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**CALLER: BUT ARE WE READY?**  
St. Paul Dispatch: Affairs in Mexico have reached the serious, even if not critical, point where the president of the United States has called out the full strength of the national guard. In any aspect this is a serious proposition. Just at this time and in the circumstances, it is far more serious than the first thought might suggest. The call is the announcement that the United States is without a sufficient body of regular soldiers to handle the situation on our southern border. It will reflect our national disgrace around the world. We are unable to oppose the bandits, guerrillas and disaffected troops of our turbulent and disorderly neighbor a body of soldiers nearly as large in number without withdrawing the security troops we have scattered over our possessions, continental and insular. It reveals our utter unpreparedness for, not war, but the prevention of an outbreak in an important government next door, and menacing our border.

The call for the national guard will disclose a situation quite as lamentable. Our state troops are in a condition of equal unpreparedness. The ranks have dwindled in numbers and deteriorated in everything else. The members of the guard are in no state to enter into actual war. Outside of American courage and readiness to do their duty, they are inadequately found in all that makes the soldier.

If actual trouble threatens from the South, it is a poor time to scold the administration; but even in the midst of trouble public opinion will take time to recall the policy of "watchful waiting" which will be held responsible for the creation of that state of the national government which would rush upon its fate in challenging the United States.

Our old-time friend, "Honest John" E. Beverson of Stanley, is a candidate for re-election for judge of Mountrail county at the primary election June 28. We have known the judge for so long and realize that he is an able and well trained for the office that we hope to hear of his success. We knew the judge when he was working his way through school. He was a roommate of a brother of the writer at Drake

university, Des Moines, graduating in the same class, and we have watched his rapid advancement with pleasure. The judge has never dodged an issue and unlike some others, he has not followed the lines of least resistance. Naturally a man outspoken like he is has made some enemies, but he has made a host of friends as well. The "gang" cannot control him and that is why the gang papers are against him, but the people in general are for him and he will be nominated with a big majority. Judge Beverson is an able, honest attorney. The office needs a man who is well trained in law and not merely one who is able to look after the clerical work. Judge Beverson has not been able to make a very expensive campaign for economical reasons, he has kept close to his office, but the voters are aware of this and this will undoubtedly be held in his favor. The judge's opponent has the support of E. W. Medbery, who was given such a decided defeat by Mr. Beverson two years ago. His success this year bids fair to be a repetition of that in the last election. Beverson has won the title "The man the gang is afraid of," and he is loved by the enemies that he has made. A vote for "Honest John" is a vote in the best interests of the widows and minors.

Very little corn has been planted this season, probably because there is not a great deal of first class seed and the weather so far has not been very favorable. As a matter of fact, this is not a good corn year in any part of the great corn belt. Down in Illinois and Iowa, where the best corn in the world is raised, the prospects are that the crop will be no better than it was last year and we grew almost as good corn last year as the farmers on their \$200-an-acre land did. Those who raised corn last year did so by means of thorough cultivation. Some remarkably fine corn matured in North Dakota last year and some more will be grown this year. Cultivation kills the weeds and one of the very useful functions of the corn crop is to clean up the soil. Tillage destroys the seedling weeds and brings others to a position where they will germinate, to be killed in turn. Cultivation admits needed air to the soil and provides one means for the accumulation of nitrogen. And cultivation keeps the moisture in the soil from evaporating, and holds it available for the uses of the plant. When in doubt, cultivate.

About one out of every ten of the native wild ducks lost their young this spring owing to climatic conditions and they are now engaged in hatching new families. The native ducks will be too young for shooting when the hunting season opens, but the law can not be changed and it should be up to every true sportsman to refrain from hunting ducks until the latter part of September. The law should be changed forbidding the hunting of ducks until later in the season. The birds will be in all the better condition. The best ducks are always those secured late in the season.

On the front page of the Independent appears an editorial taken from the last issue of the Nonpartisan Leader, in which a plain statement is

made that no candidates for county office have received the endorsement of the league. The Independent is glad to note this. The candidates for county offices are well known in the communities where they reside and there is no need for any endorsement of this kind. Candidates for county office who claim that they have the league's endorsement are going to get in "pretty bad" with the organization. We know of a number of candidates who are in sympathy with the movement, for the reason that they believed that by their joining it would be too apparent that they were making a play for league votes.

The Independent believes that Walter C. Taylor should be re-elected Insurance Commissioner of North Dakota. This paper has never worked with any "political gang" and we have never hesitated in criticizing any official when we considered that he was remiss in his duties, but we have never heard one word of criticism concerning Mr. Taylor. This is an important office and needs a trained man. It is important to the state that Mr. Taylor should be returned. Nearly every citizen in the state carries insurance in some company and Mr. Taylor has never allowed fake insurance companies to operate.

In the Independent this week will be found a number of political advertisements, sent to us by organizations and individuals. These are marked as political advertising and whatever they contain does not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the Independent. Our editorial columns are reserved for our own opinions, while our advertising columns, naturally, are open to all comers. The Independent has advertising space for sale, but our editorial space is not on the market.

Halvor Halvorson, Minot's candidate for governor, is going to receive practically every democratic vote in this section of the state at the primary election, June 28. And this is not all. Mr. Halvorson is going to make the other two candidates, D. H. McArthur and L. S. Platon, realize that they have been going some, for he stands an excellent opportunity of winning the democratic nomination. Mr. Halvorson is one of the state's cleanest and most prominent democrats and would undoubtedly make a first class governor.

As election day approaches it becomes more apparent that the chances of R. A. Nestos for the republicanism nomination for U. S. senator are better every day. The reports indicate that he has considerable strength in the home towns of both his opponents and will receive strong support there. On the other hand, in Minot and Ward county the vote will practically be solid for Nestos. He has been a worker for public good ever since his first advent to the city and the people feel that he will continue along that line if sent to Washington.

It is pleasing to the Independent to note that on this particular matter the people of Minot are thoroughly agreed. The opportunity to add a United States senator to her citizenship of the

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character of R. A. Nestos is one which is too good to be overlooked by our people and the voters appear to be unanimously in favor of his nomination and election.

It is estimated that the farmers of North Dakota lose almost a million dollars a year through poor roads. Very few farmers realize just what they are losing per load in hauling wheat over poor roads. The farmers of North Dakota are being aroused as to the importance of good roads. Inasmuch as nearly half of them now own autos, this is one of the main reasons for the awakening.

The three members of our present supreme court, who are candidates for re-election, Chas. J. Fisk, E. B. Goss and E. T. Burke, ought to have little trouble in being returned. They are men of mature minds and being of middle age, are able to do the work that is expected of them. This is an age of efficiency. No farmer would choose a fifteen-year-old horse in preference to a six-year-old. The work of the supreme court was never so well up as it is today. The voters should remember that they are putting in men for six years and they should choose wisely. One of the opponents, Robinson, will be nearly eighty years of age by the time that his term will have expired. The Independent believes that we should let well enough alone and vote for Goss, Fisk and Burke. Should the voters defeat these men, they will defeat the backbone and stability of our supreme bench. As the court now is, it has high standing with the bar and with the neighboring states.

**UNITED LUTHERANS ORDAIN 29 DIVINES**

Twenty-nine young men were ordained to the ministry at the annual national convention of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America at Fargo last week. Right Rev. T. H. Dahl, D. D., officiated. Four of the members of the convention, Rev. E. J. Hinderlie, Rev. M. K. Hartman and Professors J. Holland and Henry Thompson, were sworn in by the chief of police as special plain clothes policemen; as it was feared that pickpockets might go to Fargo, attracted by the immense crowd.

**Stockholders' Meeting**  
The stockholders of the Burlington Farmers' Telephone Company will hold their annual meeting at Burlington, Monday, June 26, 1916, at which time the election of officers and such other business as lawfully may be transacted will be taken up.  
6-8-31 J. H. WERNER, Sec.

**CITY BEAUTIFUL INSPECTION PARTY ENTUSIASTIC**

The participants in the auto inspection tour are enthusiastic over Minot's beauty as seen at close range. It is safe to say that the city has never looked better at this time of year. Those skeptics who say that Minot is too young to beautify, the climate too difficult to contend with, would do well to make a little inspection trip of their own one of the beautiful June evenings. They would find themselves in an exceedingly small minority. They would see in every part of the city men, women and children planting and pruning, cultivating and mowing, watering and weeding, showing unmistakably the attitude of the majority. Even with prejudiced minds they could scarcely fail to note the results of all this activity in the beautifully smooth green lawns, in the dozens of gay window boxes and flower beds, and in the scores of promising gardens which are already supplying their owners with luxuries for the table. They would see too, in many properties, provisions for summer enjoyment in the way of rustic seats and garden benches and arches and summer houses which the vines are beginning to cover. They would see evidence that the belief in Minot's possibilities and the desire for her adornment have been cherished for years in the beautiful blooming shrubs of the season, the honeysuckle, lilacs, and spiraea, in the bleeding heart just past their beauty, in clumps of columbine, unsurpassed in any state in the union, of peonies, larkspur and rose bushes loaded with buds. The owners of these perennial joys are now enjoying a feast of beauty while those who believe that annuals furnish the only dependable bloom for Minot must wait weeks yet for their flowers.

The scornful minority might find and point triumphant to ash piles and

unknown rear yards, white with seeding dandelions. But these are far fewer than the writer had dared to hope. Blocks, even whole streets that were most unpleasing to the eye five years ago are showing very great improvement in many ways and another five years the force of public opinion and

public example will make neglected and ill-kept properties a thing of the past. Those sections of the city having neighborhood improvement clubs show very plainly the excellent effects of organized effort. When every neighborhood has such an organization, Minot's future beauty will be assured.

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**Condensed Statement**

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May 1, 1916

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$973,862.17
Overdrafts	NONE
Warrants	24,766.47
Furniture and Fixtures	5,762.49
Real Estate	9,138.82
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	\$862,682.81
Gain	\$ 52,011.61

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