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MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY ON IMPROVED LANDS

IN WARD COUNTY

I ALSO LOAN MONEY TO MAKE FINAL PROOFS

JOURGEN OLSON
Minot, North Dakota

ANOTHER CURIOUS RAY MAN

Jesse Johnson, a Homesteader Writes Col. Lounsbury an Original Letter Which Shows the Man's Simplicity.

County Auditor Larson received a letter from a homesteader at Ray, addressed to Mr. Hansburg, state or county commissioner, which evidently should have fallen into the hands of Col. Lounsbury. It's originality makes it well worth reading. It is as follows:

DEAR SIR:—

I am here near Ray to prove up a claim. I want to prove up the last of August. I filed the 18th of June 1902. Can I prove up the 18th or the last of August 1903 without any one giving me trouble with my claim? Can the law give me any trouble with my claim after it is proven up. I have a shack on my claim. I have 6 1/2 acres broke and sowed in flax. I intend to get 12 or 20 acres broke before I prove up. I am going to dig a well before I prove up. I built my shack last October. I was on my claim part of a week last October, then I came back in April and have been on my claim most every day and night since I came back. I want to be on my claim all the time. I have to be off sometimes to go to the store to get something to eat. I am not earning anything while I am here and most everything I eat I have to pay a big price for it. There isn't any chance to earn anything here unless one has a team, there isn't much in it. Feed is high and breaking is hard to get to do. Anyone that hasn't anything to do and hasn't much money can't stand it here. Nothing can be made out of the crop until it grows. This is the reason I want to prove up as soon as I can so I can go east where I can get a cheaper living and can make some money to get my land broke and put in crops and sell it to someone that has money. Anyone that has money can make the land pay him. He can go ahead and put in crops. I can't stand much cold. What will the taxes be on 160 acres for one year after it is proven up.

Yours truly,
JESSE JOHNSON.

Dangerous Shooting Gallery.

The noisy, squaking, unmusical, annoying music box with the horrid explosions from the gasoline engine, which manipulates the machinery at the shooting gallery near the Dacotah hotel, has driven most of the guests to do desperate things. The barbers at the Crystal barber shop no longer yield the razor with a steady hand as of yore. People are carrying their lives in their hands who pass the place. Several have been struck by glancing bullets but luckily none have more than abrasions of the skin to show for the careless work. The thing should be transported to the bottom of some coal mine where no one will hear the noise. Ryder & Mansfield are mourning over the loss of one of their windows which was broken by a bullet.

Woman Has Big Feet.

There actually lives on the North Prairie a woman whose feet are so large that no man's shoe in Minot is large enough for her. Recently she came to town for a pair of shoes and visited every shoe store but the largest shoe for sale would not nearly go on her feet.

Robbed Soo Car of Shoes.

The seal of a Soo car was broken open Wednesday night as the car was standing in the yards in this city, and many pairs of ladies' and children's shoes were stolen. The shoes were consigned to a Donnybrook firm and it is not known just how many pairs were stolen, although the robbery was great. A partially burned candle was found in the car which showed that the robbers were not afraid of being detected. Officer Kimball searched the woods the following day for the stolen plunder but did not get any clue as to where it was taken. Robberies are becoming frequent occurrences in Minot and people would do well to keep a strict lookout on their belongings. The officers should be on a sharp lookout, especially the night officers.

E. G. Kress Was Frightened.

E. G. Kress, the clerk in Jacobson's hardware store, was accosted by a heavily masked man in the alley at the rear of Clevon & Hanson's store at midnight Wednesday night and thought for a moment that his time had come. The fellow looked at Mr. Kress sharply for a moment and then concluding that he was not his man, walked on. Mr. Kress however didn't. He just ran. It is getting so that a man cannot step out on the streets of Minot after dark without a gattling gun in one hand and a six shooter in the other. Our night officer needs a waking up. It is strange that he is never around where this work is going on.

SAYS HE IS NOT A PIGGER.

Math Poos Writes the Independent Saying the Article Stating he Was a Pigger Was not True

The Independent last week stated that Math Poos conducted a blind pig near Glenburn and when it stated this, it did so, believing this to have been a fact for no less than half a dozen of the influential citizens of Glenburn visited this office and requested this paper to make the statement. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Poos which denies the fact that he was a dispenser of the wet goods and taking his word for it, we make the retraction, not caring to go to the trouble of making further investigation. It was not the intention of the Independent to do Mr. Poos an injustice and it hopes that he is the good man he says he is.

Stenvick is no Better

E. H. Stenvick, the land man, was compelled to go to the hospital to receive treatment Friday. Mr. Stenvick was not recovering from his recent accident, caused by taking poison, and his physician thought best for him to take treatment at a hospital. His stomach is in bad shape and all of his joints are sore and stiff. It will be a long time before he will have fully recovered.

Olson's Horse Runs Away.

Jourgen Olson's spirited horse ran away from him on the north prairie Thursday evening. He was standing near the rig when the animal started on a mad run. He grabbed a line but could not control the fractious equine. The horse ran for a mile and a half but did not do any damage.

ALL EYES TURNED TO MINOT

And All Roads Lead to Our Enterprising City—A Review of Some of the Improvements. We Have a Great Future

All eyes are turned toward Minot. All roads lead to this growing hustling little enterprising western city. Minot is destined to be one of the best cities in the entire state. Last year when far sighted business men saw fit to erect buildings amounting to nearly one half a million dollars, the usual number of wise acres shook their heads and were dumb. They now begin to realize that the improvements were none too substantial or great and this season many thousands of dollars worth of buildings are being erected to enable others to cope with their increasing business.

Half a dozen business houses are under construction now. Twenty five residences are building and dozens of others are contemplating building fine homes.

Hundred of dollars worth of permanent walks have been laid during the summer and the work is not yet complete. A new business college which promises to be the best in the state, will be opened here Sept. 1. Our high school is growing better every year and as an educational center Minot promises to be the Boston of the west. A Congregational academy will start here providing the business men stand behind the project. Our churches are growing in importance and their influence is becoming more pronounced.

Our fair city is growing better, we believe, instead of worse as some of the calamity howlers would have us believe. From a business standpoint, Minot cannot be beaten.

The merchants have attended strictly to business and there is not one but who is satisfied with his lot.

Competition is very brisk, and people come from sixty miles or more in every direction to take advantage of the numerous bargains. Our wholesale house, that of the Grand Forks Mercantile Co. has done much for our city. It has enabled our merchants to buy goods cheaper than they can in many places in the east, saving expensive freight. Our people reap the benefit.

Our hospitals are considered excellent and the offices of our physicians are as well equipped as those of any physician in the large cities. We might state hundreds of other reasons why Minot is a great city and why it always will be. We firmly believe that the business man who will stick to business, treat his customers as he would wish to be treated, and keeps his expenses down, will have no occasion to be sorry in the years to come.

Much Stock at Large

Presiding elder J. G. Moore believes in planting beautiful trees, but he does not propose to feed those trees to his neighbors' cattle and horses. He has no fence about his lawn and the hungry bovines make it a regular thing to take their noon day meal there. Eight fine trees were destroyed Thursday and several more Friday. He proposes the owners of the stray stock to pay well for the damages. It is not right to let stock run at large in the city, and the officers should see that the owners respect the ordinances concerning the same.

She Couldn't Speak English.

A well known bachelor whose ancestors came from the Emerald Isle, struck up a lengthy conversation with a servant girl at one of Minot's hotels Thursday while she was hanging up the clothes. She didn't answer much to his sorrow and he was about distracted when he was informed that she had just come from Norway and couldn't speak a word of English.

Excellent Trade Center

A. J. Lee of Towner bought \$200 worth of furniture from McJannet in this city Friday. He stated that he could do better here than even in Grand Forks. Minot is getting to be known in the entire northwest as an excellent trading center.

Couldn't Smoke Cigarettes.

The Minot base ball team is playing in Minnesota now. The team played its last game in this state Friday when it beat the Wahpeton team with a score of 3 to 2. Parks made the sensational hit of the game in the ninth inning enabling the Minot boys to make the winning score. Two of the players, Otto Waitz and Frank Kuhr, quit the team and returned to this city. Kuhr stated that the manager of the team was too strict with the boys, not allowing them to smoke cigarettes or to talk to the ladies, hence his resignation.

Too Much Tooth Ache.

The ordinance prohibiting the sleeping beauties from the western part of the city, walking on the streets of the city after two o'clock in the afternoon, is not respected by these damsels and the officers are waiting for the least provocation to arrest them. They attribute their being on the streets at such times to tooth ache. They will have to change their flimsy excuse as the ruse is getting too old.

First Car Load of Cattle.

The first car load of cattle shipped east on the Great Northern passed through Minot Thursday. The train was in charge of Conductor Ed. Pearl and the cattle were shipped from Big Sandy, Mont. The trainmen believe the shipment of cattle will be very heavy this fall. The grass is very green in Montana yet and the shipment will be later than usual on that account.

MINOT BUSINESS COLLEGE.

John C. Lowe's New Educational Institution Will Open September 1, With Probably an Enrollment of Fifty Young Men and Women.

John C. Lowe, principal of the Minot business college which will open in this city Tuesday, Sept. 1, arrived from the east where he spent the summer transacting business pertaining to the organization of this school. Mr. Lowe has rented the Cummings building on south main street and will use for the present five of the several rooms for school purposes. The other rooms will be rented to students. Mr. Lowe will be assisted in this school by Prof. S. H. Wolfe, principal of the Minot high school. Mr. Wolfe will devote a part of his time out of the regular school work to teaching arithmetic and book keeping. He is considered a very efficient instructor. Mr. Lowe himself is very well qualified for the work. He is ex-principal of Rathbun's business college, a well known institution. He is a wide awake man and will surely make the school one of the best in the Northwest.

Minot truly is becoming an educational center. The young men and young women of the prairie as well as those in the cities of this part of the state will welcome the opening of this institution. Mr. Lowe has placed his tuition down to the minimum and states that he will endeavor to see that college students get good board at reasonable rates. The studies embraced by his school will be short hand, type writing, commercial law, book-keeping, business arithmetic, penmanship, English, spelling, parliamentary law and procedure and business correspondence. Arrangements have been made for mail lessons for those who cannot afford to leave home. A night school will be arranged, which should be taken advantage of by quite a number.

Mr. Lowe's book announcing the opening of the school, is out. In it there are several interesting scenes of picturesque Minot.

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