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Head Office: - Ottawa, Canada.

Capital Paid Up : \$ 4,000,000  
Res and Undivided Profits : 4,998,804  
Total Assets over : 55,000,000

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1st District: W N Husband Hensel, C W Moses, Drayton, P H McMullan, Hamilton  
COUNTY OFFICIALS  
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Treasurer: Hugh Gibson  
Register of Deeds: Geo Roadhouse  
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Supt of Schools: Charlotte Joues  
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Public Admin'r: Ellis Thorwaldson  
1st: A B Purdy, Jollette  
2nd: J K Olinson, Gaydar  
3rd: Adam Norton, Caval'r  
4th: W J Warts Leroy  
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A E Harvey  
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### OFFICIAL PAPER OF CITY

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F. A. Wardwell, G.G. Thompson  
WARDWELL & THOMPSON.

### A NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE?

There is in this state an organized body of voters, said to be 30,000 in number, who have each paid in the sum of six dollars as a membership fee, which organization goes by the name of the "Non-Partisan League." This body has a board of directors and a president. The organization is political and their expressed purpose is to hold caucuses and conventions and these conventions to select from such candidates as may be nominated by the regular parties and may seem to be the best in the consideration and choice of these non-partisan political conventions, and vote for such selected candidates.

The platform planks of this new organization might be condensed into the statement, that bankers, railroads etc., are enemies to the farmers and that it is the duty and in the power of the farmers to select and elect men to state and legislative positions that will take special care of the interests of the farmers as a class.

We suggest that the name of non-partisan "is in itself a misnomer.

The organization is self-evidently a party and a political party. In fact it has a far more complete organization and its purpose as a party more definitely stated than has any other political party in the state.

Webster's dictionary defines a party—"A number of persons united in opinion or action as distinguished from or opposed to the rest of the community or association. Especially one of the parts into which a people is divided on opinions of questions of public policy."

Of course there is no law against any number of citizens forming such an organization as that mentioned, but there are laws which prevent persons who do not belong to certain named or described parties, from voting party ballots at the primaries.

We have not space to copy all the primary provisions in full but the regulations are to this effect.

The first section of the primary law recites that the law is made for the government of parties and the selection of candidates by parties, and then says the only parties to participate in primary

elections are the democratic and republican parties, or any party that cast 5 per cent of the vote at the preceding election.

As the "Non-Partisan League" did not vote at all as an organization at last election it is clear that as such partisans, members of the League cannot cast a republican or democratic or that of any other party that cast 5 per cent of the vote at last election. Neither can they truthfully register with the assessor as required by law, as a republican, democrat, socialist, or prohibitionist.

When a voter who has joined the "Non-Partisan League" and thereby repudiated at least a part of the candidates to be nominated by any party, attempts to vote at the primaries, in the words of the statute, "The judges and inspector of election when handing a ballot to an elector shall inform him that must vote for the candidates of the political party such ballot represents only and the voter shall call for the ballot representing the party or principle with which he affiliates and shall receive such ballot and no other."

### A TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT FAILURE.

From the daily papers of last week we learn that one fourth of the cadets at Annapolis Naval school which supplies officers for the U. S. Navy, failed in their examinations and will be asked to go home unless the Secretary of the navy interferes and gives them another trial.

We do not know much about the methods practised at Annapolis, but we do know something about school teaching, and we make the assertion that in any school where heret it be a university, a college, a high school or a little country district school, when one fourth of the pupils fail, that the conclusion is inevitable that the failure is due to the teachers.

It would be a very extraordinary matter for any such wholesale failure of pupils in any of the ordinary high schools of learning; it is therefore all the more extraordinary to hear this of such a picked body as the students at the Naval Academy. A large proportion of them are selected by competitive examinations, and the examination for entrance is said to be difficult. Each one admitted not only has to stand a mental examination but must also be physically perfect. Hence, such physically and mental strength ought to be more successful in their tasks than the ordinary run of students.

We have the Secretary of War as authority for the statement that just now what the army needs most is trained officers and we suppose this is equally true of the navy.

"The mills of the gods grind slowly but they grind exceedingly fine." Possibly, our two military and naval mills in the attempt to grind out exceedingly fine officers are grinding rather too slowly. If the meal were a bit coarser and the quantity greater it might better fill the vital needs of the bodies of the army and navy.

The Mannheim Insurance Company of Germany, pursuant to His Majesty's proclamation, has been granted no renewal of its license to carry on an insurance business in the Province of Manitoba, and the deposit, amounting to \$10,005.04, in the hands of the provincial treasurer, is being retained. He recommends that this deposit be confiscated.

### THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY.

The Jefferson Highway movement was launched at New Orleans last November and it has for its purpose the laying out of a national highway same as the Meridian road, with New Orleans and Winnipeg as objective points. It is already outlined as far north as Bemidji, Minnesota. Just now there is quite a rivalry as to the course from there. Beaudette and Warroad want it to go straight

north through to Lake of the Woods and then turn west to Roseau, Hallock and St. Vincent, on to Emerson where it will intersect with the Meridian road. That town along the Great Northern including Crookston wants it to run west from Bemidji to Crookston and then north.

What the outcome will be remains to be seen, in either event it will stimulate roadbuilding and that is what the country wants. Build the roads and the people will travel them. There is nothing to hinder laying out both these routes. Localities will construct the roads as was shown in the case of the Meridian road.

Whether the route via Beaudette and Warroad is selected or not we expect to see the time when there will be an important highway east and west adjacent to the 49th parallel that will connect the northern part of this state with the watering and fishing places in northern Minnesota on Lake of the Woods and Langdon, Walhalla, Neche and Pembina, and intermediate points will help it along.

## THE INSTITUTE.

We are handicapped somewhat in not being able to give a fuller account of the proceedings at the Institute meeting Wednesday as it occurred so near the our day of publication.

The hall was completely filled yesterday afternoon by farmers and citizens and their wives, sons and daughters. The day was one of the finest we have had lately and therefore favorable to a good attendance. A good number came over from St. Vincent and that locality.

The morning session was given over to informal talks and getting ready for afternoon. In the afternoon Professor Larson talked about silos and ensilage. He is very favorable to the silo and gave many facts from his own experience. He spoke of several different forms of construction all of which were good. He said that for our kind of corn fodder that it takes one year with another about thirty acres of corn to fill a 32 foot silo. That ensilage is fine feed for all kinds of stock on the farm including the chickens. That ripen corn has far more value than green corn, and makes the sweeter ensilage. Ensilage properly made will keep good indefinitely.

Mr. Delancy of Valley City then spoke on horses in a very interesting manner. He said the sire should be a large horse, not merely heavy. Fat is of no value, though our farmers have spent thousands of dollars for surplus fat on horses. It will not do to mix the breeds. Each breed has its faults, but the mixture only perpetuates the faults. Percherons and Clydes do not mix well. The raising of good colts on a farm may do a lot in helping to keep the boy on the farm.

Miss Ida Ratzlaff of Valley City, then talked along the lines of woman's labor on the farm. She spoke of the supply of water both hard and soft, that it should be plenty and convenient, and pointed out the value of water for cooking, bath and toilet conveniences telling of methods of installing cisterns, tanks etc.

At the evening program the hall was again filled to its full capacity. A very large number of the visitors having remained over.

Prof. W. R. Porter gave an interesting talk on alfalfa and according to his ideas we have a better soil for alfalfa than in the western part of the state. One observation is of particular value—that all alfalfa being a small seed needs a very firm seed bed and that it should not be covered over a half inch.

Mr. Delancy then gave an interesting talk about farm life in Scotland and France in the localities where they breed fine horses and cattle. His observation was that these particular communities owed their great prosperity to the fact that they had as a locality given their united attention to the breeding and raising of fine stock and in this way had made a name for the stock all over the world.

Miss Ratzlaff then gave a demonstration of the proper manner of canning meats, vegetables, and fruits. She stated that all the recipes that she gave could be obtained by just sending a postal card to the agricultural college at Fargo. Her talks were particularly interesting to the ladies, but we noticed that the gentlemen were also interested as though they had some part in the results if not in the preparation.

The visiting speakers gave the audience the credit of being the largest they had ever had and thanked them for their attention.

Dr. McQueen then called for a vote of thanks to the speakers and answered that a hearty clapping and the meeting adjourned.

### HISTORICAL PRIZES.

The landmarks department of North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs offer two prizes of five dollars each. One to the person offering the best original paper on some phase of North Dakota history. The subjects may be on interviews of an old settler, a biography of the state's early days' public men or women, a history of a pioneer movement or event, the history of some North Dakota town, village or county, or any kindred subject.

The other prize is offered for the best collection of North Dakota historical documents or articles. These may be composed of original papers, letters, diaries, Indian relics, or objects of historic interest of whatever sort. The matter to be judged must be in hands of Professor Libby, at the University, by October 1st, 1916.

### County News

F. O. Southard of Drayton has gone to Minneapolis to receive treatment for his eyes.

John Avcutt of Neche has joined the 144th battalion at Winnipeg to go to the front.

Mrs. Lewis Keena of Hamilton has been at the Drayton hospital for treatment.

The young ladies of Walhalla are giving a leap year ball on the 22nd of February.

Dr. and Mrs. Waldren of Drayton are visiting relatives at Kingston, Ontario, their former home.

M. Kennelly of St. Thomas is home from a three weeks visit to his old home in Renfrew, Ontario.

J. E. Lee of Neche attended the meeting of the Republican state central committee at Fargo last week.

Mrs. Blair of Hyde Park died last week and funeral was held Monday, conducted by Rev. Wood of Walhalla.

Mrs. William Bigwood and son Albert of Midland are spending six weeks with Mrs. Bigwood's mother at Detroit, Mich.

Miss Eleanor Shost who was operated on for appendicitis at Grand Forks returned to her home in Cavalier, last Friday.

Wm. Trenbath of Neche was called to Batavia, Iowa last week in response to a telegram announcing the death of his grandchild.

Miss Vivian Misson of Neche was operated on for appendicitis at Grand Forks last week. She is doing well according to the reports.

There were five cases of pneumonia in the home of Joseph Lafferty, near Walhalla last week according to report of Dr. Scott.

H. N. Joy formerly of Hamilton writes that he is running a store at South Porcupine, Ontario, but that his family is living in Toronto.

W. S. Chapman, formerly of Bathgate but a resident of Bemidji for several years was found dead in bed last week. Mr. Chapman was a blacksmith by trade.

Sixteen boys and girls, members of the Presbyterian Sunday school of Neche were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lee one evening last week.

Geo. L. Paxman who left Hamilton for the south for recreation and rest had to be operated on for appendicitis on reaching Baltimore. Reports are that he is doing well.

Rev. and Mrs. Satterlee of Drayton were called to Duluth last week in response to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. Satterlee's father Mr. Mahnke.

Rev. Wood of Walhalla reports a class of six being admitted to the Presbyterian church at that place last Sunday and he baptized five children at the Bay Centre church the same day.

According to the St. Thomas Times the annual bonspiel will be held at that place on February 18th. Grand Forks, Grafton, Drayton, Bowsmont, Crystal, Hensel and the home team will participate.

Miss Belle Young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Young of Hamilton has engaged with the government as nurse in the Panama zone and sailed from New York for her destination on the 27th of January.

The many friends of John F. Mager of Walhalla will regret to learn that he has been confined to his bed with rheumatism all winter. Last winter Mr. Mager suffered with the same ailment but the attack now is much more severe.

J. W. Nordstrom, son of Charles Nordstrom, has rented the firm now tenanted by Wallace Kemp and will move thereon

## Heneman Says:

We have most all of our Spring and Summer DRESS GOODS here. We would like to have you see them, and now is a good time.

The following list is some of our new Dress Goods and Waistings which we sell from 15 cents to \$1.00 per yard.

- Seersucker
- Riplette
- Ginghams
- Finch Romper Cloth
- Devonshire Cloth
- Cambrics
- Floxon
- Floxon Waistings
- Embroidered Voile
- Silk Stripe Mousseline
- Chiffon Marquisette
- Silver Tissue
- Palm Beach Suiting
- Silk Warp Crepe
- Crepe de Chine
- Duchesse Voile
- Zepher Ginghams
- Radinoux Waisting

Also a nice assortment of Children's Rompers and Dresses, and Boys' Blouses, Ladies' Waist Patterns in the ready-made line.

Your cash tickets are valuable at our store.

Mr. Kemp will remain here if he can rent a suitable farm, otherwise he will move west, so we are informed.—Independent.	Mrs Batosh 3 00	8.00
During the snow storm last Thursday a C. P. R. and a Great Northern engine collided in the yards at Gretna and considerable damage was done to the two engines. Deputy Collector O'Brien of Neche was in a coach attached to the G. N. engine and received a severe shaking, up but not seriously.	Mrs Haldorsdotter	
The A. O. U. W. Lodge of Cavalier had a red letter day Tuesday evening of last week when twenty six new members were admitted to the order. The Degree of Honor furnished and had charge of the refreshments, at the banquet at the close. Grand Recorder Moore was present and assisted in the conferring of the degrees.	Mrs Olofsdotter	7 00
The ceiling of the dining room in the Hamilton Hotel gave away one morning last week at six o'clock and the commotion wrought can be imagined. Fortunately it was so early that no guests were present but all preparation for breakfast were interfered with. Landlord Beggs has it fixed now so it will take an earthquake to have it happen again.	J Heneman	
	Mrs Paulson 15 00	
	Mrs Hallson 7 00	22 00
	Pembina Light Co.	
	Light, Nov. Dec. and Jan.	
	Streets 79 67	
	City Hall 22 32	
	Council room 3 24	105 23
	Streets	
	George Parker	3 60
	Fuel	
	J K Switzer	7 80
	J A Wilkins	
	Insurance	6 00
	E M Newell	
	Repairs Fire Dept.	9 25
	F A Feldman	
	Fuel	6 00
	Ben Bouvette	
	Labor, Streets	3 60
	P Bouvette	
	Labor, Streets	1 90
	E D Booker	
	Supplies and labor steel ceiling	
	City Hall	69 18
	Amenia Elev. Co.	
	Lumber, City Hall	3 83
	King & Booker	
	Supplies Fire Dept.	35
	On request of J. K. Switzer it was voted to lease to him, that certain tract of unplanted land situated at the extreme northeastern corner of the City as platted of a triangular shape and bounded on the northwesterly side by second street; on the southeasterly side Red Bear street including the adjoining area of said street and on the northwesterly side by the Red River, containing approximately a block of land, for a period of ten years for a rental of Ten Dollars. (\$10) a year in advance. Said lease to be terminated at the option of either lessor or lessee by unwritten notice six months in advance.	

### City Council.

February 7th, 1916.  
Regular meeting city council.  
Present, Aldermen Thompson, Shumaker, Heneman and King.  
Minutes of meeting of Jan. 3rd. read and approved.  
The following bills were audited and allowed:—  
On account of poor,  
J R Moorhead  
Mrs Batosh \$ 7 00  
J K Switzer  
E Colgan 63 00  
Mrs Batosh 3 00

F. A. WARDWELL Auditor.