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## WILL NOT BUILD JAIL THIS YEAR

Teutsch's Bid was The Lowest but Advertisement for Bids Will be Continued Ninety Days—Commissioners in Session.

The County Commissioners met Monday afternoon with Commissioner John Wallin in the chair. Commissioners Torbenson, Black, Swanson and Richardson were present. The first work taken up was opening the bids for the building of the new jail and sheriff's residence. Five bids were in as follows:

Eglund Bros., \$13,490.  
Eugene Teutsch, \$11,868.  
N. J. Warner, \$12,375.  
D. H. L., \$14,594.  
D. A. D., & Co., \$12,571.

Had the job been let that day Eugene Teutsch would have been the lucky man, but it was ascertained that the advertisement for bids had not been published long enough, it requiring ninety days. The commissioners have ordered the advertisement for bids placed in the papers once more and the bids will be opened January 9.

Mr. Teutsch's bid was accompanied by a certified check of \$500 as a guarantee of his fulfilling the contract and an assurity bond for any amount asked for was ready. He is still in the ring however and will bid again, as will likely the other contractors besides some new ones. Mr. Teutsch is ready for any jobs that come his way in brick work or any other kind of work.

Some changes are to be made in the plan for the new jail. The plans as first submitted gave too small a space for the jail. It will be impossible now to erect the jail and residence before spring.

### An Old Offender.

Sheriff Pict and States Attorney Christianson, of Towner, were in Minot Tuesday between trains. They went to Velva where they secured Rhynaldo Calder, a man who stole half a ton of flour and some lumber from Leeson & Wasson a year ago. The stuff was found in his possession but he skipped and was not arrested until the other day. He will undoubtedly be sent over the road on that charge. There are a number of other robberies to his credit.

### Cattle Low in Price.

"Cattle are one-third cheaper than they were a year ago," said a prominent rancher to an Independent man the other day. "The eastern buyers refuse to buy many cattle now, that corn is high believing that they will be winners in the end by selling their grain. I sent two carloads out last week and got a poor price for them although they were in excellent shape. This will make a big difference in the amount of money brought into this country this fall. The cattle are shipped east to Chicago, butchered at the Armour Packing Company's establishment or some other large concern, and we get back in the end the meat from the same cattle shipped away often. I do not see why a packing concern could not be made to pay well in this part of the United States."

### Banqued Boyer & Lindberg.

An unknown young man about 22 years of age walked into Boyer & Lindberg's clothing store Monday and bought a red and white striped sweater for \$3.85. He gave as payment a deposit slip for \$20 made out in one Martin Thorp's name. Carl Lindberg took the slip which the man en-

dorsed and gave him the change. The fellow has not been seen since. That afternoon when Mr. Lindberg went to the bank to deposit his money, it was ascertained that no one named Martin Thorp had money deposited there. The police were notified of the deed of the miscreant but up to this time have no track of him.

### Meanest Man in North Dak.

Dennis Donahue walked in from Glenburn Monday, 23 miles and reports having met the meanest man in North Dakota. When near Lynch Dennis saw a man coming in a buggy alone and naturally slowed up in order to give the farmer a chance to catch up with him. The farmer licked up and drove by without offering him a ride. The things that Dennis then rehearsed would have shocked a field of oats. Such a man deserves to walk the rest of his natural days.

### Hauling Grain to Glenburn.

A new flat house has been completed at Glenburn and on Monday a dozen loads of grain were hauled to the thriving little town. The writer spent one day last week in Glenburn and found everything lively. Many were engaged in moving the stores across the track to the townsite. Neil McDougall of this city is there engaged in moving some of the largest buildings.

### No Word From Relatives.

The relatives of Charles Anderson, the man found in a dying condition along the Great Northern tracks near Berthold, have not yet been found, although the chief of police has received dozens of inquiries and letters regarding the man. John Pritchard writes from Maiden Rock, Wis., that a man with the name of the dead man and description similar was missing. The watch he carried had G. M. Wheeler works.

### Turning Pupils Away.

Miss Clark, the popular teacher of the lower grade of the Minot school, is assisting Miss Marguerite Daily in the superintendent's office while she is out in the county visiting schools. Miss Clark reports 65 little ones in her room and has to turn new pupils away daily.

### Her Brother Died.

Mrs. Emerson's only brother, Gus Miller, died at his home in Minneapolis Saturday morning. Mrs. Emerson was called to his bedside Friday night but before she arrived, he had died. Mrs. Emerson is now the only member of a once happy family.

### Ramstad Will Not Leave.

Erick Ramstad and wife and Mrs. A. J. Thompson returned from Fair Haven, Wash. Mr. Ramstad thought some of buying a residence in that city but did not conclude the deal. Had he done so, he would not have left Minot for good, but would have spent the coldest months there. Mr. Ramstad has long lived in Minot and does not care to leave our fair city just at the time of her most prosperous days.

### Too Much Forty Rod.

A man named Andrew Hammer was locked in the county jail Sunday afternoon at the request of several citizens. Hammer was acting strangely on the streets and it was deemed advisable to place him in a safe place. It was thought the man was demented. The next day however he was natural, and was given his freedom. He had partaken of a little too much forty rod.

## IRRIGATION CONVENTION

\$3,000,000 Earned by North Dakota, Which Can be Applied to Improve the State.

To the citizens of North Dakota: Under the law passed through the efforts of Senator Hansbrough there has accumulated in the natural treasury nearly \$3,000,000 to the credit of North Dakota for irrigation purposes. If this is not called for by this state, the secretary of the interior can allow it to be temporarily used in other states.

Are there not sections in North Dakota where such experiments can be tried with every probability of success? It is not desirable that this money be invested in the state? It will increase the value of the assessable property in North Dakota at least \$20,000,000, and will therefore benefit all sections of the state.

Unless concerted action is taken this money will be used elsewhere. We therefore deem it best to call a state convention at Bismarck, N. D., for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20 and 21, and ask for a full representation of all interests in the state. All state officers, United States senators, congressmen, state members of national party committees, members of the legislature, members of the various political state committees, county and city officials, including county commissioners, will be accorded membership in said convention by virtue of their office, the chairmen of the various political committees for each county are also entitled to seats and a voice in said convention. Each board of county commissioners is also allowed to appoint five or more delegates, and each city mayor, commercial organization and state educational institution is asked to name two or more delegates.

It is the desire to make this convention representative of the best interests of North Dakota in every respect. The delegates from North Dakota to the National Irrigation congress will have an interesting report to make and one that will be of value to the state. Many prominent speakers from abroad will be present.

The convention will be called to order at 10 a. m., Tuesday, October 20. To facilitate the work of the committee on credentials all delegates should mail their appointments as early as possible to Hon. R. J. Turner, commissioner of agriculture and labor, Bismarck, N. D., who will have the roll prepared. The state delegation to the national congress will arrange the program and care for the organization of the state convention.

E. A. WILLIAMS, Surveyor General and Chairman State Delegation.

D. E. WILLARD, Geologist State Agricultural College and Secretary State Delegation.

N. G. LARIMORE, Vice President National Irrigation Congress.

W. H. ROBINSON, Member of Committee on Resolutions.

R. J. TURNER, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.

H. C. PLUMLEY, Chairman of State Press Committee for National Irrigation Congress.

### Coming Attractions.

Some very fine attractions are booked for Jacobson's opera house for the month of October including the musical and elocutionary entertainment given by

the ladies of the Presbyterian church, Thursday evening. Truesdale's minstrels will be here Oct. 10 and 11. They come highly recommended by the opera house Reporter. Raymond's Old Arkansaw October 26. The Crow's Imperial Stock Co., October 21, for the week. These are all fine attractions, worthy of the city's patronage, especially Raymond's Old Arkansaw which is a very touching and laughable drama, possessing those touches of pathos and all the virile force and vigor of a home drama.

### Mexican Joe's Strong Arm.

Mexican Joe got into trouble again Sunday night. As he was passing the home of Mrs. Woods a trained nurse, the woman's little harmless dog ran at Joe's heels and playfully barked at him. He cursed the woman regarding the dog pretending that he was afraid a piece of his tough hide would be lost and the lady tried to explain that she did not set the dog on him. She opened the door to call the canine in and as she was closing it, the man picked up a big rock and struck the door with it with sufficient force to break one of the panels. The woman was narrowly missed. He has not been seen since, but the officers are looking for him. He should be prosecuted when he turns up.

### Fraud in Land Taking.

A Kansas City girl the other day, in order to obtain a marriage license, wrote the figure 18 on a piece of paper and put it in her shoe so that she might swear to being "over 18." The deception has long been practiced in Kansas, but for another purpose.

"There are hundreds of quarter sections of land in western Kansas," a paper says, "that were proved up by girls who were not of legal age who played the same trick at the instance of lawyers. It is a scheme as old as Kansas almost."—Kansas City Star.

### Water Does Much Damage.

The Independent received a communication from Joe Clementich, of Questad, stating that the water in the Mouse River there was up to the high water mark of last spring and still raising. The fourth bridge which has been built there was swept away. The bridge cost \$125. The bridge was put up by the district in order that the children might go to school. Considerable damage has been done to hay which was stacked on low ground.

### Geo. A. Smith Married.

Geo. A. Smith and Miss Katie A. Stryker were united in marriage Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Judge Murray performed the ceremony. Mr. Smith is the head telegraph operator at the Great Northern depot and is popular with a large circle of acquaintances. His bride is also well known here and is highly thought of.

### Parted Company With Team.

A man from Donnybrook drove to this city Sunday with a twelve year old boy and got on a terrible drunk. He was put to bed in the afternoon and his horses were placed in a livery stable with instructions not to let the man have the team until he was able to navigate. About 8 o'clock that evening he secured the horses from the stable and started for Donnybrook, the boy refusing to accompany him. Monday morning he was found at Burlington in a dazed condition and his team was left on the prairie somewhere. He could not tell how he and the team parted company.

## MAIL ORDERS

The following is a copy of one of the many letters we receive each week:

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