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THE MAGNIFICENT POSSIBILITIES
OF THE MISSOURI SLOPE

Twelve thousand people looking for new homes and farms in the north-west passed through the Union station at St. Paul the other day. More than ninety per cent of the entire number passed through North Dakota on their way to remote parts of the country to make their selections.

There is something wrong about a condition of affairs which made the latter fact possible. And the trouble is with the people of North Dakota. Every last man of the twelve thousand could be furnished with a farm here in this state without at all crowding the present population, and it is not to be doubted that every land-seeker of the lot would have been more content to settle here than to go further on if he had been advised of the situation.

Some of those people went a thousand miles to the north of Bismarck to live under an alien flag, in an undeveloped country, a tremendous distance removed from the centers of civilization. And they will get no better land, probably not as good, under climatic conditions similar to those that obtained in North Dakota before the country was broken up, and they will pay as high prices for the privilege of enduring the hardships of pioneer life as they would pay here in the midst of a settled community, with schools, churches, railroads, highways and all the advantages incident to life in a country which has been already brought to the uses of man.

This condition constitutes an indictment of the intelligence and enterprise of the people of North Dakota. Had the proper steps been taken to advise these immigrants, they would not have journeyed long distances to engage in experimental pioneering in remote regions. It is inconceivable that if the travelers had been advised of the actual conditions on the Missouri Slope, in North Dakota, they would have gone farther to seek for homes and farms.

It has been proved by demonstra-

tion that the land in Burleigh, Morton, Emmons, McLean, Mercer and the other counties in this section of the state is wonderfully productive; that the climate is peculiarly adapted to the raising of grains, grasses and vegetables in splendid profusion. The easy road to wealth followed by the husbandman in this fertile country is manifested in thousands of magnificent farms and hundreds of prosperous creameries. Scores of thriving towns and cities attest the prosperity of the country and indicate the presence of a population at once well off and progressive. And in the midst of these established evidences of a fertile land and a satisfied population there are hundreds of thousands of unoccupied acres waiting for the coming of just such people as passed us by the other day.

A satisfied people cannot long remain a progressive people. Here on the Missouri Slope increased land values—brought about by the enterprise of the farmer and dairyman—have brought a sense of prosperity that is all right as far as it goes—but it doesn't go far enough. Every acre of soil broken by the plow adds something to the selling and actual value of the surrounding acres. The only difference in the actual value of an acre of land in, say, Burleigh or Morton county, which may be bought for fifteen dollars and an acre in central Illinois held at more than a hundred dollars, lies in the fact that settlement is comparatively sparse here, while it is congested in Illinois. The land here will, under the same scheme of cultivation, prove as fruitful as that in Illinois and transportation charges no longer constitute an insuperable barrier to the welfare of the Missouri river farmer. The surest and swiftest way to bring land values on the Slope up to a figure that will represent their potential farming value is to put people on the land that is not now producing.

And that is what the people of these counties should make it their business to do now. There is a tremendous movement of immigration under way in the United States, and it is nothing more nor less than criminal for the people of this country to sit supine while these home-seekers are rushed through this state, blind to its advantages, and settled in parts of the continent where they will primarily fulfill the function of making good the bonds of moribund railroad enterprises.

It has been estimated that more than \$150,000,000 in cash will be paid for lands by newcomers to the north-west who will pass through North Dakota to Canada during the present year. The Missouri Slope would be much the better for some of that cash and tremendously the better for the location here of some of the people.

Let us do something about it.

The Mohall Tribune was so rejoiced over the decision which brings into being the county of Renville, as well as Burke, that it got out an extra edition, announcing in big type that the "supreme court rules with us." And this hurrah finally culminated in a "grand celebration," a base ball game and dance in the evening being the principal features.

Postmaster General Hitchcock intends to head off the "sure thing" office seeker. If a postmaster, for instance, wants, or is a candidate for, any other office, he must give up the office he now holds. In other words, candidacy for office by one now in office without first resigning is to be headed off.

President Taft indignantly and emphatically denies the charge that he has ever scorned southern hospitality and shunned southern chivalry. The Globe-Democrat thinks this unnecessary after he refused in full view of a tempting breakfast in Atlanta the offer of a preliminary cocktail for an appetizer.

Packard of Valley City Times-Record expresses regret that a man so estimable, so lovable and of such high social and business standing as Hon. L. B. Hanna does not agree with Packard of the Valley City Times-Record, which, of course, consigns Mr. Hanna to the dump pile.

The bold and redoubtable Joe Divine, in charge of the insurgent camp at Grand Forks, finally prevailed on Editor Packard to "eliminate" the name of Judge E. J. Burke from the insurgent bunch at the masthead of the Times-Record, which shows that Joe has his armor on, his joints girded and—ready for the fray.

The Regent Times wants the republican candidates of all factions to get together and—next to the Times.

Editor Kellogg of the Jamestown Alert is one of the breeziest and best

writers in the state, and now that the new Mergenthaler linotype has been installed we may expect heaps of good stuff—if Keg succeeds in keeping the mats busy.

The Denhoff Voice accuses the McClusky Independent of having six editors, headed by the sheriff. Many papers have but one editor—headed by the bank.

School elections fall on June 7th this year.

VOTERS INSTRUCTED
TO VOTE FOR SIX

SECRETARY OF STATE WILL FOLLOW, ADVICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

"JUDICIARY BALLOT" WILL INSTRUCT ELECTORS TO VOTE SIX CANDIDATES

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELIEVES THIS TO BE LEGISLATIVE INTENT

In issuing instructions to county auditors, Secretary of State Alfred Blaisdell will advise them in relation to the printing of the "judiciary ballot" to have printed thereon the instructions to vote for six candidates instead of three.

The secretary will so instruct because Attorney General Miller so advises, and he is the official adviser of the administration.

There has been considerable discussion of this matter and attorneys do not agree on the proposition. That everybody may have a chance to construe the English language as contained in the act providing for a non-partisan judiciary, the full text of the law passed by the last legislature is published herewith, as follows:

Section 1. In all petitions and affidavits to be filed by or in behalf of candidates for nomination at the primary election to the office of judge of the supreme or district court, no reference shall be made to a party ballot or to the party affiliation of such candidate.

Sec. 2. All primary elections at which candidates for judge of the supreme or district court are to be nominated, there shall be separate ballots upon which shall be placed the names of the candidates for such office, which ballot shall be entitled the "judiciary ballot," and the names of such candidates shall be placed thereon without party designation, and there shall be designated thereon the NUMBER OF JUDGES each elector is entitled to vote for. This ballot shall be delivered to each elector by the proper officer, and the candidate on such "judiciary ballot" receiving the highest number of votes to the extent of double the number of those to be elected (three are to be elected), provided there are that many or more candidates running for such office or offices, shall be duly nominated.

Sec. 3. At the general election there shall be a separate ballot, upon which shall be placed the names of the candidates for judge of the supreme court and judge of the district court who have been nominated as herein provided, which ballot shall be entitled the "judicial ballot," and the names of all candidates shall be placed thereon without party designation, and there shall be designated thereon the NUMBER OF JUDGES each elector is entitled to vote for. This ballot shall be delivered to each elector, and the candidates on such "judicial ballot" receiving the highest number of votes to the number of those to be elected shall be duly elected.

The capitals and the language in the parenthesis are ours.

Construing this statute the attorney general says:

Hon. Alfred Blaisdell, Secretary of State, Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor under date of June 2nd in which you ask my opinion on the following question: "Under the provisions of chapter 82, laws of 1909, known as the non-partisan judiciary act, there are three supreme court judges to be elected at the June election, and there are six candidates for such position to be named at the primaries. The question is, shall each voter be instructed to vote for each candidate, that is vote six times, or shall he be instructed to vote for three candidates at said primaries?"

I have carefully considered the act you refer to and, while I am free to confess that the same is far from being clear, I am convinced that the intent of the legislature was that six candidates, if so many file their petitions, should be nominated at the primary election and go on the ballot in the fall, and that a proper construction of the act requires that the ballot should instruct the voter to vote for six candidates.

Respectfully yours,
ANDREW MILLER,
Attorney General.

It is possible that the attorney general is right. It is a question of construction and intent of the legislators. Attorneys seem to differ on the proposition, and the Tribune still holds to its original opinion that the voter should be instructed to vote for three instead of six. The instructions to be placed on the ballot are in the nature of information. Hundreds of electors, thousands for that matter, are entirely ignorant of the number of judges to be elected this fall. It

is therefore information to such, these words—"there shall be designated thereon the number of judges each elector is entitled to vote for." He is advised that there are three places to be filled, or should be, for there are three JUDGES to be elected. But this being a primary election, and there being many candidates, and it being apparent that every elector will not vote for the same persons, it is provided that double the number of those to be elected—the six having the highest number of votes at the primary—shall be placed on the ballot in November, and then the voter again has the opportunity to vote for three, and it is possible that one or more of those for whom he voted in June, if he voted for three, would not be on the ballot—would have fallen behind at the primary; but in any event the elector has the opportunity, or should, to vote at each election for the persons whom he would like to see elected to the bench—to fill the three places. The Tribune cannot believe it the intent that each elector shall be obliged to assist in placing on the ballot in the fall the names of persons whom he does not want on the bench and yet who, because of these instructions may win out in November. It is apparent that there are bound to be more than six different candidates voted for in June anyhow, whether the elector votes for three or six, and there will, of course, be six—those six receiving the highest number of votes in June—on the ballot in November. The weeding out ought to begin in June, and the way to get the best results, it seems to the Tribune, is to vote for three, and this is the construction placed on the act, even though it is ambiguous and not altogether clear.

What say the laymen and attorneys?

Amusements

GRAND

Again the management of the Grand makes good and presents their large audience with another one of those great shows for which it is noted.

Clause and Radcliff, comedy singers and eccentric dancers, are a great hit and were forced to respond to seven encores on one of their numbers last night. Their act is out of the ordinary and they keep their audience in an uproar during their entire act. Their comedy and dancing are not only clever but entirely original. Their singing of parodies, which are written by Mr. Radcliff himself are an especial hit.

Azalea Fontaine, the versatile lady who does singing, dancing and contortion, has a very neat act. She has a sweet voice which she handles very artistically; her dancing is clever, and her contortion is of the refined style that pleases all classes.

Miss Fontaine is one of the few contortionists who do not appear in tight, and her clever work in this line stamps as a prevaricator the performer who claims that a contortionist cannot do good work only with the freedom gained by wearing the abbreviated costume.

Miss Gradi has an exceptionally pretty song which she renders in her usual good style.

The picture program is an excellent one, consisting of two very strong subjects, that hold the attention and interest of the audience throughout the entire reels.

All in all, the show is one that merits a continuance of the liberal patronage and applause it received last night.

GEM

A crowded house greeted the new bill last night and all were more than pleased with the show.

Redwood and Gordon have new music, costumes and songs since their last appearance here. A high class musical act is always well received in Bismarck, the applause for this act was expected.

Roudas and Booth have a diversified act consisting of singing, talking, and trick bicycle riding. Mr. Roudas is one of the great Kaufman troupe of cyclists and the feats he performs are certainly marvelous.

Tonight is amateur night and those who have seen the amateur stunts lately will not miss this one. More amateur acts are now offered than time can be spared for. The management has been compelled to limit the number to three acts each Friday.

When buying canned goods, insist on the best. "Hiawatha" stands for quality. At Gussner's.

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Political Announcements



GEO. W. WILSON

Geo. W. Wilson, who has entered the race for the governorship of North Dakota, is meeting with splendid encouragement in his campaign. He is a republican, but has not been entangled with either of the factions. His record in the past is one of honesty and square dealing and is an assurance that if he is elected he will conduct the office for the common good of all the people of the state.—Schafer Record.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction

My name will appear on the primary election ballot as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

E. J. TAYLOR.

For Secretary of State

I am a republican candidate for Secretary of State. If elected I shall move with my family to Bismarck, and endeavor to perform well the duties of the office.

W. M. HOUSE.

For State Treasurer

Grafton, May 12, 1910.
I am a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of State Treasurer at the primary election to be held June 29th, 1910, and respectfully solicit the endorsement of my candidacy for this office by the republicans of the state.

Respectfully,
GUNDER OLSON.

For Member of Legislative Assembly

I hereby announce myself a republican candidate for member of the legislative assembly from Burleigh county, and will appreciate the support of the electors of the county for that position at the primaries to be held June 29, 1910.

E. A. WILLIAMS.

For State Auditor

I hereby announce myself a republican candidate for reelection as state auditor of North Dakota.

I shall continue to reside at Bismarck and give the affairs of the office my personal attention, as I have during the present administration.

D. K. BRIGHTBILL.

For Attorney General

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for reelection to the office of Attorney General of the State of North Dakota. If reelected the present policy of the office will be continued.

ANDREW MILLER.

For Judge of Supreme Court

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination for judge of the supreme court of the state of North Dakota, at the coming primary election in June.

Minot, N. D., March 1, 1910.
E. B. GOSS.

For State Auditor

I am a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of state auditor at the primary election to be held June 29th, 1910, and respectfully ask the support of my candidacy by the republicans of the state.

Respectfully,
JOHN FLITTE.

Williston, N. D., May 18, 1910.

For Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor

At the persistent request of those who are interested in the welfare and development of North Dakota, I have consented to become a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor. If elected I shall strive to increase the population of the state, labor to present its many opportunities to the people of other states, and will continue to give my undivided attention to the duties of the office.

W. C. GILBREATH.



C. M. COOLEY.

For Judge of Supreme Court.
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for the office of judge of the supreme court at the June primaries.

CHARLES M. COOLEY.

DISTRICT.

For Congress.
I announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for congress before the primaries in June. I will give out my platform later. I am a resident of the western part of the state, and believe that all parts of the state should be represented. If elected I will do everything in my power to represent the state creditably and fairly in congress.

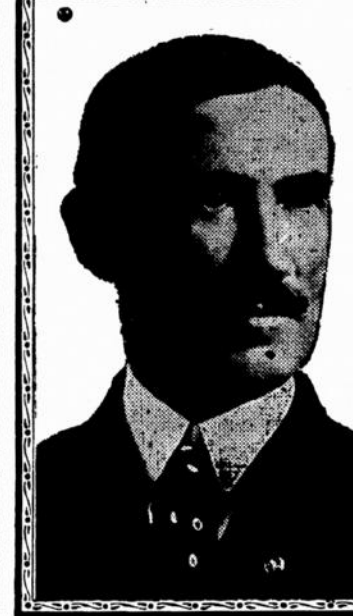
T. R. MOCKLER.

For Commissioner of Insurance.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination as commissioner of insurance on the republican ticket, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters at the primaries in June.

Minot, Hettinger county, N. D., May 11, 1910.

GEORGE H. STONE.



L. B. Hanna.

For Representative.
Congressman L. B. Hanna, republican candidate before the people at the primaries to be held June 29th, next, for nomination to the position he now holds as representative in congress from the state of North Dakota.

For Representative.

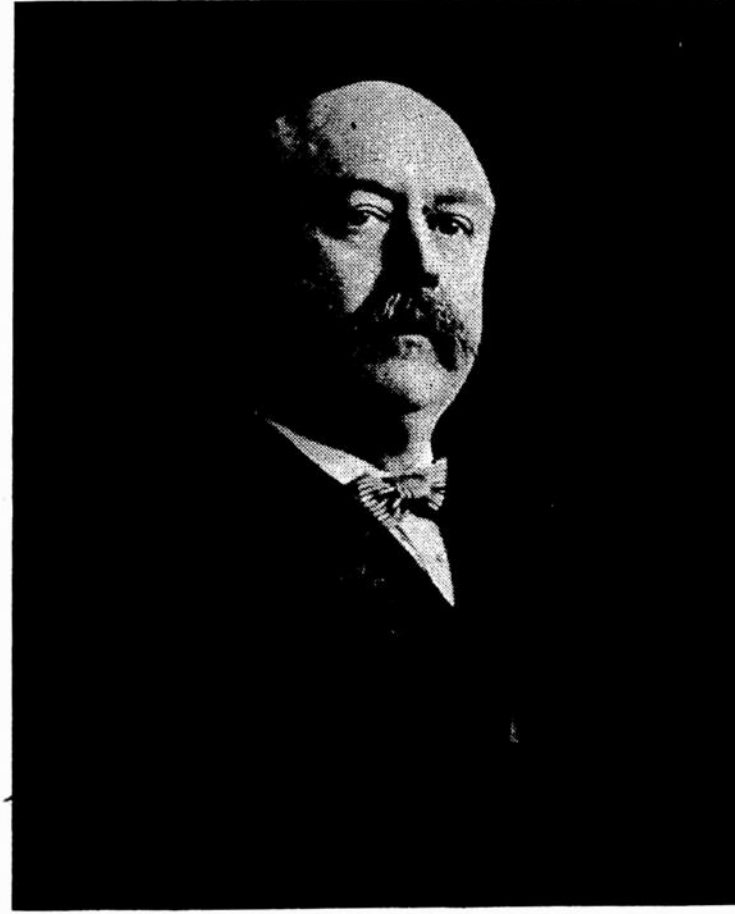
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for member of the house of representatives from the Twenty-seventh legislative district, subject to the decision of the republican electors. If elected, I shall endeavor to represent my constituency.

H. P. KNAPPEN.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for member of the house of representatives from the 27th legislative district, (Burleigh county). Your support and vote at the primaries is respectfully solicited.

GEORGE STEPHENSON.



HON. W. E. PURCELL

United States Senator from North Dakota, and a Candidate on the Democratic Ticket to Succeed Himself.

COUNTY.

For Sheriff.
I herewith announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for election to the office of sheriff of Burleigh county, subject to the decision rendered at the primary election to be held in June.

JOHN F. FRENCH.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of county treasurer, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election to be held in June.

If elected, I will, as a servant of the people, attend to the duties of my office faithfully, impartially and to the best interests of the taxpayers of Burleigh county.

Respectfully yours,
CARL R. KOSITZKY.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county commissioner in the Third district, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the general primary election to be held in June.

I am a resident of Canfield, a farmer and tax payer. If elected to the office, I will, to the best of my ability, look after the interests of the county, faithfully, impartially and in compliance with the laws of our state.

L. H. ONG.

Canfield, N. D., February 11, 1910.

For County Judge.

I hereby announce my candidacy on the republican ticket for the office of county judge of Burleigh county, N. D., subject to the approval of the republican voters at the general primary election to be held in June, 1910.

I have been a resident of the county for thirty years and know the needs of the county, and I feel that if elected I will fulfill the duties of the office impartially and will transact the duties of the office in a manner to benefit the public, as well as the tax payers of the county.

WILBERT FIELD.

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for election to the office of County Auditor.

If elected I will, to the best of my ability, serve the people by an honest and just administration, and to the best interests of the taxpayers of Burleigh county.

Respectfully yours,
T. E. FLAHERTY.

County Auditor.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of County Auditor on the republican ticket. If elected I shall administer my official duties faithfully and to the best interests of the taxpayers of Burleigh county.

J. P. BARTEL.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Burleigh county, on the republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held in June.

FRANK BARNES.

For County Judge.

I am a candidate for the republican nomination as county judge at the primary election. I respectfully solicit the support of republican voters.

M. I. MCKENZIE.

For County Judge.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county judge at the primary election to be held in June.

HOWARD A. THOMAS.

County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for the office of county commissioner for the Second congressional district of Burleigh county, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held next June.

PETERSON.

For Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for the office of county commissioner for the Third congressional district of Burleigh county, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election to be held next June.

(Better known as Coal Mine Peterson.)

For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the republican ticket, for the office of Clerk of Court, at the primary election to be held June 29.

CHAS. FISHER.

Far County Auditor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection for the office of County Auditor, on the republican ticket.

L. W. HEALY.

For County Judge.

I hereby announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for election to the office of County Judge of Burleigh county, subject to the primary election to be held in June.

If elected I will conscientiously discharge the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted to the decision of the people.

G. J. KEENAN,
Bismarck, N. D.

For County Superintendent of Schools

I hereby announce my candidacy for election to the office of county superintendent of schools, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primaries on June 29, 1910.

If nominated and elected, I shall continue to devote my entire time and best efforts to the educational work in the county.

C. L. VIGNESS.

For Coroner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for coroner on the republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the June primaries. If elected I will serve as I have in the past.

E. G. FIELD.

For County Commissioner.

I announce myself a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for County Commissioner in the First district. This is not at the request of any faction of the party, but of my own free will and accord.

If nominated and elected, I will be in position to, and will give all a square deal.