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Music School to Give Free Piano

Prof. Dunaevski Gives Away a \$400 Instrument for Beginners—Fifteen Must Enter Before Jan. 9

The Minot Academy of Music, which is conducted in the Wilson block by Prof. Dunaevski, has inaugurated a new idea in getting new pupils, and it looks to the independent as the those students would have actually nothing to lose, with an opportunity of winning a high grade piano. The piano is to be given away only to absolutely beginners between the ages of eight and seventeen years, who enroll between this date and Jan. 9, 1909. The pupils must take a term of twelve lessons and at the end of

the term, will be required to play before competent judges, all playing the same selection. The one making the most remarkable progress, will be given the prize. Only regular prices will be charge for the lessons, and a better school of music is not to be found in the state. The pupils will be winners whether they win the piano or not. It will be necessary for at least fifteen beginners to enter this contest. Read the conditions of the advertisement, found elsewhere in this issue.

Officers returned home to Jamestown from Butte with C. A. Rieff and Ida Pomeroy, who eloped from Cleveland, and the two were brought before State's Attorney Thorp and interrogated. Rieff would neither deny or admit that he was guilty of the charge as laid against him. The girl declares that she will never leave her lover and will marry him if it takes ten years. The father of Rieff is heartbroken over the occurrence, but has announced his intention of sticking by the boy. Rieff's wife has arrived from Awwater, Minn., and, it is reported, will make every effort to save her husband from suffering the penalties of the charge laid against him. In Butte there was a strong sentiment for the elopers, the circumstance of Rieff being a married man not being known, and residents insisted on helping the pair to get married. A minister was engaged to perform the ceremony and a banquet was ordered, but the arrangements were brought to a sudden close when it was learned that Rieff was married and had deserted his wife. Rieff is out on \$25,000 bonds. Later: The case against Rieff has been dropped.

The coming session of the legislature will have many questions of importance to consider and settle right, but none are more important than a comprehensive tax law by which the burden of taxes will be evenly distributed between the rich and poor. At present the man of small means is taxed to the utmost because his assessable property is all in sight while the rich man with his moneys and credits, his bonds and mortgages, his corporation shares and other hidden wealth dodges his just burden for maintaining the government. The question of taxation is the most important before the people and the Times trusts the legislature to convene in January will devise some more equitable mode of assessment and taxation.—Saint Thomas Times

You can't advertise for a week and because your store isn't crowded say it hasn't pay you. It takes a certain period to attract the attention of readers. Everybody doesn't see what you print the first time it appears. More will notice your copy the second day and a great many more at the end of the month. You cannot expect to win the confidence of the community to the same degree that other men have obtained it without taking pretty much the same length of time they did. But you can out short the period between your introduction to your readers and their introduction to your counters by spending some effort in preparing your copy and displaying a greater amount of convincingness.—Chicago Tribune.

Undoubtedly there has been a big revival of business activity all over the country since election. People with money to invest have a fairly good idea of how their business is going to be affected by the policies of the government for four years ahead, and have confidence. A national election always seems to check business some for the last few months before it opens.

Young man, beware of get-rich-quick propositions of every nature. The glittering schemes unfolded before your innocent but greedy eyes are but three-card monte and the shell game in genteel garb—ninety-nine out of a hundred. The promoters are the ones who get rich quickly, if anyone does, and you haven't even a show for your money. Few men acquire great wealth rapidly by honest means. The history of those who succeed is the same old story of patient industry, frugal living and careful investment of small savings. The fakir is always smooth and sometimes even talented. The more accomplished he is the more dangerous you will find him, and the only way to deal with him is to give him the cold shoulder instantly.

The North Coast Limited, the crack train on the N. P. went over a ten foot embankment at McKenzie, a small station fifteen miles east of Bismarck Thursday and many passengers injured, but none of them fatally. A broken rail caused the wreck. Several of the passengers were seriously injured however, and were taken to Bismarck to the hospital.

Bert Young has disposed of the Ray Pioneer to Mr. Graham. Bert is a funny fellow. He has started more than twenty newspapers in the state, and when he gets them going right, sells them. He has always gotten out a good readable paper in each instance.

Ole Berdahl of Rugby is bringing suit against John Buoye, the chief of police for \$5000 damages. A. H. Jones and Chas. Turk, Buoye's bondsmen, are also named as defendants.

A dozen Glenburn farmers left for Canada where they are looking at new strip of country near Lethbridge that the government recently opened. The land was held from the free list for years for the benefit of the ranchers.

W. D. Campbell of Glenburn sued his wife for divorce before Judge Goss recently. The charge was desertion. Mrs. Campbell made no appearance and the judge took the case under advisement.

The Methodist church at Westhope caught fire Sunday morning, from the furnace. The fire was put out with some difficulty. The loss was \$700 which is covered by insurance.

J. C. Kirn of Maxbass, has gone to his old home in Missouri where he will take treatment for his health. Mr. Kirn formerly lived in Minot. He has prospered well in North Dakota.

J. C. Halsey of Maxbass, who took a trip out thru the Conrad district near Great Falls, Mont., is back better satisfied than ever with North Dakota. He says that Montana as a wheat growing state, is not in it with our state.

Al Smith, the Maxbass butcher was kicked by a frisky broncho. The peaky animal hauled with both feet on his jaw, breaking the bone, and mauling his teeth all over the barn.

Sons of Norway Elect Officers

An enthusiastic meeting of the Sons of Norway was held Wednesday evening in K. P. hall. Officers were elected and plans were made for several social gatherings and literary entertainments during the coming year:
The new officers are:
President—Einar Muus.
Vice President—Axel Bratsberg.
Judge—R. A. Nestos.
Doctor—Thor Moeller.

Secretary—M. Ringen.
Asst. Sec.—Evaivd Kvam.
Financier—Lewis Ebne.
Treasurer—H. E. Byorum.
Regent—N. J. Thorson.
Marshal—Anton Nelson.
Asst. Marshal—L. Huseby.
Inner Watch—H. Haukon.
Outer Watch—Hans Dahl.
Trustee for 3 years—C. A. Johnson.

Miss Lillian Evans has returned from Stanley where she has been nursing Miss Naomi Kale, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Benj. Kale. Miss Kale for weeks hovered between life and death from typhoid fever, but has about recovered.

F. J. Zinke, a Rugby farmer, upon returning from Minnesota where he went with his wife, to have an operation performed upon her, was put out to find that during his absence someone had ransacked his house, stealing some of his valuable papers and many useful articles.

Some weeks ago, several stacks of hay belonging to Chas. W. Moore near Surrey, were burned, the work being that of Mr. Moore's enemies no doubt. We said nothing about it at the time, owing to the fact that an effort was made for several weeks to bring the criminal to time.

The C. W. Anderson house south of Velva was burned last week. Anderson was visiting in Minnesota but the house was in charge of Mr. Boe.

Attorney E. R. Sinkler of Grafton, who assisted the state's attorney in the recent Moeller case, may locate in Minot.

The editors of the Seventh Judicial district have perfected an organization and will work in unison with the state association.

A Rexall drug store has been established in Willow City.

Whiston hopes to soon see a planing mill installed in that city.

Mme. Freida Langendorff, the great German Prima Donna, appeared before an appreciative Minot audience Friday night, and delighted our music lovers with the best musical feast this city has ever enjoyed. Those who have heard Nordica and other great singers, declare that the singer of last Friday evening, stands in their class, and the future for her is assured.

Dr. J. J. Reilly of Milton, N. D., was arrested charged with performing a criminal operation upon Mrs. Georgina Christanson, which resulted in the woman's death. E. R. Sinkler of Grafton, has been engaged to defend the doctor. Sinkler can do it.

E. G. O'Fellas, and his niece by marriage, eloped to Grand Forks from Hastings, N. D., where they were living as man and wife. The man was found guilty and will be sentenced from 30 days to a year. The mother of the girl traced the couple to Grand, Forks and caused the arrest. The girl is but eighteen years of age. O'Fellas says that his wife nagged him and made life miserable for him.

Maxbass has a merchant by the name of Sears, but he does not claim any relationship to the big catalog man.

The Maxbass Monitor is making a brave effort to cut down that sum \$537, the amount of subscription due the paper.

Ten new lawyers have passed the recent examination and will practice therein.

Spicker Must Explain Where Property Is

Donnybrook Man Who Is a Bankrupt, Must Show Where His Property Is—Creditors May Be Paid Dollar for Dollar

F. E. Spicker, formerly a Donnybrook merchant, has been summoned to appear before the U. S. authorities and explain what he did with his property, consisting of horses, machinery, real estate and money. He was recently adjudicated a bankrupt, giving his liabilities as nearly four thousand dollars and his assets at about \$300. J. P. Marquette was

appointed trustee, and the matter was closed without declaring any dividends. The creditors were not satisfied and petitioned Referee Lewis to open the case again. Cap Aaker has been appointed the new trustee. It is declared that Spicker's creditors will be paid 100 cents on the dollar.

Our genial governor finds himself up against the real thing. In addition to the hungry horde of Democrats who want to get connection with the public treasury, via gubernatorial appointment, are the representatives of over 10,000 bolting Republicans who feel they are entitled to recognition. The governor's suave manner and affidavit face were sufficient before election, but now it's different. When it comes to distributing the pie, the boys want a bite from the real article and will not be put off with a smile.—Bottineau Courant.

During the past year, seven of the employes of the Minot Flour Mill have become daddies of babies, six girls and one boy. The little ones are all well. The following is the record: Chas. Shover, girl; H. Hecht, girl; C. A. Vollner, girl; O. Will, girl; W. J. Kelley, boy; F. M. Kundem, girl.

In renewing the subscription for his paper, A. A. Olson of Carpio says: "Please find enclosed two dollars for your paper, which I like very much, and which I would not like to part with."

A man named Fleitch, violently insane, was brought down from Glenburn to Minot Saturday, and placed in jail. He tried to jump from the windows of the coach, and the trainmen had a hard time to keep him from doing so.

The farmers of America have produced about eight billion dollars' worth of crops this year, the greatest total in the history of the land. But the record will not stand. There are not likely ever again to be the low prices for cereals, corn and cotton which the country has known in times past, because of increased demand at home and abroad. And in the mere matter of the production of bushels, American agriculture is far from being fully developed. Secretary Wilson, while proud of this year's eight billion dollar crop, is busy telling the farmers how they may make it twelve billion next year, by a little more care and intelligence in farming. That is a greater increase than will come. In fact, the record of 1908 may remain for several years unbroken, as prices are apt to be lower, or the crop less. But there is no denying that the farmer is steadily gaining in several directions. More and more he appreciates the importance of selecting good seed; the necessity of a rotation of crops and the use of fertilizers, if his land is to maintain its fertility, and his crops to increase. There are no longer any great areas of new land to open in America, but the field for profitable exploitation of new agricultural methods is enormous, and the farmer is finding out. Secretary Wilson is not a young man, but he may live to see America harvests that twelve billion dollar crop.

The new North Dakota National Forest consists of 14,080 acres in the Bad Lands region. It is located in Billings county and lies an equal distance between the Northern Pacific Railroad on the north and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul on the south. Its creation is important for it means that an experimental field for forest planting has been secured in North Dakota, the least forested state in the Union, having only one per cent of tree growth. The Forest service expects to establish forest nurseries with the hope that in time to come the area may be reforested by artificial means. This feature is expected to prove a very good object lesson to the settlers who it is hoped will in turn plant windbreaks around their farms. This area will be put under administration by the Forest Service as soon as possible.

The Overly Tribune hits the nail squarely on the head in advocating the raising of the salary of the railway commissioners to \$2,500 a year. In Wisconsin the commissioners are paid \$5,000 a year and no state has a more efficient board. As long as the commissioners are underpaid—just so long will they neglect the duties of their office and make the board a hissing by-word instead of a representative of the people's interest. Raise the salary and get competent men on the board. And if any of the reformers object to the raise on the ground of economy it will be evidence that they are cheaply to the railroads and want cheap men for commissioners.

Dudley L. Nash of White Earth, the state's attorney elect, has opened offices in the Lee Block. He will take charge of the state's attorney's job the first of the year.

As to Christmas Gifts

It is impossible in an advertisement to give much idea of the great variety of articles our stock contains.

A visit to our store will convince you that a pleasing gift for anyone, large or small, may be selected from our immense stock for almost any amount you wish to spend.

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS

FOR GENTLEMEN		FOR LADIES	
Solid Gold Cuff Buttons.....	\$2.75 to \$50.00	Solid Gold Brooches.....	\$1.50 to \$75.00
Solid Gold Scarf Pins.....	\$1.25 to \$35.00	Solid Gold Handy Pins.....	.50 to \$3.00
Solid Gold Signet Rings.....	\$3.50 to \$16.00	Gold and Gold Filled	
Leather Cigar Cases.....	\$1.25 to \$2.50	Lo-ckets.....	.75 to \$30.00
Silver Match Boxes.....	\$1.50 to \$3.00	Gold and Gold Filled	
Ebony Military Brushes.....	\$1.25 to \$3.00	Bracelets.....	\$1.50 to \$50.00
Traveling Rolls.....	\$8.50 to \$15.00	Fancy Hat Pins.....	.50 to \$5.00
Cigar Holders.....	\$2.00 to \$4.00	Silver Toilet Sets.....	\$4.75 to \$30.00
Silver Shaving Sets.....	\$2.75 to \$8.00	Silver Manicure Articles.....	.50 to \$1.00
Smoking Sets.....	\$2.75 to \$8.50	Umbrellas, Plain and	
		Fancy Handles.....	\$3.50 to \$16.00
		Gold and Silver Jewel boxes	.50 to \$15.00
		Cut Glass Dishes.....	\$1.25 to \$16.00
FOR CHILDREN			
Solid Gold Rings.....	.50 to \$4.00	Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets.....	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Locketts and Chains.....	\$1.75 to \$12.00	Single Tea Spoons.....	.50 to \$1.50
Pin Sets.....	.75 to \$3.00	Boys and Girls Watches.....	\$3.75 to \$10.00
Bracelets.....	\$1.25 to \$3.50	Silver Cups.....	\$1.50 to \$8.00

These are only a few suggestions Don't fail to visit our store

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