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GOOD ROADS FOR WARD CO.

The Independent wants to commend the board of county commissioners very highly for the way that they are going at it to give Ward county better roads. The writer visited the point along the Burlington road where representatives of three grader manufacturing companies are building three miles of highway in a contest. The county will invest in four graders and the work is being done at the suggestion of the commissioners, to enable them to better judge in the selection of the machinery.

By actual test it is costing about \$85 a mile to grade the roads and grade them well. The graders are to be located at Ryder, Kenmare, Berthold and Minot and the county will operate them a good portion of the time, with the automobile funds. The graders will be loaned to the various townships. Experience shows that these graders should not be operated with horses. It takes a good big engine with plenty of power and a steady pull to draw one of these graders properly. With from nine to eleven rounds the dirt is pulled to the center of the road, leaving a fairly high crown, which permits the water to run off into the ditches at the side. The engine wheel packs down the loose dirt and as soon as the road is graded, it is fit for travel. The commissioners have not set any mark and do not know just how many miles will be graded, but they are going to keep everlastingly at it and finish up the work well as they go. It will be possible with the use of the four graders to build a couple hundred miles of good roads in the county this season. Out in California, they think nothing of spending ten thousand dollars to the mile on road building and when the work can be done well in North Dakota for less than \$100 a mile, this state should soon have the best dirt roads in the world. It will be perfect folly, however, to build good roads unless they are maintained. Ward county invested in thirty-six road drags a year or two ago. Some of them were used well, but most of them have never been used at all. These drags should be used this season and we believe that the various township road overseers will see that this is just what happens. Ward county is going at her work of building good roads in the right manner. New bridges are to be built. Roads are being straightened. Culverts will be placed here and there. Grades will be made, hills will be cut down and low places filled in. Road drags will be used and now that six out of ten of our farmers own automobiles, they will enjoy spinning over the smooth highways just as much as the "city guys."

PROFESSOR JASTROW'S VIEWS.
New York Evening Post: What thousands of sincere lovers of Germany in this country are thinking, Professor Jastrow of the University of Pennsylvania has expressed in

language of the deepest earnestness. "The true friends of Germany," he says, "those who want her to stand again before the world as she did before this war, a leader in everything that makes for progress in human affairs and for the betterment of the world," must fervently hope "that in the interests of humanity Germany may recognize the justice of our demands and meet them in the spirit in which they are made."

Unusual weight attaches to Professor Jastrow's view because of the strong sympathy with Germany he had expressed in the early months of the war, a sympathy still subsisting, though badly shattered by the crime of the Lusitania. His admiration for what Germany has given to the world in so many fields of intellectual and social effort is as profound as ever, but it is for that very reason that he so deeply deprecates the staining of her name by the submarine barbarities, and "other things which she has done in this war, so contrary to her best traditions and so repugnant to the spirit of humanitarianism for which Germany has always stood."

The best service that enlightened friends of Germany in this country—whether of German origin or not—can do for her at this moment is to speak out as Dr. Jastrow has done. For there can be no doubt that expediency and humanity point to the same conclusion—the imperative necessity of assenting to the President's just demands.

The Mouse river is falling very rapidly. The water for several days has been back within its banks and basements in the flooded districts are being pumped dry. There may be no such a rise of water again during another twelve year period, but it is possible that similar conditions will occur next spring. Practical remedial measures should be taken at once to obviate any damages that may arise from another flood. Now that the water has receded we are apt to forget the trouble as quickly as possible for it is not the most pleasant task in the world to shingle the house when there isn't a cloud in sight. Prof. Chandler of the University of North Dakota, who is connected with the geological survey, says that in his opinion the trouble might be averted by widening the channel of the river below the city, and dredging the stream to make a huge reservoir to take care of the surplus water. State Engineer Bliss believes that the trouble can best be averted by building levees thru the city. These levees might be used as drive ways. Mouse river winds its way thru the city for a distance of five miles and this would be no small task. Building dikes here and there would help certain localities, but would not save some of the sections of the city from being flooded. Every citizen has a different remedy but we'd be willing to leave it to an engineer who is supposed to know what he is talking about.

Some of the country roads are in much better condition right now than a good many of the streets in Minot. The attention of the city commissioner of streets is respectfully called to the condition of several streets, which are too numerous to mention and to the infernal condition of a good many of our crossings. We believe, however, that the street commissioner, who has his hands very full with troubles arising from the high water, will soon put our streets in first class condition. The Minot Auto Club will work with him.

The delegates to the convention of the National Editorial Association have received beautiful embossed invitations to visit the plant of Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Chicago June 16. Those who attend will be entertained at a luncheon. The mail order house probably desires to heap coals of fire on the heads of the publishers for all the uncomplimentary remarks the press have made concerning them.

FARMERS AND DUDELETS.

"Oh, he's just a farmer out here in the country."

We stood at a street corner the other day and heard that remark passed by one of the "brilliant" young masculine striplings of our town as he "bummed" the makings from a friend.

The farmer, to be sure, was just a farmer "out here in the country." He wore overalls and drove his wagon to town, but at home his automobile rested snugly in the garage. He owns one of the most valuable farms in this whole section of the state. His home life is ideal and his wife and children have everything they desire. His simple word is as good as his check, and his check would be honored for a sum that might stagger you.

He is a man, a real man whom other men acknowledge to be a man among men, even if he is "just a farmer out here in the country."

But what of the stripling; what of the dudelet?

He is just one of the numerous class who always know everything and never do anything, who amount to nothing and are worth less. He is just a dudelet, and it is doubtful if he ever attains to the "dignity" of being a real dude.

Yes, he is "just a farmer out in the country," but he is our friend, he is everybody's friend, and time may prove him to be the "friend in need" of the poor, vapid, brainless dudelet.

We need a thousand more just like him—this man who is "just a farmer out here in the country" and whom we are proud to know as our friend.

Poor, deluded dudelet! May he never be worse.

"WALT" TAYLOR.

Way back in the eighties the subject of this sketch was jerking and twisting a Washington hand press on the old News and Stockman at Town-er. At that time the income of a newspaper in a stock country was such monies as the stock owners paid for running their stock brands in the local paper. We never heard of a publisher getting rich at that. But Walt kept at it until he became possessed of cash enough to get out of town.

Since then he has published with the same degree of energy and thoroughness the Minot Chronicle. Any paper he ran was a good one and anything he undertook was thoroughly done. He always was progressive and did not have to be forced into an issue—he met it coming.

After a quarter of a century of the hardest kind of work this same Walt was elected Commissioner of Insurance of North Dakota. Needless to say, he has made good. The state never had a more competent official.

And now he wants another term—and will get it, we believe. At least he deserves it. If you fail to put a cross opposite the name of W. C. Taylor when you vote at the primaries on June 28th you have failed to reward a man that has worked for more than twenty-five years for the best interests of the state.

R. A. Nestos, republican candidate for the United States Senate, is going to get a flattering endorsement from the voters of Ward county as well as from other sections of the state. The present Senatorial fight is most peculiar. Senator McCumber has for many years represented North Dakota in the Senate and he should be the very strongest candidate, but he has lived in Washington for so many years that he has gotten out of touch with his constituents "back home." Governor Hanna, another candidate, has the advantage of a very strong machine and will make a better showing than McCumber. The Governor does not expect any support from the Nonpartisan League, which will go largely to McCumber and Nestos, with the Minot man getting the bulk of this support. The Minot candidate probably stands closer to the people than either Hanna or McCumber. He has been in close touch with them for years, knows their needs and if elected will be able to serve them well. It has been predicted by many who appear to know the situation well, that R. A. Nestos will be North Dakota's next United States Senator.

Upwards of 300 houses will have been built in Minot by the end of the present year. A contractor informs the Independent that about a hundred homes have already been built here this year. The value of these improvements alone will aggregate half a million dollars. The city will make about \$30,000 worth of improvements, comprising several miles of paving, the work having already begun. Besides about a half million dollars worth of sky-scrapers, business blocks of various kinds, ware and wholesale houses, are under construction. Minot's improvements during 1916 will aggregate nearly a million and a half dollars. This old town will make a pretty fair-sized village yet.

William Murray is a candidate for the nomination for county judge and from present indications, he will be nominated and re-elected. Mr. Murray has lost none of his old time popularity, in fact, he has been adding new friends right along. Efforts have been made in the past to defeat him, but his friends have all stood by him and he came out with colors flying. Mr. Murray has made a first class county judge. He has handled his work in an impartial manner and we do not believe that there is any good reason why he should be exchanged for a man who may not give nearly as good satisfaction.

General Obregon appears willing to work with the Americans. Carranza wants us to get out of Mexico and would set a time limit. We are sending more soldiers to the border. The national guard of three of the border states was called out and others will follow. It looks as tho Uncle Sam will do a good job before he quits.

Little Hawaii offers to send 5,000 volunteers to help us solve the Mexican situation. This is better than some of our states have done.

When a well-to-do man acts queer, we say he is eccentric, but when a poor "cuss" gets off his base, he is taken before the insanity board and usually goes to Jamestown.

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Automobile dealers say they are already getting short of cars. Practically all of them have standing orders with the factories with instructions to ship all the cars they possibly can. One concern says it can take care of ten or fifteen cars easily if they can only be shipped. All of the dealers are doing a nice business. The automobile business in the Minot territory during the present year will run well above the two million mark.

Mr. Parker, state bacteriologist, says that the city water is unfit for drinking purposes without first being boiled. Mr. Parker has tested the water carefully and he will give due notice when it can again be used. Repairs to the plant are given as the cause of the present condition. It might be a good idea to test the water from the various wells in the city.

In a three-page article last week, the Saturday Evening Post tells why Roosevelt should be elected president and the arguments appear very logical. During the seven years that Roosevelt was president, not a gun was fired nor was one of our soldiers or citizens killed. It looks very much as tho Roosevelt will be the choice of the republicans.

A word of sympathy and an expression of sympathy are but for-get-me-nots of the angels.

WHERE THE TREE FEEDS.

The active feeding roots of a tree are not near the trunk but out on the very ends of the new roots. In watering a tree it does not do much good to just pour water around the stem. Distribute it from the trunk out as far as the branches reach.—W. C. P., N. Dak. Experiment Station.

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RESOURCES

Loans	\$278,862.17
Overdrafts	NONE
Warrants	24,766.47
Furniture and Fixtures	5,762.49
Real Estate	9,133.82
Cash and Due from Banks	135,325.54
	\$448,850.49

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	8,706.07
Deposits	414,644.42
	\$448,850.49
Deposits May 1, 1916	\$414,644.42
Deposits March 7, 1916	\$862,682.51
Gain	\$ 52,011.61

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