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Minor Topics.

Court has adjourned until April 15.

Jack Shields is reported to be very ill.

Earl Waldref is working for the Rogers Lumber Co.

Miss Jesse Cooley, of Oakland, Ill., has returned to Minot.

The weather is breaking up and the farmers are all smiles.

Much snow has melted on the prairie and sleighing is said to be very good yet.

Matt Gilmore, the White Earth horse rancher, was registered at the Leland yesterday.

Joe Rowan will start a second hand store in the building next to Cleven & Hanson's.

The wrestler, "Ole" Marsh, is here and says he will arrange a match with O'Neil soon.

Moses Wise and Miss Ann Blocker, two Surrey people, were married by J. W. Clear, March 22nd.

J. E. McKone, the abstractor, is busy all the time. And he has the swiftest office rooms in the city, too.

Sure sign of spring—the festive hobos have put in their appearance. They are returning from the east.

Joseph Rowan left for St. Paul last Thursday night to purchase stock for his new store on lower Main street.

Minot will likely have a mile or so of cement walks built this season. D. A. Dinnie will likely get part of the work.

Jorgen Olson made a business trip to Williston the first of the week and located twenty settlers on Williams county dirt.

A new music store will soon be opened in this city by a Mr. Kelly, who has been here for some time looking for a location.

Prof. Van Tassel, of Leeds, made a pleasant call on Minot friends Tuesday. He reports his school having a vacation for a week.

W. B. Schull, a member of the Ward County Bar association, and a prominent attorney at Bowbells, died Friday of typhoid fever. He was buried Sunday.

It is expected that Col. Hanson will leave the land office this week and that Thomas Fox, the newly appointed receiver, will take charge of the work immediately.

There are too many horses for sale in Minot. Those who have shipped them here state that they have hard work to sell them at a price which will allow them to make any money.

Mr. Dable, the partner of B. C. Turner in the Leland department store, arrived from Abercrombie, N. D., Monday night. The name of the new firm is known as Turner & Dable.

W. E. Johnson has bought the building occupied by Mrs. Muhs, the lady barber. He paid \$4000, or about 25 cents a brick. "Monk" is making the coin. By the way, he is getting a corner on whiskers.

The Optic claims a weekly circulation of 3800. Divide that by three or four, Mac, and you will be nearer right. The Optic fails to state, however, that it has considerably less than a thousand subscribers.

The gasoline stove in Hagan's restaurant exploded Friday morning and nearly caused a bad fire. Mexican Joe with a coat smothered the flames and saved Bill Johnson and his fire eaters a job.

Mr. Churchill, owner of the coal mine, says A. Brown, who left Des Laes so mysteriously, left him with a mortgaged horse on his hands, which was sold to him, and left other debts to the amount of three or four hundred dollars.

The farmers expect to be in the fields in a little more than a week in some localities. The frost is not deep and will soon get out. Many of the farmers are out now removing stones from the fields so there will be no delay when it is time to go to work.

Tom Clancy is in a bad condition and is not expected to recover.

Locaters are going to the claims daily with prospective homesteaders.

Some of the farmers near the city are dragging today and some have been seeding.

Mark Francis has returned from Alberta, Canada, where he filed on 160 of the King's domain.

A man named McBride was badly bruised in the caving in of a mine near Stanley, Friday night.

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

Lars Hanson was brought from Granville on a stretcher Sunday very ill of typhoid fever. He is receiving treatment at the county hospital.

Fred Hockspier, of Sawyer, has a baby seven months old which is well developed. The little fellow can walk alone and has six teeth already. Fred is as proud as a peacock.

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

B. G. Turner has arrived from Little Falls, Minn., to take possession of the Leland department store, of which he is proprietor. The Independent understands he is a thorough general merchant, one who will do all he can for our beautiful city.

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

E. R. Williams who spent Sunday at Des Laes, reports that prairie chickens have made their appearance right in town. He has not heard of any of the people killing any of them in self defense, but said he saw several which committed suicide by flying against the buildings.

Two months ago a number of people supposed to be deaf and dumb, came through Minot selling soaps. Down at Red Wing, Minn., the other day they got into a quarrel at the hotel because one wanted to be boss and said some unkind things about each other. They could talk as well as anyone.

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

E. R. Williams is thinking seriously of buying a first-class automobile to use in going to and from Minot to Hiddenwood, the new town started southwest of Minot. By the way, E. R. is about to start a new paper there and reports everything prosperous. Don't forget Hiddenwood when you want a good location.

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

McHenry county teachers will receive higher wages next year as through the efforts of Supt. Molyneux, resolutions were passed at the meeting at Anamoose last week to raise the wages of the teachers in general. Fake agents were given a hard nudge at this meeting.

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

All of the Minot teachers have been re-elected by the school board. Prof. Wolfe receives a raise in wages. The board will soon meet to consider the plan now on foot to build a new school house. The Independent believes this would be a move in the right direction, as the school building was crowded to its fullest capacity last winter.

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

Major Murphy and brother will likely get a large sized automobile, to cost \$2,500, which will be used in carrying the mails between Minot and Renville. The machine will easily make the trip each day. It can be sent along at twenty miles an hour but if it speeds along at a ten mile clip it will make the trip there and back each day. There will be plenty of room for passengers, parcels and the mail.

The baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Law Saturday, died Sunday and was buried the next day. Mrs. Law was in a precarious condition but is improving.

There are only nine typewriters in the LeSueur building, in which the Independent is printed. These clever machines are used universally over entire Minot. There are several hundred of them in the city already.

A telegram from Judge Cowan stated that Judge Palda would plan for the opening of the adjourned session of the court. As the chambers are at Minot, there will not likely be any more delays in the setting of the district court. The spring term will open April 27th and we will have four sessions during the year.

Ranchers and farmers with stock say hay was never so scarce in the Mouse river valley in 18 years as it is this spring. Nearly every rancher has to buy some hay, although a great amount was put up last summer. Those who ought to know, say this has been one of the hardest winters ever experienced in North Dakota.

The wife of Even Marking of Foxholm was taken to the asylum at Jamestown by Sheriff Scofield Friday night. The poor woman has been ill for about six months, being unable to sleep out a little. She was placed in the county hospital but could not be helped there. She is about 28 years old and has three children. Her case is almost hopeless.

I have collected all my pupils in Norwegian into one class and shall come to Minot once every week. Parties intending to take up Norwegian in particular, or any other language in general, should join the respective classes at the beginning of the course, as it is almost impossible to catch up if one once gets behind.

O. O. FJELSKJEL.
The Independent man was shown a picture of a Grand Forks girl who is missing, Anna Wilson. She appears to be about twenty years old. The picture was received by Chief Kimball and he has been looking for a girl who looks like the photograph. He has been unable to locate her in this city and if she is here, she is going under an assumed name.

Wm. Gronenthal, aged 56, died at his home seven miles north of the city, Saturday night at 12 o'clock, after an illness of two years of kidney trouble. He came from Nebraska five years ago and prospered. The funeral was held from the Catholic church Wednesday and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery. He leaves a wife and nine children.

One phase of the new prohibition law, enacted by the last legislature, will attract the people of the state as taxpayers. A reward of \$50 is paid to every person who secures the conviction of a "blind pigger" and this will make quite a drain on the revenue, which is ultimately paid by the tax payers. The probabilities are that some men will make a business of convicting blind piggers, and thus take considerable money, all from those who are already paying high enough taxes at this time.

A rather amusing incident took place immediately after the performance, "In Old Kentucky," at the opera house Friday night. One of A. P. Scofield's horses had been led up the stairs to be on the stage and acted as gentle as a kitten during the performance, even when the star made her famous hide. But when they attempted to lead the horse down, things were different. The horse positively refused to go and was allowed to remain in the opera house all night. The next morning it was taken down on the elevator.

President Roosevelt at Valley City April 7th. One fare for the round trip via the Soo Line, April 6th, from stations Hankinson to Portal inclusive, good returning April 8th. Ask nearest Soo Line agent for particulars.

Soo 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 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 Soo Line agent.

Young Man Missing.

E. O. Simmons, 27 years old, came to Minot Feb. 25th from Renville, having sold his farm there, and had a draft for \$785 cashed at the Second Nat. Bank. He engaged a room at the Hotel Dakota, where he left his grip and fur coat and has not been seen since. It is suspected by many that he was put out of the way for his money. His father and brother are in town today and may hire a detective. He was on his way to Bottineau to work in a bank. He was engaged to be married to a young lady, the happy event to take place in a short time. Minot is gaining a record for strange disappearances. The father is inclined to think his son will show up some time. The young man's habits were excellent.

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

Attorney Arthur LeSueur returned Monday from Fargo, where he spent a week handling cases before the supreme court. He was interested in the case of Mrs. Shirley vs. Olaf A. Olson, in which Mrs. Shirley is said to have been injured by a blow struck by a monkey wrench in the hands of Mr. Olson. Mr. LeSueur also was interested in the New Era coal mine case. The mines suspended business last fall.

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A woman writes to the city from Chicago, stating that R. S. Dollard, the land crook, is in jail there charged with getting money from a hotel man under false pretenses. He is also charged with alluring pretty women with sweet smiles and pretty phrases, and gaining their love and at the same time all loose change, then disappearing. Dollard left the Leland hotel in the hole to the tune of about \$200 and beat many others in Minot. The woman wanted some one from this city to appear in Chicago Sunday morning to bring more charges against him and assures his being landed behind the bars.

Don't Miss President Roosevelt. He will be in Valley City April 7th. One fare on the Soo Line for the round trip from stations Hankinson to Portal inclusive, April 6th, good returning April 8th. Get particulars from nearest Soo Line agent.

L. J. Palda, the Kenmare lawyer, has been appointed judge of the newly created district, the eighth, by Gov. White. He takes hold of the work immediately, but it is expected that he will secure another judge to take care of the work when court sets again, April 15, as he has numerous cases himself to try. Mr. Palda's appointment was not entirely unexpected, although it was known for a long time that strong opposition was manifesting itself. Either Noble or Brennan were looked upon generally as being more likely to secure the office than Palda. Mr. Palda is a bright young man, a capable lawyer and will no doubt rule in an impartial manner.

M. E. Church Notes.

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

Our Sunday school children are saving pennies for the offering. Small envelopes will be given them next Sunday.

The M. E. Aid society thanks the public for their patronage at the supper last Thursday; \$50 were realized.

The Methodist church, through its pastor, extends its deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken family of Mr. LaPorte.

The subjects for next Sunday's discussions are: Morning—"A Model Church." Evening—"John Smith's Nations on Heaven."

We talk with men who assert with pride that they have not entered a church in a number of years. This is rather a matter of deepest shame.

A word to the Methodists that are coming to Minot to reside: Attend the Methodist church at once; make yourselves known to the pastor and give him your church letters.

A Thank offering for missions will be received on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for the offering will be left at every Methodist home. This is an opportunity for an expression of gratitude to our Father.

Mrs. J. G. Moore, wife of our presiding elder, was unanimously elected Sunday school superintendent on Monday evening by the Sunday school board. Her qualifications are peerless. Mrs. Wheeler could hardly have a better successor.

DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING

Strychnine as Given to the Farmers by the County Auditor.

In preparing strychnine for gophers, take contents of one bottle (1/2 oz.) and pour over it one table-spoonful of good vinegar, and let it stand for one hour, then pulverize and mix with one gallon of wheat, and pour on enough warm water to thoroughly wet the wheat; let it stand for 15 to 18 hours, and it is ready for use.

CAUTION.

In handling strychnine it is absolutely necessary to always bear in mind that this is a deadly poison. You cannot be too careful but the chances are that you will be careless. Do not leave it where children come in contact with it. In mixing and preparing it for gophers, do it alone and mix it in old cans or vessels that you afterwards can destroy and dig in the ground. In putting out the wheat for the gophers, it is always best to put a few kernels in the holes where you see the gophers inhabit, and place the wheat far enough down in the holes to prevent your stock from reaching the same, and unless this precaution is used, your stock is liable to be poisoned. The utmost caution should always be used in the handling of this deadly poison.

ONE FIFTEENTH OF A GRAIN is fatal to a human being, and there are 60 grains in each bottle. This poison is contributed by the county of Ward, and if it is not your intention to use it—and use it right—do not get it. You are required to give a receipt for what you get.

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He will be in Valley City April 7th. One fare on the Soo Line for the round trip from stations Hankinson to Portal inclusive, April 6th, good returning April 8th. Get particulars from nearest Soo Line agent.

The road from Granville to Mohall will be built as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The right of way agent bought 12 miles of right of way out of Granville last week, paying some of the farmers \$30 an acre for their land. As he goes north he will pay less. It is stated the road will be ready for the fall crops. It passes through the garden spot of North Dakota and will make the land worth at least \$3,000 a quarter. Granville will have a ten stall round house, new side tracks, and the depot will be enlarged. This news comes from an authentic source.

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 the Register and Receiver of the U. S. land office at Minot, N. D., on May 9th, 1903, viz:

Formerly Augusta Nitch. H. E. No. 13783, for the sec. 20, twp. 157, r. 83.

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

Thomas Laudeback, John Heinze, William E. Heinze, William Finke all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, atty for claimant 3-18-4-22

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the interior, land office at Minot, North Dakota, 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 her 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

ANNE C. BELL of Minot, North Dakota, for the e. 1/4 nw. 1/4, sw. 1/4, nw. 1/4, and sw. 1/4, ne. 1/4, sec. 10, twp. 154, r. 82 w.

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

Nels Olson, Thorwall Mostad, Thomas Landy, Anker A. Sundre all of Minot, North Dakota.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. James Johnson atty. 3-18-4-22

J. W. Samuelson will put up a building north of Jas. Johnson's office 24x60 feet, one story high, for his harness, boot and shoe store. D. A. Dinnie will do the work.

Call and examine the new display of goods at O. H. Christoffers new tailor shop on second street and Ramstead ave.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., March 6, 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. of 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 tract 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, Sergeant 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. Tasker, a notary public at Carpio, N. D., and that final hearing will be held 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 16th, 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 FRIEDRICH H. E. No. 7074, for the SE 1/4 Sec. 4, Twp. 155 range 84.

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

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

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