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UTILIZING OUR ADVANTAGES.

In its climate, its soil and its mineral wealth North Dakota has advantages which differ from those of other states, and which in many particulars, surpass them. How are these being used today, and what are the prospects for the future? Are we keeping pace with the development of knowledge, or are we lagging? Under the pressure of necessity the nations of Europe are organizing, not merely their men in the field and their ships on the sea, but their entire resources, industrial, commercial and financial, for the successful prosecution of the war. In the United States the throats of the people have been turned toward the mobilization of their like resources for purposes of defense. Everywhere the collection of information and the application of the best known methods are regarded as of supreme importance.

May we of North Dakota not profitably apply in the activities of peace, in the making of better homes and the building of better communities, some of the methods of efficiency which have been found so useful in relation to war and its possibilities? What are we doing that is worth while? What are our neighbors doing which may be emulated by us? Many among us have succeeded through the application of certain methods in agriculture, in commerce, in industry. Some of us have demonstrated by experiment that certain methods are not wise. Why not make this knowledge available to the public?

The Independent proposes an experience meeting. It invites contributions from its readers giving personal experience in any line of work tending to develop the possibilities of the state. It will welcome brief articles—preferably limited to 300 words—telling of good crops and how they were raised, of poor crops and what caused them, of experiences in dairying, of improvements in school methods, of the handling of problems in local merchandising, in the organization of clubs and societies, in every line in which busy men and women are seeking for knowledge. All articles must

be signed, though at the request of the writers, names will be withheld. Such articles, of suitable length and properly written, will be published as space is available for them. All of us may benefit from the experience of others. Perhaps others may benefit from ours.

It is generally conceded that Senator McCumber's re-election is a certainty. The reasons are not hard to discover. Men who not only voted for John Burke in his governorship campaign, but also worked for his election, are now strongly for McCumber. North Dakota is naturally republican in politics by a large majority. While that majority is willing to waive party affiliation in voting for state officers, they refuse to sacrifice their political beliefs of years and vote the democratic ticket when it comes to national issues. As next Governor Frazier said in his Minot speech, "I am a republican and have been a republican all my life: As to state offices I believe in the Non-partisan ballot." The efforts of Senator McCumber in retaining some protection to wheat and other grains in the face of the strong democratic free-trade theory, resulting in the saving of millions of dollars annually to the farmers of North Dakota, is not going to be forgotten by them. The farmers of Illinois are even now under abnormal war conditions feeling the effects of the iniquitous Underwood Tariff Bill, millions of bushels of corn being shipped to this country from Argentina. Senator Knute Nelson said in his Minot speech that for the first time in his memory stock trains from Canada were passing through his home town in Minnesota on their way to St. Paul to compete on the market with the stock raised by the farmer of the Northwest. With the great war over it requires no imagination to foresee the conditions that will face the farmer. Senator McCumber's length of service and committee positions give him a standing as one of the real "big men" of the nation. The people of North Dakota cannot afford to lose the service of a man who is in a position to protect their interests in the highest degree. A vote for John Burke is a vote against protection on farm products. A vote for Senator McCumber is a protest against the democratic tariff which reduced the duty on wheat from 25 to 10 cents and would have put it on the free list but for the untiring efforts of Senator McCumber, Knute Nelson, and their other republican colleagues. Yes, there is good reason why Democrat John Burke will be overwhelmingly defeated. The farmers of North Dakota will see to that.

The opponent of Hon. K. E. Leighton has sent broadcast over the Eighth District his declarations of what he considers an ideal judge. How far that opponent falls short of meeting those very qualifications can be ascertained by questioning those who know him as a man, and lawyers who know him as a lawyer. We agree with him that a judge should possess all of the qualifications stated and more. The first requisite is that a judge be an honest man. If he is honest as a man

he will be honest as a judge, and if he is dishonest as a man he will without doubt dishonor the ermine of the bench. Judge Leighton is honest. In all the time he has been on the bench no finger of suspicion has been pointed at him, and whatever his decision has been in any case it has been his honest judgment. Judge Leighton is not only honest but he is unprejudiced and unbiassed. He sees in litigation neither friend or foe. His worst enemy need not fear coming into Judge Leighton's court. He will get a square deal. He has a judicial mind and temperament. He brings good common horse sense to the consideration of every case. He is sympathetic. He recognizes that men at most are frail human beings and tempers his justice with mercy so necessary for the reformation of the unfortunate. He recognizes that every man brought before the bar of justice charged with crime is not a hardened criminal. When he finds some young wayward man or unfortunate who has gone wrong through unfortunate circumstances, he seeks rather to regain him for good citizenship and tries to show the young offender that by right doing he can become a good respected citizen. Judge Leighton is an executive, and has the happy faculty of cleaning up court business with dispatch. Until Judge Leighton came into office the court calendar of Ward county was never cleaned up but the work was at the last term entirely completed and there is now on the calendar only the accumulated work of the past few months. Litigants can not complain of the law's delay in this court. He is a good lawyer and of the thousands of cases that have been tried and disposed of in his court during his term of office only a few cases have been appealed and his record of reversals in the supreme court is as good as any judge in the state. The people of this district are well satisfied with his administration of the office he holds. They do not want a change. They say leave well enough alone. We are better served now in the capacity of judge of this district than ever before. We need no change. There should be no change.

Fun is fun, and many seek their pleasures in various ways. Some get enjoyment out of the destruction of property. From time immemorial, a certain element has considered that they have not properly observed Halloween unless they have wantonly destroyed property. A hundred or more young men, old enough to know better, took possession of certain sections of the city Tuesday night, doing considerable damage. A shot in the bosom of their pants with an old Zulu loaded with beans would probably have proved a more effective object lesson than a dozen sermons. The police seemed unable to cope with these young men.

Pre-election reports from the Eighth Judicial district tend to favor Judge Leighton's candidacy. The judge will receive a good majority in Renville, Burke and Divide counties and in his home county he will break even or better. He will come out of Minot with a majority of several hundred and will have an even break or better in the country precincts. Mr. Lambert, who opposes Mr. Leighton, has demonstrated that he is some campaigner and is not passing up any opportunities. The fight has got to the sizzling-hot stage.

An attempt is being made to revive the old-time campaign torch processions. People in these times show their enthusiasm for a candidate or a set of principles in a different manner. Thirty years ago we used to carry torches, wear political regalia and shout ourselves hoarse for certain candidates who didn't deserve the confidence of the people. In these days of close study and hard thinking, candidates must give good reasons before expecting support from anybody.

The Independent would like to see the Nonpartisan state ticket from Lynn Frazier down elected and we believe that there is no question but what this will be done. The Nonpartisan league program has been endorsed by the majority of voters living in North Dakota, and what will prove of benefit to the most of our people, should benefit the state as a whole. The league has adopted a constructive program and does not desire to injure any class of legitimate business.

The I. W. W.'s have called a big convention in Minneapolis for the purpose of organizing farm labor to control the situation in the North Dakota harvest fields next fall. When enough of our North Dakota farmers organize the "milk pail brigade" it will not make much difference what our worthless I. W. W. friends do.

Another vessel has been destroyed by a German submarine, apparently without warning, and it is said that several American lives were lost. Well, we'll write another note and let it go at that.

The writer of the sports in our daily contemporary refers to one of the local football players as a "bonehead." It's dead wrong to attempt to discourage a youth who is doing his best on the gridiron in this fashion. Give the lad a little encouragement. It's

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