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THE INDEPENDENT HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN THE STATE.

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THOUSANDS HERE FOR MID-WINTER FAIR

Great Soil Expert Appeared in Minot.

Dr. W. E. Taylor, the great soil expert from Moline, Ill., appeared before the farmers of the Mid-Winter fair at the opera house Wednesday afternoon. An immense crowd of farmers had appeared, a great many expressly to hear Dr. Taylor, but owing to the fact that he did not appear on the program until nearly five o'clock, quite a number had left. The doctor held the remainder of his audience spell bound for nearly an hour as he pounded home point after point in favor of retaining the fertility of the soil, and gave methods of doing it. The committee thot so much of his work they promised him the opera house alone the following day but he had an engagement elsewhere.

The doctor is probably the greatest speaker on the subject that has ever appeared here. He has promised to return here later.

A number of years ago an Assyrian colony settled at Ross. The homesteaders made few improvements and as soon as they realized some money, departed for the old country. It is estimated that of late that they have taken no less than $8,000 back with them.

Beach Inn, a Lakota hotel, burned with a loss of $10,000. Fire started in the coal room.

U. S. TREASURER BURKE ADDRESSES STALWARTS

500 PROMINENT MEN OF STATE SIT DOWN AT BANQUET AT ARMORY—GREATEST GATHERING OF KIND EVER HELD IN THE STATE.

United States Treasurer John Burke, for six years governor of North Dakota, addressed the greatest gathering of Democrats ever held in the state at a big banquet held at the Armory in this city Tuesday night. The Treasurer made the trip clear from Washington, D. C., for the especial purpose of attending this meeting. There were prominent democrats from every quarter of the state, state senators and representatives, mayors and former mayors, would-be postmasters and United States marshals, aspirants for the United States Senate and for every state office. It was some pow-wow, a regular John Burke love feast. Efforts were made to bury the hatchet in many a merry democratic political battle and in most instances this was accomplished.

Burke Not a Candidate.

A representative of the Independent enjoyed the banquet and the excellent program of toasts following it. We rather expected a Burke boom for the U. S. Senate and there was a sort of a one when Gen. Hildreth shot off a few political sky-rockets. When the former governor arose and talked to his old friends, he stated plainly that he'd rather have their good will than any office they might give him.

"There is no campaign on yet; you can never get me into a scrap, but if you need me to uphold the banner of democracy, I will always come to help my old friends, out of the days of Jack rabbit to that of Turkey and dressing," he declared. "I would rather have your good will than any office within the gift of the people. I don't want to commence harboring any ill feeling against anyone. As it was back in the days of adversity, I want it in the days of our triumph."

In opening his address, Mr. Burke said: "I want to say that this is a splendid reception, and it is well worth the trip. Sometimes when I have read the papers that come to my desk from North Dakota, I wondered if I still retained my friends out there. Nearly all the trouble in the world

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Full List of Premiums Awarded at Greatest Show Ever Held in This Section of State

Thousands of farmers from all sections of the state are in the city this week for the annual Mid-winter fair which opened Monday in the Jacobson building, corner Reishus and Second streets. The fair will end Saturday. In connection with it, are the boys' and adult farmers' short courses which are attracting wide interest.

The judges completed their work this afternoon and the Independent is enabled to give a complete list of the premiums awarded in this issue.

Dairy Butter Entered at the Mid-Winter Fair.

Scored by Mr. Pierce and Mr. Greenwood of the State Dept. and was of an exceptional good quality for this time of year.

The scores published here are for butter scoring 90 points or better.

There were 38 samples entered and but 5 of this number scored below 90.

Several samples of this butter might have received a better score had the cream been ripened a trifle more to give a more pronounced flavor. In fact fully one-third of the whole lot was lacking in this respect.

Several pans were heaped up or filled more than full and rounded off smooth, these packages would have been more attractive had the butter been struck off level with top of pan with a piece of wrapping twine and left so without any decoration whatever. Pretty much all the butter showed good workmanship.

Butter entered for DeLaval premiums:

John Bradley, Surrey 94
Mrs. I. T. Zook, Minot.....93 1-2
Mrs. B. Solberg, Minot.....92 1-2
Mrs. Howard Meyers, Minot.....92
Mrs. John Trapp, Minot.....91 1-2
Ed Nelson, Route 4 91
Mrs. Aug. Engeburg, Kenmare.91
Mrs. Chas. Larson, Minot, Route 4 91
Miss Rugby, Minot 91
Mrs. Ole Oen, R. 5, Mniot.....90
J. J. Larson, R. 4, Minot.....90

Entered in print butter class:

Mrs. B. Solberg, Minot.....92 1-2
Mrs. Howard Meyers, Minot.....92
Mrs. Chauncey Jones, Minot.....91 1-2
Mrs. E. K. Madson, Carpio, R. 3.91 1-2
Mrs. W. C. Perry, Surrey.....90 1-2
Mrs. Fremont Cook, Logan.....90 1-2
Mrs. Anna Hanson, R. 5, Minot.90 1-2
John Bradley, Surrey 90
Mrs. Emmie Sys, Burlington.....90
Mrs. B. Briggs, Glenburn.....90
Mrs. Theo. Elarth Sawyer.....90

Jar butter:

Mrs. B. Solberg, Surrey 93
Mrs. I. T. Zook, Minot.....92 1-2
Mrs. Chauncey Jones.....92
Mrs. W. C. Perrey, Surrey.....91 3-4
Mrs. K. E. Mason, R. 3, Carpio..91 1-2
Mrs. C. D. Lambert, Surrey.....91
John Bradley 90 1-2
Mrs. Alfred Ledger, Minot.....90 1-2
Ed Nelson, R. 4.....90 1-2
Mrs. C. B. Phifer, Burlington..90
John Sanders, Burlington 90

Ladies Department.

Hemstitching—Agnes Linnertz.

Button holes—Brynhild Haugland; Alma Lee.

Darning—Bertha Renz.

Apron—Hand made—Alga Tryhus; Arleigh Estlick.

House dress—Segna Strandberg.

Knitting—hose—Mrs. Aug. Eikmeier; Mrs. John Lee.

Knitting—mittens—Mrs. Aug Eikmeier; Eva Schmitz.

Knitting—slippers—Mrs. Alfred Leger.

Crocheting—lace—Mrs. Anna Hanson; Mrs. J. B. Taylor.

Crocheting—insertion—Mrs. J. B. Taylor; Mrs. John Lee.

Crocheting—doily—Mrs. Don H. Davy; Mrs. L. S. Kinney.

Embroidery—towels—Mrs. J. B. Taylor; Zora Perry.

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Pillow Cases—Mrs. H. H. Olson; Mrs. Theo. Elarth.

Embroidery—table piece—Mrs. A. Heinze; Miss Julia Larson.

Embroidery—hardanger — Regina Linnertz; Mamie Gasman.

Embroidery—waist—June Smith.

Embroidery — corset cover — Tillie Mostad.

Drawn Work--Regina Linnertz; Opal Trapp.

Tatting—Mrs. L. S. Kinne; Caroline Grossarth.

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John Gordon of Powers Lake was placed under arrest charged with unlawful cohabitation. Wm. Peilecke of Wolf Point, Mont., is the complaining witness. He states that often he has arrived home to find the front door barred and after the night caller had slipped out the rear door, his wife would get up and let him in. The wife was not arrested as she promised to accompany her husband home and be good. Gordon was brot to Minot and placed in the county jail to await trial.

A large quantity of ice has been hauled from this city to the poor farm and stored in the ice house.

The state is making preparations to give away free to the farmers of North Dakota a million trees now being grown at the School of Forestry at Bottineau. The trees will be ready for distribution in the psring of 1915. The only requirements are that the farmers agree to plant and cultivate them. Other trees will be given away later. This is a part of a great plan to forest the state.

A. Compton and daughter will leave Saturday for Kentucky where they will visit relatives three weeks.

R. C. Pederson returned today from Bottineau, where he was witness for a friend getting his citizenship papers.

GOVERNOR HANNA GIVES INTERESTING TALK HERE

MADE NOTABLE ADDRESS AT MID-WINTER FAIR BEFORE AN IMMENSE CROWD—GAVE INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES.

Gov. L. B. Hanna, the state's chief executive, made a notable address before an immense crowd at the mid-winter fair Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was held in the opera house and scores stood about the room. The governor, who pays a good deal of attention to farming himself, advanced some ideas that are worthy of consideration.

He took the trouble to count the binders standing out in the field between Courtenay and Minot, just on one side of the track. There were just 154 of them and it is presumed that there were as many on the other side. The governor said he bought a farm 8 years ago, with binders that had been used five years at that time and those binders are still in use. Each fall they are taken apart, oiled, broken parts replaced and then stowed away in the sheds.

The governor gave some startling facts that he had secured from the Soo Railway company showing that during the year 1913, 1003 emigrant cars had

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been shipped out of the state from their points, while but 810 cars had been shipped in, of this number 259 having been shipped to the Berthold

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NICK HENDRICKSON DIES SUDDENLY

PIONEER SUCCUMBS TO HEART FAILURE AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY—WAS ONE OF OUR EARLY SETTLERS.

Nick Hendrickson, one of the early pioneers of Minot, died at his home in this city Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hendrickson came to Minot from Minnesota 27 years ago and made entry and proved up a homestead which several years ago became a part of the townsite of the city of Mnot.

He was a carpenter by trade during the early days of the city, and his time was taken up largely in constructing the buildings of those days.

For a number of years, he took an active interest in the civic affairs of the city. He served the city as alderman for one term several years ago and made a fine record as an official. During the past two years, he has resided at Seattle, returning to Minot about three months ago. Although his health has not been the best for several years, nothing unusual in his condition was noticed on the day he died.

Saturday afternoon he was attending to some work near the house when he was noticed to fall to the ground. A few moments later, he was discovered to be dead, evidently due to heart failure. Mr. Hendrickson was at the time of his death, nearly sixty years of age. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Ben Ellison, to mourn the loss of husband and father. Funeral services were held at the Hauge church Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. The remains were buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

SUDDEN DEMISE OF ESTIMABLE WOMAN

WIFE OF PROMINENT MINOT PHYSIAN PASSES AWAY ON THURSDAY EVENING AFTER ILLNESS OF TWO WEEKS.

The many friends of Mrs. Gladys Ransom, wife of Dr. E. M. Ransom of this city, were pained to learn of her death at the Ransom home, Valley street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, following an illness of two weks. For several days physicians who were called in gave the case up as practically hopeless, yet everything was done which might possibly save the patient.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Rev. J. P. Cox, the Congregational minister, and Rev. J. M. Sutherland of Cando had charge of the services. The remains were interred at Rose Hill cemetery.

Gladys Adell Root was born at Kenyon, Minn., Sept. 19, 1887, and as 26 years, 5 months and 23 days old at the time of death. She was united in marriage to Dr. E. M. Ransom, June 29, 1908, and to this union four children were born, one having died in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Ransom had resided in Minot since their marriage. Mrs. Ransom by her sweet ways had endeared herself to all who knew her. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Root, reside near Williston.

The case of James Keough vs. Con Brennan will be heard in county court Friday morning. Both farmers live north of Burlington. Keough is suing Brennan for $250, alleged damages which he claims on account of Brennan's stock destroying his fruit trees.

The True Ophthalmologist or Eye Specialist

A letter from a prominent Judge and Ex-Candidate for U. S. Congress.

COUNTY COURT, BOTTINEAU COUNTY
Bottineau, North Dakota.
Oct. 4th, 1912.

John H. Kirk, Judge.

DR. H. H. HOVDA,
Grand Meadow, Minn.

My Dear Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that my eyes are doing very nicely and the glasses you fitted for me are just what I want, as I may have told you *I have had occasion to consult among others some of the most eminent specialists in the Twin Cities and Chicago, but have been unable to get the kind of glasses suited to my case until you fitted me.*

I believe you have the right system * * * * * *.

Very sincerely,
(*Signed*) JOHN H. KIRK.

DR. H. H. HOVDA,
Minot, N. D. December 15, 1913.

My Dear Sir:

I have your recent favor requesting to publish my recommendation, and I may say that you are at liberty to use the same in any way you may see fit * * * * *. *My eyes have been steadily improving ever since I started wearing your glasses and I still believe you have the best System that I have come in contact with.* * * * * *

Yours very truly,
(*Signed*) JOHN H. KIRK.

No matter whom you have consulted and no matter what your eye trouble may be, if you want permanent relief consult

Dr. H. H. Hovda

Neurologist and Eye Specialist

Cor. Reishus and First St. Minot, North Dakota

WELL-KNOWN YOUNG YOUTH SEEKS REST

HIGH SCHOOL BOY PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY FROM APPENDICITIS AND PNEUMONIA.

Edwin Wenneson, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wenneson, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from appendicitis followed by pneumonia. His father is proprietor of the Ward street grocery store and the lad made many friends there by his obliging ways. He was popular with his school mates, his death being generally regretted. He leaves two brothers and two sisters.

Illinois Club Honors Lincoln.

The enthusiasm engendered at the meeting of the Illinois club of Surrey, Feb. 12, which was held to honor the memory of Lincoln, showed there is to be no abatement of this Club, every member with the exception of three families being present. A fine program was given, the Surrey band was present, and rendered fine music during the evening which was enthusiastically applauded by the audience. Readings by Miss King, and Mr. John Bradley were greatly enjoyed as was a letter of Lincoln's read by Lindell Hunsley. Mr. J. W. Smith was orator of the evening, and so ably delivered his oration, "The Spirit of Lincoln," he was called upon for a response, and gave Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. The children also sang and spoke pieces appropriate to the day. Reminiscences and stories of pioneer days were told by Elder Dierdorf and C. F. Eaton. Elder Dierdorf exhibited a slipper worn by a friend of his father's in a walk from Pennsylvania to Illinois; the trip took two weeks, and

MRS. ELMER SMITH CALLED TO MAKER

MRS. ELMER SMITH PASSES AWAY AT 7 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING

Mrs. Elmer Smith, wife of Minot's chief of police, passed away at seven o'clock this evening after a short illness from typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. Smith had been failing all day long and physicians held out no hope for her recovery.

Mrs. Smith was an unusually fine woman and will be sorely missed by her heartbroken husband and three little children. At this time funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Smith's parents reside at or near Ray, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been residents of Minot for nearly eight years, Mr. Smith having resided at Russell just prior to coming to this city.

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was before railroads were heard of. We also learned that the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith are to be found in the Historical Museum, on the farm on which Lincoln was born, in Kentucky. All who contributed to the fund to keep Lincoln's birthplace, a national memorial, have their names enrolled in the Historical Museum, which was dedicated in 1909, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. Dainty refreshments and a short business session closed the meeting. Meetings will be held every Lincoln's birthday. Next year an all day meeting with a banquet at noon is the program.

Con Brennan, wife and family are down from the Burlington country to attend the fair.