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Political Rumors From The State Capitol

What the Wild Uaves Are Saying in the Capital Town Down on the Missouri—Is Aleck Out of It?

There are many things political that one can learn at home if he appears wise as an owl and keeps his ear to the ground. Then there are other things that must never be repeated out of the holy of holies of the sanctuary of the Merchants hotel, St. Paul. If you want to get the latest political porridge dished out to you in regular red hot weiner wurst style, you want to go to Bismarck and talk with Tommy Poole, Ed. Patterson, the governor and a few more of the battle-scarred veterans of numerous wars. You'll find Aleck McKenzie, pompous looking, pussy-footing about the McKenzie hotel, the six-story monument that Ed. Patterson built to perpetuate his memory. Aleck has trained his beautiful voice to speak in low whispering tones. Hush! Not too loud. The enemy might awake. Its from a force of habit with the big fellow. Is Aleck out of politics? Well, the newspapers were full of some such dope a few days ago. Aleck's press agent has been working overtime.

Why McKenzie has merely been taking a vacation. He has been playing on the bench, so to speak. He has gotten his second or third wind and will hob up in his usual way.

Talk with Tommy Poole, the suave, dappy little fellow, who is known as Aleck's political weather vane—then judge for yourself.

They say Aleck drifted into Bismarck one afternoon about the time that the state board of equalization began to consider the matter of railroad assessments. The state board is still in session and Aleck will not return to St. Paul for several days.

It looks very much as though Gunder Olson, the state treasurer will be a candidate for governor, and if he is, he is pretty sure to be elected. Down at Bismarck it is generally believed that Gov. Burke will have the audacity to try for a fourth term. Think of it! They say that the fact that he has been up for election three times and gone away with it every solitary single time, notwithstanding C. A. Johnson and others, has turned his head. The boys believe, however, that John Burke is a doomed man politically and think that Gunder Olson is just the man to trim him up. Ask Gunder about this and he will laugh good-naturedly and tell you that he is not looking for anything. He defeated Bickford for the state treasurer and it is believed that he can line up the voters all right in the coming campaign, if he only wants to. This is a strong Scandinavian state. A name helps some and Gunder Olson is a name to conjure with.

John Burke has political ambitions. He resides in the central congressional district. A happy thought! John Burke, congressman, would even be a more powerful man than John Burke, governor. Burke has become some sort of a national figure. Now, John, no doubt, has been day dreaming something like this: "Why not run for congress in this district. There is only Tom Marshall that I need to fear, unless it be Geo. Young of Valley City." A political fight of this sort would be worth watching.

There are about thirty willing to be congressmen in the state at the present moment, that are known. We don't know how many hundred there are that have not expressed their feelings on the subject. There is bound to be a pretty scrap in the western district in which Minot is located. It's hard to say just who the candidates will be but there's Blaisdell, Jim Johnson and Nehemiah Davis from Minot, and at Bismarck it was rumored that Major Murphy was talked of some. There's Jim Hanley of Mandan, Burdick of Williston, and others. Then there's Hanna and Helgesen in the eastern district, one of whom may be taken care of in some other way and thus eliminated. Some good man is likely to bob up and beat both of them if they don't watch out.

MANY MEMBERS ADDED TO CLUB

"Jack Rabbit" Day Proves to Be a Huge Success—Will Hold Similar Event at Various Periods—Club Never in Better Shape.

Friday was a red letter day for the Minot Commercial club, when thru the concerted effort of nearly every member, divided into five committees, the entire city was canvassed for new members. About seventy-five new members were secured that day which includes nearly all of the prominent business and professional men. As a special inducement, the initiation fee was reduced somewhat and if enough members can be secured by fall, it is hoped that the dues can be cut from two dollars to one dollar a month. The committees report very few failures and practically everybody canvassed either came thru, or promised to do so within a very short time.

The Minot Commercial club is a power for good. Our old town would be a lonely looking sight without a good club. It is the duty of every man who wants to put his shoulders to the wheel to join the organization. If the club has not been run to suit you perfectly in the past, take hold and help run it. There is plenty of work for each one of us.

The club is particularly fortunate in having F. L. Sherman for its secretary. He is working night and day for its success and for Minot. President Thompson is giving much of his valuable time to the organization. The directors are all live wires, and so are the members.

SAWYER FARMER HAS RIGHT IDEA

Chas. Schilling of Sawyer has about forty acres of beans that are looking their very best. Mr. Schilling will thresh them with a threshing machine and they look as tho they are good for thirty bushels to the acre. At \$3.50 a bushel, Mr. Schilling will make a nice little fortune from this patch. He has raised beans for the past twenty years but never before on so large a scale.

In the past, the farmers in this locality have sold too much of their stock. It pays to have something to fall back upon, in case of short crops.

DORMAN'S AIRSHIP GOES UP IN SMOKE

Local Aviator Was About to Give Exhibition for Friends When Gasoline Caught on Fire—Insured for \$2,000.

D. C. Dorman's fifty horse power Bleriot monoplane was completely destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in the northwestern part of the city, where it had been moved a short time ago. Mr. Dorman had just started his engine, preparing to give an exhibition before a number of his friends, when the gasoline caught fire. Before anything could be done to extinguish the flames the curtains and wings of the machine had caught fire, and there was little the willing crowd could do to render assistance. It is believed that the lead pipe leaked. Mr. Dorman has an idea that the pipe was cracked during the attempted flight on the Fourth. As soon as the flames were noticed, Dorman called to his friends for assistance and some dirt was thrown on the engine. Major Murphy grabbed C. A. Grow's summer coat and an attempt was made to smother the flames with it. The coat was burned. The flames went high in the air, and many retreated a long distance from the machine, expecting any moment to hear a terrific explosion, but none occurred. About the only parts of

the machine saved were the rudder and propeller. The engine is not entirely worthless, but the wings, and framework were completely destroyed. What remains of the machine might be worth a few dollars.

Mr. Dorman bought this machine, paying about \$3,000 for it. He carried \$2,000 insurance on it, which will help some.

"This is not the first air ship that has been burned," he stated, "but it's the first one that I ever had destroyed." He does not state whether he will invest in another aeroplane or not, but it is likely that he will.

Mr. Dorman is greatly disappointed over the occurrence. The day was perfect for flying and he had expected to make the best exhibition that he had ever figured in. He had been invited to exhibit his machine at Lucky Bob St. Henry's aviation exhibition, but Wednesday's proceedings have interfered with his arrangements.

LOCAL COMEDY WILL BE GOOD.

"Twenty Miles From Chicago," a rural comedy under the direction of Miss E. Florence Miller, will be given at Jacobson's opera house by local talent Monday evening, Aug. 14. This play is full of fun with some good music interspersing. Glen Hart, Minot's popular soloist, will introduce a number of good specialties. A quartet will also participate.

JUDGE DAVIS TALKS

OF CAMPAIGN
Judge Davis has practically announced his candidacy for congress in the western district. "I will campaign in every town and hamlet and will make a very extensive campaign," the judge declared. "I expect my friend Blaisdell will also be a candidate. Of course anyone has a right

"LUCKY BOB" ST. HENRY MADE WONDERFUL FLIGHTS AT REGINA

Dr. Archie McCannel and wife returned from Regina, Sask., where they attended the Dominion fair for several days. Little Alice Campbell returned with them. The doctor says that he saw Lucky Bob St. Henry make a flight with his biplane Saturday night, disappearing away up behind the clouds. When he alighted several minutes later, he was soaked thoroughly, having passed thru a rain cloud. St. Henry will make several flights in Minot, Aug. 14 and 15, and Dr. McCannel says the people will certainly get their money's worth

to get into this race. I can have nothing to say against Mr. Blaisdell's candidacy, if he should come out. If he did not run at this time, however, there would be plenty of opportunities for him. I figure that I am nearly twice as old as Mr. Blaisdell, and I am ever coming out for congress, this is my time."

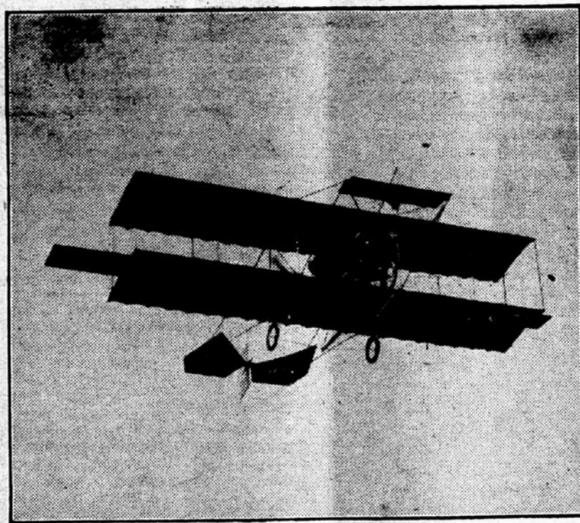
COMPLICATIONS ARISE

FROM NEW LAW
A new law which went into effect July 1, is trying the patience of every county auditor in the state. According to the law, every fund must be given its pro ratio share of the interest and penalty collected from over due taxes. There are so many funds to be considered, that this makes an unlimited amount of book keeping. For instance, there are the township, general, road and bridge and sinking funds; the sinking fund for the school and all of the county funds, besides seven or eight state funds. The law could just as well as provided that the money be divided into townships, county and state general funds saving much difficult work.

MAY REPEAL TREE

BOUNTY LAW

About ten per cent of the farmers have taken advantage of the tree bounty law, and each year are allowed something on their real estate taxes. According to the law, the bounty must not exceed the amount of the taxes. Some farmers receive a bounty of as much as \$12 each year, but find it necessary to make application each year. The chances are that at the next session of the legislature, this law will be repealed, as there was some talk of doing so at the last session.



"LUCKY BOB" ST. HENRY, WHO WILL APPEAR IN MINOT ON AUGUST 14 AND 15, AT A HEIGHT OF 1200 FEET

Spring Things

NATURE shows the spring flowers; our store displays the flowers of art. The artists in jewelry and silverware have not improved nature, but they have been inspired by her. A visit to our store at this time furnishes an education in beauty, and the prices are as attractive as the patterns.

W. H. REIGHART
The Exclusive Jeweler

Minot Taxpayers Will Locate Normal School

LUCKY BOB IS IMITATING NATURE

St. Henry Says That Air-Motoring Will Soon Attain a Scientific Perfection and Man Will Glide Through Space Like Birds.

"Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not, nor neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

The old Biblical philosopher observing the artistic efforts of mankind noted that even the wayside wild flowers had form and coloring, had the charm for the human mind more glorious than the initiative efforts by man. To bring this admiration of nature up to date one should consider the winged creatures of nature in comparison with what man has wrought in the flying business after centuries of effort.

It is magnificent and inspiring spectacle to see St. Henry soaring thru the air in an aeroplane, but consider the pigeon, the eagle the wild geese, and the glorious achievements of man in comparison are humble enough. The jayest jay bird that drives screeching down a creek can put it all over the best aviators in the world whether it be for distance, closed circuits, alighting on given spot, or whatever the performance may be, and what's more very few birds pull the wrong lever and get their necks broken.

"True flight," said St. Henry at the end of the wonderful flights at Fargo, "will be flights that are independent of motors. Watch the buzzard or his kind utilizing upward air currents to lift him to an altitude from which he can glide downward for hours."

"These same currents which he understands and profits by, we must combat in ignorance, and some day we will know them too, and the art of flying will have then attained a state of perfection, where currents will aid, not annoy, and motors will be unnecessary."

Time may bring about such a perfection as St. Henry speaks of and the mechanical bird of the future may mount aloft on the spiral of air and float to earth in a long glide, with nothing to do but maintain a balance like the buzzard.

Lucky Bob, who is as daring as any of the aviators today, will appear in Minot Aug. 14 and 15, giving three flights each day. Don't fail to see him, for he will certainly fly.

DR. OFFERMAN IS UNDER ARREST

Complaint Made That He Has Not Secured License From Board—Is Preparing to Fight Case.

Dr. F. X. Offerman, a local chiropractic specialist, claiming to cure certain ailments without the use of knife or drugs, was arrested Wednesday on complaint of a prominent Minot physician. It is alleged that Offerman has not been examined by the medical board, which according to a recent law, makes it compulsory for him to do so before he can lawfully practice his art. Offerman has been in Canada for the most part of two months, and returned, intending to open his rooms again, it is said. He appeared before Judge Murray and gave bonds for his appearance Friday. He declares that he will fight the case to the finish. This is believed to be the first arrest of a chiropractic in the state since the new law was enacted.

E. L. Rowan, formerly manager of the Leland hotel, will arrive in Minot this week, to manage the Elks home. Mr. Rowan has been manager of the new McKensie hotel at Bismarck for several months. His many Minot friends will welcome him back.

Election Will Be Held Saturday—Normal Board Committee Wants Citizens to Get Together—Interesting Meeting at Commercial Club.

An effort will be made next Saturday, Aug. 12, to settle the question of a site for Minot's normal school for all time to come. This may be the case, and it may not. It may depend entirely on which site wins the battle.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor arrived from Bismarck and Frank Willson, the secretary of the board, arrived from Bismarck Tuesday evening, and that night met with a very large and enthusiastic number of our citizens at the Commercial club rooms. The normal school board after holding numerous meetings, which were not entirely harmonious, finally decided to leave the matter of settling the location of this site in the hands of the Minot citizens themselves. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Willson represented the board by appearing before this body of citizens to ascertain their wishes, if possible.

After considerable sparring between those who favor the valley sites and the one on the South hill, it was finally agreed to submit the propositions for the three sites, the South hill, the Valley street and Ramstad's North Minot site, to a vote of the taxpayers of Minot, the date of election to be fixed by a committee to be appointed by the normal board committee.

Major Murphy was chosen chairman of the meeting and Franklin Kauffman, secretary.

Supt. Taylor, chairman of the normal board, asked the object of the meeting and Chairman Murphy stated that the citizens would be pleased to hear from Mr. Taylor as to his views, which were given later.

Halvor L. Halvorson, at some length reviewed the proceedings to date, submitting files of the local papers containing arguments for and against the South hill site, referring to the election which had been held on Monday at the city hall, resulting in the polling of 235 votes, 151 for the South hill, 89 for the Valley street site and five for the North side site. He made a plea to keep politics entirely out of the question and stated that it was his opinion that political influence had been brot to bear in the location of this site. He said that if the board decided that another vote should be taken, he preferred that the first and second choice vote proposition should rule.

John E. Greene, representing the Valley street site, replied. He stated that Monday's election was called in too much of a hurry and for that reason, those favoring the valley sites were urged not to participate in it. He presented several voting petitions, that had been circulated Sunday and Monday, wherein about 800 voters had registered their preference for a valley site as against the south hill. He did not think that the ballot used in Monday's election was fair which included the following propositions: a choice of a site north or south of the G. N., a choice between the Valley street site and the one on the South hill. Those favoring some valley site were willing, however, to participate in a fair election, he stated.

Supt. Taylor then spoke at some length in a very diplomatic manner. He appealed to the citizens to get together and settle this matter so that the board might go ahead and start the work of construction on the school buildings. He then the matter was up to the citizens in a way, because Minot, according to the law, is supposed to give sixty acres for the site, therefore the taxpayers ought to have something to say as to where the school should be located. He gave the impression that the board would willingly do what a majority of Minot's taxpayers desired them to do. He said that this had gotten to be a site issue. It was being talked thru the length and breadth of the state. The controversy was bound to do much harm to the school which would take years to overcome. "If you can't get together on this proposition we will welcome him back."

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