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NOT IN THE WIGWAM.

The St. Thomas Times and some other papers keep talking about the right of papers and individuals to be politically independent and still be partisans. They claim that as long as a man or a paper upholds the principles of Abraham Lincoln et al, that is republicanism pure and undefiled, and as such, in the case of newspapers at least, they should be entitled to the spoils of war, such as insurance statements, etc.

Well, all that stuff is somewhat of a "glittering generality" and just to come down to plans and specifications, about where should, say the insurance commissioner, draw the line?

How about the Grand Forks Press? The Press is working mostly within the lines of the Republican party, though professedly a Democratic sheet, and doubtless Reiny is as devout a worshiper of Lincoln as anybody. Besides that, the Press is giving considerable support to some of the Republican candidates in the present campaign; perhaps only inferentially, but as certainly because of its special abuse of certain Republican candidates and its silence or mild approbation for their opponents, its choice is well known.

But, seriously, what in the measure of party allegiance? What a paper professes or what it does? In other words, can a newspaper openly support the Democratic candidates for governor, and for judge and perhaps a few other offices and still be considered a Republican newspaper?

In the old story, when the Indian was asked if he were lost, he replied: "No, Indian not lost, Indian here; wigwam lost!" This is really the sum and substance of the position of the newspapers referred to. These insist that it is the party that has gone wrong and that they are right; which might be true, but it also proves the main fact in question, that they are not within the party.

When a man or newspaper steps outside of the wigwam, because of dissatisfaction with what is going on inside, that is his unquestionable right; and he may be right, and he may be even deserving of praise, but he should, to be consistent, and to really deserve due credit for his noble principles—be willing to take his meals elsewhere.

THE PABLE OF THE RED NOSE.

A certain king in the olden time had a great antipathy to persons with red noses. So great was his hatred of these that it was his custom as he walked abroad to have his executioner accompany him—and when such afflicted persons were seen on the highways he had the executioner immediately out of the offending feature. But, notwithstanding, this king was fond of wine, and though forbidden by the Koran, he

drank much in secret and thought no man knew. But one day, as the king glanced in a mirror, he saw the reflection of his own nose and behold it was red, red even as the rose. And straightway he called the executioner and bid him cut off—the nose in the looking-glass. And the executioner struck with his sword a mighty blow and the mirror was broken into a thousand pieces. Another day the king was sailing in his war vessel over the sea and the sea was calm. The king looked over the side of the ship and beheld he again saw the reflection of his red nose in the sea. He again bade the executioner to smite the sea and destroy the red nose he saw therein; and the executioner smote the sea and disturbed the surface thereof, but when it was again calm the king looked to see if the nose had disappeared—but behold it was still there. Thereafter the executioner had a life job—because the king's nose remained red. Moral—The man who stops his paper, because there is something in it which reflects on him, may possibly smash the mirror, but he will always find the same reflection in the ocean of public opinion—if his nose is really red.

MEETING OF DEMOCRATS

NOMINATE BRYAN AND JOHNSON—TURN DOWN PRIMARY LAW.

The Democratic state committee met at Grand Forks on Tuesday and called a convention of 680 delegates to meet at Grand Forks on March 25th. The committee resolved that while they "will be pleased to follow him, Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, as a national standard bearer at some time in the future, yet we believe that the conditions at the present time demand a man whose observation and experience have been of a wider range"—and we pledge our hearty support to William Jennings Bryan and recommend that Gov. J. A. Johnson be nominated for the vice presidency.

Another resolution provides that all aspirants for state office shall bring their petitions to the convention; also that a committee of one from each district shall be appointed to select candidates for state offices to report at the state convention. All of which means of course that the state ticket will be selected at the state convention in practically the same manner as before the passage of the primary law, which is sensible, perfectly legal but make a farce of the primary law just the same.

A LOVE LETTER.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 28, 1908.
 Governor John A. Johnson,
 St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Johnson,—Your kind offer of marriage received and am sorry to say that I cannot accept at present. I am engaged to Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, whom you know and must realize is so much your superior. However, after a term of married life with Mr. Bryan, I shall be glad to have you renew your offer and become my second husband. Meantime, Mr. Bryan and I would be glad to have you join our household in the capacity of next best man, and in the case of the sudden death of Mr. B. or other calamity, you can then immediately assume charge and become my own.

Lovingly yours (by-and-by),
 Miss (N. D.) DEMOCRACY.
 (See Democratic committee resolutions.)

Mrs. De la Bere, wife of the editor of the Sheldon Progress, died in Colorado this week of consumption and her body was brought to Liston for burial. Mr. De la Bere is one of the best known and most popular of the North Dakota editorial fraternity and will have the most hearty sympathy of his many friends all over the state in his sad bereavement.

Two advertisements for "Sunny Southern Alberta" have been in the telegraph items in the dailies the past week; one to the effect that 70 per cent of the wheat coming into Winnipeg at the present time is "feed," and the other is that the Dominion parliament is contemplating the loaning of \$4,000,000 to the settlers to buy seed wheat.

The Herald is scoring Hansbrough because he is trying to have the notorious Harvester trust investigated. And yet the Herald is against the Harvester trust. Now there are a lot of things in which this paper disagrees with Herald, but when it happens to want the same thing that we do, we don't hate the Herald so badly that we can't agree with it—then.

Of Great Importance to Farmers.

The Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, has now a Division of Information, the office of which is to enquire of employers of labor in all parts of the country what their requirements are for laborers who have just immigrated to this country.

This Division especially desires to learn of opportunities of placing help, both male and female, on farms and in farm homes, and to this end farmers are asked to address the Division for blanks to be used in making applications for help. The blanks call for information about the schools and churches in the vicinity; the climate; number of men or women desired; nature of duties; nationality preferred, etc. It is also desired to learn about farms or parts thereof for rent or sale, and several questions must be answered regarding the lands to be thus disposed of, conditions of lease or sale, etc.

The object is to find employment for the stranger immigrants who come here without any definite objective, and to locate them so that they will the more speedily become efficient workers and good citizens; the further object is to induce the fresh arrivals to seek farm employment, and thus at once benefit themselves and relieve the farm labor situation. Applicants for blanks are subject to no charge for them or any subsequent services the Division renders them. It is especially requested that no money or stamps be sent by these applying for servants. The work that this department of the government takes upon itself is highly commendable and philanthropic, and it should be encouraged. For blanks upon which to make application for help, address Division of Information, Department of Commerce & Labor, Washington, D. C.

County News

Miss Dora Folker, of Neche, is better after a recent illness.

Wm. McMurchie, of St. Thomas, was a business visitor at Pembina this week.

J. N. Horgan, wife and baby, of Neche, have gone on a six months' trip to the coast.

Mrs. Donaldson, matron of the school for the blind, has arrived in Bathgate ready for her duties.

Miss Mildred Lewis, of Neche, has entered St. Michael's hospital at Grand Forks as a student nurse.

A quartette of St. Thomas gentlemen are contemplating a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., for rest and recreation.

The thirteen-year old daughter of Henry Thoms died at Neche on Monday after a long illness of diphtheria.

Jas. A. Jameson, of Walhalla, who has been ill for a month with pneumonia, is thought to be gaining strength.

Fred. G. Arndt, of Walhalla, and Miss Helen Zeiske, of Sleepy Eye, Minn., were married, Jan. 11, at the latter place.

The members of St. Margaret's Guild, of St. Thomas, have in preparation a local talent drama which will be presented soon.

F. T. Hall, proprietor of the Jennings house in Cavalier, intends going to the Pacific coast soon and D. W. Young expects to take charge of the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy, of Walhalla, lost their little thirteen months' old son, who had been ill for two weeks with spinal meningitis.

Geo. McLean, a former resident of Hamilton, went out in his fight for the postmastership of Saries. The contest lasted for over four months.

The Neche people gave Harry Vosper and family a farewell reception on Monday evening. Many gathered to express their regret at the departure of these old residents.

Claude Simpson, formerly of Bathgate but now night agent for the Great Northern at Ada, Minn., was recently married to Miss Thea Storlie, of the same city.

Cavalier will soon lose two of her citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Burgess, who will remove to Toronto, Canada, where Mr. Burgess will engage in business.

The Bathgate mill opened again last week with Ephraim Eastman as proprietor. G. M. Craig, a capable young business man, will have charge of the business department.

Miss Jennie Jones left last evening for Langdon, where she will sing at the celebration of Burns' birthday. On Sunday she will sing at the dedication

of the new Methodist church at Crystal.—Times.

John M. Morin, of Walhalla, has been named as successor of Terry McCosker as representative of McDonald Bros., the Minneapolis wholesale crockery house, with headquarters at Grand Forks.

T. C. Connell, a Hamilton man who is spending the winter in Washington, D. C., with his wife, writes the Independent that on New Years Day he and his wife attended the reception at the White House and shook hands with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

John Elenbaum, of Munich, and Miss Evelyn Robertson, of Park River, were married in Grafton on Jan. 15. Mr. Elenbaum is engaged in the general mercantile business at Munich. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Elenbaum, of Cavalier.

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Emmerling took place on the 23rd, from the Catholic church at Walhalla, and was attended by many old friends. Two nieces of the deceased, Mrs. Clements, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Joyal, of St. Norbert, Man., were in attendance.

Charles K. Honey, of Park River, died at the home of his parents on Jan. 18, aged 18 years. He was the eldest son in the family. He belonged to the class of 1908 of the Park River high school. He was captain of the football team which played the Pembina team last fall, and is well remembered by our boys as being a manly boy.

J. G. Landrigan, of St. Thomas, and Miss Eva Seena Donnelly, of Grafton, were married at the latter place at the new Catholic church on Jan. 23rd. The bride wore her going away gown, a brown broadcloth with hat to match. She has grown to womanhood in Grafton and is endeared to all who know her. The groom is a fine manly fellow who counts his friends by the score. He is a prosperous farmer near St. Thomas. They will take a bridal tour through the west.

Judge W. H. Kneeshaw had a little time to visit about with old time friends on Thursday, after the funeral, and it was certainly a pleasure to those who have known him for years to meet him and talk over the old times when he was at liberty and, for the time being, at least, dropping the weight of responsibility which is necessarily his.—Mountaineer. Judge Kneeshaw was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Emmerling. He is an old friend of the family, having been intimate with them for over 25 years.

Nearly all of the farmers living east of town are hauling their grain to Pembina. Same old story—better grades and better prices. A local elevator man tells The Chronotype that in the first place, Pembina elevators are paying a cent and a half more per bushel for wheat than Neche elevators are allowed to pay; in the second place, wheat that is barely good enough to grade No. 4 here is given a grade of No. 2 in Pembina; these two circumstances make a margin of about fifteen cents per bushel that the farmer gets in Pembina over the price paid in Neche for the same wheat. This is the existing state of affairs, according to the information given The Chronotype, with no suggestion of a solution of the unfortunate situation.—Chronotype.

School Classifications.

Supt. Stockwell gives out the following statement as to high schools classified and entitled to state aid since the October meeting of the State High School Board:

First class—Cassleton.
 Second class—Ellendale, Page, Towner, Crystal.

Third class—Churches Ferry, Gilby, Granville, Inkster, Leeds, Reynolds, Rugby, Velva, Webster, Courteney, Milner, Aneta, Buffalo, Steele, Washburn, Forest River and Hilton.

There are eight or ten applications for classification pending, which will be acted upon in the near future. At present there are thirty-three first class schools, seventeen second class schools and nineteen third class schools, making a total of sixty-nine classified and aided high schools. The state aid, amounting to \$800 to first class, \$500 to second class and \$300 to third class schools has been apportioned, but owing to the heavy drain upon the state treasury this past year the warrants for this aid have not been issued and may not be prior to March 1, 1908.

For Sale.

Offer my building, occupied as shoe and harness shop, and residence for sale cheap, as I will leave for my claim in the western part of the state in the spring.

SWAN PETERSON.

Heneman Says:

That the Spring and Summer Goods are Beginning to Come in.

Some nice new plain and fancy

Suitings

in the different fabrics from

25c. to \$1.50.

As well as some nice English and Windsor Cambric and Admiral

Percales

one yard wide, at

12 1-2 to 18c.

for house and school dresses. A good time to buy in now. our new line of Men's and Boys' Shirts just come in and open up fine.

JOHN HENEMAN.

Holiday Greeting.



The happy Xmas time is about closed and again we take pleasure in inviting you to inspect our well selected stock of

Watches, Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware Rich Cut Glass, Silver and Art Novelties.

Do not forget that we pride ourselves on our good goods and low prices.

The goods speak for themselves. Our personal reputation guarantees honest prices.

M. H. MILLER.

The Holiday season is closed and we are entering upon a new year with bright prospects. The year that is closing, from a business point of view, has been all that one could ask for, and we feel grateful to our town and country customers.

For the next few weeks

Bargains in Many Lines.

R. A. BRANCHAUD.