

**The Ward County  
INDEPENDENT**

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.



**AN IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT.**  
If the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce were a legitimate organization pursuing a legitimate end,—if it were in any sense a necessity to the proper handling and distribution of the grain product of the Northwest, instead of being a purely parasitic growth—there might be some reason to hope, after the utter defeat of its attempt to use a North Dakota court as an instrument for putting the Equity Co-operative Exchange out of business, that it would change its course toward the Equity and confine its energies to the doing of legitimate work. But unfortunately, it has no such work to do. Vast and complex as is its organization, and wide as are its ramifications, the whole thing rests on a purpose of plunder. And as it is the business of the Equity to expose that purpose and to furnish in its own transactions an object-lesson illustrative of the true way of marketing grain in the interest of both producer and consumer, it is to be expected that the warfare of the Chamber on the Farmers' organization will gain only added virulence from the defeat at Fargo.

The fight will therefore go on. The Equity never had anything to fear, except from a pervasion of legal processes. The most searching probe, directed by the keenest minds purchasable by the wealth of the Chamber, failed to reveal any flaw either in its methods, its bookkeeping or the conduct of its officers. The splendid way in which the farmers' elevator companies that have dealt with the Equity came forward with their testimony in support of its methods, had its effect at Fargo, and the reports sent home by these good friends have cleared the atmosphere in a thousand places of the remaining clouds of doubt, and prepared the way for an immense increase in the number of the Equity's patrons.

The Equity Co-operative Exchange can therefore well afford the cost to which it has been put by this remarkable judicial test. The advertising it has been given by the publication of the testimony and by Judge Pollock's decision will not only strengthen it at home, but will spread its fair name abroad to all the grain buyers of the world. The continued loyalty of its membership to its leaders—everywhere assailed, but nowhere found wanting, is now assured. And "By this sign they conquer."

For the farmers and dealers where grain still goes to the Chamber of Commerce must assuredly awake now, to the demonstrated fact that not only can they receive at once as good or better prices by shipping to the Equity but in addition, they can share in the profits which now go to the support, directly or indirectly, of an army of some fifty thousand parasites, in and revolving around the Chamber. Thou-

ands of those parasites are living in palatial homes, built on the profits from grain raised by farmers living in humble cottages. Why continue to support them all, when the whole volume of grain pouring into Minneapolis could be handled by the Equity Exchange, with but moderate additions to its working force, and with a steady flow of profits to the producers.

**MINOT'S CELEBRATION.**  
The Independent is prouder than ever of Minot and her merchants after Monday's celebration and right here we want to remark that we are mighty proud of the ten thousand or more visitors who came from all sections of the state to celebrate with us. Never have we seen a finer looking crowd of men and women. They appeared well dressed, prosperous, intelligent and happy. Altho the crowds were so great at times that men, women and children were jostled and jammed, they were good natured withal. Even the children were on their good behavior. Although we saw crowds of four or five thousand people during the day, there was not a quarrel. They were all having a good time. We did not see a man intoxicated during the day. The sheriff didn't make one arrest. There was no record of any theft being committed. Although there were two or three thousand automobiles in the city, not one accident was reported. The celebration was replete with interesting features. There wasn't a dull moment during the day. No one found it necessary to spend any money for any of the amusements arranged by the committees. Verily, this was the greatest celebration ever held in the state. We congratulate the members of the various committees who worked so untiringly that our visitors should have a good time. We are glad that you came to enjoy Minot's hospitality and we hope you'll be with us often.

**NORTH DAKOTA DOES HER SHARE.**

To the United States is allotted the task of feeding a goodly share of the world just now. Other nations are spending their time fighting and they must eat. If they do not produce food stuffs they must buy them where they can. The United States exported food stuffs valued at \$724,000,000 during the eleven months ending June 1. This was the principal factor in the nation's billion dollar foreign trade balance. The effect of the war is seen in the enormous increase in value of foodstuffs as compared with export figures for the same eleven months a year ago, when the total was \$423,000,000. Wheat formed the biggest item of foodstuffs sent abroad. In all 249,576,000 bushels were exported, an increase of 164,000,000. It was valued at \$319,000,000. Oats valued at \$51,000,000 was shipped, amounting to 86,428,000 bushels. It will be noted that wheat was the largest single item of our food exports and North Dakota always does her share in the wheat production.

**TRUE CO-OPERATION.**

What is your idea of co-operation? Is it to force someone who is making an honest living to fail in business in order that you and a few of your friends may save a few of the dollars which you have been paying him for his services? Or is it to put your shoulder to the wheel with your neighbors for the good of the community and bring prosperity to all? Too many co-operative societies are based upon the something for nothing idea, which demoralizes the membership in the same manner as

did the free passes on a railroad.

That is not co-operation. That is greed. True co-operation properly allows a man to render a service himself rather than to pay somebody for that service, but when a man acts as his own lawyer, he usually has a fool for a client. This is an age of specialists. It is often necessary for neighbors to get together in a sort of vigilance committee to correct abuses, mercantile or otherwise, but there is no co-operation which will reward indifferent service and bring superior prices for inferior goods, nor can you help matters by passing a law to do it. Service is what counts. It is what people are willing to pay for.

Several dairymen of Ward county are experiencing abortion among their herds. This is a rather serious disease to get among one's cattle and the greatest care should be taken when cattle are shipped in from other sections, to be sure that none of them are affected. The disease is contagious and will quite easily spread. Some farmers who have suffered losses in their herds from it, have shipped their cattle and are buying new herds. Veterinarians say the disease can be cured, in fact it has been known to run itself out in two or three years, but this means a considerable loss to the breeder in the meantime. If you have abortion in your herd, either see a good veterinarian at once, or ship your cattle. From Wisconsin dairymen we learn that very few herds have been entirely free from the disease and hundreds of dairymen have been compelled to fight it strenuously.

Ward county has taken an important step towards supplying the farmers with blooded cattle. The board of county commissioners have just invested in a herd of registered Short-horn cattle. A little later they will have registered heifers and sires for sale to Ward county farmers. They will not aim to get more than just a reasonable price, which will be within reach of the ordinary farmer. In looking the country over recently for a blooded sire, the writer was surprised at the comparatively few farmers who have registered cattle. There are but a very few who keep registered sires. Most any kind of a grade animal seems to answer the purpose. With just a little more money invested in a registered sire, a farmer will be enabled to build up a herd in a short time worth several hundred dollars more. Just think this over. By all means, invest \$125 or \$150 in a blooded animal.

Thousands of visitors marveled at the beauty of Minot's parks during the celebration Monday. As we stood along the bank of the murmuring Mouse that afternoon and measured up the immense crowd enjoying the festivities at Riverside park, we thought of the time that our park board was criticized for spending the tax payers' money for the beautiful property. Why, the park is worth ten times what it cost us and Minot could well afford to refuse such an offer. The members of the park board who outlined the plans for this beauty spot, deserve a vote of thanks from not only every man, woman and child in Minot, but those who live in the northwestern section of the state, who are welcome to journey to Minot at any time to enjoy the surroundings with us.

When those New Rockford boosters went to Bismarck last winter and introduced a bill providing for the removal of the state capital to New Rockford, they were accused by many of merely trying to bring their city into the lime light, but it appears that they were really in earnest. Since that bill was lost, New Rockford has been working quietly and now has a fund of \$15,000 that will be used in a campaign before the next legislative assembly. New Rockford will receive considerable assistance from many other sections of the state. One claim made is that that city is the most centrally located town in North Dakota. A new state capitol building will have to be built within a few years, and if the capital is to be removed, this should be done before any money is expended for this purpose.

J. P. Morgan was shot twice by a crank, who imagined that by getting the great financier out of the way, he could stop the war. Morgan will live. Another crank exploded a bomb in the reception room of the Senate chamber to show his displeasure at this country's furnishing munitions of war to the countries engaged in the conflict. Still a third half baked individual placed an explosive on Andrew Carnegie's porch. This war is giving a number of half-witted individuals in this country an opportunity to make nuisances of themselves. The average American citizen has already grown weary reading about the senseless conflict and is glad to devote his time in the pursuit of happiness.

Several of our exchanges are publishing a number of "automobile hints" from the department of engineering, state university. A warning is given to keep the storage batteries filled with distilled water. Sure thing! and keep the tires blown up, gasoline in the tank, water in the radiator and don't loose the steering wheel. The average country boy soon learns how to handle an automobile much better than some of these "experts" who are so free with their advice.

**Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.**  
Notice is hereby given that certain mortgage executed and delivered by Samuel J. Corbett, and Mary J. Corbett, his wife, mortgagors, to L. S. Champine, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 1907, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds, in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota on the 11th day of April, 1907, at 1:40 o'clock P. M., and recorded in book "66" of Mortgages, at page "334," will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage, and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Minot, County of Ward and State of North Dakota, at the hour of 2:00 P. M., on Saturday, August 14th, 1915, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage at the date of sale.  
The premises described in such mortgage, and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows: Southwest Quarter (SW 1-4) of Section numbered Fourteen (14) in Township numbered One Hundred Fifty-one (151) North of Range Eighty-two (82) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

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Dated at Williston, North Dakota, June 2nd, 1915.  
L. S. CHAMPINE, Mortgagee, Williston, North Dakota.  
John J. Nedrelos, Sheriff Ward County, North Dakota, Agent of Mortgagee. 7-8-16

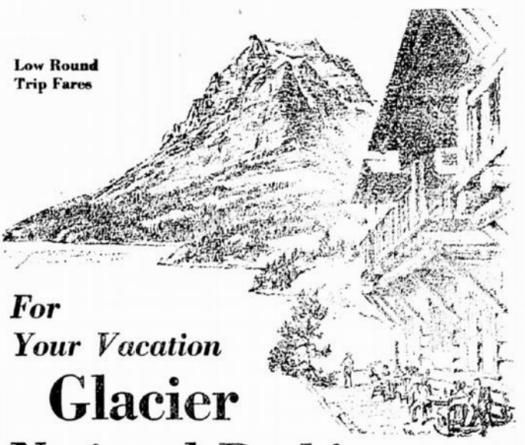
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