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Before another issue of the Independent has reached its readers, the old year will have closed and the new one will have begun. The mistakes, the successes, the trials, the sorrows and the joys of the closing year will belong to the past, and before us will stretch the great field of the New Year, unbroken and untrod, awaiting the impress to be made by man.

The closing year has been marked in North Dakota by progress and achievement. With the products of our fields decreased in volume from the high level touched in the preceding year, the value of those products has increased, and in many localities the aggregate values have far exceeded those of former years. Our people have been prosperous. Our commercial and financial institutions are sound. Of business failures we have had practically none. New enterprises have been projected, and some of these which promise best for the future prove to be found evidences of the spirit of action or well under way. There has been evidence of deep interest in all our social relations. Everywhere are to be found evidences of the spirit of progress.

Our people are one people. Our interests are so intertwined that they cannot be separated. North Dakota must progress as one or there can be no true progress. And in the confident hope that we may all work together to make this a state of happy homes and prosperous people, the Independent wishes all its readers a Happy New Year.

Governor Frazier has already begun shaking his plum tree and his friends will watch the results with a good deal of interest. The governor's secretary is a young man from Wibleton, Mr. Mason, who is thirty-two years of age, and perfectly capable. J. R. Waters of Beach will be the new bank examiner when the present bank examiner, G. J. Johnson leaves office. The appointment of Mr. Waters is especially pleasing to his many Minot friends. Mr. Waters formerly resided in Minot where he conducted a real estate and

loan business. He will have supervision over all private and state banks and trust companies and also will inspect city and county officers. For the past eight years he has resided at Beach where he owns a thousand-acre farm. If the governor makes all of his other appointments as well as he has this one, he will make no mistake. One of Mr. Waters' assistants will come from Minot. The Independent understands that he has been selected but the name will not be made public for a week. He is connected with one of the Minot banks, we understand and has not been identified with any party particularly. His appointment will meet with the approval of everybody, it is said. The Minot members are back of W. W. Tyler for state hotel inspector. Mr. Powers of the Power hotel, Fargo, is showing some strength for the position from the eastern end of the state. L. D. McGahan, publisher of the Messenger, and K. E. Gowin, of this city, are for game warden from this district and one of them is likely to land the job.

The legislature will meet next week. Members are on their way to the Capitol city today. They will be exceedingly busy with caucuses and the work of selecting their speaker will occupy the attention of the members of the house. Fraser from Garrison, a man who has served several terms in the legislature, is mentioned for this position. Anthony Walton and H. R. Wood from this district are also spoken of very favorably. Mr. Wood is one of the youngest members of the house, but the Independent understands that he is showing considerable strength. He's a good, bright young man and if selected would soon become familiar with the work, handling the affairs in a creditable manner. Here's hoping the speakership falls on the shoulders of one of the members from the 29th.

One of the best evidences of prosperity throughout the state is the fact that very seldom does one see a mortgage foreclosure notice published. A few years ago the newspapers were filled with these notices while today they are nearly as scarce as contest notices and notices of final proof. In Ward county, a few years ago, one employe was kept busy at the sheriff's office attending to matters pertaining to the foreclosure of mortgages. Today there is scarcely any work of this nature. The farmers and other businessmen of the state have either been able to pay up their mortgages or they are whittling them down in a satisfactory manner.

While one sees a good deal in the newspapers about resignations from the various military companies stationed along the Mexican border, we have not yet heard a "peep" out of the North Dakota boys. They are standing "pat" just as all North Dakotans do. They are doing their work heroically. They left their good homes, their families and gave up good positions to work for their Uncle Samuel for 60 cents a day, but they haven't said a word. The folks back home are proud of them and appreciate their services.

NORTH DAKOTA WILL HAVE ITS LAUGH

Williston Herald: Members of the Minnesota State Horticultural society are said to have had a good laugh at Horace Greeley the other day during a meeting at Minneapolis. It was Horace who was credited with having said that it was a waste of time to try to grow apples in Minnesota. If he could know that this neighboring state now produces about half a million dollars worth of saleable apples perhaps he would enjoy the laugh on himself.

Men with less license to make predictions than a prophet so wise as Horace Greeley are still spreading the delusion that not much but wheat will grow in North Dakota. If they could live another fifty years or even half that time they would be able to enjoy as good a laugh on themselves as the apple growers had at Horace Greeley. Yes, North Dakota can grow apples, too.

A bill prohibiting the transmission of liquor advertisements by mail to anyone except licensed liquor dealers or agents, was favorably reported by the house postoffice committee at Washington. It is aimed at the so called mail order liquor business in dry territory. In North Dakota and a number of other dry states it has been unlawful for years for newspapers to publish liquor advertisements, yet the mails have been filled with tempting literature pertaining to Green River and other favorite brands. The government has no more right to carry such advertisements than the newspapers have to print them.

A number of men from Minot and vicinity are being groomed for places in the house and senate and this section of the state will be well represented. John Wallin, formerly senator from this district, is almost certain to be appointed to a clerkship in the senate and as such he will prove a valuable man for he is entirely familiar with the working of that body. W. B. McLaughlin, Kenmare newspaperman, will probably be one of the clerks in the house.

The ambitious boy who used to show up at your home at 6 in the morning ready to clean your sidewalks of snow seems to have disappeared. It's about as much as the average boy can do nowadays to get up and ready for school. His brother of a decade ago had earned fifty cents or a dollar in cleaning walks, etc., before breakfast. Now the boy expects dad to get him a position and back him up. Formerly the boy asked no favors of anybody but himself.

The National government would set a good example for the country at large if it decided to make the District of Columbia dry. Formerly saloons were run in the basement of the capitol. These have been abolished. Since the government has absolute control over the District of Columbia, if the saloons in the capitol are not good for the governors of the district they certainly are not good for the rest of the people of the District.

He was just a plain gambler but he made a million and he was accepted by the folks who worshipped money as a clever gentleman. If he had been a common gambler without money he would have been a social outcast. Money is a man-maker, a social barometer.

Secretary Lansing has probably discovered by this time as many other secretaries have before him, that it is perfectly safe to keep one's mouth locked tight. This will insure no language will be able to escape and rise up afterwards to make trouble.

The high cost of living has been reduced. Peanuts are quoted at a cent a pound lower.

ADDRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS

By DR. A. D. McCANNEL.

In response to a request from the National Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis acting in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Dr. A. D. McCannel delivered a popular address on tuberculosis at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening. The above named societies arrange for lectures to be delivered annually by men of acknowledged ability and repute in the various cities throught the country. The idea being to spread the gospel of health and the prevention of communicable diseases, with special emphasis on tuberculosis. In addition to giving the large audience a splendid talk regarding the ravages of the dread white plague, and the insidious nature of the disease and the best methods of combatting it, the Doctor gave the history of the disease, starting with the action of the Board of Health of New York City 30 years ago when they appointed a prominent pathologist to investigate and report on the white plague. This report contained the information that the spread of tuberculosis was due to the Bacillus tubercule, which had been isolated by Prof. Koch of Berlin in 1882. The first organized campaign was instituted in New York in 1905. The first international committee met at Washington in 1908. The exhibits here displayed were so highly regarded that they were exhibited both in New York City and in Philadelphia, and have been used as the basis of many brochures on tuberculosis, by prominent sanitarians, thus giving enormous impetus to the progress of the campaign against the plague. Since 1908, 550 hospitals and 800 open schools for children suffering from the disease have been established. Thousands of communities now have visiting nurses, a system which is rapidly winning favor in the public mind. The death rate in 1886 was 336 to every 100,000 people in the U. S. This was cut down until in 1904 the number was but 208 and in 1914, the last obtainable statistics showed only 112 deaths to each 100,000.

Dr. Heister, a government health specialist employed in the service of the Insular government of the Philippine Islands, reports a community in Australia where the disease has been completely stamped out. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York has a standing offer of \$100,000 to any community of the United States which will take the steps necessary to completely eradicate the disease. Farmingham, Mass., a civic centre of about the same size as Minot, has undertaken the work, and with the assistance of the state and government experts there is every prospect that within a few years they will have secured the prize as well as have attained the more ennobling object, of being absolutely free from the taint of tuberculosis.

In conclusion the Doctor urged upon his hearers the purchase of Red Cross seals, as 87 1/2 per cent of the proceeds derived from their sale was given to the tuberculosis sanitarium at Dunsmuir, which now ranks among the foremost institutions of this character in the United States.

HARD TO BALANCE.

A Minot physician tells a story of a patient whom he was treating for stomach trouble. The doctor left a large brown pill on the medicine table beside the bed one evening and said: "I want you to try this pill tonight at bedtime. It's a new treatment and if you retain it on your stomach it ought to cure you."

The next day the doctor stopped at the patient's bedside. "Did you manage to retain the pill on your stomach?" he asked eagerly. "Well, the pill was all right," the patient said, "as long as I kept awake, but every time I fell asleep it rolled off."

BURLINGTON.

(Too late for last week.) Cold, colder, coldest. What is the matter with the weather office? School will dismiss for the holidays on Friday and resume work Jan. 3rd. The teachers will go to their homes for vacation. Examinations are in progress as this is the close of the fourth month. A Christmas exercise will be given at the church Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Mr. Wittenberg, of Valley City, arrived Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Werner. He will spend the winter in our city.

Mr. David Houston and family have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Massey.

Miss Tillie Jacobson has been visiting friends in Tioga, N. D., but be at home for the holidays.

Arthur Swanson, a High school student, is boarding in town during severe weather.

Hulda Dobson has a badly frosted ear.

Mr. Thos. Sampson of Davis has moved with his family into the house vacated by Mr. Houston.

Misses Harriett and Laura Colton, Miss Myrtle Hopy and Miss Grace Johnson, all students at the Minot Normal, are now home for the vacation.

Lloyd Zybeck is now janitor at the school.

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Wishing you a Happy New Year

We are,

E. H. BOYER

A Forward Look!

1917 stands ready to take the stage. The old year, with its joys and heartaches, will soon be but a memory.

For us, it has been a good year. And, with circumstances as they are, we can well look forward to 1917 with cheer and optimism.

This is our sincere greeting to you ---our customers and friends---may the New Year hold for all of you happiness and prosperity in abundant measure.

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