

**The Ward County
INDEPENDENT**

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.



ON THE BAND WAGON.

The American Society of Equity is facing the most critical problem in that organization's history and the behavior of its leaders right now will determine whether the society will succeed or fail in its undertakings. The rank and file of the organization comprises farmers who desire to better their conditions, who realize that during the many years past, they have not had a square deal at the hands of the grain gamblers at the terminals. Their object is to control to an extent the price of the products which they grow and to compel those who buy to give them honest treatment. They give honest grading, honest weights, and honest prices. Can you blame them for that? They believe that by banding together they can get such treatment. If they do not make any serious mistakes from now on, they ought to be successful, in a degree.

The Society should be very careful, however, whom they choose as their leaders. There are plenty of politicians who are ever ready to jump onto the band wagon. These politicians stick with one party until that organization is "milked dry" and then—hocus, pocus, presto, change—in the twinkling of an eye they are converted to the principles of the Equity.

We have a great deal of respect for those who are honest in their convictions, whether we agree with everything they advocate or not, but the Equity should beware of those who are hypocritically inclined to use that organization to advance their political aspirations. It may be quite necessary for the Equity to enter politics in order to secure the enactment of favorable laws, but the members should be careful that they do not have the "wool pulled over their eyes" by those who are not worthy of being trusted.

The Independent wants to see the farmers succeed, because we know that if they are successful, we will be successful as well. We are engaged in the newspaper and printing business in order to make money, just as the farmers are tilling the soil in order to gain a recompense. We do not lay any claims to being a philanthropist, but at the same time we will do anything that we can to help the farmers to get a better market, a better price for their grain, because in doing so, we will be helping ourselves. And for that reason, and because we believe that farmers are right, we want to see the Equity succeed. If this organization should fail, some other farmers' organization is sure to spring up, for the farmers will never again try to do business without cooperating with each other.

Some tempting propositions are offered by the various automobile concerns in their 1916 cars. There has been a noticeable drop in prices and at the same time claims are made that the cars are better than ever. Automobile building seems to have well nigh reached perfection. Cars now days seem to give very little trouble—not as much as one would expect from the abuse some of them get. Owners of cars ought to learn to take care of them themselves. Not one in ten makes a careful study of his machine. There are drivers who don't know an oil cup from a carburetor. Half the trouble with cars arises from not oiling them sufficiently. One should remember that where two parts of the car rub together, there oil is needed. It is a wonder that cars last as long as they do, considering the condition of some of our highways. Scores of farmers now own autos and they are willing to co-operate with their cousins in building and maintaining good roads.

The Minot merchants will be hosts to the farmers and others from the northwestern section of the state at the big celebration, Monday, July 5. Everything will be free. Minot is going to show you one of the finest celebrations ever held in the state and she does not ask one red cent from you. The festivities will take place at beautiful Riverside park, one of the most beautiful spots in the state. Visitors may bring their lunches if they like and free coffee will be served by the merchants. The Minot Metropolitan band will play during the day and evening. A big dance will be held at the pavilion. A ball game between the winning south prairie team and the huskies from the north prairie will be played. Daylight fireworks will be one of the features and the sky will be illuminated in a grand manner in the evening. Come to Minot Monday, July 5, and if you don't want to bother bringing your money, leave it at home. It will be "wooden" that day anyway.

PAUL REVERE A GOOD ADVERTISER.

Paul Revere, whose midnight ride won him fame, was a good advertiser, therefore a successful business and professional man. He was a goldsmith, powder manufacturer, hardware dealer, foundryman and dentist. As a dentist, he reached out after the business. Evidently in those days, dentists did not know what the word "ethics" really meant. In the Boston Gazette and Country Journal, under date of Sept. 1, 1769, Paul Revere inserted the following dental advertisement, which undoubtedly got him some business:

"Whereas many persons are so unfortunate as to lose their fore teeth by accident and otherwise, to their great detriment, not only in looks but speaking both in public and private.—This is to inform all such that they may have them replaced with artificial ones that look as well as the natural, and answer the end of speaking to all intents, by Paul Revere, Goldsmith, near the head of Dr. Clark's wharf. All persons who have had false teeth fixed by Mr. John Baker, Surgeon Dentist, and they have got loose (as they will in time) may have them fastened by the above who learnt the method of fixing them from Mr. Baker."

WHITE SLAVE ACT DEFECTIVE.

Each state in the Union has laws for the punishment of sexual irregularity. Under the Mann act, the federal government is made an additional agent and the law passed to prevent the nefarious traffic in girls has been used chiefly as an instrument of blackmail and extortion.

The appeal of Diggs and Caminetti to the United States supreme court should relieve the situation and put a final construction on the scope of the law. This will assist the district attorneys to distinguish between cases of commercialized vice and those merely arising from instances of sexual depravity. The former come properly under the federal jurisdiction, while the latter cases should be prosecuted in the states where the offense occurs.

Science has at last discovered how to make kissing safe. The secretary of the American Hygiene Association recommends these precautions: Cut out a square of tissue paper, give it a bath in an antiseptic solution and place it over your mouth. This safeguard will prevent the kiss doing you harm provided you don't wear out the paper or break thru it.

Former President Taft, in the last number of the Saturday Evening Post, gives his views on our national defenses. Taft was secretary of the navy for four years and he writes with some degree of authority. He urges

increasing the standing army, which today is less than 100,000 strong. He would build many more submarines and destroyers, build a fort to guard Chesapeake bay and add a number of sixteen inch guns to the equipment of the other forts. Today, we have ammunition enough to last our big guns less than two hours and he advises providing more ammunition at once, which will require considerable time and money. He believes that our coast defenses compare favorably with those of the European countries. If those recommendations are carried out, this country will have no need to fear any invasion. We do not want war with any nation, but the former president points out that by being prepared, we will be all the more apt to ward off trouble. He points out that since 1900 we have spent \$1,656,000,000, while Germany's navy has cost her but \$1,137,000,000, and yet she has a navy more powerful than ours. Germany, on July 1, 1914, had a navy of 951,713 tons as compared with our navy of 765,13 tons.

Never have we had a better opportunity to see the world for a little money, than is offered this year. For \$84.50, one may go from Minot to Winnipeg, thence to Calgary, Edmonton and Prince Rupert, from which place you may go by boat to Seattle, meals and berth furnished. Your itinerary includes San Francisco and the big exposition and you may return home over any route you choose. Why slave all the while to pile up wealth for others to enjoy? All aboard for San Francisco!

Considerable interest is being taken in the next election, when three of our supreme court judges will be elected. The terms of Justices Goss, Fisk and Burke will expire next year. All three will seek re-election, it is claimed. Judge Spalding, defeated by A. M. Christianson last year, is to be a candidate. A. G. Divet, of Wahpeton, for two terms in the legislature, District Judge Kneeshaw, of Grafton, Card-ford of Dickinson and Allen of Lisbon, are mentioned as possible candidates.

Conservate estimates from all parts of the state places the total wheat acreage for this year at a little over eight million. This is an increase of about ten per cent. The same estimates show an increase in the corn acreage of 20 per cent with other cereals just holding their own. Most of the increase in wheat is in the western part of the state and on land not heretofore cropped to wheat.

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Notice for Bids for Bridge and Grade Construction Work.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Ward County, North Dakota, will receive sealed bids up to the hour of two o'clock P. M., July 7th, 1915, for the construction of the following bridges and grades:

- A grade between sections 9 and 10, Twp. 151, R. 83.
- A grade between sections 33 and 4, Twp. 153 and Twp. 154, R. 82.
- Several grades between sections 29 and 30, also 31 and 32, Twp. 155, R. 85.
- Several grades between sections 21 and 22, Twp. 153, R. 84.
- Several grades between townships 150 and 151, R. 83.
- Several grades between sections 3 and 10, also 2 and 3, Twp. 151, R. 86.
- Grade and 16 foot wood bridge between sections 34 and 35, Twp. 152, R. 81.
- Grade and 16 foot wood bridge between sections 24 and 25, Twp. 154, R. 84.

All work to be done in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the county surveyor. Certified check of \$50.00 to accompany each bid as guarantee to enter into contract if bid is accepted. Address all bids to county auditor, Minot, N. D., and mark on envelope "Bids for bridge and grade work."

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Given by order of the Board of County Commissioners and under my hand and seal this 2nd day of June, A. D. 1915.

L. J. THOMPSON,
County Auditor.

North Dakotans are speculating as to what the census which has just been taken will show. The more optimistic believe that the state has a population of a million, tho to be conservative we can hardly claim more than 800,000. In 1910, Fargo was credited with 14,413, but it is certain that her population is more than 17,000 today. Grand Forks had a population of 12,478 in 1910, but there are nearly 15,000 people living there today. Minot, the third largest city in the state, is the fastest growing city in North Dakota today. In 1910, this city was credited with only 6,700, approximately, but it is believed that we have fully 10,000 population at the present time.

July 1st will see the U. S. R. F. D. extended to more than a million farms not at present receiving the service. This, it is claimed, will be done without additional cost to the public, by the readjustment of routes so as to avoid duplications and unnecessary service and by the installation of motor service upon many routes. As the good roads movement bears fruit in the shape of passable highways the year around, more and more routes will be added until practically every farmer in the United States will be on a rural free delivery route. This, with parcel post facilities for the market of farm produce, will mean millions of dollars to the American farmer.

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For Rent, For Sale, Lost, Found, Taken Up.

- GOOD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.** Will trade a 15-room hotel in Minot, doing a splendid business, and well located, for farm, stock and machinery. Thomas A. Colter, Minot, N. D. 12-31-tf
- GET YOUR INSURANCE** from W. R. Lemmonier, Phone 804. 4-15-tf
- CASH FOR YOUR REAL ESTATE**—Do you want to sell your farm, residence, store or factory for CASH? Then write me, sending a description of same, no matter where located. I want it. W. R. Lemmonier, Brauer Block, Minot, N. D. 4-15-tf
- FOR INSURANCE** on Farm and City Property see W. R. Lemmonier. 4-15-tf
- Eggs for hatching** from single comb Rhode Island Red chickens, per setting of 15 eggs, 75 cents. Mrs. Wm. Estlick, R. R. 1, Minot, N. D. 4-22-tf
- TAKEN UP**—At my farm 3 miles north of Minot, (the Thompson farm), one black horse about 12 or 14 years old, star in face. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expense. —Math Finberg. 6-6-13*
- Can take a limited number of cattle and horses to pasture. Between 300 and 400 acres of pasture, fine grass and plenty of it, with good water. Price right. Address Paul Evans, Draey, N. D.
- WANTED**—To buy controlling interest in a bank in a large town in the Northwest. Box 587, Sioux City, Iowa. 5-20-14*
- FOR SALE**—One easy terms, modern six room house three blocks south of high school. Will trade for farm land near Minot. C. Aurland. 5-20-12
- FOR SALE**—Thoroughbred White Leghorn cockerels. Vesterlaid strain, the best laying strain in the world. Phone 780 or address Box 237, Minot, N. D. 4-1-tf
- WANTED**—To buy, good, young, serviceable full blooded Shorthorn bull. Must furnish the registration papers. In market also for full blooded Duroc Jersey boar, ready for service. Address "A," care of Independent, Minot, N. D. 6-6-tf
- A class of nine will graduate from the School of Forestry at Bottineau May 31. Governor Hanna will address the class.
- FOR SALE**—Fairmount gasoline engine, 2 1-2 h. p.; can be used for hand car or farm work. J. H. Burns, Surrey, N. D. 6-3-tf
- FOR SALE OR TRADE**—One J. I. Case 25 h. p. engine and 40-62 separator; will sell cheap or trade for land or automobile. Address Box 491, Minot, N. D. 6-3-14*

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Studebaker

Automobiles will arrive about July 1. If you are thinking of buying a car, it will pay you to wait until the first shipment arrives.

We are not prepared to state just what the specifications for the 1916 models will be, but you can be assured that better value than ever will be given for the money.

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