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IOWA EDITOR LIES ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA

Lafayette Young of the Des Moines Capital, Says North Dakota Does Not Care Who Wins the War.

Des Moines Register: The Council of Defense for the state of Nebraska has issued an address, calling attention to the prevalence of disloyalty in that state. The council says that the German-Lutheran preachers are unpatriotic. We are not surprised at this assertion. During the first year of the war the Capital considered it a dull day when no letter was received from a German-Lutheran preacher. The preacher generally devoted himself to asserting that the Capital was in sympathy with England. This used to be the general charge against a thoroughly American newspaper. But the German-Lutheran ministers have subsided, so far as we are concerned. They are not wasting any postage. But in Nebraska there seems to have been a lack of patriotic leadership early in the fight. We do not know what course the Nebraska newspapers have taken, therefore we do not know what responsibility rests upon the press. But we know that the general statement is true that on this loyalty question, wherever the newspapers have been right, the people have been right.

No man desires to see his name in print as a possible traitor. But in North Dakota, we are told, there is distinctly a new breed of disloyalty with which the Germans have little or nothing to do. The farmers of North Dakota are composed of Scandinavians. They have organized a political party and at the election last year swept the state. They elected their governor and filled practically every other office. A few days ago a special election was held in one of the North Dakota districts for the purpose of filling a vacancy in congress. Again the farmers' party was triumphant. A traveling man who lives somewhere in Iowa tells the Capital that North Dakota does not take any interest in the war and does not care who wins. They just want to live in North Dakota; to own their own elevators; to sell their own wheat at \$2.00 per bushel and they do not care if Germany sweeps over the entire United States. This farmers' party is regularly or-

ganized with campaign headquarters all the year round. The movement is spreading into Minnesota, also into South Dakota and Nebraska, and the organization is soon to tackle the political situation in Iowa. The agricultural newspapers are feeling their way and winking at this big organization. Some of the agricultural newspapers have sent correspondents to North Dakota to tell all about the farmers' political organization. Our Iowa traveling man says that it sounds to him more like anarchy than politics. He says the movement is only one removed from I. W. Wism.

This land in the tree has some strange experiences. While our boys are going out to fight to make this a safe place for democracy, thousands of people who ought to have more sense are determined to make it a safe place for anarchy.

Thousands of the farmers of North Dakota have gone into this movement with perfectly patriotic aims. They do not mean to be disloyal. But in politics they have been unable to distinguish between the good and the bad. All the politicians are glib with promises and the farmers have learned to doubt the whole bunch. We are not going to condemn the farmers' movement in North Dakota. On patriotic lines, it ought to be continued. If it has reached the hands of grainers who are even worse than the politicians whom they supplant, the real honest people of North Dakota will find it out and will retrace their steps. But the farmers of North Dakota and Nebraska have no right to select this war time as a fit opportunity for the settlement of local grievances.

The above hardly needs an answer. The editor, Lafayette Young, has probably never visited North Dakota, therefore he is not as familiar with conditions as he ought to be in order to "tackle" such a subject. The North Dakota people are loyal. Every little hamlet has its Red Cross chapter. A large sum has been subscribed to the Red Cross. The state has two volunteer regiments and more than five thousand brave young men stand ready to be selected for the vast army that is to be raised, and will give just as good an account of themselves as the sons of Iowa.

"North Dakota does not take an interest in the war and does not care who wins," the Capital says. This is a bare faced lie and if the editor could but visit one of our many patriotic gatherings, he would be compelled to eat those words.

His statements concerning the non-partisan league contain about as much truth as those concerning North Dako-

ta's patriotism. True, there are many Scandinavian farmers in North Dakota, but the league comprises farmers of the various nationalities and so far as the Independent can see, they are

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"TIME LOCKS AND DIAMONDS" TO STAR WILLIAM DESMOND

"Time Locks and Diamonds" is the title of the new Triangle play in which William Desmond is presented as star. It will be exhibited at the Arcade theatre Monday and Tuesday.

William Desmond, the gay Irishman of "Paddy O'Hara" and dashing American of "Paws of the Bear," appears as "Silver Jim" Farrell, an international crook who, after he has determined to go straight for his sister's sake, is compelled to turn one more trick to save a pal. Then begins a series of adventures that should puzzle even the most adroit of amateur detectives.

The story opens in "Silver Jim's" beautiful home near New York, and the settings are most elaborate throughout. Many panoramic views of New York city are also shown, including the Brooklyn bridge, Fifth avenue and the Bronx district, spreading way to the north of Manhattan.

Desmond as "Silver Jim" presents a characterization similar to that of the late Kyrle Bellow in his impersonation of "Raffles." Gloria Hope, a newcomer to Triangle, and Robert McKim are said to have excellent opportunities to display their abilities. Others in the supporting cast include Roland Lee, Maudie Harris, George Berger, Thomas Guise and Milton Ross. Walter Edwards directed the production.

Mrs. Geo. Hoover Fell From Porch.

Mrs. George Hoover met with a very painful and rather serious accident while sitting on the porch of her home in this city Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hoover occupied a rocking chair and rocked off the porch, four or five feet to the ground, falling on her head and shoulder. She was rendered unconscious for a time and suffered a very painful injury to her shoulder and arm.

A. J. Vangness and wife arrived from Ada, Minn., Wednesday by auto to visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Ward.

"CYCLONE" DAVIS SPEAKS FRIDAY

Vawter Chautauqua Co. Opened in This City Wednesday—Many Unusually Interesting Attractions.

The Minot Chautauqua opened a five days' session at Wildwood Park Wednesday afternoon. A program of more than usual merit will be given each day. Immense crowds fill the park at each session and many expressions of praise are heard from those attending regarding the talent which has been provided for this year's entertainments. The Marylanders delighted everyone, their numbers appealing especially to those who appreciate the common melodies as well as those whose tastes range to the higher altitudes of classical productions. Following the concert arrangements were made to organize a Junior Chautauqua. The evening's entertainment opened with several numbers by the Marylanders, after which Judge Sanford Schoonover, the Kansas orator, lectured. His address, "Unseen Forces," was eloquent and replete with profound and philosophical ideas, holding the audience spell-bound.

Friday morning the Children's pageant will be staged. In the afternoon the hon. J. H. ("Cyclone") Davis will deliver his famous address, "Problems of War and Prospects of Permanent Peace." The evening's entertainment will be given by the University Players, presenting the delightful comedy, "It Pays to Advertise." Miss Doris Kemper, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kemper of this city, is a member of this company of talented artists and her many Minot friends will be pleased to greet her in a role where her exceptional talents may be displayed to advantage. The Cathedral Choir and M. H. Pemberton are on the program for Saturday and on Sunday the Chautauqua will close with concerts by the Musical Guardsmen and an address by George C. Aydelot. Our readers will find complete program for the balance of the week in another column. Minot people cannot afford to miss a single number of this year's Chautauqua as the array of talent is the finest that ever visited our city.

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40 MINOT WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURY

Federal Grand Jury in Session at Fargo—200 Witnesses Subpoenaed—Several Indictments Returned.

The United States Grand Jury is now in session at Fargo. D. K. Brightbill of Cando is foreman of the jury. L. A. Emerson of Minot is one of the jurors. It is said that five of the indicted the first day, tho no names were made public. Two hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed with more to follow.

Forty some witnesses were subpoenaed from Minot who will be required to tell what they know concerning excessive liquor shipments and the shipping of liquor to fictitious addresses. Conviction on the charge of shipment of liquor for the purpose of violating the law constitutes conspiracy and those convicted are likely to spend a term at the federal prison. Prior to the raid, the government stationed a special man here who got what evidence he could and a number of federal arrests are apt to be made as a result.

Death of W. D. McClintock, Rugby Banker.

W. D. McClintock, aged 60 years, president of the Merchants Bank of Rugby, passed away following a long illness with stomach and heart trouble. The funeral was held at Rugby at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The last sad rites were largely attended, members of the state bankers' association of which the deceased was once president, being represented. Marius Er-

ickson of this city, a friend of the deceased for many years, attended the funeral. Mr. McClintock was the first clerk of court of McHenry county, being appointed in 1884. He left Townier in 1897 and established the Rugby bank. He was very successful in business. He is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters. The sons, Will, Jay, George, Everett and Brooks are all engaged in the banking business at various Montana points.

Death of Mrs. Newlove's Sister.

Mrs. Emma Maughn, aged 56 years, a sister of Mrs. J. T. Newlove of this city and of Mrs. Robt. Fox of Towner, passed away at Rochester, Minn., Sunday, where she had gone for treatment. The funeral was held at the old home, Morris, Minn. The husband, Ernest Maughn, who was employed by the Economy Drug Co. in this city for several years. Mrs. Maughn and son visited in Minot early in the spring.

FRED ELY AT REST.

The burial of Fred Ely, who was killed in an auto accident at New

Rockford, took place at Rugby Wednesday afternoon. The services at the grave were held by the Masonic Blue Lodge with a Knights Templar escort. Seventy-five Masons were in the procession. One hundred autos were in line, many friends from Cando attending. The father, Col. John Ely, who is 80 years of age, resides at Cando, but owing to infirmities was unable to attend the funeral.

HOW IT GOES WITH THE FARMER

Feed Will Be Scarce—Rye Better Crop Than Expected—Oats High and Scarce—Rains Do Some Good.

In the immediate vicinity of Minot a number of good rains have fallen in July, which have helped the crops considerably. Four rains in this vicinity during July furnished us with .56 inches, .76 inches, .10 inches and .38 inches respectively. Some localities got but little or none of these rains. The crops are as spotted as a check-board. The rye is coming out better than was expected, many fields looking good for eight bushels per acre. Wheat is apt to fill well if we

get more rain, tho the crop is short and thin on the ground. A good many fields of wheat appear good for six or eight bushels per acre, while others will not be worth cutting. Corn will amount to but little. There are a few fields of fair looking corn. Potatoes are coming along nicely and so are the potato bugs. Farmers are spending much money for Paris Green, which costs from 75 cents to a dollar a pound.

Oats will be a poor crop and so will barley. It is estimated that nine-tenths of the oats fed in North Dakota next year will have to be shipped in. One Minot grain man received a car of oats which he is selling for 85 cents a bushel and will allow but 50 bushels to a customer.

An old time farmer says we are sure to get late rains and advises farmers to sow some oats or barley to cut for hay later in the fall. This might solve the feed question if we get the rains. The feed question is serious. Many farmers will have to sacrifice their cows, heifers, steers and young stock. This is a shame for this country is just getting into a condition where the cows will pay the farmers' bills. Hay is pretty apt to be \$20 a ton before spring—perhaps higher.

Visit From Bantry Merchant.

T. E. Fox, former Receiver of the Minot land office and for several years a prominent hardware merchant at Bantry, is in the city today. He has been out at Des Lacs looking after his crop. He has some winter rye that looks good for eight bushels per acre and some wheat that may average as well.

Mr. Fox drove over considerable country in this vicinity and says that the feed shortage looks more serious to him than the shortage of wheat. The Bantry farmers will have a little more feed as considerable hay is cut in that vicinity each year.

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