

The Ward County INDEPENDENT

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THE PARK CITY.

During a recent visit to the city of Kenmare, the writer was impressed with the beautiful park, containing just one block, and located in the heart of the business district. What Kenmare has accomplished, any town in the state can succeed in doing, be it large or small. There isn't an inhabitant of the "Park City," but who is mighty proud of this beauty spot, as well they may be, for the park would be a credit to a city of 20,000 population. The property itself was given to the city some years ago and becoming so valuable, the donor attempted to plat it and sell the lots. At the time the property was considered worth \$25,000, and it is worth even more today. After some litigation, the city of Kenmare won out, retaining the park site. A couple of years ago potatoes were grown in the block, thus ridding the property of weeds. The ground was then well manured and plowed more than a foot deep. After being thoroughly harrowed, the trees, shrubbery and flowers were planted. The nursery stock was secured from Valley City, an immense lot of the finest kind of plants being secured for about \$330, or several hundred dollars lower than the next highest bid. The company sent a man to direct the planting and since that time an A-1 gardener has been in charge. Nearly every kind of a shrub grown under the sun is to be found in the park. A white clover lawn has been very successfully grown and a beautiful Siberian hedge surrounds the block. One cannot appreciate what has been done in the remarkably short time without first visiting the park. The Independent suggests that other North Dakota cities pattern after Kenmare. Surely some public spirited citizen will donate a block. The park will be worth many times what it costs. As a real estate advertising feature it is par excellent, for a stranger, seeing what can be done with a little work, realizes that there is something to our soil and our climate. Every town in North Dakota ought to have a park and can have just as well as not. Get busy.

The I. W. W.'s started operations again in Minot Saturday night and the police promptly nipped their plans in the bud by placing them under arrest. This will probably not be the end of the trouble, but Minot is ready for them if they are looking for trouble. They undoubtedly have come here with a view of organizing the farm laborers, for when searched, in addition to the regular I. W. W. song books found in their pockets, were stickers advising farm laborers to not hire out to the farmers for less than four dollars a day. There were other stickers showing two hands clasped over a sheaf of wheat under which appeared these words: "United we stand; divided we fall; harvest is ripe, time to strike." Any hobo can get an I. W. W. card upon payment of a quarter and many no doubt do this, realizing that the card will lend certain respectability to their profession.

"Froggie" Smith of Plaza accuses the Independent of publishing an article written by some one other than the editor. Why bless your poor little stunted soul, we print articles every week written by others. The Independent has forty odd contributors.

COMMUNITIES HAVE CHARACTER.

Places, no less than persons, have characters and traits and habits of their own. Just as there are colorless people there are colorless communities. There are communities which are strong, self confident, aggressive; others lazy and inert. There are cities which are cultivated; others which crave "culture" but take "culturine" (like someone drinking from the wrong bottle); and still others almost unaware, as yet, that esthetic things exist. Some cities seem to fairly smile at you; others are glum or worried like sick men or men with business troubles. And there are doudy cities, and fashionable cities—resembling one another as fashionable women often do. Some cities seem to have an active sense of duty, others not. And almost all cities, like almost all people, seem to be capable alike of baseness and nobility. Some cities are rich and proud like self made millionaires; others by comparison, are poor.

When will the North Dakota publishers learn to be more cautious in accepting advertising from unreliable concerns? We have all been easy at some time or another. We will venture to say there isn't a publisher but who has some worthless accounts on his books, and the total amount due North Dakota publishers would make a very large sum, running away up into the thousands of dollars. When a concern offers an advertising proposition, at your own figure, look out. When an advertising agency with whom you have never done business, sends a contract, it will pay to look them up before giving the proposition space. A few weeks ago, an Oregon land man sent advertisements promiscuously to the North Dakota newspapers, many of which accepted same. We have not heard from a publisher who has yet received his money. Get the money first, or else write to the Secretary of the press association, who will be glad to ascertain the rating.

At the meeting of the commercial clubs held at Minot last week the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that North Dakota newspapers should publish only the good and not the bad items about any community in the state, except their own local items. In other words, boost, don't knock."

From the above it almost leads one to believe that there is so much bad about North Dakota communities that it is necessary to suppress such items. The public is entitled to all the news. Bad news need not be featured but to suppress it will do nearly as much harm. Newspaper readers are more intelligent than the above resolution gives them credit for.—Glenburn Advance.

Mott Spotlight: Seems strange again that The Devils Lake Journal should make such vicious attacks on practically every candidate who may be in disfavor with the editor. The recent attack upon Hon. A. M. Thompson, a prospective candidate for Speaker of the House, will do more good in his behalf. We believe Thompson or Hansen both well fitted to hold this responsible position. Wonder if John Bloom could prove any of the deep accusations, made against the Ward county man?

Valley City Courier: George J. Smith, of Plaza, editor of a string of papers, and who was present at the press meeting in this city some days ago, is peeved because Mr. Loftus and Mr. Greely were not allowed to speak at Chautauqua on press day, and Mr. Smith goes on to say that the big interests are getting the newspaper men—or words to that effect, and that the advocates of the people's rights could not be heard. Mr. Smith is a man possessed of very large gall and certainly takes upon himself to do things that were entirely out of his rights and privileges. For instance, he invited Mr. Loftus to the editorial banquet

without any authority and without the sanction of those who had the banquet in charge. Those in charge were pleased to have the gentleman there, but they did not like to have Smith or anyone else undertake to run things for them. Mr. Smith then came to the editor of this paper and wanted him to let Mr. Loftus and others speak. We informed him that the program had been arranged beforehand and we could not very well change it without throwing someone else off the program, as the time all through the day had been previously arranged for. It was a piece of consummate cheek and gall for Mr. Smith to bring in those Equity speakers and expect the editorial association to give way to them. Besides, the North Dakota Press Association is not a political organization and it would have been entirely out of place for that meeting to resolve itself into an Equity affair. Smith says that we did not want to hear something that was good for us, and that we have no use for the Equity. Mr. Smith is very much mistaken. We believe in the Equity movement and think it is a good thing. But we do not believe in the Equity leaders or the leaders of any other organization trying to butt in on a pleasure program and attempting to convert that as a means to furthering their own political ambitions.

The county commissioners at their meeting the first of August, will consider the proposition of taking over the Ward county fair property, consisting of 60 acres just south of the city. An effort is being made to get the county to assume the first mortgage of \$4,000, and inasmuch as the county holds what is equivalent to a second mortgage of \$7,000 on the property it seems that this would not be a bad plan. The property could not only be used for fair and stock exhibition purposes, but could be used as an experimental farm.

Mr. Johnson, president of the North Dakota American Society of Equity, is one of the most successful hog raisers in Ward county. He has a fine drove of porkers at his farm north of Donnybrook, while he sowed but sixteen acres of wheat this year. When our farmers follow Mr. Johnson's plan and raise stock and sow grain for feed, it will not make a great deal of difference whether we receive a dollar a bushel for wheat or fifty cents. In the meantime, we are at the mercy of the men who establish the prices for our grain.

The Independent does not expect its readers to agree with everything that is found in its editorial columns. We look at propositions from different angles. The Independent usually expresses its opinion on timely subjects and if that opinion does not happen to coincide with your own, don't cuss the editor. Our columns are always open to you and we'd be glad to hear from our readers more often. We will just as freely publish words of criticism as those that commend us. We regard as among our very best friends, those who offer friendly criticism. The Independent is your paper. Use it.

The county commissioners very wisely passed a resolution Tuesday providing for the half mill tax for Better farming purposes. Last year but a quarter of a mill tax was levied, the other quarter being devoted to immigration purposes. This year, the immigration tax has been cut out and the extra amount added to the Better Farming fund. This will enable Mr. Peck to have an assistant, which he needs badly. His work has been growing rapidly and splendid results have been obtained.

The excessive heat during the past ten days has no doubt done some damage to the grain, particularly that which was sown late. This has a tendency to cause the late crop to head out while the plants are still short. While the wheat will not fill as well as it might with more favorable weather, the yield will still be large. The heads are very long and where plenty of seed was sown, the yield for many fields looks good for twenty-five or thirty bushels.

Businessmen of the west fear that the strike of the enginemen of the western roads which has been pending will soon come and many have been ordering the staple lines in larger quantities, hoping to be tided over the troublesome periods. After all, the government ought to own the railroads and a general strike will have a tendency to hasten the time when this will happen.

The Ward county publishers report but little money due from the candidates for work done in the recent primary election, altho there are one or two who have disregarded the urgent appeals for the lucre that was earned by the sweat of the brow. Occasionally an individual bobs up who is willing to serve the public, but who very much dislikes to pay the fiddler in case that he is defeated.

The subscription list of the Independent is growing steadily, despite the fact that an effort is being made by an individual traveling hither and thither about the state, urging the readers to stop the dirty sheet. If at any time any of our readers does not consider that he is getting his money's worth, we'll be glad to cancel his subscription.

It is reported that a petition signed by seven hundred farmers has been prepared in McHenry county, asking the county commissioners not to make the annual levy for the Better Farming movement. We do not know conditions very well in McHenry county, but we believe that the Better Farming movement has been a great success, taking the state as a whole.

War was declared Tuesday between Hungary and Serbia and it looks as tho a general European war will be the result. Wheat went up eight cents a bushel Tuesday when the war news was learned. While war is to be deplored, the American farmers will be certain to profit by the trouble across the water.

STOP YER HOWLIN'.

Here, you discontented knocker, Growlin' 'bout the country's ills, Chloroform your dismal talker, Take a dose of liver pills, Stop yer ki-o-tee howlin', Chaw some sand an' get some grit, Don't sit in the dumps a growlin', Jump the roost and boost a bit. Fall in while the band's playin', Ketch the step and march along, 'Stead o' pessimistic brayin', Jine the hallelujah song. Drop yer hammer, do some rootin', Grab a horn, you cuss, an' split Every echo with your tootin', Jump the roost and boost a bit.

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