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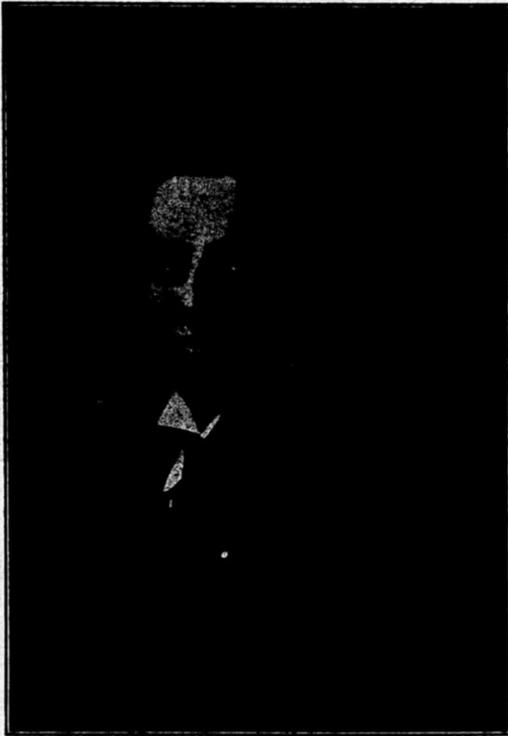
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For Superintendent of Schools



E. G. WARREN

E. G. Warren, candidate for County Superintendent of Schools for the fourth time, will have no opposition at the primaries, it is believed. Mr. Warren has been a faithful servant of the county, and the voters can do no better than to elect him again. Mr. Warren has kept clear of factional strifes, as he has been kept too busy to mingle in them.

Discovers Vestibule of Heaven

Dr. Powell of Caldwell, Idaho, Makes Independent Visit—On His Way Home from Chicago

Dr. Powell, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in Minot, but now in charge of that organization at Caldwell, Idaho, stopped in Minot, Monday on his way home from Chicago, where he was one of the six delegates sent by his state to the National Missionary Congress. The Doctor visited the sanctuary of the Independent. "I have it, I have it!" the Doctor shouted as he extended his good right hand. "The vesti-

bule of Heaven, right here in the Independent office," he explained. "We've had our place called the 'Den of Iniquity' and various other names, but this is the first time we have ever been credited with being connected with anything heavenly. The Doctor preached a strong sermon at the M. E. church Sunday night to a crowded house, choosing as his theme, 'Something Better Than Life.'"

MINOT MAN SEES COMET

Prof. Stossmeister Tells of the Appearance of Halley's Comet—A Keen Disappointment So Far—Tail Not Visible

Professor Stossmeister is one of the first Minot citizens who has seen Halley's comet. The professor at his alarm clock and arose shortly before four o'clock Friday morning, and gazed into the eastern sky. As that he was unable to make out the comet, but after watching for some time, because certain that a huge star like object was the periodic visitor. The thing must have lost its tail, or at any rate, the Professor could not make it out. He watched the comet for a couple of hours, and noticed that it had changed its relative position with the stars seen in that vicinity, several degrees.

It begins to look as though the appearance of the comet will be a keen disappointment to the public and as-

tronomers as well. Astronomers are already expressing doubts of the fulfillment of their predictions that the comet would be a brilliant figure in the sky. The comet now is about as near the earth as it will get, and if the tail of it cannot be seen now, the Professor believes that we will not be able to see it at all. He will continue to watch the comet's movements, and report later.

The comet passed between the earth and the sun yesterday and those who have not already seen it in the morning will have to wait until evening. It is said that it will be at its brightest tonight, in the evening sky, setting shortly before the sun. Look for it, in the west.

Short State Stories

Items of Interest
Boiled Down for
Busy Readers

"Saney" McDonald, Bismarck's chief of police, demands an investigation into its public and private life, certain charges having been made by the City Commission.

Little five year old Joe Schneider, of Bismarck, was accidentally killed by Peter Anton, a 13 year old boy, who was hunting gophers with a 22 rifle.

Jake Smith, a Bismarck farmer, stabbed John McDahl, a laborer in the lung with a knife, in a drunken brawl. The victim will live, and refuses to appear against the farmer, so the case will be dropped.

H. H. Aaker, candidate for governor, is giving his business college some good advertising, even if he does not happen to get nominated.

A committee of Bottineau citizens are asking the G. N. to build them a new depot.

Ole T. Olson, a farmer living northeast of Bottineau, took his own life by shooting himself thru the heart with a rifle. He was 39 years of age, and married, but had separated from his wife. The deed was done perhaps a month before the body was discovered. The remains were found by three neighbors forty rods north of the house. In his house a letter to relatives was found, telling of his intended suicide.

Two Deeringites, who were out after tag game, captured a fox.

The stallion owners in the vicinity of Bottineau gathered at the call of the inspector recently, and brot their horses with them, but were very angry when the inspector failed to show up.

Cyprien Potvin, a Willow City farmer, 45 years of age, committed suicide last week, by hanging himself in the barn on his father's farm. The man, after locking the door from the inside, tied a rope to the rafters and jumped to eternity. He leaves two children, but his wife died two years ago.

Casper Torgrimson of Deering, received a big shipment of evergreens which he will plant on his farm. This is a sort of an experiment yet in the Deering country, and is being watched.

Deering is building cement sidewalk and putting on elaborate airs.

The Deering Enterprise in running an even dozen political announcements. The candidates in McHenry county are in pretty strong.

A letter received from Illinois informs the Independent that on May 14, a very heavy frost visited that section of the country, and a quarter of an inch of ice was formed. The fruit is a total failure there for certain.

Bottineau has passed a milk inspection ordinance. The cities of North Dakota are mostly doing the wise thing, in this respect.

WRONG IDEAS IN REGARD TO LIGNITE.

North Dakota is More Valuable Than is General Opinion.

There is considerable ignorance regarding the actual value of North Dakota lignite. Most people do not know how the value of fuel is determined. Owing to the fact that lignite when taken from the mine contains 39 or 40 per cent of moisture, its heating quality is reduced to that extent.

The standard set therein, is that payments for coal shall be made on the basis of 14,101 to 14,150 British thermal units of heat (B. T. U.) to the pound of coal.

The value of any coal depends on the content of hydrogen and carbon, all other matters therein contained, is waste and of no value whatever. With this scientific method of determining the actual value of lignite, we can ascertain its economic worth.

It may be well to state that the heating value of hydrogen is 62,032 B. T. U. to the pound, and that the carbon is 14,544 B. T. U. to the pound, these figures, then, give something from which to start.

While there is considerable variation in the combustible content of dry lignite, there is approximately a standard, this has been determined by many analyses made from lignite taken from different parts of the state. This average content is figured as hydrogen, 4 per cent, carbon 86

per cent; on this basis a pound of lignite has a heating value of 11,934 B. T. U.

The heating value of anthracite coal as determined by several purchasing agencies of the government are found to be 12,861 B. T. U.; Pea coal 11,886 B. T. U. and Buckwheat coal 11,485 B. T. U. From these figures it will be seen that the boasted supremacy of anthracite coal over lignite, nothing more or less than humbug.

Speaking of the immense deposits of coal in the state, Senator McCumber said:

"These vast deposits of fuel were made by the Almighty for a purpose. There is no doubt in my mind about the value of this fuel; recent investigations made by the government have established the fact that lignite has a high heating value, approximating that of anthracite coal. When a more scientific treatment is given, after the fuel is taken from the mine, better commercial results will be obtained, thus bringing lignite into general use at home, giving the people much cheaper fuel and developing manufacturing on a large scale."

Congressman Hanna is quoted as saying:

"The time is not far distant when our fuel deposits will come into general use. The development of manufacturing is certain to follow, for so where in the world is fuel found in greater abundance than in North Dakota."

Hansbrough Writes to Friend

Former Senator Says He is Glad He Was Turned Down Two Years Ago—Feels Ten Years Younger After Vacation

Former Senator Hansbrough, has written a letter to a friend in the western part of the state. His many admirers, Republicans and Democrats will find it very interesting reading.

"I have been away from the state for several months as you know," writes the senator, "first on account of serious illness, and after that my physicians said it would be necessary for me to keep very quiet in order to build up. They said my strength would return very slowly, as I had been under a great strain for twenty years. So I have been devoting my time to recuperating, and am glad to tell you that it has been time well spent, I feel younger than I did ten years ago.

"Naturally after a quarter of a century of political work, I have not lost interest in what has been going on in North Dakota for I have a warm place in my heart for the state and its people, regardless of their political beliefs. And it gives me great pleasure to say that I entertain no bitterness toward those who thought best to put me out of the Senate. Life is too short for that kind of thing even if it were Christlike. I am thankful to them for it, for they relieved me of a great load of responsibility, and I wish them well under the guidance of the aspiring gentlemen who seem anxious to lead them to better things.

"Nothing that has happened, however could drive me to the desperate and of being anything but a Republican. Measures are bigger than men, and principles greater than politics, and I regret the condition of chaos and discord that now prevails among the factions. You will pardon my egotism when I say that no one knows better than I what it all means. It is simply a scramble for place and power, and if it were possible for me to impress my views upon the self contented and ambitious leaders who seem determined to turn our Republican State over to our friends the Democrats, I would gladly give my time and my restored energies to the task. But I am doubtful if any considerable number of gentlemen who are in quest of office would be disposed to listen to fatherly advice, and it would be an uncertain undertaking to attempt to convince the great mass of the voters that in some respects they are being bamboozled.

"I owe nothing to any of the so-called leads but as a private citizen and a Republican I cannot look with complacency upon the tendency toward party demoralization and the consequent business upheaval that always follows such a condition. It would be some consolation, perhaps, if I could believe that a change in party control in North Dakota—for that is what is coming if the substantial, thoughtful multitude do not check the headless and selfish insurrection—would bring positive relief. Relief from what? From prosperous times?—from business stability?—from a promising future?

"And what would the state get in return? Well, it would get a change from Republican policy (which might be improved upon with conscientious and unselfish leaders at the head) to Democratic policy; and who is there among them that is wise enough, and disinterested enough, and patriotic enough, to accurately define Democratic policy. What would the Democratic harvest be? For an answer to this question my fellow Republicans have but to look back a few years.

"Now, our Democratic friends will at once exclaim: 'Just think of that awful tariff law you Republicans passed last year!' I have thought about it a good deal. I have also thought considerably about the last Democratic tariff law. That one was worse than this one—much worse; and yet the Democrats said that it was 'the best tariff law ever passed.' Was it? In some places the smoke is still ascending from the smoldering wreck. Are any Democrats defending it today? Are they boasting of its virtues? Not at all; nor do I hear of any Republicans, even complaining Republicans, who praise it. They are all too busy participating in the general prosperity that has come about under Republican tariff laws, which, for party and factional purposes I fear, they are denouncing. Is any considerable number of Republicans going to help the Democrats kindle another industrial and commercial holocaust? Some Republicans may, but it might be well for the voters to ask them why they are doing it. Perhaps they are anxious to get into the payroll. Would the Democrats put them on. Ask my friend Governor Burke if he has put any of them on.

"Now, if it is not for me to defend the schedules in the present tariff law; I did not help to make them. Had I been in the senate I am quite sure that I would have tried to improve on them. Still I would have helped to reduce the duties on lumber, and on many iron and steel articles; all this was accomplished. I would have helped to increase the duties on luxuries; this was one. Now, as a 'tariff for revenue only,' the present law is a success. As a tariff that has not paralyzed business, who can truthfully assail it?

"So I am not going to encourage any Republican to join the Democrats in chasing phantoms. As a Republican, one that is not looking for office, I prefer Republican policy to Democratic policy. This preference is not the result of hidebound partisanship, for the Congressional Record will show that I have voted with Democratic senators a number of times, always when I thought they were right. It is the result of trying to do the right thing in the hope of warning those that are likely to be misled or befogged by ambitious factional leaders."

Faithfully yours,
HENRY C. HANSBROUGH.
May 5, 1910.

The LATEST FASHIONS
—in—
LOCKETS and HAT PINS
—and—
WAIST SETS
—and—
BODICE PINS

If it is the latest,
we have it

W. H. REIGHART
THE EXCLUSIVE JEWELER

FARMER HAS A FLOWING WELL.
Salem Underhill, who owns a farm southeast of Des Lacs, drilled a 118 foot well recently, which flows continuously. It will fill a 52 barrel in a wagon in just three minutes and the supply does not seem to diminish.

STRUCK FINE VEIN OF COAL.
Iver Flom, a farmer southeast of Des Lacs, in digging an eighty foot well, struck a vein of fine lignite coal eighteen feet deep. He is contemplating opening up a lignite coal mine on his farm.

W. W. Tonsley, representative of the Western Newspaper Union, of Fargo, was in Minot Monday. Mr. Tonsley represents one of the best boiler plate concerns in the country.

SALOME
Salome is a washing compound that

does away with all rubbing and hard work on wash day. Non-injurious to clothes, and cheap. Those who have used it would not do without it. Can be procured in this territory only from Mrs. O. M. Christenson, Minot N. D., R. F. D., 3, 10c package, does 8 washings. Arrangements can be made for delivery.

Teachers' Examination.
A teachers examination will be given at Minot and Flaxton Friday and Saturday May 27 and 28. All teachers holding permits or conditional certificates will be expected to take this test. Work will begin at 8:30 Friday morning and continue until 1 p. m. Saturday.

E. G. WARREN,
Superintendent of Schools.
Minot people are eating young onions from their gardens.

Stock For Sale.
Four young Clydesdale stallions, and ten Galloway bulls. These animals have all been raised here and are registered or eligible for registration. Address W. Gibb, Brookbank P. O., Mountrail Co., N. D.

TAKEN UP—One bay mare, about 10 years old, weight about 900 lbs, white in forehead, left hind foot partly white and left hind foot to ankle branded on left thigh, taken up at my place, twp. 156, R. 85, Sec. 12, 2 miles down valley from Foxholm. Wm. E. Kirkelle, Forholm, N. D. 5 19 13

A Bottineau farmer raised a 600 pound hog which he sold for \$54.