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North Dakota's Finest Summer Resort

Fish Lake Is Fast Becoming Popular—New Launches For the Beautiful Lake—Many Cottages to Be Erected This Year—Ideal Fisherman's Retreat

A. W. Tracy, the land man of this city, recently purchased a large tract of beautiful timbered land surrounding Fish Lake, in the Turtle mountains, six miles from St. Johns, N. D. Mr. Tracy for the past three years has been talking "summer resort" at this lake and the people finally have come to their senses, and have begun to realize that North Dakota has just as beautiful a summer resort as our sister state, Minnesota can boast of. Fish Lake is located in one of the most beautiful spots on earth, being surrounded by a thousand of beautiful trees of natural growth. Many North Dakotans have built cottages on the shore of the lake and in the heat of the summer, they lie themselves away to the wooded cool haunts and there lie under the shade, away from business cares or row their boats into some secluded spot of the lake and there pull out black bass by the score. The government has stocked this lake with black bass, and they have thrived better than was anticipated. The water of the lake is pure and just right for bathing. The bottom is sandy. Mr. Tracy will push the project this year harder than ever and whenever he sells a lot he is actually doing the purchaser a favor.

There is a bill before the legislature now that will likely be passed providing for a fish hatchery at Fish Lake.

There were nine gasoline launches on the lake last season and there will be many more this year. J. E. McKeane, a prominent business man of Minot has taken an interest in this resort, and recently purchased a fine launch which will be placed on the lake in the spring.

Over ninety lots have been purchased by Minot parties at the lake and scores of cottages will be built there by Minoters next spring. Among those from this city, purchasing lots and who will more than likely build summer homes this season are L. D. McGahan, Grant S. Yocmans, Judge Palda, Dr. Titus, Dr. Storey, J. W. Fabrick, Eugene Teutsch, Co. Surveyor Thomas, E. G. Warren, Mark Chatfield, Frank Youngman, T. J. Horton, C. A. Grow, Judge Davis, W. M. Smart, Sam Clark, C. H. Parker, J. E. McKeane. The state game warden, W. N. Smith, investigated Fish Lake, along with the other lakes of the state and regarding it says: "The degree of success obtained by the government in stocking the lakes in Turtle Mountains is quite surprising. I am quite familiar with the lakes of Minnesota but nowhere have seen as many black bass as I saw in the waters of Fish Lake out of St. Johns. Few people of the state know what a beautiful spot this is, and indeed, there are a great many beautiful lakes all thru the Turtle mountains. It is also quite surprising how many people have summer houses on these lakes and how many more come from their homes on the prairie towns and on the prairie farms and enjoy an outing here among these mountains."

The Independent knows that Mr. Smith is talking the straight goods. There is actually no use in spending valuable time and money by hunting the state of Minnesota over for a nice place to spend a few weeks in the summer, when one can go to as beautiful spot as Fish Lake within six hours auto ride from Minot and but a few hours journey on Jim Hill's big wagon.

GEORGE VALKER TO PEST HOUSE

Geo. E. Valker was taken out to the pest house Monday morning, ill of smallpox. We understand that he has but a light attack of the disease, and after a sojourn of six weeks or so in the cool and refreshing suburbs of Minot, he will be with us again. George is having his share of bad luck and then some. A few weeks ago his green house was damaged considerably and he lost a stock of several

hundred dollars worth of fine plants and now about the time that he is getting ready for a brisk spring business he is hit another slap. His business will not suffer however for he has it in competent hands. George is smiling thru it all which recalls to us of the couplet, "The man worth while, Is the one who can smile, When everything goes dead wrong."

Norwich Farmer Tells of California

A. J. Senger Writes An Interesting Letter of His Trip Thru the West—Tells of the Orange Farms, the Ostrich Farm, Growing off Walnuts, Etc.

Editor Independent, Dear Sir: I will write and give you a little account of what we saw on our route to California.

Going through Montana were great stretches of prairie with here and there a little station. Where ever there was town enough for one or two stores there were from 1 to 2 saloons. We did not get to see the Rockies as it was night when we passed through them; our first stop was at Spokane; we visited relatives there, then went north about 65 miles and visited relatives there. That part of the country did not look good to me only the fine timber; we got back in time to take in the big apple show in Spokane, it was fine sight. I saw apples enough to last me my life time if I lived to be as old as Methusalem. It makes a man's mouth water to look at those big winter banana apples. I tried to buy a couple that a fellow was sorting over that were bruised in shipping in from along the Columbia river; he would not sell any, but said my face looked good enough for a couple so he gave us a couple; it made our faces feel good when we were eating them. Spokane is a busy city. It is a manufacturing town and it has the power of the falls in the river. From there we went to Nezperce, Idaho, and visited my sister and family; went back to Spokane again, taking the train for California. We saw some fine scenery in crossing the Cascade mountains; went through one tunnel 3 miles long, it taking six minutes to run through. We did not stop at Wenatche, the garden spot of the world for apples, as my wife thought she had seen apples enough to do her for a long time. We did not stop at Seattle only until the next train went out; laid over nearly one day at Portland, Ore. It was so muddy there it did not look good to me. We ate our Christmas dinner on the mountains. Mt. Shasta was a fine sight. We passed it in the evening, the Shasta springs looked fine after night, rolling down the falls with all colors of electric light thrown on them. We stopped over one day in San Francisco, taking in the Golden Gate park and a lot of the earthquake ruins. It is a sight to see the piles of scrap iron, saw one place five blocks right in a string with only one building rebuilt, taking the coast line to Los Angeles, then to Santa Anna. Like it fine here; it is a quiet little town of about 7000 and is a prohibition town. To the east and north are walnut and orange groves, to the south and west is sugar beet land and about 11 miles west is the peat land where nothing but celery is raised. One big field after another. We were up at Pasadena to the ostrich farm and saw McKinley the bird that kicked his first mate to death and then had taken another mate, the only bird that was ever known to take the second mate. Covina is a fine orange country but not so good for walnuts. For miles there is nothing but orange and lemon groves. The country here is just far enough from the ocean for the breeze to be tempered when it gets here; it frosts here a little in the winter some time. The beach is 9 miles from here. We can get green vegetables here out of the garden all winter. They have had close to 10 inches of water fall this winter. We are visiting my sister her, Mrs. John Puga. Orange groves sell here at from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre, depends on what shape the trees are in. I would get from 700 to 1000 picking were picking. They said they would pay from 700 to 1000 picking boxes to the acre.

It takes close to 150 picking boxes for 100 packed boxes. Such groves could not be bought for less than \$2,000 per acre. This is the season for picking the navel orange and July and August the time for the valenhas. They are the best sellers as they come when oranges are scarce. I will close for this time. Yours respectfully, A. J. Senger, 722 Pine St., Santa Ana, Cal.

Towner Druggists May Lose Permits

An effort is being made to compel the three Towner druggists to surrender their liquor permits. An information has been filed against each of the three druggists by C. D. Steence, a Towner painter who was secured by the W. C. T. U. of that

place to do so, charging those druggists with violating the permit law. Atty. Bosard of Minot will assist the state's attorney to prosecute the case. It is reported that Stecco has skipped out.

Short State Stories

The dead do not advertise. Hansbrough is back in Washington feeling about as well as ever. F. C. Walthers has disposed of his home at Berthold and will soon leave for California to live. Franklin L. McVey has accepted the presidency of the university of North Dakota and will be installed at the commencement exercises in June. After trying for several weeks the new Junior Linotype machine, the Rugby Optimist states that this is the only machine for a country weekly. Mrs. Kate Gaulker was arrested at Lidgerwood charged with conducting a public nuisance. The Broadax says that the woman is probably not bright and may be sent to the home for the feeble minded at Gratton. Kermit, which was near y wiped off the map, is a game little city. Several buildings are being moved from Noonan, a couple of miles away, and in the spring, five brick blocks will be erected. J. P. Thompson, the aged father of Walter Thompson living two miles northeast from Hurd, was found dead in the barn by the hired man. The unfortunate fellow had committed suicide by taking a dose of carbolic acid. It is said that he had gotten into trouble by selling mortgaged property. L. O. Higley is making an enviable record as register of deeds of Williams county. During the month of January the expenditures of his office were \$606.95 and the receipts \$168.15. Mr. Higley is an old Minot man and we are surprised that he is making good. Elias Matern came near losing his life in a sixty foot well at Gladys which he was digging. He had abandoned the work on the well for sometime, but went back to complete the job. When he was part way down, he gave the signal to be drawn up and none too soon. Gas had accumulated in the bottom and came near claiming a victim.

Williston's first race meet will be held in June. Towner will hold a big market day on Tuesday, March 16. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Mikkelsen of Tioga, formerly formerly residents southwest of Minot. Frank Fiske, the Williston lawyer, has returned from Boulder Springs feeling much better, and is now able to attend to his regular law practice. Chas. Hendrickson entered a plea of guilty to pigging at Williston and was fined ten dollars and costs, all that could be given him under the city ordinances. A number of wide awake farmers in Williston irrigated district have organized a vegetable growers' association and will all raise the same kind of onions, potatoes, celery and cabbage, so as to be able to ship out car load lots of the same kind of vegetables. W. A. Palmer is president of the organization. Four brothers from southern Minnesota have bought a section of land south of Towner from Henry Erickson and will start a sheep ranch. The county auditors of the state have been notified that \$250,000 is now available for farm loans and applications will be considered in the order filed. A limited number of Lincoln Memorial stamps were sold at the various postoffices last Friday, on Lincoln's birthday. The Minot postoffice sold a thousand of the stamps in a short time. Chas. Currie of Minto has been sentenced to the penitentiary the fourth time, this time for pigging, and he will serve a year and six months. Currie went up once for grand larceny, burglary and liquor selling. When he gets out of the pen, he always returns to Minto. Some years ago, an infernal machine was found in his possession, which he used for starting fires. It was a box of excelsior with a candle, arranged so that when the candle burned so far the excelsior would light. After Currie was sentenced to the pen, Minto had no more fires.

Items of Interest Boiled Down for Busy Readers :

Mrs. Wright Found Guilty

Devils Lake Woman Found Guilty of Manslaughter—Gets Five Years in the Pen—Should Be No Half Way Business About It

Mrs. Wright was found guilty of the murder of her adopted daughter, Babe Cox, at Devils Lake, and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary. If the woman is guilty, she should have been given a life sentence.

If innocent, she should be set free. There should be no half way business about a matter of this kind. She is either innocent or guilty. Mrs. Wright took the sentence rather coolly, but we understand that her attorneys will ask for a new trial.

Hot Time At the Peterson Ranch

There was a hot time at the Peterson home about three-quarters of a mile east of Kenaston last Tuesday night when Marcellus Peterson got into a row with his father, P. M. Peterson, and shot at him seven times with a Winchester shot gun, but fortunately without effect. The result was that young Peterson, aged about twenty-seven, is in jail in Minot where he will remain till he has been dealt with by the district court.

A short time ago P. M. Peterson leased his farm to his son Marcellus, and it seems that the old gentleman was stopping there. On the evening above mentioned he and Marcellus quarreled and during the trouble the son struck the

father on the head with a lantern. This staggered the old gentleman, but gathering himself up he started to run across the coulee. Marcellus then got a Winchester repeating shot gun which he fired at his father seven times some of the shots coming alarmingly close. Mr. Peterson finally stopped and made his way to Kenaston about 10 o'clock p. m. Upon arriving here he swore out a complaint and Deputy Sheriff Hoffme was called from Kenmare. Mr. Hoffme accompanied by Chief of Police Kneser, came over and placed Peterson under arrest, taking him to Kenmare.

The affair caused considerable excitement here in Kenaston.

Sawyer wants a lot of the Russian residents tributary to that town to change their P. O. address cause they create too much trouble in that vicinity.

Livingstone & Stewart, Bottineau druggists went into bankruptcy with \$3764.64 assets and \$4213.16 liabilities.

Many of those who swore off at Bottineau the first of the year, are sticking to their pledges.

A man should never take his business home with him. His wife will be satisfied if he brings home the profits.

Mrs. R. E. Barron is reported ill at her home in this city.

Says Andy Jones Can be Located

Mrs. Jones Still in Rugby But May Soon Leave to Join Her Husband—May Be Watched

Geo. W. Swords who is staying at Rugby most of the time straightening up the affairs of Andy Jones' defunct bank, was in Minot Saturday. Mr. Swords states that he has the work well under way, but he really cannot tell at this time how the affairs will turn out. He says that Jones

is still missing the Mrs. Jones is in Rugby, but preparing to leave, presumably to join her husband. It is believed that Jones can be located whenever, he is wanted, perhaps by means of tracing Mrs. Jones who undoubtedly will soon join Mr. Jones.

If you are in the market for any horses or mules, don't fail to attend the great horse auction sale at the Barrett & Zimmerman Midway Horse Market, St. Paul next Wednesday. 2-11 3-4 chg

The Douglas Herald has purchased a new equipment and a cylinder press together with a gasoline engine named Maude—after while. A couple of wholesale houses may locate in the town of Plaza if the Soo extends their line thru to Williston this summer. A lot of people were up from Ryder to attend the trial which was the result of one of its citizens having a pet goat in that town. Many of the western towns are endeavoring to secure better fire protection. Ambrose was visited by a stranger who after securing a tank full of booze imagined that he was a bad man but he got his face punched for his imagination. F. C. Young has established a new paper at Plaza and named it the Golden West. The P. O. at Kermit was among the buildings that was recently destroyed by fire at that place.

ANOTHER LOT

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