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CONDITIONS AS THEY ARE IN MINOT

A Few of The Things Which Should be Remedied to Make This a Well Appointed City--The Building of a New City Jail Imminent--Greater Care Should be Taken in Quarantining Against Diseases--Business Men's League Should be Established to Work For Best Interests of City.

Minot at the present time is having a siege with two dreaded diseases, scarlet fever and small pox. In both instances, the diseases are not very severe, but in the mildest cases, they are dangerous. Whenever either of these diseases is noticeable, the health officer should be notified at once and the places should be quarantined strictly. The Independent understands that there have been numerous cases in the city which were not reported to the health officer at all, in order to keep off quarantine. This is a very poor policy and when practiced, it is impossible to keep down the disease. It may be possible that the Minot schools will have to be closed if the diseases spread much faster. There is absolutely no danger for those coming to this city to trade.

In conversation with Mayor Roach the other day, the Independent man was told that in a short time, the city would have to be bonded in order to build a suitable city hall and city jail. Mr. Roach realizes that the city is in debt and has not many sources of revenue but does not know when there would ever be a better time to raise the money to build such a building. A good stone or brick building would last as long as any of the present inhabitants of Minot will live. Whenever we have a dangerous city prisoner, the chief of police has to stand guard outside the jail to keep the miscreant in, or the wrongdoer has to be taken to the county jail. The Second National Bank of Minot has been and now is the place of

meeting for the members of the city council, but it is not the proper place. Citizens do not feel free to attend the meeting on that account.

We understand that the oil tanks belonging to the Standard Oil Company will not be moved from their present location near the Great Northern, this winter, but arrangements are being made to locate them near the Soo depot in the spring. Again the Independent protests against this, on account of the great danger from fire, which the city would be subjected to. Now is the time to enter a protest and bring the matter before the city council. Don't wait till after the tanks are moved to register your kick.

The new railroad from Granville to Mohall has naturally cut off some trade which otherwise would have to come to Minot. But the merchants of this city can make special inducements to the people living in that part of the country to cause them to drive a little farther to come here to trade and market their produce. And the merchants are doing it every day and the number of people from that northern country who each day drive to Minot to trade, is large. We are offering the farmers more for their eggs, butter and other farm produce and we are giving the goods cheaper. Instead of going backwards, Minot is forging ahead every day and we are destined to have the best city in the state.

WHY MINOT WILL BE THE LARGEST AND BEST CITY.

We are in the center of a fine agricultural and grazing district. The land office is located here and there are yet thousands of acres of government land which can be filed on.

The merchants sell goods cheaper and we have a better selection than any city in this part of the state.

There are two railroads, the G. N. and the Soo which intersect here, making this the great center for trading in the western part of the state.

Minot is the county seat of Ward county which will not be divided for years to come.

The Minot Schools are classed with the best in the state. Many have moved here purposely that their children might gain an education.

The county hospital is drawing patients from all parts of the northwest and will soon be enlarged. The work which is being done by this institution is excellent.

Judge Palda has his chambers here for the Eighth judicial district.

The Great Northern round house is located here and other offices are soon to be moved to Minot.

The Minot Business College brings in many students and several families.

The Minot Milling Co. is doing much for the city. It draws trade for the town.

The Grand Forks Mercantile Co., makes this a center for all kinds of goods used in the stores throughout the northwest.

We have no "knockers" here. There is not a man, woman or child who will not stand up for the city.

Our mayor is alive to the best interests of the city. The aldermen also are doing what they can to get the city out of debt.

The coal industry is no small one. This is the center for a big trade in lignite coal.

The brick yard next summer will do something for Minot.

Last but not least--The newspapers of Minot never let a chance go by to say a good word for the best city in the state

Five Years in Advance.

The Independent has one reader! John Borgerson, alias Happy Jack, who has paid for his paper five years in advance. Jack believes the Independent will last that long and so do we, if the subscribers keep on coming in that fashion.

Doctor Not to Blame

Dr. Theilen, the Carpio physician, takes exception to the article published in last week's Independent regarding the freezing of Andrew Anderson's hands. The doctor says he did everything he could for the man, sitting up half the night with him. Anderson certainly was in bad shape before taken to Dr. Theilen who undoubtedly did everything he could for his patient. The Independent simply stated what Anderson told the reporter. Dr. Theilen states that Anderson did not get drunk in a blind pig at Carpio but he and a partner bought eighty pints of booze and tried to drink it all at the partner's house. They failed, but Anderson was laid out and nearly froze to death. The Independent meant in no way to harm the reputation of Dr. Theilen, who is doing much for the people of Carpio. From time to time however patients are forced onto the hospital authorities and the county has to pay the expense. The Independent still believes that the man should have been kept at Carpio where he could have received as good attention as he could get at Minot. Anderson's hands are in bad shape, but he may not lose more than a few of his fingers.

Fireman's Ball.

The Fireman's Ball at the Opera House Thanksgiving night was a brilliant success and the boys cleared about \$100. The dance was managed in admirable shape and everyone had a good time dancing until 2 in the morning. C. B. Tibbetts made himself famous as caller. Fully 100 couples attended. In the afternoon the Firemen in their new uniforms paraded the streets headed by the Minot band. Jas. Scofield mounted on a beautiful horse headed the procession. The company will buy apparatus with the proceeds.

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Edgar Jones began a series of eight sermons at the Methodist church Sunday evening on the Lord's Prayer. The sermon Sunday evening was on the Christian's Language. A large and appreciative crowd attended. The following are the subjects for the remaining numbers: The Christian's Homestead, The Christian's Law, The Christian's Food, The Christian's Charter, The Christian's Gymnasium, The Christian's Antagonist, The Christian's Anthem.

Highschool Search Light

The high school students are endeavoring to start their school paper, the High School Search Light again this year. They would make it a monthly magazine, in pamphlet form. They are now soliciting adds among the business men. The students made a success of the undertaking last year and if the business men are liberal enough will do so again this year.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Mrs. Olson attempted suicide at her restaurant at Stanley Sunday night by cutting her throat with a razor. She was despondent because her daughter was to marry against her will. She did not get a very deep wound, but painful enough to make her unable to do her work. The con table in charge and his assistant

EARLY HOLIDAY HINTS

I now have my entire Holiday Line on display and cordially invite you to call as soon as you can and inspect it. It is by far the largest stock ever shown here and in extent, variety, novelty and low prices, cannot be matched in this locality. Each year more people are finding that the economical and satisfactory way to do holiday shopping is to select early while assortments are complete. I will be glad to have you come in and look around as much as you want to. If desired will lay away goods on which small payment has been made. Will pack goods for you to be sent out of town and will deliver goods in town Christmas morning when so directed I want to be of assistance to you this year.

Hair and Cloth Brushes.

We have a heavy stock of the better grades. Extra good ones for 50c; with Sterling Silver Plate 75c.

Perfumes

Our stock of Perfumes is always large, bigger than ever for the Holidays. A fine array of high grade perfumes in fancy packages, from 25c up.

Fancy Goods

Superb Creations in Celluloid, Plush and Metal. Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Glove, Handkerchief, Necktie, Collar, Cuff, and Photo Boxes, Shaving Sets, Work Boxes, Dressing Cases, Etc. Prices run from 40c to \$5 with a score of prices between.

Magnificent Medallions

So largely is stock of these beautiful pictures increased this year and so taking are the subjects, that it is hard to adequately present them. You will have to see them and see them soon, as many are already sold.

Albums

You have never had an opportunity to get such nice ones as we are showing this year, and the prices are lower than ever.

Pocket Books

Large lines of the latest for men and women; especially large assortment of fine gift pocket books for ladies. A suitable, serviceable present, 25c to \$2.50.

Fancy Stationery

A box of beautiful stationery is a gift any lady will appreciate. No one attempts to carry such a line as we handle.

Mirrors

Our line is an especially good one and nothing like them can be found elsewhere. A splendid present for ladies, \$1.25 to \$2.60.

Sterling Silver Novelties

We have a new and splendid assortment of Novelties this year. These make most satisfactory presents. The line includes articles suitable for everybody and at prices that everybody can afford.

Gold Pens

Those we carry are the finest the market affords. First quality gold pens and genuine pearl handles. Pens \$1. to \$1.50.

Cameras

This is the superb gift. One that never fails to delight. Well to pick early, so that if some special kind or size is wanted there will be time to order it. Cameras \$1 to \$25.00.

Jewelry and Watches

Could more than fill this page with suggestions from our Jewelry Stock. Remember when in doubt that you can always find something suitable in this department and that such gifts last a lifetime. All New Goods.

PAUL V. McCOY,

DRUGGIST AND JEWELER,

LELAND HOTEL,

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

A Few of Minot's Needs

A good factory or two. A new city hall and jail. Some paved streets. A better water works system. Another first class hotel. A creamery.

A new Great Northern depot. Ditto Soo. Some more cement sidewalks. A commercial club. A Y. M. C. A. Reading room and gymnasium for young men.

A crossing over the Great Northern tracks: A man lost his life the other day because there was no crossing.

Shelley B. Miller Married.

The Independent received the wedding announcement of Shelley Benton Miller and Miss Alma Victorine Anderson, which occurred at Chicago Wednesday evening, Nov. 25. They are at home at 242 La Salle Ave. Mr. Miller formerly worked in the printing offices of Minot but is now engaged in the manufacture of printer's glue in Chicago. Miss Anderson also lived in Minot where she taught music for several years. The Independent joins hundreds of friends in this city in extending best wishes.

Eugene A. Steete, principal of schools at Kalispell, Mont., came to Minot Tuesday and met Mrs. Lillian D. Jones, of St. Paul, and they were married by Rev. C. W. Harris at the Presbyterian parsonage. The bride is a most beautiful woman. Neither are known in this city to any extent.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our business is constantly on the increase, so that an addition to our force was necessary. We employ more help than any other gallery in western North Dakota. If you can arrange to call soon we can get your work out before Christmas. Nothing is nicer and as inexpensive as a nice photo for a Christmas gift, and our photos are extra nice on our new swell line of cards. You should call at once and let us show them to you. Miss Olson the hair dresses will return soon to assist our lady patrons in the arrangement of their hair, should they so desire. Yours to please

VAN EXIE, Souris Studio.
MINOT, N. D.



The South Side Department Store

Cleven & Hanson

WE HAVE BEEN STOCKING UP IN OUR LINE OF FALL & WINTER GOODS until now we have one of the best and most complete stocks in the city. They will bear inspection

SHOES

A large consignment of the M. D. Wells shoes for men, boys, and children, has just arrived. Remember these shoes are the cheapest as well as the best.

Our groceries are always fresh. Come in and you will be treated fairly

OPERA BUFFET

C. H. WEED, Prop.

Cigars Pipes and Tobaccos Exclusively.

The only Exclusive Tobacco and Cigar Store in Western North Dakota.