



This is a view of the interior of the drug store of Wm. B. Hawley. He is one of Minot's most progressive druggists. Mr. Hawley thoroughly understands every phase of the business. Three years ago he came to Minot. "My business has been growing every month since I arrived here," Mr. Hawley said to an INDEPENDENT representative the other day, and I am certainly encouraged. I now employ three men."

Mr. Hawley's store is a busy place. Everything is kept neat and trim and the public's wants are looked after promptly and well. Mr. Hawley is a public-spirited man. He takes great interest in everything which tends to help Minot and her people. In the last big celebration here, Farmer's Day, March 11, Mr. Hawley worked night and day for the success of the project. He is fitted for the business which he is following. In 1885 he graduated from the College of Pharmacy at Chicago. For ten years he was engaged in the drug business in Faribault, Minn., and two years prior to his coming to Minot, he traveled for Parke, Davis & Co., the largest wholesale house of the kind in the world.

## THE BUSY FARMER.

DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE INDEPENDENT'S FARMER READERS—OUR READERS ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DEPARTMENT

Ole Oen who lives southwest of Minot is making all kinds of money selling trees which were planted some years ago in order that he might prove up a tree claim. Mr. Oen is selling very fine large ones for only fifty cents each if the buyer prefers to dig them, or \$1.00 if he digs them.

Theo. Bruning from eighteen miles north of the city, will put 800 acres into crop this year. That's farming on a large scale. This is something for the eighty acre eastern farmers to note. North Dakota farmers who are returning from the east say eastern farms look like garden patches to them.

Chas. Seaton, a farmer living two miles from town advertised in the INDEPENDENT that he would buy good young calves. The result was that Mr. Seaton received replies to his ad and has bought so many calves that he has found it necessary to take the notice from the paper. The advertisement has more than come up to his expectation. We give this simply as example. Farmers should advertise more. If you have a choice cow for sale or want to buy a good one, place a little notice in the paper. It costs but a little and saves you driving around the country. This applies to a good many things.

As a rule the average farmer makes a failure or at best only a partial success, of preparing strychnine for poisoning gophers, says E. C. Krueger. He does not understand the solubility of strychnine, which is an alkaloid or a vegetable alkali, and it therefore takes an acid to dissolve it properly. The following directions, furnished by Mr. Krueger will give good results: Add an ounce of strychnine to one quart of boiling water to which one teaspoonful of hydrochloric or muriatic acid has been added. Continue boiling till a perfectly clear solution is obtained. Then

mix this with enough water to thoroughly soak up one-half bushel of wheat; add one pint of oil of rhodium or oil of anise. Let mixture stand twenty-four hours. Every kernel of this mixture will kill a gopher. Murt strychnine is the best brand obtainable. If you haven't muriatic acid, add one-half cup of strong vinegar to your boiling water containing strychnine and boil till a clear solution results.

J. B. Lorge of the Houghton Implement Co. has sold three windmills recently. Wm F. Myers bought a thirty foot x-Ray windmill. James Foley of Surrey bought a twenty foot mill while Otto Bonness of Burlington bought a 40 foot power windmill. The North Dakota farmers are buying more mills every year which is a good indication of prosperity. Mr. Lorge states that he will make a specialty of wind mills.

### MODERN FARMING.

A few years ago men laughed at the idea of applying science to agriculture. The farmer's laughter was the loudest of all. But science, like revolutions, never goes backward. There are still many farmers who plant, reap, feed their cattle, and let their implements stand out in the sun and rain in the careless, thriftless old way, but the agricultural department, agricultural colleges, and the agricultural press are rapidly diminishing their number. There are 9,000,000 acres of land in the west whose alkali soil has heretofore rendered them worthless. By underdraining and flooding, science will make them cultivatable. They will then be worth \$600,000,000. The field in the United States which have been abandoned because they are "worn out" have an aggregate area greater than that of the six New England states combined. The trouble with the soil is that it has been exhausted of nitrogen. Science has discover-

ed that legumer—beans, peas, alfalfa—will grow in these fields, and that the culture, besides being financially profitable, so enriches the soil with nitrogen that other crops may afterwards be raised. "Worn out" lands are therefore, being brought back into cultivation by the simple expedient of growing beans and peas upon them. Science is teaching the farmer how to combat successfully the diseases that break out among his crops and live stock. It is teaching him how, by a process of selection, to improve the quality and quantity of his crops. The "old fashioned" farmer is not particular what kind of corn or wheat or cotton he sows. The scientific farmer goes through his field every year and carefully selects the best ears of corn or the seeds of the best cotton, and saves them for next year's seed. The result is, the old fashioned farmer raises about the same sort of crop year after year, whereas the scientific farmer raises a better crop every year. Scientists estimate that within fifty years the yield of the principal crops of the United States may be increased 50 per cent by seed selection alone. Science is teaching the farmer to adapt a crop to soil. Cuban tobacco has been successfully introduced in the south, navel oranges in California, rice in Louisiana and Texas, macaroni wheat in the west and northwest, dates in California and Arizona. The vegetable products we import cost us \$374,000,000 a year now. The recent progress of scientific agriculture indicates that we may yet in time raise at home a considerable proportion of the products for which this immense sum is now sent abroad. Scientific agriculture has ceased to be a joke. It has already been worth many millions of dollars to the people of the United States, and it will be worth to them many hundreds of millions more.

The county papers in North Dakota are authority for the report that a new graft is being worked on the farmers of this state. An agent comes to the farmer's home and offers to sell a phonograph and 20 records for the small sum of \$7. The purchaser signs an order to this

effect and soon he finds out that his local bank holds his note for \$7 and 20 records at \$3 each. The agent is said to be a smooth party and it is well to scrutinize any orders that you may place for phonographs, or anything for that matter, that you may purchase from a traveling agent.

At this season of the year farmers are flooded with advice about the destruction of the gopher pest, and about ninety per cent of the advice is worthless. There is plenty of means of killing the animals, but the trouble is to make the scope of extermination large enough to rid a community. One farmer may spend time and money in exterminating them on his farm, while his neighbors do nothing. The animals from the neighbor's farm soon overrun that of the man who waged war, and with that prolific increase, soon have both farms again at their mercy. It would seem the best thing to do would be for the farmers of at least one township to join together, put out their poison at the same time and wage for a few days a relentless war of extermination. Each farmer could make a successful fight on his own farm, and soon the pest would thus be exterminated from the community.

Feel tired, no appetite, cannot sleep, work or eat? That's spring tiredness and will disappear at once if you take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. —A. S. Blakely.

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LIBERAL ADVANCES.

DULUTH WINNIPEG

TAKEN UP—at my home seven miles north east of Minot, Sec. 19, Twp. 156-82, March 30, 1905. Two mares and one gelding. Onemare five years old, dark gray, no brands, weigh 1250 Other mare black, three years old weight 1000. No brands. Gelding weight 900 pounds, two years old. No brands. Owner may have the same by paying charges and the expense of this notice.  
H. E. SMITH,  
Minot, N. D.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE  
Notice is hereby given that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by James N. Erickson and Christina U. Erickson, his wife Mortgagees, to Security Banking Company, a corporation Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of June, A. D. nineteen hundred and three (1903) and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1903, and recorded in Book one of Mortgages, at page 30 will be foreclosed by a sale on the premises in such Mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the Court house in the city of Minot, in the county of Ward and State of North Dakota, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. on the 28th day of April, 1905, to satisfy the amount due upon said Mortgage on the day of sale.  
The premises described in said Mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same, are those certain premises situated in the county of Ward and State of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit: The (SW 1/4) of section one (1) in Township No. One Hundred Sixty Three (163) North, of Range No. Eighty Four (84) West, containing 160 acres of land more or less according to U. S. Government survey thereof. No action or proceedings have been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, and there will be due on said Mortgage at the date of sale the sum of Forty three & 1/10 Dollars, besides the costs of expenses of sale and statutory attorney's fees. Dated at Fessenden, North Dakota, this 17th day of February 1905.  
SECURITY BANKING COMPANY  
Mortgagee.  
M. E. WILSON  
Atty. for Mortgagee,  
Fessenden, North Dakota.

I have two snaps on hand, 160 acre farms in the best locality for sale cheap, and will buy your farm. Give me a call.

# FARMS.

John H. Lewis,  
Attorney and U. S. Commissioner.  
Office over Second National Bank, MINOT, N. D.

For Commercial and Improved Farm Loans, call on G. J. Albrecht, cashier of Union National Bank, which will open for business the latter part of April. Temporary office, front end of Martin Jacobson's hardware store, Minot.

SUMMONS.  
State of North Dakota, ss.  
County of Ward.  
In District Court, Eighth Judicial District.  
Alice Rimmer, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Robert Rimmer, Defendant.  
The State of North Dakota to the above named Defendant.  
You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action said complaint being now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court at the court house in the City of Minot, North Dakota, within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to so appear and answer judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint, which said complaint is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Ward County, N. D.  
Dated this 2nd day of March, 1905.  
LeSueur & Bradford,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Minot, North Dakota. 3-22-4-19

NOTICE WHEN TIME FOR REDEMPTION WILL EXPIRE.  
To FRANK P. WHEELER:  
You are hereby notified that the following described lands and premises, to-wit: Lot 14 Block 14, Brooklyn addition to city of Minot, were heretofore and on the 3rd day of December A. D. 1901, duly sold for taxes for the sum of Seventy-one cents. That the time when the redemption period will expire for said lands is the 30th day of June A. D. 1905, and that the amount required to redeem said lands, exclusive of the costs to accrue upon this notice, is the sum of Eight Dollars and 92 cents. All of said lands being situate in the County of Ward, State of North Dakota.  
If you fail to redeem the same within ninety days from the date of this notice, a tax deed for the aforesaid land will be issued and delivered to the holder of the tax certificate.  
Dated at Minot, North Dakota, this 1st day of April A. D. 1905.  
[Seal.] LOUIS A. LARSON,  
4-5-4-19 Auditor of Ward County, N. D.

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# MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM LANDS.

LAND BOUGHT AND SOLD.

TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING A FARM LOAN, BUYING OR SELLING A FARM, READ THESE FEW LINES:

Remember I only advertise what I have and can do.

DEAR FRIEND:—If you are going to prove up on your Homestead and make a loan, see me, I am positive that I can make you a loan at the lowest rate of interest, best of terms—no matter where your land is located. Remember, I charge no bonus or commission. Straight rate of interest, payable once a year. There will be no delay in getting your money, as you will get every cent as soon as your papers are completed, and I will ask you to kindly write or see me when you are ready to make a loan. I also wish to call your attention that if you are thinking of selling your farm list it with me, as I know I will be able to sell it for you this coming spring. I have spent considerable money in advertising in the Eastern papers and I have many buyers coming next season from all the Eastern states, and will be able to sell more land this year than ever before. If you will either write or call and see me, I will explain to you my rate of interest for a loan, no matter what the amount may be, small or large, in your locality, and my commission for selling your farm, which will cost you nothing, and I am sure that we can do business together.

Very Truly Yours,

I find a man who wants to sell for cash and then find a man who wants to buy and has the cash to pay.

**JOURGEN OLSON,**

Correspondence Solicited

DACOTAH HOTEL BLOCK, MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.