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MINOT SOCIALISTS ASK PRESIDENT LESUEUR TO RESIGN

Think Administration Is Unsatisfactory to Majority of Citizens—Will Not Allow Leader to Be Sacrificed.

At a meeting of the Socialist local Tuesday night, the Minot Socialists decided to ask Arthur LeSueur, president of the city commission, to resign from his office. The Socialists were nearly unanimous on the question and it is understood that Mr. LeSueur desired very much for the local to take this move.

The Socialists did not take this step because they were dissatisfied with Mr. LeSueur in any way, but because they did not believe that a majority of the people of Minot desire at this time an administration such as Mr. LeSueur has given.

The resolutions which were written by a committee selected for the purpose explains fully the position of the Socialists in the matter.

Mr. LeSueur is out of the city but will return tonight. It is said that there is no question but what he will comply to the request of the local. In that event, Minot will have another election soon and at this time, the man who is willing to devote his time to this office has not declared himself.

The resolutions follow:

Resolutions.

Whereas, the Minot Socialist local in regular meeting assembled has expressed its opinion that it is its judgment that President LeSueur should resign as president of the city commission, and,

Whereas, President LeSueur in compliance with such request will tender his resignation and file the same with the city commission, and, Whereas, President LeSueur's resignation will be tendered by reason of the expressed opinion of the Socialist local requesting that one of their comrades resign from an official position, and,

Whereas, President LeSueur's past administration has been without flaw and beyond censure or reproach, and that despite the hostility and opposition of the police force and police judge he has rigidly and without favor enforced the laws giving the city a clean and moral administration, and,

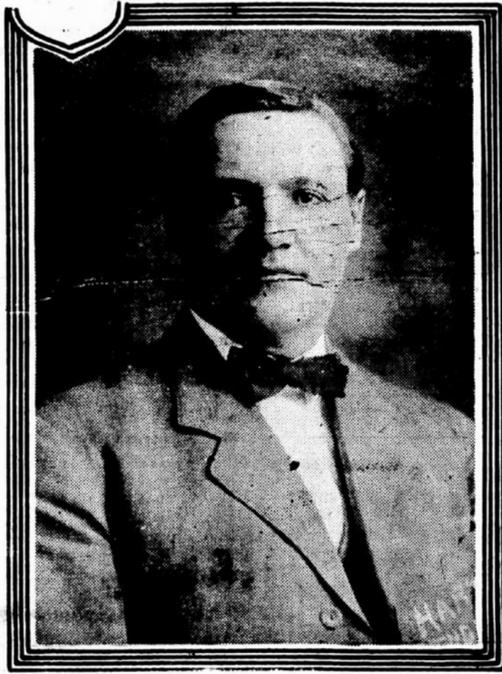
Whereas, it has become of state wide knowledge that President LeSueur through his administration has sought to build up the city morally as well as financially that our city might be a fitting and suitable location for the state normal school and that parents may not fear to send their children into our midst, and,

Whereas, President LeSueur as president of the city commission would as he has in the past rigidly enforce all laws and make our city clean and moral, and,

Whereas, the people of our city have at the last election by their votes expressed themselves as not favoring a moral government and the rigid enforcement of the laws, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Socialist party believes in majority rule and that the people by their vote have declared that they believe in the existing evils and ask that in our city be permitted the blind pig, gambling den and house of prostitution, and the church people of the city of Minot having refused to co-operate with us in our efforts to maintain a moral government, and

Be it resolved, that we do hereby denounce the present lax and indifferent enforcement of our laws and the absolute failure and refusal of the city officials to perform their official duties in refusing to punish the law violator and the lending apparent encouragement to them and the discourteous attitude and effrontery of the majority of the commissioners in re-



ARTHUR LESUEUR

WHO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO RESIGN AS PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION THROUGH A RESOLUTION BY THE MINOT SOCIALISTS

fusing to place President LeSueur's late message on file, and,

Be it further resolved, that the majority of the citizens of our city do favor and sanction the blind pig, gambler and prostitute as is plainly evidenced by the return to our city of the well known and recognized law violator now frequenting our street corners, and,

Be it resolved, that we do hereby commend and adopt the past administration of President LeSueur, and,

Be it further resolved, that we do favor the withdrawal of President LeSueur as president of the city commission of the city of Minot, North Dakota, as we consider it unjust and unfair that he be in any wise identified with an unlawful and immoral government.

The Minot Socialist Local,
By Committee.

FOUND DEAD IN THE FIELD

Balfour, N. D., May 9.—Kost Stich, a Russian farmer, was found in a field near here with his head crushed in and he died 24 hours after being found. Neighbors suspect that murder has been committed and an investigation has been started.

JOHN OLSON MAY STAY HERE.

John Olson, former manager of the Rogers Lumber yard in this city, may not go to Medicine Lake, Mont., after all. John informs the Independent that in all likelihood he will remain in Minot where he has an excellent offer. He cannot give any further information this week, however. Here's hoping he will remain.

MINOT GAINS ANOTHER SCHOOL.

The Harrison township school which was located in North Minot, is now one of the schools of Minot special school district, since the supreme court decided that North Minot was legally annexed to the city of Minot.

76 HORSES AT WORK IN FIELD

Twenty-three Kind-Hearted Neighbors Put in Over 100 Acres of Crop For Mrs. Thos. Somers of Near Drady.

Twenty-three men with 76 horses and a steam plow gathered at the home of Mrs. Thos. Somers, ten miles southwest of this city Tuesday and put her entire quarter section farm into crop with the exception of what is used for pasture. More than 100 acres were plowed, dragged and seeded in the one day and the grain was put in the best of shape. Mrs. Somers is a widow, and without the assistance of her kind hearted neighbors, it is quite certain that she would have been unable to do such farming this year.

Ed. Okins, with his steam plow, worked half a day and did valuable work. It was a great sight to see the immense amount of machinery at work all at once in one big field. There were nineteen four horse teams, and when in the afternoon a shower came up, they all lined up near the barn. Never before in that neighborhood was there such a spectacle. Mrs. Somers could not find words to express her thanks for the kind deed. In North Dakota such acts of kindness are not uncommon. Our people are broad minded and whole souled and noted for their kindness to those who happen to meet with misfortune.

A fine dinner was served by Mrs. Somers, assisted by Mesdames G. J. Westby, H. R. Herzog and S. R. Herzog. The farmers made a gala day of it, and never spent a more enjoyable time. Those who participated in the notable event were Messrs. Merret Warner, G. Kivley, H. Helve, H. A. Wickman, Ole and Nels Underdahl, Hugh Moore, H. A. Herzog, John Flom, Knute Holm, Ed. Okins, Ed. Tresland, Arthur Beckman, W. D. Wilson, H. R. Flom, Raymond Wilson, Ernie McDonald, S. R. Herzog, F. B. Anderson, Elvin Westby, Bert Rygmyr, John Somers and H. J. Herzog.

SEN. WALLIN AND THE COWAN CASE

Senator Wallin has returned from Bismarck, where he sat in the senate during the Cowan trial. Mr. Cowan was one of the senators who believed Cowan guilty of a number of charges and he voted according to the dictates of his conscience. Speaking of the trial, Mr. Wallin said:

"I could not vote otherwise from the way I did, as I voted according to the dictates of my conscience. At that I must say that I am glad Cowan went free, but I could not vote conscientiously different from the way I did. I have nothing against those who voted for him, as they no doubt voted the way they thought was right, the same as I did."

Senator Steele of Mohall voted against Cowan's acquittal also.

A small fire in some rubbish back of the Reporter office, called out by the fire department this afternoon.

MINOT PHYSICIANS ARE RECOGNIZED

Dr. A. J. McCannel and Dr. A. Carr returned from Fargo last night where they attended the annual convention of the State Medical society. Dr. McCannel was elected First Vice President and Dr. Carr one of the Counselors.

There were 120 physicians in attendance and the meeting was one of the very best held in the state. The Mayor of Fargo welcomed the physicians, and Dr. McCannel is a very clever speaker, responded, afterwards introducing the President of the association, Dr. H. H. Healy of Grand Forks.

Prof. C. J. Dence for two years instructor in mathematics and athletics in the Minot schools, has accepted a similar position in the schools of Orlean, N. Y.

DORMAN WILL BUILD BIG SHED FOR AEROPLANE

GETTING READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

The members of the W. R. C. are making arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial day. The Minot band will be in the line of march to the cemetery and Co. D. will be out. The old soldiers will be carried to the cemetery in autos, providing all of the machines are not out of the city that day. The Minot business men leave for their booster trip thru the southern part of the country that day and most of the autos will be in use.

Rev. A. Olsen of the M. E. church has been engaged to give the annual Memorial sermon on Sunday preceding Memorial day.

GOT WIFE BY ADVERTISING.

C. Johns, a homesteader at Epworth, aged 69 years, met Mrs. Sarah Cramer, whose home was in Missouri, in Minot this week, and the couple left for Stanley where they were married. Johns' wife died four years ago and he becoming lonely, advertised for a wife. He received twelve replies and Mrs. Cramer proved to be his choice. The couple exchanged pictures and a few letters and it was all fixed up satisfactory in a short time. Mrs. Cramer filed on a valuable farm in Mountrall county before marrying.

D. C. Dorman Has Leased Roach Property Near Stock Yards—Machine Coming in a Few Days.

D. C. Dorman expects his Bleriot fifty horsepower aeroplane within a few days, possibly June 1. The manufacturer claimed the machine would arrive here about May 20, but there will probably be a little delay.

Mr. Dorman has leased a portion of the Roach farm near the stockyards, where he will erect a shed for the machine at once, 28x36 feet. If "Dewey" can master the machine in time for the races to be held in this city July 3, 4 and 5, he will give exhibitions at that time.

He declares that it takes from a week to a much longer period to learn to manipulate an aeroplane. Some never learn.

"WAS WORTH THE MONEY."

U. L. Burdick of Williston, lieutenant governor of the state, passed thru Minot Saturday enroute to his home, from Bismarck, where he presided at the famous Cowan trial. Mr. Burdick conducted the trial in a very impartial manner and made friends everywhere by his fair methods. Speaking of the trial he said: "It cost a big sum, but I think it was worth the money."

"FIRE BUG" AT WORK IN MINOT

Three Serious Fires Started Saturday Night Endangering The Whole City—Old Minot Laundry, Part of Viaduct, Wood Yard and Murray's Barn Destroyed

A "fire bug" evidently got in his work in this city Saturday night, for three serious fires were set within a few hours. The cur got in his work at a very opportune time, for a wind blowing fifty miles an hour carried the glowing embers over the entire business portion of the city and throughout a considerable portion of the residence districts.

The first fire was started in the old Minot Steam laundry building, which was located on the river, just west of the Great Northern viaduct. This fire was started when the wind was blowing its fiercest, about ten o'clock. There was absolutely no chance to save the building, altho the firemen were on the scene within a few minutes after it started. The west end of the viaduct was soon a mass of flames also, and the firemen had the most terrific fight on their hands in the history of the city. The air was full of a mass of glowing embers, which fell everywhere. A sharp lookout was kept all about the city for incipient fires, and only for the diligence of our citizens, the damage would have been much greater than it really was. Robinson's elevator caught fire three times. Mr. Robinson with a force of men put the fires out each time they started. Three chemicals were used and when these played out, the men on the roof tore off burning shingles. Railroad ties along the Soo track caught fire several times. Rubbish at the rear of the Leland hotel was set on fire and several small fires started at the rear of the postoffice and in other places about the city.

Residents down Valley street, more than a mile away from the fire, say that burning shingles were blown in the vicinity of their homes.

Within an hour, the first fire was in check. The viaduct was not totally destroyed, but greatly damaged.

The fire had no sooner been checked, when another was started along the Great Northern right of way, just north of the track, east of the yard office. The firemen already tired out by their first efforts, hastened to the scene of this fire, and strung out about all the available hose in the city. Several coaches and cars narrowly escaped burning. The Great Northern

lost 420 cords of kindling wood and considerable bridge timber and railroad ties. The company's loss is placed at \$2,500. Some timbers valued at \$30 a piece were burned.

While the firemen were endeavoring to control this fire, it is quite evident that the firebug, not yet satisfied with the extent of his depredations, set fire to Wm. Murray's barn, which was located a block west of the viaduct. This fire could not have caught from the burning laundry, because it was located in the direction from which the wind was blowing. The fire was started at the northwest corner of the barn and the structure was burned completely in a short time. The firemen chased back to this fire, and managed to scrape up just enough old hose to reach the flames and hold it in check. He places his loss at \$300. His auto garage had a narrow escape, and had that caught fire, his home would have been doomed. Mr. Murray says that he had no rubbish about the barn, as only last week he had cleaned that all away.

The fire at the G. N. wood pile could not have caught from the first fire, because the wind was not blowing in the right direction, and the theory that the fire was set by an engine, will not hold good because the sparks would not have been blown on the north side of the track. The only conclusion that the people of Minot can come to, is that someone wanted to burn the city, and chose Saturday night, in order to do a complete job. That he did not accomplish his purpose is due mainly to luck, for altho the fireman acquitted themselves nobly, many obstacles were against them and had the fire once gotten out from under their control, millions of dollars damage would have been done.

The laundry building which was burned, was owned by Darby & Peterson and was used by them until about two years ago, when they bought the Model Steam Laundry building, which they now occupy. They had considerable machinery in the old building, but had not used the place for a long time. The building had been kept locked and they firmly believe that someone set the place on fire. Their loss is \$2,000 with no insurance.

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