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EDITORIAL COMMENT

POWER FROM POTATOES.

According to a writer in the Kansas Industrialist, culled potatoes will be furnishing the power for the gang plow and the engine on the farm before many more years go by. The writer says that a bushel of culled potatoes is worth 56 cents. Turned into denatured alcohol they would be worth 75 cents. The process of extracting the alcohol is not one that every farmer can carry on, but the alcohol is there all right.

Alcohol is produced by the fermentation of sugar. Potatoes contain starch that may be converted into sugar by the addition of malt and then fermented. The potatoes are steamed until the starch is cooked thoroughly. Then the malt is added. When the starch has been converted into sugar a yeast mash is added and the sugar is fermented. What is left from the potato mash can be fed to cattle. Experiments have proved that the mash has a high feeding value.

Denatured alcohol is used for heating and lighting, in chemicals, in varnishes, in explosives and as a fuel for engines. For some years the tax laws were such that alcohol was too expensive as fuel for engines. For this reason machinery has not been adapted for using denatured alcohol. But it is coming into use.

The United States department of agriculture has issued a bulletin recently on this subject. Denatured alcohol is being extracted from potatoes in other countries with success.

A distillery for this sort of work might be conducted by a farmers' co-operative association or as a private enterprise. A plant with a daily capacity of 8,000 pounds of potatoes would cost approximately \$12,000. This is larger considerably than would be practicable for a co-operative enterprise. The plant would have to be in a potato growing country with good railroad facilities.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that there are only 8.2 persons to the square mile in North Dakota? Rhode Island has 303.5 to the square mile and Massachusetts has 418.8, New Jersey 377.7, New York 191.2, Illinois 100.7 and Ohio 117.

Statistics show that North Dakota has nearly doubled in population between each census. Values in this great state are rapidly increasing in population over 80 per cent. Another ten years' growth like the past ten and we will have a million people in North Dakota. We will grow faster in the next ten years, however. Our increase from 1890 to 1900 was 67 per cent; from 1900 to 1910 was 80 per cent and from 1910 to 1920 according to the above figures it should be over 100 per cent increase. North Dakota has grown fast, but there is still plenty of room to grow as the population per square mile is yet low compared with older eastern states.

Think for a moment of the opportunity to build name and fortune in this great state which is only just beginning to develop. Build a happy healthful home in Sunny North Dakota. There is no better country on earth for safe sure investment with liberal returns upon capital and energy.

CO-OPERATE FOR THE GOOD OF THE STATE.

Cooperation and consolidation are the order of the day. In the business field this is especially true. In all human activities the trend is towards co-operation. Lately, a state movement has been started which should result in much good to North Dakota, namely—the Federation of Commercial Clubs of the state, under the title of North Dakota Federation of Commercial Clubs. This organization can be of great service to this state. If all the different sections will lay aside any petty jealousies that may exist and work together for the good of the state as a whole, the result will be profitable to all.

United we stand, divided we fall, is as true today as it was when this country was founded. Every town and city in the state should have an active commercial organization and each should join the state federation and co-operate with all for the good of North Dakota. It might not be out of place to state right here that the Minot Commercial club, with Secretary Sherman at the helm, took the initiative in this excellent organization which means so much for the entire state.

WHY EMPLOYERS WANT YOUNG MEN.

An editor of a daily paper, when asked why he did not employ men over fifty, replied: Although a man may do just as much work after this age, he takes himself too seriously. He did not like to have people around him from whom the youthful spirit had evaporated. He wanted optimism—men in whom hope was large. He wanted the exuberance, the enthusiasm and the zest which usually belongs to younger men.

It is not so much a question of years as it is a question of the loss of buoyancy, of hopefulness, of that exuberance which is characteristic of young life. If a man has been good to himself in his earlier years, if he has taken good care of himself, and has not squeezed out all the juices of his youthful nature, if he has not sapped his vitality by unscientific, vicious living, if he has practiced plain living and high thinking, has conserved his energy, his life force, has not overstrained his resources, he

is young at almost any age.

It is the burned-out, the spent man that is not wanted.

Every man should have a bank account, not only to fall back upon in case of illness, but for the sake of the feeling of independence which it gives him. A fellow with a few hundred dollars in the bank usually goes around with a smile on his face—he is more inclined to place a comradeship instead of a money value on his friends—he knows that if misfortune overtakes him, he won't have to borrow money to meet the emergency. Furthermore, the will power and the strength of character that has made that bank account possible has truly made him a better man. It is not merely the actual money saved that counts, but the principle that prompted the saving. Laying aside something for a rainy day is a hackneyed expression, though full of good sense just the same; but if the proverbial rainy day never materializes, the mere having a bank account makes sunshiny days more sunshiny and practically saves off misfortune by the mere fact that one is prepared to face it. Ask our local bankers—and then start in right away to experience the joy, satisfaction, happiness and independence that a bank account will bring you.

At the last session of the legislature, North Dakota was divided into three congressional districts, providing of course that the reapportionment bill should be passed by congress. This has come to pass, and now one can be pretty certain that a number of "favorite sons" from western North Dakota will make their plans for going after this office. There are several Minot citizens who would like to figure in this proposition, among whom are Alfred Blaisdell, Judge Davis and possibly James Johnson. None of these men have made any announcement to this effect yet, but we have learned that there is a possibility that one or all of them may become candidates. It has been suggested that a caucus of or republican voters be called at some convenient time to decide upon some Minot candidate, thus eliminating a local fight that might mean certain defeat to them all.

The farmer with a couple of hundred hens a few acres of corn and potatoes, a few good milch cows and some hogs, with a few good colts growing into money, isn't worrying much these days whether his wheat-crop is a failure or a success. The Iowa farmer learned long ago not to depend too much on wheat, and yet we notice where a field of wheat in Iowa averaged thirty some bushels this year. That Iowa farmer could not have grown such a field of wheat, however, had it not been for the fact that he kept cows, manured his land, raised corn and potatoes to keep the land free from foul weeds and to put the soil into right condition for this crop. A large percentage of our farmers have grown some corn this year which could not possibly look better, and what is more encouraging, they are going to grow more corn every year.

Friday was "Jack Rabbit" day at the Commercial club. Nearly seventy-five new members were induced to join the organization by a number of committees that raked the town with a fine tooth comb. Several old members who had dropped out were reinstated and then a large number of brand new members were secured. Every business and professional man ought to belong to this club. Become a member and help to determine the policy of the organization. Register your kicks within the club, if you have any to make—not outside of it. Be a booster for your town and we know of no more effective way of boosting Minot and your own business than by becoming a member of our own commercial club. Many a man's ability to do good is lying dormant for the want of an opportunity. This is your opportunity.

Now that the reapportionment bill has been passed by congress, providing for 433 members in the house, giving North Dakota its third congressman, there will be a lively scramble in the eastern district in this state, between Hanna and Helgesen. It is believed that these men very much disliked to see the bill pass, but could do little to defeat it. If Hanna can just manage to side track Helgesen, inducing him to become a candidate for governor or some other office, he might have hopes of being re-elected. Otherwise, the gentleman from Milton will lead him a merry chase.

The Commercial club has asked the Soo to continue with its work of building the new passenger depot. Some excavating has been done, when operations seemed to stop. Minot will appreciate the building more this year than at any other time, and it would no doubt pay the company to go ahead with the work.

The largest cheese in the world was made recently at Pine Island. Farmers furnished 300 wagon loads of curds for it. It will be exhibited at the Minnesota state fair. The cheese weighs 6,000 pounds, is eight feet in diameter and stands three feet high. It took 64,000 pounds of milk to make it.

THEY ARE DEAD, ANYWAY.

A Missouri editor refuses to publish obituary notices of people, who while living failed to subscribe for his paper. He says, "people who do not take their home paper are dead, anyway, and their mere passing away is of no news value."

At thirty a man is on the roof of the world. If he is alone, he is going down hill every hour after that. If he has used well the ten years just passed, he will rise higher in the chariot; his judgment and self-control have builded for him.

Alex. McKenzie announces that he has quit politics. Like the famous singer, Patti, Alex. has been saying good-bye to his political friends for a number of years, but his influence continues to be felt in about every campaign.

Notice for Coal Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 2 o'clock p. m., Aug. 19th, 1911, for coal to be delivered at the district coal sheds, Sawyer, N. D. The amount wanted is 100 tons, to be awarded as follows: 40 tons to the lowest bidder, 20 tons each to the next three lowest bidders at same price, provided they will accept price of lowest bid, otherwise all goes to lowest bidder. Said coal to be delivered as needed from Sept. 1st, 1911; total amount to be in shed by Jan. 1st, 1912.

By order school board, Pleasant School District No. 16, Ward county, North Dakota. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

E. D. SKINNER,
District Clerk.

Dated Sawyer, No. Dak., July 18th, 1911. 7 20 t5

Notice for Bids for Janitor.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 2 o'clock p. m., Aug. 19th, 1911, for janitor service in the school house, Sawyer, No. Dak. Said bidder, if accepted, to give a bond in the sum of \$200, for faithful performance of duty. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order school board of Pleasant School District No. 16, Ward county, No. Dak.

E. D. SKINNER,
District Clerk.

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We have some twenty thousand dollars on hand to loan on good farm securities; most reasonable terms. Call on or write Dakota-Montana Investment Co., Citizens Bank Block, Minot, N. D.

HAY CROP FOR SALE.

I have for sale the 1911 hay crop on the following described lands situated in Tolgen township, Ward township, Ward county, near Heensau, P. O., to-wit:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 21, 160 acres.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, 160 acres.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, 160 acres.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, 160 acres.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 29, 120 acres.

Mail me a bid for the hay crop on one or all of these tracts.

L. M. DAVIS,

P. O. Box 1078, Minot, N. D.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
County of Ward, In County Court,
Before Hon. N. Davis, Judge.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Cora Bell Hall, Nellie Adell Hall, Viola Hall and Rubie Oneta Hall, Minors.

T. B. Craft Petitioner, vs. Cora Bell Hall, Nellie Adell Hall, Bernice Viola Hall and Rubie Oneta Hall, respondents.

The State of North Dakota to the Above Named Respondents:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that T. B. Craft, the petitioner herein, has filed in this court his petition, praying that letters of guardianship of the estate of Cora Bell Hall, Nellie Adell Hall, Bernice Viola Hall and Rubie Oneta Hall, minor children of Ruben Hall, late of the city of Minot, in the county of Ward and State of North Dakota, and that said petition will be heard and duly considered by this court, on Saturday, the 9th day of September, 1911, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the court rooms of this court, in the county court house, in the city of Minot, County of Ward, and State of North Dakota, and you, and each of you, are hereby cited to be and appear before this court at said time and place, and answer said petition, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the Court:

N. DAVIS,

Judge of the County Court.

Dated the 28th day of July, A. D. 1911.

Let the service of the above citation be made by publication in the Weekly Ward County Independent for three publications once each week for three weeks.

N. DAVIS,

Judge.

CHAS. D. KELSO,

Attorney for Petitioner.

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