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The Ten Commandments.

Rev. Edgar Jones gave last Sunday evening at the M. E. church, the first of a series of addresses on the above subject. The special theme of the occasion was "The One God and Mud Gods." The speaker pointed out that Jehovah God demanded our worship and service on the ground of his unique position as the only God and also because of his redemptive relation to the world. The "Mud Gods" are those whom men substitute in place of the true God. Man by the very nature of his being must worship something, and if Jehovah be not the object of that worship, then he will bow to other Gods. Such divinities are called "Mud Gods" because of their cheapness, and the kind of men and women their worshippers become.

The house was crowded to the door, several not finding seats did not stay. The theme for next Sunday evening is "The Disgrace of the Tongue," which will deal with the Third Commandment.

Court Notes.

Joe Sheeley and Mrs. Mary Frank were each found guilty of the crime of sodomy, their trials being separate. The judge may not sentence them until the last of the week. They may get from one to ten years in the penitentiary. The jury in the case of Mrs. Frank was out from Saturday noon until Sunday afternoon before it could agree. The trials were held behind closed doors, one witness knowing what another testified to.

Court is expected to last all of this week and a part of next. The Bickford-Frost case will come up next week. Judge Cowan will sit for Judge Palda in this and several other cases as Mr. Palda has been more or less interested in them. John Burke of Devils Lake, will try all of Mr. Palda's cases in which he was interested before he was appointed judge.

Campbell charged with stealing horses from Leslie Colton was found not guilty by the jury Tuesday morning. Campbell was considered only an assistant to Carter who said he had bought the horses. Carter's trial has not yet come up. Major Richards will bring a separate trial against the men charging them with stealing his colt.

BIBI-A COMEDY OF TOYS.

Bibi—a comedy of toys, a novel and attractive entertainment will be given at the Minot Opera House, Thursday evening, May 14th, by home talent under the auspices of the Prosesterian Aid Society.

This play represents a toyshop, conducted by the toyman and his daughter, and many of those taking part represent the stiff, stately, odd and silent dolls and animals therein exposed for sale. A fairy finally comes along, and with her wand and bottle of magic salts awakes the toys and fills them with life; then the jumping jacks tie the daughter while the old toyman is asleep, whereupon pandemonium reigns supreme. The animal toys jump and caper about, one doll clothes with the man in the moon, the dolls, fairies and brownies appear each in his or her appropriate role, the sandman puts the daughter asleep, and the night is spent in joyous frolic, with songs, dialogues, marches, drills and other figures and movements.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

The Sandman.....Dr. Storey
 The Man in the Moon.....John Mackay
 Guepot, the Toyman.....Arthur Metcalf
 Katy, his daughter.....Carrie McCune
 Bibi, a French doll.....Miss Champlin
 Angelica, a rag doll.....Dolly Cooper
 Topsy, a black doll.....Sara Murray
 Sylvania, a retired fairy.....Ruby Robbins
 Prince Caramel, a gentleman.....Mr. Ripley
 Serg. Bonbon, a soldier.....Chas. Weagant
 Capt. Tillerope, a sailor.....John Corbett

DOLL HEADS.

Ida Wilson, Maggie MacDonald, Nellie Spell, Mable Hunter, Syble MacDonald, Essie Doloff, Pearl Pringle, Alma Johnson, Dolly Odell, Gladys Wheeler, Jessie Houghton.

JUMPING JACKS.

Leon Conly, Harry and Frank Armstrong, Craig Pinney, Henry Slocum, Otis Hurd.

NOAH'S ARK ANIMALS.

Owl.....Harlo Benedict
 Cat.....George Rayhart
 Frog.....Niel Wheeler
 Pig.....Paul Murphy

Paper Dolls.....Marjorie Walrath, Florence Champlin, Mabel Edwards, Clara Johnson, Mamie Ritchie, Bessie Wilson, Luella Conley, Gladys Dodge.
 Brownies.....Seymour Shirley, Kimball Cummings, Walter Champlin, Walter Edwards, Ritchie Smith, Melvin Johnson, Loyd Dodge, Hallie Gates, Walter Fauchald.
 Flower Fantasie.....Misses Corbett, Nelson, Ripley, Edward and Lillian Davidson, Laura Cooper, Myrtle Wil-

iams, Misses Matthews, Melhouse Waldorf.
 Ragtime Chorus.....Ambelena Snow, Jasper Johnson, Consola Davis, George Washington, Gondola Brown, Dude Jim, Alfonso Swift, Lightfoot Sallie, Dinah Snowball, John Darle.
 Pianist.....Miss Odell.
 Music by Minot orchestra. Admission 50c and 75c. Tickets for sale at Slocum's drug store.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Rev. Wm. C. Hunter will preach at Norman school house Sunday at 11 a. m., and at Burlington at 3 p. m. All are welcome.

Commissioners Richardson, Swanson and Torbenson inspected three bridge sites 30 miles up the river Monday and will report at the next meeting, May 25.

"Yuma" the clairvoyant made his famous blindfold drive in Minot Tuesday, climbed a telegraph pole 16 feet where a knife had been hidden, and found it.

J. T. Lloyd came in from Norwich Monday to attend the church trial, inquiring into the statements made by the Rev. Wm. C. Hunter regarding the present condition of the church.

Frank Malley alias "Blinky" who was arrested at Kenmare last August and confined in the county jail at Minot, was given a second hearing Tuesday and discharged by Judge Murray. The information was incorrect. The remains of Mrs. Ole Rastad were brought in from 50 miles southwest of Minot Saturday morning and Sunday evening were interred in Rose Hill cemetery. The woman was 30 years old and died of congestion of the lungs.

A tough who stole a pair of trousers from in front of John Wilson's store Tuesday was apprehended by Julius Fauchald to whom he attempted to sell them. The police were notified and the fellow arrested. He has a partner who is wanted.

Olaf Johnson, a melancholy individual from Olga, Minn., was arrested Monday by Chief Kimball at Hagan's restaurant and placed in the county jail. He is insane and during a fit kicked several window lights out of his room. He had been crying for several days.

Paul Renville, of White Earth, fell in a ten foot ditch near the Mercantile hotel a week ago Tuesday night. He landed on his back and had to be helped out. Now he wants \$1,000 to pay for injuries and has secured Gammons & Barret to extract that amount from the coffers of the city.

D. W. Kridler, aged 62, died suddenly of heart failure at Kenmare April 30. John McJanett, our licensed embalmer, was called and prepared the remains for shipment to Graceville, Minn., the old home of the deceased. He was a homesteader and was just preparing to move to his farm from Kenmare where he spent the winter.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Katie Olson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 15074, made April 28, 1903, for the ne 1/4 of section 28, township 153, range 83, by Charles M. Strong, contestee, in which it is alleged that Charles M. Strong has wholly abandoned said land for a period of more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of this contest, that he has failed to establish a residence on said land and that he is still abandoning the same, that the said alleged absence from the 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 19, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D.

Said contest having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 18, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

5-6-03 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. A. Johnson, Atty for Contestant

"YUMAA"
 The Celebrated Palmist and Clairvoyant.
 Is still in the city. Consult him on all matters of business. He tells you everything without you speaking a word. Don't fail to consult him, as it may be your last opportunity to get a reading that is perfect and genuine.

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 Hotel Dacotah,
 Hours, 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

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I must make room for another large consignment of Second Hand Goods which are on the way from Minneapolis, and will make a right price to the Farmers or anyone wishing anything in

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South Main St., Minot, N. D. **JAS ROWAN**

..Want Column..

OATS FOR SALE,

R. W. DAVIDSON.
 Twenty baby carriages, latest styles, McJanett's.

Found a pair of woman's gloves on Main street. Owner call at Independent office.

Boarders wanted at private house in Oakland Grove. First-class accommodations. Miss Lillian Evans. n3-1f

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

Taken Up—April 30, a mare 7 or 8 years old, front feet shod; branded — on hind flank. Prove property, pay charges and take animal away. E. T. Evans, Sec. 30, 155-84, Des Laes, N. D. n3-13

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

Lost—Two gray horses and one bay horse. The grays having their manes cut short. The bay branded U on hip and had a white face. Horses had halters on and were between 8 and 9 years old, weighing between 1,000 and 1,100 pounds; all were work horses. A reward will be paid for any information leading to the return of these animals. Leave information at this office or write to Ole Jorde, Pratt postoffice, N. D. 4-15 5-20

Homesteaders Rates via the Soo Line.
 One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip to all points in North and South Dakota and the Canadian northwest

EVERY THURSDAY until June 30th. Ask nearest Soo line agent for folders and particulars.

Bring your second hand goods to Joe Rowan. He will pay you well.

Ben Nichols, an alleged pigger waived examination before Judge Murray Tuesday and was held in \$500 bail.

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

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Edd Olson contestant, against homestead entry No. 12673, made January 25, 1903, for ne 1/4 sec. 11, twp. 153, range 84, by John Whalen contestee, in which it is alleged that said John Whalen has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of this contest, that he has failed to establish a residence on said land or make any improvements thereon and that he is still abandoning the same that he is still abandoning the same 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, 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 19, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D.

Said contest having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 18, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
 5-6-03 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. A. Johnson, Atty for Contestant

CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land office, Minot, N. D., April 24, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Katie Olson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 15074, made April 28, 1903, for the ne 1/4 of section 28, township 153, range 83, by Charles M. Strong, contestee, in which it is alleged that Charles M. Strong has wholly abandoned said land for a period of more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of this contest, that he has failed to establish a residence on said land and that he is still abandoning the same, that the said alleged absence from the 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 19, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.

Said contest having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 18, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
 5-6-03 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. A. Johnson, Atty for contestant, Minot

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. 1266, of

AARON DALLEN, of Minot, N. D., for the sw 1/4, lots 3 and 4 of sec. 3, twp. 133 n., range 83 w.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: R. C. SANBORN, Register, Charlie Hermanson, Anton Weber, Victor Severson, John Julin, all of Minot, N. D., James Johnson. R. C. SANBORN, Register.

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: MARTHA CEYAR, No. 12264, for the sw 1/4 sec. 28 and e 1/2 sec. 1-4 sec. 29, twp. 153 n., range 83 w.
 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. Slatky, of Minot, N. D.; William Cresine, of Sawyer, N. D.; James Hodges, of Sawyer, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register, C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29-03

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 6th, 1903, viz: DANIEL B. JACOBSON, H. E. No. 13179, for the ne 1/4 sec. 28, twp. 155, range 81.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Martin Jacobson of Minot, N. D.; Charlie Kitleson of Des Laes, N. D.; E. G. Evans, Peter Johnson, of Minot, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register, C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29-03

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: MILDRED G. GALLAGHER, H. E. No. 12961, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 29, twp. 154 range 81.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Cresine, Charles Zanders, Carl Nordhagen, James Hodges, all of Sawyer, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register, C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant. 4-29-03

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 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 E. PIKE, No. 15331, for the sec. 10, twp. 157, range 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. 4-15-03

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 23, 1903, viz: LOUIS HEGNA, H. E. No. 9365, for the e 1/2 nw 1/4, ne 1/4 sec. 10, twp. 153, range 83.
 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.

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 the Register and Receiver of the United States Land office at Minot, N. D., on May 23, 1903, viz: EDWARD JOHANSEN, H. E. No. 13006, for the nw 1/4 sec. 28, town 153, range 81.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Christ Pasch, Mayet E. Kincade, R. Bernhard John Peck, Francis M. Hendrickson, all of Walter P. O. N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register, C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant, Minot, N. D.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Land Office at Minot, N. D., April 13, 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 Alfred Baisdell, United States Commissioner, District of North Dakota, at Minot, N. Dak., on May 23, 1903, viz: IDA BESSIE KESSEL, (Formerly Ida Bessie Kone.) H. E. No. 12141, for the nw 1/4 ne 1/4, ne 1/4 nw 1/4 sec. 23, twp. 153 n., range 82 w.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Good, C. L. Cline, Wellie Kling, Isaac Williams, all of Sawyer, N. D. R. C. SANBORN, Register, Bird, Sutton & Beede, 4-15-03

ALIAS CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., April 27, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Peter Jensen, contestant, against homestead entry No. 12232, made December 30, 1901, for the sw 1/4 of section 3, twp. 199 n., range 85 w., by Clarence Brown, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Clarence Brown, entryman, has wholly abandoned said tract for a period of ten or six months last past, and that he has never established his residence thereon; and that said land 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, seaman or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may have been engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 22, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land office in Minot, North Dakota.
 The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 27, 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.
 5-3-03 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 T. E. Olsgard, Atty for contestant, Minot, N. D.

Advertisement of a Partner's Retiring.
 Notice is hereby given that the partnership between P. E. J. V. and G. E. Saueressig was dissolved on the 15th day of April, 1903, so far as relates to the said J. V. Saueressig. All debts due to the said partnership, and those due thereon, will be settled with and by the remaining partners, so will continue the business under the firm of Saueressig Bros.
 April 15, 1903. P. E. SAUERESSIG, J. V. SAUERESSIG, G. E. SAUERESSIG.

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