

Minor Topics

Flax 94 cents.
L. W. Wells will start a paper at Centerville.
Owen Hecker is the new postmaster at Logan.
Mr. Conklin's barn was burned by a prairie fire at Sawyer recently.
A. E. Wolverton has returned from California where he spent the winter.
O. H. Christopher has raised his building one story and remodeled it.
Chas. Tatman is putting in 135 acres of wheat oats and barley on old ground.
The retail merchants association is holding a meeting in this city this afternoon.

Money to loan on choice Farm Lands--J. L. McDonald, at McFee & Coyle's office, Minot.

John S. Hove, a cousin of Mrs. Crane, has accepted a position in the law office of W. N. Crane.
W. N. Crane has moved his law and land office from the Jacobson block to the LeSueur block.
V. Nicklin, of Lynch, has three deeded quarter sections of good land for sale from \$2,000 to \$2,700.

The M. E. church will undergo \$1,000 worth of improvements. About one-fourth of that amount is raised.

Sivert Oen sold his half interest in the ranch to his brother Mike and will build four houses in Minot.

The M. E. May Basket social was a splendid success Friday night. Rube Allyn gave several recitations in his inimitable style.

Olava Tolga, the 23 year old daughter of Andrew O. Tolga is near the point of death near this city. She has quick consumption.

The subjects for next Sunday's sermons at the M. E. Church are "A New Testament Methodist" and "The Disgrace of the Tongue."

Rube Allyn and wife will give a fine entertainment in the M. E. church Thursday night. They are impersonators of far more than ordinary ability.

The Minot telephone company are putting in an extension for fifty new phones, making 200 when all are in. Ten are asked for now but cannot be supplied.

At the land office in April 974 homesteads were filed. There were 227 commuted entries, 15 coal filings, 11 soldiers' and 12 deserters. The total receipts were about \$55,000.

Stephen Gulseth's new bus has made its appearance. It is painted in an attractive manner and makes all trains, hauling guests to and from the Minot Scandinavian House free.

J. T. Loederbach's wagon reach broke Monday as he was coming down the north hill with a load of hay. Tom pitched off the ton of hay and said something emphatic as he did so.

L. C. Van Exie has opened the Souris Studio, a swell photograph gallery in the new building at the rear of Hoff's store. He has a very complete and up-to-date outfit. The Independent wishes him success.

The postoffice was closed Arbor Day and court adjourned for the day. Judge Palda, Stenographer Taylor, and E. D. Kelley went down the river fishing and secured twelve of the finny tribe. The school took a vacation and several planted trees.

Personal Mention.

John Bradley is suffering from a poisoned hand.
Alfred Blaisdell spent last week in the Twin cities.
Miss Olive Waldref is the Optic's new bookkeeper.
Herman Lindberg is on his claim near Donnybrook.
Chas. F. Wheeler has opened an office in the LeSueur block.
Mrs. Adam Black, of Chilcot, proved up on her claim last week.
Geo. Nixon, of Crary, is on his claim, ten miles southwest of the city.
Dr. Hyndman is examiner for the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.
Herbert LeSueur, of Arizona, is the guest of his brother, Arthur LeSueur.
Miss Mamie Olson, the hair dresser, arrived at Miss Elton's millinery store.
P. V. McCoy is at Boulder Springs, Mont., taking treatment for rheumatism.
Fred Hermanson, the Stanley druggist, transacted business in Minot, Monday.

Register of Deeds Briggs is moving his household effects to this city from Bowbells.

George Sorkness, the White Earth land locator, transacted business in Minot last week.

Miss Alice Winter returned to Bancroft, Ia., after visiting her brothers, Francis and Alden, of North Prairie.

A. F. Bacon, Minot's natural born artist, sold a picture recently for \$55 which he painted after working hours.

Clark Cummings, of Haskins, O., and C. Finkbeiner, of Perryburg, O., two old soldiers, are living on their claims at Stankly.

Wm. Gibb, Sr., the Knife river rancher, visited his daughter, Mrs. C. P. Truax, last week. He was accompanied by Miss Isebella Carter.

"Dutch" Horn is in from the farm. He sowed his potatoes and planted his oats "already yet," but failed to get a woman to do his cooking.

Fred Hannah, the Chilcot postmaster, paid Minot a visit several days last week. Mr. Hannah is one of the rising young ranchers of the Missouri valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gray, of Centerville, are registered at the Hotel Dacota. Mr. Gray is the townsite owner of that embryo city and reports business brisk.

Mrs. Hawkins, of Chilcot, was in the city a few days last week, visiting with friends, and making this office a pleasant call, ordering the Independent for another year.

Dr. Crokat was pleased the other day to receive complimentary passes on both the G. N. and the Soo, which were given in appreciation for what he has done as a railway surgeon.

Dr. J. D. Taylor occupies office rooms on the second floor of the C. A. Johnson block. The doctor spent several days in the county hospital, where he was quite ill, but is now able to be out.

Surrey.

B. F. Reed sold his claim north of Surrey to Mr. Smucker for \$1,300, and returned to Parr, Ind.

Ben Carmin's wife is about to die in a hospital at Columbus, Ohio. She has undergone a surgical operation.

Wm. Allen has traded four horses and an imported stallion to Ben Carmin for his 100 acre farm.

Burlington.

The Miners' Union dance was well attended Friday night.

Leroy Foot had a sad time returning to Minot from the dance Friday night. Going up a hill the balky broncho refused to move on and the girls walked.

L. S. Foot expects to go to Estevan, Can., in a few days to testify against Fred Bear, alias Paterson, who stole his black mare. Bear claimed at the hearing that he bought the mare in Minot. Mr. Foot says Bear will likely get seven years in the penitentiary.

Diamond Dick.

Waterford Township.

Pretty cold the past week.

Nice rain Saturday evening.

J. T. Loederbach is hauling hay to Minot.

John Heinze finished breaking for Miss Frost.

Sunday school every week at 10 a. m. All are welcome.

Farmers are getting their ground ready for flax seeding.

Wm. Rouse is planting 7,000 trees on his claim in section 4-157-83.

We will soon have a fine country, when the ground is broken.

The gopher poison don't work well.

The gophers are getting fat on the poisoned wheat.

New way to catch fish. Bill Goffe and Geo. New went fishing in the Mouse river and set a line across the river, two feet above the water.

While Wm. Rouse and Miss Frost were going down the Minot hill Thursday, their team ran off. The wagon was broken to pieces and one horse badly hurt in the hind leg. No one was hurt.

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