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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

## THE INDEPENDENT CHANGES.

It is Now an Eight Page Paper All Home Print Filled With Interesting Reading Matter and Live Ads by Minot's Enterprising Merchants.

The Independent last week was changed to an eight page all home print paper and was filled with interesting reading matter, news being found on each page of the paper. This is valuable to our merchants who are advertising for several reasons. The readers are bound to read what you say to them in your space. Without a doubt the Independent printed a great deal more of local news last week than any other paper. The price of the paper is one dollar a year sent to any address. This we believe is the largest paper for the money printed in the Northwest and it is the intention of the management of the paper to make it still better. You can help us to make it so. If you are not already a subscriber, get in the band wagon and send us your name. The money does not have to accompany the order if we believe you are sincere, but if you should desire to send the money, it will not be refused. Send the Independent to your friends in the east. They will appreciate a newsy paper and will advertise one of the best countries in the world. If you are in business, tell the people about it through the columns of the Independent. The advertising space will bring you good returns. The number of subscribers of the Independent has crawled up gradually until now each week 1800 papers are sent from this office. Our list is not padded. We do not state that we have four or five thousand circulation as a local daily paper would have you believe, and our books are open to inspection of those interested.

The new press and gasoline engine have been installed and the public is now cordially invited to see them work. We print four days each week, beginning on Saturday.

### C. A. Johnson's Accident.

C. A. Johnson had an exciting runaway about a week ago about midnight at the Anderson farm three miles northeast of town. Anderson had stretched a barbed wire across a former road and did not put up anything to indicate the danger that he subjected the traveling public to. Mr. Johnson and a party were driving along at a merry clip with a team from Tom Johnson's slivery barn, when the horses struck a loose wire. They jumped back and one horse caught a loose wire near the ground with his foot, cutting it nearly off. It was thought the animal would bleed to death right there. Mr. Johnson bandaged the wound with a lap robe and tied a rope about the horse's leg to retard the flow of blood. The horse was taken to Anderson's barn and the men walked to Minot, arriving here at 2 o'clock in the morning.

### Strong Suspitions

Some months ago a peddler who stopped at the Jim Tannhill home at Midway, was robbed of \$135 in money and \$75 worth of goods. The stuff was supposed to be left in the neighborhood and the clue is narrowing to two parties in that neighborhood. An arrest is likely to happen at any time.

## Farmers Secure Permits.

With a view of protecting their own "preserves" the Burlington Gun Club held a meeting this week with a full house in order, and permits were issued for killing chickens, ducks, gophers, coyotes, skunks, muskrats, hawks, minks and weasels at all times of the year but chickens and ducks from the time the young are big enough to eat, until the 1st of January. The following noted nimrods secured permits to kill game as follows:

J. J. Hunnewell on his land near Burlington, and on his sons' lands on the hills.

D. Conan, on his land at Burlington.

L. S. Foot, on his land at Burlington.

M. Snyder, on his land at Burlington.

Fred Miller, on his land at Burlington.

Jas. Johnson, on his land at Burlington.

M. Muir, on his land at Burlington.

A. Lazarus, on his land at Burlington.

C. A. Bugge, on his back forty in and all over the hills. Hunting parties are hereby warned to do no shooting on the above mentioned premises.

## Inquiries About Minot.

Rev. J. G. Moore, presiding elder of the Minot M. E. district, receives letters from people far from here inquiring about the country, they believing that they will get the straight of it from a preacher at all events. Here is a list of a few of the questions asked in a letter which he received sometime ago from an Oregon man who had evidently heard something of Minot:

How does North Dakota compare with Northern Minnesota? Is the church rapidly growing? Do you like the climate? Is it healthful?

You have had some heavy crop failures; may that not occur again? What kind of fuel do you use? What does it cost a year? Is the water good? Is there any alkali in it? What is the educational outlook?

Is there any timber? If so what kind? Do the people set out timber? Does it grow well when planted? Have you any reliable land agents in Minot?

Are there any elsewhere whom you may depend on? Are there any Methodists in the land business? How far is Roosevelt's ranch from Minot? Does he still own it? What are the conditions by which a claim may be taken? Are there still homesteads? May they be had by living on them? Is the population rapidly increasing?

Mr. Moore has deferred answering these questions until a time when he can procure the services of a competent stenographer.

## Car Load of Tea

The first car load of tea ever brought to Minot arrived directly from Japan Thursday and was consigned to the Grand Forks Mercantile Co. Of the entire car there are but fifty packages left, the remainder having been sent over the entire Northwest by this company for the harvest trade. A second car load will arrive in November.

## THE SIGHT WAS VERY SAD.

Young Man and His Girl Wife Come From St. Paul and Make Unsuccessful Effort to Get Work—Woman Faints Away at Restaurant.

A sad sight was witnessed by our citizens Wednesday. A young man scarcely more than twenty years of age and his young wife who did not look to be more than eighteen years old arrived in Minot and looked for work. They had come from St. Paul and expected to have no trouble finding a job with a threshing crew. The husband expected to work with the threshing rig and his wife would do the cooking. They did not find work and they walked through the hot sun all day hoping that something would turn up before nightfall, as the little money they had, was all gone. They had barely enough to buy their tickets in St. Paul. At noon they entered the European restaurant and the young wife had no sooner taken a seat than she collapsed and fell on the floor in a faint. She was unable to eat any dinner and was taken to a rooming house where she was revived. Chief of Police Kimball had paid for their dinners. The young people said they came from poor but respectable families in St. Paul. The young man had always worked in the dye works there.

The immigration agents in the Twin Cities picture the conditions of affairs in this western country with glowing terms. They would have the people believe that there are not enough people in North Dakota to handle the great crops. People coming here should see to it that they have enough extra money to tide them over in case they do not get employment immediately.

## Showmen in Bad Scrap.

A short time before the opening of Canada Frank's show Wednesday night, three of the roustabouts of the show got into a terrible drunken fight in which one was very badly beaten. The police were called and arrested two of them, the third escaping. At the trial the next morning one pleaded guilty to being drunk and was fined five dollars and costs or ten days in jail. Being without funds, he decided to lay in the city bastille. The other declared he was innocent and later was given a trial. Judge Murray thought twenty days in jail would do him good. The men were to have been placed on our streets but escaped Thursday night, someone unlocking the door. D. H. Kimball was surprised and not a little angered when he arrived with the prisoners breakfasts, to find them gone.

## Ward County is All Right

Farmers of Ward county are very busy at this time of the year harvesting, the work being quite general. A great deal of flax has been cut. The crop is turning out better than was anticipated early in the season. At Surrey the average for flax is 8 bushels to the acre while many fields will yield as high as fifteen. The oats will average forty bushels and are of a very fine quality. Men have threshed and are entirely satisfied with the results. The northwest is right in it and the farmers will have nice bank accounts. The homesteaders needed the money and North Dakota is once more considered a safe place for the investment of money and there will be a great deal invested here in the fall by eastern capitalists.

## A Baby's Close Call.

Jourgen Olson's horse became frightened at Mayor Roach's sprinkling his trees in front of the bank with a hose, Wednesday evening, and ran away from him. He was standing near the rig so was not injured. The horse ran across the street to M. Jacobson's hardware store, nearly running over Mrs. Francis and her little babe. The babe was missed by not more than six inches and spectators held their breath. The buggy struck Mrs. E. N. Metcalf's rig doing some damage. Olson's buggy was damaged a little.

## Didn't Amount to Much

Canada Frank's vaudeville show called quite a crowd last Wednesday night—much larger than the performance merited. The show did not amount to much—a little twisting and turning by an acrobat, a stunt or two on a loose wire and a few stale jokes by a clown. The people of Minot pay their good money for most anything that comes along, and after they are sold each time, they declare it will be the last time. The next time a tent is pitched, they will even borrow money to enable them to see the attraction.

## Sampson Couldn't Move.

William Jones' coal team became frightened on account of the tongue of the wagon coming down on Main street Thursday and started to run with the driver Sampson. The driver became excited and sat down in the bottom of the wagon box unable to move. Not so with Bill Stone, the White Earth cow boy. Bill ran into the street, grabbed the maddened steeds and soon brought them to a stand still. Sampson was able to arise alone.

## Worth a Dozen Dead Men

Wm. Smith's brother, an Ohio policeman, arrived in Minot Thursday in response to letters received from a person giving her name as Miss Healey, stating that Mr. Smith was nearly a corpse. The brother was surprised to find Billy a pretty lively corpse worth a dozen dead men. He naturally was very indignant that anyone should get so busy as to write him such truck—all of it untrue. An effort was made to ascertain who "Miss Healey" is but this could not be done.

## Chinamen Arrested.

Two "hathen" Chinese, pig tails and all, were brought to Minot Wednesday by the immigration inspector Green from Porfall and lodged in the county jail. The Chinamen attempted to evade the immigration law and break into this country but were caught by the wily inspector. The yellow fellows were kept in jail several days until they could be taken to Fargo. It is expected that they will be exported to the Orient from whence they came.

## AN INFERIOR GRADE OF SIDE WALKS

The Permanent Walks Put in by Contractor Fox, Are Wearing Out and Are Considered Very Poor

Many throughout the city are entering complaints on account of the poor quality of the cement walks put in by Contractor Fox and his men from Minneapolis. The walks in many places are wearing out very fast and at the present rate of wearing, it will be but a short time until all the cement is worn off. The walks are rough and particularly hard on shoe leather. The walks are not uniform in quality. One section is fairly well laid, while the next to it is exceedingly poor. Mr. Fox stated when he began work here that he was going to put in a walk which would beat anything in the Twin Cities. Has he done it? He has even beat our business men and the city. Many have paid for the work. Those who have not done so, are not likely to do so.

The work was not according to the specifications laid down by the city ordinance of Minot. The walk is covered with an astounding thin layer of cement. The walks which are particularly poor are those which were first made and lie between the post-office and Ryder & Mansfield's store.

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