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## CONCILIATORY COMMITTEE ON NORMAL SCHOOL

One Hundred Business Men Insist That the Fight Must Be Settled Before It Reaches the Supreme Court—Big Meeting at Club

A crowd of 100 or more of the citizens attended perhaps the most enthusiastic meeting ever held at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday night.

One of the main propositions considered was that of the citizens getting together on the Normal school question. John E. Greene, who is thoroughly conversant on the subject, stated that unless the fight which is still on over the site is settled before the case goes to the Supreme court, there is grave danger that the legislature at its next session will repeal the appropriation bill, which would mean that the buildings could not be constructed for a period of years. He suggested that a committee be appointed, consisting of five men, to see what it could do to remedy the difficulty.

Arthur LeSueur talked on electric light rates in this city. He declares that 13 cents per K. is too high and takes the figures of the experts who visited Minot last summer to base his assertion on. He told the Commercial club ought to get the Commission to regulate the rates, according to a recent law enacted, after an investigation could be made to determine whether electricity could be manufactured cheaper at a profit.

E. A. Stevens, manager of the Consumers Power Co. declared that he was willing for an investigation at any time, in fact he understood that the Commission was already investigating.

J. M. Devine who attended the big land show in Chicago, told of the great lot of advertising that North Dakota received from the magnificent display of products.

O. M. Champlin talked about the big Grain and Dairymen's convention to be held in Minot in January, date to be selected soon. This is to be a permanent affair and will probably follow immediately after the big Fargo convention so we can secure practically the same speakers. The Commercial club promised to furnish money with which to pay the speakers, or at any rate give its endorsement to a subscription for that purpose.

One of the important things done was amending the constitution of the club, changing the dues from \$2.00 a month to \$1.00 and the dues out of town members to half a dollar a month.

President A. M. Thompson will soon name such a committee.

## MRS. CALDERWOOD TAKES OWN LIFE

Former Burlington Woman Commits Suicide by Taking Poison at Her Home in Canada

Mrs. Mattie Calderwood, wife of A. R. Calderwood, a former resident of Burlington, committed suicide near Maple Creek, Sask., recently by taking poison.

She had been in a despondent mood and securing the poison, it is said that she first experimented on the cat with dire effects to that animal. When she was found, she was cold in death. She leaves several children, the youngest being a babe of two months.

Mrs. Calderwood lived on a homestead near Burlington for several years, first coming to that place about nine years ago. She was 30 years of age.

### COAL FOR SALE.

We are selling good lignite coal at our mine for \$1.50 per ton. Coal on track at Burlington in car lots at \$1.75 per ton; delivered in Minot in car lots at \$2.50 per ton. The Hunnewell mine, Burlington, N. D.

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### Case Involves \$30,000

Attorney Blood, of the firm of Noble, Blood & Adamson, recently argued in Supreme court, the case of S. H. Sleeper vs. Baker & Grace and Vanta Bros. of Illinois.

Sleeper, a prominent Mohall land man, sued the land company for \$30,000 in commissions which he claims were coming to him under agreement, whether the land was sold directly by him or not.

The case was recently dismissed by Judge Burr on the grounds that it did not show cause of action. The Supreme court has sent it back for a new trial. Sleeper is represented by Atty. LeSueur, Attorney Blood appearing for LeSueur.

### Xmas at the Poor Farm.

The youngsters at the poor farm, about twenty in number, enjoyed an old fashioned Xmas tree Saturday night. Mr. Smith acted as Santa Claus and he was ably assisted by Commissioners Hurd and Amundson. Baker's orchestra played such delightful music that many of the inmates could not refrain from dancing. There were presents for all of the residents at the farm and the children were given a bountiful supply of candy, nuts and fruit. Newell K. Miren gave each a present, besides donated pictures for each of the twelve rooms. McJannet's furniture store gave two rockers for the reading room. Other Minot men contributed to a fund to defray the expenses.

The superintendent and wife gave liberally to all.

### 100 Cars of Ice.

One hundred car loads of ice were received in Minot from Sweet Water Lake north of Devils Lake, for the ice houses in this city. The ice will be stored under the supervision of E. D. Kelley's icemen. Other ice will be shipped in from Lake Spencer, Minn. The three ice houses owned by the company in this city will hold about 8500 tons.

### The Liquor Habit Cured.

The Gatliff Institute, a concern that guarantees to cure the liquor habit in three days, has been installed in this city at 319 Reishus street. O. G. Voss, who has been connected with the Gatliff Institute at Grand Forks, is the manager.

As this is the only institute of the kind located in the Northwest, it ought to do business.

## J. A. JACOBSON DIES IN WISCONSIN

Old Minot Resident Who Was Member of First Legislature in Dakota Territory, Dies at Wittenburg, Wis.

J. A. Jacobson, an old time resident of Minot, died at his home in Wittenburg, Wis., two weeks ago, from the infirmities of old age. He was 80 years and two months old.

Mr. Jacobson came to Minot in 1886 and lived here with his son until two years ago, when he accompanied him to Wittenburg, Wis. He was a member of the first legislative assembly in the territory of Dakota, and in the early days of this state, took an active part in politics.

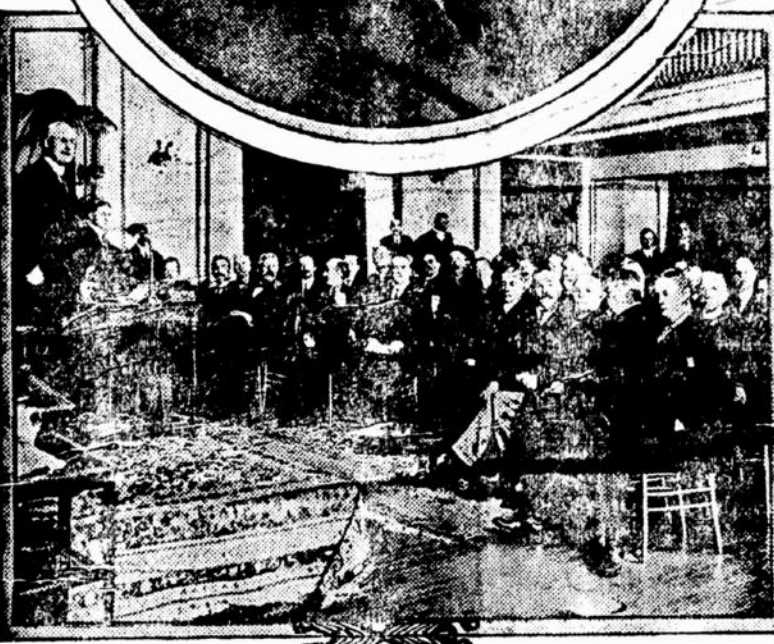
Deceased leaves three sons, Therswald T., Carl and Axel, and one daughter, Mrs. Hovey, all of whom reside at Wittenburg.

Mr. Jacobson was a most interesting gentleman, having had wide experience as an Indian fighter. He fought the Indians in Kandiyohi county, Minn., in the early days and later participated in many hot battles with the Redskins in South Dakota. While he was never injured in battle, he had many thrilling experiences. Among his highly prized relics, is an old fashioned revolver which had been instrumental in killing many a warring Indian.

He was the first county auditor of Kandiyohi county and held every county office in that county. He was one of the organizers of the county. He assisted in the organization of several of the counties in South Dakota and named Jackson county and several others.

Many old friends of the deceased in this section of the state are sorry to hear of his demise.

## John F. Hill, New Chairman of Republican National Committee



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THE new head of the Republican national committee, John F. Hill, is a physician, although he has spent most of his life as a publisher and to such good purpose that he has accumulated a fortune estimated among the millions. He has been prominent in Maine politics, having been twice elected governor of Maine. He was a member of the executive council of the national committee from 1904 to 1908 and has been acting chairman for the last three years. It is generally understood that he will occupy his new position until the next national convention or until such a time after it as may be required for the choice of his successor by the presidential nominee. The lower of the two photographs shows Dr. Hill presiding at a recent meeting of the committee.

## MINOT TO HAVE SOME FINE PARKS

Park Board Has Eyes on Number of Pieces of Beautiful Wooded Property—Money Will Be Available Soon

The city park commission has an elaborate park system for the city of Minot in mind, and already plans for a number of parks throughout the various parts of the city, all connected by fine beautiful driveways, have been drawn by Mr. Wyman, a Grand Forks landscape artist. The map may be seen at the city hall, where it is in charge of H. E. Wheeler.

The commission has bargained for no park sites yet, but has a number in view, which it will buy outright, if the right price is quoted. If not, the property will be condemned. The commission hopes to secure 50 acres

along the river in the western part of the city, and 28 acres in Eastwood park, also along the beautiful Mouse river. These parks would be connected by boulevards. Both are beautiful wooded pieces of property, the trees being the very finest in this part of the state. Another site in the Glenwood Park addition on the south hill has been looked at. F. W. Youngman owns most of this property and is busy buying other lots to complete the site. This site would be connected with the others with a driveway thru rugged hills.

The commission will sell \$31,000 worth of bonds Jan. 20, and the money ought to be available within a month of that date. One member of the board informs the Independent that the board does not propose to spend within \$1,000 of that amount for sites, keeping some money with which to improve the parks.

The second of a series of balls given by the entertainment committee of the Knights of Pythias, occurs tonight, at the new home.

### Old Timers to Meet

The Ward County Old Settlers' Association will hold its annual meeting at the regular place in the Kelley building Jan. 9 at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend and partake of some of the Soap Lake water which Ed Kelley will furnish in the way of refreshments. Mr. Kelley is getting together a great supply of spare ribs for the occasion and will also serve a roast pig. Aside from regular business to be transacted, Frank Kirkelle and other well known whist players will give lessons in the game. The dance of "the horse thieves" may be given.

### Knights Templar Observe Christmas.

The Knights Templar held special services Christmas morning at 11 a. m. at the Masonic Temple at which there were a number of toasts and greetings made which were appropriate to the season. The hour was set so that it would be the same as the services that were held Christmas noon in Cincinnati, the home of the most eminent grand commander.

Toasts were offered to Most Eminent Grand Commander Bromwell of Cincinnati, to Right Eminent Commander Spriggs of Grand Forks and responses were read. A toast was also proposed to the brothers over the seas.

### Pocketbook May Have Been Stolen

Robert Dumond, a Lynch farmer, lost his pocket book containing over \$60 in currency and silver at the postoffice Saturday. Mr. Dumond doesn't know whether the pocketbook was taken from his pocket or whether it was picked off the desk. He missed it before he left the office, but a vigilant search failed to reveal it. The pocketbook is four inches long, and has a hole worn in one corner. It contained a New York store check. If it fell into honest hands, he will regain his possession.

### Kidnapped Girl Was in Minot

A search was made in Minot last week for Ruby Palmer, a sixteen year old girl, who disappeared from Souris, Canada, last summer, where her mother ran a hotel. It was learned that the girl came to Minot in company with a married man last September and the couple remained here for some time. The girl has been located at Arcadia, Wis., where her mother has gone for her.

## HARRY WATSON IS ARRESTED

Granville Baker Who Left Home Suddenly Several Weeks Ago, Placed Under Arrest in Minot—Telephone Gives Him Away

Harry Watson, a Granville baker, who left home suddenly several weeks ago, and for whom the authorities had been searching, was arrested in Minot Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Dan Dougherty. Watson was returned from Canada and it was while he was phoning over a farmer's line to a man north of Granville on some business, that his brother-in-law in this city learned that he was here. He has been taken to McHenry county for a hearing.

About the time that Watson left home, his wife's young sister, Miss Orpha Heath, disappeared also, but she has since returned to Granville. At the time, it was reported that the couple had eloped.

Watson may be charged with wife desertion and with another and more serious offense.

Judge Murray Marries Three Couples Francis O. Peterson, a worthy young Sawyer farmer, was united in marriage to Miss Grace McWethy, a winsome Minot lassie by Judge Murray at his office Saturday night. The couple have gone to St. Olaf, Ia., for their honeymoon, to return to the groom's farm near Sawyer in March. Chris Belonge and Miss Nellie Wagner, were married by the Judge Christmas day at the Belonge home on Franklin avenue. The groom is a painter.

Christ Stuhr, a prosperous farmer residing 8 miles north of Minot, was married by Mr. Murray to Miss Dora Kusel Dec. 26.

## TELEPHONE CO. AT WAR WITH THE BAPTISTS

In Moving Baptist Church from Riga to Sawyer Damage Was Done to Telephone Wires—May Fight It Out in Courts

The feat of moving the Baptist church from Riga to Sawyer, a distance of 29 miles, was accomplished in a week. The building was hauled by seven teams, the citizens of Sawyer donating their services. The building is quite large, 20x28 feet, and it became necessary to raise it seven feet in the air in order to cross the bridge over Mouse river near Sawyer.

Some difficulty was experienced in hauling the building under the telephone wires in the country, a farmers' telephone company sending in a bill for \$15 for damages it claims were done. The Northern Telephone Co. refused to allow the men to pass under their wires at Sawyer until a deposit of \$25 was put up to insure it against damages, besides it insisted that the \$15 damages done to the farmers' line be paid.

Edgar Bailey and S. D. Brar came up from Sawyer Friday evening to consult an attorney, claiming that because of the fact that no lineman was at hand that morning, six teams were standing idle nearly all day long. The men claimed that they had \$17.50 damages against the Northern Telephone Co. on that account.

The telegraph company sent a lineman 200 miles to raise the wires.

The church has finally been taken under the wires at Sawyer and is now on its foundation.

Mr. Coar, manager of the Northern Telephone Co. informs the Independent that some damage was done to the wires at Sawyer and also to the main line between Minot and Grandville, which he will insist on being paid. The Sawyer people say that they will fight to the last ditch and there's likely to be a nice little suit as a result.

There is some ill feeling at Sawyer and several threaten to have their phones taken out.

### Barley Was a Paying Crop

R. J. Harmon of Burlington will swear by barley hereafter. This year he had 53 acres of it that averaged 30 bushels, which he sold for 75 cents a bushel. Harvesting a crop worth nearly \$1200 from 53 acres is going some. Mr. Harmon says that he has sold much of the barley for seed and about every farmer in that neighborhood is going to sow barley next spring.

## SAWYER WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Hartlieb Passes Away Dec. 21—Funeral Held From Congregational Church at Sawyer Dec. 24

Mrs. Fred Hartlieb, a well known Sawyer woman, died at St. Joseph's hospital December 21, after a short illness. The funeral was held from the Congregational church at Sawyer Dec. 24, the remains being interred at that place. A large number of the friends gathered to pay their last tribute to one of their loved ones.

The deceased leaves besides her husband, five children and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bevin, who reside near Sawyer. She was 34 years and one day old at the time of her death.

### Fire at Wehrebe Home.

Julius Wehrebe's bungalow on the south hall, came nearly being destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Cinders from the chimney falling thru an open space set some boxes in the basement on fire and soon the rascals were burning. The fire department was called out just in time. The flames were put out with the chemical engine. Two cats in the basement were burned, but still have eight of their lives left.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
is the sincere wish of  
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**W. H. REIGHART**