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CANADIANS OBJECT TO THE TRUTH

The J. H. Humphreys interview published by the Independent Months Ago, Has Just Succeeded in Arousing Our Somnolent Neighbors On the North.

Several months ago, the Independent published an interesting interview with J. H. Humphreys, an old friend, who for several years conducted a store at the old Lynch postoffice, north of Minot, concerning conditions in the vicinity of Maple Creek, Sask. Mr. Humphreys was in our office and talked for a couple of hours about the new country to which he had moved, and not being very well pleased with the conditions there, the way he "opened up" on the Canadians and the Canadian laws wasn't very slow. We had a new note book at hand, and a long lead pencil, and took Mr. Humphreys' words down verbatim. At the time, we thought he was preparing a message that would be pretty hard for him to swallow, should any of the Canadians in the Maple Creek district read the article, but we wanted a good story, and knowing Mr. Humphreys' reputation for truth and veracity, we concluded that the report was very authentic, and still believe that our old friend did not make a misstatement in the whole interview. We are glad to note that he does not deny making any of the statements of which he has been accused of making, but says the story was only "half told." We thought at the time that he was not making it half strong enough, but no doubt advisable for him to return. We don't blame Mr. Humphreys for letting himself down just as easily as possible for those Canucks are a bad bunch when they get started and no doubt they have already started making it interesting for him. Were we in his place and living in Canada, under the same circumstances, we would do exactly as he is doing. We don't happen to live in the land of "the maple leaf" and we don't have to apologize for any interview we have published.

The interview in question was published nearly a year ago. Our sleepy cousins just became aware of the fact. They did well.

We publish on page 8 the reply of Mr. Humphreys to an article printed in the Maple Creek, Sask. News, of Feb. 11, 1911, concerning the interview, together with a statement made by the editor of the News.

FRED EHR BOUND OVER.

Fred Ehr, charged with resisting an officer and given a hearing, and was bound over to district court. He gave bonds.

CHIEF OF POLICE BALERUD RESIGNS

Amond Balerud Gives Up Strenuous Life to Become Owner of a Restaurant—Successor not Appointed.

Amond Balerud, chief of police, has become weary of the strenuous life he has been leading, and handed in his resignation to take effect at once. He has bought the City Lunch room on West First street. The commission will not select his successor until after election.

A few light showers have fallen, not enough to soak up the earth very much, but enough to demonstrate that the weather man has not forgotten us entirely.

Isaac Williams and family returned Saturday from San Antonio, Texas, where they spent the winter. Mrs. Williams is much improved in health.

BILL TAXES "OLD MAIDS."

State Matrimonial Commission Would Be Refuge From Assessment.

Madison, Wis., March 23.—A bill to tax \$5 annually every unmarried woman over twenty-five years of age, and to create a "matrimonial commission," consisting of the governor, the superintendent of public property and

the chief clerk of the assembly was introduced in the assembly by Hanson of Manitowoc, of "trouserette fame." The matrimonial commission is charged with the duty of bringing together kindred souls when application is made for an affinity by any lonely maiden.

POLICE WERE CALLED OUT.

The city police were called out Saturday to quell a disturbance in a shack near McGregor's livery barn. They were told that the irate husband was breaking up the furniture. When they arrived the doors were barricaded and while they were after a search warrant, the man and wife who had quarreled, had become reconciled.

SHERIFF KELLEY GOES FOR WITNESSES.

Sheriff Kelley left Tuesday for the penitentiary to secure two witnesses for the Peltier case, one Charles Peltier, a brother of Jos Peltier, charged with murder, and another Indian, sent up from Devils Lake for 25 years for murder.

Joseph Peltier, on trial in this city for his life, informed Sheriff Kelley that his brother John, formerly drove the ice wagon for Mr. Kelley in Minot. John is now in Canada.

IMPROVEMENTS AT McCOY'S.

McCoy's drug store has "fussed up" a bit. Beautiful new linoleum has been laid, giving the place a more attractive appearance than ever. Other improvements will be made at once. The sales room will be extended clear to the alley, and cabinets will be provided for the display of the lines of ready to wear garments, underwear, etc., which will be installed within a short time.

RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST CUMULATIVE VOTING

Supreme Court Has Been Asked to Issue Such an Order in Minot Election.

John E. Greene is in Bismarck, where he went as a representative of those Minot voters who do not believe that cumulative voting should be allowed in the election of city commissioners.

The supreme court of the state has been asked to issue a restraining order against the use of the cumulative ballot in the Minot election. An order to show cause why this restraining order should not issue, has been made by the court. The order is returnable before the court Friday of this week.

ZETHRIN BUYS MAX STORE.

Aug. Zethrin of Max, who recently bought the Boston store at that place, was calling on Minot friends over Sunday. Mr. Zethrin formerly conducted the Unique Grocery store and he's a live one. He will give the people of Max an up-to-date store.

NO LAW EDITION.

There will be no "popular" edition of the Session Laws this year such as has been issued in the past. The popular edition hitherto has been issued by R. D. Hoskins, clerk of the state supreme court as a private venture. The state law now requires that the laws be copyrighted and perhaps individually would hardly stand in a strict interpretation of the law. There is nothing left but for the public to await with patience the issuing of the official edition.

MRS. OFFERMAN'S SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Dr. Offerman has returned from Maple Creek, Sask., where he was called by an accident which happened to his wife. She had accompanied a neighbor and his wife for a ride across the prairie, and the buggy struck two badger holes in succession throwing all occupants from the rig. Mrs. Offerman sustained three broken ribs and her back was badly wrenched. The neighbor was so badly injured that he died within an hour from hemorrhage. Mrs. Offerman was taken to Maple Creek, fifty miles distant, for treatment.

It appears like Westhope has a firebug. Two fires in one week look suspicious, the St. Anthony lumber shed and Default's jewelry store.

POWERS LAKE MAN GETS WIFE THROUGH

Mike Poteske, Prominent Young Swain Seems to Have Gotten into a Complicated Mess—One Too Many Women on His Hands.

Six miles east of Powers Lake there lives a young farmer, Mike Poteske who growing tired of eating Aunt Jemima pan cakes for breakfast 365 days in the year, advertised in an eastern paper for a wife. The advertisement secured for him a flood of letters from damsels of various ages and degrees. From one of the letters Mike selected the lady most to his choice and soon an engagement followed. It seems that Mike did not cast his matrimonial net very thoroughly over the Powers Lake county before advertising, for later, he found a comely maiden near his home who said she would willingly take Mike for better or for worse, and the young swain decided to deal in the home market and so notified the young woman in the east. She would not have it so, for she had set her heart on a noble young westerner and before Mike could turn around, she had arrived in Bowbells, where she ordered Mike to meet her. Mike was there all right, all right, and when he demurred, the young woman laid her case before an attorney. The better Mike got acquainted with the lady the more he liked her. She was only 20 and mighty good looking too. Mike concluded that he might do much worse and after securing a marriage license, the couple departed from Bowbells on the train, presumably to hunt for a minister.

In the meantime, the girl in the country is watching and waiting for her faithless lover.

C. C. Knappen, an old time newspaper man in the Dakotas, died in Minneapolis. His brother is a Bismarck newspaper man.

ATTEMPT TO BURN BOWBELL'S SCHOOL

Small Boys Set Fire to the Building With Gasoline—Door Jamb Burned Before Fire Was Put Out. Special to the Independent.

Bowbells, N. D., March 29.—An effort was made by several small boys to burn Bowbells' fine school building by pouring gasoline over the door jamb and setting it on fire. The lad who bought the gasoline has been apprehended. He claimed that he secured the gasoline, his mother wanting it to clean his clothing. It was placed in a bottle and he tells the story that the bottle was stolen from the back porch. He has told several conflicting yarns.

The door jamb was burned partially away before the flames were discovered and extinguished.

MOUSE RIVER FISH ARE DYING

Farmers Near Logan Are Feeding Nice Large Pickerel to Their Hogs and Chickens—Water Has Milky Appearance.

Farmers from the vicinity of Logan report thousands of dead fish in the Mouse river, which they are gathering up and feeding to their chickens and hogs. J. J. Grand has secured a large number of them, some two feet or more long. The cause of the death of the fish is a mystery. The water appears milky. It has an obnoxious odor. It would hardly be safe to eat any fish caught in the river this spring.

MEMBER ASKED TO RESIGN.

Rugby School War Reaches That Point—Scott Endorsed By Mass Meeting.

Rugby, N. D., March 27.—Demand upon one member of the board of education, Mr. Hugh Gessner, 3p. wept. Mr. Gessner, that he resign from the Rugby board of education is the climax of Rugby's bitter school war, while in mass meeting the citizens passed resolutions endorsing the work of Prof. W. M. Scott, whose discharge by the board was responsible for institution of battle. The mass meeting appointed a committee to wait on Hughes and ask that he quit the board.

BENTSON IS OPTIMISTIC.

E. L. Bentson, owner of the Minot Drug Co's. store, and numerous other drug stores of the state, was in Minot Tuesday. Speaking of conditions about the state, Mr. Bentson said: "I am looking ahead to a splendid year in North Dakota for business. True, we have not had much rain this spring, but the ground is in perfect condition for farm work, and what would we do with rain now if we got it? Put in your crops in good shape and the rain will come, all right."

JUDGE TEMPLETON DECIDES FOR BOWBELLS

County Seat Matter of Burke County Is Settled in District Court—May Be Appealed.

Judge Templeton Saturday handed down a decision in favor of Bowbells for county seat of Burke county.

The case was brot against the canvassing board of Burke county which threw out twelve precincts in the last election, which made Bowbells the county seat instead of Lignite. It is understood that Lignite will carry the case to the supreme court. Bowbells seems confident of winning.

Under the new apportionment bill, McHenry county loses one representative, and is placed in one district. The county will have two senators and two representatives. Bottineau county has but one senator.

WILLISTON WOMAN IS "PFLICATED"

Stanley, N. D., March 24.—The local police department was called upon yesterday to take charge of a woman who was a passenger on No. 2 ticketed from Williston to Minneapolis. Before the train reached Stanley, the woman who was highly intoxicated, became so abusive in her language and obnoxious towards the other passengers that the train crew found it necessary to put her off the train here. To this procedure she objected in the most strenuous manner and heaped upon all present the most vile and abusive language. She was accompanied by her four-year-old son, a bright little fellow.

The police here took charge of her and confiscated several bottles of liquor which she had in her possession. After a night's sleep and rest she fully recovered from her maudlin condition and proceeded on her journey this morning on No. 6.

The woman is a resident of Williston, several former residents of Williston now living here knowing of her family.

WILLISTON'S ELECTION.

Williston will witness a hot city election. J. W. Jackson and Austria Johanna, two successful young business men are candidates for Mayor.

FALKENSTEIN WAS HERE.

F. C. Falkenstein, publisher of the Bottineau News, passed thru Minot Tuesday night enroute to Bismarck, where he went to transact business, and get a report of the Cowan trial at first hand.

MINOT MAN IS CONSCIENCE STRICKEN

The officials of the Soo received a letter from Minot enclosing \$15, which some fellow whose conscience bothered him, wrote wanting him to square matters with the concern. The letter was signed "X."

The fellow simply wrote: "I owe the Soo road \$15. I do not want it on my conscience. Enclosed find the money."

THAT NORTH SIDE SEWER.

James Kennedy, Republican boss from Fargo, was in Minot Monday and Tuesday. It was expected that Mr. Kennedy would bid on the North Side sewer, which bids were opened Monday night by the city commission, but he was not one of the five bidders. The proposed sewer is estimated to cost \$29,995.82, payments to be spread over a period of 20 years. The matter will be taken up Monday night, April 3, when protests may be made to the city commission of there be any.

HOT ELECTION AT SAWYER.

At a red hot election held at Sawyer, the Citizens Ticket was elected from top to bottom, sixty votes being polled in the election. The result was as follows:

For Trustees—1st ward, John J. Johnson, 34; 2nd ward, E. D. Skinner, 34; 3rd ward, James Hodges, 60. For Treasurer—A. H. Segerstrom, 31. For Clerk—L. B. Krogstad, 34. For Assessor—Charles Zander, 33. For Justice of the Peace—J. F. Hubbard, 33.

TAYLOR IN COFFEE AND TEA BUSINESS.

Golden Rule Man Branches Out With An Important Business—Will Develop into One of the Real Large Business Ventures.

J. B. Taylor of the Golden Rule store has organized the Consumers' Tea and Coffee company of Minot, with headquarters at the basement of the Masonic Temple. He will carry one of the largest and best lines of coffees, teas, extracts, spices, baking powders, etc., obtainable and dispose of it on the premium plan. He will have an up-to-date rig out continually and will go after the business with a vim. Mr. Taylor is a good business man and no doubt will be a thriving business.

The newspaper boys are anxiously waiting for the distribution of the insurance statements.

MINOT MAN SUICIDES AT GRAND FORKS

Knute Hustvedt, Well Known Salesman for U. S. Cream Separator Co. Hangs Himself to a Tree While Despondent

Knute Hustvedt, who lived in Minot for a number of years, committed suicide in Grand Forks last Thursday, while in a despondent mood, by hanging himself to a tree in the woods back of Euclid avenue. The deceased while living in Minot, was employed as bookkeeper in the coal office of Paul Baukol and later made Minot his headquarters while he traveled for the U. S. Cream Separator company. He was a member in good standing of the Minot I. O. O. F. lodge and he was a member of the Sons of Norway lodge.

The funeral was held from Norman's undertaking rooms in Grand Forks at 9:30 o'clock Sunday and was in charge of the above named orders.

A coronor's inquest was held and it was decided that the man had committed suicide. His cousin, Bjorne Breekke arrived in Grand Forks to make arrangements for the funeral. Mr. Breekke said his brother had received a letter a few days ago from Knute telling him that he had decided to take his own life. The time of suicide was probably Monday or Tuesday of last week, though the body was not found until several days later. Hustvedt sent \$500 worth of cream separator notes to his cousin, asking him to collect them.

The deceased was well known in this part of the state and he was very popular with everybody. His friends were greatly shocked to hear the sad news of his death.

10,000 MILES BY AUTO.

R. W. Duvall, who went to Texas last fall in his auto, is on his way home and is probably in Illinois now. His auto registered 7,000 miles since he had left last fall, and by the time he arrives home, he will have covered nearly ten thousand miles. He has crossed a dozen states.

SISTERS ARRIVE FROM NORWAY.

John Shervald is entertaining two of his sisters who arrived from Norway Saturday. Miss Martha had visited America before, but this is Dena's first visit here. Mr. Shervald had not seen the latter since she was a babe two years of age, sixteen years ago.

Four car loads of the beautiful Denbigh brick were shipped to Montana last week.

BOTTINEAU'S OLDEST BUILDING BURNS

Special to the Independent.

Bottineau, N. D., March 29.—Bottineau's oldest building, occupied for some years as a residence by a tailor named Hamilton, was burned completely last evening. The family was eating supper, when they heard a loud crash and flames and smoke quickly drove them from the house. The fire evidently had caught in the ceiling. Young Hamilton, who is quite a musician lost three fine violins. Nearly all of the household effects were destroyed. The building was moved to Bottineau when the railroad entered that city in 1886. The Great Northern refused to build to the foot hills, where the city of Bottineau was first started, so the people decided to "move the mountain to Mohammed." For a time the historic old building was occupied as a store.

PRINS CO. TO HOLD SALE.

The Prins Sale Co., open a carnival cash raising sale at Bader & Rozen's April 1, which ends April 12. An advertisement appearing in this issue will tell you all about it. The managers of the sale are wide awake business men who promise to introduce some brand new methods.

OUR WATCH SELLING METHODS

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