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THE FARMERS ARE ALL RIGHT.

The Independent has explicit faith in the farmers of North Dakota. We have had close relations with them for more than sixteen years. The writer has known thousands of them intimately and as a matter of fact has been one of them. The farmers have had just grievances in the past and this publication has done what it could in their interests just as it intends to do in the future. The farmers have not always been given the squarest kind of a deal. To illustrate, they have no doubt been cheated out of a good many hundreds of thousands of dollars by unfair grading methods at terminals. This is an old story with which every farmer is now familiar. They have paid interest rates in the past, in many cases much too high. Their hands were tied thru a lack of organization and it is little wonder that they grasped at most any straw that came their way in the shape of an organization. They were willing to take a chance and no one should blame them for organizing and we do not believe that anyone can be dense enough to blame them, except the millionaires perhaps, who live at the terminals. Surely nobody in North Dakota should blame them for trying to improve their condition. They have organized their Grange, their Farmers' Union, the Society of Equity, all of which undoubtedly resulted in much good. Three or four years ago, the Nonpartisan league had its inception and this has grown to be a great organization numerically. The growth of the League has been remarkable. The population of North Dakota is made up largely of farmers and a large majority of these farmers joined the League which has held out promise of doing much for the farming element. There is still an opportunity for the League to do much for the farmers of the state in a constructive way and this can be done without doing any damage whatsoever to other legitimate interests of North Dakota. The League favors terminal elevators. Let us have a try at them. The League favors packing plants for North Dakota. Let's have them. The League favors mills, better marketing conditions, etc. These are things that may be tried out in a moderate way and their success will soon be proved.

The Independent doesn't believe that there's any objection in the state to any of the above mentioned projects, as all parties and factions appear to agree on these things. The Independent does believe, however, that there is serious objection to passing such a measure as House Bill 44 for the simple reason that it was too unlimited in its scope, therefore positively dangerous. As a matter of fact, one of the prominent league leaders stated that such a measure would never again be introduced for consideration by our legislative body.

The Independent believes that our state should go very slowly in the proposition of changing our constitution. This is a matter that will require serious consideration.

As we said before, we have the utmost faith in our farmers and believe that one could go out over the state and select them here and there promiscuously, send them down to Bismarck and say, "Now go ahead and make our laws," and no one would have anything to fear. We would not

be willing, however, to let Mr. Townley dictate to these legislators for we are afraid of some of his Socialistic doctrine. The farmers are all right and sooner or later they are going to purge themselves of Townleyism, just as many of them have already done.

Much good is yet to come out of the Nonpartisan League.

LAY IN TWINE SUPPLY EARLY.

Farmers are urged to lay in their supply of binder twine early, in an announcement by the United States food administration which modifies an earlier order and allows retail dealers in binder twine to charge a profit of two cents per pound cash, and 2 1-2 cents per pound on time, instead of 1 1-2 cents per pound as announced earlier.

The food administration makes the following explanation: "It was hoped that retail dealers would see their way clear to handle binding twine on a margin of 1 1-2 cents per pound this season, but further investigation indicates that such a margin is too small in view of the risk assumed."

"The food administration therefore, revises this recommendation to the above effect, and advises that a differential or margin of 2c per pound cash, or its equivalent, and 2 1-2 cents on time, with freight added from the factory, above the manufacturers' price of 23 cents a pound, will not be considered unreasonable by it."

"The arguments advanced, which have influenced the food administration to modify its former tentative recommendations are as follows:

"First—the twine will have to be ordered unusually early on account of slow freight movement, caused by unusual demands on the railroads.

"Second—Early shipments and the necessarily high price of twine will increase the financial responsibility of the retail dealer.

"Third—It is desirable to facilitate a free distribution of twine and to warrant the dealers in carrying a stock adequate to provide for the increased acreage which has been, and is now being planted to wheat and other small grains for the harvest of 1918.

"Fourth—the increased cost of doing business during the war shows that pre-war margins need modification to this extent."

CLEANEST ARMY IN THE WORLD
(New York World.)

Only one-tenth of 1 per cent of the American soldiers in France suffer from social diseases, and the low percentage constitutes the army "the cleanest in the world." Is the percentage for civilian life anywhere near as small? One by one the lying rumors about the character of American manhood and womanhood in war service abroad are being refuted by the plain, unvarnished truth.

The German drive has come to a stop on the Marne, temporarily at least, the French reserves having been brot up in front of the advancing Huns. The Germans will make another attempt to break thru, in fact the drive will continue all summer long. The last drive was made on a 31-mile front between Soissons and Rheims, the Germans advancing for a distance of 25 miles and their nearest point to Paris is approximately forty miles.

The military critic in the New York Times says that Germany is not playing for advantage merely, but that one of the armies opposed to her must be destroyed in one way or another. She has not long in which to accomplish this, for America will soon be in France with two million soldiers. In one convoy, 45,000 American soldiers were conducted to France last week. This critic says that the Allies must have blundered in letting the Germans drive them back so far in this last drive. He thinks that the airplanes of the Allies should have spied out the Germans massing their men and the great guns prior to the attack. As it was, the attack was not even suspected from this point. The critic wonders how it was that the Allies were outnumbered two to one or even greater at that point. He thinks that the Allies are superior in numbers on the western front, but that they have been outgeneraled a little. However, the matter rests in the hands of General Foch, who is said to be the greatest military strategist in the world. The method of German warfare is different from that of French tactics. The Germans set out to do a thing, mass their forces and figure out how many men they can spend in accomplishing some particular thing. On the other hand, the French attack suddenly, on the spur of the moment, depending almost on some great strategical move to win for them. The time has now come for the Allies to strike and strike hard. We will never win the war thru Germany's weakness, but thru our own strength.

The trend of the times indicates that eventually there will be two great parties in the United States, the Labor party representing the various classes of laboring men, and the Con-

servative party, representing the employers and property owners. The owners of farms will come under this latter class undoubtedly. The republican party may become the Conservative party and the Democratic party the Labor party, according to present indications. At the present time the Nonpartisan League of North Dakota and other states in which this organization has been formed, has united largely with the labor element, comprising the various labor unions, but eventually these two elements are apt to be found in opposing parties. The nonpartisan league is made up very largely of land owners. An effort is being made now in many sections of the United States to put the single tax method in force. This, it is believed, will result in such exorbitant taxes that property owners would be compelled to turn their land over to the government and in turn the government would lease the land, paying its expenses largely in this way. This, of course, is a big question, but an effort will undoubtedly be made within a short time to work it out. It is not apt to prove very popular with our farmer land owners in North Dakota.

No man who has ever been sent to Congress from North Dakota has worked more consistently, more industriously or more successfully for legislation in the interest of the farmers of the state than has Congressman Norton. There is absolutely no good reason why he should not have the support and vote of every thoughtful and intelligent farmer in the district for his renomination and re-election. Mr. Norton is able, courageous and forceful. He is a man who does his own thinking and who has always stood for the things in public and private life which are right and best. He is the character of man who will never be the plant puppet of any political boss or political ring or gang. The fact that his staunch independent character has caused a few of the non-resident leaders of the Nonpartisan League to try to replace him by an untried real estate dealer and loan agent should cause every thinking farmer in the district to rally enthusiastically to Congressman Norton's support on primary election day. The defeat of Congressman Norton, the best friend and ablest worker the farmers of this state have ever had in Congress, would be a lasting disgrace to their intelligence and to their sense of appreciation and gratitude for service well done for them.

The North Dakota coal mining industry is coming into its own. The United States Fuel Administration has granted the mine operators a substantial increase in the amount they may charge for coal for the coming winter's use. The people of North Dakota are urged to lay in just as big a supply of lignite during the summer months as possible in order to avert any possible coal famine. North Dakota people will never freeze as long as there is plenty of lignite and with the present prices granted, there should be no trouble in securing a large number of mine workers. This will mean much to northwestern North Dakota. It will bring thousands of dollars additional to this section of the state and a great industry will be built up. We have the greatest coal fields in the world in northwestern North Dakota, and Minot is in the very center of them. This industry is going to have much to do with building up the greatest city in the northwest at Minot.

The State Council of Defense recently promulgated a plan which appears to be working out very nicely and the Independent wants to congratulate that body on it. There are countless thousands of acres of raw land held for speculation in this state by non-residents. The State Council of Defense has given resident farmers an opportunity to go upon this land, break it out with the privilege of putting it in flax, the land owners to get ten per cent of this year's crop. Next year they will be given the privilege of putting the land into wheat, giving the owners 25 per cent of the crop. This is very fair. We know of many land owners who have given the use of their raw land the first year free in order to get it broken.

It is with deepest sorrow that the Independent learns of the death of Ralph J. Piper, which occurred this evening in Minneapolis. He was without question one of our city's foremost citizens, a Christian gentleman, a public-spirited man and a most loyal citizen. Altho he had achieved a phenomenal financial success for a man of his years, he prized friendship more than money, which after all is what counts in this world. Ralph Piper was a friend to mankind and this city and the entire northwest for that matter, will feel his loss keenly. The void which he has left will be hard to fill.

Since April 1, just 4:20 inches of rain had fallen in Minot up to Wednesday morning, with a good shower

early that afternoon to add. The rains are coming at just the right time to insure big crops. The grain looks splendid. The wheat has stood exceptionally well, wheat plants in many cases having as many as seven shoots. The rye is making a fine growth and at this early date looks good for a ten or fifteen bushel crop. The rye crop is usually harvested early in August.

The Daily News will have to be careful or it is apt to establish a reputation for publishing unreliable "Associated Press" reports. A recent issue in glaring headlines informed us that 17 American ships had been sunk by the German submarines that visited our shores early in the week. From the most reliable sources at hand the Independent learns that only seven ships were sunk, including six American freight vessels and the passenger steamer, Carolina.

COUNTY LINE.

Moen Brothers have finished breaking about 100 acres for D. Lunde, and are now breaking for Jack Kinsella west of here.

J. O. Jacobson's nearly lost their home by fire caused by the exploding (it is supposed) of a brooder lamp in an adjoining building, recently.

Arne Engen, A. A. Peterson and son, Bill Bauer, and others from here attended the Nonpartisan meeting at Berthold last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jacobson, Aug. DeKooper and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hebig, took in a Nonpartisan meeting at Donnybrook last Saturday. The mayor in a short address bade welcome in behalf of the village to the vast crowd present, and as there was no building in the town large enough to take care of the crowd, the speaking took place under the shade of the trees in a couple. The village furnished a piano and several selections fitting these great times of war were rendered by a number of the townspeople. Mr. J. H. Burkhardt, of Berthold, delivered a short interesting address after which Mr. Mills, of California, held the people spellbound for two and a half hours, and was pronounced by all the most able speaker yet heard in this section. Near the end of his speech Mr. Mills explained the U. S. Storch plan, and we must say it is quite different from what we have been reading in some of the papers which are opposed to the N. P. L. and the stores, and to back up his statements, Mr. Mills read the form of contracts used in connection with these stores, and all that we can see wrong with such contracts, is that there does not seem to be any chance for graft, not even for A. C. Townley.

Rev. and Mrs. Michel were out Sunday in a brand new Ford. Mr. Michel now has a span of ponies for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Philamalee visited at the I. M. Dilley home Sunday.

Bill Bauer was out Berthold way for a load of seed potatoes last week Friday.

H. J. Bugge and family autoed to near Plaza to visit with relatives Sunday.

J. H. Hebig did discing with his 15 30 tractor several days last week for J. O. Jacobson, who now has in about 100 acres of flax.

Blaisdel had a real Red Cross day last Saturday, and we are told that nearly \$800.00 was raised.

Charley Johnson has returned from Camp Lewis, Wash., having been rejected at the final examination.

Taylor and Murphy Members of School Board

Considerable interest was manifested in Tuesday's school election. F. P. Taylor, receiving 503 votes and Francis J. Murphy 468, defeated the two old members of the board, Martin

Jacobson who received 872 votes and L. J. Palda 282. The ten mill levy carried 543 to 266.

Farmers Retain But Little Wheat
June 1 was the last day for farmers selling their surplus wheat. North Dakota farmers are able to retain a bushel and a quarter for each five acres of wheat they have had in crop this year and they will be permitted to hold this wheat only until the 1918 wheat crop is assured.

125 Young Men Register
One hundred seventy-five young men who have become 21 since June 5, 1917, registered at the court house in the city on June 5. Not including those registering Wednesday, 400 Class 1 men remain to be called and 89 of them are called to leave June 24.

Alex. Rawitscher Writes From France
Alex Rawitscher, formerly employed by Abe Gordon, clothing merchant, and who went to France with Co. 1, writes Norman Feldman an interesting letter from France. Alex is now studying in the signal corps and says: "This is interesting work and they certainly do pound things into your dome in a short time. This is six weeks' course and in that time I have learned telegraphy, electricity to a certain extent and all means of signaling. If I ever do get back, there will be no more storage battery trouble in the old cars, for here is the place I was taught all about them."

Make your motto:
"To Berlin, via tuber."



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Saturday we will give a special discount on all our Veranda, Lawn and Sun Room furniture.

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