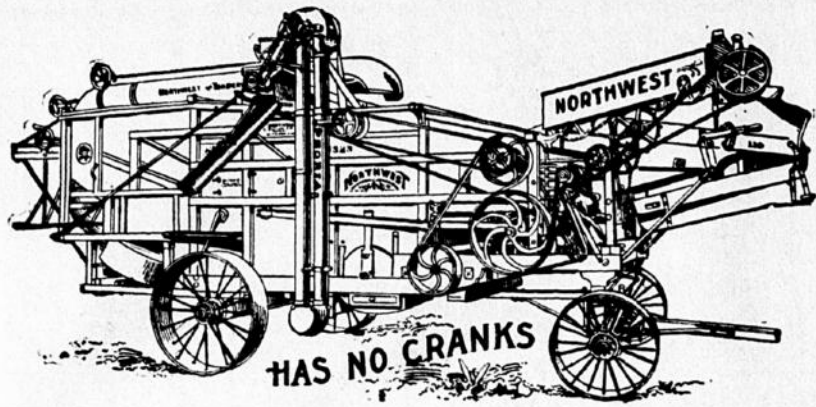


# FARMERS AND THRESHERMEN, ATTENTION!



## Do You Intend Buying a Binder or Mower?

Then do not place your order or buy until you have seen the Walter A. Wood line.

The New Century Binder is **up-to-date**. The feature that troubled you on that old binder you have been using have been done away with in the New Century Binder.

The Wood's Mower never had its equal, and is the best that money and 54 years experience can build.

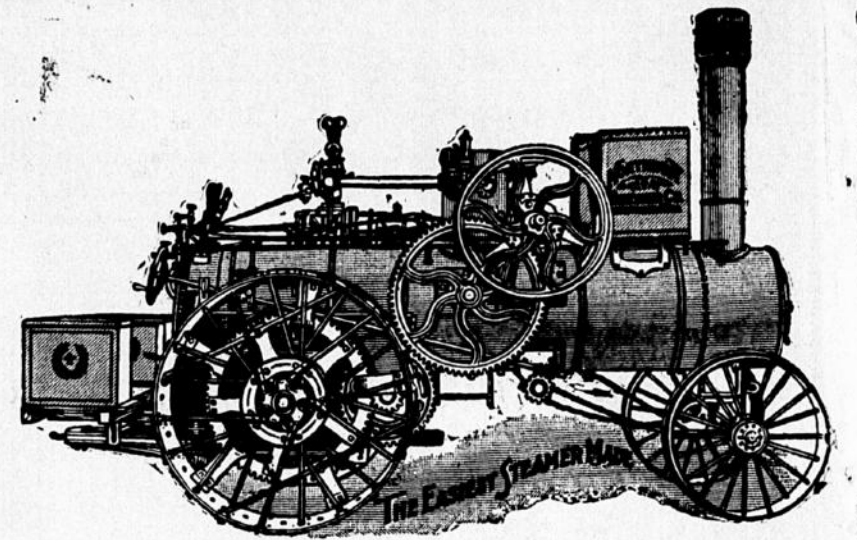
**THRESHERMEN** should examine the Northwest Thresher Engines and Separators before placing your orders.

These Threshers are built for the Northwest threshing and are the best that experience and money can produce. Come and see for yourselves.

## BINDER TWINE

We have the best twine on the market and can prove it. We are selling right along. Get next to good twine. **Machine Oils and Grease.** We have a large stock of high grade Oil. Can save you money in small or large lots. We can supply thresher men by the barrel or half barrel cheaper than you can send away.

Come and look our stock over. No trouble to show you our goods, whether you buy or not.



## WESTERN IMPLEMENT CO.

## MINOT, N. D.

### FLAXTON AS RY. CENTER

One of the Best Cities Geographically in Ward County -- Farmer's Telephone Line-- Good Churches and Schools--Center of Rich Farming Country.

There are about four hundred people who are proud to call Flaxton their home and thus strictly speaking, Flaxton is the home of the Four Hundred. We believe that there is more rigs on the streets and more business done to the square foot at Flaxton than at any other town of the size that we ever visited. From here the Soo branches out to Ambrose, 70 miles, on which line the steel is now being laid and this fact alone is going to make this place an important central point. A new depot is just being completed; a round house and an enlarged water tank about to be built. Another proof of the rapid strides which Flaxton is making is that the school board has found it necessary to finish the upstairs and fit up one more room in their new school house which was built only last year and they will now employ three teachers and will also have a high school department.

The village is organized into a special school district and has a board of education of its own composed of the following gentlemen:

L. N. Botton who keeps one of the largest general stores, president; Bertie Nelson, vice president of the Citizens State bank; J. O. Hovland of Hovland & Swensen, hardware and implement merchants; J. S. Gee, the obliging business manager of your Uncle Samuel's postoffice department at Flaxton; Dr. Paulson, the busy and popular Flaxton physician, director, and W. E. Burgett, of the Citizens State bank, who has just lately succeeded R. B. Town as secretary to the board.

We have inside information that the only hesitation and mental reservation which Mr. Burgett had in accepting this highly lucrative office was, that, being desirous of doing as well if not a little better than his predecessor, Mr. Town, and that gentleman having refused to accept any compensation for his services during the past year, he did not know but what it might be expected of him that he should pay something for the privilege.

Two new churches have just been completed, one presbyterian, and one of the Norwegian Synod, which speaks well for the public spiritedness of its citizens. Rev. A. Buckneberg is the pastor of the latter while Rev. J. W. Kingston, of Bowbells, has the former in charge.

Considering the amount of railroad building through the country Flaxton will have the largest territory of any of the neighboring towns, and her large amount of trade can be judged somewhat by the fact that the five grain elevators have been kept open and grain coming in all summer.

By way of public enterprises may be mentioned the Farmer's and Merchant's Independent Telephone Co. which is just getting ready for business and will have a local exchange in the village and party lines thru the country, besides connections with the long distance phones, the only farmers mutual fire insurance company in the county, and Flaxton Belt Guide Co., which has been incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing a belt guide invented by that ingenious Flaxtonite blacksmith and machinist, M. E. Degree.

All branches of business are prospering up that way but nothing would seem to come up to what the hotels are doing. The amount of traffic thru that part of the country incident to the extraordinary rapid development, and especially the large and ever increasing number of commercial travelers it appears would make this point a veritable mecca for hotelmen.

The Independent scribe, while there, made several calls on our subscribers

and it is a pleasure to us to mention a few of them.

**BERTIE NELSON**  
Is largely interested in banking and real estate, and besides being the vice-president of the Citizens State Bank of Flaxton is also the president of the Pioneer State bank of Kermit on the new branch.

**P. C. SORENSON**  
Built the first house within several miles of where Flaxton now is several years ago. Mr. S. is a handy man at most any kind of work, but makes a specialty of building cisterns.

**L. V. RANDALL**  
Is the city jeweler. He keeps a splendid stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, pianos and other musical goods; graphophones, sewing machines, etc.; is a licensed optician and does general repairing. Mr. Randall contemplates making a specialty of the optical business and intends to put in as complete a set of optical instruments as are found anywhere in the northwest.

**THE PIONEER HOTEL**  
Is under the efficient management of Mr. Hollingsworth, who, by the way, is a very busy man, being also the proprietor of a livery, feed, and sale stable, run in connection, as well as a dray line. He comes pretty near looking after every possible want of the traveler.

**I. G. IVERSON**  
Is the proprietor of one of Flaxton's busy restaurants. Mr. Iversen is himself, an expert cook and therefore personally superintends the culinary department of the establishment. He also owns a valuable farm and has 90 acres in crop this season.

**CHRIS CHRISTENSEN**  
Is the whitest man in town every working day in the year for he grinds all kinds of feed at his mill for eight cents per sack and guarantees that you will get more back than you turned in. He also buys grain at highest market prices and keeps feed for sale.

**MISS LOUISE FOSSUM**  
Operates the only photograph gallery at Flaxton and is ready and willing to "take" anybody who wants to be taken. She also owns a fine farm 14 miles southwest of town nearly all of which is under cultivation. Part of her time, however, she spends at the Portal gallery, where she does all the retouching, in which art she has taken a special course at Decorah, Iowa. Miss Fossum also does Pyrographic work and in all is a thorough business lady with a keen appreciation of business methods, and a money maker.

**C. C. SORENSON**  
Runs a dairy about a mile and a half out of town and the amount of business he does is a sure indication that he does not live anywhere near the river, as he practically supplies the whole town with milk. He and his brother, P. C. were the first settlers in the Flaxton country.

**FLAXTON DRUG CO.**  
Who's efficient and painstaking manager is Mr. J. J. Donahue, who received his pharmaceutical education by actual experience and hard work. He is a pleasant young man to meet and gives the impression of knowing his chosen calling from A. to Z. His father, Mr. Hugh Donahue, is a prosperous farmer who lives only a little ways out of Flaxton.

**R. B. BURGER & CO.**  
R. B. Town, manager, is the style of one of the largest business enterprises of the town. They keep for sale a complete

line of farm machinery, wagons, buggies, harness, wind mills, pumps, iron pipe, etc., comprising in part McCormick binders and mowers, Deere and Weber Implements, Nickols & Shepard threshers, and also a large line of furniture, the kind that will especially gladden the heart of the bride when it comes to make a selection for that little home which is going to be her own.

**A. J. SCHULTZ**  
Is a member of the firm of Schultz Bros., who keeps a fine and commodious livery, feed and sale barn with a dray line in connection. They have been 9 years in Ward county and think she is about as good as they make them.

**PAULSON & GRINA**  
Keep a large and well assorted stock of general merchandise and for the past two years have catered to the needs of a large portion of their community. At the time our scribe was there both of the proprietors were away on a vacation at their old home in Minnesota and the business was managed by I. J. Stenrud.

**FERDINAND JENSEN**  
Is the owner of Jensen's first addition to Flaxton, which is located only 80 rods east of Main St. and is inside the corporate limits. This end of town will undoubtedly make the most desirable residence section, both the city school and the two churches being located there.

**M. C. PAUL**  
Has just recently assumed the management of the Florence Rooming House and is doing a splendid business. The Pauls keep their house in good shape and having the best location in town they are naturally on top.

### Who is the Knocker.

The Morning Buzzard would like the people of Minot to believe that the Independent is a "knocker" for this city, just because the Independent fought to keep Senator Hansbrough from dividing the Minot land district.

Did the Reporter ever turn over its hand to help keep the Minot land district intact? We can positively state that it did not do so. In fact, the former editor, Geo. W. Wilson, put forth every effort to secure its division that he might receive the appointment as register, which he ultimately did. Does the Reporter blame the Independent for trying to keep the foxy senator from dividing the district.

Our business men know who the knockers are. It's not necessary to tell them. Minot is the best city in the state as it is, but any land man or lawyer will tell you that their business has fallen off a good deal just in the past few days. If you don't believe, we can name you a dozen who will tell you the same thing.

Would you call the Independent a "knocker" for trying to retain several thousand dollars worth of business for our business and professional men every year? Why, the Buzzard's statement is simply absurd.

### Interesting Cases at Williston.

Judge Palda is at Williston this week where he is interested in a couple of dozen cases. The famous Denny case is on. Mr. Denny is charged with receiving stolen horses. The case will be the most hotly contested one of the term. The famous Hedderich case comes up this week.

This is the case wherein the half-breed son of August Hedderich seeks to come into possession of his father's \$60,000 estate left to his step-mother, a white woman, by his father, in a will.

### Owing to Circumstances.

Paddy Boyd is mourning the loss of a barrel and a half of wet goods taken from his place of business during his temporary absence. Paddy swears vengeance but owing to circumstances did not report the matter to the police.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Relinquishment to splendid quarter of land a mile and a half from large lively town. Can break practically all of it. Soil rich. Inquire at Independent office. 8-16P

### Rabbi Butchers Meat for Jews.

It will be interesting for the Hebrews about the state to know that in this city there is a Rabbi who tends to the butchering for the Jews. This class of people are extremely careful of what they eat, especially in the meat line and it seems that they are much wiser in this particular than most of the classes of people.

In butchering beef, the best looking animals are selected, and after being thrown to the floor, the Rabbi cuts the animal's throat with a long sharp knife, as sharp as a razor, two slashes doing the deed. After the blood has been drained from the body, the animal's lungs are examined and if found to be diseased in any degree, then all of the meat is thrown away.

For dry, cracked lips, or rough skin, use Dr. Shoop's Green Salve. It positively makes lips and skin like velvet. Sold by A. P. Slocum, Druggist.

### Plumbers Do a Stroke.

McGraw Bros. are doing a great stroke of business in the plumbing line. They secured the contract for putting in the heating and plumbing for the new Olaf Olson hotel building, heating the Joe Linnertz farm home, besides two good jobs at Williston. M. J. McGraw is at Minneapolis this week buying four car loads of supplies.

WANTED—To buy a half section of good land in the vicinity of Minot, for cash. Give full particulars. Must not be encumbered. Send reply to W. J. P. Care Ward County Independent, Minot 3tp8-23

### Robbed Stranger's Car.

A stranger who shipped an emigrant car of goods into Minot, mourns the loss of a lot of valuables from his trunk Saturday night. During his absence from the car someone entered and stole a couple of pairs of new shoes besides much other clothing.

Don't drag along with a dull, bilious, heavy feeling. You need a pill. Use DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Do not sicken or gripe, but results are sure. Sold by McCoy & Co., Druggists.

Special Agent J. A. Weeks of the Home Insurance company, was in town Saturday and transferred the agency of the company to the Minot Realty Co. The home is one of the strongest American companies, having a surplus of \$8,000,000 after all San Francisco losses were paid.

In this state it is not necessary to serve a five day's notice of eviction of a cold. Use the original laxative cough syrup, Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. No opiates. Sold by McCoy & Co., Druggists.

A. C. Roberts, an employee of the Optic, caught his hand in a job press Tuesday and smashed two fingers very badly. It will necessitate his laying off a couple of weeks.

### SALE THREE HUNDRED WESTERN HORSES

I have sold most of my colts, but still have on hand a bunch of horses and geldings unbroke; ages from three to six years old; big, showy farm stuff. I also have forty broke teams weighing from 1100 to 1400. These horses are young, sound, and free from disease. It will pay you to see me before buying. JOHN EHR, Minot, N. D.

Farmer's Notice—Extra heavy castor machine oil, reg. sold for 50c @ 35c at Roell Hardware Co., Minot, N. D.

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## Minot City, Ward County, Real Estate & Insurance Agency

Offer bargains at this time we believe are seldom equaled. Good improved lands at from \$11.50 to \$17.50 per acre, variously located. Many of these close to good markets, also added advantages of two Trans-Continental R. R. lines.

We show lands to actual, intended buyers free of cost. Write for particular information or call on us. **Farm Loans** negotiated at 9% without extra commissions or other charges.

Real estate insurance carefully written in the best companies the country affords at the lowest minimum rates. No policy or survey fee charged. Years of experience in writing insurance warrants us in saying when we insure, your indemnity will be fully paid in case of loss.

### -HOMESTEAD LANDS-

Information given how and where to obtain Government land, conveniently located close to established markets. Good soil, many, many, desirable pieces can be secured from us.

Increased and competent help will secure to you the best service and right treatment.

Yours very truly,

**I. PETERSEN ROSLAND, Mgr.**

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WHEN looking for FREE land, relinquishment, deeded and improved farms, investigate the famous Palermo, Shell Creek and Missouri Valley. This is a wealthy, healthy and beautiful country, especially adapted for dairying as well as farming.

The thriving new town of Palermo, located in the heart of this fertile country, and on the Trans-Atlantic main line of the Great Northern, affords excellent opportunities for business. Professional men and women, be sure to come and investigate.

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## The Chicago Consignment Co.

OUR increase in business has forced us to more spacious quarters. Having leased the corner store in the Morrill Hotel Building across from our present quarters, we will occupy the place immediately and will be known hereafter as the **Chicago Clothing Store**. Thanking our customers for past patronage and inviting you to our new store, we have bought our new fall stock and will certainly give you bargains.

Yours for business,

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If you have any Brick Work, Stone Work or plastering to do

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