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## Monthly Market Day For Minot

Plans Being Made for An Old Fashioned Market Day in this City Where Farmers May Buy and Sell--Stores Will Make Big Inducements That Day--Crowd Will be Immense

A new venture is to be launched in this city in the shape of what is known as a Monthly Market Day. Mr. Gillen the man who is promoting the proposition, has been establishing similar institutions throughout the Northwest, and is said to have met with decided success. The first Market Day and Horse and Cattle sale will be held in Minot, Saturday May 30th. And the indications are that it will be one of the biggest business events ever held in this section. The promoter will start the business off with a rush that will assure success.

There will be mailed out hundreds of circulars to the farmers and stock raisers in Ward county. Foreign buyers throughout the northwest in whose interests the promoter is working in establishing these market days and horse and cattle sales at convenient points throughout the state will be notified of the first market day and all subsequent ones during 1908, and they will attend the sales from month to month in largely increasing numbers, until Minot becomes the greatest live stock market in the Northwest. Ward county farmers will soon learn that on these Market Days they can really obtain good cash prices for their live stock and will bring in horses and cattle by the hundreds. With market days, however, the live stock sales are only an instance. Farmers will also learn that it will be cheaper to bring in their personal property to these great sale days, where tremendous crowds will always be present, than to hold sales on their farms as is the custom at present. They will be benefited by patronizing market days as sellers in the saving of all advertising whatever, and best of all in being sure of having large crowds to buy their stuff. Farmers from hundreds of miles will attend these market day auction sales in Minot each month.

And sales on farms will soon be a thing of the past. Every thing brought in for the first sale will be sold without charge to the owner, the business men will be called upon for a donation and in view of the fact that there will be no expense to them for the future market days and the great benefit to be derived from the permanent establishment of the same in this city the promoter hopes that they will be liberal. Mr. Gillen wishes it thoroughly understood that when he leaves Minot his work in keeping up these market days never ends. He keeps on working for Minot among stock buyers and stock raisers everywhere and through the newspapers so that what ever is left from the subscription after he pays all the expenses however large the balance may be, never is sufficient to pay for the permanent good they bring the city.

**What are Market Days?**  
You know that it means to bring a large crowd of farmers and their families and foreign stock buyers to your town on a certain day in each month bent wholly on business.

That's what market days will do. They are conducted on sound business principles--business for the farmer and business for the merchant. The former brings in horses and cattle and anything else he desires to have sold at auction or private sale; the foreign buyer from the principal cities in the Northwest is present in large numbers to purchase the live stock offered for sale in your town on the monthly market days, and where the stock is sold at auction, good prices are obtained by the farmer from these competitive bidders. As soon as the

farmer knows his home town is enterprising enough to establish monthly market days, at which he can get good cash prices for his stock, he is going into the live stock business on a larger scale, and thus diversified farming is greatly encouraged. And with diversified farming and market days there are twelve cash seasons in the year instead of one, where grain and hay growing is the main pursuit. It puts the merchant's business strictly on a cash basis, and largely increases his trade.

Wouldn't that be worth a good deal to you, Mr. Merchant?

Owing to the Mouse river valley being the richest farming section in the Northwest, Minot can be made the greatest live stock market in the state.

**Where the Business Man Profits**

On these stated monthly market days the merchant advertises in his general way reduced prices on all lines of goods. A few genuine bargains in each store are absolutely necessary in order to make your town an added drawing attraction to the purchasing public on these monthly market days. The farmers soon learn that they can buy reasonably as well as sell their products at good prices, and they carry away thousands of dollars worth of goods on these days--days, possibly, when they wouldn't ordinarily come to town at all.

**What the Promoter Does.**

Mr. Gillen pays all expenses necessary in putting market days in operation. They do the newspaper advertising, consisting of write-ups and display, furnish posters, window cards, handbills, postal cards, etc. They furnish the services of a first class auctioneer, list the live stock to be sold by the adjoining farmers and notify buyers throughout the northwest of the approaching sale. In order to enliven the occasion the local band is also secured for a few hours just before the sale. In advertising the first sale the promoter to so select a regular monthly market day for your town thereafter and advertise them at the same time, so that there will be no expense to the business man thereafter. These regular monthly market days are also made known to the stock buyers by the promoter throughout the Northwest, and these buyers will be present each month to pick up horses or cattle that may be offered for sale on these days.

The market day proposition is financed by popular subscription. The more money raised by the town the greater will be the success, as most of the money is spent in advertising.

The first market day will be held in Minot, May 30th, and every four weeks thereafter without interfering with market days held elsewhere in this state, and will thus insure live stock buyers being present. The promoter will call upon you, and if you want market days please be ready to subscribe from \$10 to \$25, as there is much advertising to be done only a few days can be devoted to canvassing.

After the market day is well established her it will be left in charge of some good live hustler whom the merchants favor.

The Independent has advocated a market day for years, yet there seemed to be no one who was willing to take charge of it until the present manager came along. We believe that this will not only be a good thing for the city, but it will prove a boon for the farmers as well.

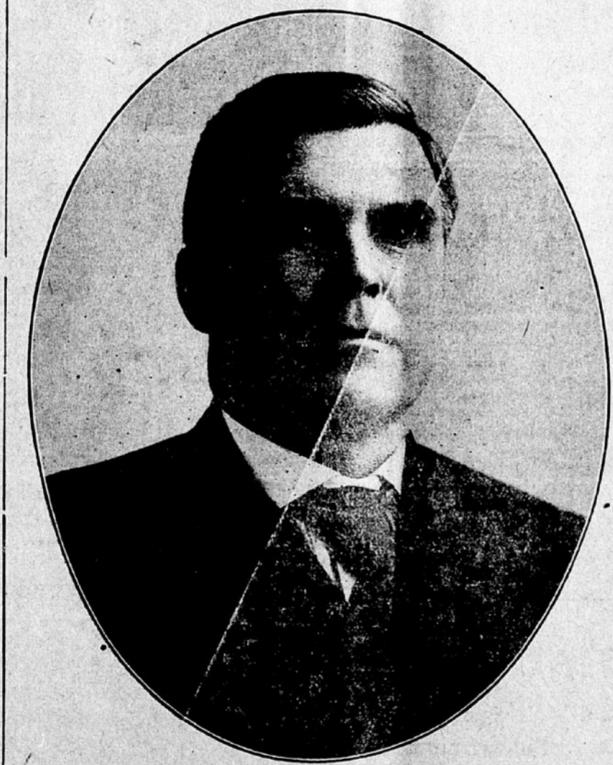
## Holbrook Announces Platform



J. C. HOLBROOK

J. C. Holbrook of Donnybrook, candidate for the senate from the 44th legislative district, has a very strong support from all points in his district, and it looks as though he will be an easy winner. The voters like his policy, his frankness, and his undisputed honesty. They are not slow in recognizing his ability and his earnestness in a desire to do something for the 44th legislative district. If nominated and elected he will represent his district well. He has outlined a brief platform and if elected he will

follow it strictly. It is as follows: "I stand for a revision of our present form of taxation, equal privileges to all without fear or favor, protection by the state or national governments for deposits in banks. I believe in Roosevelt's 'square deal' policy, and this policy shall be the rule and guide of my actions if elected. It is the duty of every citizen to go to the polls and vote his sentiments on June 24. I solicit your support, and shall, if elected be the servant of my constituents."



WM. J. CARROLL

Former Ward County Sheriff who would become Senator from the 29th Legislative District

## Withdraws from Senatorial Race

John Lee, the Ward county sheriff who announced himself a candidate for senator from the 29th legislative district, informs the Independent that he has decided to pull out of the race, leaving the field to John Wallin and Wm. Carroll. Mr. Lee said regarding his withdrawal: "I had intended re-

maining in the fight, but as my health is not good I did not feel that I would be able to make the strenuous fight that was ahead of me."

Mr. Lee would have made a very strong campaign and had already built some fences.

## Portal Mystery Attracting Attention

Claim is Made that High McCullough and Samuel Porter Are One and the Same--Did McCullough Disguise Himself and File on Two Claims

Are High J. McCullough and Samuel H. Porter, Portal farmers, one and the same person? That is what is believed by many of the neighbors of Mr. Porter, who is now holding down a homestead joining the one which Mr. McCullough proved up several years ago.

McCullough filed on a quarter of fine land near Portal in 1900 and lived there three years. He was a married man but had no children. At that time McCullough had long, bushy whiskers and wore his hair long. No one was able to get a very good look at his face. He did not mingle much with his neighbors. He proved up on the quarter of land in the fall of 1903 and moved away.

In the fall of 1903, shortly after McCullough made his proof, Samuel H. Porter, a clean-shaved, short-haired man filed on the adjoining quarter of land. The man was married and had no children. His hair was cut tight to his head with clippers and has been kept cut short ever since. The man Porter, had bought the adjoining claim from McCullough, who moved out of the country, according to his story, and who cannot be found at this time. The neighbors noticed that

the two men were about the same age; their size was about the same, only one had long bushy hair and whiskers and the other did not. Attorneys who are prosecuting the case state that they have letters supposed to have been written by each of the men, and there is a noticeable similarity in the handwriting.

The neighbors for some time have thought that there was a nigger in the fence, but not until recently was Porter's claim contested. Chas. Finn brought a contest against the quarter and it was in this case that an effort was made to show that Porter was none other than McCullough in disguise.

In the trial an Iowa witness appeared to show that Porter was in Iowa at the time that McCullough proved up on his land. The matter is being investigated very closely. It may be that Porter can prove that he is not McCullough, yet the case is most interesting, and will be watched closely to the end.

Attorney George Gilmore of Williston is appearing for the contestant and is digging up some interesting evidence.

## Little and Johnson, the Two High Candidates

The Independent Makes a Prediction--Watch Us and See if We are Right.

It is generally conceded over the state by all parties and factions that M. N. Johnson and C. B. Little will be the two highest candidates for the United States senate, and it is absolutely certain that Little will be in the lead, though the battle may have to be fought out in the senate. The insurgent vote will be split between Hansbrough, Marshall and Johnson. "It is unfortunate that this is so," a well known insurgent stated to the Independent one day this week. "The

insurgents made the mistake of their lives that they did not unite on one man, say Marshall, for instance, but this could not be so. M. N. Johnson is in the race to stay, but it looks as though Little has the best of it. Johnson will get a large Scandinavian vote, and the Scandinavian vote of North Dakota is about 32 per cent." The Insurgents would have a much better chance to win were it not for their three-handed fight.

## Death of Miss Addie Putney

Miss Addie Putney, who is better known as Miss Addie Jones, died at Los Angeles, Cal., a week ago last Sunday from consumption, to which place she had just gone hoping that her health would be benefited. She left her home near Sawyer a few days before her death and was accompanied by her brother, Julius Putney. The remains have been interred in California.

The deceased lived in Ward county twenty-seven years, and made her home with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones, old and well

respected citizens down the river. She never married but took great delight in being a comfort to the aged couple with whom she made her home. She was a woman with many beautiful traits of character and leaves many friends in this county who will be very sorry to learn of her death.

The deceased was about forty years of age. She leaves seven brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers is M. H. Putney, who resides near Sawyer.

## Council Vote Stood Five to Five

By a vote of five to five the city council Monday night decided nothing definitely concerning the water works proposition.

Wm. J. Bowen's private ownership was up for consideration, and to put it to a test vote Ald. Spath moved to reject the ordinance. The following voted with Mr. Spath on the proposition: Anderson, Botz, Hendrickson, Smart. The following voted against the rejection of the ordinance--did so, as they explained afterwards, not so much because they favored private ownership, but because they did not think at this time that the proposition had received enough consideration to warrant its rejection.

John Ehr, a former alderman and a wealthy citizen of Minot, has placed a proposition before the council that has caused a good deal of comment. Mr. Ehr offers to build an up-to-date plant for the city and let the city operate it, paying him a rental of twelve per cent on the original cost of the plant.

Quite a number of the Minot property owners were present at Monday

night's meeting. Attorney LeSeur, who is against private ownership at all stages of the game, made quite a talk in favor of municipal ownership.

Mr. LeSeur declared that he had been giving the matter a good deal of attention and said the city's financial condition did not stand in the way of her building her own plant, and he believes that the system could be installed by July, 1909.

Mr. LeSeur said that granting private franchises by cities paved the way for graft and corruption.

The mayor appointed as a committee to investigate the municipal ownership proposition Aldermen Smart, Spath and Anderson, to report at the next meeting.

Attorney Nestos appeared before the council and stated that in conversation with Engineer Loikken of Grand Forks he was informed that a pumping station, tower and filter would be constructed for \$25,000. Mr. Loikken has been invited to appear before the council.

## DOCTOR OF OPTICS

George Benno, who has been spending the last four months in Chicago, has returned to this city a full-fledged doctor of optics. Mr. Benno took a course at the Northern Illinois college, one of the best colleges for optical students in the United States, and learned all that there is to be known about this intricate profession. He is back at McCoy's, where he will fit glasses. Mr. McCoy has started the ball a-rolling this week

by making an offer to fit glasses for \$2.50--furnishing, frames, etc., and guarantees the work to be perfect. Mr. Benno is as efficient as anyone possibly could be, so the optical business at McCoy's ought to be rushing.

On his way back to Minot Mr. Benno stopped at Fargo and passed with a very high average the examination entitling him to practice in this state.