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"SPANISH INQUISITION" ATTEMPTED IN NORTH DAKOTA SAYS ROBINSON

Bismarck, N. D., June 21.—Opposition to the investigation or smelling committee, the state sheriff act and the absent voters amendment is voiced by Judge J. E. Robinson, of the Supreme Court in a statement, made public here.

Judge Robinson, himself elected with Nonpartisan league endorsement these legislative acts passed by the Nonpartisan league legislature and referred to a vote of the people in the June 30 primary. He says nothing of the anti-red flag bill amendment.

In opposing the three measures Judge Robinson stands in opposition to the socialist leaders of the Nonpartisan league.

"The act for the investigation, or smelling committee of five persons is too much like the Spanish inquisition," says Judge Robinson. "The committee is authorized to act as grand inquisitors of a star chamber court and to pry into the private affairs of the citizens and to make a lot of needless costs and taxes. I hold that such an act is not constitutional."

Judge Robinson also condemns the state sheriff act, which would authorize the governor to appoint a state sheriff at a salary of \$3,000 a year, give him authority to call upon all other sheriffs and deputies to act in a state constabulary, permit the governor to remove the sheriff at any time and to act at all times under the direction of the governor.

"Our court has held void an act under which ex-Judge Corliss was appointed a state prosecutor to enforce prohibition," says the judge. "The principle is the same."

The judge also criticizes the absent voters' act, which would extend the absent voters' act of 1913 to include any woman voter who resides one-half mile or more from the polls.

"There is no good reason why a notary public should be permitted to mobile around the country and gather up the votes of women for one party or another. Surely it would lead to corrupt practices," said the judge.

If the three acts which he opposes are sustained they will add largely to the taxes and give to the party in power a direct political advantage, Judge Robinson says, and continues:

Urges State Economy
"There are in the state too many boards, with enormous overhead charges and expenses. The first act of the next legislature should be to reduce the number of such boards and to cut out non-fringed and questionable tax levies."

"The old tax and every tax on sale is passed directly to the consumer. For the wage-earners insurance tax the employers and the people do pay fully ten times the sum necessary for the insurance. They pay one million for insurance of \$100,000. It drives some people out of business and some out of the state."

Anti-Townley workers urge people to vote yes on the bill to prevent the display of the red or black flag in an unpatriotic manner, and no on the smelling committee, the state sheriff act and the absent voters act on June 30.

The 1920 Issue of the Searchlight a Work of Art

The Independent recently completed the 1920 issue of the Minot High

WITH EYESIGHT GONE DRADY WOMAN DOES OWN HOUSEWORK

Mr. and Mrs. Webster, who reside twelve miles southwest of Minot, near Drady, were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Webster lost her eyesight three years ago, but instead of sitting down and bemoaning her great misfortune, she has made the best of it and is really doing the most remarkable things.

She does the family washing, ironing and cooking. She bakes the finest kind of bread, cakes and pies, cleans the house and the home is a model for neatness. Mr. Webster, who is the proudest man in Ward county, declares that his wife makes much better bread than when she possessed all of her faculties. She washes the clothing until it is spotlessly clean. How she manages to do the housework seems nothing short of a miracle, but this wonderful little woman manages somehow.

Concerning her home life, Mrs. Webster said to a representative:

"When I lost my eyesight, I determined to make the best of life, and I just tried to do the things that at first seemed impossible. I persevered and after awhile, things came easy. I write my own letters. My husband tacks the correspondence paper to a board and he fastened an arrangement of steel so that I can follow the lines. He says that I write better than he does. In some ways I get more out of life than I formerly did."

Mrs. Webster gets a great deal of enjoyment out of music and is making arrangements to attend the Minot Chautauqua at Wildwood Park June 30 to July 4, where several musical companies will be heard.

Berthold Wins Next Year's Grange Convention

C. L. Nelson, delegate to the State Grange Convention returned from Deake last week. Mr. Nelson informs the Independent that the convention was one of the best the or-

ganization has ever held in the state. Over 100 delegates were present. Every Grange in the state was represented. Worthy National Master Lowell of New York state was present and delivered two splendid addresses, one address before the assembly on Wednesday and another, a public address in the afternoon on Thursday. Governor Frazier was present and spoke at the out-of-door gathering. The Grange went on record as favoring the establishment of a State Farmers' Exchange and steps will immediately be taken looking toward that end. The Granges of Ward county were well represented by able speakers at the 1920 convention. Berthold was chosen as the place of meeting for next year's convention.

Rugby Man Buys Minot Market
Mr. Ishan, prominent merchant of Rugby, has purchased the Eastwood Park Meat Market of the Shirley Grocery Co., and will move his family to the city from Rugby and take personal charge of his shop. Mr. Ishan is prominent in fraternal circles at Rugby and the coming of his talented family will be welcomed in the social life of the city. Preparatory to the opening of his shop June 21, he is having the place completely redecorated and new fixtures installed which will give that quarter one of the best shops in the city. For years Mr. Ishan has operated two meat markets at Rugby and stood always among the top-notchers in markings by the State Inspector's Department.

Northern Transfer Co. Organized
F. G. Brockway and H. E. Smallwood, who have been connected with the Hodgins Transfer Co., have gone into business on their own hook, under the name of the Northern Transfer Co. They have invested in a fine Traffic truck and are prepared to give quick and efficient service. Both men are good hustlers and will undoubtedly do well.

State Says Poisoned Bran Should Stand 24 Hours
Geo. State has been poisoning grasshoppers with good effect on his farm. Mr. State used poisoned bran freshly mixed and he also used the bran that had been mixed from 24 to 36 hours and he says the latter was twice as effective. He urges the farmers to keep the poison about 24 to 36 hours, turning the sacks over frequently to give the ingredients an opportunity of becoming well mixed.

Danish Brotherhood Picnic
The Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 310 of Minot will hold their fourth annual picnic in the big bridge four miles west of Minot Sunday, June 27. Cars will leave the Windsor Hotel at 12:30 p. m. on that date.

North Dakota Elks to Attend National Convention
L. D. McGahan is the representative of the Minot Lodge No. 1089 to the Elks convention to be held at Chicago next month. L. J. Pald and John J. Coyle will also attend the convention. Mr. Coyle has the endorsement of every grand representative in the state as the next District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, a very proper recognition considering Mr. Coyle's fine record while Exalted Ruler of the Minot Elks Lodge.

The North Dakota Elks will make their headquarters at the Fort Dearborn hotel while in Chicago. A meeting of the state representatives has been called for July 7. The big Elk band of 40 pieces, the splendid Devils Lake organization, will accompany the North Dakota Elks and take part in the big parade.

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BRYAN DELIVERED FINE ADDRESS BEFORE THE MINOT ROTARY CLUB

William Jennings Bryan, America's foremost private citizen, was a guest of honor at the Minot Rotary Club Monday noon, favoring the members with an address long to be remembered.

Mr. Bryan was introduced by Dr. Wm. Clarke, of the Minot Normal school. Mr. Clarke in introducing the distinguished guest declared that he was a descendant of a long line of republicans. The Commoner came back at him in the usual Bryan manner, stating that he was the ascendant of a long line of democrats.

Mr. Bryan, who is an honorary member of the Minot Rotary club, declared that he regarded the Rotary very highly. He declared that he is a "jiner" and of all the clubs which he is connected, the Rotary has made a deeper impression on him than any of the others.

Mr. Bryan referred to ex-President Taft, who is to speak in Minot next Wednesday, as a lovable man and urged everyone to go out to hear him.

He declared that after he was beaten by Mr. Taft in one of the campaigns when he was a candidate for President he telegraphed his congratulations to the winner.

Mr. Bryan stated he is in favor of a National Peace Highway to reach every state in the Union, with a double track for passenger cars, and a double track for trucks—a memorial to the soldiers, bought by their blood.

Among the other speakers were Mr. Huntington, who is traveling with Mr. Bryan and Dr. Wilson of Washington, D. C., who was in Minot to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the Minot Normal school. Musical numbers were given by Lufe Platen and Mrs. Holbein. Vice President Henry Wilson had charge of the meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION IN MINOT AUGUST 25 AND 26

The state convention of the American Legion will be held in Minot Aug. 25 and 26. It is expected that between 1500 and 2000 delegates will attend and it will be some problem to properly house all of the visitors. The local members are arranging to take the visitors into their homes, and other citizens will gladly open their homes to these young men.

Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt has been invited to attend the meeting and there are hopes that he may attend. At this time, the Riverside Park will be dedicated as the New Roosevelt Park in memory of the late Theo. Roosevelt. The beautiful park lies along the Roosevelt trail.

FARMERS MAKE EFFECTIVE FIGHT ON HOPPERS—DAMAGE MAY BE LIGHT

The county was out of bran for the grasshopper poison for a few days, but County Agent Gorman received two cars of bran Tuesday morning, which were hurried out to the various mixing stations. The farmers are putting up a good fight on the pests and it is certain that the damage will not be very heavy. The fine rains throughout this section of the state early this week and during last week, have had a tendency to check the racages of the grasshoppers. Reports come to Minot from some localities of damage being done but steps are taken immediately to check it.

Renville county voted recently to spend \$15,000 in fighting grasshoppers, but up to early this week has been unable to get the bran.

The Independent hears a rumor that in some places the grasshoppers appear to be dying from a disease, County Agent Gorman reports evidence of this in some localities where poison has not yet been put out. County Commissioner M. M. Powell asks the Independent to publish a method of fighting the grasshoppers which he says is being tried in some localities with good effect. He says that alkali water sprinkled around the edge of the field where the grasshoppers have to cross, will do the trick, but warns the farmers not to sprinkle the water on the crops as it will surely kill growing crops.

Makoti Will Hold Big Celebration on July 12

J. O. Saltness, the Makoti real-estate man was in the city Friday. Mr. Saltness states that crops in his vicinity are looking splendid and the indications are that they will harvest a bumper crop of grain on the reservation this season. A Community Club was recently organized at Makoti and an intensive campaign for memberships among the farmers will commence about July 1st. Makoti people have gone in quite extensively for Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs. Messrs. Kamrud & Stokdal, Shorthorn breeders at Makoti, already have a fine herd built up to which they are constantly making valuable additions. These men purchased some of the choicest exhibits at the Minot Stock show which was held here recently. J. L. Arvidson

is another breeder of fine Shorthorns in the Makoti district. A concrete potato warehouse, 40 by 80 feet in size with full basement is now in process of construction. W. J. Wojciehowski of Plensburg, Minnesota, is financing the proposition and will be in active charge of the project. In 30 minutes one day last week, over 500 acres were signed for the 1921 crop. This fall selected seed will be secured in readiness for spring seeding.

Makoti is preparing to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the founding of the town July 12th. This will be a big day on the reservation. A round-up and Indian dance, pow-wow and other features characterizing the celebrations of pioneer days will be staged. It is anticipated that thousands from a distance will attend this celebration.

Good Rain Monday

A good rain fell Monday practically all afternoon from Minot north to the Canadian line. The Glenburn district which had not received a rain since April was especially favored, the moisture soaking down to a depth of three inches, saving the crops. The crops all over this section of the state look better than they have for five years and the farmers are very optimistic. This has a splendid effect on business of every nature.

Heavy Rains—Fine Prospects

Reports of excellent rainfalls at Des Lacs, Mohall and Maxbass last Sunday evening have been received also a heavy downpour of several hours duration at Douglas Wednesday last week. The crop prospects throughout this section of the state were never better and barring unforeseen disaster Ward County and this section will harvest the greatest crop this year since the bumper crop of 1915.

Minot Drug Being Remodeled

A force of carpenters are installing a new floor in the Minot Drug Store and otherwise remodeling the interior. Decorators are also at work refinishing the walls and generally improving the appearance of the store. A new front designed along the most up-to-date line will also be placed making this one of the handsomest drug stores in the city.

A Correction

The Ladies' Aid of Tarning township have changed the date of their sale from June 29 to July 3 which will be held at the Fron Lutheran church. Free lunch at noon and a sale in the afternoon.

Grasshoppers Doing Some Damage

County Commissioner Vandover informs the Independent that the grasshoppers are still doing much damage. The second crop of the pests appears to be coming on.

Underdahl Brothers Will Hold a Big Stock Sale

The Underdahl brothers, Roy, Peter and Louie, will hold a big stock sale in the hills at the old Underdahl ranch 25 miles southwest of Minot, on Tuesday, June 29. They will sell 60 head of Percheron horses and 40 head of Hereford cattle. This affords a fine opportunity for one to stock up in either line as the Underdahls have been breeding up their stock for many years.

M. T. Roach, of Ryder, the auctioneer, declares that he has never seen a finer bunch of horses and cattle offered for sale in this section of the state.

The Power of Wilson

One dusky citizen was in uniform. The other clung to his civilian garb and railed against the draft. "I ain't goin'," he asserted, "and no one's goin' to make me." "Niggah," replied the other, earnestly, "if Mr. Woodrow Wilson wants you, you go! That man just took an hour of daylight from God Almighty. Then he took the railroads away from white folks and gave them to his son-in-law. What chance has you got?"

Refreshment committee—Mrs. D. T. Dierdorff, Mrs. G. D. Colcord, Mrs. Wm. Eadler, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Wm. Hecker and J. H. Burns.

Committee on Arrangements—Chas. Taylor.

The Association will hold its annual meeting at Surrey on Lincoln's birthday when a program will be rendered. Following the program, the crowd gathered around a huge tub of ice cream, doing full justice to this luxury.

Mollie, the Johnny Jones Camel Dined on Hedge Fence

A man named Smith who lives near the Normal school, made a claim for \$100 damages against the Johnny J. Jones Exposition, claiming that Mollie, the circus camel got loose and made a meal out of his hedge fence. The claim was presented by Atty. M. O. Eide who finally compromised on \$20.00. The fence was not seriously damaged but as Eide threatened to tie up the works in Minot, Mr. Jones concluded to pay the \$20.00. The company departed for Calgary, Alta., early Sunday morning after doing a thriving business in Minot.

HOOSIERS AND SUCKERS ENJOY SPLENDID PICNIC AT RIVERSIDE

Upham Banker Locates in West
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Erickson and family left last week for Ferndale, Wash., where Mr. Erickson has purchased an interest in the Citizens Bank of Ferndale, one of the leading financial institutions of that enterprising community. Mr. Erickson was for 12 years in the banking business at Upham, retiring a few months ago to seek a climate which would be more beneficial to his health. During a tour of the western states Mr. Erickson was struck by the immense commercial possibilities of Ferndale, in the center of the richest agricultural district of Washington and succeeded in securing an interest of the leading bank there. In speaking of the change, Mr. Erickson informs the Independent that Ferndale attributes its wealth and growth principally to the splendid system of highways radiating out from Ferndale, which has made possible to a great extent the rapid growth of the dairying industry of that section. In Ferndale is located one of the largest milk condensaries of the state, known locally as the Carnation milk station. This plant handles on an average of 200,000 lbs. of milk daily, some of it coming a distance of 30 miles by motor truck. Mr. Erickson believes that Ferndale has wonderful commercial prospects and is pleased to be able to get in on the ground floor.

Hogs and Sheep at the Grand Forks Fair, July 26th to 24th

Large numbers of entries in the hog and sheep department of the Grand Forks Fair Association, Grand Forks, North Dakota, July 20th to 24th, inclusive, only emphasize the demand for breeding stock on the farm in the Northwest. The time is coming when nothing but pure-bred sows and sheep will be kept on the farm. A pure-bred animal does not cost any more to bring to maturity and gives a money return far in excess of that received for the scrub. A great opportunity for foundation stock and for herd improvement is offered this year at the Grand Forks fair.

Program committee—J. B. Withers, Lola Dierdorff and Mrs. J. J. Larsen.

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Supervisors Met to Consider Building of Good Roads

The township supervisors of Ward county met with the county commissioners in this city last Wednesday and Thursday and outlined a good roads building project that includes the building of six miles of permanent highway in each township at the expense of the county, giving the townships an opportunity to concentrate their efforts on building the roads in other parts of the township. The commissioners have not gone into the proposition of the funds thoroly, but have outlined a tentative plan for each township, which will insure roads that join with those of other townships. It may take a number of years to complete these highways, but they are determined that their work in the future shall be of a permanent nature.

The visitors were given an enjoyable banquet at the Association of Commerce rooms Wednesday night, H. M. Wilson, president of the Association of Commerce, acting as toastmaster. Talks were given by A. S. Spicher, chairman of the board of commissioners of Ward county; States Attorney Herigstad, G. D. Colcord, Governor Lynn J. Frazier, and Commissioner Krantz.

As the Governor entered the room the guests arose and stood until he was seated. The Governor in his address stated that Minot and Ward are noted as a place where people do things. He says a wonderful amount of road building is being done in the state but there is a great shortage of engineers. He congratulated the commissioners of Ward county for the fine way they have taken up the road building proposition with the township supervisors. He also congratulated the Minot Association of Commerce for their work on good roads. He urges the supervisors to see that the roads in their townships are kept dragged. With so much gravel as we have in Ward county, we ought to have the best roads in the state, he said.

Motor Vehicle for Land or Water



The "Sirena" is a fully equipped motor car capable of making 60 miles an hour on land and, when the driver wishes, it can be driven into any body of water. A clutch throws the power off the wheels and starts a propeller in the rear of the car—or boat—and it is then capable of a speed of 20 knots an hour.