

WARD COUNTY
OLD SETTLERS

Organized for Mutual Benefit and Pleasure—
Interesting Meeting in Minot—Banquetted
at Grill Cafe—Will Picnic at Burlington.

Forty or more of the first settlers of Ward county gathered in this city Wednesday, March 14, for the purpose of forming an Old Settlers' Union. A meeting was held in the afternoon at Jacobson's opera house when the object of the gathering was discussed, and an organization perfected. The following officers were elected:

James Johnson, President.
John Lynch, Second Vice. Pres.
John King, Third Vice. Pres.
L. S. Foot, Fourth Vice. Pres.
Peter Fugleso, Secretary.
John McJannet, Asst. Secy.
A. C. Nedrud, Treas.

Only those who came to Ward county prior to December 31, 1886, are eligible to membership in this organization. It is believed by Mr. Johnson, who seems to have been the prime mover in this organization, that there are perhaps living in this part of the state 125 people who came to Ward county prior to that date. Mr. Johnson notified as many as possible of the meeting, but of course missed several. He will consider it a favor if those who were missed, will notify him of the fact.

After the meeting, the crowd was entertained at the Grill Cafe by James Scofield and Martin Jacobson, who gave a most enjoyable 6 o'clock dinner, followed by a smoker. The following registered at the Cafe:

Olaf A. Olson, Nils Oen, James Johnson, Swen Swenson, John Clouse, J. A. Waldref, Michael Muir, Reuben Stredwick, Alfred Stredwick, Gustin Olson, John Wallin, Ludvig O. Watne, W. L. Miller, Robt. Waldref, Ole J. Koisteth, I. O. Watne, Albert Swenson, Sten Swenson, Ed. Thygeson, J. J. Hunnewell, R. J. Hunnewell, T. G. Hunnewell, K. T. Hagen, P. H. Baukol, Erick Hustad, Knute E. Hustad, Ed. Kittilson, Martin Jacobson, John G. Shipton, John McJannet, Chas. R. Scribner, J. A. Bradley, Jens Glein, John King, Nils O. Engholm, Lewis Peterson, Frank Kirkilie, Ole A. Oen, John Lynch, E. D. Kelley, Thos. Johnson, C. C. Tangadahl, Peter Fugleso, John Ehr, F. H. Slatky, Bror Hanson, J. W. Maloney, John P. Shields, Geo. W. Wilson, Chas. Lacy, A. W. Campbell, J. H. Scofield, Earl Waldref, A. C. Nedrud.

The Independent is making an effort to secure the names of the remainder of the "old timers" and below give a partial list of them. If there are any omitted, we will consider it a favor if someone will either send us the names or send them to the secretary Mr. Fugleso. It should be strictly remembered that those who came after December 31, of 1886, are barred from the organization, and all old timers are asked to keep their dates from becoming mixed:

Ole Thygeson, Nick Clouse, Frank Clouse, Wm. Clouse, Forest Muir, Thos. Muir, John Swenson, S. Anderson, O. C. Larson, Chas. Larson, G. R. Sewell.

The Great Northern railroad reached Minot in the fall of 1886, hence this year marks the date of settlement of the "old timers."

The Independent is in strong sympathy with this movement. The handful of brave men and women who came to a wilderness twenty years ago, withstood many hardships. They had to depend largely upon themselves and learned to love and respect one another. Many who were in middle life in those early days, have grown wrinkled and gray, while those who were young are now classed as middle aged.

Some have been dealt with kindly by the Fates and are classed among the wealthy people of the state. Others have paid little attention to the accumulation of wealth, and while all are in comfortable circumstances, no one can tell what tomorrow will bring forth. It is therefore deemed advisable to organize, that one may assist the other in time of need. Ward county has no poor house. The Independent hopes that she will never need one. The Independent does not believe that it will ever be necessary for one of Ward county's old timers to ask alms. It is a certainty that if one of them ever grows ill and needs the care of a nurse, a physician or a friend, he will have it. The old "boys" of the frontier days were most considerate of each other and the years have tended to strengthen this liberal spirit.

It was agreed at the meeting that the Union should meet at Burlington the second Tuesday of June for a three days' session. The Independent will give the full particulars in due time. The readers will perhaps remember that a few weeks ago the Independent published an account of the experiences of four of the first settlers of the county, who came here in 1882. They are Severt Anderson, Ole T. Spokkie, John Jacobson (Jennes) and Ole Thygeson. We believe Henry Gassman was also one of the first to spend that winter in the county. The men came without guns, and seeing hundreds of deer roaming up and down the valley, dug holes and caught several in that manner, which helped out some. They had plenty of flour that winter but had to be sparing of oil. It was a rule to light no lamps on moonlight nights.

James Johnson came in 1883 across the country with a team from Fort Totten. He struck out by Round Lake and Medicine Lodge, and followed the river to Willow Creek going to near Burlington, where he settled on a claim. He still resides on the

old spot, which has grown more precious to him every year. Here he has erected one of the finest residences in the entire county, large barns and every year raises fine crops. He has one of the finest "bunches" of cattle in the state. He spends a good deal of his spare time on the farm, where his family reside, while he looks after a lucrative law and land business in Minot. Mr. Johnson informed an Independent representative that in the early days all food came from Bismarck and Devils Lake. Flour was \$10 a barrel, ham 32 cents a pound, tobacco 25 cents a plug, and a few potatoes which he bought to plant cost \$2 a bushel. He broke up three acres of land the first year and planted some potatoes and put in a garden. From the very start crops grew well here and have continued to do so every year since with the exception of perhaps one or two. A good many people made butter which they sold to the soldiers at Bismarck for 40 cents a pound.

Attempts to Kill Step-Father.

A fifteen-year-old step-son, Jasper Kemper, of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Summer of Deering, attempted to kill Mr. Summer the other evening with a revolver. The boy who is fifteen years old, has been reading Diamond Dick stories. The boy refused to comb his hair prior to eating supper, so his elder sister, did not allow him to come to the table until he had applied the comb and brush. The mother sided with the sister, and the boy being stubborn, refused to comply with their demands. After supper he attempted to eat from the cupboard, but he was sent away. This enraged him and the father was called from upstairs. As he stepped into the room, the boy pulled a wicked looking gun and exclaimed, "Come on, I am prepared for the whole lot of you." The father grabbed the gun, and it took perhaps five minutes to get it away, as he had hold of only the barrel. The boy has been sent to the reform school. The father and mother were in Minot Monday conferring with State's Attorney McGee.

Straight Talk.

We do not believe in telling everything we know to everybody. Some would not be interested. We do not print long lists of lands "for sale" in the newspapers, neither do we issue pamphlets. Our lists change too fast for that kind of advertising as we would have to make a commission big enough to cover its cost.

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Geo. Gilmore from Portal, transacted legal business in the hub Monday.

MINOT FURNITURE CO.

The Minot Furniture Co., with a capital of \$25,000 has been organized in this city by J. C. Hoff, Knute Spokkie, F. J. Falvey, Wm. Olson of Palermo, and H. O. Johnson of Pleasant, N. D. In a month from now, the company expects to be doing business in this city. In addition to selling new furniture of all kinds, and will buy sell furniture in general. The Independent will be able to give more particulars regarding this concern at a future date. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State.

State of North Dakota, ss.
County of Ward.
In District Court Eighth Judicial District.

Joseph H. Alling, Plaintiff,

Nathaniel M. Jones, B. S. Brynjolfson, A. B. Gupill as Receiver of the Bank of Minot, Jennie L. Miller, now Jennie L. Cole, and Perry M. Cole, her husband, Bank of Minot, a corporation by Henry F. Salyards as Secretary, E. Askey Medra as President of the Bank of Minot, a corporation, and all other persons unknown, claiming an estate or interest in or lien or incumbrance upon the property described in the complaint, and their unknown heirs.

The State of North Dakota to the above Defendants:
You, and each of you, are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated at Minot, N. D. this tenth day of February, A. D. 1906.

JAMES JOHNSON, Attorney for Plaintiff, Minot, North Dakota.

To the above named defendants:
You, and each of you, take notice, that this action is brought to quiet the title to the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 26, the north half of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 21, in township 156 North, of Range 84 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Ward County, North Dakota; and that no personal claim is made against you, or any of you. And you are further notified that the complaint in this action is on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for Ward County, North Dakota, where said action is pending.

JAMES JOHNSON, Attorney for Plaintiff, Minot, North Dakota.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ss. In District Court, Eighth Judicial District.

Guy O. Frank and Julius Fauchald, co-partners under the firm name of Frank & Fauchald,

Plaintiffs,
vs.
James Johnson, Mary A. Mason, Solomon G. Gustick, Thomas Jones, Jacob Dobmeier, Jacob A. Bonnier, John C. Orwell, Theophil Hastings, W. T. Owens, Dorthie C. Mears, Dore C. Mears, Harry Frank, B. S. Brynjolfson, F. T. Thompson, C. H. Mears, E. Askey Mears, Margaret B. Mears, Caroline H. Mears, Lizzie D. Mears, Dorthie C. Mears, Harry Lawrence, Peter Ehr, Francis Ehr, Robert G. McKorkel, Susan McCadden, A. M. Hufford, John W. Maher, G. S. Smith, T. H. Stryker, J. McJannet, Dan McColeman, Theo. Hastings, John C. Orwell, J. B. Easton, James Scofield, William Doll, Frank P. Hawkins, John McJannet, as treasurer of Ward county, Northwest Land Company, a corporation, Bank of Minot, a corporation, North Dakota Title Insurance and Trust Company, a corporation, First National Bank of Minot, a corporation, Commercial Harvesting Company, a corporation, Indemnity Company of North Dakota, a corporation, Guarantee Company of North Dakota, a corporation, E. C. Pease & Co., E. S. Pease, co-partners as Pease & Co., C. E. Rittenhouse as receiver of the First National Bank of Minot, A. B. Gupill as receiver of the Bank of Minot, A. B. Gupill as receiver of the North Dakota Title Insurance and Trust Company, the State of North Dakota, a public corporation, Ward County, a public corporation. All other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in or lien or incumbrance upon the property described in the complaint. Defendants.

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You and each of you are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear answer, judgment will be taken against you and against each of you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

And you and each of you are further notified that the complaint in this action will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court in and for Ward county, North Dakota, the court in which the above entitled action is pending.

February 19, 1906. Attorney for Plaintiffs, Postoffice address and office at Minot, N. D.

To the above named defendants:
You and each of you are hereby notified that the above entitled action is brought for the purpose of determining title and all claims to the following described real estate and to quiet title hereto, viz:—
The lot numbered fourteen in block numbered twenty of the township of Minot as shown by the plat thereof on file and for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Ward county, North Dakota, said real estate being located in Ward county, North Dakota.

You and each of you are further notified that no personal claim is made against you or either of you.

February 19, 1906. Attorney for Plaintiffs, 3-23-5-3 P. O. address and office at Minot, N. D.

Seed Wheat for Sale—Pure macaroni wheat (Kubanka variety) also pure blue stem No. 169. A. V. Swanson. t2p.

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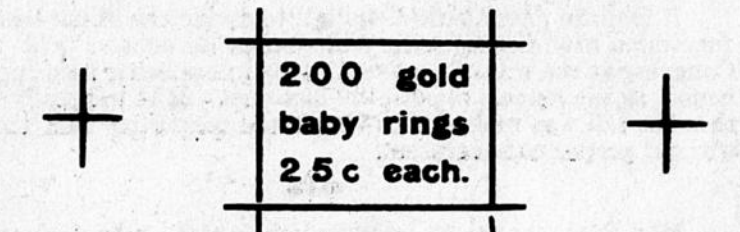
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