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WHOLESALE LUMBER YARD FOR MINOT.

Kalispell Firm Said to Have Made Arrangements to Place a Big Yard in This City on Site of Old Round House. Jim Hill Interested in The Venture.

Representative of a big Kalispell lumber firm was in the city a few days ago making arrangements to place a first class wholesale lumber yard in Minot. It is understood that he made arrangements with the Great Northern to place the yard on the site of the old round house. This take in the strip from the round house to the west side comprising about three or more. It is understood the side track is to be laid on the bank of the Mouse

river. The yard will handle large timbers of all kinds and other material not usually found in a place like Minot. Besides it will handle a full supply of lumber but will do no retailing. The Independent understands that Jim Hill is interested in the project. These facts were not learned from headquarters, but we received our information on what we consider excellent authority. We believe such a yard would pay here, this being a first class distributing point.

POSTOFFICE LIKELY TO BE IN EHR'S BUILDING

Inspector from the U. S. Postoffice Department is Here and about Decided to Locate New Postoffice in The Southern part of The City.

A postoffice inspector from the U. S. department was here last week and about decided to accept a bid of Peter Ehr to place the postoffice in the building which he will erect next spring. The inspector had about decided to place the postoffice in the building which P. P. Lee proposed to erect at the rear of his store extending to the alley, but upon measuring the distance from the the depots, it was found that the

building would be 100 feet too far from the Soo depot. According to specifications, the building must not be farther than eighty rods from either depot. In case the government decides to place the postoffice in the Peter Ehr building the business property and the lots in the southern part of the city will increase in value a great deal. Naturally an effort is being made to keep the building in the center of the city.

Promotion For Higley

The many friends of L. O. Higley, the International Harvester Co's representative of the collection department, of this city will be pleased to learn that he has been given charge of all collections of his company in the north western part of the state and eastern Montana. Mr. Higley has been in the employ of the McCormick Harvester Co. for nearly 20 years, and he is probably one of the most competent all around machine man in this part of the state, having worked as expert and salesman and has a great knowledge of the business in all its different branches. Mr. Higley is a thorough business man and his work here this fall bears him out that he is a gentleman as well as a collector every sense of the word. The company could not have selected a better man for this position.

Old Woman a Good Turn

Ed Reed, the popular drayman, did a woman and her two children a good turn last night. The woman arrived in Minot expecting to buy a ticket for her husband but did not have enough money. The woman advanced her ticket for the coast. He received the money

Red Cross Nurse is Wanted

Miss Mamie Hope, the sly little nurse who arrived in Minot recently and claimed she was robbed of the diamond ring which Pres. Kruger of South Africa and Lord Roberts presented her, is wanted in St. Paul for making away with considerable property belonging to a woman. The woman's story in this city did not appear reasonable, many believing that she had some object in lying. She got a job in the laundry department of the Scandinavian hotel. She is known to have left town with a male companion.

Old Lady Breaks Wrist

Mrs. Toffelmier, an old lady fell on the icy steps at Sawyer Thursday morning and broke her wrist. Owing to her age, it will be a long time before the fractured bone will heal. There had been a pie social the night before, and she was on her way to the rooms to assist in cleaning the mess.

Skipped Board Bill

Chief of Police Kimball was notified Saturday to be on the lookout for a stove pipe jointed fellow with red eyes, who skipped from Velva leaving a board bill of fifteen dollars to an old lady who could ill afford to lose the amount. The fellow was not located. Could he be located, Bismarck would claim him.

Nelson Surprises Crowd.

Mark Nelson and a pugilist from Iowa named Kinney, gave a fifteen round sparring exhibition in the opera house, Friday night after the theater, a crowd of 200 attending. The spectators say they got their money's worth, and the fighters did too. Nelson seemed to be a little too much for Kinney, but the scrap at the end of the fifteenth round was called a draw by Referee Hart. He didn't dare do anything else. Kinney was knocked down a couple of times in the last round and was down when the gong sounded. All through the bout, Kinney struck low and referee Hart cautioned him about his fouls. He clenched and did not seem so want to fight squarely. The contest was clearly Nelson's, who is smaller than Kinney. Nelson lost his head in the ninth round and made several lunges for Referee Hart. The Terrible Swede surprised the crowd who at the beginning favored the man from the Buckeye State.

Peppered a Few.

Officer Kimball was ordered to the home of Mr. McHenry in this city Saturday morning to quarantine the residence. Several members of the family have had cases of small pox. There are quite a number of cases of small pox in the city and a good deal in the country. Members of the Smith family south of town are improving. Ed Winters contracted the disease and his complexion is not just what it should be yet. Members of the Abram family have the disease. One young man who had the disease grew weary of staying at home and attended the country balls, peppering everyone.

Grain Bought at Glenburn.

Grainbuyer Kernan of this city states that he has bought 36,000 bushels of grain at Glenburn already this season. Four other buyers also bought large amounts. This trade formerly came to Minot and Granville. All of this grain has been shipped over the new branch road. Mr. Kernan believes that in all at least 100,000 bushels of grain were bought at Glenburn since last fall.

Hagan Has Runaway.

Mrs. T. E. Hagan and Miss Maloney were badly frightened in a runaway at the Soo Crossing Friday. The horse became frightened, overturning the cutter, smashing it badly. Mrs. Hagan was bruised considerably. Mr. Hagan was in the act of getting into the cutter when the horse was frightened. It is lucky for all concerned that no one was injured seriously.

Valuable Present.

Dr. Crokot was the recipient of a unique and valuable watch charm over a hundred years old sent to him from England. In the center of the charm is a red stone upon which is cut a representation of a candle, a snuffer and a hand. Two Spanish words which the doctor does not know the meaning of, are also cut in the stone. The whole thing is very pretty.

Killed Bob Cat

A fellow named Hardin killed a bob cat near Sawyer last week. This makes the third animal of that species which has been killed in that vicinity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To

Everybody

Paul V. McCoy,

Druggist Jeweler

Leland Hotel, Minot, N. D.

Voted to Issue Bonds

At the election held at Nedrud's office Saturday to determine whether or not the Minot school district should be bonded for \$18,000, forty votes were cast in favor of the project and not one against it. A meeting of the school board was held that night and arrangements were made to take up the outstanding warrants which are drawing 8 per cent, and the outstanding bonds which are drawing 7 per cent interest, and have the state issue new bonds which can be secured for 4 per cent, thus saving the district a great deal of money each year. The new school house will be paid for. It will cost including the heating plant, about 10,000 dollars.

About Pure Food.

Prof. Ladd is going right ahead with the pure food movement and the merchants of the state had better be careful what food they receive from their jobbing houses. The wholesale houses keep special pure foods for the North Dakota merchants knowing that if those merchants are caught selling impure foods they will be fined according to law. But there are some houses which are sending in impure food stuffs. The merchants are warned to accept only the guarantee from the manufacturers. Some representatives of the houses that are selling impure food, are telling the merchants that that the state appropriation of \$1,500 is about exhausted and that no more work can be done by the commissioner for lack of funds. Prof. Ladd says: "If the people of the state support me as loyally during the coming year as they have in the past six months, there will be no setback to the pure food movement of North Dakota, even though the state is being flooded with deceptive literature, syndicate articles written for the eastern trade journals and daily press to believe the work and a corruption fund to break down the force of our law by many now recognized as one of the best in the country."



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