

**Minor Topics**

New hay is selling in Minot at \$4 a ton.

Judge Palda went to Bottineau Monday on business.

R. H. Emerson is building a five cottage near the court house.

Banker Davidson is building a \$40,000 residence at Carrington.

Mrs. Geo. Dodge and children are visiting relatives in Potosi, Wis.

Watermelons may be had on the home market at 60 cents each.

County Auditor Larson and wife have returned from a visit to St. Paul.

C. W. Brauer came up from Harvey Monday to spend the week at the mill.

Our oil dealers have in accordance with the new law, painted the gasoline cans red.

W. H. Rouse has a post office located at his home, Sec. 4-157-83 known as Wayne.

Daniel L. Spencer of Reece, Mich., is visiting his brother, Colonel John Paul Spencer.

Miss Romness and Mrs. Idsvaag of Cooperstown are visiting with Eric Hustad and family.

Wm. Wetter was bound over to appear before the next term of court under \$500 bonds, for selling beer. He furnished bail.

Dave Z. Thomas and Rose fought a six round bout at Cando July 4. Thomas got the decision.

Wm. Wilkinson bought a brick residence north of the river and will put in a steam heating plant in the fall.

A bunch of eight keys found southwest of town may be had at this office by paying charges and proving property.

A. P. Scofield and family spent the Fourth at Cando where Mr. Scofield has a farm. Cando is very dry this season.

A ball was given in the opera house the night of the Fourth which was attended by a large crowd of Minot's best people.

Mrs. Storey and children arrived from Fargo Friday night to join the doctor. They will make Minot their future home.

But 124 men paid their poll tax in Minot this year. Usually 400 are on the poll list. Claims in the country cause this difference.

The land office does not allow anyone to go behind the doors to look at the charts. An inspector who was here gave the order.

D. H. Kimball was called to Hecker's grove the night of July 4 where he arrested 20 empty beer kegs. Dan spoiled someone's fun.

Drs. Windell are improving from their attacks of typhoid and will likely recover. Dr. J. D. Windell's temperature is about normal.

E. Van Houten of Moorhead, Minn., secretary of the Millers' Association of North Dakota, transacted business with our mill this week.

The Granville base ball team defeated Minot 13 to 2 on the local grounds Monday evening. No score was made until after the fifth inning.

Cando beat York in a game of base ball at Cando July 4. The score was 9 to 4. At Willow city the team from that place beat Towner 10 to 4.

Wm. Winter of Hardy, Ia. bought a 320 acre farm near his brother Joseph's place and the brothers will stock their ranch with 1000 fine sheep.

The venerable father of County Commissioner John Wallin, is lying at the point of death at the latter's home near Burlington. He is 83 years of age.

Constable Gunter came down from Des Lacs Tuesday with Jack Quinn, charged with blind pigging. The piggers will go some now since the \$50 reward is in effect.

Ward county crops were never in finer condition and never did we have so many acres in. Our farmers should be fairly rolling in wealth the fall.

It would not do any harm to have your crop insured by some reliable company. Hail is about the only thing that can keep us from having a bumper crop.

Forty-eight trap shooters are attending the Mouse River Valley Sportsmen's tournament on the local grounds today.

Clarence Parker won the championship of the state at the shooting tournament at Devils Lake this week and secured the \$50 gold medal.

The Independent job office has printed a large number of the latest and best form of chattel mortgage blanks, which may be secured at reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. John McJannet, Misses Lena Wengant, Lottie Upham and Cetha Williams are spending a few days at the Chautauqua at Devils Lake.

At the Presbyterian church at Minot there will be the regular morning service at 11 o'clock followed by Sunday School. There will be no evening service.

Mrs. Jack Nichols was brought in from Coal Harbor very ill with blood poisoning of the arm. She cut her hand on a tin can recently which terminated rather seriously. She is improving.

Miss Hastad, a graduate nurse is employed by the county hospital and will have charge of the training department for nurses. Fourteen patients are receiving treatment at the hospital.

Osteopathy—Natures remedy for all chronic diseases.—Dr. Ross, Johnson block, Minot. 12-4t

Mrs. Woods' daughter attempted to lift a child in the city the other day. In doing so her shoulder was thrown out of joint. A doctor was called and the joint put back in place.

J. M. Bevins of Sawyer is having good success killing gophers with wheat soaked with strychnine, and sweetened. Try this plan. Be sure the poison is thoroughly dissolved.

Flax is only 83 cents a bushel and still going down. F. W. Roach believes that with a large crop this fall the price will go down to 75 cents a bushel. Still there is money in raising it.

All over the state the gophers are getting in their work and destroying from 1/4 to 1/2 the crops of grain. They cut off more than they eat. Heroic efforts are being made to get rid of them.

No services at the M. E. church next Sunday on account of the repairs the church building is now undergoing. Rev. Edgar Jones will spend Sunday at Granville and Buffalo Lodge.

H. A. Hurd is building a mammoth barn on the L. L. Walton farm near Lennert, 48x84 feet. He also built a big granary. Mr. Walton is an extensive farmer, having in 1300 acres of crop.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. A. C. Brown, D. D., of Fargo organized a Presbyterian church at Logan. Robert Waldref was made elder with David Forbes, J. D. Bell and Wm. McDermaid trustees.

Archie Johnson is in from Bowbells where he spent several days on his claim. He has 40 acres of flax which stands 18 inches high. He can cut 60 tons of hay. The plague at Bowbells is now under control.

The Bobwells farmers have solved the gopher question. They soak oat meal with a strychnine solution, sweeten it and sprinkle it in a deep furrow about a field. Hundreds of the gophers die right in the furrow.

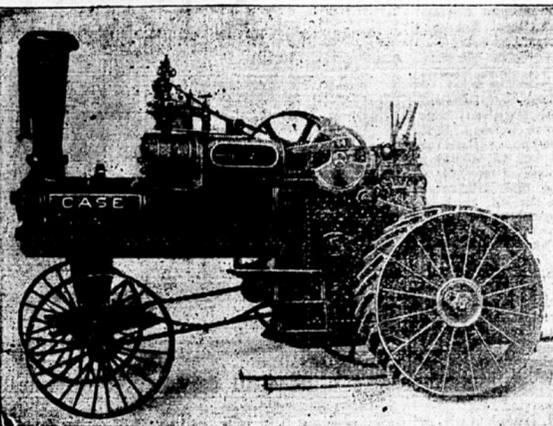
Rev. E. Larke, the jolly little Berthold preacher, was ordained at that place Thursday by the following ministers: G. J. Powell, E. H. Stickney, E. S. Shaw, T. A. Taylor, W. H. Gimlet and Mr. Windross.

Barton Harrington returned from Milton where he spent the summer. He reports the weather very dry about Milton, there being but one good rain all summer. Around Park River farmers are plowing up their crops.

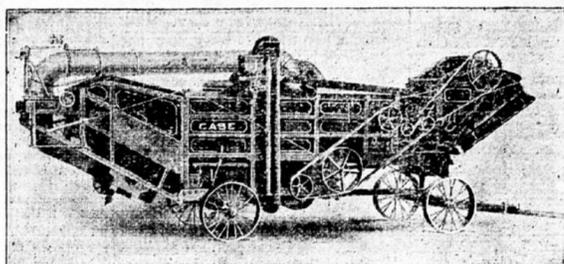
Eleven are now employed continually in the Minot Steam Laundry. The proprietor H. W. Titus is certainly doing a fine business and pleasing his big line of customers. He has the very best of machinery known, for the business.

This week The Independent goes into the homes of those who were subscribers to the Surrey Budget, now a thing of the past. Those who have paid up on the Budget will not be expected to pay anything for The Independent until the expiration of their time. If for any reason the readers do not wish for The Independent the manager will consider it a favor if you will notify the paper.

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**Notice for Publication.**  
Department of the Interior,  
Land Office at Minot, N. D., July 6th, 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 the United States Land Office at Minot, N. D., on August 15, 1903, viz:  
OLE J. KULSTROM  
H. E. No. 10255 for the SE 1/4 of section 4, in township 157, range 94.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
Gundor Waiseth, John A. Harstad, Peter J. Paulson, Charles Pace all of Peckler, N. D.  
C. A. Johnson, Atty for Claimant. 7-8-03.

**Bids Wanted**  
For painting and papering of M. E. church and painting of M. E. parsonage. Apply to pastor at parsonage.

There will be services Sunday July 12, at 10:30 a. m. in Bethany Norw. Ev. Lutheran church near the Soo depot. After the services McKinley's funeral song and other songs will be rendered by graphophone. All Lutherans are welcome.

Jesse Evans has devised a novel method of killing flickertails at his home southwest of town. He places a spring and a string in such a way that when the gopher comes out of the hole, it is caught by the head, lifted in the air and strangled to death.

A. F. Bacon arranged a very ingenious display in Jacobson's window for July 4th representing the various kinds of crackers. He had whip crackers, fire crackers and butter crackers of uncertain origin strung out in profusion. He is an artist at displaying goods.

The genial rising lawyer, John J. Coyle, now has a fine office fitted up next door to the land office in the Second National bank building. Mr. Coyle enjoys a wide acquaintance over this part of the state and his large business calls him to many of the towns in the county.

To illustrate the easy running qualities of a gang plow, Sam Thompson and Mr. Pomalo of Kenmare, harnessed themselves in the plow, put on spiked shoes and made a double furrow four inches deep and five rods long. A large crowd saw the feat.

Mr. McDonough of White Earth had a second operation performed on his leg. This time it was amputated half way between the ankle and the knee. The work was done by Dr. Fawcett of Grand Forks, Dr. Taylor of this city and Dr. Hardman of White Earth.

Thomas Zimmerman who was arrested at Buford, charged with the murder of John Kolbensvik had his hearing before Justice Mumby and for lack of evidence he was discharged. There are many theories regarding the murder. The money was taken from the body which appears as though that led to the murder.

John Lynch, clerk of the county court, made the first citizen under the new law Friday. Chas. Schumacker, a Fremont man. To become a full fledged citizen now, it is necessary for one to swear that he will not assist in organizing the government or that he does not favor the killing of any ruler. The blow is aimed at anarchy.

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