

THE WARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT



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RECALLS ANCIENT HISTORY
Grand Forks Independent: The Ward County Independent, at Minot, is one of the largest weekly newspapers in the state, having grown from a very small beginning, according to John McAfee, a twin city paper man. He says he remembers about ten years ago when he sold the firm of Truax & Colcord their first paper order. The amount was \$4.00. Since that time the paper has grown rapidly and is now recognized as a weekly with the largest circulation in North Dakota. Brother Truax used to be a boiler-maker before his advent to the newspaper game and maybe that has something to do with the success of the paper.

John McAfee, of the John Leslie Paper Co., has been talking again. He's right about the size of the paper order, but he has his dates mixed. The Independent was established fifteen years ago by C. F. Truax and for more than a year its home-print pages were printed on a one-page Army press which used to set on a soap box in one corner of Ed Booth's bird gallery, located away up South Main street. Fourteen years ago today G. D. Colcord was taken in as a partner in the business. The old Army press was discarded and a Washington hand press took its place. This was a great improvement, for two pages at a time could be printed, besides a Washington hand press is a newspaper press and a complete gymnasium all in one. Every up-to-date "gym" ought to install one of these "arm-strongs." For exercise, it beats riding a stiff-legged horse, bucking dry hickory wood or wrestling with a bear. When the publishers became so strong from this violent exercise that the handle of the press would not stand the pressure, "Jim" Johnson, who has been one of the Independent's very best friends during all these years, came to our rescue and advanced us the money for a new Cranston power press, which was discarded a good many years ago for a better one. The Independent has been built up gradually because the publishers have always paid for one piece of machinery before investing in another. The Independent has grown because it has had thousands of good friends and the publishers appreciate this fact thoroughly.

MR. FARMER'S TROUBLES
No man on earth gets as much gratuitous advice as Mr. Farmer. The agricultural college and the government starts it, and all the way down the line Mr. Farmer is told how to produce more, usually with more effort and greater expense. And yet Mr. Farmer finds that his laborers are continually flocking to the city, where they enjoy shorter hours and usually attain to more wages and are closer to the movies and other amusements. Mrs. Farmer finds that housemaids are much scarcer in the country than in the city and is forced to do the housework herself, from early morn till late at night. We have found that most of the advice given the farmer involve more work, as well as more efficiency. And when you hand something to Mr. Farmer that spells more work you cause him to mutter something harsh under his breath. What the farmer needs is more help and less work.

DAILY NEWS CORRECTED
In Friday's issue of the Daily News in an editorial under the caption of



Why This High-Grade Hoosier Only Costs \$25.35

Over a million Hoosiers are now in use
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Immense production makes low prices
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"The Fate of the Czar," the following statement was made: "The world will sympathize with the gentle and lovable woman who as the Czarina has been the ill-fated consort of the Czar. The sweetest and most lovable daughter of Queen Victoria, her delicate and refined soul has shuddered at the despotism of her husband."

The Independent doesn't believe that the News made this untrue statement deliberately, but merely through ignorance. The former Czarina was the daughter of Grand Duke Ludwig IV of Nessel and a sister of the reigning Grand Duke of that province. Several of her sisters have married Grand Dukes, one sister wedding Prince Heinrich of Prussia. An up-to-date newspaper that gets the important news of the world ten minutes after it happens ought to be more careful in its statements.

Is registration of voters worth while? Eight registry boards consisting of three Minot voters each, sat for two days, Tuesday, March 20, and March 27, from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night in the city of Minot for the purpose of giving voters an opportunity to register. In the first ward, during all that time, only nine voters actually registered, and the proportion in the other wards runs about the same. One of the members of the board in the first ward says that he is convinced that there were about 35 illegal votes cast in his ward. Such names as Ole Johnson, Pete Olson and other rather common names appear on the records, names of men who have never lived in the ward and who cannot now be located. It is easy to swear in votes and nothing has ever been done to discourage illegal voting in the city of Minot. Some threats have been made, but that is as far as the matter ever got. Care should be used to see that illegal voting is reduced to the minimum.

Every business house and residence in this city should display the American flag at this particular time. At the present time the school houses, the city hall and the government building display the flag, but none of our business places or residences show the national colors. This is the time for all true American citizens to show their patriotism. It may be said that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. Patriotism seems to be lying latent. In the eastern cities the American flag is universally displayed with the result that patriotism is alive, and even the school children have become imbued with the 'Spirit of '76.' Minot is usually first in everything that pertains to industrial and social life. Let her also be first in patriotic ardor, to the end that all our people unite in the common purpose of rebuilding the government in the troublous times. We are not lacking in patriotism or slow in showing it in the right way.

The nonpartisan league in Minnesota seems to have the old time politicians jumping "stiff-legged." The St. Paul Dispatch harkens back to the days when the Populists captured both branches of the Minnesota legislature and would not be surprised if the farmers did the same thing in their fight which is now in progress. A bill was recently introduced in the Minnesota legislature providing for an amendment to the constitution permitting the state to build and operate elevators. The bill was framed by Magnus Johnson and A. C. Welch. Matters have been complicated in Minnesota by the organization of another nonpartisan league, but several politicians who are supposed to be the enemy of the original nonpartisan league have received a charter under that name with the idea of creating confusion.

Geo. A. Monteith, president of the North Dakota Press association, and publisher of the Finley Beacon, recently lost the ends of three of his fingers in a job press. Blood poisoning set in and the editor entered a Fargo hospital where the three fingers are now amputated. He is recovering but he had a narrow escape. Mr. Monteith is one of the old time publishers of the state, a mighty fine gentleman and popular. His many friends sympathize with him in his serious trouble.

The farmer who neglects to treat his grain for smut this year, considering the high price of seed, is taking great chances. Nearly every farmer plays the game safe. Sixteen ounces of forty per cent formaldehyde will treat forty or fifty bushels of seed grain at a cost of about 30 or 35 cents.

Dr. L. T. Guild, publisher of the Fargo Courier-News for several years until recently, has purchased a daily newspaper at Santa Monica, Cal., the only newspaper in that city, and took charge of the paper March 7. Mr. Guild resided in California for a number of years before coming to North Dakota and according to his statement in the California paper, never felt really satisfied until he returned. He's an interesting editorial writer and an able chautauqua speaker, occupying a pulpit in one of the large eastern churches and in California. He stirred up some trouble for himself in the recent campaign by attacking the nonpartisan league.

North Dakota farmers are figuring on planting a good many acres of beans and more potatoes than usual. With beans selling in Minot at \$9.00 a bushel and potatoes at 80 cents per peck, there ought to be good money in them. The price is apt to remain fairly high, it is predicted. Onions which are selling at the rate of over ten dollars a bushel, would pay, and cabbage which has been retailing at 15 cents a pound ought to prove a lucrative proposition as just tons of it can be produced on a small tract of our fertile land. Most any kind of "garden sass" will command highest prices this year.

The Valley City Courier says the New Rockford State Center is trying to stir up a lot of trouble by circulating the report that the de facto board of regents wants to oust Dr. Ladd from the presidency of the Agricultural college. The people of the state don't want to get rid of Ladd. He's a mighty active man for good and while he may go a step too far now and then, he's safe for the common people.

Twenty-one railroads have petitioned for a rate hearing. The strike has been settled, the railroad employees get their eight hours and proper increased pay for overtime and we're glad of it. The railroads say that they are out fifty million dollars a year more, but they will be allowed to raise their rates we suppose, so the dear "peepul" will bear the burden after all.

The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America has issued their anti-prohibition manual, a booklet of more than 100 pages telling the reasons why conditions are more ideal where liquor flows freely than they are under "bone-dry" laws. The association might just as well save its money for North Dakota is going to be as dry as the Sahara desert after July 1, anyway.

The candidate for city commission would incorporate a plank in his platform favoring the employment of a garbage man for the city would make a hit with Yours Truly and a few hundred more Minot residents. We are a real city in some ways but Drady has us beaten when it comes to removing garbage.

Indiana seems to be getting more than her share of cyclones. Newcastle, Ind., was recently visited by a cyclone which caused the loss of more than a score of lives and last week another cyclone visited the state and passed through the heart of New Albany, killing forty people and destroying a million dollars worth of property.

Bluebirds and robins are reported common in the Twin Cities, and they'll be here bye and bye.

Must Have More Room for Teachers
The Association of Commerce wants to secure more rooms for the teachers who will attend the meeting of the Teachers Association that meets in this city the first week in April. Thus far the response has not been sufficiently strong to take care of all the visitors that will be here. So if you have one or more rooms to spare please call up Phone 243 at once and have the Secretary list them up for use by the teachers.

Tasker

Stanley, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Con. Johnson, is very sick with some kind of stomach trouble. He is under the care of Dr. Christie of Burlington.

We understand Mrs. David Taylor is to have an operation performed at her home in Tasker.

L. E. Walden is confined to his home by a severe case of rheumatism.

Henry Green and family are going to move in the house recently vacated by the Riggs family.

Chas. Kirkelle was a Minot passenger Wednesday.

Gregory Esser was a Burlington visitor the other day and prior to see if everything was going right.

Mrs. Scribner came from Minot on Wednesday to look after her father until he can secure another married couple for the farm. The man and wife that were there went to Minot and left Charley to fry his own bacon, something he doesn't take very kindly to.

"Littlebreaches" came into our office the other day and in his eye about his ire up to about 98. Without any preliminaries proceeded to "bawl" us out for putting a name in the paper. On being questioned rather closely he admitted that mama told him, so after quite a parley we convinced him that his mother was a joker and formed a reconciliation by giving him a cookie.

Mrs. J. P. Wallace entertained the Ladies' Aid at her home Wednesday. As she intends moving to Burlington soon she wished to entertain them once more before leaving. She entertained before her turn. Mrs. Wallace was one of the prime movers to start the Aid and has been a great worker for it. After a delicious lunch they all departed for their respective homes wishing Mrs. Wallace success in whatever she may undertake.

The Kirks girls are spending their Easter vacation with their parents at Tasker.

Mrs. Scribner and Irene Schmierbaugh were week-end visitors in the Wonder City.

Mrs. Riggs entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bell and family, Con. Thronson and family at a 6 o'clock dinner. Mrs. Riggs is a good entertainer and knows how to prepare a spread fit for a king. Of course Joe was on hand to dispense his usual amount of hot-air in the way of entertainment.

Manager Brooks has formed a co-partnership with a Tin Lizzie. He expects her to superintend the mine, keep the books, sweep the office and between times take him out joy-riding. Don't expect too much of her, Oscar, or she may quit you.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs went to Minot today to consult an eye specialist regarding a place of steel in Joe's eye.

Wilfred Smith of Burlington spent the week-end at Tasker visiting his father.

Last Friday the weather man warned up rather suddenly and the water was running in torrents everywhere. We were at a loss to know the cause, but on investigating we learned the Foxholm general postmaster was in the burg.

Carl Herzog has purchased a Curtiss trailer for his auto. It has all the mod-

PROGRAM

Twelfth Annual Meeting of the School Officers of Ward County, North Dakota

—At the—

MINOT NORMAL

Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th, 1917.

MINOT, NO. DAKOTA

OFFICERS

D. M. SHORB, Surrey, President
E. D. SKINNER, Sawyer, Vice President
S. E. VAN FLEET, Minot, R. No. 4, Secretary

THURSDAY, APRIL 5th, 1917

Forenoon

Enrollment at County Superintendent's Office
Distribution of Badges

Afternoon, 1:45

Music by Normal School Glee Clubs
President's Address—E. D. Skinner
Music by Normal School Glee Clubs
Adjourn to Gymnasium
Baritone Selection—Harry Phillips, Director of Music, Macalester College, Minneapolis; soloist with Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra
Address—Pres. E. C. Perisho, South Dakota Agricultural College, Brookings, S. D.

Thursday Evening, 8:00

GYMNASIUM

Baritone Selections—Harry Phillips
Address—Pres. L. C. Lord, Eastern Illinois State Normal School

FRIDAY, APRIL 6th

Forenoon, 10:00

Music—Minot High School Orchestra
Demonstration by Model School Pupils, with Cadet Teachers—Directed by Miss Eula J. Miller, Principal
Music—Model School Boys and Girls
School Laws Old and New—N. C. Macdonald, State Supt. of Public Instruction
Business Session—Election of Officers for Ensuing Year
Luncheon at Dormitory Cafeteria Promptly at 12:30

Afternoon, 2:00

Reports of Progress by School Officers
Round Table Discussions Led by Supt. W. D. Wendt
Resolutions by School Officers
Evening, 8:00
GYMNASIUM
Address—Pres. E. C. Perisho
Baritone Selections—Harry Phillips
Lecture—Montville Flowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officers arriving before Thursday noon should enroll at the County Superintendent's office. Enrollment after that time will be taken at the Normal School.

All meetings will be held in the Normal School Library, except the evening sessions and part of the Thursday afternoon session, which will be in the Normal School Gymnasium.

Badges of school officers will admit them free of charge to all sessions.

Joint service from the Minot Drug Store to the Normal will be provided for all sessions.

Help in securing rooms will be accorded those who need it, at the time of enrolling at the County Superintendent's office.

School officers are entitled to 10c a mile for the distance necessarily traveled in attending meetings called by the County Superintendent, and a salary of \$2.00, but such mileage and salary shall not exceed \$7.00 for each officer at any one meeting. The school board must audit these claims and allow them when presented.

A charge of 25c will be made for the dormitory luncheon.

BRING THIS PROGRAM WITH YOU

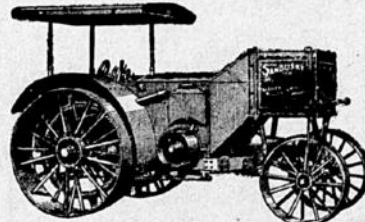
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stomach trouble, which later developed into diabetes, which was the immediate cause of his death. Although the little fellow had been ill for some time there was no apprehension of the end being so near until Sunday eve. He gave up and went to bed and it was apparent to those caring for him on Monday that the end was near. The little fellow was conscious to almost the last and Monday

evening made disposition of his playthings. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the great loss. Stanley Osborne was born May 31, 1910, at Burlington, N. D., where he spent his childhood days. Removing to Tasker last September with his parents has since made his home here. Interment was made at Burlington Thursday, March 29, 1917.