

**Minor Topics**

The Minot schools will open September 7.

No services at M. E. church next Lord's Day.

Miss Isabel McLean is spending several days on her claim.

Geo. Garvy was given ten days in the city bastille for vagrancy.

**BORN:**—To Mr. and Mrs. Vallis of this city last Wednesday, a girl.

Rev. Edgar Jones will preach at Kenmare and Bowbells next Sunday.

Chas. Jennejohn arrived from Detroit Mich., to resume his residence on his claim.

C. A. Johnson returned from Black River Falls, Wis., where his mother is very ill.

W. F. Jennejohn and B. O. Varaberg are laying the foundation for A. J. Brunner's new residence.

Granville seems to be sorry that the new road is to be built north, believing the merchants trade will suffer.

R. C. Bollman, and C. H. and W. F. Whitesell of Peebler bought a new Advance threshing outfit from A. C. Nedrud.

Mr. Hugh Hopkins and Miss Vinette Vaughn were united in marriage by Rev. Edgar Jones on Monday evening.

Miss Katherine Stevens returned to Minneapolis Thursday after having spent two weeks with Mrs. J. H. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Coyle have returned from Freeport, Ill. where Mr. Coyle recently went to throw off the robes of bachelorhood.

The services at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., will be in charge of Mr. F. W. Evans. Sunday school at 12 o'clock.

The work of painting and papering of the M. E. church now being done will necessitate the closing down of the church, next Sunday August 16th.

The Rev. Wm. C. Hunter will preach at the Summer's School house at 11 a. m., and at Burlington at 3 p. m. Sabbath 16th August. All are welcome.

John Sweeney, a G. N. brakeman, was struck by an engine at the stock yards Tuesday and his hip badly bruised. He is at the county hospital and will recover.

Mrs. J. D. Windell returned from Clitherel, Minn., where she and the doctor have been spending some time. She says the doctor has gained 22 pounds. He left for Minneapolis.

Miss Nora Maloney of Marshall, Mo., arrived Sunday for a months visit with relatives in this city and Granville. She is delighted with our northern paradise and may some day make this her home.

Attention is called to the unorganized townships that within three days or a birth of death, the county commissioner of that district must be notified. He must also be notified regarding contagious diseases.

Sheriff Scofield went down the river ten miles Tuesday morning for an insane man who had taken possession of Miss Davidson's shack. The fellow had been in the shack several days living on Miss Davidson's food.

J. W. Samuelson has been confined to his bed several days with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. He is improving. During his illness his shoe store is being looked after in a capable manner by C. A. Stephens.

In about a week, F. Linha north of town will thresh 120 acres of grain and will begin at once plowing the fields with a steam plow for the next season's crops. Mr. Linha loses no time in doing his work and will have his quarter section all plowed before most of the farmers will have their grain cut. This is strenuous farming but it seems to pay the best.

The officers were after John McCullen a cripple who was in somewhat of an intoxicated condition Sunday. It was said that McCullen had been keeping a seventeen year old girl in his shack for unlawful purposes. Parties stated to the officers that Sunday the girl had been in the woods with a crowd of men. The officers found where the party had been and searched until midnight, but could not find her. McCullen says the girl was at his shack but denied that anything unlawful had occurred.

**A New School Building**

The result of the vote last Thursday to determine whether bonds for \$17,000 would be issued by the Minot school district proved that the people of Minot are progressive. There was only one vote against the project while there were 35 in favor of the plan. The outstanding warrants will be taken up and this will leave about \$5000 in the treasury with which a new school building will be erected. It will be built on the north side of the river and will consist of four rooms. It will be used for the lower grades. It will likely be built of brick. W. C. Albrant, the Fargo architect, is working on the plans now.

**Great Increase in Business**

The enormous amount of work which is being done at the office of Register of Deeds Briggs and the great increase over last year will be easily seen by the following figures:

Fees for 1902	Fee for 1903
\$327 50	Jan. \$ 676 00
263 00	Feb. 540 00
324 25	Mar. 814 00
661 50	Apr. 1118 00
490 25	May 777 25
507 60	June 943 85
592 25	July 953 50

There were 881 real estate transfers from January 1st to August 1st 1903, of which 163 of these were in June and 132 in July.

**Lincoln State Bank Opens**

Ed. S. Healy opened his bank at Glenburn this morning and starts out with the assurance that he has the hearty support of everyone to make a success of this undertaking. The institution has been incorporated under the laws of the state with a capital stock of \$10,000. The bank is located in the garden spot of Ward county. Mr. Healy is a capable straight forward man, one who knows his business and tends to it. His brother is associated with him. The institution is known as the Lincoln State bank.

**Woman Assaulted by a Drunken Brute.**

While Mrs. J. W. Burnett was sleeping soundly in a tent this morning, a drunken man cut the strings and entered, assaulting her. The woman attempted to get free from the man and he choked her and struck her in the face, narrowly missing the babe in her arms. She screamed and W. F. Jennejohn and Mr. McGuire ran to her assistance. They saw two fellows pass over the hill. The man evidently was trying to criminally assault the woman. The brute deserves a hemp neck tie.

**Geo. Stenson Killed**

George Stenson, brother to Bob Stenson, the Leland hotel clerk, was instantly killed by an explosion in the Devils Lake round house early Wednesday morning. He was charging the white washing machine when the thing exploded crushing his skull. He was very well known here having held a position in the round house shortly over a year ago.

M. Jacobson's hardware building has been beautifully painted. This is the finest building of its kind in the northwest and an immense business is carried on within its walls.

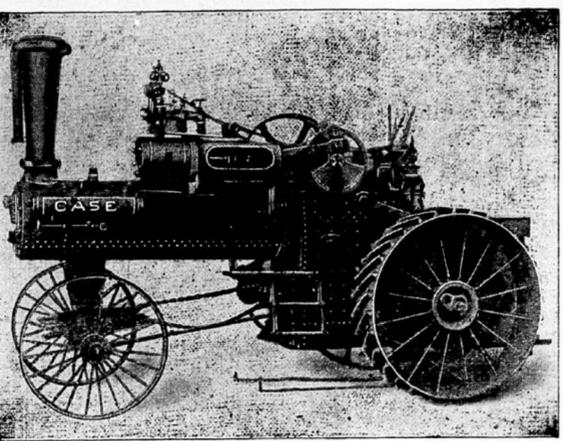
L. C. Van Exie will go to the photographer's convention at Minneapolis August 26 where he will secure the latest in back grounds, accessories and photographs. Mr. Van Exie is one of those enthusiastic fellows who keeps right up with the times.

A. F. Bacon who had small pox for several weeks resumed work at Jacobson's hardware store Monday. During his illness he painted a very beautiful picture which is pronounced the very best he ever executed. It is on exhibition in Jacobson's store.

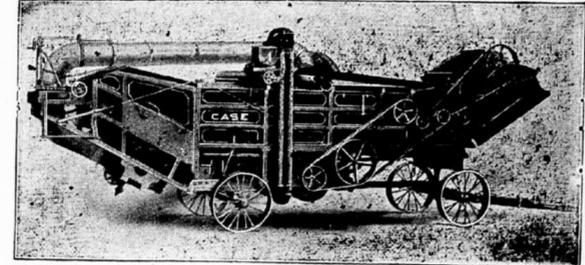
A picked nine from the Leland block will play ball with the Great Northern employees Sunday for ten dollars. Art Hanson and Bob Mitten will be the Leland's battery. The game promises to be good. There is talk of serving refreshments on third base during the game. Tom Fox will umpire the game.

Supervisor Campbell of Lincoln township accompanied by J. R. Fortune, visited Minot Saturday. The genial Campbell said he would have to hurry and get back to Glenburn by night, to trip the light fantastic at a grand ball to be held there that night. Services were held all week by the three preachers in Glenburn, but all took a rest and gave Saturday night to the merry dancers.

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**..Want Column..**

J. W. Rode sells steamship tickets.  
Furnished rooms for rent. Inquire at Samuelson's shoe store. 16-17  
Come and see the soda water expert at Blakey's. 6tf  
R. W. Jones has just received 100 tons of the best grade of blacksmith coal. 6tf  
I have now a good supply of Burlington and Kenmare coal. 2tf  
Buy one of those new organs just received at McJannet's. 13 tf.  
The Pride of Minot is going in every direction. It must be good flour. 13 tf.  
For ice cream and soda water try the Palace drug store.  
Land scrip for sale, C. A. Johnson.  
Do you want to buy or sell a farm? If you do call on Fredrick & Stewart, the land men. 13-14  
Furnished rooms to rent in pleasant part of city. Rates reasonable. Inquire at Independent office. 17 tf.  
The Pride of Minot is the popular flour. It leads. 15 tf.  
Get your prescriptions filled by a graduate in pharmacy, at the Palace Drug Store. 6tf  
Finest soda water, by an expert, at Blakey's Drug Store. 6tf  
Just received some of the latest organs. McJannet, the furniture man. 13 tf.  
The G. N. Ry. will sell round trip tickets on July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 1 and 15 to all points in Idaho, Oregon, Washington at one fare plus \$2 for round trip, good for 21 days from Minot.  
For Sale—New milch cows, by Nick Roles, inquire at Walter or Glenburn, North Dakota. 13-14  
Wanted—Two competent dining room girls and one good cook at the Arlington hotel in Kenmare. Best of wages paid. Vacancies after Sept. 1. Address J. G. Gulpin, Kenmare, N. D. n 17 t 2.  
For Sale—1000 sheep at our ranch in 158-81, before Oct. 1. They are in fine condition and will be sold right. They are from one-half to three-quarters Shropshire.—Ebert Bros. Walter North Dakota. 16-2t

**Big Horse Sale.**  
The big horse sale of Green & Sherburne was not as satisfactory to the owners as they had hoped for, mainly for the reason that harvest is on and everyone is too busy to spare time to go to the sale but they sold quite a large number of horses, and pulled off the big sale just as advertised and had the goods to show, many of their horses are very fine. Some of the rates were as follows:  
2 work horses, \$260; 2 work horses 276; 20 mares at 58.00 22 mares at 41.00; 22 mares at 37.00; 25 fillies at 26.00; 28 fillies at 27.00, and many other sales about as above lines.

**Is a Man an Angel**  
Matilda Fletcher will give a lecture in the opera house Tuesday evening Aug. 18 on "Is a Man an Angel." Admission 35 cents. This will be an interesting lecture. It will be given under the auspices of the ladies of the Baptist church. Regarding the woman the Jamestown Capital says:  
The lecture by Matilda Fletcher was, without doubt, the finest literary treat our people have ever been favored with. On all hand we heard the lecture spoken of in the highest terms. The lady is a brilliant, graceful and rapid speaker.

**"Wild Cat" Money Galore**  
Scores of old "wild cat" green backs issued during the civil war, have been flooded in the vicinity of Minot. Cashier Barron of the Second National bank said to an Independent reporter: "Keep a close lookout for those bills. They look like Canadian money. We had a twenty dollar bill and a ten dollar bill besides a number of smaller ones sprung on us by parties who have innocently taken them. They were issued on the state bank of New Brunswick, N. J."

**Court Opens**  
Court opened this afternoon with Judge Lauder on the bench. The famous Bickford-Frost superintendent case comes up at this special term. Judge Palda is here but takes no active part in the fight. Other cases will come up.

**CONTEST NOTICE.**  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, North Dakota, August 7, 1903.  
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by P. T. Kammerud contestant, against Homestead entry No. 19549, made Nov. 6, 1902, for the sec. 15, Township 152, Range 87, by Christian J. Nelson, contestee, in which it is alleged that said contestee has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months since making entry on said land and next prior to the date hereof; that he has wholly failed to establish a residence on said land or make any improvements thereon. 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, 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 October 2, 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 July 2, 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. A. Johnson, Attorney for contestant, Minot, N. D. 8-12 9-16

**Notice for Publication.**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Aug. 8, 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 Sept. 20, 1903, viz:  
H. E. No. 17565, for the 1/4 sec. 24, n 1/2 ne 1/4, sec. 25, tp. 152, r. 84.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
W. L. Miller, John Y. Miller, Dan Conan, D. J. Robins, all of Burlington, N. D.  
R. C. SANBORN, Register.  
James Johnson Atty. for claimant.

**Blank notes and Chattel Mortgage releases for sale at this office.**  
All kinds of land and townships for sale. Address N. W. Comfort of White Earth, N. D., or J. W. Maloney, Minot, N. D. 6tf  
Lost—a gold chain in four sections with a small K. P. emblem. Finder leave at this office and receive reward.  
She went all over town for Oxford's and finally paid \$2.50 for a pair of Pingree make that pleased her immensely. We can do fully as well for you. J. M. Wilson. 6tf

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**J. W. Rode - Minot**  
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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land office, Minot, N. D. Notice for publication Isolated Tract. Public land sale.  
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by section 2425, U. S. Rev. Stat. as amended by act of congress approved February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 17th day of September 1903 next, at this office the following tract of land, to-wit: Lot 2 in section one, township 151, north of range 81 west of the 5th Principal Meridian.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of said sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.  
Dated Aug. 5, 1903.  
R. C. SANBORN, Register.  
T. E. FOX, Receiver.

**TAKEN UP**—On or about Aug. 1st near Burlington, one mare; bright bay both hind feet white, about eight years old, weight about 1000, no brands.—Geo. Wells, Burlington, N. D. 16-3t

**TAKEN UP**—About July 20 at my place in sec. 15, tp. 152, r. 83, four cows, three red and one red and white, all branded J on the right side. Owner pay charges, prove property and take same away.—O. L. Toftner, Minot. 16-3t

**Taken up**—At my ranch about five miles east of Chilcot, one dark brown or black mare, branded on right shoulder with vent brand on right thigh also branded 2 on left shoulder. One brown mare with star in forehead and short piece of rope around her neck, branded on right shoulder with vent on right thigh, no other brand. Call on or address David Gibb, Chilcot, North Dakota. 17-3t

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
For Sunny Slope School district No. 53, County of Ward State of North Dakota, for the year 1902-1903

RECEIPTS	
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the state tuition fund.....	12 60
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the county tuition fund.....	36 50
Amount received during the year from taxes levied by the district school board including outstanding warrants redeemed or indorsed in the collection of taxes.....	147 32
Amount received during the year from sale and refunding of bonds.....	300 00
Total receipts for the year, including cash on hand July 1, 1902.....	496 42
EXPENDITURES	
Amount paid during the year for school houses, sites and furniture.....	146 03
Amount paid during the year for apparatus, fixtures, etc.....	7 51
Amount paid during the year for teachers' wages.....	100 00
Amount paid during the year for interest on bonds and warrants.....	8 35
Amount paid during the year for incidental expenses.....	13 76
Total expenditures for the year.....	375 65
Cash on hand June 30, 1903.....	161 37
Grand total expenditures and cash on hand, to balance above total receipts.....	497 02

**CLERK'S STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT**  
Treasurer of Sunny Slope school, Dist. No. 53, Approved this 14th day of July A. D. 1903.  
By order of the district school board:  
OLAF C. LAARSEN, Pres.  
ALBERT H. C. GASMANN, Dist. Clerk.  
CLERK'S STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT  
Whole amount of bonds outstanding June 30, 1903..... 300 00  
Approved this 14th day of July A. D. 1903.  
By order of the District School Board:  
H. C. GASMANN, Clerk.