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Minor Topics.

Deputy Register of Deeds Cochran made a visit to Fargo this week.

The deadly osculation germ extracted without pain. Ask Jack Coyle.

Wm. Gibb, the livery magnate of White Earth, had business in Minot Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church gave a very enjoyable dinner social at the church last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davidson, of Kenmare, visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davidson of this city several days this week, returning today.

George McKenzie, formerly G. N. storekeeper at this place, came up from Devils Lake Monday to spend the summer on his farm north of Minot.

There will be a Hallelujah wedding and ice cream social at Salvation hall on Thursday evening, April 2d. Admission 25 cents. Don't forget the date.

Landlord Geo. Spau of the Hotel White Earth, came down from that thriving burg Tuesday, courting, transacting business and incidentally attending the opera.

N. W. Comford, the well-known White Earth townsman, was a business visitor in the city Monday and Tuesday. The Independent acknowledges a pleasant social and business call.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dolan and family, of Pierce county, visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Williams a few days this week while enroute to White Earth, where Mr. Dolan will go into the hardware business.

At a meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church last Sunday night to elect a board of trustees, Clayton Cox was elected chairman, R. W. Davidson, clerk, S. E. Van Fleet, president and Rev. Raynor, moderator.

Frank O'Brien, of White Earth, was arrested Saturday by Sheriff Scofield on a charge of running a blind pig. At the hearing he pled not guilty to the charge and was bound over to the next term of the district court in the sum of \$500.

Billy Allen, the man who tapped the till at the Leland House Cafe, was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 by Judge Cooper, Monday. The light fingered gentleman was unable to furnish bail and was properly conducted to the county jail.

Walter Dinger, a Donnybrook Bluff pugger, was brought in Minot yesterday on a warrant sworn out by H. R. Bates, a local wheat buyer of that place. Dinger appears to appreciate the danger which surrounds him and declares that he will take his medicine as the court directs—pleasantly, too.

Jas. Smerud, Nic Zirbes, Paul Renville, Angus McKay, Olaf Munis and several other prominent White Earth business men were in the city Tuesday, having come to the hub by invitation of Sheriff Scofield as witnesses in the O'Brien blind pig muddle. Evidence against the speak-easy boys must be on the slump side of the game when the "flowers" of our sister villages must be dragged into the booze courts to tell his honor how it happened.

The following "balloon" special from Minot to the Minneapolis Tribune of Monday is self-explanatory: "About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a lone burglar by the name of Allen entered the Leland hotel cafe, flashed a six shooter and shouted 'Hands up!' He tapped the till for about \$50 in cash, doffed his hat and took his departure, but not before pretty Marie Snell, an employe of the house, slipped out and gave the alarm. In a minute Chief Kimball was on the scene and gave chase to the thief. He was captured and lodged in the county jail. It was just fifteen minutes from the time the burglar entered the hotel until he was lodged behind the bars.

I have some money to loan on Real Estate. If you want any, get here early.
E. R. WILLIAMS.

Mr. J. P. Fahlender is the new city editor of the Optic.

Engine No. 1057 is the engine that killed Joseph LaPorte.

Rev. C. F. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler visited at McCormick Wednesday.

Attorney LeSueur left Sunday morning for Fargo upon a business trip.

Deputy Sheriff Olson was down from Palermo a couple of days this week.

K. E. Leighton left Monday for William, where he will open up a law office.

The Rev. Wm. C. Hunter will preach at Burlington on Sabbath, March 29th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Scandinavian Ladies collected \$11.90 at their supper and turned it in for the starving Finlanders.

Shoes! Shoes! Buy the B. & M. shoe. Best fitters, best wearers, and best looking, at Lee & Larson's.

Harry Dittmer, of the G. N. R. Co., has changed his business. He is now engaged in the stone stretcher business.

Wallace George, a very prominent livery man, of Sawyer, paid this city a short visit recently.

Governor has vetoed the \$5,000 appropriation bill for an agricultural experimental station at Minot.

Attorney C. Aurland has an unlimited amount of money to loan. Office in Second National Bank building.

Remember us when in need of a new hat: We have them in all the latest shapes, at prices that are pleasing to the purse. Lee & Larson's.

The dead body of S. O. Byland was found in his shack, five miles north of Minot, Friday last. Deceased lived alone and suspicions are entertained of foul play.

Don't forget our grocery department for choice, clean, fresh goods. We claim to be leaders in the grocery line. Lee & Larson.

Dr. E. A. Crockett left last night for Chicago, where he will take a further course in electrical medical science for eye, ear, nose and throat troubles. Dr. Taylor is attending to his business during his absence. Dr. Taylor comes well recommended.

A head end collision occurred at the piers of Sadtler Brown's resort in the harbor Monday night in which considerable furniture was reduced to kindling wood. An alarm was sent in but the participants made good their escape before the arrival of the officers.

Laboring Men! We invite you to our store! When in want of shoes, hats, gloves, overalls or anything in furnishings, come and look us over, quality guaranteed prices right. Lee & Larson.

The Lendale Theatre Co., which is occupying the Opera house for the entire week, is certainly one of the cleverest combinations on the road. Every actor is a star in his or her particular part. The production of "In the Shadows of the Cross" on Monday night was the best ever played before a Minot audience and deserved a far better attendance than greeted them upon their first appearance in our city. The presentation of the five act drama, "A Georgia Rose" last night, was well received and proved to be all that the management promised. Hal Barber and his splendid company are deserving of a liberal patronage and those who fail to see them will miss the richest treat of the season. A matinee will be given Saturday afternoon. Prices will be within the reach of all. Take the children out and give them a taste of what you like yourselves.

Our spring line of Men and Boys clothing is up to date. See the fit, examine the seams, we guarantee the piece. Lee & Larson.

500 Line Change in Time and Train Service March 15th.

After above date trains 105 and 106, the "Dakota Express" will run between St. Paul and Moose Jaw with through Palace sleeper. From St. Paul daily except Sunday. From Portal daily except Saturday. Connections will be made at Hankinson for Bismark. For information regarding time etc. inquire of nearest 500 Line Agent.

Wash Goods. Zypheer Gingham, percales, tissues. All the latest in summer goods. Your inspection is invited. Lee & Larson.

M. E. Church News.

"There is nothing that makes men rich and strong but that which they carry inside of them, wealth is of the heart not of the hand."

We regret deeply that our church building has not room for the people who wish to worship with us on Sunday evenings. The building ought to be more commensurate with the gospel. We are putting in thirty additional chairs this week.

strangers spending the Sunday in town will find a cordial welcome at "The People's Church."

The Wednesday evening prayer and song service needs your presence to complete its interest.

The men and women of Epicurean taste are given the privilege of a first class dinner at the Nash building on Thursday of this week at 5:30 p. m. The cost is 25 cents.

A Junior League has been organized with 25 members on charter roll. The President is Raymond Hall. The superintendent, Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

The Sunday school had 94 in attendance last Sunday. Mrs. C. F. Wheeler is an efficient superintendent.

The subjects for next Sunday are "A Vision of Holy Waters" and "John Smith's notions on Hell."

Joseph LaPorte Instantly Killed.

About 11:30 today Joseph LaPorte was killed in the G. N. yards, near the passenger depot. Mr. LaPorte had stepped down to the station to mail a letter on an east bound train and was crossing the main line track at the time of the accident. Passenger train No. 3 west bound was considerably late and was just pulling into the station, the pilot of No. 3's engine caught him and drew him under the wheels, killing him instantly. The head of the unfortunate man was nearly severed from the body and he was otherwise frightfully mangled.

Mr. LaPorte was a prominent business man of Minot, and had held several good positions in the government service. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a kind father and loving husband.

Mr. LaPorte was 49 years of age and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely and terrible death and to whom the citizens of Minot extend their deepest and most heartfelt sympathies.

It is understood from reliable authority that Mr. LaPorte carried an insurance policy of \$2,000 in the New York Life.

Acting Coroner Judge Murry impaneled a jury and held an inquest over the remains this afternoon but up to going to press no verdict had been rendered.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 9:30 from the Catholic church under the auspices of that denomination.

The neatest, newest and swellest line of spring ties, at Lee & Larson's.

CONSENT NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., March 2, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Byron Smith, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 17551, dated August 8, 1902, for the sec. 29, Twp. 159 N of Range 85 W, made by Ray W. Todd, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Ray W. Todd has wholly abandoned the said land for more than six months since making the said entry and next prior to the date hereof; that he has never established a residence thereon and that said contest remains in its natural state wholly uncultivated and unimproved; 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, 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 and respond and offer testimony touching said allegation at 10 o'clock, A. M. on May 1st, 1903, before T. W. Lasker, a notary public at Carpio, N. D., and that final hearing will be had on May 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 March 6th 1903, 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.
J. S. FRASER atty. 3-11 4-8

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, land office at Minot, N. D., March 17, 1903.

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 April, 24th 1903, viz:

JOHN PERLICHEK
H. E. No. 7070, for the SE 1/4 Sec. 4, Twp. 155 range 84. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Bradley, Gilbert Bradley Dougall, McDougall, Louis Perlichek all of Burlington, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register. 3-18 4-22

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Minot, North Dakota, March 17th 1903.

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 Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at Minot, North Dakota, on May 2nd 1903, viz: H. E. No. 427 of ANNA C. BELL of Minot, North Dakota, for the e 1/2 nw 1/4, sw 1/4, nw 1/4, and sw 1/4, ne 1/4, sec. 10, Twp. 154, n. 82 w.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Nels Olson, Thorwall Mostad, Thomas Lundy, Anker A. sandre all of Minot, North Dakota. R. C. SANBORN Register. 3-18 4-22

THE MINOT NATIONAL BANK.

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Congress could pass a law in one week that would give the people relief from trusts and monopolies if it wanted to, but it is not religiously inclined at present.

When you vote for the trusts and combines they call you a loyal American. When you dig into them for robbing the people they call you a crank and a vagabond and still the majority of the people continue to uphold them in all their undertakings. Funny ain't it?

A Windy City gentleman has discovered that some of the Chicago packing houses are violating the statute by employing engineers who are not licensed, which of course endangers the lives of their employees. If a poor man would violate the law he would be arrested in no time. But the rich can do no harm. That's funny too, ain't it?

A wealthy Chicago lady and a lady in high society says "no lady should be married to the same man for more than three years."

Judging from the rush to the Dakotas for divorce bills, the rich women are not in the habit of having one man for more than three months. "But the rich can ride in shazes, and the poor can walk Bejazes."

Famine in Finland? Not a bit of it. There is plenty of food, clothing and fuel in Finland, but it is like some other countries—a few of the citizens have control of the food, clothing and coal, and the people are dying of starvation. If the people had the money to pay the enormous prices, they could buy, but their wages are so small they cannot pay for what they produce for their employers at the prices their masters ask. This may not be the proper way to express it, but it is a truth that cannot be intelligently denied, just the same.

Last week the Reporter censured Dr. E. Crokat for making a suggestion at the coroner's inquest of the late Adam Black, who was found dead at Stanley whom the jury pronounced "suicide," although the evidence in the case was said to be only circumstantial. Now, then, the Reporter's whole "beef" hinges on one simple remark: "Make the verdict as easy as you can for the family and friends."

Nothing more than any gentleman would remark in a case where the evidence was not clear. Just why the Reporter censures the Doctor for this remark we cannot say, but it is presumed because he was elected as coroner on the republican ticket during the last election, and during several preceding elections for that matter. Good men and true should uphold every other good man. Such knocking as this seems to be should be transferred to those who are more worthy.

\$1.00 A DOLLAR COUNTS \$1.00

24 lbs rolled oats..... \$1
50 " table cornmeal...
20 " Wright's b'kwh't
20 " Calif'nia prunes

10 lbs Fine roasted coffee..... \$1
20 lb good rice.....
20 lb best sago.....

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Dishes! Dishes! Royal English Semi-porcelain, we have them in two patterns, none like them in the city. Call and see them and get prices. They are up-to-date.

Dry Goods We are getting in a new line of Spring Dry Goods, such as Laces, Embroideries, Trimmings, Dress Goods, Percales, Zephyrs, Dimity, Amoskeag Gingham, etc.

Shoes and Rubbers Our line of Shoes is complete in every way and the styles are strictly up-to-date. New goods coming in every day. Our prices are bound to suit our customers. We have just unpacked a line of new rubbers for the spring trade.

Sweet-Orr Overalls and Coats We have just received a large shipment direct from the factory of these goods and can fit any one, large or small, short or tall. Give us a call.

Men's Shirts The largest assortment ever brought to this city. Prices range from 50 cents up. The very best goods on the market. These goods are going very fast, at the remarkable low prices for which we are offering them. You cannot help but be suited.

Grocery Department We do not need to talk at length upon our grocery department, our old customers know that we sell cheaper than any other place in the city and others can find it out by giving us a trial.

Cleven & Hanson.