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IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—IT'S YOU.
If you want to live in the kind of a town, That's the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip, And start on a long, long hike.

You'll find elsewhere what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new, It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town, It isn't your town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid, Lest somebody else gets ahead, When everyone works and nobody shirks, You can raise a town from the dead.

And if you make your personal stake, Your neighbor can make one too, Your town will be what you want to see, It isn't your town—it's you.

LITTLE CHATS WITH YOU.
Some men's lives are one long compromise. Each of us has the choice of passively accepting circumstances as they come or taking up arms against a sea of troubles. Almost every hour we are called upon to choose between the easiest way and the way that seems right. Sometimes it seems as if we were foolish to pit our strength against the current, when we see so many others floating on their backs with happy smiles upon their faces and a general air of "ich gebibble" about them. Those care-free others—how easily they take the rising tide! Here are we, splashing and spouting, kicking our legs half off—all for a few ridiculous principles!

In the free and easy, but amply expressive colloquialism of the day, the back-floaters "get by" apparently as well as we do. But who would make history if men were all satisfied? The protestors are the ones who have been shoving the old world through centuries of improvement—the ginks who aren't content to take things as they come and "let well enough alone."—Ginger.

THE KNOCKER'S CREED.
"I believe that nothing is right. I believe that everything is wrong. I believe that I alone have the right ideas. The town is wrong, the people are wrong, the things they do are wrong and they are doing them in the wrong way, anyhow. I believe I could fix things if they would let me. If they don't I'll get a lot of other fellows like myself, and we will have a law passed to make others do things the way we want them done. I do not believe that the town ought to grow I believe in fighting every public improvement and spoiling everybody's pleasure. I am always to the front in opposing things and never yet ad-

vanced an idea or supported a movement that would make the people happier or add to the pleasure of man, woman or child. I am opposed to fun and am happiest when at a funeral. I believe in starting reforms that will take the joy out of life. It's a sad world and I am glad of it. Amen."

In justice to the Sisters of St. Francis, who are in charge of St. Joseph's hospital, the Independent wants it clearly understood that the Ruso woman who died following the birth of a "Twilight Sleep" babe, did not die from the effects of the treatment itself, but from infection. We are indebted for this information to the Mother Superior and the head nurse. The Independent did not intend to convey the impression that death occurred from any particular cause, for we are in no position to know. We have not changed our views, however, concerning "Twilight Sleep," which has been placed under a ban by a large percentage of the country's best doctors. At the same time, no hospital can deny the right of any doctor to use this method if he so desires. The only instances where hospitals dare to interfere with methods of physicians are in malpractice cases, and Twilight Sleep cannot properly be classified as such. We criticised the method—not the hospital, which stands exceedingly high among these noble institutions of our state.

Tuesday morning's fire has demonstrated the fact that Minot needs a better fire fighting equipment. In saying this, we do not cast any reflections on the brave young men who stood water-soaked for hours fighting the flames with the thermometer standing away below the zero mark, but the time has come when Minot needs an apparatus equal to that of the larger cities. We have a five story building, a four story building and any number of three story buildings, and many other tall buildings will go up in time. The fire fighters say we need an aerial truck, a fire chief's wagon carrying two small chemicals and several hundred feet of hose. Practically every bit of equipment was in use that morning. What would have happened had there been a call at the time from another part of the city?

No man will be the worse for listening and giving consideration to the advice of his friends. But after all, each of us must decide for ourselves, and the counsel of others can be at best only an incident in the processes by which we arrive at a conclusion. The viewpoint of our friends is often helpful to us, because it may restore to us a perspective, but he who accepts all advice as determining will find it difficult to keep his individuality. It is almost trite to say that the successful life is the individual life.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat refers to Sam Clark as a "Ford Peace Dove" in accusing him of threatening to pull the whiskers of another member of the party, Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones. The paper also calls Sam a companion and sort of secretary of Governor Hanna of North Dakota, all of which will be explained and fully aired in an early number of Jim Jam Jams.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has designated the week of the 4th to the 11th of March as Baby Week in the United States. Minot will be too busy with her Auto Show at that time to give the youngsters the proper attention, and besides the husky little creatures seem to be thriving just about right, anyway.

It's a pretty good time to look over insurance policies and see that you are properly protected. Take an inventory of your stock if you have none. No matter what sort of a business you are engaged in, you will find an inventory quite necessary in case you are numbered among the unfortunate.

John Burke predicts that 1916 will be a democratic year. Can anybody ever recall a year that John did not claim for his party?

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Regular meeting of the Board of Education held in the Central School building on Jan. 11th, 1916.

Present, Pres. C. F. Truax, members Mrs. Florence Perkett and L. J. Palda. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Palda, seconded by Mrs. Perkett that the following bills be allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the same:
L. D. Colton, coal ----- \$316.70
Union Insurance Co., Ins. premium 37.40
Foster & Connelly, Repair work 46.40
Minot Plumbing & Heating Co., Contract and repairs 94.80
Hodgins Transfer Co., Drayage and transferring pupils 54.09
G. E. Humphreys, Printing 8.00
Campbell Merc. Co., Supplies for Dom. Science 17.65
City of Minot, Water for schools 73.44
Minot Insurance Agency, Ins. premium 60.48
Minot Electric Co., Repairs at Central Bldg. 1.05
Piper-Howe Lbr. Co., Lumber for Manual Tr. 1.05
Consumers Power Co., Light and power 180.20
Standard Oil Co., Floor oil 21.22
Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palda, seconded by Mrs. Perkett that the bill of the McConnell Agency for \$42.00 insurance premium, to be paid on proper presentation. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palda, seconded by Mrs. Perkett that the Treasurer's quarterly report, and bill for interest on warrants be submitted to the Finance committee with authority to act on the same. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Perkett, seconded by Mr. Palda that the Clerk be instructed to furnish the various newspapers of the city with copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Education. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palda, seconded by Mrs. Perkett that Clerk be paid \$25.00 for extra work done taking inventory of the school property. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Palda that this Board ask for a submission of plans for a High School building, in the City of Minot, the total cost of which not to exceed \$125,000, without heating plant, but to include plumbing; such plans to contemplate building to be constructed in three units, the first or center to include gymnasium and assembly hall. The said main unit not to exceed cost, including plumbing and radiation, the sum of \$75,000. All plans and specifications furnished to be subject to approval, and without cost unless accepted by the Board. The Board of Education reserving the right to reject any and all such specifications, and such as are accepted to be paid for at a rate not to exceed three per cent of the proposed cost of the building.

Moved by Mrs. Perkett, seconded by Mr. Palda, that all action on the building of a High School be deferred until the adjourned meeting to be held in the Central school building on Monday, Jan. 17th, 1916. Carried.
Moved by Mr. Palda, seconded by Mrs. Perkett, to adjourn until Monday, Jan. 17th, 1916, at 8 p. m.
L. J. BYERLY, Clerk.

GEO. J. SMITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Makes Formal Announcement of His Candidacy for Republican Nomination for Governor.

To the People of North Dakota: I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of North Dakota. I will be a candidate until the polls close. I will ask the voters of this state to vote for me, because I stand for a new brand of legislation; dealing with dollar-and-cent issues that affect the lives and welfare of every citizen and child in this state. If we can do for the farmer of this state some of the things that have been done to him; if we can give him pay for what he does; if we can secure legislation that will help him in dollars and cents; if we can help him fight the battles that have been unjustly waged against him; if we can give him industrial and political freedom, we will be doing something that will make North Dakota the banner state in the union, bring settlers to our state without cost, and assure them of decent treatment and a fair chance to make a living for themselves and their families. Government has so long been used for helping the few, that when it is proposed to use the government to help the many, it is thought to be Socialism. Maybe it is. If it is, then let us have it. For four thousand years the farmers have been the under dog, with unequal political chances, unequal chances to gain a livelihood. In all that time, he has not been a member of the ruling class in any country, but generally, in the majority.

We believe that the age of organization for farmers is at hand; we believe they are going to secure for themselves justice that has been denied, rights that have been refused; legislation that has been withheld and a right to market their own produce in their own way in their own market. I invite the support and cooperation of every voter in the state who is interested in the program prepared by the farmers of this state to better financial conditions, secure equal justice and opportunities, and pay for what they do.
GEO. J. SMITH.

Minot May Get Farmers' Institute.
It is possible that Minot may get one of the farmers' institutes held by the agricultural and dairy department of the state. In order to secure a date, application will have to be made at once.

Capt. Grant Marsh, aged eighty-three years, the oldest river boat captain in actual service in the United States, died in Bismarck last week. Marsh ran a steam boat on the Missouri river away back in the fifties and was up in the Yellowstone river,

at the mouth of the Little Big Horn at the time of the Custer massacre. Curley, an Indian scout, brot him news of the battle and was followed by carriers of wounded to his boat. Marsh made a famous run, breaking all records to Bismarck, then called Edwinton, and brot news of the terrible massacre to the world. He has been buried on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri river near old Fort Lincoln, and near some of the scenes of the Custer activities.

VISITS BARBER SHOP FIRST TIME IN FORTY YEARS.

A well known farmer drove in from the country Wednesday and entered one of our barber shops. He got a hair cut and remarked as he got ready to go that this was his first visit to a barber shop since his marriage, more than forty years ago. He has been carefully "sheared" during all of these years, but always by members of his own family. His curiosity to find if the barbers of today are better than those of nearly a half century ago got the better of him, he declared.

WHERE IS LOGAN?

Logan, nestling midst the shelter and scenic beauty of the picturesque grandeur of the magnificent timber, which fringes the Mouse river, nine miles east of Minot, is the centre of a territory far famed for fertility. As far as the eye can reach, from whatsoever compass point we choose, evidence of prosperity is afforded; and the yields recorded and verified of wheat, oats, barley, or flax, are well above the State average. Logan corn has won the highest honors in wide competition; Logan potatoes are shipped by the carload each season for seed. Garden truck and poultry products are unexcelled, and no other district adjacent to Minot, can exhibit better cattle, horses or hogs. Logan invites inspection and comparison, confident that her claims while seemingly extravagant, are not exaggerated.

Now for the Milk in the Cooconut.
With two elevators handling over half a million bushels of grain, an accommodating and progressive bank, a modern school, lumber yard, three stores, hotel, pool hall, livery barn, blacksmith shop, and the finest public hall in the county, we still have an excellent location for a hardware store, drug store, implement business, garage, and meat market. It is surprising that a town, encircled by a rich territory, peopled by progressive and prosperous farmers, should have hitherto escaped the attention of the wide awake investor, but the last three months have witnessed a development, rapid yet real.

Logan has good roads from each direction, grain being marketed there from within a few miles of Minot, Sawyer or Surrey.
A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse.
There is still room for those with enterprise.
Lots on Main street, just a few remaining, from \$75 up.
I have good farms at right prices and terms. Come in and talk with the man who is located right here where the best farms are. It's cold riding in the Minot man's car those nine miles to good land.
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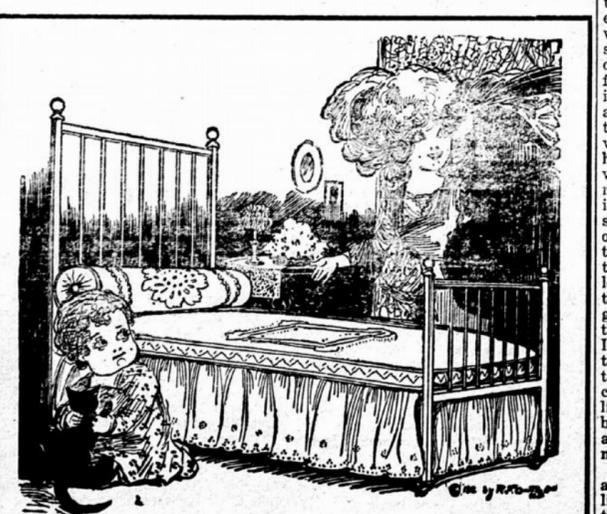
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