

THE NEW MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Now Hold the Reins of the City in Their Hands—New Regime Starts out in a Business Like Manner.

Minot's twelve aldermen, comprising the new council, held their first meeting Tuesday night. The city fathers start off in a business-like manner, and the Independent believes that they will "make good" at every stage of the game. There are some momentous problems before them, but they are considering everything well, and while they wish to act on the more important questions without much delay, they wish to become familiar enough with the problems to make certain of no mistakes.

Mayor Dank C. Greenleaf delivered his first message, which is full of good advice. He stated that it was his duty to recommend to the councilmen certain improvements for the city, but as Minot had been in the hands of the outgoing officials for several years, he was unfamiliar with many things, and he desired information from the aldermen along certain lines. Minot of to-day with her 5000 people, is not the Minot of five years ago. She needs improvements. The Mayor wants an expert to inquire into the financial condition of the city. As soon as that is ascertained, they will know upon what basis they can work. He recommends that the financial statement be published as soon as possible.

He spoke on the unsanitary condition of the city and recommends that the streets and alleys be cleaned at once. The streets should be properly graded and curbed, and gates placed at the railway crossings. Reishus street between First and Second streets should be properly drained. The street leading to the top of the South Hill should be properly widened. Action should be taken towards improving the roads leading into the city from the north.

The mayor stated that no other city in the state paid a higher rate of fire insurance and steps should be immediately taken to lessen the risk. No buildings other than fire-proof structures should be permitted within the fire limits. The fire department needs a modern up-to-date chemical engine, two hose wagons, a modern hook and ladder outfit and smaller fire extinguishers. He recommends one paid fireman.

He recommends police to be stationed in various parts of the city.

The Mayor would have an ordinance passed providing for the revision of the other ordinances and the publishing of the same, so that the citizens may become familiar with the laws by which they are governed.

Mayor Greenleaf then submitted his appointments to the members of the council and they were all approved. They were as follows: For City Auditor, John Fahey; City Attorney, R. M. Andrews; Chief of Police, Thos. E. Hagen; City Engineer, E. S. Severance; Street Commissioner, John McDougall; Superintendent of Waterworks, Ole Knuuson, and Superintendent of the Board of Health, Dr. S. G. White.

D. H. Kimball who has given the best years of his life to Minot as an officer of the law, has been retained as a policeman, and is now engaged on day duty. The fact that Mr. Kimball is to remain on the force is a source of much satisfaction to his hundreds of friends.

During the session, Judge Murray qualified as police magistrate, John Lynch as city justice and D. C. Cameron as city treasurer.

The Mayor appointed the following committees:
Finance—C. A. Grow, T. T. Jacobson, C. L. Prescott.
Sewerage—J. H. Scofield, T. T. Jacobson, Peter Vandenoever.
Waterworks—J. E. McKeane, B. B. Tasker, C. A. Grow.
Street and Bridge—John Ehr, J. H. Scofield, J. E. McKeane.
Light—B. B. Tasker, George Burke, John Ehr.
F. C. A. Grow, Peter Van-

denoever, Dell Irish. Cemetery—F. A. Baker, Dell Irish, Nick Hendrickson. Board of Health—S. G. White, Nick Hendrickson, F. A. Baker, C. L. Prescott, Geo. Burke. Ordinance—Peter Vandenoever, John Ehr, F. A. Baker. The council adjourned to meet next Monday night.

BLACK DIDN'T WANT REPORT ADOPTED

At a recent meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Commissioner Abbott introduced a resolution, calling for an investigation of the mysterious disappearance of the Minot National Bank bond for \$25,000. It was passed, and Mr. Abbott together with States Attorney McGee were appointed to investigate. At the last meeting the committee was ready to report and Mr. Abbott moved that the report be accepted. The motion DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND. The chairman had no power to second the motion and the other commissioners did not seem disposed to do so. Mr. Black furthermore objected on the grounds that the report CAST REFLECTIONS ON THE OLD BOARD.

Commissioner Swanson very fittingly remarked that he guessed that the old board needed to be reflected upon or something to that effect. The report embodied a sworn statement from former County Auditor Louis A. Larson who said that such a bond was in existence and filed by him in the Auditor's office. Auditor Fabrick never saw such a bond and cannot account for its disappearance. Ward county had something over \$10,000 in the bank when it failed, so the bond would come in rather handy now.

Erecting Many Buildings.

Hurd & Mallory, the contractors, are now working a crew of fifty men who are working on eight jobs. They are building three cottages for Mr. Weatherwax, two for John Stammen, one for Mr. Hannah, one for Mr. Gunter and an addition to the Harthouse residence. Besides they are completing the large addition to the Leland hotel. This season they will give brick work more attention than ever. The Independent sees no reason why they cannot do their share of the brick work. They employ the best men that the Northwest can afford and are giving the best of satisfaction.

New Tin and Metal Worker.

C. C. Eroe, a tinner and a sheet iron worker, of many years' experience, who recently moved to Minot from York, Neb., has purchased the tinning and sheet iron business from Steinhof & Van Slike, who will give all of their attention to plumbing and steam fitting. Mr. Eroe will occupy the basement with the plumbers. Mr. Eroe will make a specialty of out of town work, and the Independent feels certain that those who will patronize him will find him an excellent fellow with which to deal.

Increase of Insanity.

Sheriff Lee says that insanity is on the increase in Ward county. Since taking charge of the sheriff's office a little more than a year ago, twenty-two persons from Ward county have been sent to the Jamestown asylum and goodness knows how many more ought to be there. The fact that many live alone on the prairie is given as a reason for the insanity. When one is alone, he has time to brood over his troubles, many of which are imaginary. It is not good for man to be alone.

A Good Team.

Mr. Clemons recently formed a partnership with F. M. Haynes in the blacksmith shop. This concern has the only arrangement for polishing a plow lay in the city, and when they sharpen the plow lays, furnish genuine steel points. They make a specialty of engine work, being especially fitted to do flue work on boilers. Mr. Clemons has been connected with the mechanical department of the Great Northern for some years. Mr. Haynes, a blacksmith cannot be beaten.

To Manufacture Briquettes.

Robert Stewart of Kenmare, who has invented a very practical briquetting machine, proposes to form a stock company of Minot men for the manufacture of briquettes. The plan is believed to be most feasible and if the present plans go thru, Minot is likely to see a company with \$500,000 capital organized here soon. With lignite coal beds at our very doors, Minot is the place for the manufacture of briquettes. Master Mechanic Hawkinson of the Great Northern, has been giving the matter his personal attention, and is using his influence toward effecting the organization of such a company.

Mr. Stewart has already manufactured a number of briquettes from the lignite, by means of mixing it with linseed oil. One he showed an Independent reporter, about the size of an egg, had been moulded by hand, yet it held together perfectly. A test of the product shows that in combustion with hard coal it compares 8 to 1 in favor of the briquettes, and after one hour's burning it produced one half more heat. The residuum showed one-half less and showed that it lasted longer in the furnace than the anthracite.

The cheapness of the manufacture of these briquettes makes it the coming coal of this country.

Another Elevator Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elliott are rejoicing over the birth of a bright baby boy, on Good Friday. Howard says the youngster weighs six pounds, not extra large, but what he lacks in size he makes up in vitality, especially lung power, and there's plenty of room to grow out where Mr. Elliott lives.

HOME TALENT PLAY.

Shaun Aroon to be Presented Tuesday Night by our best Comedians and Musicians—Auspices Eagle Band.

The Eagle Dramatic club will give an entertainment in the form of a home talent play, "Shaun Aroon," in the Opera house, Tuesday evening, April 24th, under the direction of Prof. Hepburn.

The boys have been preparing for this entertainment for several weeks and the public should certainly not miss it. The members of this organization are among the most talented in the city, and no company which has ever visited Minot will have put on a better play than this one, and we doubt if any play has ever been presented in Minot in so pleasing a manner as the Eagle boys will present Shaun Aroon.

Shaun is a young fellow, ready to make love, sing or dance, as the case may be.

Opera house, Tuesday evening, April 24th, under the auspices of the Eagle band. Under the direction of Prof. Hepburn.

PAUL V. McGOY MARRIES

Popular Young Druggist Weds Miss Louise Benno in Chicago Last January—Kept Marriage a Secret From Friends.

The news of the marriage of Paul V. McCoy, Minot's popular druggist to Miss Louise Benno, will come rather as a surprise to the Independent's readers this week. The ceremony was performed in Chicago last January, or nearly three months ago. Mr. McCoy at that time went to the City by the Lake and spent several weeks, but upon his return did not confide in his closest friend that he had taken upon himself a life partner. Just before departing for Chicago last week, Mr. McCoy announced his marriage to his friends. The couple is expected to return the latter part of the week, when they will begin housekeeping. Mr. McCoy is a young man of extraordinary business ability. Three years ago he started his drug store in this city and through the vast amount of business which he has done, it has become famous over the entire Northwest.

Mrs. McCoy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Benno, prominent people who reside six miles southwest of Minot. She has resided in this city for years being a graduate of the Minot High School. She is a young woman of prepossessing appearance. The past year Mrs. McCoy has spent at Chicago attending the Chicago Art Institute. She is a highly accomplished young lady. Both have a large circle who join the Independent in wishing them an abundance of happiness.

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Sets in plain polished, Roman and rose finishes.
Various shapes—round, oval, square, oblong and fancy patterns.

PRICES: 50c, 75c, \$1.00 TO \$1.50 THE SET.

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W. H. REIGHART

The Minot Jeweler

TIME INSPECTOR GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

STEPPED FROM CAR TO ETERNITY

A man named Fuller, whose destination was Velva, was killed in a terrible manner at the high bridge near Harvey, Sunday night. The emigrant train had stopped at the bridge, and Fuller supposing that a station had been reached, stepped out of the car into eternity. The bridge spans a gully 80 feet deep at the place, and the man met instant death below.

Paper Man Arrives.

The Minot Grocery Co. purchased a car load of fine stationery from John Leslie Paper Co. The newspaper boys are finding that it is just as easy, and cheaper to buy their stationery at home. Harry Reynolds, from Des Moines, Ia., who was with Langan Bros. five years, has taken charge of the paper department and will make the territory regularly.

Candidate for Sheriff.

I am a candidate for re-nomination for sheriff of Ward county subject to the primary election. I solicit your support.
JOHN J. LEE.

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"Stand back I say." Clarence Jobe as "Shaun Aroon."

DENTIST WOULD DO UP WOMAN

While Crazy, Temporarily Doctor Hubler Attacks his Office Woman Injuring her

Dr. Hubler, a prominent dentist of this city, was arrested in his office Monday evening about 7 o'clock, by Sheriff Lee, and H. D. Shepard, the latter being deputized by Mr. Lee. The doctor had evidently been suffering from some sort of dope which he had probably taken, and seemed crazed with it.

He had attacked the lady who assists in the operating room, tearing bunches of hair from her head, tearing her clothing badly, and beating and bruising her in a shameful manner. The woman, to escape the fiendish work of the frenzied doctor, escaped from the dental rooms, and screaming to the top of her voice, ran into C. K. Von Eida's apartments in the same building. Mr. Von Eida, grabbed his revolver, struck the man over the head with it several

times making some ugly gashes and forcing him to the floor. He then ran out in search of the police. The doctor got up and went back into his apartments followed by the woman who attempted to quiet him, but to no avail.

A large crowd of the citizens attracted by the unusual noises emanating from the rooms, gathered in front of the building, and prompted by curiosity crowded into the hall at the head of the stairs. The doctor appeared at the door with revolver in hand and pointing it at the crowd, made a tall scatterment. Twice it is said that he shot, but he did not hurt anyone. It was reported that he had shot himself, but this is a mistake.

No one seemed to want to go to the rooms to make the arrest. Strange to say none of the night police were on hand, and the bailiff for the county refused to go to the rooms, saying that he would rather be a live coward than a dead hero. Sheriff Lee happened to come along with a