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THE MAN WHO DOES THINGS
Not often does a man receive such recognition as has R. A. Johnson of Alkabo, the democratic nominee for county commissioner in Divide county. It appears that Mr. Johnson was nominated for commissioner against his own wishes, and that it is simply a case of the office seeking the man. Not until the people had bestirred themselves to see that he would consent to accept if elected, by circulating petitions urging him to accept, did they know for a certainty that they had their man.

Mr. Johnson is not only an advocate of public improvements for the betterment of rural communities, but a doer. His untiring efforts for good substantial roads has been heralded in a great many newspapers throughout the state. He is not unknown in Minot and Ward county, where he is recognized as a man of ability, and western Divide county is to be congratulated in selecting a man of Mr. Johnson's caliber to serve them on the board of commissioners. Men of his stamp are only too few, yet sadly needed in just the capacity he has been asked to serve, and there ought to be no question in the minds of the people what their duty may be at the coming election.

AN HONEST OBITUARY
(Marquette Tribune)
Frank Waller was a unique character. An honest comment is difficult to make in a newspaper. We do not want to say an unkind thing about him. He put nothing into this world and got nothing out of it. His hoarded wealth brought him an early grave, and he could take none of it with him. He was honest as he saw honesty, obeyed the laws of the land when it cost him nothing, neighbored with no one, trusted no one, got all he could and kept all he got. His uppermost philosophy of life was a false one—that is, that a man with money in his pocket must of necessity have friends and happiness. He contracted no debts, gave nothing to charity or public enterprise, knew nothing about the high cost of living, traveled none, read little, never spent a cent "foolishly," never invested or gambled. Many a lad of 10 has seen more of life worth living than he. He belonged to no societies, fraternal or religious. He enjoyed making good deals, in buying and selling. He was sober, industrious, independent, a stickler for the last pound of flesh allowed by law. He has passed to his reward.

DRUG FIENDS AND THEIR PROGENY
Ever since the federal anti-drug law went into effect startling conditions have been bared from time to time. The other day Chicago learned of an example that impressed the great city of the absolute necessity of exterminating the drug traffic, or that portion of which still operates in secret subterranean channels.

A couple had acquired the morphine habit; and, as victims of this plague usually do, they soon indulged themselves to the maximum. They were rapidly disintegrating and ruining their lives at a time when they should have been in their prime.

They had a child, an innocent girl not yet in her teens. And this bundle of humanity, which should have been a joy and solace to her parents, took the cue from her parents—or inherited

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the tendency toward drugs—and also became addicted to morphine. When the family was discovered, the condition of the trio was pitiable. "The sins of the fathers," etc. And this is not an isolated instance.

COLLIER'S
A whiskey ad declared: "Total abstinence is a form of fear—and fear is the cause of failure. Cast out fear." A profound thought, this. But why confine it merely to the matter of abstinence from alcohol? You don't smoke? Then, of course, you're a coward. You abstain from profanity? Be a hero. Indulge in oaths "moderately." Do you often beat your wife? What, never? Some booze magnate may accuse you of showing the white feather if you don't knock her down—"in moderation." That advertisement clears up for us the puzzle of why there are so many failures in the world. They simply don't booze; that's all the trouble. Be a hero! Get soused and succeed!

REFORMING THE FUNERAL
Necker, pioneer in "popular priced funerals," has just died in New Jersey, leaving a substantial estate. He saw an opportunity in the exorbitant charges made by many undertakers, and began to advertise widely his "popular price funeral." His publicity work, which included bitter attacks on the "coffin trust," injected doubtful humor into an otherwise depressing topic.

Publicity finally made him almost what he claimed to be—"the world-wide and largest undertaker on earth." The number of funerals he conducted was astounding. He cleared the way for other men along the same line, thus substantially reducing the cost of dying and, consequently, of living, and so benefiting the race.

The presidential fight between Wilson and Hughes is getting to be a real horse race, as one writer puts it. The candidates early in the campaign spent so much time lining up behind the wire that the voters grew weary. Wilson had his record to stand on and Hughes in order to make much of a showing, realized that he had to attack it in its weak spots. The republican campaign managers are blamed for making the mistake of sending Hughes out on his first campaign across the country, before he had decided what his line of attack should be and before he was ready to give specific remedies. The people wanted to know just what Hughes would have done had he been in the president's shoes. The people were a little disappointed in Hughes early in the campaign. They had heard great things concerning him as governor of New York and as Justice of the Supreme Court he was set upon one of our very highest pinnacles. Hughes visited North Dakota early in the campaign and he was a trifle disappointing. Recently he warmed up and just now he is telling the people just where he considers that the president made his mistakes and what he would have done had he occupied the high position. He is attacking Wilson's Mexican policy, declaring that the 500 Americans would never have been killed had this government shown that it meant business and he further states that there would have been no war. Had this government been more firm in its foreign policy, the sinking of the Lusitania would never have occurred, he says. He charges the present administration with working on the theory that a problem delayed is a problem solved. He is telling the people that the democratic party is not responsible for the high prices of our products and the good times generally, but gives the credit all to the war and says that as soon as the war is over, prices will drop. The voters are not showing a great deal of interest in the presidential campaign, however. Out here in North Dakota, it's hard to say just what the results will be. A large number of the farmers who will vote the republican state ticket state that they are going to place a cross opposite the name of the democratic presidential electors because Wilson kept us out of war. They do not seem to worry for fear that this nation may have lost some prestige because of the president's foreign policy—they only know that at present we are enjoying peace and they feel that the president will continue to do all that he can to preserve peace. They know that they are getting high prices for what they have to sell and do not concern themselves as to the reasons for this state of affairs. North Dakota normally is largely republican and may go for Hughes, but the democrats appear to have a mighty good fighting chance.

The Independent enjoyed a pleasant visit with Tom Parker Junkin, who has just assumed charge of the Grand Forks Herald as managing editor. Mr. Junkin had never been in Minot before, for he is a comparatively new arrival in the state. He is a native of the state of Michigan, where some mighty good men have been reared, and from a personal and business standpoint, he appears to be one of the best of them. Mr. Junkin is going to "fit in" out here in North Dakota in good shape. He has already learned that one doesn't have to wear snowshoes and muskrat coats the year 'round. He is going to like the broad prairies and the open-hearted people who live here and they are going to like him. He is going to do big things for the Grand Forks Herald we predict.

The winter months are approaching and instead of making plans to hibernate until the prairie roses bloom again, it would be much better to make plans for the various winter sports. North Dakota affords the greatest of pleasures during the winter months, sports that the people of the south never dream of. There is always good skating and the old may enjoy this recreation as well as the young. And then there are the skis. We do not believe that there is any law on our statutes forbidding any but a Scandinavian putting on skis, altho we will have to admit that most of our best ski jumpers come from the land of the Midnight Sun. Coasting is another sport that should not be overlooked. A few years ago many of Minot's grown-ups enjoyed hours of coasting during the winter months.

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The vote for an additional normal school for North Dakota to be located at Dickinson, comes to a vote at the November election. The legislature in 1913 passed the measure, the legislature of 1914 ratified it; both the republican and democratic state central committees have it in their platforms, and we have not heard of any objection on the part of anyone to the

locating of this school. An institution of this kind is needed in the southwestern part of the state.

Special Sale of Hoosier Cabinets
The Weinreb Furniture store is advertising another sale of the handy Hoosier kitchen cabinets. This store has already placed in the homes of Minot about 400 of these cabinets and for a week are making another offer to put them into your homes with a small payment down and the remainder on the easiest of terms. The store is showing a very attractive display of these cabinets in its windows and the sale promises to be a hummer.

McCoy Department Store Builds Attractive Balcony
A large balcony has been constructed in the rear of the McCoy Department store where the bedding department is located. A portion of the balcony will be used for the hosiery and underwear stock room. The office has been enlarged. The entire balcony is enclosed with glass in mahogany

frames and is well lighted. A wide separate stairway leads to the balcony, and the improvement is really an ornament to the pretty store. The building of the balcony was made necessary by a large increase in the size of the stocks.

A DAY'S LABOR NOW EQUAL TO SIX DAYS IN 1895
The United States Department of Agriculture in 1855 made an investigation as to the time required to produce a bushel of corn. They found that it required four hours and 33 minutes of human labor. From 1909 to 1912 a similar investigation was made in Minnesota. T. P. Cooper, then with the Minnesota Experiment station, now director of the North Dakota Experiment station, in summing up the results, finds that 45 minutes is the time required to produce a bushel of corn now, or only one-sixth as long as in 1855. In other words, a day of human labor now is worth more than six times as much as in 1855, due to the use of more and better machinery, bet-

ter varieties of corn and better soil management.

10 CENT "CASCARETS" IF BILIOUS OR COSTIVE

For Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Sluggish Liver and Bowels—They work while you sleep.

Furred Tongue, Bad Taste, Indigestion, Sallow Skin and Miserable Headaches come from a torpid liver and clogged bowels, which cause your stomach to become filled with undigested food, which sours and ferments like garbage in a swill barrel. That's the first step to untold misery—indigestion, foul gases, bad breath, yellow skin, mental fears, everything that is horrible and nauseating. A Cascaret tonight will give your constipated bowels a thorough cleansing and straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist will keep you feeling good for months.

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