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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

**Will Advertise Minot** The directors of the Minot Commercial club held a meeting Friday night and decided that it would be an excellent plan for the business men of the city to advertise Minot by means of pictures of the city and surrounding country on the backs of their stationery. If each business man would insist that the printer run a good cut on the back of his letter heads and the front of his envelopes, together with a summary of the advantages and opportunities of this part of the state. Minot and Ward county would become widely advertised.

Minot already is the best advertised city for its size in the United States, but it still needs more publicity. The Independent suggests that each business man select his own form of stationery. He can select some good view of the city or a number of good views, and an artist can arrange them in an artistic manner for a letter head or an envelope. Or he can select a threshing or a plowing scene, a picture of a herd of fat cattle, a scene along the winding Mouse, Minot on a busy day, our public schools, churches, wholesale houses, in fact there are so many pictures that could be selected that it would be difficult to make a choice. Pictures always tell a good story, better than words, but an explanation will help matters. Show the assessed valuation of the city of Minot for 1906, comparing it with five years ago. Do the same thing with Ward county. Compare the number of acres of land under cultivation with the number of five years ago. Compare the banking institutions of today with those of five years ago. The schools, the churches, and in fact every form of industry will make a grand comparison. Speak of the coal deposits right at the gates of our city and show how by means of cheap fuel, and railroads running in every direction, Minot is the only place in the west for factories.

Show that 400 bushels of potatoes can be raised to the acre and for that reason a starch factory would be a paying thing. Let the world know that Minot with the best vegetables in the world is the ideal place for a canning factory. The farmers can raise sheep, therefore a woolen mill would pay. Let the outside world know that within ten miles of Minot a great many hundred quarters of land are lying idle, not because the land is not worth anything, but because speculators are holding it, and show how much better our city will be when a good farmer occupies each half section today to say the least. Show the advantages of building houses for rent in Minot. Tell the world of the big yields of grain last year.

Show the average amount of rainfall for the past five or ten or twenty years. Print the pictures of some of our best farm homes, showing the fine groves of trees, that those who still believe that North Dakota is a treeless desert will be convinced of the opposite. Why a whole book could be written along this line. Let us all get together and boost for Minot at every turn in the road.

**Cutworms to Kill Weeds** An exchange says: Luther Burbank's trained cut worm crops, on which the scientist has been at work for several years, is proving a decided success. Mr. Burbank began in 1903 with a dozen cut worms, taking them from the earliest stages and carefully watching their development and diet. They increased rapidly in numbers and soon grew accustomed to the changed diet provided for them. The experimenter saw to it that they had plenty of dandelions and weeds to cut, but all the corn, tomatoes or other vegetables were carefully drugged so that they tasted very bad to the worms. In 1905 the worms had been educated to choose the weeds in preference to the vegetables and this spring, Mr. Burbank released 500 educated cutworms around his garden and estate. The results have been marvelous. In a few days it was noticed that all the dandelions were dying. Examination showed that they were cut off just below the water line. One variety after another of noxious weeds has succumbed and the cutworms are slowly working their way in a great circle, exterminating all the weeds in their path.

**Give Us a Lift** It has always been the policy of the Independent to take its readers into its confidence, and we have always found that it paid. The Independent depends upon its friends for its success. During the last year our subscribers have been the means of adding several hundred readers to our list. In its efforts to reach the 5000 mark by Jan. 1 you can help us. A good word from you to your neighbor who doesn't get the Independent, may make him one of our readers. If you like the paper tell your friends about it. If you don't, then say nothing. If you have some friend who does not live here, but who should, you'll be surprised to find how much he will appreciate the Independent for a year and the chances are that he will be a resident of Ward county before the expiration of the year. Now, we are not asking charity, simply a little favor from you. Help us, and in turn we will help you by giving you a better paper, and by building up your country. Isn't it worth while?

**10,000 in 1908** This is the watch word of every Minot citizen and especially with the members of our commercial club for that organization has taken it upon itself to make Minot a city with 10,000 souls in 1908. The club now consists of 73 members in good standing, and since the new movement has started, 33 applications have been received. Every business man of the city should be a member of this club. The membership fee has been reduced from \$25 to \$10 and the dues are only \$2 per month. The club now has a paid secretary. This organization is now making an effort to secure a cold storage plant, a wholesale hardware store, a large lime and sand brick plant, a big machine shop and foundry, and many other enterprises. Minot now has a population of 6000, and it seems that with a little extra effort on the part of our citizens, in preaching the gospel of Minot, the plan of the Commercial club will not fall short.

**You Can Help Us** Frequently the Independent is blamed because some certain bit of news does not appear in our columns. We want all the news. Our readers can help us by sending items to this office or calling in person. When you are in town and happen to think of a wedding out near your place, or perhaps a neighbor has had a streak of good or ill luck, someone has an extra good crop, an acquaintance has just passed away, your friend has arrived for a visit, or may be you have struck a new way of doing a portion of your farm work which saves you time and labor, just let us know about it. Make the Independent your paper. If you have a communication, sign it properly and send it in. Help to make the Independent bigger and better every week.

**Really Now** Our contemporary, The Morning Threatener, proposes to close up all of the blind pigs in the city unless the owners of the buildings proceed to shell out with their business or perhaps long green. Isn't this one form of bribery? Really now, would the editor of this dissemler of rot like to see all of the pigs closed?

## A BIG CIRCUS.

The Enlarged Campbell Bros. Consolidated Shows Beyond Comparison.

The great Campbell Bros. consolidated shows which will exhibit in Minot, Friday July 13, has been enlarged on such a scale of liberality as to make it next to impossible to depict its real magnitude. Besides enormous additions to the circus proper, the parade has been increased and is now one of the finest ever seen with this meritorious organization. In the arena display are brought together an assembly of the most famous acrobats, gymnasts, riders, equilibrists, contortionists, aerial performers, dancers, funmakers and sensational specialists in the world. Most of these artists make their first appearance in this country with the great Campbell Brothers consolidated shows. Foremost among these celebrities are "The Flying LeVans," "The Mizuna troupe of Japs," Bishop Bros., double somersault leapers; Nellie Ryland, champion bareback rider of the world; Cossack Rough Riders, in daring feats of horsemanship; the great hippodrome races and other highly sensational acts too numerous to mention.

Among the trained animal features are a herd of performing elephants, educated horses and ponies, high jumping dogs and clown mules. The menagerie annex contains the most complete, exclusive, and valuable collection of wild animals from all parts of the world. The street parade will leave the show grounds at 10 o'clock. Performance at 2 and 8 p. m.

### Prefers Selling Butter.

G. P. Russell, who has a farm southwest from Minot, milks 14 cows and is making butter. He formerly sold cream, but believes his income from the cows is larger when he makes butter. He makes a good article which sells readily to steady customers the year round for 25 cents a pound and he is making 70 pounds a week now. This makes him nearly \$18 a week. Mr. Russell of course works very hard and generally pegs away eighteen hours a day. He states that he has figured the financial question down pretty well and concludes that the earnings of but two hours of that time are Russell's, while the balance goes to the bloated bond holders. Notwithstanding this fact, Russell is rapidly becoming one of the well to do men of Ward county.

### Will Push Subscription List.

J. W. Rode has been engaged by the Independent to assist in the business department of this concern for the month of July. During this period the editor will spend his time mainly in other parts of the county securing subscribers and we hope to add 300 during this month. Altho the Independent has the largest list of any paper in this part of the state, we are far from being satisfied and will push this part of the business with all our might. The Independent is only a dollar a year. Better send in your name now. If you haven't the money, send in the name and send the money later. We'll trust you.

### Explores the Yellowstone.

O. M. Pierce, the hustling credit man for the Minot Grocery Co., spent most of last week along the Yellowstone river, in Eastern Montana. From Mondak, Mont., he drove up the river to Fairview, Ridge Lawn and Sidney, where the Minot Grocery Co. has some good customers. The grain in that part of the state is in splendid shape, some fields of barley being headed out. A number of contractors are at work on the government irrigating projects along the Yellowstone. Withal the country looks very prosperous.

### Anderson-Taylor Nuptials.

E. O. Anderson and Miss Francis Alice Taylor were united in marriage a week ago last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor south of this city, the Rev. G. L. Powell officiating. The couple left Friday for Fergus Falls, Minn., the old home of the groom on a wedding trip. When they return in two weeks, they will reside on Mr. Anderson's farm south of town. The groom is one of our sturdy young farmers who has made an excellent home for himself and his life partner. He is well liked. The bride is a handsome young woman whose friends are legion.

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