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The Ward County Independent has a wide advertising medium having a circulation of more than 2,000. Being published at the county seat of Ward county we are able to print the news while they are news. To subscribers: We will continue to send paper to all subscribers until all arrearages are paid.

With two holdups in one night and the streets lined with hobsos of every description, it behooves the citizens of Minot to carry revolvers to protect themselves. Whether anyone has any valuables on his person or not, makes no difference. A person is likely to be slugged at any time and at any place in the city. The highwaymen are very bold and runchances of being killed for a few paltry dollars. Don't give them a chance to get the drop on you.

The Bottineau Courant rightly declares that it will not run the readers free for the Devils Lake Chautauqua. The Courant has received \$25 worth of advertising from the Chautauqua if figured at advertising rates, but has consigned the stuff to the waste basket. The Courant observes that the Chautauqua has no more right to ask for free advertising than a general merchant.

The proceedings of the board of equalization and board of county commissioners found in another part of the Independent, are interesting reading, and every voter in Ward county should carefully peruse them. It will be noticed that the valuation of the city property for Minot has been raised 30 per cent. The board of commissioners have a great deal to do in a county as large as this one is, and they grind out a lot of work at every session.

Judge Cowan's ruling at Minnewaukan, where he declared that the county judges have no right to issue druggist's permits, will be carried to the Supreme court which will undoubtedly not sustain Cowd. The statutes declare plainly the county judges have a right to issue permits providing a petition with the proper number of signers, is prepared.

An old settler in the Fargo Forum states that thirty years ago last Thursday General Custer, located then at Bismarek, was preparing to start an expedition against old Sitting Bull, who had gathered a mighty army about ten miles south of the city at a point near fort Lincoln.

The state board of university and school lands bought twenty two thousand dollars worth of school bonds last Thursday from the various districts throughout the state, and also made four valuable farm loans.

Poor old Oom Paul Kruger forme president of the Boers, died in Switzerland the other day from pneumonia and heart disease. The body will be sent to Africa, the land of blighted hopes of this noble old soul.

The mayor of Fargo did a fool hardy trick last week in going into a den of five vicious lions at the street carnival. The Forum terms the act a brave one.

Briquette fuel is now being extensively used in mines, mills, factories, smelting works, chemical works and in fact, all kinds of industries where steam is used in all parts of the German Empire and the results are said to be eminently satisfactory. For instance, experience with lignite briquet in a plain grate furnace resulted in the generation of 5 kilos of steam per kilo of fuel, or a relative capacity of two to three compared with ordinary steam coal. The lignite resources in and about Minot are almost unlimited and there is little doubt but that this county could supply at least twenty briquette factories for a period of fifty years or perhaps even longer. One thing is certain that the product is here and all that is wanted is some one to take advantage of good opportunity.

THE DEMOCRATS NOMINATE TICKET

Put up Strong Ticket at Their Convention in Minot Saturday--Fifty Delegates in Attendance--Two Bands out-Gala Day for all.

The Democratic county convention was held at Jacobson's opera house in this city Saturday afternoon, fifty delegates attending. A large crowd of Democrats from all parts of the county gathered here. The Minot high school band and the Minot concert band in uniform paraded the streets in the afternoon and gave enjoyable concerts. The concert band played at the opera house. The following are the minutes of the meeting:

Called to order at 2:30 p. m. by D. C. Greenleaf, chairman of central committee and W. C. McHugh, secretary, read the call, on motion which was duly seconded, J. C. Marcy was elected temporary chairman, and W. C. McHugh temporary secretary, J. C. Marcy, temporary chairman, then made a few remarks, explaining the fundamental principals of Democracy, which were received with applause.

Order of business, M. J. Barrett, Frank Woods and E. T. Carey. Credentials, Kelley, Niederritter and Arthur.

Resolutions, W. C. McHugh, J. E. McKeane, A. D. Hagenstine, John Botz and John Ehr.

E. D. Kelley made report of committee on credentials, and on motion duly seconded, the same was approved.

Moved by D. C. Greenleaf and seconded by W. F. Niederritter, that all Democrats present from precincts where no caucus was held, be given a seat in the convention, carried.

Committee on order of business and permanent organization reported and recommended the temporary organization be made permanent. Committee on resolutions reported and accepted.

C. E. Davidson nominated for senator and duly seconded elected by acclamation. For representative, D. C. Greenleaf nominated E. T. Carey, which was duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

For representative Ernest Arthur was duly nominated and seconded, elected by acclamation.

For representative R. H. Copeland of Williston, N. D., nominated and seconded, elected by acclamation.

W. F. Niederritter nominated for County Treasurer, W. H. McKee duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

A. D. Hagenstine nominated W. C. McHugh for County Auditor and duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

John Donovan, of Bowbells, nominated for Register of Deeds duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

D. C. Greenleaf nominated for Superintendent of School, Flora J. Frost, duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

M. J. Barrett nominated Dr. J. D. Windell, Coroner, seconded and carried by acclamation.

W. M. Severance, of Minot, N. D., nominated and seconded for Surveyor carried by acclamation.

J. J. O'Leary nominated for Clerk of the District Court, and seconded and carried by acclamation.

M. J. Barrett nominated D. C. Greenleaf for States Attorney, duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

Geo. Hecker and Fred Sinclair were nominated for Sheriff and duly seconded, vote taken with the result that Hecker received 20 votes and Fred Sinclair 30

votes. John A. Botz, Jr., Commissioner second district, nominated and seconded and carried by acclamation.

Nic Zerbes, of White Earth, nominated commissioner fourth district, duly nominated and carried by acclamation.

Four Constables, Mark Francis, D. H. Kimball, C. W. Smith, of Kenmare, and Phil Stammen, duly nominated and seconded and carried by acclamation.

Four Justices of the Peace, Fred Hartlip, of Sawyer, W. F. Niederritter, of Kenmare, G. P. McGee, or Portal, Wm. Clifford, of Mohall and Reuben Prouse, all duly nominated and carried.

Thorwald Mostad nominated for Assessor 5th district duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

John Strommen, Assessor, commissioner district No. 2, Richard Schultz, Assessor commissioner district No. 3, George Gilmore commissioner district No. 4.

D. C. Greenleaf nominated M. J. Barrett for County Judge, duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

G. G. Ripley nominated for Public Administrator and duly seconded and carried by acclamation.

Chair appointed a committee of three to fill vacancies, D. C. Greenleaf, M. J. Barrett and Ed. Kelley.

Moved and seconded that central committee as elected at last election hold over the next two years, carried. Adjourned.

We, the Democrats of Ward county in convention assembled, again declare our adherence to the immortal principles of Democracy as defined by Jefferson and defended by Jackson and now incorporated in the St. Louis platform. We favor the election of U. S. Senator by a direct vote of the people, and the passage of a primary election law. We are especially in favor of reciprocity with Canada where we can do so with benefit to our agricultural interests, also a tariff limited to the actual requirements necessary to maintain the government expenses economically.

We are in favor of the efficient and honest administrators of county affairs and a just taxation.

- W. C. McHugh, Chairman.
- J. E. McKeane,
- John A. Botz, Jr.,
- John Ehr,
- A. D. Hagenstine,
- Committee.

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Farmers' Elevator for Surrey.

About 100 Surrey farmers gathered at Wm. Allen's old store building in Surrey Saturday afternoon and organized a Surrey Farmers' elevator association. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and there was no trouble in the farmers getting together on that important subject. Arrangements were made to begin at once on the erection of an elevator with a capacity of 30,000 bushels. A board of directors consisting of Mr. Berg, D. M. Shorb, O. M. Champlin, W. H. McCutchin, Warren Brey, Mr. Yoder and Mr. Petry was elected. The board held a meeting Monday and proceeded to make application for a site. The elevator will be completed in good time to handle this fall's crop, and there will not be a little about Surrey. It is thought that shares to the amount of \$4,000 will be disposed of.

Embezzling County Treasurer.

Sheriff Scofield accidentally ran across A. R. Graves, the missing county treasurer, wanted at his old home at Troy, Doniphan county Kansas, on the charge of embezzling money from the county besides \$2000 from an insane man, for whom he was guardian. Graves was introduced to Mr. Scofield in a hotel at Portal, Kan. but strayed over the line. He was brought to Minot and is awaiting the arrival of the sheriff of Doniphan county. He takes his medicine rather coolly, saying that he is intending returning to Kansas in about a week anyway. Mr. Scofield receives a \$50 reward for the lucky capture.

Surrey Items.

George Semler has a new driving team.

Wm. Allen transacted business in Minot Monday.

Eugene Mayo is contemplating buying a new buggy.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKeever a boy July 17th.

George Wegner has quit riding horse back to see his girl. He has a buggy.

S. W. McAllister and Mrs. K. Cole spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Brey.

Wm. Allen has recently received a car load of farm machinery, buggies and wagons.

A number of Surrey people went to the river Monday and Tuesday to pick June berries.

Mr. H. P. Berg from Vining, Minn., has been visiting his brother, G. H. Berg, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Funderburg took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Studebaker Sunday.

The ball game Friday was a success to Norwich 12 to 4, the Surrey team was out of practice.

Wm. Hindell, the drayman, has sold his outfit and gone out of business. Burt Toffmeyer is the new drayman.

The Christian people were highly honored last Sunday by the preaching of two very interesting sermons, delivered by a Rev. J. G. Bishop, Secretary of the Christian church Missionary Board of Dayton, Ohio.

Burt McEuen and his best girl had a very narrow escape last Sunday while out pleasure riding, the lines broke causing a runaway. They were thrown out of the buggy and badly bruised but no bones were broken. Burt you had better take a married man's advice.

Dr. C. F. Sweet returned from Bismarek where the state examination of dentists was held. The Doctor is one of the five members of board of examiners. He reports 21 applicants. The examiners are now correcting the papers. Dr. Sweet says the examiners were entertained royally at the state capital. They were taken in hacks to visit the penitentiary and Fort Lincoln. They were entertained at Executive mansion one afternoon by Goy. and Mrs. White. Ice Cream and cake were served.

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