

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

United States Commissioner M. J. Barrett has resigned, to take effect November 1. He will still conduct his law and land business.

A fine head of cabbage three feet in circumference, is on display at Freedeen & Stewart's office. It was raised near the city.

A. G. Mahler, of Grafton; was here Wednesday looking for a location in the mercantile business. He considered that Minot had enough stores already but will likely settle in this part of the state.

Chris Thompson filed on land near Kenmare and caused forty acres to be broken. Ditliff This squatted on the land prior to Thompson's filing and has replevined the whole of this season's crop from Thompson and has possession. The case will be settled in the next term of district court.

The cover of the Westland educator, the teachers' magazine published at Lisbon, has an excellent picture of Prof. Wolfe of this city. In that issue of the Educator Mr. Wolfe has the first of his series of seven articles on arithmetic. The article is a good one, which urges the teachers to drill the pupils.

A Youthful Offender.

A twelve year old boy named Edwards who was put in jail a short time ago on the charge of stealing razors from F. A. Fuller, got into trouble again Saturday. He passed an old Confederate five dollar bill at M. Jacobson's hardware store, purchasing a fifty cent knife. He then went to the New York store and got a dollar and a half revolver and pocketed the change. Jacobson's clerk soon noticed that he had been duped and hunted up the kid. The money and revolver were taken from him by Chief of Police Kimball and the youthful offender allowed to go. He claims to have found the bill on the sidewalk but it looks too well preserved for the story to sound reasonable. He has started on his downward path very early in life and unless he changes soon, the reform school will be the place for him.

D. A. Dinnie's Contract Work.

A word from D. A. Dinnie & Co., regarding the amount of building being done in Ward county and the surrounding towns this year shows that the country is rapidly improving with the amount of brick buildings being built especially school houses. "My first start this spring was finishing a \$1,200 school house at Kenmare, then an addition to P. M. Cole & Co's. store at Kenmare \$7,500, a small building for J. W. Samelson at Minot size 25x60, costing over \$4,000, and then a building at Fessenden for T. L. Quarve 50x120 two stories high, press brick brown stone front and side, all finished into offices and rooms up stairs at the cost of \$30,000, also the repairing of a school house at Carrington at the cost of \$4,500. The present time I am working at Donnybrook, on a store building for Barke & Wyman 50x70 at the cost of \$8,500. I am also busy erecting at Portal for H. M. Meade a three story hotel building, press brick front and sides at the cost of \$22,000 also a school house in Velva at the cost of \$10,000, one at Minot that is costing \$9,000 without the heat and lots of other work too numerous to mention. The T. P. Kulaas Lumber Co., of Minot is furnishing the lumber for the school house at Velva and Minot. I have also built a dwelling house for Alfred Blaisdell at the cost of about \$4,000. I am working at the present time and have been working the whole year over 100 men and the amount of money paid out every two weeks for labor amounts from \$1,600 to \$1,700. This amount of money from outside towns all comes to Minot and goes through the Minot National Bank of which I am proud to say is one of the nicest firms I ever did business with.

We also did the brick work on

Mr. Kelley's building and Mr. Brunner's which is an advertisement itself.

We still have another job coming in Minot this year for which I do not know who will get the contract, but if it is awarded to me I will appreciate the same and will try and fulfill the contract to the best of my ability, and would be glad to refer anybody who has any building to be done, to refer to the people I have had contracts with.

We are always ready and willing to make figures and will show courtesy to anyone in the market having buildings built and will make special efforts to make prices right. I think Minot will be one of the best cities in the State of North Dakota.

Yours truly,
D. A. DINNIE.

Accused of Terrible Thing

A man named Earb, old enough to know better is said to have made offers of money to several small boys in this city Tuesday, to have them commit a terrible deed. The boys all tell the same story and there seems to be no doubt as to its veracity. Earb has been cooking for Tompkins in the European restaurant. He has a claim south of the city and has been living with a friend in a small shack in the southeastern part of the city. His friend when told of the actions of Earb, said he could scarcely believe them, for they had been companions for year and a half and during that time he had not seen anything wrong with him. The officers and sheriff were notified and spent all of Wednesday afternoon looking for Earb who could not be found. He will likely turn up and will be given the choice of leaving the city at once never to return, or be sent to jail to face the most terrible of all charges. He is said to have made such offers several times before to small boys, but the matter was hushed up. If this is true, the man is not a fit member of society and should be placed behind the bars.

Hot Drinks This Winter.

Mr. Schneider, who has been "mixing drinks" at Blakey's soda fountain, has been engaged by W. B. Hawley to prepare hot drinks for the winter. The scheme is a new one in Minot but will no doubt be a paying one. There is not a better soda fountain expert in the Northwest than Mr. Schneider.

Working 100 Men.

Fred McGulphin, foreman for D. A. Dinnie says he has 100 men under his charge who at present are working on \$67,000 worth of work at Donnybrook, Portal, Minot and Velva. The excavation was completed for the Minot school house and the stone work is in progress. More men are needed and the best of wages are paid.

Should Improve Waterworks

States Attorney James Johnson is in receipt of a letter from Walter I. Fisher, secretary of the Minnesota and Dakota underwriters, in which that person urges the city of Minot to greatly improve its water works plant in order that a lower rate of insurance on mercantile goods may be obtained. The letter is as follows:

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 18.
Jas. Johnson, Agent,
Minot, North Dak.

Dear Sir:— We understand there is still some controversy regarding the application of the three-fourths value clause to the Grand Forks mercantile Wholesale Risk, and we have to say that since the report has been made on your waterworks, your gravity tank and pump, that there can be no waiver of this clause until the waterworks are greatly improved and a new pump should be installed. It would be economy for the city to install a duplex 1,000,000 gallon pump. And if the improvements were properly made the three-fourths clause could then be removed from all mercantile business in the town. The rating our inspector gave you is a little too low for this reason, but he said that it was understood that the rating contemplated better waterworks; but, as a matter of fact, he should not have given you quite as good a rating as he did. We have told the Grand Forks people about this, and if the agents, in connection with others interested, will use their influence, proper protection may be obtained. It would be far better to make the improvements now and not wait for a bad fire to force the issue.

Yours truly,
WALTER I. FISHER,
Secretary.

Ramstad May Move to Wash.

Erick Ramstad left last week for Fair Haven, Wash., where he joined his wife. He expected to purchase a \$4,000 fruit farm there and in case he closes the deal, he will move there for the winter at least. He may possibly make Washington his future home and in that case Minot will lose one of its best citizens. Mrs. Ramstad and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, who have been visiting in Washington for some weeks will return with him.

Thought "Hubby" Was Ill.

Mrs. D. B. Workman, a Portal woman, arrived in this city Thursday looking for her husband whom she expected to find in the hospital sick of fever. Hubby had left home a short time ago and was not feeling well then. His wife begged him to remain but he wanted to come to Minot to work. In company with Officer Kimball the whole city was searched and Workman could not be found. They were about to give up the search when the woman caught sight of her husband on a bike. Immediately the clouds of fear were dispelled from her countenance. As they were walking off, the officer heard the husband remark, "Why in thunder did you follow me here?"

Father Killed in a Runaway.

Misses Anna and Christine Danielson, two ladies who are living on homesteads near Ryder were called to North Branch, Minn., Thursday on account of their father being killed. A letter was received in this city by Ed E. Freedeen stating that the father of the ladies had been killed in a runaway. He left at once overland for Ryder and the following day returned to the city with the ladies. They were not told of the accident at the time but were given to believe that their father was not expected to live.

The old gentleman was in a buggy when his horses started to run. The buggy was run against a fence post and the man was thrown out. He was injured internally so that he died.

Ten Days For Stealing Watch.

James Samsel, the young electrician who has been spending an even hundred days in the county jail, awaiting the setting of the district court on the charge of stealing a watch from Mrs. Gunn, was brought up before Judge Cooper Thursday and he plead guilty to petty larceny. He was given ten days in jail and a fine of \$10 and costs amounting to \$22. Samsel tells a story which if true, could hardly have placed him where he was. He lived at Havre, Mont., and while there became acquainted with a brakeman named Harry Gunn and his wife. The Gunn family came to Minot and Samsel came down one day on business. He called at the Gunn home and not finding the husband at home remained and walked over town with Mrs. Gunn in the evening. She took her gold watch with her and not having a pocket in her dress, handed it to Samsel for safe keeping. They did their shopping and Samsel says Mrs. Gunn did not want him to return to the house for fear her husband might learn of his visit and not like it. Not thinking of the watch he took it and went to the hotel. The next day Gunn called for the watch and got it. Samsel was arrested and landed in jail. He may work in this city at his trade when he is a free man once more.

Report Excellent Hunting.

Julius Fauchald returned Friday from White Earth where he spent several days hunting ducks and chickens. In company with Geo. Porger and Olaf Muus they spent several days in Hanson's meadow and report excellent luck. One day they secured 70 ducks.

Wheeler's Popular Store.

The Independent made arrangements last week with H. E. Wheeler to advertise his bargains for some months. Mr. Wheeler is certainly offering bargains at his popular store and our readers should look for a change of his ad regularly. His motto is to carry no goods but the best and sell them for reasonable prices. A representative of the Independent had occasion to visit his store the other day and found all of his clerks very busy and himself every moment occupied looking after his growing concern.

Times Will be Good.

Cashier Barron of the Second National bank is authority for the statement that about \$2,500 on the average is brought into this city through that bank alone daily and distributed among the farmers who are bringing grain into this city. This will continue for a long time, as there is a great amount of grain in the country. This means that this part of the state will be wealthy within a few weeks. Not much money is going out and times cannot help but be good.

Mine is Fairly Good.

Chas. Gregory who recently returned from Marshall McClure's gold mine in Colorado, reports the mine to be quite a good one and one which will possibly pay if it is worked right. The gold is not in rich deposits, but there is a large quantity of dirt which if treated with the new chemical process, will pay well for the trouble. Mac is desirous of selling the Optic that he may go to Colorado to build a mill at the mine.

Big Fire at Bottineau.

The explosion of a gas engine in a laundry at Bottineau Friday caused a disastrous fire. The laundry which formerly belonged to Tuttle was burned, together with the Stone church, livery barn and the Imperial Lumber yard. The fire started about nine o'clock in the morning. It looked for a time as though the whole city was going to burn and a telegram brought the Souris fire department on the train which was about to leave Souris. The Souris boys worked hard and it was through their efforts that the whole city did not burn. Bottineau has not ample fire protection like a great many other North Dakota towns and will very likely lose no time in getting a new engine and other apparatus. The lumber yard was one of the best in this state. The loss will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Must Pay for Dogs.

Chief of Police Kimball is out for blood these days. He received his dog tags the other day and will collect taxes. Dan sent for the tags last spring and says the city lost money on account of the delay. There are not half as many dogs here now as there were last spring and if the present number could be cut down half, the city would still continue to run. When you see Kimball coming, hide your dog in the cellar or the well, or get ready with your money. By actual count Dan says there are 4213 dogs in Minot now.

Two Youthful Cow Boys.

There are two little boys, ten and twelve years old, the sons of Bern Larson, the rancher, who have herded nearly 200 head of cattle in the hills southwest of Minot all summer and they have done their work as well as any man could have done it. They have their horses and saddles, spurs and all they ride over the hills and prairies like the wind rounding up the cattle or bringing in a few stray ones. They care not for badger holes or ravines. They have herded the cattle four miles from home all summer and they have to remain with the herd until ten o'clock in the summer evenings, until the stock lie down to rest. They then ride home, go to bed and are up at daylight the next morning. They have a tent pitched near the herd.

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Strayed or Stolen—From my place 8 miles southwest of Velva, one bay mare white stripe in forehead. One dark bay horse, sore place on right jaw. Lost Tuesday, Aug. 12. Send information to John Cozoc, Velva, N. D. 20-1f

Lost—Sorrel horse 12 years old, weight 800 pounds. Three white feet, foretop roached. Also bay mare ten years old, weight 800 pounds, foretop roached, no brands. Animals strayed from my home in sec. 6, 150-86. Suitable reward will be paid for information leading to recovery of animals.—F. T. VanHook, Hiddenwood, N. D. 21-1f

TO THE PUBLIC
Dr. L. DeVilliers the Veterinary Surgeon begs to announce that for the next month he will be in and out of Minot visiting smaller towns and advertising to that effect will appear later. For further information apply to Scofield's stable.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the School Board of Minot Special School District until the 5th day of October A. D. 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. for furnishing and placing a steam heating plant in the new school-house. A certified check in the sum of \$150 must accompany each bid to insure the entering of contract if bid is accepted. Bids must be in accordance with plans and specifications which can be seen at the office of the clerk of said district at Minot, N. D., at the office of the Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, N. D. and at the office of Architect W. C. Albrant, Fargo, N. D. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the board.
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