

PERA HOUSE OPENING.

A Rousing Benefit Tendered Its Builder.

The new opera house, which was just finished was opened to the public on Monday night by the Crow's dramatic company, the occasion being a benefit tendered Mr. Jacobson, its builder, by the citizens of this city and vicinity.

Mr. Jacobson has expended some \$10,000 in the construction of the building, and the result is one of the coziest little opera houses in the northwest, and would be a credit to cities of much larger size.

The benefit tendered him was a very pretty way of showing the appreciation of public spirit and enterprise of their fellow townsman and the high esteem in which he is held, and the result must have been highly gratifying to all concerned, as the house was well filled and all present seemed to enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent.

The play presented by the Crows was "Monte Christo," and the different members of the company rendered their parts in a highly creditable manner. The company made a good impression on the public and will doubtless play to good houses the balance of the week.

Special government agents are at work at Arvilla in an effort to locate the mail pouch stolen from the Arvilla station Wednesday night. It appears that the pouch was the one to be sent out on Great Northern train No. 8, and had been placed on the mail crane, the train not stopping at that station. It was discovered just before the train passed that the pouch had been stolen from the crane. The loss was reported to the police department here by the Great Northern officials and also to the superintendent of the railway mail service, and special agents were at once put to work on the case.—Grand Forks Herald.

A young man from Minot came up Wednesday evening with two grips filled with "red eye," which he disposed of at 50c per. Some of those in attendance at the Woodman dance partook too freely of the stuff and caused some trouble in the dance hall. The fellow, whoever he might be, will find this climate very unhealthy if he ever visits this village again.—Berthold Tribune.

Rugby Optimist: Allan Tompkins, who has been granted a franchise for operating a local telephone exchange and electric lighting plant, informs the Optimist that the work of erecting poles will begin at once and that by spring he expects to have the wires all strung.

Did it ever occur to you that no tax is levied to operate the postal system? Notwithstanding that the railroads bribe congress to pay them over \$40,000,000 a year to carry the mails, a sum which is ten times what is just, the system is now practically on a self-sustaining basis. Neither tariff, excise or direct tax is necessary to its operation. People get value received for all they pay for stamps. Do you get value received for what you pay for taxes?

The Minneapolis Tribune has discovered that Napoleon Le May, who was murdered by Ross and Hanson near this place, is an old resident of Minneapolis and has numerous relatives in that city. The Tribune also states that the relatives will take steps to see that Hanson receives the full benefit of the law.

Venezuela made "concessions" to European capitalists to build railroads and other industries. Result: She will be robbed and lose control of her own affairs. Europe will dictate and control that country because her own leaders have sold her.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 5, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Susan Owens, contestant, against homestead entry No. 12453, made Jan. 13, 1902, for the n¹/₂ sec. 4, sec. 7, Twp. 155, R. 84, by Frank B. Mills, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has never established his residence on said tract; that he has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past; that he has never built a habitable dwelling thereon; that said abandonment still exists; that said alleged absence from said land is not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 22nd day of January 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The contestant herein having in a proper affidavit filed in this office on the 4th day of December 1902, set forth evidence which shows that after diligent search personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that service of the said notice be made by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
LeSueur & Bradford, attys for Plff. d157

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, Nov. 29 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Jake Slager, contestant, against homestead entry No. 11885, made December 5, 1901, for the northeast quarter of sec. 3, Twp. 160, R. 86, by Pat Lushy, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract for a period of more than six months last past, and that he has never improved or cultivated said land according to the homestead laws, nor ever established a residence thereon, and that said alleged absence was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 12 1903 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Nov. 18, 1902, set forth facts which show that after diligent search personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
Bird, Harris & Beede, Attys. for contestant, Minot, N. D. First pub. Dec. 10 last dec31

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Minot, N. D. Nov. 22nd 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Hugh M. Ash, contestant, H. E. No. 14242, made April 3rd, 1902 for the sec. 14 of sec. 14, Twp. 151, R. 82, by Stanislas Balaschewsch, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman had wholly abandoned the said land; that he has never established his residence thereon; that he has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past; that abandonment still exists; that said alleged absence is not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on Jan'y 8, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Minot, North Dakota.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Dec. 5th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
LeSueur & Bradford, attys for contestant. dec10-31

Notice for Publication.

Land office at Minot, N. Dak., Dec. 23 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, Clerk of the District Court, at Ward County, North Dakota, at Minot, North Dakota, on February 7th, 1903, viz:

Theodore Skoglund,
H. E. No. 10489, for the nw¹/₄ of sec. 33, Twp. 155, R. 84.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

G. W. Johnson, Nick Torgensen, John L. Skoglund, Peter Erickson, all of Des Lacs, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
First pub Dec 24 last Jan 28.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 30th, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, Clerk of the District Court for Ward County, N. D. at Minot, N. D. on Feb. 7th, 1903, viz:

ALFRED STEEN,
H. E. No. 7873, for the sec. 4, sec. 11, Twp. 157, R. 82.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ole Opeeson, Peter Opeeson, Andrew Anderson, Ole Lens, all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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Notice for Publication.

Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec 19th 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., on Feb. 9th, 1903, viz:

Libbie D. Hagler, H. E. No. 11032, for the nw ¹/₄ sec 21 Twp. 153, N Range 83 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. Funderud, P. F. Vanderveer, O. L. Toffner, W. B. Hawley, all of Minot, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register.
C Aurland aty for claimant d24-j28.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Minot, N. D. Dec. 23, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John H. Macy, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 7850 made June 12th, 1901, for the south east quarter (se¹/₄) section 15, township 158, north, range 82 west by William Doney contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date hereof; that he has not established a residence thereon; that said tract remains in its natural state, wholly abandoned and unimproved and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 18th 1903 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office at Minot, North Dakota.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed December 2nd, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
W. N. Crane atty for contestant d24j21

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D. Dec. 15, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by King H. Kaylor, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 10439, made Oct. 31st, 1901, for the S. W. ¹/₄ of Sec. 4, in Twp. 158, N. of Rge. 85, W., by Herman Grouws, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the said tract for a period of more than six months last past and has never established a residence thereon; and has never improved or cultivated said tract according to the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or any of the United States in time of war said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock, a. m. Feb'y 9th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 13th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such service be made by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
d24j21

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D. Dec. 15, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by King H. Kaylor, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 10439, made Oct. 31st, 1901, for the S. W. ¹/₄ of Sec. 4, in Twp. 158, N. of Rge. 85, W., by Herman Grouws, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the said tract for a period of more than six months last past and has never established a residence thereon; and has never improved or cultivated said tract according to the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or any of the United States in time of war said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock, a. m. Feb'y 9th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 13th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such service be made by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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NOTICE OF INTEREST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 13th, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Cetha Williams contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 8516 made August 15, 1901, for Lots 2 and 3 sec. 4 and ne ¹/₄ sec. 4, sec. 3, Twp. 150, range 57, by Mabel C. Moseley contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the same for more than six months last past and has never improved or cultivated said tract of land according to the homestead laws and that said alleged abandonment still exists and is not due to her employment in the army, or navy of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 2, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 12 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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NOTICE OF INTEREST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Dec. 13th, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Cetha Williams contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 8516 made August 15, 1901, for Lots 2 and 3 sec. 4 and ne ¹/₄ sec. 4, sec. 3, Twp. 150, range 57, by Mabel C. Moseley contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned the same for more than six months last past and has never improved or cultivated said tract of land according to the homestead laws and that said alleged abandonment still exists and is not due to her employment in the army, or navy of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 2, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 12 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
d24j21

CONTEST NOTICE.

Land office at Minot, N. D., Nov. 22nd 1902; Department of the Interior.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John Wauters, contestant, against H. E. No. 14240, made Apr. 3, 1902, for the ne ¹/₄ of Sec. 14, Twp. 151, N. of range 82, W. by Franz Balaschewsch contestee, in which it is alleged that the said entryman has wholly abandoned the said tract, and wholly failed to improve the same or to establish his residence thereon, that he has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past; and that said alleged absence still exists; that said alleged absence is not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on Jan'y 8, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Dec. 5, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
LeSueur & Bradford, attorneys for contestant.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Nov. 22 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Harry Herman, contestant, against homestead entry No. 14241, made April 3rd, 1902, for sw ¹/₄ of section 14, township 151, range 82, by Eustis Balaschewsch contestee in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract of land that he has never at any time or in any manner improved the same; that he has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past, that he never established his residence thereon; that said abandonment still existed; that the said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine or other wise, during the war with Spain or any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Jan. 9, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 5, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
LeSueur & Bradford, attys for Contestant. dec10-31

Contest Notice.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 2, 1902.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Oscar Loker, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 4918, made April 21, 1900, for Lot 1 and se ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ Sec. 1, Twp. 158, R. 84, by Ernestine Paradis, contestee, in which it is alleged that said claimant has wholly abandoned said tract of land for more than six months just prior to the filing of this contest. The fact is he never did reside upon said tract and never made valuable improvements thereon, and said absence is not due to military service of any kind in the United States. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock on Jan'y 19, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land office at Minot, N. D.

The said contestant, having in a proper affidavit, filed Nov. 26th, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
Jas. Johnson, atty for contestant d10-31

Notice for Publication.

Land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 6th., 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the district court, Ward county, N. D., at Minot, N. D., on Jan. 16th, 1903, viz:

Pearl W. Cline
H. E. No. 10956, for the se ¹/₄ nw ¹/₄ and sw ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ sec 5 Twp. 159, R. 85

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
H. G. Podoll, T. V. Bailey, Edward Ellefson, H. M. Bailey all of Minot, N. D. 12-10-14.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 9, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the U. S. Land office at Minot, N. Dak., on Jan. 19, 1903, viz:

HALVER S. BREUHO,
H. E. No. 11088, for the se ¹/₄ of sec. 21, Twp. 158, R. 81.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence and cultivation of said land, viz:
Olef Dokken, Herman O. Ebert, Albert Ebert, Ole Dokken all of Pratt, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
First pub. Dec. 10, last Jan. 13.
James Johnson, atty.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 16, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the district court of Ward county, N. D. at Minot, N. D. on January 24, 1903, viz:

JONATHAN ORLEY,
H. E. No. 6197, for the se ¹/₄, sec 11, Twp. 158, R. 82

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Wilson Water, Freeman Priskay, Williams Grams, Edward Water, all of Walter, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 4, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before John Lynch, clerk of the district court of Ward county, N. D. at Minot, N. D. on January 24, 1903, viz:

OSCAR S. RINEHOUT,
H. E. No. 10088 for the ne ¹/₄ se ¹/₄ e ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ and nw ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ sec 28, Twp. 158, R. 83.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Will Markkila, Archway Dayton Will Butts, Tom Welsh, all of Markkila North Dakota.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
J. J. Coyle, atty. for claimant. d10j44

Notice for Publication.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 4, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Minot, N. D., on Jan. 20, 1903, viz:

H. E. No. 10088 for the ne ¹/₄ se ¹/₄ e ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ and nw ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ sec 28, Twp. 158, R. 83.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Will Markkila, Archway Dayton Will Butts, Tom Welsh, all of Markkila North Dakota.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
J. J. Coyle, atty. for claimant. d10j44

Notice for Publication.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, N. D., Dec. 4, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Minot, N. D., on Jan. 20, 1903, viz:

H. E. No. 10088 for the ne ¹/₄ se ¹/₄ e ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ and nw ¹/₄ ne ¹/₄ sec 28, Twp. 158, R. 83.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Will Markkila, Archway Dayton Will Butts, Tom Welsh, all of Markkila North Dakota.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.
J. J. Coyle, atty. for claimant. d10j44

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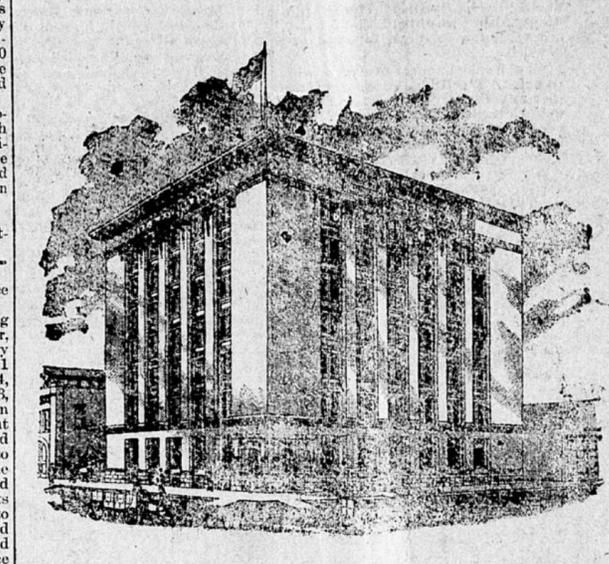
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