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## LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS.

The Independent Man Takes a Ride along the New Granville-Gordon Branch—Work Will be Completed in October—Land Values High.

"Look out for Cars!" An Independent reporter had the pleasure of taking a trip along the new G. N. branch railroad which is building from Granville to Gordon, Saturday for several miles. Everything is active. Hundreds of large horses and willing men are moving the dirt to make a firm grade. What was level prairie two weeks ago, now bears the resemblance of a railroad grade. North Dakota is truly a great state. It has a great future. Her farm values are increasing. Farms along the new road are being held high. It is hard to buy a relinquishment at all, \$1,000 being no inducement. Deeded land has jumped to \$2,000 a quarter section.

Several new towns will be started along the line. Gordon will be the terminus for the present—as Mohall has been cut out. Both Mohall and Renville are engaged in moving to Gordon. Two banks, two newspapers and numerous stores are being started.

Near Walter postoffice in 158-82, another new town has been started. Lots are not to be sold until Aug. 1, but many business enterprises are being planned. Wilson Walter will move his store to the town. Myron Hunt will start a blacksmith shop. C. E. Colcord will open a newspaper, law and land office. Henry Loechel will feed the multitudes on something besides bread and fishes at his restaurant. Ed S. Healy realizing the great prosperity of the country, will start a banking business and look after the shekles of the farmers. We understand that corner lots will go at \$500 each.

Among the most congenial men we met, was Contractor Murphy, whose orders are that no mortal be driven away from his camp hungry. Cook Vivian is the busiest one of the bunch providing generous dinners for the graders. Mr. Murphy stated that we might look for iron horse about Oct. 1 as the company intended hauling this season's crop over the new road.

## Wild Man is Seen Again.

The wild man spoken of in last week's paper has not been, up to date, captured although dozens have looked in the hills every evening where many report having seen him. Geo. Morrow's little boy came home Thursday morning frightened out of his wits and stated that he and a companion had been chased a long distance by the wild man.

J. A. Erickson, the banker, saw a man running up and down the hill north of his home Thursday evening and he telephoned at once to Sheriff Scofield. They drove at once to the hill but not a sign of the man did they see. They were joined by a large crowd. Some say the fellow is clad in a shirt and red sweater. Others report seeing him stark naked. There is no doubt but that a man answering this description has been seen in the hills. It has been nearly two weeks since he was first seen and he shows up nearly every evening. Many are inclined to believe that he is a joker and if he is, and can be caught at the trick, a coat of tar and feathers would be none to good for him.

## Is of the Worst Type.

Physicians say the swallpox in North Dakota is of a worse type than it was a year ago and is getting worse every year. Three years ago it was considered a joke to have the disease. It is a joke no longer. People should get vaccinated. The city authorities are taking every precaution to check the disease the citizens should do the same. Any one having it, or knowing of anyone having it should notify the health officer.

Childrens day exercises were held at the Fairview school house Sunday under the management of Miss Ida Timpleman, the teacher, and Mrs. Vesper. The house was full and the exercises interesting.

## Campbell Grew Eloquent.

The hearing of Al Campbell and H. J. Taylor, over the latter's killing Campbell's donkey, was held in the city jail Thursday afternoon. Taylor was arrested and lodged in jail for shooting one of the mocking birds through the head and killing it instantly. The other donkey was shot several times in the rear, but aside from a few flesh wounds, was not injured. Judge Murray, before whom the Taylor hearing was held, bound the man over to appear at the next term of court under \$200 bonds. The bonds were furnished and Taylor is back working at his truck patch. Justice Cooper heard Campbell's case. Al plead his own case. He waxed warm and furious. He grew eloquent. He said in part:

"Gentlemen of the jury, friends and countrymen. He who has eyes to see, let him see. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. I stand here today not to put myself before the eyes of the law as a model, but to eulogize my poor dead donkey. Why, them mocking birds never done any harm. Any child could pet them. The bible speaks of them. That dead one was just like the one Christ rode into Jerusalem on. I admit that those donkeys have had full sway in Minot. What of it? They never harmed a living thing—excepting some of Ernie Tompkins' tomato cans."

(Loud crying by Officer Dan Kimball behind the scenes.) Justice Cooper took the case under advisement until the following day in order that he might look up the pedigree of the dead animal.

## Minot's Needs are Many.

Minot's taxes are very high and necessarily so. Six per cent of the listed value of the property is taxed and the listed value is fifty per cent of the real value. The city is in debt still without any improvements to speak of. There are hundreds of things which we need to put us on a basis with other cities of our calibre but it is impossible to get them at present. We need a new city hall badly. The fire department needs many new equipments. We have no sewerage. Cement sidewalks are needed. A city well should be put in so the water will be pure enough to drink. Watering troughs for horses and drinking fountains are also needed. A park would not go so bad. The sloughs need draining. We might mention hundreds of other things which we need, but which we cannot have at the present time at least. Every bill which is paid by the city now places us beyond the debt limit. Our mayor is not at fault; the members of the council are not to blame. We simply have not the source of revenue.

## New Press Purchased.

A new Cranston cylinder press, one of the best ever ordered for the northwest, has been purchased for the Independent office. A new Handy Andy gasoline engine has also been bought, besides other equipments. The new machinery will be installed in about two weeks. The Independent can say without boasting that when the improvements will have been installed, we will have without exception one of the best offices in the west.

## Lawrence is Dead.

Geo. Lawrence, who took a half ounce of a caustic potash solution with suicidal intent, died Friday and was buried in this city. He was a half brother to Mrs. Geo. Hecker of this city. He owned a fine farm 10 miles north of town.

Fred J. Willman, the representative for the Plant Rubber Co., who has a valuable farm 12 miles southwest of town, is considered by his wife a most cruel and heartless hubby. He stole all of the dish towels in the house and used them for markers in his fields. He beguiled his wife to take a pleasure ride with him just so she could count the number of revolutions the buggy wheel made by means of a string tied about it, in measuring some land.

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## STRIKES GAMBLERS HARD.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Pastor of the Methodist Church Says a Saloon Keeper is Respectable Beside a Gambler.

Rev. Edgar Jones, pastor of the M. E. church of this city is creating a great deal of interest in his Sunday evening sermons and does not hesitate in pointing out the evils of the city. Last Sunday night he plainly showed in what way the commandments are violated in modern society. He condemned vulgar purloining, unjust dealings between laborer and employer, fraudulent enterprises in both industrial and political life, and gambling. Such sentences as the following were found in his address:

"The child was once taught the greater the theft the more flagrant the crime. Today society leads us to understand that the more sweeping the robbery, the less guilty the wrongdoer. Many individuals who would blush to violate the law of theft in small matters, utterly fail to see the force of that mandate in larger applications. The employer has as much right to demand a fair day's work for a fair day's wages, as the laborer has to cry out for a fair day's wages for a fair day's work. And stealing is committed when either party fails to meet the demand. Gambling before any court of morals must be pronounced as unqualified thievery. A gambler may regard his business as highly respectable. We pronounce it to be absolutely disreputable. The business of a saloon keeper is eminently moral compared with that pursued in a gambling den. The slanderer is the cheapest of all criminals. The non-Christian has by no means a monopoly on slander. It is a common vice in the most exclusive of church circles. A man has no right to be interpreted and reported on, on the ground of appearances, or what a neighbor thinks of him or out of a personal impression. The church of Christ can do nothing else but protest against the shame of a city, and if it fails to do so, it stands eternally discredited before the God Almighty."

J. A. Larson, a representative from Redwood county, Minn., is looking over Ward county lands. He said to an Independent representative: "Your cattle come off from grass fatter and better for market than ours do from corn in Minnesota. You don't need to raise corn out here."

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