

## THE WARD COUNTY Independent

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Just after Geo. J. Smith of Plaza had W. C. Gilbreath re-elected, all but counting the votes, that gentleman withdrew from the contest.

Down in California a woman juror had to be excused to go home and look after her baby. This is only an incident and can hardly be used as an argument by those who are not in favor of votes for women.

Mrs. Van Fleet, secretary of the Minot Votes for Women League, has made arrangements with the Independent for a department each week. All over the state the women are becoming active and practically every newspaper is co-operating with them.

The Independent hears rumors that the two Minot dailies will consolidate soon, install telegraphic news service and get out a first class morning paper. The Independent trusts that this will be brot about. A consolidated daily newspaper under a broad gauged manager, would fill a long felt want for Minot.

There are persistent rumors that Mr. Hanna, instead of becoming a candidate for governor, will enter the senatorial race against Gronna and Miller. We have reasons to believe that this will not be the case and that Mr. Hanna's gubernatorial announcement will be forthcoming within a few days.

Mr. Hutchinson of Minnewaukan, who was defeated in his campaign for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture two years ago, is again a candidate. It is reported that Mr. Flint, state dairy commissioner, may become a candidate, altho his friends hope he will retain his present position where he is doing excellent work. "Old Bill" Holbein's hat is already in the ring. Bring out your trotters.

The snow last week is certain to result in a great amount of good to the state. Some work had already been done in the fields, the frost being out to a depth of several inches. A large part of the moisture resulting from the melting of the snow will soak into the soil, putting it in first class condition for spring work. The history of the state has been seven good crops out of ten and this will most likely be one of the seven.

We burned briquettes for the first time this week. We have given them a fair trial in both the furnace and the range and can say without hesitation or reservation that this is the greatest fuel we have ever burned. They give little smoke, catch fire easily and do not burn out as quickly as hard coal. We believe they give out fully as much heat as hard coal and they cost considerably less. We rejoice in the fact that we have such fuel, manufactured right in Minot by the Northern Briquetting Co., from our own native lignite.

A week or so ago, the Independent stated that it was quite possible that the Bull Moosers would place a complete ticket in the field in Ward county as well as in every other county in the state, if possible. Dorr Carroll, state chairman of the progressive party, who is holding the position as republican assistant state's attorney under R. A. Nestos, is working to bring this about. There is nothing

wrong in this for if the Bull Moose party is to retain life in the state, the organization must be sustained thru the various county organizations. However, if Mr. Carroll is going to bring this about, he should resign his present position at once, as it no doubt would prove most embarrassing to Mr. Nestos.

Will E. Holbein, publisher of the Lansford Journal, will run for Commissioner of Agriculture against W. C. Gilbreath. Mr. Holbein is secretary of the N. D. Press Association, and no doubt figures that he will have the press crowd back of him, and being a firm believer in the "power of the press," he figures he will be elected. Some surprises will greet him when election day rolls around.—Plaza Pioneer.

Nothing could have pleased the friends of Mr. Holbein more than the above, for this is sure to re-act in his favor, if indeed there could be any chances of improving his chances for election. Mr. Holbein has not entered this campaign as secretary of the press association. His resignation is in the hands of the president. He is not running against W. C. Gilbreath and he isn't going to be "surprised." Otherwise Mr. Smith told the truth.

Interest has been lent to county politics this week by the announcement of Francis J. Murphy, a prominent Minot attorney, for the republican nomination for state's attorney. The announcement of Mr. Nestos will no doubt be forthcoming at an early date and this is going to be a political scrap worth while. Nestos has ever had the reputation of being a good vote getter and he has been quite successful in politics. He has held office for nearly two years and no doubt has more political enemies than he had when he made his campaign two years ago. Atty. Murphy is considered one of our ablest lawyers. He has plenty of fighting ability and if elected would be a man that the law breaker would need to fear. Mr. Nestos expects to hold the office again and Mr. Murphy goes into the fight, fully convinced that he shall not. This will probably be the most interesting contest in the entire campaign.

The announcement of W. C. Gilbreath that he had withdrawn from his campaign for re-election, will remove from state politics one of the best known public officers. For nearly ten years Mr. Gilbreath has held the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor. For fourteen years continuously, he has devoted his energies in building up the state and he has done well. At the beginning of his work as immigration agent in 1905, the population was 437,000 and today it is over 600,000. The department of agriculture of the state has been a potent factor in bringing this about thru its publicity campaigns and its seventy exhibits at state and county fairs in eastern sections.

During his long public life, Mr. Gilbreath necessarily made some mistakes and some political enemies, yet he never practiced diplomacy and always managed to lead his opponents in every election by a safe majority. The fact that the serious illness of Mr. Gilbreath's wife is the principal reason for his withdrawing, is a source of much concern on the part of his friends who trust that there will be an early improvement in her condition.

"Bob" Fox, one of the old time ranchers from Towner, was in the city this week. Mr. Fox came to North Dakota in the days when the buffalo grass waved over our prairies, and when little was known of farming. He has seen several transition periods. He recalls the time when farmers sold their cattle and started raising wheat. This has resulted in putting most of them in debt. He tells us that now these farmers are raising hogs—mortgage lifters, if you please—and with fair luck, they will soon be out of debt again. One can buy three sows for what one good cow costs, he says, and one sow will make as much money as four cows, he contends. For

illustration: Mr. Fox has just sold a bunch of porkers for seven cents a pound, live weight, average weight 205 pounds, that were raised on a little barley and corn. He figures that barley, which on the market is worth 30 or 35 cents a bushel, when fed to a bunch of porkers is worth no less than a dollar a bushel. A Minot butcher has been buying a car load of cattle and hogs a week from the Towner farmers, paying eight cents a pound, for two-year-old steers. One farmer sold 20 of them for \$1500.

The resignation of Will E. Holbein, as secretary of the North Dakota Press Association, is generally regretted by every member, as it is realized that a better secretary will never be secured, and it will be a mighty hard matter to fill the place. No opportunity has been given to take official action on the resignation and if the officers should accept it, this will be done with the greatest reluctance. Mr. Holbein, in offering his resignation, has done what he considers is the honorable thing. He has entered state politics, which in itself is most commendable, but realizing that the state press association should ever remain separate from politics, has done the proper thing. Mr. Holbein as a candidate for the nomination for commissioner of agriculture, needs and desires the support of all of his friends, including the newspaper men, but he wants to make it clear to them, that he releases them from any obligation they might consider they owed him as secretary of the North Dakota Press Association. In one way, we are glad that Mr. Holbein has resigned, for it will make it much easier for numerous members of the craft to assist him. In another way we are sorry, for we realize that if his resignation is accepted the association will have met with a distinct loss.

Sawyer has brot forth a farmer candidate for the republican nomination for the 29th legislative district, Calvin S. Beighle. Mr. Beighle was petitioned to enter the fight by every businessman in Sawyer and many farmers. The Independent understands that he has the proper qualifications and with the solid endorsement of our good friends at Sawyer, does not hesitate in the least in recommending him to our readers.

When you have your picture taken keep your mouth shut. All these actors and singers and sweet young maidens whose face appears in the papers display rows of glistening ivory. It looks simple. We'll take it for granted you have good teeth, but do not grin like a monkey. Look pleasant, but keep your lips closed. Fair warning.

No law against it, but a man of fifty should not think of marrying a girl of twenty-two. This is what Secretary McAdoo of Wilson's cabinet is doing in wedding the youngest daughter of the president. He is a grandfather, has six children, and she is just in her gay girlhood. He will soon be an old man. Society should protect against these social misfits.

A good word for the auto by a writer in a magazine. The dirty barns and manure piles in the alleys are disappearing. So while the autos do some harm in running over people and this is all carelessness, they promote cleanliness. Now a doctor or other citizen may have a garage in rear of his house, and not be annoyed with the smell of fly-breeding equipment of the old style stable.

Every fellow has a receipt for long life. The editor of the Davenport Democrat is 75, and at his desk, rain or shine, lively as a cricket. His creed is regular work and a summer trip across the ocean. He has crossed the Atlantic 14 times. This is certainly an agreeable remedy to keep in trim, and we recommend the plan to our readers who think well of Methuselah.

Do not be afraid of the night air, for that is the only kind at night. Raise your window high so that the pure ozone, oxygen, and other life-giving elements may find their way to your lungs. Eight hours, one-third of the time, is spent in bed, and the properly ventilated chamber should be as fresh and sweet in the morning as on retiring. Up with the windows, good as a sleeping porch.

A new job for the parcel post. A German died in New York, was cremated, and his precious ashes, boxed and sent to the cemetery of his ancestors in the Vaterland. This seems sentimental, but it is a satisfaction. Railroads and steamers have a prejudice against the carriage of corpses, but calcined bones have no danger of contagion. So anyone may now die in China and be buried in Rose Hill.

Even radium will never cure the disease from which Brother Cassius Augustus Johnson is suffering. Learned doctors pronounce the malady knockitis.

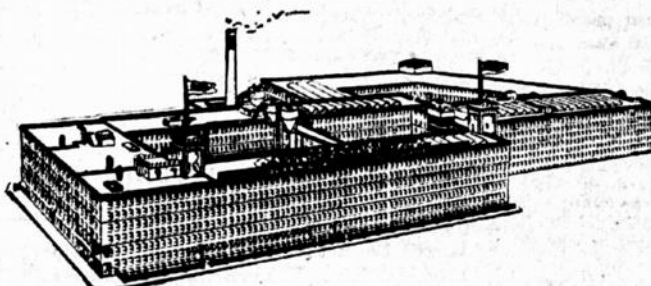
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### SECRETARY OF PRESS ASSOCIATION RESIGNS

WILL E. HOLBEIN TENDERS RESIGNATION BECAUSE OF HIS CANDIDACY — ASSOCIATION HAS NOT YET TAKEN ACTION.

Will E. Holbein, for several years secretary of the North Dakota Press Association, and the best secretary that the association has ever had, has tendered his resignation to the association, owing to his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Holbein wants it known that he does not desire to use the association for selfish purposes, neither does he desire to have the association accused of dabbling in politics. The resignation has not been acted upon, but will be considered by the proper officials in due time.

His letter of resignation follows: Lansford, N. D., March 30, 1914. To the Officers of the North Dakota Press Association. Gentlemen:

As I am a candidate for a state office, and believing it will be to the best interests of the North Dakota Press Association that I sever my connection with the organization as an official, I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary.

This is an age of service, and when it becomes apparent that there is a real need for a man in any position of trust, this call should be heeded. I am free to confess to you that the reason I did not announce my candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor any sooner was the thought that I might be of further service to the members of the Association. But I am not egotistical enough to think there are not many others who are much more capable and much more entitled to the office of Secretary of the Association than I am. After more than three years as your Secretary I am confident that a change in this office would be a good thing for the organization, for too long tenures of office in any organization by any man have a tendency to cause deterioration. New blood infused into anything builds up and makes for better things.

However, I want to say that I resign this office with sincere regret, for among the members of the North Dakota Press Association I have found the truest and best friends in my experience. No matter what happens to my budding political aspirations, I shall be found in the ranks ready and willing to do a man's part upbuilding the craft in North Dakota. I know that the North Dakota Press Association has done and is doing great things for the publishers of the state, and one of the happiest thoughts I will carry through the balance of my days will be the knowledge that I was, in a small way responsible for its growth and progress, from a mere handful of earnest men to a well rounded out organization of men who love their work, and who are in reality the real empire builders.

If the fates decree that your humble servant is entrusted with one of the highest offices within the gift of the people of North Dakota, I want every member of the N. D. P. A. to feel that I am the same "Old Bill," the same old shoe, and that I am still trying to be of service.

I want to thank the members of the Association for honoring me as they have in the past, and my only hope is that I have deserved it all.

I have the honor, gentlemen, of herewith submitting my resignation to take effect at your pleasure. Yours fraternally, WILL E. HOLBEIN.

### State News Boiled Down

The infant son of Theo. Johnson of Velva died.

Editor Sperry of Drake was elected one of the trustees of that city.

Senator Hookway of Granville has begun his campaign for re-election.

Waterford township will soon hold a meeting to talk consolidated schools.

Velva farmers have organized a shippers' association and will ship their own stock.

Mrs. P. Kinney, wife of the janitor of the court house at Towner, died following an operation.

Towner's schools and other public places were quarantined on account of a scarlet fever epidemic.

The annual meeting of the Northwestern Educational Assn. will be held in Minot Apr. 24 and 25.

It is said that W. E. Byerly of Velva will be the democratic candidate for commissioner of agriculture.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Sawyer was called to Brookings, S. D., by the sudden death of her son, Chas. S. Tapping.

H. H. Hanson, a former resident of Carpio, died in Denmark where he went last fall to visit his boyhood home.

Minot friends of Mrs. David Oster of Granville are pleased to learn that she is improving nicely at the Rochester hospital.

Six carloads of immigrant goods have been transferred at Granville so far this spring for points along the branch line.

C. H. Wilkinson of Granville returned home after a sojourn in St. Joseph's hospital, where he underwent two surgical operations.

An oil heater set fire to a car of potatoes at Drake and to put out the fire it was necessary to cut out a portion of the top of the car.

There is such a demand for houses at Riga that the town hall is being used for a residence and the section hands occupy a lumber office.

Two armed men held up the night operator of the Soo depot at Balfour and secured \$10. Several hundred dollars in the safe were not secured.

Editor Haines of Towner, who disposed of his newspaper, will locate in the west, but does not intend to engage in the newspaper business again.

Rube Freeze presented Editor Kendall of Granville with an egg 8 1-2 inches in circumference. Eggs are selling for 15 cents a dozen in Granville.

Chas. Pike of Glenburn, who recently wed an Illinois girl, lost his bride shortly after his removal to

Canada, after a short illness from pneumonia.

Editor Trubshaw, of the Valley City Courier, thinks it a disgrace for a woman to wear a skirt so small and tight that it wouldn't make a good sized trousers leg.

The Valley City Commercial Club, organized to promote local enterprises, has been buying its stationery from mail order houses, notwithstanding there are four print shops in the city.

When the press boys and girls go to Valley City in July, they are going to see a fine Zoo at the city park. In addition to many other animals in the park, two little black bears, Pete and Mabel, have been added.

The Valley City Courier thinks P. J. McCumber signed his political death warrant when he voted against the Woman's Suffrage bill, because the women of the state will be voting two years hence, and will remember their friends.

N. J. Welty, who went to Reno, Nevada, some time ago to attend the trial of the man who shot and killed his brother Moss, last fall, returned to Velva Monday. The man pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary.—Velva Journal.

The Telegram takes Sawyer to task for the indifference displayed in the Soo immigration project. "We believe that this is the only proposition ever placed before the citizens of Sawyer that has had no graft connected with it," Editor Green remarks.

Mrs. J. McNaughton Stevens, who has been supplying some of the McHenry county papers with items taken from the files of the old Villard Ledger, under the caption: "In the Light of Other Days," has been compelled to discontinue the good work because of an objection on the part of the owner of the files. Too bad.

A great gopher hunt will take place in Mayland township Apr. 10. That township is offering a 2 cent bounty. Elling Kjongtvedt and Max Johnson have been elected captains of the two sides and each contestant must deposit a dollar. The fund thus raised in addition to the bounty will be divided among the winners. Only .22 calibre rifles will be used and the hunt will last eight hours.

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