

Former Minot Man Tells of Grain Now 16 Inches High--Planting Suds and Vines

Come to California and get some of this life giving air and get warmed up by sunning yourself in sunny California, not in Sunny Southern Alberta. The weather here is just fine, stock out on green grass, all winter, altho we have had some very cold weather for California. It does not hurt stuff. Gardens look fine and grain is up about sixteen inches. Will be ready to cut in May. People are planting spuds, vines and trees by the car loads and sowing alfalfa. This is the planting time here and it seems strange to one who has lived in a cold country for sixty two years to be where there is no snow and where you do not have to prepare for winter.

I think there would be more comfort here if we did at least build more like they do in Dakota but not so warm. The houses here are what are called box houses. Just boards up and down and cleated. Sills and floors but no studding nor girts. I want siding and plaster and intend to build that way when I build. It looks funny to see water running all over the country in ditches. You can hear it the same as a brook or creek and the main ditches are larger than the Mouse river. Not as wide perhaps, but about 30 feet wide and eight or ten feet deep.

I am better than I have been in the last four years. Send the paper along.

E. N. Metcalf
Modesto, Cal.,

Norwich Man Who Locates In California Tells of Some of the Tricks of Real Estate Dealers--It Pays to Taste the Dirt

Please change my address from Santa Anna, to Modesto, Cal. We were in the southern part of the state visiting my sister for a little over a three months. I have been thinking for some time of writing a short piece for your paper, for my many Dakota friends, as many of them read your paper, and they would like to know what I think of California, by this time. We like it all right here. California is like any other state in one way. You can find rich and poor, lazy and industrious. California is one of the most spotted states in the union, good and bad.

to the top of the land. This has been a big-wheat ranch here until lately. We have lots of water here for irrigation. It is a great place here for alfalfa and dairying and fruit of nearly all kinds. We have no alkali here. We have very fine drainage. Dry creek is about 70 feet below the level of the land, and the land is nearly 100 feet below the surface. I will name a few of the fruits that we raise here. Oranges, figs, olives, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, Logan berries, blackberries, strawberries, and melons of all kinds. To give you a little idea of how fast the people are coming in, the latter part of October we were here, and there were 28 members of our Brethren here. Now there are over 80 members here, besides those who are not members. We have several Dakota families here. I have written this letter for the benefit of the Independent readers who might sometime come to California, that they may know what to try to avoid.

Yours respectfully,
—A. J. Senger.

A letter received from James W. Eby of Richmond, Ind., conveys the following interesting information about the Hoosier state: "The wheat looks bad in Indiana. Will be a poor crop, as it got a bad start last fall. Corn was a good crop and a good price, 60 to 65 cents per bushel. Hogs high, from \$9 and over. Live weight, but about all gone. The meat boycott knocked the price of the farmers to seven cents but the price has gone to nine cents again. There are not many hogs in the country and the number will be less another year. We can't get the help to work on the farms. They are going to the cities. We are paying from \$20 to \$25 a month with washing board and horse kept free of charge, and for eight to ten months during the year."

Notice of Sale.
The following surplus articles will
be sold at auction on Saturday, March
26th, 1926, unless postponed before
that time.
Weapons Nos. 402, 403, 404, 412
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Guns Nos. 444 and 41.
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"Sunny" Bill Myers of the Russell Sentinel, has not shown up yet, but the newspaper boys in this part of the state are disposed to believe that he is just taking a little vacation, and trust that he will show up soon.

Tim Daley, a Russell young man, while walking along the railway platform, slipped and fell, his arm being caught beneath a passing train. It was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

The town marshal at Antler has started a good job, doing away with a few stray dogs. Minot will be in

line soon. Our dog catcher did a good job last year, but after he had scooped up several scores of them some blasted individual let them all loose. They have been multiplying ever since.

The coming summer will be hot one, according to an astrologist. "Summers when there has been a comet have always been very hot ones" he says. He lays the floods in France and European countries to the comet, largely and says that people do not realize how much influence the stars have on the earth.

There is money in goats—that is, few some goats. If you don't believe it ask James Wilson. While doing some chores Tuesday, Jim dropped his pocketbook. When he discovered his loss he immediately instituted a search. He found it—oh, yes, he found it all right, but a pet goat belonging to his sons had discovered it first. When Jim arrived on the scene the goat was carefully selecting another greenback—preferring them to checks—no chance to protest we presume—and was about to perform the magical trick of making the bill disappear, when he was suddenly caused to desist by coming into juxtaposition with a club wielded by the afore said Jim. "Oh yes, there is money in goats all right—some goats.—Perth Progress.

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On this excursion the equipment will consist of four sleeping cars, dining car and baggage car. The rate to Stanfield, including berth in sleeper and meals in dining car will be only \$35. Exceptional opportunity to see the west at low cost. Now is the time to go and invest in Oregon Fruit Lands that will yield \$500 to \$1000 per acre a year.

We have an abundance of water for everybody, already for delivery on land, proper altitude, unexcelled climate conditions, deep, rich volcanic ash soil, unlimited markets, convenient transportation. These spell "success" in fruit farming.

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Planted the seed on fertile ground to get the most bushels. The sower of to-day demands more. He has the ground and he selects his seed. He discards the hand method and demands a seeding machine that will plant just the quantities of grain he wants to sow in the ground, not on top, and all at the same depth. (If he is wise, he selects the drill that will follow his horses in any soil that can be seeded.)

With his soil and seed he forms a partnership with sun and rain for the one purpose of producing more bushels to the acre.

Van Brunt Seeding Machines have been helping this partnership for 49 years to produce bigger and better crops. To reap well, sow well—everybody knows that. Thousands of modern sowers know that the **Van Brunt does sow well.**



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We don't feel like knocking an outside concern that is doing business with the men of Minot and vicinity, but want you to consider these facts before you send your order to some Minneapolis or other concern.

Do you have an opportunity to try on the suit before it is completed?

Are you certain that a suit at a trifle lower price really means a saving to you?

Are you sure that the goods that are made into that suit, are not a little inferior to the goods that the home tailor furnishes?

Are you sure that the money you send out of Minnesota gets back to you?

The Minot Tailoring Co. employs only the best of tailors, and we have an extraordinary large stock of woollens from which you can make your selections. Our prices are very moderate.

ALBERT NOVAK, Prop.

South Main Street.

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