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## TOWNLEY RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

Fargo, March 25.—A. C. Townley, president of the Nonpartisan League, tendered his resignation at the North Dakota league convention, to take effect March 31. Townley addressed the convention for nearly three hours.

Townley was at his best today as he faced his accusers and when he finished, fully three-fourths of the delegates arose in their places and gave three rousing cheers at the suggestion of one of the delegates.

"Now it is our common misfortune that this convention is not as harmonious as some of the past ones have been," said Townley, as he neared the close of his talk.

"I have made no attack on members of the committee. I have not used the National Leader as I could have done as a personal organ to attack men who differ from me.

"This is not the first time there have been differences, but we have kept them where they belong. If there has been trouble between a bookkeeper and a stenographer it has been kept where it belonged. We have not taken it to the whole membership if an organizer has not reported one postdated check. I desired to maintain peace and harmony in the organization as long as I was on the job. There can be no big success unless we are united, you have got to be bigger men than you have shown yourselves at this convention.

"It has been and still is a great movement. The members will drag the last penny they have out of their cupboard and send it in to carry on the battle; but they have to have confidence in their leaders to do it.

"Turning in the direction of Lieberbach, Mr. Townley said, "I have lost my confidence, you have destroyed my work; you have come nearly wrecking the thing I would have shaken myself to build; you have shaken their faith in themselves; you have shaken their faith in Lynn J. Frazier and my God how you have destroyed Bill Lemke. There are lots of things about Lemke I do not like and disagree with him on. I don't like his house, but I love Bill Lemke. All you see is his house.

"My only qualification for leadership was what service I was able to give. I can be of no efficient service any more; but this movement is greater than any one man or any group of men. I have given my whole life to it, the best in me. I cannot go out and give to any other movement what I have given to the league, but I have got to a point now where I can be of no more service to it. You have destroyed me here. I cannot work without the confidence of men; so I will clear the way now and make it easier for you. Now I shall resign—not only from the Nonpartisan League organization but also from the national committee so that others may take up the work I can not carry on.

Townley said his resignation would take effect after March 31, which is the date of the Minnesota convention.

Dr. L. H. Kermott is spending a week in Seattle, visiting relatives and attending to business.

### Famous Child Actor Selected for Film

In casting "The Prodigal Judge," the Vitagraph special, which will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week every child actor in and about New York was considered for the role of Hannibal, and Charles Eaton, who is playing a number role in the Winter Garden show, was selected as the most perfect type for the part. Negotiations were entered into with the management of the New York Winter Garden and he was temporarily released for the production.

Other members in the play consist of the Cavendish children—six in number. Several hundred children were interviewed for the part and it was finally decided to select Mrs. Mary Curran for the role of Mrs. Hicks, and her six children for the Cavendish children. This was done in order that the mother might accompany the children and that being on the set they would feel more at home and enact their parts with greater realism. A more perfect family for the production could not be found. The children when lined up form a perfect pair of stairs.

### "Buy-in-Minot" is Slogan Adopted by Conference Body

"Buy-in-Minot" was the official slogan adopted by the special committee composed of presidents of the Minot Association of Commerce, Town Criers, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs in conference last evening.

The committee is heartily in favor of endorsing a general "buy-at-home" campaign, which campaign would be of benefit to all Minot concerns. To that end this committee decided that they would sponsor and conduct a general "buy-at-home" advertising campaign in the following manner: The Town Criers will be asked to furnish copy for a series of advertisements, advocating this principle, to be inserted in local newspapers. The copy is to be first approved by this committee and this same committee is to attend to the securing of space in the various newspapers and to conduct the campaign in general.

### Estevan Man Seizes Stolen Diamond

Paul Ronning, of Estevan, Sask., arrived in Minot Saturday to claim his \$300.00 diamond ring which was taken from his finger by Normal Campbell, he claims, as Ronning was asleep in a chair in an Estevan hotel. Ronning suspected that Campbell had taken the ring, also \$50 or \$60 which were extracted from his pockets. He telegraphed Sheriff Scofield who arrested Campbell at the Soo station. Ronning did not ask for the return of his money, being satisfied to get the ring back. He did not prefer a charge against Campbell.

"I am a pretty sound sleeper and a few of my friends and myself had been holding a little social session. I did not know that I had been robbed until I awoke some hours later. I did not wish Campbell arrested as he is a returned soldier and crippled in one arm," Ronning said.

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The Fargo high school basketball team won the state championship in Fargo Saturday night, winning from Egeland, 25 to 10. Egeland put up a game fight, tho the score was one sided. Egeland upset all the dope, wading thru Bismarck and Valley City. Minot was defeated Friday night by Valley City, 21 to 17 in a hotly contested game.

During the first game Fargo easily defeated Kenmare, 52 to 24 and Grand Forks beat Dickinson, 44 to 13. Egeland won from Bismarck, 21 to 16, and also defeated Valley City, last year's champions, 20 to 11.

### V. R. Asbury to Manage Western Grocery

V. R. Asbury, credit manager for the Northern States Power Co. for several years, has accepted a position as manager of the Western Grocery Co. and will take charge April 1.

Mr. Asbury was engaged for nine years as grocery salesman for the J. E. Allen Co. of St. Paul and is thoroughly experienced in the business. Mr. Asbury is regarded as a hustler and will undoubtedly make a fine record with the Western Grocery, just as he has in his work with the Northern States.

## MINOT, DICKINSON, WILLISTON LANDOFFICES TO CONSOLIDATE

Bismarck, March 25.—All United States land offices in North Dakota will be consolidated in the Bismarck office.

Official notice of the change was received at the land office here today in a communication from Land Commissioner William Spry.

The Dickinson, Minot and Williston offices will be discontinued, and all of their records will be shipped to the Bismarck office.

The change probably means the addition of two or three clerks in the local land office and will bring many visitors to the city during the year to transact business.

"Under the specific terms of the bill making appropriations for the department of the interior for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1923, it will be necessary to discontinue the offices at Dickinson, Minot and Williston and to consolidate the records at Bismarck," says the letter of Mr. Spry.

### Three Prisoners Escape

Three prisoners escaped from the Cando jail by tunneling from the jail into the anteroom, then picking the locks on two doors. Frank Jenth, held for burglary and rape and Even Searl, charged with rape, were captured near Joslyn by Al Johnson, state enforcement detective and Geo. Moylan, Towner deputy sheriff, after the officers had fired several shots. Arraigned at Cando the men pleaded guilty. John Vojta, charged with making home brew is still at large.

### A Correction

The Independent recently published an item concerning the age of Mrs. Joseph Clementich, who is said to be the oldest Ward county resident. She is 93 years of age, whereas the item stated she was 83.

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### MADE GOOD INTEREST ON FARM INVESTMENT DURING 14 YEARS

J. J. Kann, well known financier of this city, will put into crop approximately 3,000 acres of land this spring. A large part of it will be sown to wheat and other small grain, however, on each farm there will be considerable corn and potatoes. Mr. Kann owns no large tracts, his farms being scattered thruout the county and tenants are in charge of all of them.

"I came to Minot from northeastern Iowa fourteen years ago and have been farming ever since. I invested in considerable North Dakota land for I believed that I saw a good profit in owning it. Back at Elkador, Ia., where I came from it is hard to make a fair percentage on one's investment in land, notwithstanding the soil is splendid. Out here in Ward county you can still find plenty of land that can be bought at \$25 and \$30 an acre and very good land too. I have never failed to make a good profit from my North Dakota land during the 14 years I have been here, averaging up the years and find it much easier to make a good percentage on my investment than it the land I own in Iowa.

"We need better farming methods here. We have room for many good farmers and I believe that they are coming. I would most certainly advise them to come to northwestern North Dakota."

Mr. Kann is one of Minot's most substantial citizens. His name seldom gets into print because he never talks for publication and has no idea that this is going to appear in print. What he says, however, carries a great deal of weight for he is ultra conservative.

Mr. Kann comes from one of the richest sections in Iowa where he was interested in farming all his life, until he located in Minot. He is also interested in a large bank in Elkador Iowa. He informs the Independent that there is a little town of 200 inhabitants near Elkador, which is seven miles from a railroad. The town boasts one general store, a garage, a hardware store and two banks, each of which have footings of more than a million dollars. These banks are located in the heart of a rich farming community. Their depositors are practically all farmers, some of whom have \$15,000 or \$20,000 on deposit.

### 12 MILES FROM HOME; WENT 180 TO REACH IT

Fessenden, N. D., March 25.—Prevented by impassable roads from going direct from Fessenden to his home near Hamburg, 12 miles away, Frank Stenberg traveled 180 miles by rail via Minot to reach it.

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## LEAGUE NOMINATES COMPLETE TICKET; BAKER FOR GOVERNOR

### Last of Carrington Family Dies

Coldwater, Mich., March 25.—William Shiflet, formerly of Carrington, N. D. died here last night from the effects of tuberculosis, from which he had been suffering for the last several years.

The family of Mr. Shiflet—a wife and three children—is said to be in destitute circumstances and friends of the family have begun a move to take up a subscription for it. The funeral will be held Monday, expenses for which will be born, partly, by the county.

The death of Mr. Shiflet, whose earthly end was not quite as tragic as was that of the other members of the family—mother, found dead with a hole from shotgun through her head; father, found dead in a strawstack near Carrington, and the brother, Anfield, who was charged with having killed his father, committed suicide when he saw authorities coming toward him, while he was plowing, marks the family's end. They had intended to arrest him.

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Geo. E. Wallace—Wapeton

### May Hold County Fair Next Fall

A. S. Spicher, one of our county commissioners, states that in all probability Ward county will hold a county fair next fall on its new grounds, just east of the city, recently purchased from the Western Bankers Inv. Co. for \$20,000. Mr. Spicher states that it is hoped that a grandstand may be built the coming summer, the lower portion of concrete and the room on the main floor to be used for exhibits. Two foot bridges are to be built during the coming summer, one connecting the grounds with Riverside park.

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Townley's balance of power plan was not considered and the Lieberbach faction lost control of the state league, a new committee being named as follows: Sen. W. J. Church, Benson county; former Senator Waiter Welford, Pembina county; Mrs. C. A. Fisher, Valley City; A. A. Mattingly, Williston, and Stephen Terhorst, Ward County.

John Bloom of Devils Lake and N. S. Davies of Grand Forks are mentioned in connection with the new administration of the league paper, the Courier-News.

Former Governor Frazier was endorsed for the U. S. Senate, 85 percent of the delegates being for him. When the Lieberbach committee failed, Gronna's name was not even brot before the convention.

The name of H. H. Aaker of Grand Forks, was presented for governor, but when B. F. Baker's name was presented, he received the unanimous endorsement, Aaker seconding the motion making it such. Aaker also wanted the nomination for lieutenant governor, but had to be satisfied with secretary of state.

B. F. Baker, the league candidate for governor, is at present state senator from Renville county, having been elected two years ago. During the last session of the legislature, he was prominent in the work of the senate investigating committee, the league majority of which gave all the state industries a clean bill of health. Mr. Baker resides on a farm two miles east of Glenburn where he has lived for fifteen years. Before coming to North Dakota, he resided in northern Illinois, where he was superintendent of schools at Chadwick and Warren, Ill. He is a product of the Illinois State Normal school.

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## RAUB BOY DROWNS IN SWOLLEN STREAM; MOTHER NEAR DEATH

Ryder, March, 23.—A tragic drowning occurred on Sunday, March 12, when Harold, the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Blair, who live on a farm near Raub, lost his life in Lucky Mound creek.

This creek runs between the Blair farm and a store at which they trade and they were going to the store with team and wagon when the drowning occurred. The creek is usually shallow enough to drive through at the crossing used but had swollen until the water was almost to the brim. When they reached the crossing Mr. Blair drove the horses into the water and not finding footing they lurched forward and began to swim. The wagon box floated off the wagon and upset. Mr. Blair clung to the lines and was pulled across the stream by the swimming horses. When he looked around he saw his wife clinging to some weeds on the opposite side of the stream which she was close enough to clutch when she was thrown from the overturning wagon box. He managed to get her out of the water and then turned his attention to his son who was a hundred feet or more distant in the middle of the creek and being carried toward the Missouri river into which it empties by the swift current. He swam out to rescue him but before reaching him the boy sank and when he came to the surface again was some distance further down the stream. Mr. Blair was overcome by cramps and compelled to abandon his effort to save Harold who sank a second time and did not come to the surface again.

When the neighborhood was notified of the drowning every effort was made to recover the body but without avail. The creek is so unusually deep and the current so swift that it is not probable that the body will be recovered until the high water recedes. A wire netting has been extended

across the stream to keep the body from being carried into the Missouri river by the current.

### Mohall Merry Minstrels to Boost Local Baseball Club

O. A. Schieber, Mohall merchant, was in Minot Tuesday and placed an order for several thousand attractive programs for a burnt cork production to be put on by twenty Mohall businessmen in the interests of the Mohall baseball team.

The production will be put on entirely by local talent, most of whom have never before faced the glaring footlights. It takes a mighty brave man to face a critical audience, especially when he has never before appeared as an entertainer, but those Mohall men insist that their baseball team must be financed.

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