



MINOT'S NEEDS.

Paved streets.
Improved highways.
Great White Way.
More good houses for rent.
Another laundry.
More well kept lawns.
Less dirty alleys and vacant lots.
Improvements at our parks.
Less talking and more acting.
Street cars in 1915.
A half dozen well conducted funerals.
Scores of laborers not afraid to work.

We doubt very much the advisability of the progressive party of this state nominating a complete state ticket as was done at the Fargo convention. We attended this convention, not as a delegate, but as a representative of the press, and took considerable pains before the convention opened to sound a number of delegates on the subject. Out of a score or more with whom we talked, not more than one or two thought it best to nominate a complete state ticket. We don't know just who it was that mixed the political medicine, but suspect that it was none other than Judge Lauder. If Colonel Roosevelt advised this, we believe that he did not understand local conditions very well, for it would have been far easier to carry the state for him without the third state ticket in the field, than with it. The Independent, like most of the other newspapers of the state took a stand before the primaries for certain republican candidates and the editor of this paper, like thousands of others who participated in the primaries, does not propose at this time to turn down the nominees without good cause. Mr. Hanna was nominated for governor most fairly and we believe that he will be elected with an overwhelming majority.

Uncle Sam is going into the express business on a small scale Jan. 1, 1913, when the new parcel post bill goes into effect. Country merchants are protected from the mail order houses for merchandise is to be carried according to weight and distance. Eleven pounds is to be the limit, and when packages are sent out on a rural route, the charge is to be five cents for the first pound or fraction thereof, and one cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof. The maximum charge for eleven pounds is \$1.32. This reduces the cost of shipping small merchandise, and increases the size of parcels which may be carried. This will undoubtedly have a tendency to reduce express rates.

The old home paper from "down in the country," which has been filled with advice to its readers to attend the primaries and "vote for the favorite son of Valley Township for register of deeds," has discarded its election news for the present and is now printing the news of the county fair. That is news worth while.

It draws on the hearts of the folks in the big cities to read that the date for the old home fair is at hand, and they regret that they worked themselves into such a splutter about taking that vacation in the early summer. The picture of the fair grounds, with the tents and the refreshment stands; the "Floral Hall" and the side shows; the pens of fat cattle and hogs and the blooded horses; the race track and the crowds that were always there comes before the hard working city man as he reads the old home paper and makes him discontented with the adjustment of prosperity which keeps him from enjoying the luxury of two visits a year to the old home town.

Nothing in the advice which the old home paper hurled at its readers in big, black type to attend the polls and "save the ticket" ever caused the folks from the city a single regret that they were not back in the old home town to vote for the favorite son from Valley Township, but when it comes to reading the news of the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Walnut Valley Fair association—Well, that's the news to inspire a longing among the city folks who have moved in from the country places to become charter members in a back-to-the-soil movement.

The state penitentiary is run according to the honor system, and accordingly, Robinson and Irwin, two of the prisoners who made their escape, and who were subsequently captured, were given a trial by their fellow prisoners. They were found guilty of scaling the walls and sentenced to serve 20 days in solitary confinement, on bread and water. They will have no bed in their cement floored cells during that time, not a line to read, no tobacco, and no writing material. When they are out of their solitary confinement, they will lose their hair and for sixty days will be decorated with the zebra stripes that all prisoners hate so much. This seems to be punishment galore for 24 hours' freedom.

Threshermen should remember that the law is very strict, which provides for their tacking a copy of the new noxious seed lawup in a conspicuous place on each separator. If the thrasher neglects this, he is liable to a fine of from ten to fifty dollars, or a jail sentence or both.

We note that as soon as Mr. Archbold called Mr. Roosevelt a liar, Mr. Archbold sailed immediately for Europe.

USE THE PRY BLOCK.

Have you ever tried to raise some heavy bulk by using a lever? If so, you know how important is the service rendered by the pry block. On its use depends the success of your efforts. The mail order house has about the same lever as the local merchant in its effort to secure business. But the pry block of personal contact is lacking. Whatever advantage may accrue from a stronger lever is lost because that small but primary feature of the whole operation—the pry block—is not available.

There are many merchants who fail to use this pry block. They lay it away on the shelf, figuratively speaking, and try to compete with the big fellow on an equal footing. I won't do. It is up to the merchant who expects to be successful to take advantage of personal contact offered him by virtue of his location. Get the best possible lever in the shape of good goods by careful merchandising. This coupled with service means success. But don't forget to use the pry block. See to it that your customers are satisfied and then you can laugh at competition from afar. He hasn't the pry block.

President Halvor L. Halvorson, who is the democratic nominee from the Third district, made a rousing political address before the Woodrow Wilson club at Fargo last Friday night. The Forum in some manner however, credited a speech that Col. Hildreath had made to Mr. Halvorson, in which Theo. Roosevelt was given decidedly the worst of it. Mr. Halvorson has no apologies to make for what he said, but we know that the Forum misquoted him and we further believe that it did so unintentionally.

The Reflector regrets that the four prisoners made a break for liberty and trusts that the public will not censure the honor system. The prisoners have been better behaved since this rule was adopted last February and this is the first attempt at escape that has been made. The Reflector hopes that the other 166 inmates will not have to suffer for the sins of the four. Under the honor system, thousands of dollars are



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The Willow City Eagle is sore at the politicians who ordered political advertising, and then neglected to pay for same. Never mind, Thad. Every paper gets stung by some cheap guy once in a while. Ride your time for sooner or later, he'll want another favor.

Considerable threshing has been done in the Red River valley. As

we traveled from Fargo to Grand Forks Saturday night, we saw hundreds of straw piles ablaze and the night will be lighted up in this manner for weeks to come. It seems a shame that so much good straw has to be consumed. Some day, paper mills will be clamoring for it.

It is next to impossible for plumbers and others to hire men for digging and other forms of common labor. There are plenty of idle men standing about the streets of Minot, but some of them don't care to work.

for any price, while others want to get "back to nature" and get a job threshing out on the farm at three dollars per day "and keep."

L. B. Hanna will be North Dakota's next governor. Paste this statement up where you can read it the day after election. Mr. Hanna has the strongest personal following of any of the candidates, and they will stick to him thru thick and thin. No matter how many opponents take the field, it will be hard to divide his political friends.

A local politician who is thinking of making some stump speeches in the local campaign, says that politics are in a very badly muddled condition, but he thanks a kind Providence that he can still talk about the Stars and Stripes and our forefathers without any danger.

O. O. Hill, one of the readers of the Lansford Journal, writes an interesting article on his success with hogs. He fed the young pigs mangels, skim milk and slop, from the house, besides a small grain ration. One sow had a litter of ten pigs that at 8 months averaged him \$15 apiece. He has a nice alfalfa field that is helping out on the feed question, too.

Last month was the wettest August in five years the precipitation for the month in the state being 5.02 inches. Aug. Henka of Hillsboro, who experimented with one of Jim Hill's plats, threshed oats that yielded 101 bushels per acre.

HUNTING GOOD.

The hunting season opened Saturday and chickens and ducks have been arriving in the city by the score. Hunting was never better than it is this year.

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Helen and Robert Taft, daughter and son of President Taft, are now about one hundred miles inland from the railroad in the heart of Glacier National Park, Uncle Sam's newest playground, which was created by congress in 1910, the bill for which was signed by President Taft himself. There are in the Taft party, Mrs.

Geo. E. Vincent, wife of the president of the University of Minnesota and a number of young people including Martha Bowers, daughter of the late attorney general; her brother, Lloyd W. J. Bowers, who recently returned from Europe, and Miss Isabelle Vincent, who was at Bryn Mawr with Miss Taft.

When the party arrived at Medicine Lake, the first stop in Glacier National Park, they were greeted by a band of about two hundred Blackfoot Indians, whose reservation adjoins the park. The Indians entertained the party with exhibitions of their Sun Dance and Medicine Lodge ceremonies. Glacier National

Park is replete with Indian legend and full of scientific interest on account of the geological formations.

President Taft is setting a good example to every American citizen by introducing to his family the beauties of American scenery. The "See America First" slogan has made an impression on our Chief Executive.

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