

THE WARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Published Every Thursday

C. F. TRUAX, Publisher - G. D. COLCORD, Editor

Entered June 18, 1902, as Second-Class Matter, Postoffice, Minot, N. D. Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.



MINOT, N. D., THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 1907.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

"500 PEOPLE FROZEN TO DEATH."

For the benefit of our eastern readers who have read about the half thousand people freezing to death in the Dakotas this winter, the Independent thinks possibly that we had best refer to our files and sum the exact number of persons who perished in the state during the entire winter. We do this not to furnish our readers with sensational news, but merely to tell the truth, no more and no less. You will note that in each case death occurred thru the fault of the one who perished. Again, we make the statement that more people died from the cold in either the state of New York or the state of Wisconsin than in North Dakota, the present winter. In the early part of the winter John Laveen of Tolley left his friend's house in a drunken condition about four o'clock one morning. The family did not arise until nine o'clock and found Laveen crawling around in a field, badly frozen of course, for the man neglected to put on his clothes. He was brot to the Minot hospital where he died. Was that the fault of North Dakota? A printer named Donovan foolishly started out across the prairie in a storm and perished near Crosby. The fact that he died is very sad, yet the poor fellow has his ownself to blame. A farmer north of White Earth went to the mines for coal, stayed all night and started out the next morning for home. A storm drove him back to the mine, where he should have remained. He left his horses and started out across the country on foot and perished—not from the cold, but he became bewildered and perished from exhaustion. A young man named Johnson, we understand, died over in Williams county. He was out with his father for hay and started for the house for a lantern. He lost his way and perished. A young woman, Miss Bettie Mattson, near Crosby in Williams county, was frozen. She was out one of the coldest days with her brother, a sister and her brother's lady friend. They were going to a party when the horses got away from the young people. The young men took the ladies to a place where they could keep warm and went in search for the horses. The ladies believed that they could walk to their destination which was not very far, and foolishly started out. They could have and, by all means should have remained in a place of safety. Besides the young woman who perished was a cripple and had not gone far when she became exhausted. Now, there may be one or two more cases where persons have perished this winter, but at this time we do not recall them. A little different from 500, you will say! Why, more people died from an epidemic of scarlet fever in the city of Chicago this winter than have ever frozen to death in North Dakota or ever will.

CAR LOAD OF PRINT PAPER.

The Independent's car load of print paper arrived and has been stored in the stock room. The car contained over 300 bundles of print, enough, which if laid end to end, would cover a distance of over two hundred miles. The entire car load cost us something over a thousand dollars and will not last more than six months. There are some of our readers who have an idea that this office is put to an expense of perhaps ten or twelve dollars a month for print paper, and that it does not matter whether their subscription is paid or not. This paper depends upon its subscriptions to pay for the print paper. If the subscribers do not "come thru" properly, you see plainly that the money naturally must come from some other source. This paper has the best paid up list of any weekly paper in the state, we believe, and wish at this time to thank those who have been good enough to place themselves in good standing with this paper by paying at least to date. There are many who are merely a little careless about this matter, thinking that what little they owe, would not "make" or break the paper. This is just where they are mistaken. Its the aggregate of the small accounts that helps.

SATISFIED WITH FACTS.

North Dakota never has, nor at this time does she ask or expect anything but facts concerning our great state, being sent broadcast throughout the country. We do feel though that the papers of the east that have printed the false reports concerning the deaths from freezing during the present winter, ought to be just as willing and eager to publish the facts. The county auditors of the entire state have been asked to prepare statements, giving the exact number of deaths from freezing during the winter and the facts concerning them. These will be sent to the eastern papers and we believe that the editors will be only too glad to publish the facts. We do not believe that a single eastern editor deliberately lied about the conditions, but obtained the news thru some newspaper correspondent who was too eager to send in a sensational story. More lies have been told about North Dakota than any other state and still she has developed faster than any other state with the possible exception of Oklahoma and we are not willing to concede even that state. Our growth may be retarded temporarily at times, but the truth will prevail and our state will continue to prosper.

STICK A PIN HERE.

It is safe to bet your last nickel that we will not have a flood here this spring, from the present indications. Altho the snow fall this winter is twice that of any winter previously known, nearly half of the snow has disappeared already and most of the water has soaked into the ground. The snow covered the ground in the fall before the ground was frozen, and now that it has commenced to melt, the moisture is soaking into the ground steadily, which is just what we all wanted, for this insures a big crop. North Dakota may get a spell of cool weather occasionally—when every sensible state has cold weather—but you can always feel certain that she will be "right there with the goods" when the seed time and harvest comes.

OLD SOLDIER WAS TOUGH.

An old soldier nearly eighty years of age is holding down a claim seven or eight miles north of Williston. After the coldest weather had subsided, some of his friends visited his shack, which is made of sod, to see if the old fellow had thawed out. They found him enjoying life to its utmost. The only fire he had was in an oil stove and with this he cooked and kept warm. The old fellow had a pension and plenty of food. He is, perhaps, one of the 500 frozen persons that will be "found out on the dreary cold prairies in the spring, after the snow has melted" which the eastern papers are telling about.

GLOATS OVER IMAGINED MISFORTUNES.

The Minneapolis Journal, generally a well meaning paper, has taken keen delight this winter in depicting terrible happenings in the Dakotas, some of which were true, but most of which were exaggerated by the Journal's correspondents. The Journal took pleasure in showing the huge snow drifts, which did exist, and whenever the Journal could secure a picture of some stalled engine, it was placed in the paper. The Independent believes that the Minneapolis Journal with its large circulation did a great deal towards damaging the interests of North Dakota in the east.

CATTLE WINTERED IN NORTH DAKOTA.

You might not believe it yet its as true as gospel that cattle and horses in North Dakota have been living right out in the open all winter with nothing but the canopy of heaven for a covering night and day, and banks of snow for their beds at night, and during the day they rustled for their food, pawing away the deep snow until they were able to get at the sweet grass beneath. C. E. Cottrel of Minneapolis, who has 500 head of cattle north of Mandan, says he did not lose a single head. Could cattle be wintered in the east as they are in some places in North Dakota? We believe not.

SHOULD NOT PASS.

A bill has been introduced in the house which if passed will injure the weekly newspapers of the state. The bill provides for the publication of the annual insurance statements in but two papers in the state and dailies at that. The bill will probably not pass, and it certainly should not. The weekly newspapers of the state should certainly resent it if this unjust bill should pass. We would suggest that each editor write to his representative asking him to use his influence in the defeat of this bill.



Absolute Safety

is the best thing we have to offer. Other inducements are of secondary importance. Upon this basis only do we solicit your patronage.

HANDSOME INCREASE

Our recent published statement is so gratifying that we beg to call your attention to it; also to ask that you note the handsome increase of deposits during the past year.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK, MINOT, N. D.

OF ALL SAD WORDS OF TONGUE OR PEN, THE SADDEST ARE—IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

That's just about exactly what a man thinks who builds a house for himself and then can't keep comfortable in it in the winter. He thinks how different it might have been if he had only built it warm in the first place.

Anybody knows that it is much cheaper to build a warm house than it is to heat a cold one. Yet thousands of people, who build, lose sight of that fact and every year spend hundreds of good round dollars into their stoves and heaters—when there is absolutely no need for it.

None whatever! Now the question is: When you build a house this season are you going to spend a few dollars more and build a warm, comfortable one or will you save those few dollars and then see them, and many more go up the chimney later, trying to keep yourself and family comfortable in cold weather? Decide the question right and you will have comfort, good health and economy. Decide it wrong and you will have ill health and doctor bills.

You well know that there is neither comfort nor enjoyment living in a house where you have to sit huddled up to a red-hot stove and at the same time feel the gentle zephyrs from the north pole chasing down your spinal column.

It costs only a trifle more to build your house snug and warm if you understand how to build. If you do not H. A. Hurd will deem it a pleasure to assist you. See him.

LOOK HERE!

For \$700 four head horses worth \$225, lightest weights 1200 lbs. Two sets harness; 1 Hickory wagon; 1 drag, 17-foot; 1 Diamond sulky plow with breaker; 1 Flying Dutchman gang, 12-inch; 1 Standard mower; \$300 cash; balance in work. Will pay \$3 per acre for 100 acres breaking and 50 cents an acre for putting this in flax. Will furnish drill. Will pay 50 cents an acre for harvesting same and furnish machine. Machinery in good shape. Stock kept till spring work commences.

S. M. GRAHAM,
Sec. 29-157-83

13 miles northwest of Minot.
P. O. address, Burlington, N. D.
R. R. No. 2. 214-2-28-p

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Jan. 21, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Everett F. Cline of Minot, N. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 31584, made March 7, 1905, for the e 1/4 Sec. 35, Township 153 N., Range 83 W., and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Minot, N. D., on March 18, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: W. E. Casswell of Minot, N. D.; T. S. Casswell of Minot, N. D.; C. L. Cline of Sawyer, N. D.; A. M. Britton of Minot, N. D.
L. D. McGahan, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Feb. 16, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Harry N. Lewis of Minot, N. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5923, made July 28, 1900, for the n 1/4 Section 24, Township 156 N., Range 82 W., and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Minot, N. D., on April 9, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Andrew J. Anderson, Earl Strong, Lawrence Wallace, A. C. Bjorn all of Minot, N. D.
L. D. McGahan, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Feb. 16, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Victor C. Swanson of Minot, N. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10098, made Nov. 4, 1901, for the s 1/4 Section 33, Township 154 N., Range 83, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Minot, N. D., on April 9, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: William F. Gull, A. L. Weber, Roy Smith, E. O. Nordrum all of Minot, N. D.
L. D. McGahan, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Feb. 16, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Charles J. Kane of Minot, N. Dak., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 22674, made Sept. 10, 1901, for the s 1/4 Section 6, Township 153 N., Range 83, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at U. S. Land Office at Minot, N. Dak., on April 9, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H. C. Kuehnbaeker, W. B. Foster, Fred Willman, Andrew Tinstad all of Minot, N. D.
L. D. McGahan, Register.

SWEET HARDWARE CO.

Ryder, N. D.

Don't forget us when you want that hardware bill figured. We have an extra fine line of carpenter tools. Paint your buildings this spring; we have the paint, and the price is right.

Call and talk this proposition over with us.

SWEET HARDWARE CO.
Ryder, N. D.

\$10

\$10

YOURS FOR THE ASKING

TO EVERY MAN who will come to us to make his farm loan, this ad. cut out and brought to us, is worth \$10 in cold cash, towards the payment of the interest on a \$1000 farm loan. On smaller loans, this ad. is worth an amount in proportion to the amount of the loan.

We always aim to make the loan at lowest rates going, and in all cases will give you the privilege of paying the loan at any interest payment date.

If you wish to sell your farm, let us know about it.

SAYER STATE BANK,
Sawyer, North Dakota.

\$10

\$10

CHOICE FARM LANDS IN MINOT LAND DISTRICT.

We own and control a large acreage of the best land in the Northwest for Grain, Stock or Combination Farming at prices within the reach of any man of Moderate Means and on terms that cannot be duplicated elsewhere.

We offer some choice allotments of Western Canada Farm Land at prices that are right.

You can make no better investment anywhere at this time than in Northwestern Farm Lands. They are sure to increase rapidly to several times their present market value.

For prices, terms and other information, call on or address:

MINOT REALTY COMPANY,
Room 12, Lee Block MINOT, N. D.

SURE PURE

MOTHER'S BREAD

is just the stuff for the little ones.

Wholesome and Nourishing.

Made by Bakers of Experience,
Who Make It Right!

AUSLANDER'S BAKERY

Valley Meat Market

We always handle the best and largest line of Meats in the City
Phone orders delivered prompt

Gilroy & Hetherton

Telephone 65

H. A. HURD

Contractor and Builder of Brick, Cement and Frame Buildings. I solicit all classes of work in my line and guarantee satisfaction. For references let me cite you to the 500 or more modern homes I have erected in Minot.

I am prepared to do all kinds of job work in my shop on short notice

Opposite Scandinavian Hotel

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.