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"OFF THE FIRING LINE."

Minot's "Grand Old Man," Colonel Alexander Scarlett, has been called from the firing line by the Grand Commander of the Universe, to that land of eternal peace. He fought a good fight. He lived a well rounded out career, filled with generous acts and kind deeds for those less fortunate than himself. He braved life's battles with a determination characteristic of the Scottish race, and adversity only made his character the stronger. He obeyed the orders of his Grand Commander with childish faith and he has richly won his honorable discharge that will give him eternal rest from all earthly cares.

Colonel Scarlett won an enviable place in the hearts of his fellowmen. He was a man of most distinctive character, a clean living, high minded, philanthropic gentleman. A nobleman by birth, he could have lived in a castle in Scotland, yet he preferred the simple life in America where "a man's a man for a' that." He was a friend to the dumb animals and his good work in connection with the humane society will influence future generations. A friend to those in distress, he placed his hand so often in his own pocketbook that he died richer in good deeds than in worldly possessions. He "let not his left hand know what his right hand doeth" for no one will ever know a thousandth part of his charitable acts.

Our old friend, the Colonel, is no longer "on the firing line," but he will ever be remembered as one of our state's greatest citizens. It must be as comforting to his widow as it is to his friends, that when taps were sounded and the summons from his Commander came, he answered, "I am going beyond; thank God I am ready."

WALLIN FOR TREASURER.

John Wallin was born in Sweden in 1860 and when a young man of 20 years, emigrated to America to seek his fortune. He came to Ward county in 1883, three years after emigrating to America, and filed on a homestead in Harrison township along the Mouse about five miles northwest of Minot. Here he has resided most of the time since. Starting with nothing, by dint of hard work, good management and economical habits, he has gained an independence. Mr. Wallin has reared a family of four children, giving them all a good education.

Mr. Wallin has taken a very active part in township, county and state affairs. He has held practically all of the various township offices. He was county commissioner of Ward county for ten years in the early days, until 1904.

He was elected to the state Senate in 1908 and served in the legislative sessions of 1909 and 1911. Mr. Wallin always supported progressive legislation, working along practical lines. He supported the bill which made the Minot Normal school possible and introduced the Appropriation bill for the Normal school, which was passed. Mr. Wallin's bill reducing the rate on tax sales from 24 to 12 per cent became a law and another bill of importance which Mr. Wallin introduced, and which became a law, was that extending grading assessments in cities over a period of ten years. He also introduced a bill for a constitutional amendment, providing for state hail insurance, but this did not pass.

Mr. Wallin is well qualified for the position and if elected the voters can rest assured that he will give us an efficient, economical administration.

He is a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer, subject to the primaries June 28, 1916. He earnestly solicits your support and will fully appreciate it.

Mr. Wallin is deserving of recognition at the hands of the voters and the Independent does not hesitate in endorsing him for this important place.

BULLETIN MAKES ITS BOW.

The Bulletin, the official publication of the Association of Commerce, made its bow this week. The Bulletin has made a hit with the members of the association and we are glad to note that it is to appear each month. Secretary Holbein, in his Salutory, gives some facts concerning what the Association is doing. The Independent considers it of such importance that we publish it below:

SALUTATORY.

So much misunderstanding is prevalent these days, and especially in commercial club work, that the publication of the Bulletin seems necessary.

What is the Association of Commerce doing?

What real good is it accomplishing? Is there need of an Association of Commerce?

These questions are being asked frequently by well meaning businessmen, who, in the hurry and bustle of business life fail to realize the actual hard work that is being done for them by the Association of Commerce.

It is true that the newspapers of Minot carry stories each week of achievements but the average mind will not retain all of them, and give the Association of Commerce any credit, and consequently, when some man who was born in the wrong sign

of the moon starts wielding his hammer, he has ready listeners, even among the membership of the Association of Commerce, who have not kept close tab of the activities of their organization.

The Bulletin will contain each month a resume of the work of the Association, the improvements that will be of interest not only to the members, but to others as well.

Great care will be exercised in the matter of not booming the city, but giving only authentic news stories of accomplishments. Minot does not need to be boomed, for her future is assured. The Association of Commerce can only keep the progressive spirit alive and see to it that all those who wish to become identified with the growth of the city have the proper information for their safe guidance. The Association of Commerce does not want to encourage the promoter, but when an institution that is well grounded is looking for a location the machinery of the Association is always ready for its use in determining the advisability of locating in Minot, the "Wonder City."

Read the pages of The Bulletin carefully; see that the man who is not a member of the Association gets a copy of it; if there is anything on your mind that is "for the good of the order" tip it off to the Secretary so that he may have your counsel. By all means bury the hammer and unearth a crow-bar. Lift up, do not crowd down.

Germany's long-expected reply has been received and while in some ways it meets the demand of this government, it has proved a disappointment in others. Germany sends us a copy of a new order that has been issued to her submarine commanders, ordering them not to sink vessels without warning and to give all on board a chance to escape, unless such vessels attempt to escape. This government had hoped that Germany would stop her submarine warfare altogether. Germany made a rather stinging reply, calling attention to the furnishing of munitions by concerns of the United States. The Imperial government refers also to England's interference of trade, stating that it is a no greater crime against humanity to send defenseless women and children to the bottom of the sea than it is to shut off Germany's food supply, needed by her starving women and children. It is believed that if Germany adheres to her new submarine policy, there will be no break. This government may not reply to the note for the present, awaiting results of the new order. This government cannot question Germany's good faith unless the declaration made by that country should not prove effective. In her reply, Germany states that she is ready to consider peace terms such as might be possible for the Imperial government to accept.

The Insurance Federation of North Dakota is all "het up" over an attack on the insurance companies in an issue of the Non-partisan Leader some weeks ago, and is now trying to use the newspapers to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. The Federation proposes to furnish newspapers free plates and all that they ask the newspapers is to print them, furnish the print paper free, do the press work, pay for the ink, etc. The Federation claims that since statehood, the insurance business in North Dakota has not shown any profit to the fire companies. The poor things! Had we been doing business at a loss for so many years, we'd surely get out and try some other line. The Independent always pays well for its insurance policies and we do not see any reason why we should give the Insurance Federation \$25 worth of advertising gratis.

The Plaza Pioneer, in boosting Tom Hall for Secretary of State, says that altho Mr. Hall received the endorsement of the Non-partisan League, he did not ask for it, and leaves the impression that he does not value it. The members of the League are entitled to a statement from Mr. Hall. They should know whether he is in sympathy with their program or not. We are of the opinion that Mr. Hall values the League endorsement very highly and if so, we would suggest that he publish some sort of a statement in the Non-partisan Leader. It is not using the League right for the Plaza Pioneer, George J. Smith's publication, to make such a statement unless it is true, and if it is not true, the Pioneer is not treating Mr. Hall right.

Every North Dakota merchant should read attentively and consider carefully this statement recently made by Herman Rosenleind, advertising manager for Sears, Roebuck & Co., before a meeting of the members of the American Advertising Club: "We have a bureau whose duty it is to read each week the country newspapers from all over the country. There is not a paper of any consequence in our trade territory that our bureau does not get. This bureau looks over these papers and when we find a town where the merchants are not advertising in the local papers we flood that territory with our literature. It always results far in excess of the same effort put forth in territory in which the local merchants use their local paper."—Valley City Courier.

A newspaper is the cheapest thing you can buy; it comes to you every week, rain or shine, calm or stormy, bringing you the best news of the neighborhood. No matter what happens, it enters your door a welcome friend, bringing sunshine and happiness. It shortens the long winter night, and enlivens the dreary, rainy day. It is your adviser, gossip and friend. No man is just to his wife and children who does not give them a home paper to read.

Just how much it has cost big business to hold the nomination of Brandies in the United States Senate will never be known, but there is a growing suspicion that certain senators have held out for the limit and the vote on Brandies' confirmation will be watched for with more than usual interest.

TEN COMMANDMENTS.

1. Thou shalt honor thy place of residence and keep its laws.
2. Remember thy cleaning day and keep it wholly.
3. Thou shalt love and cherish thy children and provide for them decent homes and playgrounds.
4. Thou shalt not keep thy windows closed day or night.
5. Thou shalt keep in order thy alley, thy back yards, hall and stairway.
6. Thou shalt not kill thy children's bodies with poisonous air, nor their souls with bad companions.
7. Thou shalt not let the wicked fly live.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy children's right to happiness from them.
9. Thou shalt bear witness against thy neighbor's rubbish heap.
10. Thou shalt covet all the air and sunlight thou canst obtain.

The appointment of Hal S. Davies as postmaster at Devils Lake has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate without a dissenting vote. Davies is city editor of the Devils Lake Journal, the state's only democratic daily. Davies is appointed to succeed Richard Daly, whose term expired two years ago. First Col. John Bloom was appointed, but owing to a bitter fight led by Senator Gronna, Bloom resigned before the confirmation of his appointment came up and Mrs. Bloom was appointed. The fight was continued and later, Davies was appointed. Gronna and Bloom recently "kissed and made up," Bloom apologizing in the Journal for all the mean things he had ever written about the Senator in the heat of a red hot campaign.

More interest is being taken in gardening in Minot than ever before. Hundreds of lots where only weeds thrived before, will be seeded to lawn grass. Many trees and much shrubbery are being set out. Rear lots have been cleaned up. A large number of our businessmen have placed orders for window boxes and soon our principal business streets will blossom out beautifully. We might suggest that particular attention be paid to the grounds surrounding our various churches. The pastors could summon members of their congregations and superintend them in laying out flower gardens.

The Minneapolis Journal published a story concerning the possibility of Sam Clark becoming a candidate for governor. According to the political yarn, Sam is to be brot out by Tommy Poole, who sees in this a chance to beat Colonel Fraine. Sam recently hobnobbed with the Kaiser's family in Germany, and in the Jim Jam Jems he has appeared very friendly to the Germans. He might get a good share of the German vote which otherwise would go largely to Fraine. Clark may not become a candidate, but the Journal's story has set some of the politicians to thinking.

Illinois has wrested from Iowa the honor position of premier corn-producing state, North Dakota took Kansas' place as first wheat-producing state, Minnesota took from New York the first place as potato-producing state, Pennsylvania recaptured her place as first buckwheat-producing state which was taken from her by New York in 1914, and North Dakota took from California the banner for first barley-producing state, according to results of crop production last season.

A bill has been introduced in congress to secure an appropriation to experiment with lignite coal for the purpose of securing benzol, a product similar to gasoline. Benzol is secured from lignite in Germany and it is believed that the same results can be attained here. If such is the case this will make a large industry for the western part of the state.

Uncle Samuel, desiring to encourage his subjects to practice shooting, will furnish guns and ammunition to bands of ten men in any district who will devote a portion of their time to rifle practice. Congressman Norton will see that the paraphernalia is forwarded after certain conditions have been complied with.

The politician who makes a famous speech that rings around the world, becomes a great man and breaks into history. But the farmer who raises the biggest potato and the cleanest wheat is a boon to humanity and history never hears of him. And yet we claim to be a just and impartial people.

The Grand Forks Independent, referring to one of the local attorneys, says that a city the size of Grand Forks rarely is fortunate enough to have a lawyer of his capability. Grand Forks, for a small country village, has a number of very creditable citizens.

If Villa is dead, the chances are that he's a pretty lively corpse. Altho Root declares that he is not a candidate for the presidency, headquarters have been established and it's a safe bet that he has already selected his Secretary of State.

A Fargo man was arrested for driving his Ford too fast. The charge filed against him was that of "rushing the can."

AUTOS OPERATED BY RAILROAD

Used as Stage Coaches to Transport Passengers.

Four Overland cars—model 86's—are now plying as up-to-date stage coaches between Phoenix, Roosevelt Dam and Globe, Ariz., over what is known as the "Apache Trail." Two railroad companies have a traffic agreement with this stage line to route transcontinental travelers whenever desired over this road.

After careful consideration and exhaustive investigation Overland "sixes" were chosen as the cars best available for this country. The route is 120 miles long and in very poor condition, as it was originally constructed for the hauling of material by eight and ten horse teams. During the construction of the Roosevelt dam this heavy freight work

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