

**The Ward County  
INDEPENDENT**

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.



**A LEAK IN THE COMMERCIAL  
BUCKET.**

Fruits and vegetables in enormous quantities are rotting in the fields of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio while the people in the cities are paying high prices.

The United States is as far from solving the question of getting goods to market as in the days of our great grandfathers. The railroad has replaced the ox-cart.

But where are we? An Aurora man has just returned from a visit to northern Ohio.

He says that he walked through an orchard of five acres and practically every foot of it was covered with rotting apples.

The cider mills are working night and day trying to get some good out of the abundant harvest.

This man dug five bushels of potatoes from one row in his mother's garden. Many more potatoes will be left to rot in the ground because every one has an over supply.

In the cities a few miles away people are actually facing starvation.

It so happens that the particular garden and orchard are located on a small branch line of a big railroad system.

For years the farmers have been unable to ship their goods because they couldn't get cars.

Thousands of carriers flashed by weekly by the main line a few miles away.

Benjamin Hartwell of Chicago owns a farm in Michigan. He tried shipping apples and potatoes to his home city. He found that after he had deducted freight and express delivery charges he could have bought his produce cheaper of his local grocer. This season he is doing this and is feeding his Michigan output to the hogs.

Potatoes and apples rotting on the ground while the poor are going without and others are paying top prices.

In North Dakota the potato crop is immense this year and the growers ought to net a big sum, as in Canada and many other places there is a shortage, but our farmers have to be satisfied with forty or fifty cents a bushel, although the price is two or three times this amount in other places.

Two years ago an act was passed by the legislative assembly forbidding gambling and drinking liquor on trains in North Dakota. There may have been an arrest or two, but these laws are openly violated on trains that pass in and out of Minot. Another law was passed forbidding the sale of cigarettes, but there is scarcely a town in the state where cigarettes cannot be bought in generous quantities. A "Snus" law was passed, but we have not seen anybody suffering for the want of snuff. A dealer in East Grand Forks has built up a large business, furnishing North Dakotans with the stuff. The Independent is not defending the manufacturers of cigarettes and snuff, which are harmful enough, but we merely give these facts to show that it is a hard matter to prohibit their use by legislation, unless mail order houses can be barred from sending them to territory in which their sale is forbidden.

The fight for sheriff was the hardest contest in the Ward county election. No one worried much over the outcome, for it was realized that a good man would be elected, no matter whether the democratic or the republican candidate was successful. Chart Barton, democrat, is a man, highly respected by all, and the fact that his neighbors to a man supported him, speaks well for him. John Nedrelos, the successful candidate, is just as well thought of and the Gooseneck rolled up a vote that simply could not be overcome.

**A PROPER PROGRAM.**

Army and navy experts are constantly pointing out the crying need for better defenses in the United States.

This is brought home to us with telling force by the events in Europe. Courage and patriotism win battles, it is true, but long range artillery guns and powerful battleships operated by experts are more effective.

This country is not looking for trouble. But the old adage still holds true, "in time of peace prepare for war."

Woman suffrage for North Dakota was defeated Tuesday after a hard, clean fight. The Independent has realized for weeks that the women were likely to be doomed to disappointment, but considering the strong fight that was made by the opposition, coupled

with certain prejudices that it will require years to overcome, the women can really feel complimented over the showing that was made. They realize that ultimately they will be successful—woman suffrage is certain to become general in this country within a short time—and they feel that the fight for the ballot has just begun.

The only mistake that Andrew Carnegie made was in not fortifying his peace palace.

In England, the price for the very best cuts of beef is 25 cents a pound. "Let's go to war," remarks an exchange.

Dispatches from the front say that pronounced victories were won in Russia, but blamed if we can pronounce them.

The German Emperor, who is personally directing his armies, is now able to reach the battle front in almost any direction.

They tell us that the Russians have captured the Kaiser's pedigree cattle, but they don't seem to have the old boy's goat yet.

Having finally gotten rid of the high tariff wall, the American consumer finds that Europe has nothing to sell this year.

The Independent wasn't at all surprised at the way Olaf Lokensgard ran for county commissioner from the Fifth. He is one of the best commissioners the county has ever had.

Martin Engeseth ran like a prairie fire, being accorded one of the largest votes ever given a candidate in Ward county. And Martin is deserving of this, too. He will make a good official.

The Independent learns that after January 1 the Canadian government will allow no more whiskey to be manufactured in order that the grain used may be shipped to England for food. This will be sad news to many in the States who have acquired a taste for the famous Canadian brands.

The republican party is a mighty lively corpse. In North Dakota the entire state, congressional and for the most part legislative tickets were elected. Republicans won in many other states and the majority in the House of Representatives has been cut down to a very small number.

A reasonably warm election is over. Good men have undoubtedly been elected. If they do not suit you exactly, just consider that you are in the minority and that perhaps your judgment was not perfect after all. Let's take our medicine gracefully and do what we can to assist the successful candidates in making a success.

Hammond, the democratic nominee for governor, won in Minnesota, defeating Lee, republican. Hammond's platform was the more liberal, and when the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan, was in Minnesota campaigning for him, it was really amusing to notice how he put the soft pedal on in sidestepping some of the issues.

This may be a little early but Christmas is not so very far away, so you'd better begin to do your shopping. There promises to be a big shortage in "Made in Germany" toys this year, so what's the matter with filling the American made cotton stockings of the youngsters with American grown nuts and candy made from American manufactured sugar?

Governor Hanna can feel highly complimented over the endorsement given him by the voters of North Dakota at the polls Tuesday. The Governor is not a "four-flusher" in any sense of the word and what little campaigning he has done, was conducted in a dignified manner. At every point where he appeared, he was greeted by large crowds, and his addresses were more in the form of heart to heart talks. In no instance did he ask anyone for a vote, altho we know that he is fully appreciative of the support he received. His "business administration" was attacked by those who would supplant him, but the voters have shown by the results of the election that they took those statements with a grain of salt. It was indeed fortunate for North Dakota that Mr. Hanna was re-elected.

The legislature ought to meet but every four years instead of every two and the law ought to be changed accordingly. Should the occasion arise for the need of more work by the legislators, it is an easy matter for the governor to call a special session. It costs a great deal of money every two years—more than is justified from the good that is derived. We have too many laws on our statute as it is. If about half of them were wiped out, the business of the state would go along just the same.

In no previous election have the tickets been so badly split. Judges tell us that the straight ticket in Tuesday's election was in the minority by

great odds. The old party lash fails to keep the voters in line. This is rather hard on the parties, but the independent spirit displayed is refreshing, to say the least. The spirit of the primary election is not always carried with the voters to the polls and this is one of the excuses made for advocating a change in the method of selecting candidates. As it now is, the primary is not much better than the old convention system, and there are many who believe that old conventions brot forth better results.

The legislature will convene in January and already there are a number of legislators preparing to introduce freak bills. This is always the case. There are always a few "freaks" in every legislative assembly who have some pet scheme to work out. The man who thinks he was born to save North Dakota from perdition is already scratching his head and wondering just how he is going to put his hobby across. The well balanced men, the men who are willing to give and take, the men who are broad enough to abide by the will of the majority,—they are the legislators who will accomplish most.

Seven million people in Belgium face starvation. It is said that there is food supply in the cities for but two weeks and the conditions in the country districts are worse. America will come to the relief of the poor Belgians, who have been driven from their homes, their houses burned and their factories closed. Wealthy men have become paupers within a day and noblemen may be seen slipping into soup kitchens.

RYDER.  
The entertainment given by the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at Kruger's Hall Friday evening was a success; proceeds \$96.

Chas. C. Boylen, representing the Equity Exchange of St. Paul, Minn., spoke at Kruger's Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Stanley, were guests at the Campbell home Sunday.

Archie McDougall of Mason City, Iowa, visited with his aunt, Mrs. D. G. Campbell, last week.

Lawrence Erb left for Fargo on Thursday to attend the Agricultural College.

Rev. Richmond of Minot drew a large congregation to hear his address on Socialism from the Standpoint of the Church. The discourse was enjoyed by all.

George Graham of Jeanette visited friends here over Sunday.

Joe Wustner has leased his meat market to Frank Weisinger and Ed Wilkins for a period of three years. Mr. Wustner will take a rest from active business.

Mr. M. Flannery left for Rugby in answer to a telegram announcing the death of his father, who was buried at Rugby Saturday, Oct. 31.

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Just 210 Masons from Bottineau county and Canada sat down at a splendid banquet at Bottineau one night last week. The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were intertwined. The Americans and Canadians as well expressed the hope that some day these great countries might be one.

Mr. Bendeke, of Grand Forks, Norwegian consul, created a good deal of merriment, when he remarked that he did not see the Norwegian flag in the room. As a matter of consoling himself, he turned to the Americans and said: "We discovered you," and to the Canadians, "We licked you," which no one ventured to deny.

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Also have a farm of 780 acres located one and one-half miles from Foxholm. There are 525 acres broke and under cultivation on the farm and which has 100 acres summer fallowed and ready for spring crops.  
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