

STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL WARD COUNTY FARMER.

John Dostert, of Lone Tree, Tells What he is
Doing on His Big Farm—Has a Regular
Experiment Station.

No man is better situated in this state to enjoy life than John Dostert the Lone Tree farmer, gardener and stock raiser, and he and his happy family certainly see all that there is on the sunny side of life. John recently visited Minot and related the story of his success to an Independent representative: "You see," he said, "I came there 18 years ago and located on the broad prairies with not a tree near us or a bit of ground broken. Now I have just thousands of trees, some thirty feet high and some thirty-five inches around the base. Why you ought to come out and see my crops. I have a regular Agricultural Experiment Station there. I have brome grass, all kinds of wheat including macaroni wheat, Silver Mine, White Russian and Great Northern oats, and even peanuts up four inches. I have a thousand head of cabbage in my garden. I used to raise a great many cattle but sold off the biggest number. I milk ten cows and will send the cream to the Minot creamery as soon as it starts. I have a cream separator. I have a big nine room house finished to the last nail. It is 36x44 feet with a big stone basement. I have an ice house filled with nice ice. I am afraid to tell just how much crop I have in. You newspaper men will put it in the paper and the elevator men will figure out how many bushels of grain there will be in the country and will pay prices accordingly. I think it is a great mistake for the farmers to tell how much grain they have in. I have my four horse team breaking every day and control six quarters of land, having rented the school section for five years."

Mr. Dostert has good old German blood flowing thru his veins and is proud of the fact. To complete his happiness he receives the Independent regularly every week and says that of all his papers, this is the one he seeks out first. May he live long to enjoy the opportunities offered by the best state in the Union.

The Fall of the Mouse River.

Engineer French, of the irrigation surveyors, has been out along the river running a line to ascertain the fall of the river and was surprised to learn that the river falls only about one foot a mile. He supposed that the fall would be greater. To dam the river at Des Lacs Lake forty miles up the river, it will be necessary to build a dam more than forty feet high to make the irrigation scheme a success. Then the United States would be likely to get into all kinds of trouble, as the water would back into Canada. In case the reservoir is made at Des Lacs Lake, a canal will probably strike off towards Surrey and pass over the divide north of Surrey irrigating the land north as far as Glenburn but not farther, as the fall of the river is not enough to insure its going farther north. Mr. French believes that it will be possible to irrigate to advantage in this country.

Johnson a Confectioner.

William Johnson has closed the Palace barber shop and he and Roy Pierce, the well known G. N. engineer will start a confectionery store in the building soon. He has stored the barber fixtures which were in that shop. Mr. Johnson has sold his other shop to F. C. Ripley, of Minneapolis. The Independent wishes the boys success.

Announcement.

I hereby announce to my friends that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of sheriff on the Democratic ticket, and if elected will do my duty faithfully. I want your support.

—George W. Hecker.

Young Man Skipped.

There was weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth at the Dacotah Hotel early Friday morning when it was discovered that a young man from Mohall, who accompanied a young woman to this city the evening before with the intentions of making her his wife the day following, had skipped, during the night. It is said that the young man caused the ruin of the girl and at the urgent request of her parents accompanied them to Minot where the marriage ceremony was all arranged. The prospective groom's brother and a lady friend, Miss Braaten, also came along to attend the bridal couple. The groom-to-be relinquished his claim to his brother who fled on it Friday morning. When the bride-to-be awoke and put on her bridal robes, she went in search of her lover, who nowhere could be found. The brother said he did not know where he was. In the middle of the night, he arose and left the hotel and that was the last seen of him.

A lawyer was seen and arrangements made to bring action against the absent gallant, in case he could be located. In the meanwhile the banquet which had been arranged at the Dacotah Hotel, remains uneaten and a large number of guests who arrived Friday to witness the nuptials, went home disappointed.

Extended Clemency.

Secretary Shaw told this story the other day as to the propriety of extending clemency to violators of the customs law who furnish evidence against their associates. It was at a school in Mr. Shaw's native state of Iowa, and one of the boys in a class had committed some grave infraction of discipline. The teacher announced that he would thrash the whole class if some one did not tell him who had committed the offense. All were silent and he began with the first boy and thrashed every one in the class until finally he reached the last one. Then he said: "Now, if you will tell me who did this, I won't thrash you." "All right, sir. I did it," was the reply.

Prosperous Missouri Settlement.

T. D. Willis, Henry Willis, Ed. Keefe, L. Elam, Frank German, J. J. Malone and Nick Behm, of Jefferson township near Lansing, transacted business in Minot Wednesday and Thursday. Those men came to this country when not a soul was on those broad prairies, broke the soil, built fine homes, fenced their land, and stocked it with blooded horses and cattle, organized the township and are now reaping the benefits of their hard labor. The Missouri settlement bought a threshing machine to thresh their own grain and from the looks of their crops, and the great number of acres they have in, it is doubtful if one thresher will take care of all the grain.

Farmers' Organization.

L. Huber, President of the American Society of Equity, of Berthold, was in Minot last week. There are fifty members of this society at Berthold. The object of the society is to secure a good market for their grain and secure their terms on what the farmers need. For instance, the organization will buy their binding twine in a lump this season, hoping thereby to secure better rates. They may buy the prison twine. Their object is not to send away for their goods. The organizer was S. S. Petry. H. L. Fink is the secretary.

Hecker Would be Sheriff.

George W. Hecker, of Minot, is a candidate for the nomination of sheriff on the Democratic ticket and it appears at this stage of the game as if his chances were very good. George has a large acquaintance, having come to Minot and settled when land was not considered as valuable as it is now. He has been very successful in all of his dealings and is as honest as he is successful.

A Vermont Farmer.

John S. Sargent, the noted painter, was saying that the late Dr. Evans, the American dentist of Paris, had once shown him all his curios. "Among these curios," said Mr. Sargent, "there was a letter that amused me greatly. Dr. Evans had received the letter in his youth in America. It was from a young farmer of Vermont who wanted a set of false teeth made and sent to him. He wrote for the teeth in some such way as this: 'My mouth is three inches across, five-eighth inches threw the jaw. Some hummocky on the edge. Shaped like a horse shoe, toe forward. If you want me to be more particular I shall have to come there.'"

Ida Brietzke Guilty.

Ida Brietzke, formerly of Balfour, who was arrested on the charge of getting money fraudulently, was found guilty at Fargo. Herman Brietzke, her husband, is now on trial. Ida represented herself in the Twin City papers as being a young widow who desired a place as housekeeper in the home of a young single man or a young widow. She raked in many stray dollars in that manner, receiving her car fare in advance.

Bar the Hot Winds.

Another fine shower fell Friday night. The farmers all wear watermelon smiles and who can blame them? The Minot elevators will be crowded to their utmost capacity this fall if the weather man does not order hot winds. We have moisture enough right now in the ground to make the grain, so say the old timers. A farmer who dug down the other day states that the dirt is moist for three feet down.

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