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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Senator Hansbrough will speak at Flaxton May 18.
 Geo. Allen came in from Pleasant and visited old friends last week.
 It is reported that the G. N. trainmen's strike will be on Friday at noon.
 Court has adjourned until May 22, when it is expected Judge Cowan will be here.
 A. C. Benton and Misses Lillian and Edna Davidson visited friends at Granville Sunday.
 Miss Lillian M. Phelps will lecture on temperance at the Presbyterian church Friday evening.
 Wharton Carriek, 84 years of age, came from Morton county to live with his son R. W. Carriek.
 C. H. Francis has gone to Mavton, Alberta, Canada, where he will engage in the ranching business.
 A shooting affray took place in the alley back of the Robbins home Friday night. No one was injured.
 M. Shirley, editor of the new Scandinavian paper, rejoices that he now has 1000 bona fide subscribers.
 The council has raised the fines of the inmates of the disreputable houses from five dollars to ten dollars a month.
 R. W. Davidson, adjutant of the G. A. R. informs us that the usual Memorial exercises will be held in Minot May 30.
 The Eastern Star will entertain the Towner lodge Thursday evening May 22d. All members are requested to be present.
 A Soe engine caused a fire today which burned over 200 acres of fine timber for T. A. Tafshie, Nels Haugen and Wm. McBermd. The latter lost 1500 posts.
 Dr. Strain, of Great Falls, Mont., visited Minot, Tuesday. The doctor lived here eight years ago and was returning from a medical convention at New Orleans.
 Frampton Frampton, of Carpio, who had both feet frozen off several years ago, purchased a quarter of land from James McGuire for \$1,800. He bought 6 other quarters this spring.
 Scott Jewell, a young druggist was arrested at Bowbells Saturday night by Sheriff Scofield and brought to Minot. Sheriff P. J. Lundquist, of Goodhue county, Minn., came after him Monday. Jewell is charged with seducing a girl in Pine Island, Minn.
 H. C. Jensen, of Carpio, and Miss Lina Lambertson, of Langford, S. D., were married in this city last Wednesday. The couple are living on the groom's farm near Carpio. The Independent extends congratulations.
 The financial committee held a meeting and decided to make \$1,000 improvements on the M. E. church. The public will be asked to contribute \$300 of this amount. The object is a worthy one and should be supported by everyone.
 Dave Thomas and Ole Marsh will wrestle for a side bet of \$500 in the open house, Tuesday night, catch-as-catch-can, two out of three falls. The men are the best who have ever wrestled here. Marsh threw Thomas last winter after the hardest battle of his life.
 The first Mouse River Valley Sportsman's Tournament given under the management of the Minot Gun Club, will be held on the local grounds some time in the second week in June. About \$200 will be given in prizes, the largest cash prizes ever offered at any tournament in the state. There will be ten or more events, blue rocks being used. All teams in the state are invited to be present. It will be the biggest event of the kind ever held in Minot.

Waterford Township.
 John Heinze is home to sow his flax.
 Hathaway is sowing 70 acres of flax this week.
 Adolph Heinze proved up on his claim last Saturday.
 Sunday school at Mr. Harting's every Sunday at 10 a. m.
 School has been conducted in the Bently shack for two weeks.
 John Eastwood sold his claim to Mr. Lade for \$1,000 and will return to his old Indiana home.

Centerville.
 The dance at the new hotel last week was well attended. Twenty nine couples were present. Good music was furnished by the Centerville string orchestra. Cloth was spread for 58 people by the hostess, Mrs. A. Gray, who fully understands the wants of the people in that line. During the evening several suggestions and discussions took place for the benefit of the town and vicinity. It is refreshing to see such a gathering of intelligent and up-to-date people take such a thorough interest. That is a stronghold of progress and prosperity which they are sure to attain in the near future.
 —Spectator.

Walter.
 A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walter.
 W. F. Spalding makes regular trips to Minot every two weeks with butter and eggs.
 A dance was given a mile south of the store Saturday evening and a good time reported.
 According to reports in the Reporter lots were to have been sold at the townsite May 1.
 Mrs. Otto Stremikes returned home after spending the winter in another part of the state.
 Will we celebrate July 4? We have heard nothing about it, but it will soon be time to make preparations.
 We learn that parties are surveying east of Walter, and that the railroad will be built farther east. There must be some old woman running a wireless telephone, or some of the farmers would not catch up as much news.

..Want Column..

I have now a good supply of Burlington and Kenmare coal.
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 For sale or rent.—Good lot in Minot with house and barn. House, 14x30, barn 10x30 and lot 96x200. Cheap at \$600. Will rent for ten dollars a month. Inquire at Independent office. 241f
 TAKEN UP.—A dark bay (poor) pony, weighing 750 pounds, at my home on Sec. 18, twp. 157-82, May 9. Owner pay charges and take animal.
 4-13 Otto Smith, Lynch, N. D.
 Wash Goods. Zyper Gingham, percales, tissues. All the latest in summer goods. Your inspection is invited.
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 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
 Taken up at my place, section 17-158-83, May 2, six horses. One sorrel and one black each branded F on left hip; one bay mare branded B on left hip; one gray gelding branded S on left shoulder; two bays, one a mare and the other a horse. Can't determine brands if there be any. Owner prove property, pay charges and take the same away.
 —William Graham, 243p
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., May 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 June 22, 1903, viz: Albert Kittelson, H. E. No. 1201, for the s½ ne¼ section 11, and s½ ne¼ section 12, township 155, range 85.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Martin Jacobson, Daniel R. Jacobson, Fred Becker, John Granley, all of Des Lacs, N. D.
 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. A. Johnson, Atty. for claimant.
 4-13 6-17 Minot, N. D.

CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, April 22, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John S. Johnson contestant against Homestead Entry No. 17080 made April 16, 1902, for the southwest quarter of section 4, township 151, range 86, by Moses Bloom contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date hereof that he has not established a residence thereon; that said tract remains in its natural state, wholly abandoned and unimproved; 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, and said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 17th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, North Dakota.
 The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed April 16th 1903, set forth facts which show 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.
 Blaisdell, Bird & Strton Attys. 5-13-6-17

CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota April 18th 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by E. A. Hall, contestant against Homestead Entry No. 8024 made Oct. 14th, 1901 for the east one-half of the south west one-quarter west one-half southwest one-quarter section 21, township 161, range 84, by Unknown heirs of Samuel O. Byland contestee, in which it is alleged that entryman has wholly abandoned said tract for a period of more than six months last past, and that he has never improved or cultivated said land according to the homestead laws, nor ever 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 13th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot North Dakota.
 R. C. Sanborn, Register.
 McGee & Coyle Attys. 5-13 6-17

CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, May 7th, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Hugh E. Woodriss, contestant against Homestead entry No. 15974, made June 9, 1902 for east one-half north-east quarter and southwest quarter northeast one quarter of section 23, township 153, range 82, by Otto Liljenberg, contestee, in which it is alleged that said 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 thereon, and never did make any valuable improvements thereon, 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 be engaged.
 Said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 2, 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 May 4th 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.
 Jas Johnson, Atty. 5-13 6-17

CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., May 8, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Rasmus C. Shervy contestant against Homestead Entry No. 2640, made November 17, 1890 for the northeast quarter of section 22 township 162, range 91, by Alfred P. Anderson contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has not since making his filing thereon or at any other time established his residence thereon, that he has not built or caused to be built any abode or dwelling house thereon during that or any other time, that he has not made or caused to be made any improvements thereon of any kind, that he has wholly abandoned the same for more than six months last past, and that his absence from said land was not caused or 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 July 3, 1903, before Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D.
 The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed May 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 due and proper publication.
 R. C. Sanborn, Register
 C. Aurland, Atty. for Contestant,
 Minot, N. D. 5-13 6-17

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Notice for Publication.
 Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., May 9, 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 June 23, 1903, viz: I. E. No. 4337, for the s½ ne¼ section 14, and e½ ne¼ section 15, town 157, range 81.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
 Nels Anderson, Christ Christianson, Carl Christianson, Hans Skaug, all of Minot, N. D.
 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. Aurland, atty for claimant 5-13 6-17

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., May 11, 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 United States Land office at Minot, N. D. on June 20, 1903, viz:
 FRANK E. FELGH,
 H. E. No. 9372 for the e½ sw¼ and w½ se¼ section 22, town 153, range 82.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
 R. L. King, H. P. Smith, W. Klimpel, of Sawyer, N. D., Stewart Reed, of Minot, N. D.
 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. Aurland, Atty for Claimant. 5-13-6-17

ALIAS CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, May 11, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Sam Gustavson, contestant against Homestead Entry No. 8035, made June 25, 1901 for the south half of the southwest quarter of section 22, and the north half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven all of township 158 north of range 88, east of the fifth principal meridian, by Karl Housmann, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has wholly abandoned said land and has been absent therefrom for more than six months last past, that he has never established his residence on said land, that said abandonment still exists, and that said alleged absence 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 allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on July 6th, 1903 before the honorable Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D.
 The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 11th 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.
 LeSueur & Bradford Attys. 5-13 6-17

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 ne¼ 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 wholly failed to establish a residence on said land or make any improvements thereon and 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.
 And 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 contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed April 18, 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.
 5-6 6-27 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 26, 1904, for the ne¼ of section 23, township 153, range 82, 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 26, 1903, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D.
 Said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed May 1st, 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.
 5-6 6-27 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, U. S. Land office at Minot, N. D. on June 12, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 1956, of JAMES DALEN,
 of Minot, N. D., for the s½ n½, 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 Hornumson, Anton Weber, Victor Severson, John Jullin, all of Minot, N. D.
 4-23 6-3 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 James Johnson.

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 United States Land office at Minot, N. D. on June 13, 1903, viz:
 MARTHA CEYNAK,
 No. 12364, for s½ sec. 14 sec. 26 and s½ sec. 14 sec. 23, twp. 151, 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. Staker, of Minot, N. D.; William Grimes, of Sawyer, N. D.; James Hughes, of Sawyer, N. D.
 R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 C. A. Johnson, Atty for claimant 4-23 6-3

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, United States Land office, North Dakota, at Minot, N. D., on May 22, 1903, viz: JOANNA BEZZI,
 No. 13317, for the w½ of the n½ of sec. 26, twp. 153, range 83.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
 Archie Davton, Leslie Armstrong, Robert Clark, D. K. Pike, all of Lynch, N. D.
 J. J. Coyle, Atty. R. C. SANBORN, Register.
 7-15 5-20

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Land Office at Minot, N. Dak., April 25, 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 of North Dakota, at Minot, N. D., on June 6th, 1903, viz: JOHN J. COYLE,
 No. 12313 for the s½ of section 33, township 154, range 82.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
 Dub Worrall, Isaac Worrall, Jesse Eland, W. Putnam, all of Minot, N. D.
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