

The Ward County INDEPENDENT

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.



FEELS HIMSELF SLIPPING.

P. D. Norton, second choice Congressman from this district, not long ago played hockey from his duties at Washington, and came out to North Dakota, to look after some matters of patronage with the leading democrats of the state, and presumably also to fix up his fences a little for the coming primary campaign.

In the campaign two years ago, there were five candidates for the Republican nomination and Norton was because there was at that time a provision in the North Dakota law that if no one had a majority of the first choice votes, the candidate having the highest number of first and second choice votes should be declared the nominee. L. A. Simpson, of Dickinson, was high man, but Norton had made a special plea for second choice votes, and when these were taken into account, he had a few hundred more votes than Simpson, and was declared the nominee. That provision of the law has been repealed, so that this year, the high man will be nominated.

As our readers well know, we opposed Norton two years ago, for reasons that we considered good, and we have seen no reason since that time to change our position. In fact, we believe there are stronger reasons now for opposing him than there were at that time, for he has had a term in congress and has not shown any particular ability, and the fact he skipped out for home just at the time when the Mexico embroglio was the most serious, does not put his position in any better light.

It seems that Norton can already see the handwriting on the wall, and knows that his days as congressman are about over. When the returns are all in after the June primaries it will be seen that he has been snowed under by a man who will be a real Congressman, who will do things for the district, and of whom the people will have no reason to be ashamed, the Hon. Leslie A. Simpson, the real choice of the people two years ago.—Rhame Review.

The Norton Club has been organized at Hettinger. It is surmised that "Paddy" Norton is the secretary—

treasurer and general manager, his private secretary being a man by the name of Lewis, who writes the newspapers of his district as follows: "I am writing you to learn if we may depend upon you to assist thru the editorial and news columns of your paper to secure Mr. Norton's re-election, and to present the work that he has done in Congress to the readers of your paper." Most of the publishers would be willing to "enlighten" their readers concerning what Mr. Norton has done in Congress at regular advertising rates and it wouldn't require a great deal of space at that. So many of our Congressmen figure that they are not making good unless they secure enormous appropriations, and this is about the extent of Mr. Norton's work down at Washington. A Congressman's ability should not be measured by the amount of federal coin that is spent in his district.

For the benefit of those who may not possibly be at home on June 24, we want to call attention to the absent voters' law, which gives everybody a chance to participate in the primaries, if they have registered, whether they are at home that day or not. Within thirty days of the primary, the voter may make application with the county auditor for a ballot and after the ballots are printed, the auditor will send one to the address of the party, who may mark it and return to the auditor. Many will take advantage of this law which appears to be a good one.

Over at McVie, in Nelson county, the citizens have the right idea. Recently they went to the river, dug up 65 fine box elder trees and planted them along one of the principal streets of that city. These trees are almost certain to grow. Following the good work, the townsmen sat down to a sumptuous picnic dinner to add zest to the occasion. A little work along this line in every city in the state will do wonders in a few years.

Will E. Holbein, Republican candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, is the only one of the various candidates for this office that is a member of a labor union. He has been a member of the Typographical Union since 1892, and takes great pride in the fact that he has always been "fair," both as a worker and as an employer. He has always paid over the union scale of the nearest union in his territory, and knows the life of a union printer from A to Z.

Knute Hagen will not have an opportunity to make a very extensive campaign for his contest for clerk of the district court, but this will hardly be necessary. Mr. Hagen believes that a county official ought to tend pretty closely to his duties and he has always followed this plan. He expects to make a short tour of the county before June 24.

The Devils Lake Inter-Ocean, in a very unfair manner, editorially comments on the fight for commissioner of agriculture, stating that Hutchinson is a progressive and Holbein a stalwart. We do not know how "progressive" Mr. Hutchinson is, but we do know that Mr. Holbein has always been most progressive in his views. He is supporting practically all of the candidates elected two years ago on the progressive platform. As a matter of fact the Inter-Ocean ought to wake up. The old progressive-stalwart fight has been over for at least two years. The words "progressive" and "stalwart" have gotten so that they do not mean much any more. A man is judged now by his deeds, rather than by what he claims he will do.

The county appears in a very rosy condition just now. Most of the seedling has been completed, tho it is said that it is safe to sow barley until June 20, generally. If you have an eastern friend visiting you, take him out to see one of the alfalfa fields at the John Ehr, Major Person or John Renz farms. He will marvel at the number of silos that have been constructed in the county, at the herds of fine milch cows, droves of hogs and sets of good farm buildings. Of course we are going to get a crop this year and indications are that it will be a good one. Land in this section of the state ought to double in value in five years. This isn't a real estate advertisement. We haven't an acre of land that is for sale.

The Ward County Independent should read up on the legal residences of some of the candidates for state offices. It says this week in editorial comment that there are no less than half a dozen candidates for state offices from Bismarck this year.

Among the twelve it includes Tharalson, whose residence is at Grafton; Reeder, who resides at Anamoose; and Heffron, whose home is at Dickinson. That narrows the list down somewhat.—Ex.

The Independent wasn't referring to the legal residences of the above named candidates, but where they actually lived. For instance, Tharalson advertises in the Grand Forks Herald that his family resides in Bismarck; Reeder is custodian of the State Capitol and Heffron is the left bower in Andy Miller's office.

In justice to Mr. Reishus, the Independent wants to make it clear that the report that in the event of Mr. Reishus' election, he will occupy quarters in the rear of his office, is not true. In the first place there is nothing to the report, because Mr. Reishus would never think of doing such a thing. In the second place, Mr. Reishus would not have the opportunity, because the voters are going to retire him very gracefully. No, there is absolutely nothing to the report.

When anything goes wrong in Minot Colonel Scarlett is interviewed and the Colonel's always equal to the emergency. The other day a well known woman who resides in an apartment house and told him that a mother cat and a batch of little ones were looking for a home. Mr. Scarlett advised the good woman to present a kitten to each person living in the apartment and that was the end of the complaint.

The Independent can not possibly figure how Henry J. Linde can help but win the republican nomination for attorney general. From all parts of the state come the most encouraging reports. Mr. Linde is able and conscientious, admirable qualities for a candidate seeking such an important office.

What has become of that Bull Moose party? The registration of Progressives in this state is almost a minus quantity. In the city of Grand Forks where a big vote was cast for Roosevelt in the last election there were registered 1,299 republicans and only 47 Progressives.

The Independent would be mighty well pleased to see A. M. Christianson of Towner, nominated for judge of the supreme court. As one of the exchanges said, "he has both law sense and horse sense," a good combination. The people of the state will be wise if they select A. M. Christianson.

North Dakota has one automobile for each 45 of her inhabitants, ranking fifth among the states. California, Iowa, South Dakota and the District of Columbia have a greater number of autos per capita than our own state. This indicates considerable wealth.

Roosevelt in his exploration in Brazil, discovered a river a thousand miles long that has never been mapped. The stream has been dubbed "River of Doubt," but Teddy declares that he's not in Dr. Cook's class.

It is reported that 75,000 girls sent orders through the mails for a book advertised under the caption, "What every girl should know before marriage." They received a cook book.

The Annual Ceremonial of the El Zagal Shrine opens at Fargo June 5. Among those from this city who will attend are P. L. Hodge and Tom Anderson, who will make the journey by auto.

Already there are practical results of the Soo's immigration movement. Eleven eastern farmers were sent to Garrison this week and everyone of them bought land. Twenty-two visited Carrington and nineteen purchased farm homes. One hundred seventy-five are routed for various sections of the state next week. In a short time, prospective settlers will arrive by the hundreds. This is the greatest movement ever started in the state and it will result in a great deal of good, thanks to the Soo and Major Murphy the originator of the plan.

The Independent is watching the fight for sheriff over in Renville county with considerable interest. The candidate who seems to have all the best of it is George Scofield of Grano. Mr. Scofield was in business in Grano, but unfortunately lost his store by fire. He has paid taxes in Renville county for years. He is a big, good hearted, conscientious gentleman, and one who has friends by the hundreds, because he treats his fellow men right. The southern half of the county where he resides, is with him almost to a man and he will make a splendid showing in the north end as well.

The pardoning of G. L. Bickford met with the approval of practically everybody. No good could possibly result from sending the former state treasurer to prison, even for a few days. Just now Mr. Bickford is engaged in farming extensively at Bowbells and he is making a strenuous effort to regain a portion of his lost fortune. We are mighty glad that Bickford has been pardoned.

Adrian Gorsin, a Fargo youth, was shot at Aneta, while he and some other boys were having a beer party. The policeman went out to make the party behave and Gorsin was shot, perhaps fatally.

Was De La Nature Faking? Balfour Messenger: We made a few errors in proof correction last week. We stated that the hen egg Harry Vollhardt brought in weighed two pounds. It weighed 4 ounces, being a very large egg at that.

JAMES DUNCAN.
For Commissioner of Railroads on the Republican Ballot.

Believing that every person who comes before the people and asks, at their hands, an office as important as Commissioner of Railroads, should briefly state the reasons why such support is asked, I wish to say that a careful inspection of my private and public life is freely invited. During the six years that I was a member of the House of Representatives, (from the 20th District) and the four years as State Senator from Benson county, I have worked for the best interests of the people and have done my honest duty, as I saw it.

Should I be honored with the nomination and election to this important office, I will honestly and faithfully do my best to make the office of Railroad Commissioner a help to the people of the great state of North Dakota.

During my legislative experience, from 1904 to the present time, I have served as member on some of the most important committees, such as Appropriations, State Affairs, Railroads, Taxes and Tax Laws, and have assisted in procuring the passage of some of the most important measures passed by the Legislature during that period.

From my experience as a legislator and my residence in the state for twenty-nine years as a farmer, stock-raiser and business man, I believe I am properly qualified to give the questions arising in this office the attention they require.

I believe that such matters as Transportation of Passengers, the Regulation of Railroad Connections so as to accommodate the traveling public, the matter of Shipments of Commodities to and from the state, also the proper regulation of grain warehouses, grain-buyers and shippers, as prescribed by law, should be very carefully considered by this commission, and the laws regulating the same strictly enforced.

Sincerely Yours,
JAMES DUNCAN,
It Josephine, Benson Co., N. D.

HENRY J. LINDE
Republican Candidate for Attorney General.

Born in Winnebago County, Iowa, in 1879. Graduated from Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, in 1911, and from the College of Law at the University in 1906; now practicing law at Stanley, North Dakota. Engaged as teacher of Science and English Literature at Park Region, Luther College, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota from 1901 to 1903. Served in the House one session and in the Senate two sessions of the Legislature.

As a candidate for Attorney General I pledge myself to a policy of aggressive and effective law enforcement. As Attorney General I would be bound by oath to enforce all the laws and I would respect my oath. Law enforcement without hesitation or evasion I promise the people of this State, if elected, and upon that pledge I respectfully solicit your support.

Respectfully Yours,
(Pol. Adv.) HENRY J. LINDE.

For State Treasurer.
I am a candidate for Nomination for State Treasurer on the Republican Ticket at the June 24th, 1914, primary election.

Born in Fillmore County, Minnesota, in 1858. Located at Cooperstown, N. D. in 1884. Served as Register of Deeds of Griggs County, eight consecutive years. Established at Courtenay, Sutsman County, in 1897, where I am engaged in the Implement business and farming.

Your support and votes thankfully received.
(Pol. Adv.) ROLLEF BERG.

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Minot, No. Dakota

ATTY. GEN. ANDREW MILLER
Bismarck, North Dakota
Republican Candidate for United States Senator,
June Primaries, 1914.

To the Voters of North Dakota:

Dear Sirs:
I am seeking nomination to the office of United States Senator on the Republican ticket at the coming June primary election. Realizing that I will be able to see personally only a few of the voters I take this method of asking for your votes and support. I have served the people of North Dakota as Attorney General for the six



years last past, and two years as Assistant Attorney General. I am well acquainted with the manner in which laws are made and administered. I believe my long experience in public life has qualified me for the high position to which I aspire, and I would respectfully refer you to my record as Attorney General as my recommendation.

If elected I promise to devote all my time and talents to the best interests of the people.

Respectfully,
ANDREW MILLER.

For Commissioner of Railroads.
I hereby announce that I am a Candidate for Commissioner of Railroads for North Dakota, on the Republican Ticket, and respectfully ask your support at the coming Primaries to be held June 24, 1914.

(Pol. Adv.) JAMES DUNCAN,
Josephine, Benson County, N. D.

It is claimed that 95 per cent of the surface of Bottineau county is plowable ranking it second in per cent of tillable land among all the counties of the United States.

The new \$13,000 consolidated school building at Max is well equipped for the two-year high school course given. Next year they expect to be able to make the high school curriculum one for a three-year course.

STATE NEWS

Ben Enochson of Kenmare is making an interesting fight for the nomination for county commissioner.

Road overseers in all parts of the county have gotten busy an good work will result.

Fred Dockton of Anamoose lost five horses from lightning and three others were badly injured.

Adam Pfeifer, an Anamoose farmer, was instantly killed by lightning. He leaves a wife and several small children.

O. R. Fisher, formerly publisher of the Bantry Advocate, is now located at Little Falls, Minn.

R. S. Bradley, who was in the steam fitting business here several months, has returned to Chicago. He writes that the weather is very hot in Chicago, the thermometer registering 92 in the shade Sunday. There are many men out of employment and a big brick strike is on which stops all building operations.

Cap. Wigdahl, the big, good-looking cigar salesman from Fargo, is here boosting the R. B. cigars, which are having a phenomenal run over the state. Manson Bros. of this city are jobbing these cigars. They are manufactured in New York and this is the first time that a western dealer has been able to handle them.

Pres. Crane has started the erection of a fine bungalow on Roach avenue which will be completed some time during the summer. This is not far from the Normal school.

Mr. Ferris of the Leland Department store, is building a \$3,000 bungalow on Roach avenue.

Seventeen hundred and nineteen Pierce county voters registered their political affiliations with the assessors this year. Of these 1088 were republicans, 522 were democrats, 100 were socialists and 9 were progressives.

The extent of the hog and cattle industry in this section of Richland county is not realized by many of our own people, and it will doubtless surprise some of our people to learn that during 1913 John Jones shipped over 2,800 head of hogs from this point. This is in addition to cattle and sheep of which he shipped a large number. He averaged a shipment a week throughout the year. M. A. Whipperman shipped 36 cars of live stock during the same period, and other parties also shipped several cars.—Hankinson News.

In LaMoure county the commissioners, during the month of April, paid out \$92 for wolf scalps and \$218.76 for gopher tails. It looks as though there is more money in being a hunter than a farmer.

The postoffice department announces that stamps of the denominations of 7, 9, 12, 20 and 30 cents are being printed, and will soon be issued for use. These new stamps are intended especially for the parcel post, and will be of the same size as the ordinary 2-cent stamp.

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C. R. BIERLY, Agent
MINOT, N. D.

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