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**Waterford Township.**  
Hathway will sow 100 acres of flax. W. M. New will put in 100 acres of flax.

Bill Soure will have a postoffice at his place. Seed potatoes are scarce on North Prairie.

John Heinze's oats are coming up nice since the rain. Bill Goffe is getting tired of hatching and wants a cook.

J. T. Loederback has the nicest match team in the township. We had a fine rain Thursday. The farmers are rejoicing over it.

John Heinze wants a girl to raise. He don't care if she is 35 years old. John Heinze is the champion sod breaker. He is breaking for Miss Frost.

Jacob Neff took the pictures of the farms of J. T. Loederback and John Heinze. Sam Overshiner is working for Miss Hartig and his wife is putting in the crop at home. That is the kind of a woman to have.

J. T. Loederback received a letter from his wife in Fulton county Indiana, telling about a hail and wind storm at that place Easter. Hail fell as turkey's eggs, and several houses were destroyed by the wind.

**Peebler.**  
Church was well attended Sunday. L. A. Truedell is expected home this week.

Harve Orndorf made a trip to Minot Friday. J. Claton transacted business in Minot Monday.

Herb Williamsom visited Allen's home over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen were in Minot last week.

Mrs. L. A. Truedell made a flying trip to Surrey Friday. W. H. Allen has just purchased a new supply of groceries.

Arthur Messinger has returned from Minnesota and is now on his claim. Mrs. Strycker, who has been visiting her son George near Surrey, returned home Friday.

Geo. Plumb came out from Norwich Thursday and expects to stay on his claim a few days. Church and Sunday School at the new school house every Sunday at 10 a. m. Everybody welcome.

Everyone in this neighborhood is busy trying to get rid of the gophers who are coming thick and fast. One of the largest herds of cattle ever witnessed by the people of this vicinity went through here last week on their way to Montana, where there is more room for cattle ranchers than there is here; the cattle belonging to the Stevens Cattle Co. There were 4,000 head.

**Burlington.**  
Leroy Foot, of Minot, was out visiting his parents last Sunday. L. S. Foot is putting in 100 acres of wheat this year. He has three four horse teams going all the time.

Mr. Morrison and family and F. S. Carpenter and family will soon move into the hills west of here. Both are going into the cattle biz. Fred Trumble and family have returned to their claim three miles west of Burlington; they having wintered at LeGrand, N. D. Glad to welcome you back again Fred.

The first rain of the season began to fall last Thursday morning, continuing all day and all night, doing a vast amount of good to crops, that were in the ground and in soaking up the ground in general. The farmers are all smiling.

Chas. Trace while going to the Devide from L. S. Foot's last Friday morning, tied the lines to the end gate of the wagon and got out to walk, as it was pretty cold, and while going down a little hill the horses started to run, making a circle coming back and crossing the road, striking the wire fence but fortunately the harness and collar saved serious damage to the horses. They then turned down the road and ran a mile and a half and were finally stopped by Mr. Foot's herder, Mr. Hanson, who was with Mr. Trace at the time the team started, did some talk springing but to no purpose, and when the team was stopped and the boys began to look around for the stuff that was in the wagon they found everything ok. but a can of sugar which had been wrecked. So the boys had to drink coffee straight for two days.

**DIAMOND DICK.**  
M. E. Church Notes.  
"Man is incurably religious."—Sabatier.

The Junior League had 28 in attendance last Sunday. The Epworth League propose to make the May Basket Social an unprecedented success.

Our infant department of the Sabbath school is gradually growing. It had 30 in attendance last Sunday. The pastor's S. S. class begin a study of Bible subjects next Sabbath in a way somewhat different from the usual method. Typewritten copies of the lesson will be distributed one week ahead.

Next Sunday the subject for discussion will be "The One God or Mud Gods—Which?" This will be the first of a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The morning subject is: "The Three Feasts."

Seaford Implement Co. sells the Van Brunt shoe and disc drills. The celebrated Mandt wagons and Flying Dutchman plows, also a large line of buggies and spring wagons.

**PALDA ON THE BENCH.**

Court Opens Monday and the New Judge of the New Eighth Judicial District is Dispatching the Work in a Capable Manner.

Judge Palda opened court in Minot Monday, but little was done that day except hear motions and arrange the calendar. There are 41 civil cases and 16 criminal cases on the docket but some will be settled out of court.

Mr. Palda is doing his work in a fair, capable manner and the attorneys speak highly of him as a judge.

Frank and Walter Dinger plead guilty, Tuesday morning to conducting a public nuisance at Donnybrook—viz: a tame moose joint, and were sentenced to 90 days in jail in addition to paying a fine of \$200.

Riley Allen, who touched the Leland House Cafe cash register, plead guilty to the charge of petty larceny.

**A. D. Fish's Home Burned.**  
Fire destroyed the home of A. D. Fish near the schoolhouse on Tuesday, starting a few minutes before noon. Miss Mattie Bacon was lighting the gasoline stove when it exploded. Her dress became ignited and she ran from the house all ablaze. Frank Merrill, deliveryman for McKone Bros., saved her life by wrapping his overcoat about her. One of her hands was very badly blistered.

The fire department received the call for help and made a quick run. The boys played on the fire to very good advantage, but the fire had too much headway and but little of the contents of the house could be saved.

The household goods were insured for \$400. Quite a sum of money was in the house but all except some bills was secured. The residence belonged to Miss Leburg. The house was not entirely consumed but is practically worthless. Mr. Fish lost \$1,200 worth of goods.

The Rev. Wm. C. Hunter will preach at Markville, Sunday May 3rd at 3 p. m.

On account of a quarrel, Hattie Talbot, who runs a boarding house in the Coney Island district, pulled a wicked looking six shooter on her neighbor, Barlow. Officer Robinson arrested Mrs. Talbot and lodged her in jail last night. Her hearing will take place this afternoon.

Recently, the Independent man had occasion to visit the Geo. W. Burke farm at Surrey and saw some of the finest farming he has ever seen in North Dakota. Mr. Burke planks his ground, getting it as fine as a garden. No wonder he can sell real estate at \$3,000 a quarter.

Jas. Robinson, traveling freight agent of the G. N. was in town again yesterday getting some new pointers in regard to the depot troubles, and was surprised that nothing had been done, as he said that the St. Paul officials had allowed the depot and agreed to fix up the unloading track, and it was up to Supt. O'Neil, and has been for weeks, and Mr. Robinson has again up the matter with the St. Paul officials and will see that something happens this time.—Palermo Standard

A. R. Tungland, of Portal, visited Minot Friday to see the officers of the land office regarding his losing \$226.50 which was given to a missing Ward county U. S. Commissioner, but which was never turned in at the land office. Misses Emma and Adeline Reishus lost similar amounts in that way. The money was given to Editor G. P. MaKee who turned it over to the commissioner, who is wanted badly at present. Mr. Tungland is a poor man and will have to earn more money in order to prove up.

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 14, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph Gelius, contestant, against homestead entry No. 12991, made January 4th, 1902, for north-west one-quarter (nw 1/4), section 20, township 153 N, range 83 W, by John Chick, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract for a period of more than six months just last past, has failed to establish a residence thereon, and has never cultivated the same, and that said alleged absence from 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 another 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 June 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 April 22nd, 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 notice be given by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. Greenleaf & Leighton attys. 4-29 5-20

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior—United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 14, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Mahlon G. Antrim contestant against H. E. entry No. 7594 made May 8th 1901, for the 1/4 of Sec. 23, township 153, Range 81, by John O. Stuebaker 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 in fact, never did establish residence thereon and has never cultivated the same. And that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, marine or seaman 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 June 9th 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 April 29th 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 notice be made by due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. Greenleaf & Leighton, Attys. 4-29 5-20

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 8, 1903.

A contest affidavit was filed in this office by Alma Lane, contestant, against homestead entry No. 11991, made December 9, 1901, for the nw 1/4 of sec. 14 of section 29, township 153, range 82, by Anna Decker, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Anna Decker has wholly abandoned said land for a period of more than six months immediately prior to the filing of contest affidavit; she has not been on said claim after the date of said affidavit, never cultivated any part of said land; that said abandonment was not due to her 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 June 9th 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 April 29th 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 notice be given by a due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. Greenleaf & Leighton, Attys. 4-29 5-20

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 8, 1903.

A contest affidavit was filed in this office by C. J. Foster, contestant, against L. E. Anderson, entry No. 17138, made July 21st, 1902, for the nw 1/4 of sec. 14, township 157, range 82, by Louis Anderson, contestee, in which it is alleged that said contestant has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date hereof, and that she has wholly failed to establish residence on said land or make any improvements thereon, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to her 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 June 9th, 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 April 8th, 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 notice be given by a due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for contestant. 4-29 5-20

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 18, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John Paulson, contestant, against H. E. No. 13193, made February 23, 1902 for the sw 1/4 of section 29, township 153, range 83, by Oakley Worthington, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said above tract for a period of more than six months last past, and has never improved or cultivated the same, and has never established a residence thereon. And that said alleged absence from 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, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 9th, 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 April 18th, 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 notice be given by a due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for contestant. 4-29 5-20

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 18, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Ole N. Sather, contestant, against homestead entry No. 13340, made March 3rd, 1902, for the nw 1/4 of sec. 22, and the nw 1/4 of sec. 23, township 23, range 85, by Eiel Severin Eielson, contestee, in which it is alleged that 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 the said tract of land or make any improvements thereon. And that said alleged absence from 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, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 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 April 13, 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 notice be given by a due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. Greenleaf & Leighton, Attys. 4-29 5-20

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Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 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 April 13, 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 notice be given by a due and proper publication.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. Greenleaf & Leighton, Attys. 4-29 5-20

of this notice" can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice may be given by due and proper publication.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 27, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on June 12, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 9553, of

AARON DALEN, of Minot, N. D., for the sw 1/4, lots 3 and 4 of sec. 3, twp. 153 n, range 83 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charlie Hermanson, Anton Weber, Victor Severson, John Julin, all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. James Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29 5-3

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 27, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on June 13, 1903, viz:

MARTHA CEYMAR, No. 12994, for the sw 1/4 sec. 23 and e 1/4 sec. 1-4 sec. 20, twp. 154, range 81.

He names following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. S. Gallagher, of Sawyer, N. D.; Frank H. Slattery, of Minot, N. D.; William Crosine, of Sawyer, N. D.; James Hodges, of Sawyer, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29 5-3

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 27, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on June 13, 1903, viz: G. GALLAGHER

H. E. No. 12191, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 28, twp. 154, range 81.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Crosine, Charles Zanders, Earl Nordhagen, James Hodges, all of Sawyer, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29 5-3

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 13th, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on May 22, 1903, viz:

DEVILLION K. PIKE, No. 16391, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 10, twp. 157, r. 83.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert Woodburn, J. M. Wilson, Will J. Butts, Clifford Bell, all of Lynch, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. J. J. Coyle, Atty. 4-15 5-20

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 15, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on May 22, 1903, viz:

LOUIS HEGNA, H. E. No. 5365, for the e 1/2 nw 1/4, n 1/2 sec. 10, twp. 153, r. 82.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Lars Mellum, Otto Larson, Mikkel Owen, A. J. Lindquist, all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant, Minot, N. D. 4-15 5-20

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 10, 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 of U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D., on May 23, 1903, viz:

EDWARD JOHANSEN, H. E. No. 13068, for the nw 1/4, sec. 28, town 153, range 82.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Christ Pash, Mayet E. Kincaid, R. Bernhard John Peck, Francis M. Hendrickson, all of Walter, O. N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register. C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimants, Minot, N. D. 4-15 5-20

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 13th, 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, United States Land office, North Dakota, at Minot, N. D., on May 22, 1903, viz:

IDA BESSIE KESSEL, (Formerly Ida Bessie Keno.) H. E. No. 12141, for the nw 1/4, n 1/2 nw 1/4, sw 1/4, nw 1/4 sec. 23, twp. 153 n, r. 82 w.

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