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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### THE McNAMARAS CONFESS.

In order to escape the possible death penalty, J. B. McNamara pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree, in connection with blowing up with dynamite the plant of the Los Angeles Times, on Oct. 1, 1910, when twenty-one men met their death. Coming as it did, after six weeks had been spent in the selection of but half of the jury, and with many of the greatest attorneys of the world employed on the case for weeks, the world stands aghast while this man calmly relates how he set the infernal machine which blew more than a score of poor fellows into eternity. McNamara was one of the most prominent labor leaders of the country and labor generally speaking has been too quick in coming to his defense. A vast amount of money was raised for the defense, estimated at \$100,000, and such leaders as Samuel Gompers used their influence in behalf of the accused man. Labor generally now concedes that it was grossly deceived. We do not believe that labor unions condone acts of violence such as McNamara admits he was guilty of, and they should use their influence everywhere in ferreting out such men as the McNamaras. Wholesale murder must not be condoned in this country either by labor or capital. If capital has been guilty of it thru sweatshop methods, capital has had notice served upon it. If labor has been guilty of acts of violence, notice has also been served upon it. A costly lesson has been learned.

### MUZZLING THE PRESS.

Often when officials become connected with some scandal an effort is made to hush up the affair. Sometimes the papers are threatened, sometimes they are bought outright and sometimes they are promised "sop" in the form of public work. Generally there is a promise of some kind. Minot had an excellent illustration of the muzzling of the press last week. A prominent official was arrested on a grave charge. The facts were soon known in all parts of the state, yet neither daily newspaper of the city dared to print a three line local concerning the affair. One of the papers had nearly a column story all set up in type on the affair, which was "killed" just before the paper went to press. We don't know what the publishers of the Optic and the Reporter were promised for keeping this story out, if, indeed, they were promised anything, but it looks very strange to the public, who are wondering why. Funny, isn't it, that when some poor devil gets into trouble, the papers can't resurrect type large enough to tell about it, but when some county official gets into a mess, the matter is ignored. Truly, it does make some difference whose ox is gored, doesn't it?

LATER: Both the Optic and the Reporter "came to" Monday evening, as they could stand the pressure no longer. This is a brilliant example of up-to-date journalism.

The press agent is abroad in the land. Every town of any size has from one to a dozen. Their duties are varied. Often a minister of the gospel constitutes himself a press agent and hands the editor a good story of his last Sunday's sermon with a synopsis of what he is going to say the next. He's a good advertiser. He knows how to get the crowds, and what's the difference, if he is just the least bit sensational? No politician can aspire to an office of any importance without employing a press agent who has his campaign well in hand. It is the duty of the agent to send the newspapers all the interesting dope on this politician that he can get printed gratis. The politician realizes that in order to become well advertised, the people must read something that will create comment. If the comment be favorable, so much the better. We once knew a politician to abstain from eating for quite a period. The fact was published in the papers. The people talked about him and the gentleman was elected by a big majority. He might have been elected anyway, but this fasting stunt didn't do him any harm. We give this merely as a suggestion. If you want to win, get busy and do something that will make the people talk.

North Dakota as a state, is in serious financial straits. It is estimated that the funds are overdrawn fully a hundred thousand dollars, and the various funds have to be juggled in order that the necessary bills may be paid at all. In fact, the state is behind on its coal bills several months, and there are other bills that ought to be paid. Gov. Burke should be blamed largely for this condition, for it is the duty of the state executive to see that economy is practiced all along lines. North Dakota needs an executive who will give us a good business administration. A governor does not necessarily have to be the best orator in the land. It doesn't matter if he does not know just how or when to wear his silk hat. The man who will give us the best business administration ought to be elected. The primary election law, the corrupt practice act, the anti-pass bill and many other laws have been enacted, so there is not such a demand for a politician in the gubernatorial chair as a business man who knows how.

Burdick declares that he is a candidate for congress from the western district. At least this is the information he gave out a few days ago. By this time, he may be a candidate for attorney general or something. He was a candidate for governor only a few weeks ago. When it comes to changing his mind, Burdick is a perfect lady. He has a right to run for congress if he wants to. Early in the campaign he declared that he was going to become the next governor of North Dakota. For the sake of harmony, he withdrew and announced that he was going to bid himself away back to Munich again, where, no doubt, he would have spent the rest of his days in peace. Presto, change! and again another notion hits him and he's going to remain at Williston, that is, his home is still there at this writing. When it comes to changing one's mind and harmonizing the ranks of the Republican party, Burdick is there.

The Independent received an advertisement from a truss fitting specialist who is going to visit Minot. People should remember that every good doctor knows how to fit trusses and if you are unfortunate enough to need any of this work done, for goodness sake, go to your own doctor. The "specialist" is up against big expenses and he is sure to "bleed" you if he gets a chance. Usually these traveling specialists are frauds of the worst sort, who were they located right in our midst, would be considered very mediocre in their profession, indeed. It is needless to say that we did not run this ad.

LaFollette will undoubtedly be nominated by the Republicans of North Dakota at the primaries to be held in March. The progressives to win this state for him without question are getting such speakers as Poindexter, Borah and possibly LaFollette himself to speak here prior to the election. It will do little good for the stand patters to spend much time here, and considering that North Dakota has but four electoral votes, the general results would not be affected very much either way.

### CONVICT LABOR.

How do the newspaper men of North Dakota like the idea of a job printing establishment in the state penitentiary and the use of convict labor in competition with them?

How many fair-minded citizens favor having public printing done by criminals rather than give a fair profit to men who are doing more than their full share in the upbuilding of the state?

A bill providing for the recall of the judges of the supreme court of North Dakota has been considered from time to time, and it is entirely possible that such a bill will be passed by the next legislature. Naturally this would have to go before the people as a constitutional amendment and the voters will hardly favor a ten year term for our supreme judges, unless the recall is attached.

When one North Dakota grown potato will serve three persons for two meals, the question of producing foodstuffs in this state seems to have been solved. The editor of this Illuminator tackled one of the big potatoes Sunday and was surprised to learn that it was large enough to serve the family for two meals. This is no fish story. It is a Ward county potato yarn and true as gospel.

Christmas is but a few days off. The papers are advising the shoppers to buy early in order to get the best selection and in order to relieve the clerks of the arduous duties at the very end of the shopping season. Another suggestion, if you want to remember a friend, select something useful. You'll find other suggestions in the advertising columns of the Independent this week.

Taft has formally announced his candidacy for reelection. He hopes to be nominated and in that event, it is expected that the big interests of the country will do their best to elect him. If the Democrats can manage to nominate some man like Harmon of Ohio, it would make little difference to the interests which party wins.

The fellow who attended church at Portland, and while engaged in solemn prayer, picked the preacher's pockets, probably considered that the love of money was the root of all evil.

Strange, isn't it, that often when a man makes a failure of his own business, he people will make him county commissioner or something and let him help spend \$200,000 of the taxpayers' money a year.

Try The  
Independent's  
Job  
Department

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Ward, ss. In District Court, Eighth Judicial District.

The Union National Bank of Minot, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. John E. Burke, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the above entitled action on the 21st day of November, 1911, and an execution issued upon said judgment, the subscriber E. D. Kelley, Sheriff of Ward County, State of North Dakota, for that purpose appointed, will sell at public auction at the front door of the Court House in the City of Minot, County of Ward and State of North Dakota, on Saturday the 30th day of December, 1911, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the real estate and mortgaged premises situated in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota directed in said judgment and execution to be sold and therein described as follows: The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1-4 NW 1-4) and Lot No. Two (2) in Section Thirtyone (31) and the Southwest Quarter (SW 1-4) and the South half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1-2 NW 1-4) of Section Thirty-two (32) all in Township One Hundred Fifty-three (153) North of Range Eighty one (81) West of the 5th P. M. or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy the said judgment and costs, amounting in all to the sum of \$704.07 with interest thereon from the date of such judgment and all accruing costs of sale.

Dated at Minot, N. D. this 21st day of November, 1911.

E. D. KELLEY,  
Sheriff of Ward Co., North Dakota,  
Noble, Blood & Adamson,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff,  
P. O. Address, Minot, N. D.  
11-23-t6

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Joseph R. Judd (unmarried) Mortgagor, to J. B. Reed Transfer and Storage Co., a corporation, mortgagee, dated the 26th day of February, 1910, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, on the 4th day of March, 1910, and recorded in Book 168 of Mortgages at Page 36 (and assigned by said Mortgagee to Union National Bank of Minot, a corporation which said assignment was dated March 2, 1910 and was filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, on the 23rd day of May, 1911, and recorded in Book 145 of Mortgages at page 119) will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., on the 30th day of December, 1911, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, viz: Southwest Quarter (SW 1-4) of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1-4) and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1-4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1-4) of Section Ten (10) in Township One Hundred Fifty-five (155) North of Range Eighty-three (83) West 5th P. M.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of One Thousand and Sixty-six (\$1,066.00) Dollars, together with costs of sale and statutory attorneys fees.

UNION NATIONAL BANK OF MINOT, A CORPORATION,  
Assignee of Mortgagee.  
Noble, Blood & Adamson,  
Attys. for Assignee of Mortgagee.  
P. O. Address, Minot, N. D.  
Dated November 22, 1911.  
11-p3-t6

### LAND BARGAINS.

I have three farms for sale or trade in Minnesota. My client would like Ward county farms.

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2—Farm, 11 miles northeast of Bagley, has mortgage of \$1,000 due in 5 years, at 6 per cent, has house and barn. Will sell it for \$15.50 per acre.

3—Farm, 10 miles north of Leonard, has \$500 mortgage, due in 5 years, at 7 per cent, has house and barn and some good timber on it. Will sell for \$15.50 per acre. E. H. Stenwick, Room 1, P. P. Lee Bldg.

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