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SKI JUMPERS ENTERTAINED AN IMMENSE CROWD

Chief Jennum and his bunch of Professionals From Minnesota Give Splendid Exhibition—Local Jumpers Participate.

The first real ski jumping tournament ever held in Minot, was a huge success. A scaffold 35 feet high had been erected on a high, steep hill north of the Harrison school house, making an ideal place for the jumpers. A crowd of 1,500 people journeyed to the place Wednesday afternoon, and most everybody saw real ski jumping for the first time.

The best record made was 104 feet by Barney Riley, the little Minnesota Irishman; Ole Feiring of Duluth, an ex-champion participated and gave a fine exhibition. A number of local men entered the contest and did well.

The jumpers did not anticipate breaking records and the crowd was delighted with the exhibition. A large number from the surrounding towns took in the tournament.

A few days ago, the world's record was broken in Michigan, when a jumper covered 154 feet.

The jumpers have gone to Valley City to hold a tournament and later will appear at Bismarck.

THE TALE OF A SHIRT

We have on exhibition at the Independent office, one of the most beautiful specimens in the haberdashery line that ever graced the bosom of a Ward county commissioner. It is all covered with gore and it has been torn to tatters. The size is fifteen or sixteen and those who attended the convention of county commissioners held in Minot last week, can easily guess the name of the former owner. (We are going to preserve this relic and after due time, will place it in the archives of our sanctum as a relic of barbarism, to be used for an object lesson by our children and our children's children in the years to come. The shirt once a thing of beauty, is said to have been torn from the back of one of the Ward county commissioners, by companions who were gently arguing with him the question of whether or not, he should retire. It seems that this commissioner took the negative side of the question, and in the argument, his face was severely scratched.

But to return to the tale of the shirt, we really haven't much use for it. The office cat won't even sleep on it. The devil refuses to use for a towel. Its too flimsy for a mop. If the owner will call for it, we'll be glad to restore it to him.

MINOT NORMAL GETS \$252,000

The house committee has recommended that the full amount asked for the normal school, \$252,000 be given, and the senate committee recommended that the amount be cut down to \$200,000.

J. M. Devine appeared before the committee and presented convincing facts, showing why this appropriation was necessary. The Minot normal is assured a good big appropriation.

COMMISSIONERS DON'T GET RAISE

BISMARCK, N. D., FEB. 23. SPECIAL TO THE INDEPENDENT.

SENATE BILL PROVIDING THAT THE PAY FOR ALL SERVICES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BE RAISED TO \$5.00 A DAY, WITH 10c MILEAGE, HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

MANY FARMERS HEAR CAMPBELL

Wide Awake Agriculturists From Northwestern Part of the State Listen to Words of Wisdom—System is Very Practicable.

The great dry farming expert, H. W. Campbell of Nebraska, addressed a crowd of seven or eight hundred farmers, who gathered from all portions of Northwestern North Dakota, at the opera house Tuesday afternoon. Never before was there such a gathering in this part of the state, and the lecture will no doubt result in great benefit to this part of the state.

The Independent finds it utterly impossible to go into detail this week, concerning the Campbell system. Its too big a proposition. It is one of the greatest subjects that has ever been considered by any farmer, and while the system is simple, the workings are of a very complex nature.

There is just this to the Campbell system. The moisture must be stored up in the soil. You can't raise a crop without the moisture, but the trick is to conserve that moisture, so that it can be utilized when needed.

Mr. Campbell told how he came to make a life study of dry farming. He settled in South Dakota in 1879 and in 1882, he had in a crop of 300 acres of wheat that averaged 42 bushels per acre. He attributes the wonderful crop to good luck. Nature was with him. Other farmers did as well. The next year 260 acres of his land did not produce a bushel of wheat, while 40 acres gave 18 bushels to the acre.

"We farmers got together and decided that something must be done. We agreed that we must plow our land in the spring. Accordingly most of the farmers left their plowing until spring, but the next fall, we were surprised to learn that what little land had been plowed the fall before, produced twice as much as that which had been plowed in the spring. We then decided that we didn't know a thing about it. It was ten years before I really knew what the trouble was. I learned that ground plowed when it was moist produced more than ground plowed dry.

It was in 1894 when I first learned the secret of successful farming. It was this way. I had in Early Ohio potatoes. In cultivating them, my horses tramped up and down the rows packing the soil beneath the surface to a certain extent. By observing closely the results that year, I became firmly convinced that what we needed was a sort of a sub surface packer. Father was visiting me, and we talked over the way of cultivating our potatoes. Father wanted to kill them up, while I stuck to it that the ground should remain in a smooth condition. We decided to divide the patch and try both schemes. That fall father's share of the potatoes was 12 bushels and mine 142 bushels."

Under the Campbell system, you don't have in as many acres of grain. You cultivate about half as much land as formerly, and the speaker declared you get from three to four times as much in return.

Speaking of corn growing he said: "There is no reason why you should not grow as good corn in North Dakota as many grow in Iowa."

Mr. Campbell impressed upon the farmers never to plow their ground except when it is moist. This is very important. How can this be done in a dry year? By summer tilling. How would summer till?

Double disc the land as early in the summer as possible, to prevent the escape of what moisture is already in the ground. Moisture escapes from the soil by capillary attraction. Discing cuts off that attraction and closes up the pores thru which the water escapes. When the rain comes harrow it and keep the weeds down. Weeds take the moisture out of the soil. If you can do your plowing in

July, this will not give the weeds much of a chance, and in that case follow the plow with sub surface packer. This packs the soil firmly at a depth of several inches, leaving a fine dust mulch on top. This sub surface packing is what will hold the moisture. Harrow the land after every rain, as soon as it is fit to work on the field.

Don't sow too much seed. In Nebraska Campbell sows but 20 pounds of winter or fall wheat to the acre. The seed should not be an unnecessarily great depth, only deep enough to place the seed in a firm bed. It will warm up quicker and stool out better. Double Disc the ground, just as soon as the grain is harvested in the fall. This stores up the moisture and gives that which is in the ground a chance to come to the surface so that the plowing will be nice and mellow.

An Independent representative has the lecture in complete form, and will present these facts to our readers during the new few issues of the Independent. Watch for this.

The speaker gave the farmers an

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASK MISS WINDELL TO RESIGN

opportunity to ask questions and the way they fired hot questions at him showed that they were very much interested.

These questions and answers will also be published, beginning next week. Ross Martin of Powers Lake, who has been working under the Campbell system, spoke briefly of the results he had attained and how. Mr. Martin's wheat last year averaged 32 bushels per acre. We'll tell you later just how this was accomplished.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Martin were brought to Minot by the Minot Commercial club which has been uniting in its efforts to secure this important farming feature.

CHAS. P. PAGE AND MISS
LUCY PLAGEMAN WED.

A wedding of unusual interest was that of Chas. P. Page and Miss Lucy Plageman, which occurred at Great Falls, Mont., Monday, Feb. 20, Rev. E. E. Flint, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few of the close friends of the couple. Mrs. Page arrived in this city Wednesday and has resumed her position with the Union National bank, in the auditing department, which she will hold for the present.

Mr. Page resided at Minot for a number of years, where he was employed at the Unique and by the Minot Grocery company. Several months ago, he went to Great Falls, Mont., where he holds a responsible position with the Montana Grocery and Meat company. Mrs. Plageman has been connected with the Union National bank for the past four years, and is considered an exceptionally capable employe. The couple have many warm friends here who extend their best wishes.

OLD SITE CANCELLED

C. A. Grow Returns From Washington Where He Represented the Commercial Club in Matter of Postoffice Site.

C. A. Grow has returned from Washington, D. C., where he was sent by the Commercial club of Minot, in the interests of the site for the federal building.

Mr. Grow brings back the report that the old Kulaas site for the federal building has been cancelled and informs us that a representative of the government will be in this city within a few weeks to select a new site.

It is the rule of the government to give each city on the list for a federal building a serial number, and that city must await its turn, before an appropriation for the building can be forthcoming. If the site is not selected by the time that serial number is reached, that city must take its place at the bottom of the entire list and wait patiently. The government simply will not consider a site or a federal building that has not a perfect title. The government never "buys a law suit."

Mr. Grow says that had Minot not gotten busy just when it did, the serial number would have been reached before the title to the old site could have been cleared, and in that event, Minot would have been placed at the bottom of the list of 460 some cities in the United States awaiting federal buildings. He informs us that in that case, it would be from five to seven years before we could have hoped for the money for the construction of this federal building.

As the matter now stands, it is up to the citizens of Minot to agree upon a site so that when the government's representative arrives, the selection can be made without delay. The serial number may be reached within five or six weeks, or even sooner.

Mr. Grow says that under no circumstances, can the federal building be erected this year. The government may be able to do the excavating and the preliminary work, so that the building can be started a year from this spring.

Mr. Grow was presented to President Taft, who is an exceedingly busy man. The Canadian reciprocity treaty is taking up the entire attention of the President, and practically every public man in Washington is thinking of little else.

Mr. Grow was accompanied on his trip east by Mrs. Grow and they visited several of the other large cities of the east.

Sam Clark left for Bismarck and will go to Chicago for a visit.

Board of County Commissioners Pass Resolutions Tuesday Afternoon Calling for Resignation of Matron of the Hospital.

The resignation of Miss Windell, matron of the Northwestern hospital, is demanded by the board of county commissioners, in a resolution passed by a majority of the board Tuesday afternoon. The resolution was introduced by Com. Lokensgard, and it was passed. Commissioners Lokensgard, Sanders, Glein and Amundson, voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Hurd opposed the motion and voted in the negative.

According to the resolution, Miss Windell is given until Feb. 23, 1911, 2 o'clock in the afternoon to hand in her resignation. The Independent understands that she will do nothing of the sort. In case she does not, it will be interesting to learn what Arne, Jens, et al. will then do.

There is absolutely no reason given by the board for asking the resignation of Miss Windell. She is undoubtedly a very capable matron, as practically all of our physicians and surgeons will have to admit. Nearly a dozen of the local physicians met with the commissioners and urged them to not ask for Miss Windell's resignation, because of the fact that the hospital is now in better shape than it ever was before. In fact, it has been raised from a very inferior hospital, under Miss Windell's management, to one of the very best in the state.

Miss Windell discharged one of the young nurses several weeks ago, because she would not follow instructions. Commissioner Glein who is a member of the hospital board, informed Miss Windell that it would be well for her to meet the discharged nurse before the hospital committee and argue their difference. This Miss Windell refused to do. She considered that as Matron of the hospital her orders should be obeyed. No nurse with a speck of independence would stand for any dictation from such men as Glein and we admire Miss Windell for her spunk.

Our board of county commissioners is carrying things with too high a hand. The people should demand of these servants some explanation. The Independent has not printed half the story of the commissioners and the county hospital. We have the "dope" and if it becomes necessary for us to use it, we will do so fearlessly.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Hope Leonard's Gorgeous Spectacular Alice in Wonderland to be presented Friday and Saturday nights, Feb. 24 and 25; grand matinee Saturday.

Alice with all her Wonderland friends will be presented at the Jacobson Opera house Friday evening of this week for its first presentation in this city in full and complete cast. Every society, every home, every one in the city, is immensely interested and eagerly awaiting the advent of this marvellous work, which is to be played by the younger people of this city. After two weeks of thorough practice and training of the various characters by Miss Leonard the dramatist, and Col. Bragg, manager.

Every one in the city is thoroughly interested in the operetta and that it will be a success is already assured by the interest which has been manifested in the workings of the many spectacular surprises, which are too numerous to mention. Beautiful costumes, elaborate properties and colored calcium effects are promised. The ticket sale opened yesterday, and from the great demand for seats, large audiences are assured. Benefit, St. Leo's church.

Plans Are Already Under Way For King George's Coronation



KING GEORGE V. will be crowned June 22, and already preparations for the ceremonies are under way, and the spring social season is to be unusually gay. In addition to the two state dinner parties in connection with the coronation, at which all the royal and distinguished guests will be entertained, King George will give a number of private dinners at Buckingham palace to his more intimate friends. The London police are considerably agitated over the possibility of anarchists making an outbreak during the coronation, as London will be full of monarchs and members of royal families. Heretofore the anarchists have not been molested in England under a tacit agreement that they were to perpetrate no crimes there, but were to confine their activities to other countries. The routs of the royal procession on coronation day was recently made public, and speculation in seats along the way at once became active. Some rooms that command a good view of the route are held at \$2,500 for the day, single seats sell at \$15 each, and it is expected that competition will make it possible for a desirable window to bring \$5,000. The picture above is made from the latest photograph of the man for whom all this pomp, ceremony and splendor have been devised. It shows clearly the facial expression of England's titular ruler.

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