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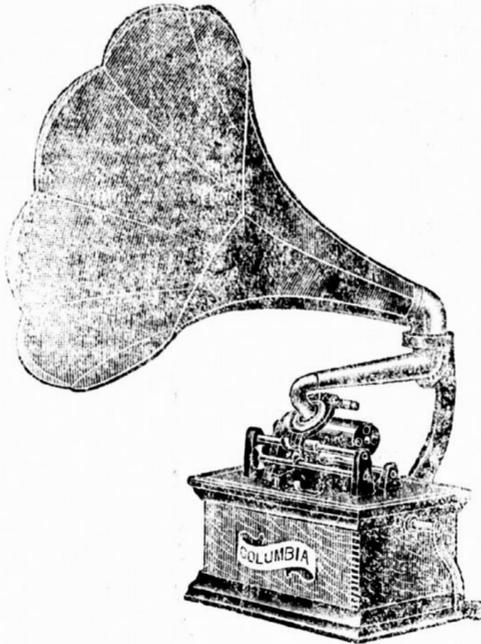
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MINOT, N. D.

STANDS UP FOR OREGON

Dec. 16, 1911

Editor of the Independent

I read with some interest the article in the Independent of Dec. 7 of one J. N. Peterson of Silverton Oregon but formerly of N. Dak. Now I would like to see friend Peterson and have a friendly chat with him about good old N. Dak. for I just believe he has got a bad spell of home sickness. If we didn't raise any more products than what he states in his letter I would certainly agree with him that Oregon would certainly be a sorry old place to come to. According to his letter wheat and oats is all that we grow out here now. I would like to ask our friend Peterson why he didn't mention the tons and tons of clover, vetch and alfalfa hay that is grown here and fed to dairy and beef cattle and to as fine a lot of good horses as is found anywhere in the United States. Oregon is becoming famous as a great dairy state and for live stock of all kinds, she has learned the lesson that N. Dak. has got to learn yet and that is quit trying to raise grain year after year but turn to diversified farming, milking a few cows, growing hogs, sheep and horses, something that will bring pay day once or twice a month instead of once a year. Our friend didn't mention the luscious fruits of nearly all kinds that are grown almost to a perfection here in Oregon. It has only been three years the first of this month since I left N. Dak. and I am not writing this to condemn N. Dak. and boost Oregon for I like N. Dak. in fact I still have a hold on a good piece of land there. N. Dak. has some just as good land as there is anywhere, for which she can well be proud but if her people keep on graining it year after year they will wake up one of these days to find themselves bankrupt and they will be only too glad to get a piece of Oregon soil where pay day comes twice a month. I don't believe our friend Peterson is treating the people in this western country just right when he advises people to stay east of the rocky mountains. I don't care where a person is if they are doing well in storing this world's goods and have their health I say stay with it, but on the other hand if fellow wants to come to Oregon and has a little energy and backbone to push it he can make good money here in fact that will hold good anywhere you go. When we advise people to do so and through the columns of an important paper as the Ward County Independent that goes to nearly every state in the Union and read by thousands of people I think we should be very careful what we advise people to do. We hope our good friend Peterson will not take any offense at what we have written. Wherever he goes we wish him happiness and prosperity. If you think this is worth the space we would like to see it in print in your good paper, if not throw it out we leave you to be the judge. Wishing the Independent staff of officers as well

as my friends in N. Dak. a merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. I beg to remain as ever,
C. A. BROWN,
Ashland, Ore.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of Engebrt Mollerud of Hennault, N. D. (single) Mortgage dated the 1st day of Oct. 1908 and filed for record in the office of the register of Deeds of the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, on the 1st day of Oct. 1908, and recorded in book 111 of Mortgages at Page 591 will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Minot, County of Ward and State of North Dakota, at four o'clock P. M., on the Tenth (10) day of February A. D. 1912, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows, viz: North East Quarter (NE 1/4) Section Eighteen (18) Township one hundred and fifty three (153) Range Eighty five (85) There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of Three Hundred and Thirteen 70-100 Dollars.
JAMES JOHNSON
Mortgagee and Attorney for Mortgagee.
12-28-16

CORN CROP PAID

Rhame, N. Dak. Dec. 21.—J. O. McLaughlin was in from near Badland, bringing in a load of wheat. Mr. McLaughlin says that he raised nine acres of corn this year which produced 300 bushels of fully matured corn. The seed was the White Dent, Yellow Dent and Bloody Butcher varieties, was planted on sod, and given no attention except that it was dragged twice. He believes that corn will be one of the most profitable crops that a farmer can grow in this country and plans to plant about 50 acres next year.

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Willson O. Kell one of the convicts who was pardoned from the penitentiary at the December meeting of the state board of pardons is again in the toils of the law, charged with unlawful cohabitation. Kell is the fellow who induced a Williston teacher to take a trip in the country with him, and when night came he refused to drive to town, but spent the night and the next day in a deserted claim shack. He was convicted in 1909 and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

The grain markets of sixteen years ago were published by the Wimbledon News, showing that wheat No 1 sold for 41c, oats 15c, flax 78c and potatoes for 21c a bushel.

George P. Jones, state's attorney of LaMoure county, known as "Jones of Rock," has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of this state.

I. C. Peterson a local dairyman at Upham, advises farmers to have their cows freshen in the fall, giving several good reasons among which are the following: After the first of November the rush is over and more time can be given to the cows. During the winter there are no flies to aggravate the cows. The yield in butter fat during the whole year is from 25 to 50 percent higher when the cow freshens in the fall, as she will then milk well all through the winter, and when turned on grass in the spring will do almost as well as a fresh cow.

A farmer near Bantry cut flax on Dec. 4. What do you know about that?

Gilbert J. Semington, cashier of the Citizens Bank at Grand, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Dahlquist Christmas day.

A. C. Norgard of Hartland, N. D., is spending the winter at Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Frank McCagherty, pharmacist at Blakey's, received several dozen cakes of fine toilet soap for Xmas. The idea of a drug-gist getting soap for a present is creating many good-natured remarks among his friends.

Nels Tufneson writes from San Diego, Cal., to have the Independent sent to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scofield arrived from Grand Forks to spend Christmas with relatives.

MISSOURI GOOSE

The Independent editor fared better on Christmas than he deserved, we fear. A big goose sent from Marshall, Mo., by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evans, and a huge turkey, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller of Granville, arrived just in time to insure us a very merry Xmas. We thank you.

SURREY AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fox and son arrived home from Thorne, N. Dak. for their winter vacation. They will make their home at the Fox farm.
Our teachers are now enjoying their holiday vacation.
Rev. Brough and Dannie Wolfe left Tuesday morning for southern Minnesota where they will hold a series of meetings.
Miss Dorothy Ruth of Sawyer spent a few days this week with her friend Alta Wolfe.
Alta and Dannie Wolfe arrived home from Sawyer Saturday.
Miss Libbie Perry arrived home from Thorne, N. Dak. Friday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoder of Columbus are visiting under the parental roof for a few days.
Mrs. W. S. Young is home from Canada where she has been for several weeks visiting with relatives.
Chas. Withers is home from Churches Ferry where he has been for several

weeks.

An excellent program was rendered in the High School Auditorium by the pupils of the Public school last Friday evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.
Each one did remarkably well and great credit is due both to teachers and pupils.

A WISH FROM THE HEART

The Rogers Lumber Co. wishes its friends a very prosperous and happy New Year. This is a wish from the heart. Naturally, this year will endeavor to do as much business in this locality during the year 1912 as it consistently can, and believes that next year ought to show an increase over all previous ones. We are building up a lasting business. Quality is our watchword and we always aim to please, and generally do so. By dealing with the Rogers Lumber Co. you will always be accorded courteous treatment, honest values for your money and liberal terms.
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Rugby Wins Debate.

The debating teams from the Rugby and Westhope high schools, met at Rugby Friday night to debate the question: "Resolved that the Wisconsin insurance law should be adopted by North Dakota." Rugby, which had the negative side of the question won. The Judges were R. A. Nestos of Minot, J. W. McLean, of Towner and State's Attorney McClennan of Rolette. The debate was a good one.

Flax Makes Glenburn Farmer Rich

John A. Brockey of Glenburn harvested 2467 bushels of flax from 240 acres, selling most of it for \$2.00 a bushel, and none less than \$1.80. His wheat averaged 12 bushels. He received \$4700 from this year's crop. During the past five years, he has made enough money farming to pay for a fine half section of land.

Pat King, Tom Moffatt and Editor Parratt were down from Donnybrook Friday.

J. Kelsar, a fish monger at Carington, who told the authorities that he had been held up and robbed of \$25 was himself arrested and fined \$12 when they learned that he had lied.

This week a Grand Forks butcher bought a carload of home corn-fatted cattle, and W. A. Ferguson shipped from Ruseo on Saturday, the first car of steers ever shipped from that point, that had been fattened on home grown corn.

In the western range country, this marks the coming of a new system in the stock industry. Corn has been grown with great success there, corn of that section receiving honors at the Bismarck fair. Corn will be grown all over North Dakota before many years.

The editors who attend the winter meeting at Fargo, Friday, January 26, will have to pay their fare just like common ordinary citizens. The secretary informs us that no rates can be obtained. The meeting is going to be a good one and no newspaper man can afford to let a few dollars stand in the way of attending.

B. F. WARREN PASSES AWAY

HAD JUST REACHED FAITH, S. D., WHERE HE WENT TO VISIT WITH WIFE AND DAUGHTER ON CLAIM—DEATH CAME SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY.

B. F. Warren, one of Minot's best citizen's, died at Faith, S. D., where he went about two weeks ago. Mr. Warren had lived in this city for a number of years, where he had conducted a real estate and insurance business. His death is generally regretted by everybody. The following from the Grand Forks Herald tells of the particulars of his death:

B. F. Warren, aged about 57 years and one of the pioneer residents of the Red River Valley, died quite suddenly Wednesday at Faith, S. D., according to a telegram received by J. M. Smith of this city. Mr. Smith and Mr. Warren were old friends, having come to Dakota territory together in 1879. The deceased was a former well-known resident of Emerado and the owner of farming land four miles to the north of that city. Of late years he has been conducting a collection agency with headquarters at Minot, while Mrs. Warren has been living with their daughter who is proving up on a claim near Faith, S. D.

Some weeks ago Mr. War-

ren caught a severe cold and this, with complications, was the immediate cause of death. He was able to travel from Minot to Faith, stopping for visits with friends and relatives at Jamestown, N. D., and Aberdeen, S. D.

Evidently he was unable to shake off the grip of the malady which proved fatal Wednesday. George Hempstad left Jamestown Wednesday and will return to this city with the body. Interment will take place in Memorial park cemetery.

Mr. Warren leaves to mourn his loss his wife, a son Chas. Warren and a daughter. The deceased was a well-known and respected resident of the country and the news of his death will be received with real regret by his friends in this section.

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