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EDITORIAL COMMENT

NORTH DAKOTA MANUFACTURING INCREASED NEARLY 100 PER CENT.

Manufacturing will be done on an extensive scale in North Dakota. Industries are gaining in this state, rapidly and steadily gaining, and the day when North Dakota will manufacture for herself articles of every day use, her clothing, her shoes, her household utensils and the like, and when she will manufacture for herself and for the rest of the country, products from her flax and straw waste, her hides and her other raw materials, is rapidly approaching.

The census bulletins upon manufacturing, which have been issued from Washington recently, show that in 1909 the state of North Dakota had 752 manufacturing establishments operating under the factory system, which gave employment to an average of 4,148 persons during the year, and paid out \$2,416,000 in salaries and wages. Of the persons employed, 2,789 were wage earners. These establishments turned out products to the value of \$19,138,000, to produce which materials costing \$12,674,000 were consumed. The value added by manufacture was thus \$5,464,000, which figure best represents the net wealth created by manufacturing operations during the year.

In general, this table brings out the fact that the market development in the manufacturing industries of North Dakota, which took place from 1899 to 1904, continued even to a greater extent in the following five years. From 1899 to 1904, the value of products increased 63.2 per cent, and from 1904 to 1909, 87.3 per cent.

In one city alone, namely, Grand Forks, there are 52 establishments paying out an annual average of over \$1,000.00 a day in wages to wage earners engaged in manufacturing.

Minot is destined to become an important manufacturing city, no doubt one of the best if not the best in the state. We have the coal close at hand, as well as the raw materials. Briquettes and gas will some day play an important part in our manufacturing industries.

WHAT IS THE BEST LESSON IN FARMING YOU EVER LEARNED?

What one thing can you single out in your experience as a farmer and say it was the most useful or profitable idea you ever utilized? Let's have an exchange of experiences, each being one that has left an impression for its practical benefits.

Small lessons as well as big ones are desirable. No doubt some little contrivance or method, perhaps a short cut to results, has impressed many a farmer or his wife as being the best lesson, at least in its class, that he or she can remember.

Or was the best lesson some experience in growing a particular crop or in the rotation of crops? Was it a method of handling poultry, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep or other live stock? Was it in farm management, in building construction, in the care and use of implements, in making the farm something that it was not before? Perhaps your best lesson still was something else. Write and tell what it was.

Write plainly on one side of the paper only. And don't hesitate to make rough drawings or send pictures whenever they will illustrate what you mean. Be sure to make everything plain and understandable.

The Independent aims to be the ideal farmers' weekly for this section of the state and the fact that thousands of the best farmers are on our list shows that this paper is fulfilling its mission in a way. We want to make the paper better this year than ever and you can help us to do so. Let us have an exchange of ideas.

REWARDED!

The county commissioners have named the Weekly Reporter, the Berthold Tribune and the Kenmare News the official papers for the ensuing year. We predicted three weeks ago that the Reporter would be paid in this manner for its defense of Arne Amundson. The Tribune likewise defended Amundson and some of the other commissioners, and the Kenmare News has had little or nothing to say regarding the arrest of Amundson. Verily, if you want to get the county pap, you want to be good.

The Independent was not a candidate for any recognition, as our expose of the manner in which our board has been doing business, long ago precluded any chances we might have had for corraling any of the work. We would much rather be untrammelled in giving our honest opinion of the acts of an incompetent set of officials, than to gain in a financial way, as badly as we need money. Less than a year ago, the Independent was promised the official business if we'd refrain from publishing a certain article, by at least two members of the board, who declared they could swing one or two of the others into line. We don't do business that way.

Amundson boldly voted "no" when the resolution was spread making the above the official papers, knowing that they had a majority anyway. It is said that he had promised "Frogstine" Smith to make his Ryder News one of the official papers, but really preferred the others. The Independent is informed that Hurd did not vote at all.

NORTH DAKOTA DOLLARS BUILD NORTH DAKOTA.

More and more is North Dakota capital being invested in North Dakota. In years past, immense sums of North Dakota money have been sent out of the state and invested in all kinds of propositions, ranging from the rankest wildcat mining company or land development scheme to transportation stocks of the most doubtful kind. Doubtless many millions of North Dakota capital, that should have been invested at home where it's owner knew conditions, was reasonably sure of a fair return upon his money and could watch the progress of his investment, have been entirely lost to him by investing away from his state.

But this condition is changing: North Dakota is becoming independent, she is organizing her own investment companies, her own insurance companies, her own transportation companies. Her people are buying North Dakota land instead of far distant lands of which they know nothing but what is told them by an agent who wants only a commission; they are buying North Dakota land and investing in North Dakota projects because they are realizing that no land on earth is more intrinsically valuable than ours and that investments in our own state projects cannot help but prove good if given even fair management because of the growth that must come to North Dakota because of her soil and other resources.

North Dakota Dollars Must Build Up North Dakota.

There are a good many poor farms in Minnesota and other states that are on a paying basis, or nearly so. In such counties, no doubt, the boards of commissioners, are capable business men. We wonder if our own commissioners would care to make a comparative statement with this one, concerning the Blue Earth, Minn., county poor farm:

The Blue Earth county poor farm made last year a record that County Auditor Weaver does not believe was equaled in another county in the United States. The twenty inmates of the farm were clothed and fed and given excellent care at a net cost of 89 cents a week for each individual. The cost includes the salaries of the overseer and hired help, and also the cost of making some permanent improvements on the farm, such as laying drain tile, and fencing ten acres with woven wire. The farm comprises 160 acres, of which only sixty-five acres can be cultivated, but the produce raised and sold from the farm amounted to \$1,380, which more than offset the merchandise purchased for the farm, which amounted to \$1,309.

Including the \$600 salary of Overseer James Mullen and of the other hired help, the county was called upon to pay but \$1,033 for the care of the poor, some of whom are blind or bedridden, and all of whom are aged. In arriving at the average cost, \$100 paid by one of the inmates for his board is taken into account.

Editor Stickley of the Kenmare Journal announced last week that the mortgage on his plant was being foreclosed by a Mr. Paulson, whom he had once befriended politically. "Stick" says he'll stay with the paper till the very last and his friends in the newspaper fraternity at least hope that someone will be wise enough to place a bet on the winner and come to his rescue. He says he isn't asking for any sympathy from anyone. His rainy day is merely at hand and he is taking the consequences of ill luck over which he had absolutely no control. We admire "Stick's" nerve. We want to go on record as saying that he is one of the brightest newspaper men in the state, and that Kenmare will regret it more than words can tell if Brother Stickley is forced to seek other fields.

The candidacy of Alfred Blaisdell for congress, seems to be one of the healthy, substantial variety. The Independent has not always agreed with him, but we have never denied his large following, which he has always some way held since the twelve years ago, when he located his law office in the old Kulaas shack on Main street. The Independent wants to see Minot and Ward county united on some one candidate, no matter who the candidate is, and we want to support the candidate who can win, and who knows how to hold his own against the politicians, and who will not forget his constituents. The Independent has not had Mr. Blaisdell especially in mind for congress, but we can heartily support him if the majority of the business element here should so decide. Harmony is what we want.

State's Attorney Nash believes that the herd law is not in effect by reason of the election of 1908. State's Attorney Swenson of Renville county, which was a part of Ward county at the time of the election, believes that the herd law is still in effect. Fact of the matter is, the supreme court will have to settle the question, unless the officials decide to submit it to a vote again next fall. This might not be a bad arrangement.

The Independent wants to make a suggestion to its readers, especially those who have access to the telephone on the rural lines. If you know of some item of news, don't be backward in phoning to this office. We are always glad to receive the news of the country as well as that which is happening in the towns.

Many of the publishers are getting their papers out a little early this week, so that they may attend the press meeting at Fargo, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The attendance will be fairly large, considering that the boys have to pay their car fare, and that the weather is a trifle cold for the side door Pullmans.

The Independent wants more country correspondents and more correspondents from our surrounding towns. Don't lose this opportunity of boosting your locality. Write to us for our proposition to correspondents.

Builders of the Commonwealth

By COL. BEN G. WHITEHEAD

COL. WILLIAM P. TUTTLE

While the man who has come into North Dakota in the hope of bettering his material condition learns to love the state and to preach its advantages, the man who has already won signal success in the world of finance and commerce and then comes to us, passing by the other promised lands, affords a splendid object for reflection.

Col. William P. Tuttle learned to love North Dakota and to long for life there when he was a successful business man of Chicago. The Indian summers of the state appealed to him, and year after year he had come to us for his vacations. It was not so much that he looked upon the promised profit. It was the breath of the people, the lure of the prairies which called him, and he came to make Dawson his home. Other men in North Dakota have amassed a competence and sought other climes in which to spend the wealth that North Dakota has given them. Colonel Tuttle has given it all back to the state of his adoption. It is the farm that appeals to him, the life of the field and of the little town. With a lifelong ability to adapt himself to his surroundings and a promise of contentment at any place he casts his lot, he selected North Dakota as promising most in the way of pleasure in coming years. And has proved to the business men of the east that North Dakota gives health and pleasure as well as profit by those who develop her resources with intelligence as well as with industry. A splendid, courteous gentleman of the old school, a kindly neighbor and a good friend.

Colonel Tuttle, who lives at Dawson, in Kidder county, has seen the state develop with remarkable rapidity and his own enterprise has kept step with the procession.

Colonel Tuttle was born in New York state in November, 1847. As the guiding spirit of a grist mill, as a railroad surveyor, as a druggist in his native state, and later as a hardware merchant in Iowa, he displayed those qualities which have awakened such interest in later life among the conquerors of the northwest. In the grain markets of the metropolis he came close to the soil again, and when he found that financial reward that will be found attending the work of men of his type he decided that he would prefer to spend the balance of his days in North Dakota, and he came and has found more gladness from his choice with each successive year.

Builders of the Commonwealth

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MAJOR EDWARDS.

Memory winging its flight across the weary years continues to fall upon one strong figure in the building of the commonwealth, a man who loved North Dakota from the bottom of his heart, not for what the state gave him but because he believed it to be the greatest state in the Union in opportunities.

Major Edwards was the founder of the Fargo Forum in connection with H. C. Plumley. He had come into the country from the Black Hills in '77, and engaged in newspaper work. He organized the first board of trade and was its secretary. Then he helped to organize the Fargo Southern railway, now the Milwaukee, and while he was the secretary and assistant manager of the road 124 miles were built into Ortonville, Minn. He was mayor of Fargo, and his administration was marked by his unflinching courage and the great progress of the city.

Major Edwards was a soldier, statesman and journalist. As a legislator he was aggressive and loyal; as a soldier he was debarrated from the service on account of his weight, and overcame that obstacle in order that he could fight under the flag of flags that he had loved as a boy in Ohio and Illinois. He gave years of valuable service to the state, and North Dakota was better and richer because he came into it and used his splendid brain so unselfishly for the commonwealth's good.

One son yet remains in the state, J. P. Edwards, named for his uncle, Gen. John M. Palmer of Illinois, is in the Forum office and finding it pleasant to live up to the high ideals of the man who really fought to get into the army and whose services were so valuable that he was soon made adjutant general under General Dodge, and then under General Corse.

A Future Consideration

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