

# College of Commerce Growing Rapidly

**Independent Representative Visits Institution  
and Tells Interesting Facts About This  
Valuable Asset--Will Soon Be One of  
Largest Schools in State**

The attendance at the Minot College of Commerce has reached the hundred mark, in fact, exactly 111 students are enrolled. They may be considered as the cream of the northwest and nearly every town of importance in this part of the state is represented. The college, under the management of Prof. Stossmeister, has been growing very rapidly, and before long it will be necessary to secure larger quarters, though there is still room for more. New students are arriving weekly.

A representative of the Independent visited the college Monday afternoon, and stepping into the large room where the business department is located, we found half a hundred or more young people very much interested in their work. They were doing an actual banking business, writing checks, notes, balancing accounts, etc. The system taught in this college will enable a graduate to step out into any position. An adding machine is a part of the very modern equipment. Mental and rapid arithmetic are taught and special attention is given to letter writing and the correct use of the English language. Penmanship is not overlooked and the graduate from this institution must know how to spell. We could not help but think how much more im-

portant a good business training is than a knowledge of Greek and Latin (with all due respect to the languages.)

A fine piano is one of the valuable accessories of the literary and debating club. Recently the following question was debated: "Resolved, that the colored man has suffered a greater injustice at the hands of the white man than the Indian." The affirmative won.

The college rooms are airy and light. The students are happy, and interested, and Prof. Stossmeister has no trouble in giving a satisfactory account of his stewardship to the anxious fathers and mothers who want their sons and daughters to succeed.

The college is equipped with a Neostyle for copying letters, and a Dictaphone, which is used for dictation by many of our up-to-date business houses, and which is proving to be very valuable to the student in mastering their work in stenography.

The Minot College of Commerce is one of Minot's most valuable assets. It is estimated that since its organization, the students have spent no less than \$25,000 in the city. The college, no doubt, will soon have an enrollment of between 200 and 300. We can all afford to boost this institution.

# "Alice" Has Message for Teachers

**Well-known Writer Tells Some Interesting School  
Room Experiences--Other Letters to Follow**

Dear Teacher and Fellow Workers: My years of pleasant experiences, as well as unpleasant bumps, as a public benefactor have taught me many interesting and useful lessons. Many side-splitting episodes and crazy contingencies, many painful truths and pathetic memories crowd my mind as I sit now and reflect on my school days, "happy school days; golden rule days." I am sure that I started out as an earnest, enthusiastic school man with ankle skirts and a soulful of holy fear and dread and terror. I dreaded "Mrs. Grundy" and all the "Grundykins," as every young martyr does the first year of school teaching. Now, I laugh at my experiences and feel a chord of sympathy for the weary teacher of today. The beginners, I mean, God bless all the school teachers, for they need it, and God bless all the little folks and show them the great beauty and privilege of learning in the right direction; God bless the dear over-taxed, over-worked mothers at home and fill their hearts with hope and honest pride in their little families, as they turn out to school each morning; give them more strength and patience each day and cheer them on, for they need it; God bless the liberal-minded, generous, whole-hearted school boards and lift their families up before the public and scatter them about promiscuously so they will in time develop into great men and women and eventually set on school boards throughout the land, thus bringing about an era of learning, good fellowship and progress. May God forgive the contrary, fussy school board and squelch him; God bless the narrow-minded, crab-bety, grouchy, grumbling, grumpy school board and show him the error of his ways and the darkness about his home, and God help his children and teach them to get out and fight for an education and get it anyway, for my dear boys and girls, if you let the golden days of youth pass by

out of school, you will regret it all your lives, bitterly, too. It is a shame for any healthy child to remain out of school these beautiful winter days. Don't be shiftless and imprudent enough to ide away the time at home, if there is a school house within two and one-half miles of you and you are under twenty-five years of age. The battle of life requires intelligence. The subject of education is so broad, so varied, so deep, so all-absorbing that I cannot say much today, nor in any one day, for that matter. So I shall take up the subject in topics, each topic headed by a golden text, as it were. I'll begin next week.

This writing, dashed off as the train is about to pull out of town, is merely an introductory line or two and a sort of opening prayer. I wish that I could follow my teaching experiences thru with good, live-caricatures and give the public a hearty laugh, as well as an instructive lesson. In school I always caused my pupil to laugh heartily, three or four times a day, this seemed to steady their nerves, chase away the blues and make every one stony better. Blues in a school room are entirely out of place and many of the most serious "jars" between teachers and pupils are caused by "blues." The teacher feels cross and impatient, discouraged and vindictive, so the atmosphere of the school room becomes cloudy and unattractive; pupils become restless and a clash ensues, the trouble usually is all about something that might have been easily adjusted in the mildest possible way, if the blue air had not possessed the room and set things all topsy-turvy. Make up a joke or think of something to laugh about whenever the blues come creeping round the corner. Be firm with your pupils and when the laugh is over get right down to business with renewed nerves and work harder than ever.

—Alice.

# Lumbermen's Convention

**Jan. 27 and 28, Held in This City--Officers Elected--Attendance Large--Important Resolutions Passed**

The second annual convention of the North Dakota & Montana Lumbermen's association was held in the P. hall in this city Jan. 27 and 28, with an excellent attendance. The first day was devoted to getting acquainted and an informal discussion of the different problems confronting the independent lumber dealers in this section of the country. In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. G. H. Seth of Mohall, N. D., Mr. W. Steinhil of Drake, N. D., was elected temporary chairman.

All the dealers present were invited to the Leland hotel for 8 o'clock dinner, after which they attended the Arcade theater in a body.

The convention was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock a. m., January 28th, and after some discussion of the different things which might be done to further the interests of the independent dealers and benefit the country and state at large, a number of resolutions were passed setting forth the policies of the association to follow for the year 1910, and to which all the members pledged their hearty

support. The officers elected were: President, Geo. L. Lippman, Granville, N. D.; vice president, W. F. Steinhil, Drake, N. D.; secretary and treasurer, E. O. Hall, Minot, N. D.; members of executive committee for two years: Einar Muus, Minot, N. D.; S. J. Johnson, Valley City, N. D.; and Henry Stradinger, McClusky, N. D. For one year, T. P. Kulaas, Minot, N. D.

Among those present were: Einar Muus, Minot, N. D.; C. E. Sine, Potlatch, Ida.; Paul D. Gilgor, James town, N. D.; O. P. Mualad, Minot, N. D.; Henry Stradinger, McClusky, N. D.; C. H. Koehfer, Drake, N. D.; C. M. Zimmerman, Ashley, N. D.; A. J. Brunner, Minot, N. D.; Geo. Lippman, Granville, N. D.; C. H. Peterson, Valley City, N. D.; Ed. S. Lee, Minot, N. D.; Wm. F. Steinhil, Drake, N. D.; John T. Winger, Norwich, N. D.; W. E. Sheaffer, Wallace, Ida.; P. C. Gleim, Balfour, N. D.; T. P. Kulaas, Minot, N. D.; J. T. Aaker, Velva, N. D.; F. Renning, Velva, N. D., and others.

# CONCRETE BASE FOR WATER PIPE

**McDougall & Son Driving Many Piles  
in Mouse River for the Water Main  
to Rest Upon--Will Do Good Job.**

McDougall & Son are engaged in driving forty piles in Mouse river at the Belyea avenue bridge which will serve as a base for a concrete abutment, upon which the new water main will rest. It will be remembered that several weeks ago the pumps of the new system were set in motion and the water tank partially filled, but in the morning the water had all found its way back into Mouse river, thru a leak in the pipes at Belyea avenue. The river bed allowed the pipes to sink, causing the leaks. Contractor Kennedy decided to do a thorough job this time, hence the pile and concrete work.

**Local did the Business.**  
If you really want to get results, try a local in the Independent. We can almost guarantee you results, for about every day we hear kind words from some satisfied advertiser. J. B. Reed had several pianos for sale, and advertising this fact in a local in this paper. He sold three pianos the following week, one to a party in Coulee, N. D.

**Bank Stung.**  
A Grand Forks bank was stung for \$150, through the carelessness of a depositor, who told too much of his business to a couple of strangers in Salt Lake City. He was visiting in the west, where the information that he was doing business with a certain Grand Forks bank was confidentially given out. One of the strangers telegraphed for \$150, signing the customer's name, got the money and skipped. The bank is the loser.

**Stafford Funeral.**  
The funeral of W. A. Stafford was held at Velva Monday, the remains interred at that place.

**Switchmen Taken Back.**  
Our switchmen, who were among the strikers, have gone back to work in this city. They needed work badly, and could not afford to remain out any longer. They had little trouble in getting back their old positions.

**For a Fountain.**  
Mrs. Alex Scarlett has taken up the work of trying to secure a drinking fountain from the Humane society, of which she is a member. She made application some time ago, but the society feared that Minot was not a large enough city to warrant the expenditure of putting in such a fountain as had been planned. Mrs. Scarlett has assured the society that Minot is the biggest little city on the map, and that the city is growing at rapid rate.

**Ehrs in a Fire.**  
Word was received from Hot Springs, Ark., where Mr. and Mrs. John Ehr are sojourning, that the hotel in which they were staying burned. They got out safely, and saved most of their effects, though Mr. Ehr injured his shoulder while lifting his heavy trunk.

**Capt. Frank Henry of Valley City** is making an active campaign for secretary of state.

Mrs. Kernan from Superior, Wis., has been visiting old time Minot friends. She reports her sons doing well in the city, and her husband is very successful in the business in which he has engaged.

The jury in the case of the state vs. the three alleged holdup artists, who are charged with relieving Leonard Backoff of \$25 in a box car between Velva and Minot, disagreed, after being out nearly twenty hours. A new trial will be given the defendants. Judge Goss in a heart to heart talk with the jury said he regretted very much that a disagreement was brought so early during the session, for the precedent which it established would not have a wholesome effect on other juries. He intimated that it might be necessary to call for a special venire, and stated that in this event, the present jury would be dismissed.

J. H. Witham, formerly of this city, is now engaged in operating a big repair shop at Sheldon, N. D. He traded his farm for the shop and is doing a flourishing business.

Mrs. Mreit Ronning has been quite ill at the home of her grandson, John Stakston, southwest of Minot. The old lady is 84 years of age and recently proved up a homestead.

# FISH FISH FISH

We have just received another car of fresh fish of the following kind, at very low prices

White Fish, Pike and Pickerel  
a trial order will convince you  
**MINOT HIDE & FUR CO.**  
310 E. 1st St. Phone 580  
MINOT, N. D.

# MINOT MARKETS

CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY

Wheat, No 1	1 01
" No 2	99
Durum No 1	86
" No 2	84
Flax No 1	2 01
" No 2	1 98
Oats	36
Barley	49

A train load of Hart Pary gasoline engines bound for Alberta passed thru Minot Friday.

**Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale.**  
Whereas, default has occurred in the terms and conditions of the mortgage hereinafter described, in that the mortgagors have failed to pay certain notes secured thereby, and the taxes upon the land herein described, and interest upon the indebtedness secured by a certain prior mortgage, and the mortgagee has been compelled to and has paid said interest and taxes, and upon such default has declared all the indebtedness secured by the mortgage herein described to be all due and payable, and the same remains unpaid.

Notice is hereby given that that certain mortgage made, executed and delivered by Andrew J. Lavik and Mary A. Lavik, his wife, mortgagors, to E. J. Lander & Co. (a corporation), mortgagee, of Grand Forks, N. D., dated the 26th day of May, A. D. 1908, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of Ward county, N. D., on the 29th day of June, 1908, recorded in book 51, of mortgages at page 423, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage as hereinafter described, at the front door of the court house in the city of Minot in said county of Ward in the State of North Dakota, on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day to satisfy the amount due upon the said mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises described in said mortgage, and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 10 and 11 in block 26, Tolley's plat of Kenmare, according to the certified plat or map thereof on file and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of said Ward county.

There will be due upon said mortgage on the day of sale, including the taxes and interest above referred to, and paid by the mortgagee, the sum of two hundred sixty-eight and ninety-one hundredths (\$268.91) dollars, besides the costs of this foreclosure. Dated February 1st, 1910.

E. J. LANDER & CO.,  
Mortgagee.  
MURPHY & DUGGAN,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee,  
Grand Forks, N. D.  
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# KRAEMER ACQUITTED

**Minot Shoemaker Who Shot Palmer in the Head,  
is Exonerated by the Judge--Case Did  
Not Go to Jury**

Alois Kraemer, the shoemaker, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was dismissed Friday, after the state had presented its case, and rested. The judge dismissed the case, on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to continue the case. Martin Palmer, who was shot below the eye, the bullet emerging from near the temple, was the complaining witness.

Palmer's own evidence was enough to clear Kraemer. The men had had an argument over a ring. Palmer had borrowed some money from Kraemer and had some repair work done, amounting to \$2.50. He gave a ring in payment, receiving \$1.50 in addition. Kraemer claims the ring was

phony and not worth more than 50 cents. He wanted his money back and Palmer refused, and here is where the trouble started.

The defendant had been standing on the street one night subsequent to the shooting, when Palmer came along and pushed him over on his back. The defendant sprung up and chased Palmer more than two blocks. The next morning Palmer entered Kraemer's shop and wanted an explanation. As he approached Kraemer, he reached for an iron last, but instead Kraemer reached under his bench, where he was working and pulled a gun and fired. Palmer continued to kick and beat Kraemer, even after he was shot.

# FREEDOM.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bomback Sundayed with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Christeson.

Miss Goldie Irving returned home after spending a week with Miss Gladys Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith returned from their Velva visit Saturday.

Mrs. Jim McCarty entertained Mark Zorn and family Sunday.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Conmy Saturday evening and spent the evening in dancing. All reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Irving spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Trauttmiller of Drady.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Christeson were agreeably surprised by thirty-five of their neighbors and friends Jan. 27th. The ladies came with well filled baskets and the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. are highly esteemed by their many friends and were presented with a set of silver knives and forks. Everybody had a good time.

Mrs. C. M. Christeson returned from Minot Saturday, after a week's visit with friends and Ole has been batching it in her absence. He was glad to have his frau back, and we don't wonder, for the old buckskin glove does not make very good broth. Ole is a first rate cook, but how the old glove got into the broth is a puzzle to him.

Ross Trumble, Miss Muri Trumble and Miss Rachel Irving were seen out driving on the streets of Stringtown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trumble, son and daughter of Stringtown attended

the pop corn party at L. Irving's.

Miss Hazel Jylen entertained some of her young friends Jan. 26, at the beautiful farm home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jylen, it being her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent in playing games and eating some of Miss Hazel's fine home made candy. Supper was served at 5 o'clock and a jolly time was had by all. Those present were: Mrs. Oe Arnstadt and four children, Grover Foster, Rachel Irving, Lillian and Agnes Norquist, Inga Arnstadt, Nathanie Norquist and the Misses Hatt e and Matilda Abraham.

Mrs. Knute Spokkie and Miss Dina Spokkie spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Bertha Irving.

Wm. Whorley and Mrs. Emma Stevens spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Irving.

Addie E. Miller from near Deering, passed through Minot Friday, en route to his home from a trip back in Ohio.

# SURREY NEWS.

Mrs. Joe Burns has returned from a visit with relatives in Indiana.

Mrs. Russell is entertaining her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Yoder and Mrs. Smucker left Tuesday for Rugby, where they will visit friends.

Mrs. G. A. State has returned from a visit at Antler.

A number from here were entertained at the G. L. Swartzel home in Minot one evening last week.

Geo. State has returned from a business trip to Grand Forks.

The band gave an open air concert Saturday evening.

Never Have Greater Values Been Given in Minot Than at the

# Great Closing Out Sale

of

# THE WIDEAWAKE

The final Closing Out Sale of the WIDEAWAKE is attracting the attention of the buyers that are looking out for their own welfare. As we have a deal on for the building, and the same will have to be vacated not later than Feb. 15th, the balance of the stock is now offered you at prices that will move it. Every item in the stock at cost or below. All we ask you to do is to call and see for yourself.

GREAT SLAUGHTER IN	
<b>LADIES' CLOAKS and DRESS SKIRTS</b>	
We have arranged ALL OUR SKIRTS in TWO LOTS	
LOT 1	\$2.50
LOT 2	\$3.50

Your choice in Children's Coats, sizes 8 to 14.....	\$3.50	Your choice in Ladies' Cloth Cloaks, any cost in the store	\$6.98
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Children's Fleece Ribbed Underwear, all sizes.....	19-22-25c	Ladies' 2-piece Underwear, Fleece.....	19-25-37c	All Notions and Ladies' Furnishings at less than Manufacturers' Price
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# GROCERIES

Best Tomatoes.....	9c	10 lbs. Syrup.....	40c
17 lbs. Sugar.....	\$1.00	5 lbs. Oatmeal.....	20c
20c Coffee.....	15c	Best Raisins, pkge.....	9c
40c Tea.....	25c	Milk, per can.....	9c
50c Tea.....	38c	Starch, per lb.....	5c
5 lbs. Syrup.....	30c	Soda, pkge.....	6 1/2c
		Baking Powder, 25 oz. cans.....	19c

<b>SHOES AND OVERSHOES</b>	
Children's Arctics.....	50c
Children's 2-buckle.....	\$1.00

Everything in the store must go  
**CLOTHING, DRY GOODS AND SHOES**

**123 to 127 First St. Opposite Optic**