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WALLIN REVIEWS 34 CROPS IN WARD COUNTY

Old Time Farmer Gives Recollection
of Crop Conditions for More than
a Third of a Century.

Senator John Wallin who has farmed in Ward county for the past thirty-four years—more than a third of a century—has kept close track of conditions year by year and he furnished the readers of the Independent with some valuable figures which ought to be preserved. The report follows:

"My recollection of crop conditions during my stay in Ward county:

1884—good crop.

1885—bumper crop.

1886—dry but medium crop.

1887—fair crop.

1888—frost-damaged grain but heavy straw.

1889—almost a total failure.

1890—almost a total failure.

1891—bumper crop.

1892—bumper crop.

1893—a poor crop but not total failure.

1894—fair crop.

1895—good crop.

1896—bumper crop.

1897—light crop.

1898—good crop.

1899—bumper crop.

1900—poor crop.

1901—bumper crop.

1902—poor crop.

1903—medium crop.

1904—good crop.

1905—bumper crop.

1906—medium crop.

1907—good crop.

1908—light crop.

1909—good crop.

1910—failure.

1911—failure.

1912—bumper crop.

1913—light crop.

1914—crop suffered damage from rust—otherwise a good stand.

1916—wheat almost destroyed by rust. Other grains good.

1917—almost a failure.

1918—one-third of a crop. Flax a little better.

By studying the above figures, it can be seen that farming in this country need not be exactly a failure. I saw in one of the local papers that there is a movement on foot to build a potato warehouse. If that could be realized, I think it would be a blessing to this country. When the soil gets old, it needs to be enriched. Potatoes enrich the land. I never saw a crop failure on land planted to potatoes the year previous, and I seldom have seen a failure of a potato crop, if planted on well prepared land.

Besides there is always a net profit to be made on a potato crop, if there was a ready market. The reason farmers have not gone into it any more than they have is the uncertainty of the market. But with a potato warehouse here in Minot, that problem would be solved.

I do not suppose any individual would invest his money in a venture like this, although it would be a paying proposition. Right here is a place where public ownership would work well. Supposing the city or even the county was allowed to build a potato warehouse, operated by the city or county. In a few years the business would pay for itself and it would enrich the country all around, because it would induce farmers to change their mode of farming. But I reckon the objection to this would be that it is socialistic and interferes with private business. Thus private business always has to be taken care of at the expense of the public. If this country is ever to be built up and come to its rights, it will have to be done either by co-operation of the people or by public ownership. The farmers at the present time are not able to finance a project like this. But something different from the usual way has to be adopted in this part of the country. Raising potatoes on a large scale will solve the problem to a large extent we can get a ready market for the product.

Yours truly,
JOHN WALLIN.

LESK TELLS ABOUT ARMY LIFE.

Minot Lawyer Had a Good Time at
Military Training Camp. Where
He Met Many Interesting
People.

Attorney Ben Lesk, who spent about two weeks in the officers training camp, at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, returned to Minot last week and has again taken up his work with the law firm of Greenleaf, Wooldredge & Lesk.

Mr. Lesk was away from Minot about a month and his experience in the military training camp did him a lot of good. When he left, he closed up his affairs, being prepared to be away an indefinite time. Mrs. Lesk had gone to Milwaukee to remain with relatives and the sacrifice which they made amounted to considerable. Mr. Lesk is glad to get back. He had enlisted hoping eventually to see overseas duty, but received an honorable discharge from Camp McArthur.

Mr. Lesk says that life at the camp at first is anything but pleasant. One has to go thru so many hardships at first, that it seems as if they saddled off unpleasant tasks on him to test his mettle. The day he was examined, he was compelled to stand practically naked and barefooted, on a floor with 400 others, awaiting his turn for examination. All day long he stood there and did not get a bite to eat till six o'clock that night. Soldiers are examined according to their names selected alphabetically. Mr. Lesk says he felt sorry for the boys whose names began with a "Z."

There were 25 lawyers in Mr. Lesk's company. One member was president of a bank. Another was Ben Lytell, the noted movie actor.

A half mile from Camp McArthur, an aviation field is located, and Mr. Lesk says it was a great sight to see often thirty planes in formation.

He returned by way of Chicago, where he saw "Chuck" Palda, Geo. Eroe and Lefe Flaten, all from Camp Grant. The company commander prevailed upon Mr. Flaten to organize a band of thirty pieces, but Mr. Flaten is anxious to return to Minot and did not take up the proposition.

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