

The Ward County INDEPENDENT

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The Governor has been an earnest advocate of good roads and believes that a proposition can be worked out by which the state can spend a very large amount of money in the building of roads and at the same time not take one dollar from the people by direct taxation. His proposition is this: that the auto license fund of the state should not be distributed back to the counties as it is at present. The state should issue a million dollars of road bonds; these road bonds should be taken by the School Fund of the state. It would take about four years to put a plan of this kind into operation. The auto license fund now amounts to fifty-four thousand dollars and it is estimated that within four years it will amount to one hundred thousand dollars per year and this fund should be used to pay the principal and interest of the road bonds. If we issue a million dollars of road bonds, then the interest on the road bonds at four per cent would be forty thousand dollars a year and this would leave sixty thousand dollars each year to go toward the retirement of the principle of the bonds, and if we retire some of the bonds each year, so as to keep cutting down the annual interest, in thirteen years the road bonds can be paid, principal and interest, and entirely from the auto license money, and unless a man owned an auto, he would not have paid a single penny toward this large sum of money for the betterment of the roads. This million dollars issue for the purpose of building trunk lines of road in our state, would be of infinite value to our farmers and business men and in addition, probably within a short time we will get money from the federal government to aid in the building of roads. In fact a bill is now pending in Congress which will give one dollar to the state for every dollar that the state would meet the federal government's dollar with, so in all probability we would have two millions to spend on our roads instead of one million; and remember, the money would be spent in North Dakota under an expert highway commissioner and the larger part of the money would be earned by our own people.

The European war according to the New York Evening Post, costs the five belligerents about \$22,000,000 a day. All this money must be paid by taxation, in addition to keeping up the present military equipment of each nation, which will have to be increased if the war leaves the parties' territory intact. In the meantime Belgium has been absolutely ruined. There will be no funds to recoup her. Her people have been killed, her industries have been destroyed, her cities obliterated, the people driven from the soil, and all this in a cause in which she has no interest and was only desirous of keeping out of it.

The rich girl, of New Orleans and several of the other cities who heretofore have worn only foreign made garments, are now dressing in gowns made in this country and from American made materials. And why not? This country should never take a back seat for any European country and our women can show their loyalty to Uncle Sam by dressing in home made clothing. Simple made garments will be in style for the coming spring and already announcements are being made that there will be no foreign textures.

C. K. Christiansen, a prominent Carnio businessman, nominee for the legislature on the republican ticket, visited Minot Friday. Many friends here are interested in his success on Nov. 3. He defeated Martin D. Johnson, the Hartland banker, in the primaries, but Mr. Johnson, for some reason, has come out on the independent ticket in the present campaign. Mr. Christiansen should be elected easily as it is generally considered that the defeated candidate of the primaries should have kept out of the present fight. Mr. Christiansen has the proper qualifications for the position.

We have never seen a better special edition than the Development number published last week by the Williston Herald. Bro. Farries has reason to be proud of the work. The special consists of 44 pages, full of the best kind of reading and embellished with cuts of the leading farming scenes of Williams county. The Herald is located in one of the favored sections of the state and Bro. Farries had some excellent material to work with.

Hellstrom, the democratic candidate for governor, is a versatile fellow, to say the least. In some portions of the state, he is fishing for votes on the grounds that he is a Swede, which in reality he is, while in the localities where the Norwegian votes are thickest, he poses as a Norwegian. This is an old story with the Scandinavian people of this state, who have grown weary of this cheap method of campaigning.

An effort is being made to throw the German vote to Purcell, the democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate. In some sections of the state, Purcell's political announcements are appearing in German type, a very clever way to attempt to catch the vote. The Germans of the state are too intelligent a class of people to be herded and voted like a lot of sheep and we predict that they will assert their political independence on Nov. 3.

An exchange accuses A. M. Thompson, candidate for the legislature from this district, of being ashamed of his nationality. Mr. Thompson is a Norwegian and proud of it, but he has never cheapened the Norwegian race by asking for a vote because he happens to be of this nationality. He is too good an American citizen and too loyal to his own race to ask for their support on those grounds.

Former Senator Lorimer of Chicago has been indicted by a federal grand jury for complicity in banking frauds. He is the same Lorimer who was removed from his seat in the Senate because he bought his way to that high position. Lorimer claimed that if his election was bought, he did not know anything about it, but this did not go down with a majority of his colleagues.

The Independent understands that the average corn yield in North Dakota this year is 38 bushels per acre. This means that some fields have averaged as high as 75 bushels and even higher. We understand that this is a better average than Iowa and some of the other states can show this year, owing to a drought. North Dakota is surely in the corn belt.

It has been estimated that it costs in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to kill each soldier who has met death in the present European war. In the war between Russia and Japan, it cost on an average of something over \$20,000 for each soldier killed. This figure was obtained by adding up the total expenses on both sides and dividing by the number of men killed. A terrible waste of wealth and life.

In another part of this paper may be found a list of improvements made in Minot during the year, something over a half million dollars having been spent in the erection of buildings. We doubt if any city in the state has made such a showing and at this rate, Minot stands a good chance of becoming the largest city in North Dakota within a few years.

A. M. Christianson of Towner, non-partisan candidate for the Supreme bench, is receiving assurances from all sections of the state that his prospects for election could not appear much brighter. There is absolutely nothing that could be said against Mr. Christianson and those who know him are certain that he would make a first class Supreme Judge.

Senator Gronna is in favor of woman suffrage. The Senator in his Minot address, said that surely men should not associate with their inferiors, and if the women are on an equal footing with the men, they should be so recognized. Everywhere the prospects that women will soon vote in North Dakota, are good.

The Taylors, E. J. and "Walt," will have a comparatively easy time being re-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction and Insurance Commissioner, respectively. The people of the state seem to be satisfied the way the Taylors are running things down at Bismarck.

Carl Lindberg is asking to be re-elected treasurer of Ward county and there appears to be absolutely no question but what he will meet with success. He has held the office but one term, and cannot hold it more than two terms according to our laws. A good, capable official he has proved to be and deserves a second term.

It appears in mighty poor taste for a candidate who has been beaten fairly at the primaries, to come out for the same office in the fall election on the "independent" ticket. He's a mighty poor loser and nine times out of ten does not hope to win, but merely get even with the men who defeated him.

We noticed in an English newspaper that one of the candidates is appealing to the voters with an announcement printed in German. Occasionally a voter will be fooled in this manner, but generally they are too wise to swallow the bait.

Martin J. Engeseth, the republican nominee for register of deeds, is the logical man for the position. The result of the recent primaries is the strongest recommendation that could possibly be given him, when he defeated the present incumbent, Gunder S. Reishus, who has long been considered by democrats and republicans alike, as one of the most efficient registers of deeds in the state. When he announced his candidacy his friends in all parts of the county quickly rallied to his support, and the voters gave him a splendid endorsement at the polls. In his home town and where he is best known he got the heaviest vote. This is an indication that he is worthy of the confidence of the voters of Ward county. He is eminently fitted, by education and practical experience, for the position to which he aspires, and merits your vote.—Berthold Tribune.

Olaf Lokensgard, republican nominee for county commissioner from the Fifth district, has made an ideal commissioner in every sense of the word. He is chairman of the board of county commissioners, and if he has ever laid himself open to criticism of any kind, it is that he has guarded the interests of the tax-payers only too well, for Mr. Lokensgard does not believe in squandering a cent of the county's money. This is a mighty good fault, if indeed it can be called a fault. Ward county, under the management of its present board, is rapidly getting out of debt, and this cannot help but result in lower taxes. Ward county is a great big business institution, and only the very best men should be elected.

The State Twine Plant has been well conducted and in the interests of the people of the state. In the past eighteen months, by reason of the troubles in Mexico, the price of fibre has advanced to almost exactly twice what it had been for the six years previous, and further than that, the last legislature, under the Cashel Bill, increased the compensation of the prisoners' working in the twine plant almost exactly three hundred per cent, and yet, in spite of the increase in the cost of fibre and in the money paid to the men who work in the twine plant, the cost of twine to the people of North Dakota has been raised but little.

The Independent has just received a large carload of print paper, enough to last us for six months. As the investment is something over a thousand dollars, our subscribers can be of assistance to us by paying now. If you have not received a statement, and know that you are indebted to us, kindly send in the money anyway, and we will forward a receipt. We have waited a long time for some of our subscribers, and with bountiful crops, all ought to be able to remember the printer this year.

Here's a hint for tired mothers. Save some of your work for Saturday. Boys would as soon beat rugs as play ball. Just the thing to develop muscle. And for girls, nothing better than washing windows and polishing floors. Sitting at desks gives no strength to the arms. Besides, children are always "delighted" to help dear mother at these busy times.

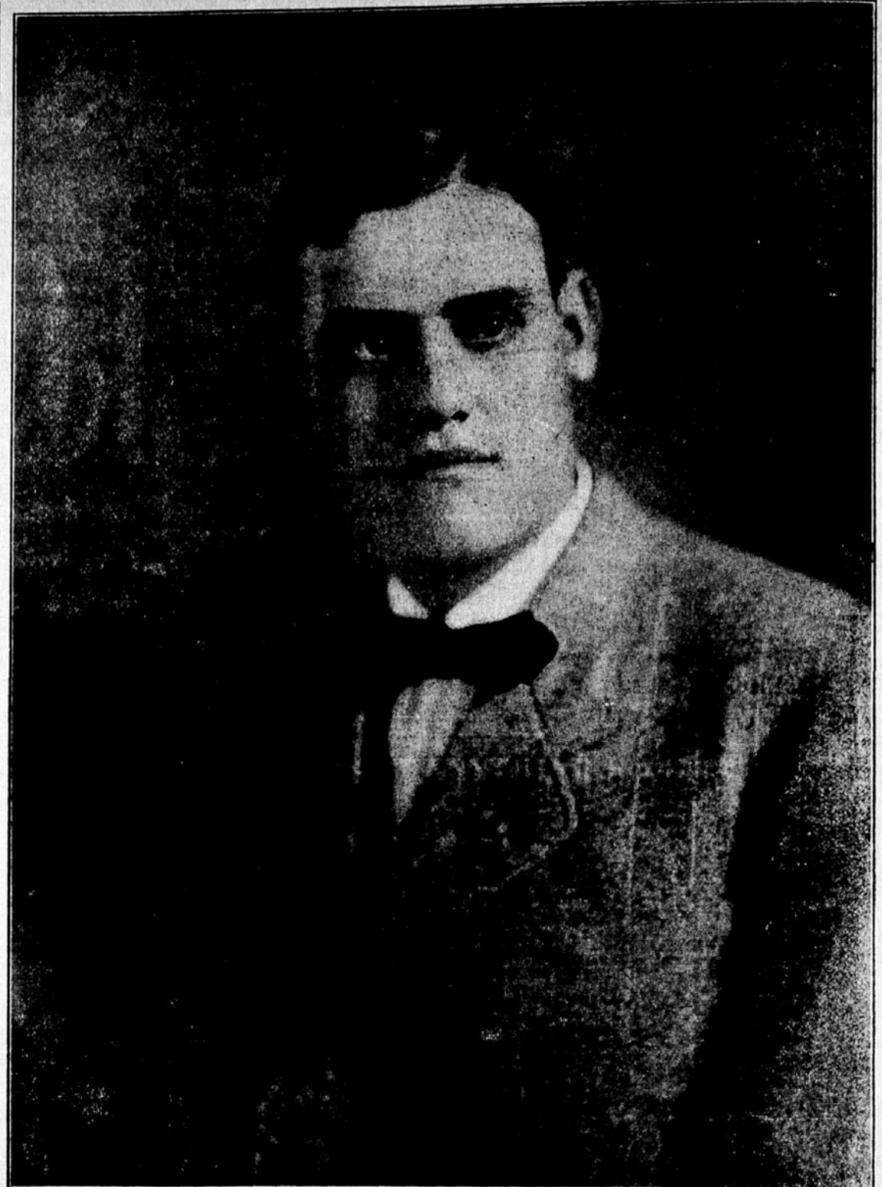
Let us keep the birthdays. Not just the smart boy who is to graduate, or the blooming girl coming into society, but everyone in the family. Father and mother should not be back numbers, let them taste some of the joys of life. Have something extra to observe the birthday of every member of the family, if nothing more than roast chicken and a pound of chocolate. Celebrate. Life is short.

Germany is undoubtedly preparing for a big attack on England by airships and it is reported that the main attack will be made in February. Germany will have 46 Zeppelins and 200 large aeroplanes ready by that time. The sea, submarine and air forces are all expected to make an attack at the same time.

Minot and the whole northwest are elated over the election of Pres. A. G. Crane as president of the North Dakota Educational Association. This is a signal honor and the Independent feels certain that Mr. Crane will fill the important position in a most creditable manner. He is regarded as one of the ablest educators in North Dakota and the 170,000 school children of the state will be influenced to a greater or less degree by his election.

If the voters of the 29th legislative district wish a liberal appropriation for the Minot Normal school, it will be absolutely necessary to elect representatives who will work together. C. A. Grow, A. M. Thompson, B. A. Dickinson and J. W. Smith will work in harmony.

Denny Hannifin, the "Squatter Governor" of North Dakota, notes that there are 52 counties in the state, likewise 52 weeks in the year and 52 cards in the deck. The pack has evidently never been stacked against North Dakota.



L. J. THOMPSON.
One of the candidates who is not doing much worrying is L. J. Thompson, nominee for county auditor on the republican ticket. Mr. Thompson is asking the voters for a second term. When an official makes good during his first term, it is the usual custom to give him a second, and the Independent knows that Mr. Thompson has given good service. His records are in the very best of shape. His work is handled with dispatch and Mr. Thompson and his efficient corps of assistants are most accommodating. We should show our appreciation of good work done and give Mr. Thompson a second term.

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C. E. Miller of Foxholm will hold a big auction sale Nov. 4, disposing of a lot of good horses, farm machinery, hogs, etc. Mr. Miller came to North Dakota seven years ago and had but \$85 to his name. He had been engaged in the wholesale and retail tobacco business for six years and weighed but 115 pounds. He isn't quite as large as the editor of this paper, but a mighty husky chap and today owns a section of land, with but a few hundred dollars against it, besides a \$2,000 bungalow in Foxholm. He will cut out much of his farming to engage in the stock business.