

Minor Topics

Flax 94 cents.
 Palermo celebrates May 17.
 Bi-Bi—opera house Thursday night.
 Bowbells has 360 souls and will incorporate.
 For ice cream and soda water try the Palace drug store.
 Dr. Storey has a telephone, No 124, in his dental parlors.
 Geo. Thompson has completed Miss Stevenson's residence.
 A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ellefson Saturday.
 The ball given by the base ball boys Friday night in the opera house was a great success. 202 tickets were sold.
 Joe Fahlender, the Optic's city editor, resigned and has gone to Devils Lake. Joe made a good record in Minot.
 G. E. Smith spent Sunday at Devils Lake and accompanied a crowd of several hundred to the lake where an enjoyable day was spent.
 On May 28, round trip tickets will be sold from Minot or Surrey to Belle Fontaine, Ohio, for \$34 good for 30 days on account of the Dunkard convention.
 E. R. Williams returned from Hiddenwood where he opened a grocery store. It required three clerks busy selling goods from the first wagon that arrived.
 J. W. Crowe's baby died at Carpio Sunday morning of pneumonia. The remains were buried in Minot Monday. Rev. Edgar Jones conducting burial services.
 L. C. Van Exie induced a number of Indian men and women to have their pictures taken in his new studio, Monday. This is contrary to the usual methods of the redskins.
 The sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday morning will be in the interest of the Epworth League. A special program is being prepared for the league service on Sunday night.
 W. J. Carroll returned from Chinook, Mont., where he sold horses. He says the ranchmen are discouraged there as no rain has fallen there this season, and the ranges are dry as a chip.
 James Madden, clerk of the Enderlin hotel, got on a glorious jag and was run in Saturday night by Officer Kimball. James got five days in jail and telegraphed home for money.
 Chas. Webber, who had a bone in his leg broken by the hose cart three weeks ago, is out on crutches. He slaughters gophers by the dozen and wants someone to drive a few within the city limits.
 Chas. Funderberg, of Surrey, will erect a modern residence on his farm and will move the old building to Surrey. He has in 80 acres of crop and is wearing his "biled" shirt waiting for harvest time.
 A Russian family sent to Williston by mistake for Wilton, by the steamship line, spent Monday in Minot. The women and kids employed themselves picking up old cigar stubs—quite a profitable industry.
 An independent representative attended the rehearsal of Bi-Bi last night and was surprised to learn how well each one acted his part. An immense crowd will attend the entertainment at the opera house Thursday night.
 L. C. Van Exie is now comfortably located in his new quarters at the rear of J. C. Hoff's furniture store. He has one of the best outfits in the western part of the state and is turning out some swell work. He will succeed.
 J. C. Hoff reports a new hardware and implement house opening at Palermo. L. Holckim erected a two story building 24x60 feet. A new barber shop there will be welcomed by the many traveling men who visit the hustling little city.
 Dr. W. J. Madden expects any day the arrival of an elegant new extracting chair for her beautifully furnished parlors over Lee's department store. Miss Madden has worked in Minot nearly three years and enjoys a lucrative practice.
 John Lynch, clerk of the county court, proved himself a hero Monday morning. Jarvey Tompkins' brick smoke house caught fire and John stole a march on Billie Johnson. With a bottle of the famous fire extinguisher—some say it was Fabst's best—saved the building.

Boy Seriously Injured.
 Matt Russell, the 12 year-old son of Section Foreman P. H. Russell, had his left leg taken off below the knee, and his left hand so badly crushed by the Soo freight train shortly after dinner this (Thursday) afternoon that it will have to be amputated. His ball fell under the car and he crawled after it. The train started up causing the terrible injuries. He may recover.
 Lawyer Hoffman, of Donnybrook, transacted legal business here last week.
 You will miss a rare treat if you don't see Bi-Bi, at the opera house, Thursday night.
 P. V. McCoy has returned from Bowlder Springs, Mont., much improved in health.
Money to loan on choice Farm Lands—J. L. McDonald, at McGee & Coyle's office, Minot.
 See Miss Sarah Murray in her specialties between acts accompanied by the orchestra, at Bi-Bi, Thursday night.
 The G. N. company bought 7 acres of land north of the railroad track and west of the depot at Granville for a yard and a round house. A 40 foot addition will be placed on the depot. A. Guthrie & Co. has been awarded the contract for grading for the new road to Mohall and have sublet the contracts.
 A crowd of twenty boys, large and small, played "hooky" Friday afternoon and took to the woods to get rid of that tired feeling. Prof. Wolfe took half a day off also, hunting the miscreants but they seemed to have gone straight up, and Monday morning when they returned to school, they wished they had.
 A peculiar instance came before the land office Friday. Ben Johnson, a bashful youth, and a Miss Moore, a maiden lady of uncertain years, showed up and showed receipts for money paid for filing on the same claim, in 160-86, near Centerville. The young lady having filed first, the officers advised the young man to marry the woman, thus securing two claims. Johnson was willing, but the woman showed signs of hesitancy.
 Dr. Raymond, the state veterinarian, arrived in Minot and went to the ranches southwest of the city to inspect the many cattle which have the scab. It is estimated that in the county from 3,000 to 5,000 head of cattle are troubled with this little parasite. The cattle lose their hair and rub the hide off in patches. The following ranches have infected cattle: Bernt, Sivert and Louis Larson, John Berg and John Rice & Co. Scab among cattle is similar to mange among horses and dogs and require persistent treatment.
 Co's A. B. C. and D. of the First Battalion, Inf. of Michigan, stopped in Minot half an hour Monday afternoon allowing the soldier boys in their duck suits to leave the train and see the sights of the city. The boys want to see no more of the Philippines, as they spent nearly three years there. The Ladrone or robbers are the worst people the soldiers have to contend with in the islands today. One young fellow came near getting left. The Soo slow freight train cut him off just as his train was pulling out on the G. N. He ran down the track and his comrades seeing him had the train stopped.

Personal Mention.
 D. C. Greenleaf went to Kenmare to transact business Sunday.
 Mrs. C. F. Truax was called to Chilcot by the illness of her mother.
 Chas. Spillane went to Waseca, Minn., to see his wife who is ill. She recently underwent an operation.
 D. A. Dinnie will occupy the office room between Samuelson's new building and James Johnson's office.
 Mrs. Lampkin has arrived from Minnesota. She is an expert at pyrography, or wood burning and will start a class here.
 Alex. Gamble went to White Earth to superintend some work on his farm. At his coal mine, a twelve foot vein was struck last week.
 J. T. Loederback lost half a ton of hay on the hill. His wagon broke and while he was away some one came along and gobbled up his hay.
 Colonel Lounsbury visited Minot Saturday and tried two contest cases. He said the government was looking after false proofs very closely.
 H. E. Wheeler has a new hot house for his plants on his lawn. He will soon build a stone wall twenty feet high along the river and fill in the lawn level.
 Wm. White now has his barn west of the Mercantile hotel in first-class shape, having it equipped with the best of horse and rigs. City water has been placed in the barn and that structure has undergone \$1,000 worth of improvements.

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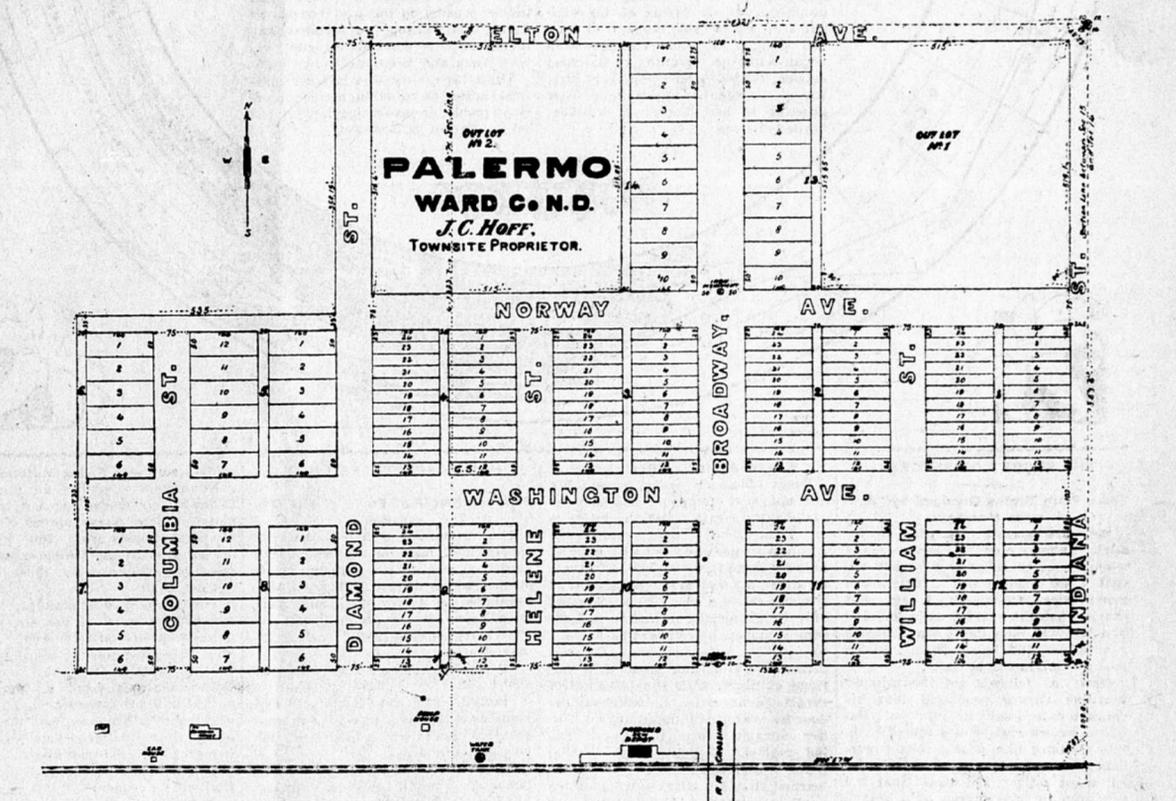
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CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot North Dakota, May 1st, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Newton E. Pace contestant against Homestead Entry No. 13927, made March 13th, 1902, for the north half of south-west quarter and southeast quarter of southwest quarter of section 4, township 157, range 81, by Hans Enger, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has 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, or ever established a residence thereon since making said entry and that said alleged absence was not due to the employment of said entryman in the army navy or navy or marine corps, of the United States in time of war.
 Said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock on June 26, 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 30th 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.
 Bird Sutton & Beede Atty's for Contestant, Minot, N. D. 5-13 6-17

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