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Minor Topics

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snyder of East Fourth street.

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Rowan, the undertaker, has purchased the P. P. Lee line of undertaking goods, caskets, etc. The finest line in the northwest.

It's a pleasure to buy groceries when they are absolutely fresh. When you buy them at Frank & Prescott's, you know they are fresh. The groceries are sorted every morning and are turned over once a week on the average. This firm announces that it will not take a back seat for anyone in the grocery business, both regarding quality and price.

The biggest furniture sale of the season next week at Rowan's. Watch for the big posters.

Frank & Prescott of the Leland Department Store received this week a carload of the famous Gold Medal flour, a flour that is known far and wide for its extra quality. The firm wishes to announce to the readers of the independent that this is absolutely the only place in the entire city where this flour may be secured. The flour is fresh right from the mills.

You know what it means to save a dollar. Rowan can help you at his big furniture sale next week.

The arrival of spring goods by the merchants of Minot has been somewhat delayed by the recent blockade, but Frank and Prescott are rejoicing this week because they received a large shipment of dry goods, rugs and staple notions. Their line of silk dress goods are just a little bit the nicest this store has ever handled. Frank & Prescott state that they will have the swellest line of this kind of goods in the city.

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FIRE DESTROYS J. M. WILSON'S CLOTHING STORE

Popular Minot Merchant is a Heavy Loser-- Origin of Fire not Known-- Firemen Respond Promptly but Unable to Get at Fire in Time--Wilson Family Had A Narrow Escape.

About 1 o'clock Wednesday morning fire broke out in John M. Wilson's clothing store, on North Main Street, completely gutting the structure. A \$27,000 stock of goods, including gent's furnishings, shoes etc., was entirely burned, it being impossible to save as much as a collar. The loss is a very severe one to Mr. Wilson and while he was quite well insured, the insurance will not nearly cover the value of the immense stock which he carried. Mr. Wilson, wife and two children, who lived in rooms over the store, barely escaped with their lives and were unable to save a single one of their belongings. Mr. Wilson himself barely managed to slip on a pair of shoes and a few clothes and assist his family into the alley at the rear of the store. Mrs. Wilson and children were provided with heavy wraps at once and were taken to the Hotel Daotah.

Four fire alarms were turned in. The firemen made a good run and soon had the hose attached. It appeared at first as if there would be no trouble in quenching the blaze which had not grown to very large proportions. An effort was made to take the hose into the store thru the front.

Julius Weinribe, a former employe of the store, happened to be at the Reporter office with a crowd of friends when he heard that fire had started in the store, the first door south of Wilson's store. He went out on the street and looked in the store but says he did not see any blaze. He went around to the rear of the store and went up stairs where the Wilson's lived and saw Mrs. Wilson in the hall way. Mrs. Wilson was not provided with warm wraps, so Mr. Weinribe took off his overcoat and threw this around Mrs. Wilson. They managed to get a few comforters and with these the children were wrapped.

The whole family was sleeping soundly when the fire started. Ernest Enderlin who roomed over the store was perhaps the first to notice the fire. He states that the smoke awoke him and he hurried out with his trunk. It was about this time that Mr. Wilson and family were notified. The smoke was coming up into their rooms badly and it is more luck than anything else that they were not suffocated.

Mr. Weinribe, who is familiar with the store, secured the keys from Mr. Wilson and opened the front door. He thought that perhaps if the store was doomed, he would be able with the help of others to remove some of the goods from the store, but on opening the door he attempted to enter, but before he had gone four feet, the smoke drove him back.

Mr. Wilson had one of the best stocks of furnishings in the city. He had an unusually large stock which would invoice at in the neighborhood of \$27,000. Only this week his spring goods began to arrive and perhaps \$2,000 worth were unpacked a day or two before the fire. Other goods have been shipped and are expected to arrive daily, but it is believed that the companies that sold them, will gladly receive them back owing to the circumstances.

The building was one of the best in the city and the walls stood the ordeal very well. The building was erected six or seven years ago at a cost of nine or ten thousand dollars and could not be replaced now at considerable more. The total loss by fire may reach \$40,000 but there is a partial insurance. Sixteen thousand on the stock and \$8,000 on the building.

Mr. Wilson had just completed some improvements at his store, and was preparing for a larger spring business than ever before. There is no more popular business man in the city and expressions of sympathy are heard from everyone.

Mr. Wilson has long been a resident of Minot, starting here like many another business man, with but a little money. He has

always been strictly on the square in all of his dealings, it being his motto to give a dollar's worth for a dollar, and in this manner he won the confidence and esteem of a great many people. His business in 1906 surpassed any previous year.

Years ago he suffered a loss by fire which left him without a dollar. He did not get discouraged and it was but a short time before he started in anew. This time he was running a bakery. He soon went into the clothing business and has been successful.

Mr. Wilson was seen by an independent representative today and he states that he is not prepared at this time to say just what his future plans are. That he will conclude to rebuild immediately is almost a certainty and that he will engage in business is the earnest desire of all of his friends. Regarding the fire Mr. Wilson said:

"I was awakened in my room by the smoke and was at first bewildered. I ran out in the kitchen and secured a coat that hung on a chair and after fumbling around, found my shoes which I slipped on. I then grabbed a few of the clothes belonging to my little boy, and got my family out safely and took them down stairs. I was unable to go back into the room, on account of the smoke. I managed to reach the closet and get a few of the clothes belonging to my wife. I took my wife to the Daotah hotel right away and saw that the children were all right, then ran back to the store. I entered the building thru the back way, and thought perhaps I might save my fur lined overcoat which was hanging in the rear of the store. I got down on my hands and knees to avoid the smoke and would have secured the coat but for the heat of the floor.

"I have not the least idea how the fire started, for my building was heated from the Central heating plant and there was no fire of any kind, evidently in the store, when I closed up."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson feel very badly over the loss of their household goods, many of which can never be replaced. A fine piano was burned. The household goods were insured for \$1,000, but there will be a loss of perhaps \$500 on them.

It appeared for a time as tho the fire would spread and many in that neighborhood began to move out. The office of the Reporter is located just to the north and for an hour and a half Editor Clark watched the battle with the flames and would not allow any of the type to be removed. He was then advised that the building would likely not be saved, and willing hands moved all the type, job stock and presses, with the exception of the newspaper press into the street. The building was saved, but in moving, a good deal of damage was done to the office. The most damage was done to the legal blanks, which were scattered to the four winds of heaven. The Reporter came out on time that morning, the Optic kindly allowing Mr. Clark to use its press.

The independent feels sorry for Mr. Clark that he was compelled to suffer any loss, but is glad that the fire terminated as luckily as it did for him.

The fire laddies worked like Turks, but it seemed impossible for them to save Mr. Wilson's store. The fire evidently started in the basement, or close to the first floor. The flames were slow in showing themselves, and the smoke was one dense mass. About the only thing that could be done was to turn the hose into the building, and run chances on striking the fire.

A telephone ought to be installed in the pumping plant immediately. It was necessary for the fire chief to send a business man across the river half a mile to see if the pumps were working properly. Pumper Knudson had everything working like clock-work and there was plenty of water. It looked for a time as tho the whole block was doomed

and the firemen deserve much credit for the good work done. Earl Jacobson, one of the firemen, was overcome by the smoke, and was taken to his home.

A boy arrived at the home of Char. Webber.

Let Rowan feather your next at the big furniture sale next week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Givens, of Surrey, a boy.

I will have for sale about March 15, a bunch of good heavy draft horses. H. J. Yule, Burlington, N. D., R. F. D. No. 2. N. W. Sec. 31-167-83. t2-28

A. F. Scofield has gone to Iowa to buy draft horses.

A. Walton, a Glenburn farmer, says the roads to Minot are good; better than they have been any time this winter.

Men's High cut shoes 12 inch top, worth \$5.50 for \$3.69 during The Big Sale at the Branch Store.

Jacob H. Lott and wife of Surrey are rejoicing over the birth of a son.

Einar Muus spent several days at Kalispell, Mont., buying lumber. Mr. Muus also inquired into the reason why many cars of lumber which he ordered had not arrived.

About two dozen misses and children's cloaks left to be sold at 33% cents on the dollar. The Branch.

wanted—100 acres land broken, 12 miles southwest of Minot. Address, F. J. Williams, Box 566, Minot 2-28 tf

J. W. Riley, a Lansford farmer, proved up on his homestead Tuesday. His witnesses were Ralph Emans and Henry Jehns. Mr. Riley made a good proof. Next week we will tell our readers just what Riley has done since he located on this piece of land.

Wm. G. Chapman, from Portal, made final proof on a claim Monday that is worth \$3,500 to him.

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Olaf Muus, the progressive White Earth merchant, visited Minot Monday and bought a large stock from the wholesale houses here.

Buy a 29c pair of Overalls at the Branch store. A shipment of Ladies' slippers received today at the Branch.

HORSES FOR SALE.—From now on I will keep three to four work teams at my barn on 510 South Belyea ave. Buy now; horses will be higher in thirty days.
47-tf A. V. SWANSON.

Geo. Hicks, who drives Auslander's bakery wagon, was in an exciting runaway Saturday afternoon. He drove over a pile of snow near the Second National bank and the wagon was overturned. The doors were all shut and George reviewed all the past deeds of his life as the team ran madly up the street. The horses were stopped in time to save the young man from being seriously injured.

Lost—About a year ago, a dark gray horse, from Minot, N. D.; animal had a piece of rope about neck, weighed 1,150 lbs., right hind foot white; branded 7-2 on left thigh and also 1 on right shoulder. Horse was bought from John J. Nicholas. I will give \$50 reward for information leading to the return of this horse, or will give \$75 for the return of the animal to Scofield's livery barn at Minot. Andrew Kostik, Kermit, N. D. 2-14-7p

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Second Homesteader—"I thought your shack was good for several years to come."

First Homesteader—"It is, but the longer I wait the more my buildings will cost me and, besides, H. A. Hurd may go out of business."

Second Homesteader—"Com to think about it! I guess I'll build too."

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In the County of Ward, State of North Dakota, vs. All persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the Complaint. Defendants. The State of North Dakota, by and through the undersigned attorneys for the State, vs. the above-named defendants.

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint of the plaintiff in the above-entitled action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, within and for the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, in his office in the City of Minot, in said County and State, and to serve a copy of your answer on the undersigned, at their office in the City of Minot, in the above-named County and State, within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and in case of your failure to answer or appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated at Minot, North Dakota, this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1907. PAUL & BURKE, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

CONTEST NOTICE.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Minot, N. D., Feb. 8, 1907. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Robert Miller, contestant, against homestead entry No. 2544, made June 11, 1903, for Lot 1, Section 28, Twp. 1st, Range 86, by John Keiser, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said John Keiser has wholly abandoned the said land and changed his place of residence therefrom and that he has been absent from the said land continuously for a period of more than six months immediately preceding the date of the said contest affidavit; that there are no improvements whatsoever on the said land but that said land remains in its natural state, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the U. S. as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the U. S. may be or has been engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on April 10, 1907, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Minot, N. D. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Feb. 15, 1907, made and sworn to show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that notice be given by due and proper publication. L. D. McGahan, Register. C. B. Bach, Minot, N. D. Atty. for contestant. 2-11-07

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF ESTRAY.
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF WARD. I, William Murray, Justice of the Peace in and for Ward county by virtue of the authority made and provided in such cases, will expose at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1907, at the hour of 10 a. m. at the Court House of the County of Ward, the following described property, to-wit: One Gray mare branded W on left shoulder, weight about 800 pounds, the same being an estray which came and was found on the premises of John Schroeder on November 18, 1906, in said Ward county. Dated at Minot this 5th day of February, A. D. 1907. Justice of the Peace in and for Ward county North Dakota. 2-11-07

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Feb. 16, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Charles W. Croston of Minot, N. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof of his claim to: Homestead Entry No. 6028, made March 28, 1901, for the 26th Section 20, Township 15 N., Range 83 W., and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Minot, N. D., April 1st, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence and cultivation of the land, viz: Joseph Hunt, John W. Ward, Henry M. Scott, Amel Schwarz of Minot, N. D. L. D. McGahan, Register.

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