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MISS ABRAHAM AGAIN IN THE LEAD

Contestants Preparing for a Hard Tussel in the Wind-up—Time Grows Short, but Still Much can be Accomplished.

Three weeks from next Saturday night, or at midnight Dec. 16, the results of the Independent's famous popular lady piano-diamond ring contest will be known. Until that time the candidates and their hundreds of friends will strain every nerve preparing for the final wind up.

The contest is very successful to date, and promises to be away and ahead of the fondest hopes of the management of this paper. We had figured that if the contest would be instrumental in adding 500 new subscribers to the Independent's already large list, the results would be satisfactory. To date more than 500 new names have been added, besides hundreds of old subscribers have paid up their arrears and many away and ahead.

This week 3,700 papers are being printed. Last week every paper went out of this office and all that we have left are the two on the files.

The contestants are doing excellent personal canvassing. The entire southern part of the county has been canvassed with great results. Sawyer and Velva have each surrendered to the fair little candidate from Sawyer, until scarcely a man in that whole country—and its big territory too—but who has the pleasure of reading Ward county's big weekly regularly. Miss Anderson is responsible for more than 25 new names this week alone.

Miss Abraham who again holds second place this week, has traveled with horse and buggy over the entire Glenburn, Lynch, Wayne and Surrey country besides doing much work in Minot, at Berthold, Lansford, Mohall and many other places. She is

out every day and says that its easy to get new subscribers for the Independent, and the satisfied old ones are always more than willing to pay up.

Miss McGlynn cast a light vote this week, but is in the race to the end. Miss McGlynn has not shown all of her strength by any means. The contestants can look for something to happen in her case before the contest ends.

Miss Nixon we have been told is holding a big reserve vote. The above four are doing the real hard work but one can never tell what tomorrow will bring forth.

The elegant Kimball piano which is to be given for first premium, is well worth spending a few months at work. The diamond ring has been examined by a large number of the friends of the Independent, each of whom pronounces it a most elegant stone. It can be seen in the window of P. V. McCoy's drug store.

The standing of the contest at this date is:

Miss Elsie Abraham, Minot, N. D., 16720 votes.

Miss Irene Anderson, Sawyer, N. D., 16480 votes.

Miss Eva McGlynn, Ross, N. D., 9410 votes.

Miss Kathryn O'Dell, Minot, N. D., 4400 votes.

Miss Minnie Nixon Minot, N. D., 4100 votes.

Miss Ethel Potter, Lynch, N. D., 1000 votes.

Miss Lucy Finch, Glenburn, N. D., 815 votes.

Miss May Hopkins, Rose Glen, N. D., 800 votes.

INDEPENDENT RECOGNIZED BY STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

For the Excellency of a Write-up on Minot and Ward County in a Recent Issue—State Gives \$75.00, First Prize.

The Independent was much pleased this afternoon to receive a letter from the state, which is printed below, informing us that the article we published some weeks ago, concerning Minot and Ward county, had drawn the first prize \$75. This article will be reproduced by the state in a large book which is being printed, and these books will be sent to all parts of the United States for advertising purposes. The Independent, always working for the best interests of Minot and Ward county is gratified at the recognition of the judges appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, W. C. Gilbreath and hopes that the reproduction of the article will do something in assisting the best county and the best city in the best state in the Union, to develop properly.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LABOR
W. C. GILBREATH, COMMISSIONER
E. E. KAUFMAN, DEPUTY
BISMARCK

Truax & Colcord,
Minot, N. Dak.,
November 22, 1905.

Dear Sirs:

I take pleasure in informing you that the judges have awarded you first prize for your article on Ward county, which appeared in the Independent. If you will sign the enclosed voucher, at the places indicated on the back, have it acknowledged and return it to me I will remit you the sum of \$75.00.

Permit me to congratulate you on your excellent article.

Yours truly,
W. C. GILBREATH,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

OUR GREEK CRUISE

Brief Synopsis of Rev. C. W. Harris' Lecture to be Delivered in This City, Monday, Nov. 27th Under the Auspices of the Woman's Club of Minot—High School Band to Play.

"One of the most delightful trips in the world is to sail from the bay of Naples, cruise among the Greek Islands, linger at Delphi, Olympia and Athens and then return by the lovely island of Corfu.

Sailing from Naples the voyager has in view for hours, Vesuvius, from whose cone the smoke curls upward as of old. His eye travels down the slope to Pompeii and the modern cities upon the bay, then off across the sea to the misty shores of Capri, that enchanting isle whose blue grotto is only one of many attractions.

The next day we have passed Scylla and Charibdis in perfect safety, dangers that have no terror for the modern sailor and in the late afternoon we are anchored in a quiet bay with the snowy peak of Etna just above us.

There is a mountain village on the right and to this we climb for a view that has no rival in all Italy.

When the morning dawns, we are on the Adriatic, which, if it has a mind, can raise a horrible sea. Our light boat tosses like a cockle shell upon the water, but the worse of days will pass, and when once we come within the magic charm of the Greek coast we find peaceful harbors. It seems to me there are no more lovely bays in all the sea coast line of Europe than we find here. The charm of color is upon us. The sea is like turquoise refined, the islands grow with the rosy light of morning, and the hills take on a light that makes you dream of Paradise. It is a land of Gods, of wood nymphs and of fairies. I declare, if I should stay, I would become a pagan.

The days pass quickly, all too quickly. We go from Olympia to Delphi and from Delphi to Cornith, all they from a heathen oracle to the teachings of St. Paul. There is a lot of fun and a lot to learn. Every day is full of happiness, of learning and of

beauty. And what else can one want?

The western sun is sinking behind the hills, as we look from our hotel window towards the Acropolis. There it stands, a vision of eternal loveliness, our first sight in a city, which with all its art and beauty has nothing to equal this hill and its matchless group of buildings. We sit and watch its columns marked out so clearly against the red sky, watch them until they are lost to sight in the gathering gloom, and the bright stars shine forth, one by one, in the pale sky."

INSANE MAN CUTS THROAT ON TRAIN AT DONNYBROOK.

A young man named Nelson who was accompanying his brother to Minot this afternoon, where he was to have been examined for insanity, drew a knife from his pocket just as the Soo east bound passenger reached Donnybrook, and cut his throat from ear to ear. The car was crowded with passengers who saw the rash act, but all seemed afraid to interfere. After he had cut his throat, he stuck his head out the open window and continued cutting, until someone pushed him to the floor and took the knife away from him. He was carried from the train to the Donnybrook depot, where a doctor was called, but at this writing he is near death, if he is not already claimed by the grim reaper. Two gallons or more of blood flowed over the car floor and the sight was one terrible to behold.

HENDRICKSON WORKED HIS FRIENDS.

Hendrickson, the smooth, easy going fellow who had charge of the Leland bowling alley and pool rooms for several months, departed from this city Sunday night on the west-bound passenger, neglecting to pay some \$800 debts which he contracted from his friends. Hendrickson seemed to have worked anybody and everybody. Sheriff Lee is endeavoring to locate Hendrickson, who is charged with getting money under false pretenses.

FOR SALE—Restaurant property in City of Minot, in good location. For information inquire at this office. If

FOR TRADE—a house and lot in Minot for a half a section of land. Will pay the difference in cash if land is worth it. Inquire at this office. If

WM. DAVIDSON LIVED NEARLY 100 YEARS

Some interesting Facts Concerning Life of Minnesota's Oldest Mason Who Died and was Buried in Minot.

Wm. Davidson was born at Muselborough, Scotland, Oct. 22, 1810, being a descendant of a line of Scotch warriors. He died in Minot, Nov. 8, 1905. His father served sixteen years in the British army. When he was but 18 years of age, he came to America and settled in Lowell, Mass. There he married Mary Stephenson, whom he met first in a parade of 3000 young ladies who had turned out all dressed in white to greet the future President, Andrew Jackson. His wife died in 1873 and was buried at St. Charles, Minn.

The Davidson family moved to Thompsonville, Conn., where the entire family was born. In 1849 the family moved to Iowa and from there to Minnesota. In the early days the life of the farmer was not the easiest imaginable, and Wm. Davidson worked hard subduing the native soil and preparing a suitable home for his family. This man lived to see wonderful inventions in all sorts of machinery, especially in implements. He remembered well the first railroad train, being but sixteen years of age when the first train was run in the United States.

county, Iowa, and in 1853 he removed to Winona county Minn., which was then an unsettled country.

Mr. Davidson was always a Whig and a Republican. The first president for whom he voted, was Van Buren, and the last one Roosevelt. He said often he was glad of the privilege of voting for such a good man as Roosevelt, and hoped he would live to vote for him again. He was old enough to vote in Andrew Jackson's time, but as he had but shortly come from Scotland he did not vote for Jackson, as he was not acquainted sufficiently with American politics.

He was a most temperate man and his long life and good habits cannot help but be a valuable lesson to us, who are still young. At school he was always a leader in athletics and but a few weeks ago showed great agility for one of his age in the chores which he insisted on doing.

Six children blessed Wm. Davidson's home; Elizabeth, the oldest, dying in 1895. Those living are; Walter of California, William, of Cream, Minn., Robert of Minot, John of Minnesota and Mary of Montana. Wm. Davidson Jr. on account of illness could not be present at the funeral but John and his wife attended.

Mr. Davidson was a good Christian man and for many years was a member of the Presbyterian church, occupying the office of deacon many years.

During his early life, Mr. Davidson was a weaver in the mills of Lowell, Mass. So well did he master his trade, that when he moved to Connecticut in 1849, he was promoted to the position of inspector of cloth at the mills which he held for many years. There was nothing about this very particular business which escaped him. For four years he lived on a farm in Clayton

During late years the old gentleman lived with his son William in Minnesota and three months ago accompanied his son, Robert, to this city. A few days before his death, pneumonia attacked his frail form and soon he succumbed to the inevitable.

Wm. Davidson is gone, but his many kind deeds and noble acts will ever remain fresh in the minds of his children and mourning friends.

District Court.

District court is in session this week and Judge Goss says he will not adjourn until every case is cleared up. This cannot be done within two months. The criminal cases of which there are 27 are being tried this week.

Mike Murphy, charged with knocking down and robbing Ed. Goldberg is on trial now.

Jos. Huff who struck down Theo. Brunning with a pitch fork, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and will receive his sentence December 1. He may get five years in the penitentiary, but the chances are that his sentence will be lighter.

Nels Hanson who forged a check for \$50 on Oens at Granu, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced December 1.

One civil case which has been on the docket for twelve years, will be disposed of at this term.

IN JUSTICE TO DR. THOR. MOELLER.

Dr. Thor. Moeller, a Devils Lake physician, takes exception to an item which appeared in the Independent last week about a physician named Moeller, who spent some weeks in Minot last summer. The Devils Lake doctor has never practiced in Ward county, and in fact has never been here, so what was said was not intended for him at all. The Independent understands that the Devils Lake physician is a gentleman in every sense of the word, and certainly did not intend to cast any insinuations at his character. The doctor is one of the most prominent members of his profession in the state.

Mrs. Spear of Ross Dies.

Mrs. Rosa Spear of Ross died at the county hospital Friday morning at 2 a. m. from the effects of an operation. The remains were sent to Ross that afternoon for burial. Mrs. Spear was cousin to J. E. Smith, the Ross land man, and with her two little children, a boy of 18 and a girl of 8, resided with him. She filed on a valuable claim near Ross three years ago, but her old home was in Indiana. She resided for a time at Bowbells.

McCoy's Novel Idea.

Paul V. McCoy, the Quality Druggist, returned from the Twin Cities where he spent more than a week buying Holiday goods. Mr. McCoy is preparing for a record breaking holiday trade. He has started a little plan for Holiday purchasers which is extremely novel. He has a book in which one can record the gifts which are desired, and the friends can look the book over when they wish to make purchases. In this way Christmas shopping is made easy and everyone is well pleased.

Want Big Damages.

Galen MaKee, the Portal editor, John Matthews, the Portal marshal and Walter Fetzlaff, have each begun suit against Sheriff Lee, The Northern Trust Co., C. K. Pierson and Elias Pierson, cashier of the Portal bank for \$10,000 damages, caused by their arrest, charged with aiding prisoners to escape from American officers. The three men were acquitted by Judge Davis, and immediately brought this action.

The Minot Milling Co., handed in its ad. too late for this week's issue. The mill wishes to buy a lot of good wheat from the farmers, and will also pay a good price for 50,000 bushels of good oats. The mill grinds feed every day and gives prompt service. Flour is sold there 1st patent at \$2.50 and 2d patent at \$2.40. Macaroni flour cheap.

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