

How The Normal School Bill Was Passed

There Was Some Opposition From Those Who Should Have Favored the Bill—Rice From Towner Bitterly Opposed It—Why?

Gov. Devine returned Monday morning from Bismarck, where he did valiant work in behalf of Minot and the northwest in assisting in securing the passage of the Minot Normal School bill in both the houses and in the senate. The governor speaks in glowing terms of the manner in which the ward county members worked for the bill. No matter what their political differences have been, they took off their coats so to speak and went after the one proposition, which had more opposition than the man on the outside really could believe.

One of the senators from Ward county, Martin Anderson of Stanley, worked tooth and nail to defeat the bill, so it is said. The Independent understands that Anderson stated that Ward county did not need the Normal School, and rather favored the bill providing for a Normal School for each county in the state, which was sprung by those opposing the Minot bill, at the last moment, in the last futile effort to knock out our bill. The idea of such Normal schools answering the purpose of a well equipped Normal is preposterous, and besides Gov. Burke who looked into the proposition thoroughly, declared that such a bill would be unconstitutional, and that if passed he would certainly veto it. County Normal schools could not be provided with a competent corps of instructors, and would

lean too heavily on the state for their support.

The McHenry county legislators did what they could to defeat the Minot bill, even after the Velva bill was defeated, and after they knew that there was no hope for McHenry county. Rice from Towner, who realizes that his days are numbered unless he can come home from the legislature covered with glory, worked with might and main to knock out the passage of the Minot bill. Rice simply would not be convinced that the measure would be a good one, not only for Minot but for Velva and Towner as well, either of which towns are but an hour's ride from thistcity.

The bill first came up in the house and was passed by the very handsome majority of 61 to 20. Last Saturday the identical same bill came up in the senate and was passed by a vote of 40 to 2, six being absent or present and not voting. The house bill will come up in the senate sometime this week, when it will be referred to the educational committee, and no doubt they will recommend its passage. This will end the matter. Of course the proposition has not ended. It will be necessary two years hence to vote upon the proposition, at the general state election, but as the bill is a meritorious one, we should secure the Normal School without opposition. Senator Wallin and Senator Steele from Mohall, deserve great credit for the passage of the bill, as well as each of our representatives.

School Lands Advertised For Sale This Week

Many Descriptions of Choice Land That Will Be Sold In April—Conditions are Tempting—Many Farmers Will Buy Adjoining Farms

Don't fail to note the advertisement for the sale of the school lands of Ward county, which will be sold to the highest bidder by the state beginning at ten o'clock April 22. The appraised value of the land runs all the way from ten to eighteen dollars per acre, but it will sell for a higher price no doubt. A farmer north of the city whose farm joins a school quarter, said, I expect to buy the piece next to my land. I will pay \$25 an

acre for it if I have to. I hope that the land speculators will not make me bid too high, but if they begin, I will see them clear thru. The conditions are tempting. Only one-fifth to be paid in cash when the land is sold, one-fifth in five years, another fifth in ten, the fourth fifth in fifteen and the last in twenty years. Of course the state insists that the six per cent interest for each fifth be paid in advance of each payment.

JIM MITCHELL, BANKER

James Mitchell, expounding treasurer, and for the past year manager of the Kenmare News, has bought an interest in the Donnybrook bank and will manage that concern. Mr.

Mitchell is a good newspaper man, and has considerable ability along banking lines. We predict for him a brilliant future in Donnybrook.

DR. WHEELON LOCATES IN MINOT

Dr. Frank E. Wheelon who for the past nine years has practiced medicine at Edmond, and Maddock, N. D., has located in this city. His offices are in room five of the

Roell-Blakey block. Mr. Wheelon is a graduate of the university of Minnesota and stands well in the community in which he has practiced for so long.

Wm. Pierow Bound Over

Wm. Pierow, who was given a hearing in Judge Davis' court Saturday on the charge of embezzling \$134. from Wm. Jones, the coal dealer, while acting as Jones' book keeper and cashier was bound over to the district court. He has given bonds that he will be able to show his innocence when it comes to trial in district court, and that he made no effort to defend himself in county court, knowing that he would have been arrested on a charge of larceny.

The states attorney and Jones assert that Pierow likely has em-

bezzled more than the \$134, perhaps between \$1,000 and \$2,000 dollars, but that they are confident that they can prove quite easily that Pierow was guilty of taking the amount stated. Pierow was a trusted employee of Jones for more than a year. He has many friends in Minot who will refuse to believe him guilty until it is shown beyond a question that he had taken the money. Pierow says that it is possible that he over drew his account, but that he did not intentionally use any of the money of his employer that he considered did not belong to him.

Miss Lulu Boynton Minot's popular contralto, has decided to open a studio in Minneapolis, where she hopes she will enjoy better health. Miss Boynton has won many friends in this city and built up a good business in her studio.

C. Stenso a prominent Balfour citizen was a Minot visitor Tuesday. Mr. Stenso takes a lively interest in state politics.

In less than 30 days we will have to say Ex-president Roosevelt.

Drady Doings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Okins entertained at whist last Wednesday evening.

A parcel shower for Miss Bessie Moore the new bride-elect was given at the home of Mrs. G. F. Westby.

In spite of the inclement weather quite a number of young folks were present at the party at the Wilson home last Friday evening. All present report a royal good time.

Messrs. John and O. C. Underhill are making a tour thru the eastern part of the state and thru Minnesota.

Mr. Gilbert Underdahl has returned from his S. Dak. trip.

Mr. Tresland lost a valuable horse last week.

Mr. Rasmus Winters who was that to be a confirmed bachelor surprised the community by taking unto himself a wife. Doubtless Mr. Winters had become convinced of the fact that it is not good for man to live alone. The couple will make their home on Mr. Winters ranch. Best wishes of Drady are extended. A party of chivalriers last Saturday evening and he promptly delivered the goods in the shape of a "V."

Husband and Wife Insane

This is a sad story about Mike McGrath and his wife, well known residents of the prairie nine miles southwest of Minot. Theirs was a happy home until about two weeks ago when Mrs. McGrath went insane and it was necessary to send her to the insane asylum. Shortly after his wife became demented, Mr. McGrath showed signs of insanity until he has become a raging maniac. It has been necessary to tie him down at the county jail where he has been placed, and a guard has been placed over him. He froths at the mouth continually and raves wildly continually. He will be sent to Jamestown soon. The McGraths have five little children. Oscar Peterson of Donnybrook, another insane man, was brought to the county jail Friday in a hopeless condition. He is much more mild than McGrath. His sole fear seems to be from music. He grows violent whenever he hears anyone play on an instrument.

Sometime ago Peterson invested in a graphophone and a dozen records, which he took to his lonely claim shack. It seems that the canned music had a bad effect upon his nerves.

L. W. Dale Arrested

L. W. Dale, the Loraine banker, was arrested Monday night by Sheriff Sorenson charged with being an accessory before the fact, punishable the same as the principal, in connection with the case against Dr. Thor Moeller, who is on trial now for murder in the second degree.

Dale was in the city when arrested, and late Monday night, had arranged for his \$5000 bonds and was released.

It will be remembered that it was Dale who was responsible for the condition of Gina Lein, the pretty music teacher from Union, N. D., who died alone in this city, from the effects of an operation. At this time the state is endeavoring to prove that Dr. Moeller performed the operation which resulted in the death of the young woman. The state we presume will endeavor to prove in the case against Dale that it was he who arranged with Moeller to perform this operation. It is known that Dale arrived in Minot several days prior to the time that Miss Lein arrived from Grand Forks, and he accompanied her to the Leland hotel giving her his room. Dale, it has been shown, purchased distilled water at the Public Drug store. His arrest came quite as a surprise to himself and to others interested in the case, as during the Moeller hearing, while it was shown that he had been responsible for the condition of Miss Lein, there was no evidence brought out to connect him with the operation.

Dale appears quite nervous over his arrest.

Livingstone & Stewart, Bottineau druggists went into bankruptcy with \$2764.84 assets and \$4212.16 liabilities.

Some Facts Worth Considering.

A minister should receive a fee for conducting a funeral sermon in proportion to the ability of the family to give. The sermon is a tax on the minister's time and strength.

The people of one neighborhood in Ward county who in former years complained of loneliness, have solved the problem by holding weekly meetings at the various homes, barring no one. Flinch, menagerie, panic, muggings and other games are played, and even the old maid and the bachelors are taking a lively interest.

Third cousin relationship is not considered a bar to matrimony in any of the states of the union.

The surest cure for dandruff is an application of olive oil followed by an egg shampoo.

The custom of taking an export's arm is out of date except when the night is so dark as to make walking perilous, or when crossing muddy or unsafe walks or pavements. A man who knows etiquette does not take a young lady's arm.

Jos. Rowan the furniture dealer and undertaker, is in Grand Forks attending the state convention. Jos. is taking also a week's instruction in the embalming school and will come back a full fledged balmist.

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

Notice to Delinquent Subscribers

The Independent is preparing a list of those delinquent subscribers who are owing more than a year for this paper, and unless settlement is made within a week, or satisfactory arrangements made those names will be placed in the hands of a collector with instructions to collect. We have given all such subscribers a fair deal, and if you have not availed yourselves of the opportunity we offered you, it is not our fault. Uncle Sam positively says we must get

our accounts in shape. An inspector may step into our office any minute. Do not blame us for enforcing the settlement. Kindly attend to this little matter at once. We want to meet you half way in any proposition, but something must be done immediately.

There are not more than a hundred or two so much in arrears, but if we continue sending our paper to those too far delinquent, we are doing so at a risk.

Chas. J. White who is visiting his father at Elk Point, S. Dak., writes: "The country here seems quite natural after my six years' absence in Minot. The climate is about the same as that of Ward county, but for business, give me Minot. I am fairly lost without your paper, so hurry and send me a copy. Send me the three back numbers so I can read up on the news." Mr. White since closing out the livery business in Minot, two years ago, has been engaged in the real estate business and has been quite successful. He will resume the real estate business in Minot after March 1.

The North Dakota Society held their annual picnic at Medford, Ore. recently. One hundred and forty sat down to a big feast. A program of songs and toasts was rendered. Such songs as "In my little old sod shanty on the claim," and "My North Dakota Home," were sung which brought back memories of the frontier days when the coyotes howled about the doors. Among those present at the reunion were C. D. Woolverton and A. E. Woolverton and families.

The county commissioners of Montrail county have appointed the Stanley Sun, Ross Valley News and Plaza Pioneer the official papers. As the Plaza Pioneer was one of the newly selected official papers of Ward county, it will be necessary for our county dads to appoint another in its place.

WAIT WAIT WAIT

The Golden Rule Store

WILL HOLD THEIR

Grand After Inventory Sale

Commencing Saturday, Feb. 20, and continuing to and including Saturday, Feb. 27th

We find, after taking stock, that we have too much stock and must raise money to pay for it. We are going to give you the most and biggest bargains at this sale in the history of this store.



25% on our entire stock of Bissell's Carpet Sweepers at this sale.

3 qt. Enameled pudding pans, this sale..... 10c
Child's Enameled Mugs, blue with white lining, this sale..... 10c
Good Broom, this sale..... 25c
Green Mat Vases, one of the most popular art wares on the market, values to \$1.00, this sale..... 29 and 39c

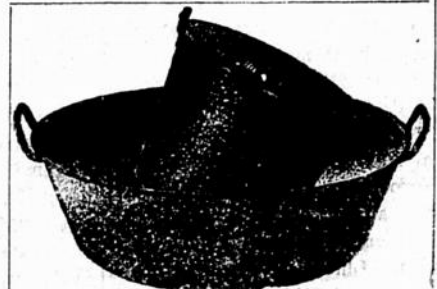


GALVANIZED WATER PAIL
10, 12 and 14 qt., this sale
20, 25 and 30c

Imitation Water Colors, large variety, at this sale..... 10c
Imported Ladies' Hand Bags, worth 50c at wholesale, this sale..... 25c
Decorated German China Tea Cups and Saucers, per set of six, at this sale..... 75c
Decorated German China Coffee Cups, at this sale..... 15c



FANCY CHINA SUGAR AND CREAMER
large size, per set, this sale..... 25c



14 qt. Enamel Dish Pan, 50c value, this sale..... 25c
10 qt. Enameled Water Pail, this sale..... 39c

Enamel Tube Cake Pans two sizes. Regular 25c, this sale..... 10c
4 qt. Enamel Milk Pan. This sale..... 10c

China Nest Eggs, per doz 25c, two for..... 5c
12 boxes good Matches..... 10c
Good Alarm Clock, this sale..... 49c
Extra values in box Writing paper, at this sale..... 25, 15 and 10c
Solid Copper Nickel-plated Teapots, this sale..... 59, 49 and 39c

12 qt. COVERED GALVANIZED CHAMBER PAIL
this sale
39c



Large asst. of fancy Cake Plates. at this sale..... 25 and 15c
French China Plates, with very pretty decoration, worth \$2.00 for six, at this sale 15c ea
Limit six to a customer
Cut Glass Water Tumblers. Regular \$2.00, per set, this sale, per set of six..... \$1.00
Good Dust pans..... 10c
Dover Egg Beater..... 10c
Rotary Flour Sieve..... 10c
Back Combs, Side Combs, etc., splendid values, this sale..... 10c
Immense values in Enamelware, at this sale at..... 15 and 10c

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