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## TO PROVIDE NEW FIRE WHISTLE

A Genuine Mocking Bird Will be Placed on the Power House of the Electric Light Plant—White to go Ahead With Barn

At last Minot is to have a new fire alarm, a genuine mocking bird, one of the screechers that will make your hair stand on end in the middle of the night when you are enjoying sweet repose, or at noonday when you are devouring a luscious dinner. The city council has ordered a new whistle to be placed on the electric light plant. The whistle and the labor placing it will cost \$75. The wards will be donated. Ward 1 will be located with 1 whistle. Wards 2 and 3 by 2 and 3 respectively. The hydrants will be numbered and donated accordingly. The plan is a good one and will put a stop to the fire boys wandering all over town looking for a fire.

Liveryman White was granted permission to continue with the big addition to his livery barn. White's carpenters were compelled to stop work on the barn because the building is within the fire limits. White showed fight and was going to carry his case to the courts but the matter was happily compromised.

Some bills were allowed and others were not. Ordinance No. 54 was passed. The ordinance pertains to the licensing of theatres. The only alderman absent was R. W. Davidson. Another meeting will be held next Monday night.

### At the Hospital.

O. Alsaker, of Halbritte, Can., is here visiting his wife who is taking treatment at the hospital.

Win. Frick has gone to Fessenden where he will recuperate after a long illness.

Otto Nygard, a young man from Granville who was brought to the hospital a short time ago ill of rheumatism, died Dec. 11 of heart trouble. The remains were shipped to Delamere, N. D. A brother to the young man came here and made arrangements to have the remains shipped.

Harry Van Wagoner injured his leg about a month ago while coasting. He did not improve and a few days ago was brought to the hospital where his leg was treated for proud flesh. He is doing nicely now.

Mrs. Hezlep, the leading lady of the Noble Theatre Co., who was very ill of pneumonia at the hospital for some weeks, joined her company at Granville Monday. She is entirely well.

Iver Lalin, who had a claim six miles from Tioga, was brought to the hospital Friday morning in a precarious condition. He had been suffering terribly with appendicitis on his claim for several days without medical attention. He arrived here too late. The physicians attempted to operate but found the entire abdomen infected. The patient died that night.

### Stole Shaw's Overcoat

A stranger, a young fellow less than 22 years of age, was caught stealing an overcoat from Shaw, night foreman of the G. N. round house, from his room in the Railroad restaurant last Friday night. He was arrested and the coat was found secured under the platform of the G. N. depot. Upon trial, he was given a fine of \$40 but being unable to pay the amount, was sentenced to jail for twenty days.

## MURPHY RETURNS TRIUMPHANTLY

The Major Found Not Guilty at Grand Forks by the U. S. Jury—Sheriff Scofield Sentenced to Ninety Days.

Major J. S. Murphy, against whom a very serious charge, that of perjury [was made, returned Sunday morning from Grand Forks triumphantly, having been found not guilty by the United States jury before Judge Amidon. For about a week the major had been up against a proposition which appeared to many in the state, to be a losing one for him, but he came out victorious. It didn't take the jury long to bring in a verdict. Murphy had proven by his wife and Miss Daley, that he had given Mrs. Grinnell the thousand dollars, a part of the money received by her as back pension. Mrs. Grinnell claimed that Murphy had not given her the money. The jury evidently did not believe Mrs. Grinnell.

Sheriff Scofield did not get off so well as Murphy. Judge Amidon sentenced him to ninety days in the county jail at Fargo on a charge of tampering with one of the jurymen. Scofield's friends in this part of the state are indignant over the matter. Judge Amidon evidently did what he thought was for the best. Sheriff Scofield testified before Judge Amidon that he met Ben Jones, of Cando, at the hotel in Grand Forks and states that Jones asked him to go to a room with him to take a drink. Jones asked Scofield if he was down on the Murphy case too, and Scofield replied that he was not, that he had brought a prisoner down. He added that Murphy was a good fellow and the case against him was brought for political purposes. It looked to Amidon that Sheriff Scofield tried to influence Juror Jones. We do not believe that he attempted to do any such a thing here at Minot but cannot answer for Amidon's opinion. There is not a man in Minot who considers the deal Scofield got, a disgrace in any way.

During Scofield's absence, the office is being looked after by his deputies and Dr. Crockat, the coroner, who is acting Sheriff. Upon his return to Minot, he will take hold of the office and conduct it in the same capable manner as ever.

### Davis Loses His Case.

The case of N. Davis vs. M. Jacobson, D. A. Dinnie and Peter Fugelso in district court last week, resulted in a verdict in favor of the defendants. Mr. Davis was suing for \$15,000 damages for injuries received in the collapse of the postoffice more than a year ago. It is a fact that Mr. Davis was injured somewhat in the wreck and that a sickness followed which kept him in the hospital for several weeks. Mr. Davis was very ill and it is not granted, he will make arrangements to carry it to the supreme court.

### Some Of Shelley's Glue

The Independent received by express from Chicago a package of the glue in which Shelley B. Miller is interested in the manufacture and upon trial find it the best of its kind we ever used. Mr. Miller has placed the product with the John Leslie Paper Co. for sale and it should have a wide sale throughout the north-west.

### A Great Opportunity

Of all the entertainments which have visited Minot this season we believe that the general public will enjoy the one to be given Dec. 21 by Dode Fisk's concert and dance orchestra will far outclass them all. This company is the best of its kind that was ever placed before the American people. The concert consists of high class selections, solos, duets, and singing. A St. Paul traveling man remarked to a friend in Minot the other day that he would travel fifty miles to hear the concert and give five dollars to attend the dance at the end. The dance after the concert is a feature in itself. The company consists of eleven artists. Miss Vivian Wilson in her coon song, Miss Ione Wilson in her ballads, Mr. Miller with his saxophone makes this entertainment refined and up-to-date. Mr. Jacobson guarantees the excellency of this company, having attended one of the entertainments at Bismarck.

### M. E. Church Notes

The entertainment at the opera house was a success.

The music under the leadership of Prof. S. Henry Wolfe, during this winter will be of an excellent order.

Next Sunday—the third Sabbath of the Advent season—the morning sermon will be appropriate.

The fourth sermon in the series on the "Lord's Prayer" will be heard next Sunday night. The subject is "The Christian's Law" Everybody cordially invited.

There will be a Christmas eve party for the Sunday School children. A tea Christmas Tree etc. will be the order of the program.

### Laurant Was Pleased

Laurant, the magician, gave a highly pleasing entertainment at Jacobson's opera house Saturday night. This is the second of the series of entertainments given by the Epworth League of this city. If the public ever had the idea that the entertainments given by the League were of a cheap order, this fear has been dispelled. Laurant proved to be far more clever than the ordinary magician and his spectators were delighted.

### Slashed With a Knife.

A slashing affray is reported to have taken place in the red light district one night last week. A well known Minot fellow in a fit of anger slashed one of the inmates hands in a terrible manner. We understand that the fellow was arrested and placed in the county jail over night but released the following day. We would not be surprised to hear of crimes equal to the Williston atrocities committed most any day.

### Promotion for Champlin

Many friends of Mr. Champlin, the International Harvest representative in this city, will be glad to note that he has been given an important promotion in the offices in Minot. He is now Assistant General Manager for the company over the north-west.

### Splan is in Excellent Spirits

Jos. Splan, the fireman who lost a leg and an arm in the great wreck near the big bridge is able to be about the hospital and is nearly well. He will soon be provided with an artificial leg and an arm and will get around as well as anyone. He is in excellent spirits.

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## PAUL V. McCOY.

JEWELER DRUGGIST

LELAND HOTEL, MINOT, N. D.

"Get it at McCoy's and You Know It's Right"

### The Greatest Yet.

The Londale Theatre company which has been holding the boards in the opera house this week, is unquestionably the strongest dramatic organization that has ever visited Minot.

Friday night, of this week, the great play of "Resurrection" will be produced. This will be the greatest production ever seen in the west, and seats for this performance can be had now. The local management has arranged for special train services on both roads for the benefit of outside patrons. The largest audience ever congregated in Jacobson's opera house will be present on this occasion, and it behooves local patrons to secure their seats early. The prices for this performance will be 75 cts., and \$1; free list suspended.

Tolsti achieved as much for the suffering peasantry of darkened Russia, when he produced his "Resurrection" as Harriet Beecher Stowe accomplished for the slaves of the south. This dramatic masterpiece has sent a thrill of horror through the civilized world and called upon the author the bitter denunciation of the czar and banishment from that country.

No other powerful story was ever written. No other play so graciously received. Intense in heart interest, sensational in the extreme. Depicting a life of love and sorrow, thrilling in its extreme realism. It stands today the masterpiece of the age. "Resurrection" tells of the fall

of the beautiful peasant girl, Maslova, who illegitimately born has been adopted by a family of Royal blood, receiving an education befitting her station. During a game of Goerki, Prince Nekhludoff falls madly in love with the charming peasant. Here begins a narrative of love and infidelity, cruelty and greed. The Prince hears her falsely accused and acquitted, but through the usual extreme ignorance of the Russian jury finds her pronounced guilty by the judge and sentenced to Siberia. Conscience at last causes change of heart in the Prince, he resolves to seek her out and make her his lawful wife.

The long weary march to Siberia in quest of the woman he so greatly wronged, of his untiring efforts in her behalf, his loyalty to purpose, and the many acts of kindness to the suffering and oppressed is vividly told by this master hand, which ends with her final sacrifice, completing the Resurrection of Two Souls.

There will be a pleasing Matinee Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and the week's engagement will close Saturday night by an unusually strong bill at popular prices.

The thief who took Conductor Tom McGrath's overcoat, was released after serving his ten days, for being drunk. McGrath did not turn up and the man was not punished for stealing the coat.

J. W. Samuelson was confined to his bed several days last week with a severe attack of the grip.



### To My 700 Patrons

Since opening my Studio in Minot

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Thanking the public for a very liberal patronage in the past and hoping to merit your favors in the future through excellent work alone, I am yours to please.

### L. C. VanExie,

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Sam Small of Devils Lake is here this week. Sam bought the Londale Theatre Co. for the week and guarantees the people of Minot some excellent attractions Friday night will be the best perhaps, "The Resurrection." The Londales are first class.

An acquaintance social was held at the M. E. church Friday night which was well attended.