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### CITY DADS GOT BUSY.

The Independent Now is the Official Paper of Minot. City's Finances Were Never in Better Condition

At the meeting of the city council, last Wednesday night, Ward County Independent was made the official paper for the ensuing year.

City Auditor W. C. McHugh, who has filled the position so acceptably for several years resigned, the council accepting his resignation. He gave his reasons, his numerous other business affairs. He believes a man should have more than \$100 a year for work which he would not tackle again for \$40 a month.

The various reports were read and accepted. The affairs of the city under the careful supervision of Mayor Roach and the council, were never in so good a financial condition. Last year \$1,240 in licenses was collected. The water rent for the first time more than paid the expenses. City Attorney Aurland has reason to congratulate himself over this as he has the water rent in charge.

The treasurer's book shows a balance of \$6,196.13, in the city's favor. It is the intention of the city dads to call in outstanding warrants and pay them up as far as this money will go.

All improvements are to be paid in warrants.

A year ago the city was \$23,249 in debt. This has been reduced somewhat, notwithstanding many improvements have been made. The city spends \$12,000 a year, including salary and other expenses and improvements.

The property in Minot is worth \$1,000,000 or more, but the city has no place where her officers and citizens can meet. We have no place for our books. The fire department needs a place for apparatus. By the way, the department needs the attention of the councilmen. It will be reorganized, we understand Judge Murray is favorably spoken of by the new council as the new chief. A chemical engine is needed. Systematic drills are necessary. A system for ward alarms must be adopted so one can ascertain where a fire is without encircling the city.

It was stated that the county owes the city \$500 for old planks purchased.

D. C. Greenleaf was elected president of the council and A. P. Slocum, vice president. Frank Slatky was retained as street commissioner.

It was agreed to charge the street sprinkler \$1.00 per day for water.

All new cement side walks will be 12 feet wide along main street and the old walks will be widened.

The sworn statement made by Paul Reville, the White Earth man, who fell in the ditch injuring his head and knee, was read. His claim for \$1,000 damages was rejected point blank.

### Will Make Things Buzz.

P. H. Baukol informs us that he will soon be in shape to furnish his customers with wood sawed any length desired. He is rigging up a new buzz saw to be run by a gasoline engine. He has on hand a supply of dry-edgings, jack pine, poplar, ash and oak, and as soon as his outfit is here, he will be pleased to receive a trial order from all. 24th

Two Indian boys showed up at the court house the other day with five young wolves and wanted the usual bounty. When told that the ears of the animals would have to be produced as evidence, they proposed to cut off those auricles while the wolves were alive. The county officers ordered the wolves killed and the Indians placed them under the side walk near the school house, causing a terrible odor.

### Two New Ordinances.

At the meeting of the city council Monday night, the first reading of the new ordinance making it unlawful for the city council or mayor to permit any one erecting frame buildings within the fire limits was passed. The fire limits are between 3rd street and the G. N. Depot and within a block on each side of Main st.

Another ordinance making the fire department under the control of the council and mayor passed its first reading. The council will appoint the chief and the officers. New equipments will be purchased.

### Court Notes.

Judge Palda sentenced Joseph Sheeley, the sodomist, to eighteen months in the penitentiary.

The case of Gillespie vs. the Soo railway was on Monday. Last August Gillespie got on the train at Minot and at Velva he got off. He supposed he was stepping on the platform but missed his footing and was injured. He wants damages.

The Peter Ehr vs Knute Hagen, tax title case came up Monday.

The case of Hagemester vs Ole C. Johnson, of Berthold, resulted in the former's getting \$175 for his grain burned by fire set by the latter's threshing engine a year ago last fall. \$500 damages was asked.

### The Disgrace of the Tongue.

This was the subject of the address at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The pastor discussed profanity, perjury and irreverence. Profanity was condemned as the least justifiable and most pernicious of all sins. Perjury was viewed from the standpoint of morality rather than from that of law—the latter being too narrow in its application. The public would do well to listen to the addresses of Mr. Jones on the Ten commandments. "The Use and Abuse of the Sabbath" will be the subject for next Sunday evening.

Land scrip for sale, C. A. Johnson.

### MANY MEN ARE WANTED.

Contractor Asp with two Car Loads of Scrapers and Horses, for the Granville-Mohall Branch Reaches Minot.

William Asp, who will superintend the work of grading the five miles of the Granville-Mohall branch, of the Great Northern railroad northwest from Bjelland, arrived in Minot Sunday afternoon with a car load of wheel and slush scrapers, and another car load of horses. The machinery was hauled out to Bjelland, this being the nearest point to a railroad from that place. Minot will be the headquarters for several contractors.

Mr. Asp said to an Independent reporter: "Do I think the road will be completed in time to carry the fall crop? Why man, I know it will. Do you reckon that Jim Hill will lose any business. It will take me three months to do the grading on my portion and I will start in with forty teams. I want to give the farmers along the line the preference of the jobs, and will guarantee them from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per day, with their teams. They must board themselves, but we furnish tents. We have a cook car and charge \$4.00 a week for board. We will pay a teamster \$30 a month and board. A fellow who holds the handles of the scrapers will get \$1.75 a day anyway. The work will be easy."

A car load of lumber arrived in Minot and will be used in building camps which can be sledged along the line.

Every thing is lively at Granville. The breaking is being done for the grading. Many men can get jobs.

Erick Ramsted forbids anyone fishing in his slough until after the fish are through spawning, and placed signs along the slough to that effect. He says that he is determined and will arrest those who refuse to pay attention to the warning. The fish will cost the law breakers \$5 each. A few years ago Mr. Ramstad filled the slough with pickerel.

### DOZENS OF FIRES THURSDAY.

Fanned by a hot Wind From the South, the Fire Demons Cause Great Damage—Woman Badly Burned

Thursday was a terrible, disagreeable day, carrying millions of particles of sand and dirt in the air. Dozens of disastrous fires are reported over Ward county. Two fires did considerable damage in Minot. Berger Larson's hired girl threw out a pan of ashes. The wind scattered the coals and his barn and hay were burned. The fire department responded to the call but the hose had to be attached to the water main near the Conley residence, carried across the river in boat and pulled nearly half a mile to the fire. This is fighting fire under difficulties.

A manure heap in the east end of town caught fire. The officers stationed men to watch the fire all night to save the city.

A prairie fire started at St. Carl and the school house and apparatus valued at \$1,000 near Iver Grothe's place was burned. John Weston's stable burned.

Mrs. Ekland, who was fighting the fire, was very badly burned about the face, hands and legs. After being severely injured this noble woman ran to her neighbors and helped them save their home.

The fire burned within 16 feet of Swan Johnson's house. All worked bravely.

A fire started west of R. W. Davidson's ranch.

A fire started at the Rowan coal mine and burned to the Soo railroad.

A bad fire raged at Des Lacs.

A fire 17 miles south started at Hanes' blacksmith shop. Lew King's barn was burned.

Louis Watne reports a fire at his home west of town.

J. S. Waldref's two teams grew excited and ran away in the field hitched to the plows. One team jumped across the old Gates cellar. Little damage was done.

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