will give you a royal welcome.—Hiddenwood Budget.

Court House Notes.

John Nelson took five of his lady friends out on the hill New Year's eve for a toboggan ride. All went well until the thing struck a bump and the girls went in all directions. No one was seriously injured.

County Treasurer Williams and assistants have been doing a vast amount of work of late sending out personal tax notices. They have sent out over 9000 notices over the county. The number of tax payers in Ward county is a great deal larger than many suppose.

Jailer Roller states that there are nine prisoners in the jail. They may be assured that they will receive good care at his hands as long as they behave and when they don't—look out for Charlie.

Ferguson, a Norwegian, was let out of jail the day before New Years. He put in ten days for drunkenness. The prisoner who stole the overcoat from the G. N. conductor is also out.

To Take up School Bonds.

J. W. Rode, clerk of the Minot school district, received a letter from D. J. Laxdal, commissioner of the land department of North Dakota, stating that his letter together with offer of bonds of Minot Special School District 1, in the sum of \$18,000 had been received and the papers appeared to be in first class shape. They will be submitted to the board at the next meeting, Jan. 12, at which time it is hoped that the state will take up those bonds at par and give the money at four per cent.

Excellent Addresses

The watch night service at the Methodist church New Years eve was largely attended. Excellent addresses were given by Reverends Edgar Jones, W. C. Hunter, C. W. Harris, T. W. Minnis and J. G. Moore.

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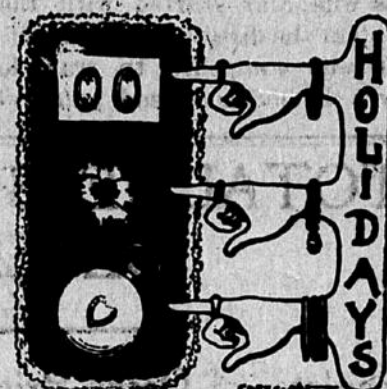
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The people are still on the outlook for good flour. The Pride of Minot is becoming more popular daily.

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Miss Elton has received some very nice dress trimmings, laces and appliques at her millinery and dress making establishment.

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