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## McCOY'S IMPRESSION OF NEW YORK CITY

Minot Merchant, Who Has Returned from Business in East, Talks in Interesting Manner of Conditions There

Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. McCoy returned Saturday from New York city and other eastern points, where they spent five weeks on business and pleasure. In Chicago, they met Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Benno of Bowbells, who had gone east on their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Benno returned Monday.

Mr. McCoy bought a very fine stock of fall merchandise for his Masonic Temple store, which is now on display.

Speaking of conditions in the east, Mr. McCoy said:

"Business in the east has not been so brisk in years, no doubt augmented by the excellent condition of the crops the country over. The business in the east from six weeks to two months before it does in the west, and the factories are working overtime to get out the western orders in time. I spent plenty of time in buying my fall stock of ladies wearing apparel, and can guarantee to my trade as fine an assortment as they could find in the eastern cities.

Speaking of politics, down east everybody seems to be boosting for Wilson. I heard also of a straw vote being taken out in Colorado among eight traveling men, and all of them voted for Wilson. Only one of the number was a Democrat. At the Gayety theatre in Minneapolis, when the pictures of the presidents and near-presidents were shown, the only one that elicited any considerable applause was that of Wilson.

"New York is a wonderful village, but I wouldn't want to live there. The other evening, we walked past the New York Herald building, during a rain and hundreds of poor people who had been driven in from the parks, were packed like sardines along the side walk under the awning, asleep. It is estimated that a million poor people sleep in the parks of New York during the summer. They enter the bread line once or twice a day and get a slice of bread and a cup of coffee and just manage to exist. They seem to have no ambition to better their condition.

I was in New York at the time that a son was born to Mrs. John Jacob Astor. Hundreds of people stood in front of the Astor mansion on Fifth avenue before the arrival of the heir, anxious to learn whether it would be a son or a daughter. New York is a funny old town.

"One can't help but note the difference between Chicago and New York. You never see the examples of poverty in the Chicago parks that you do in New York. In the latter city I have noticed a poor mother clad in tatters and tags, with five dirty little ill clad children, while perhaps along the same walk one could see the child of some millionaire dressed in silks, attended by two nurses.

"One hears a good deal of the police graft in New York City and the general impression is that they are going to 'get' that man Becker. I was in Albany, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, and Minneapolis, while east, and in every one of those cities, a municipal scandal is on the lips of everybody. In Detroit there were seventeen aldermen in jail at one time charged with graft. No doubt the basest kind of graft exists in all of those cities, but it is another matter to prove it.

"After all, it seems good to get back to Minot, the best little city for the man of moderate means you can find. The poor man too has a better chance in the middle west than any place I visited."

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hires of Malvern, Pa. Mrs. Hires was Miss Thura Truax, sister of C. F. Truax, of the Independent. The Hires have

## HAVE FIVE YEAR LEASE ON BLAKEY BLOCK

MacKenzie & Banning Secure Long Lease and Will Branch Out in the Various Lines of Real Estate Business

The well known Canadian land firm of MacKenzie & Banning, evidently mean business for it has secured a five year lease on the Blakey block if now occupies. The building will be remodeled into numerous offices to conduct the Canadian Northern farm land business, insurance, Minot city business, N. D. farm business, collections and a law department will also be installed.

Mr. Wilson, the local manager stated to an Independent representative: "We have some fine propositions that we are going to place before the people of this section of the state, something that will enable them to make good money. We are in Minot to stay and we intend to make our word good. Within a few weeks, we will be able to give you a large list of well satisfied customers.

## FIFTY YEARS WITH THE CRAFT

W. R. Wight of Chicago, father of Ira D. Wight, the efficient manager of the Stone-Ordean Well Co., is visiting at the home of his son in Minot. Mr. Wight has been interested in the printing business for fifty years, having been identified with the Chicago American, Chicago Inter Ocean and a number of magazines. He is away up in the printing art, and has kept right up to date during all of these years. He drew a good number in the Berthold drawing and may decide to file on a valuable homestead.

Merchants inform us that business is a great deal better than at this period last year and all are preparing for a record breaking fall's business.

## LOUNSBERRY WAS THE LONE BANDIT

Held Up Santa Fe Train in California Months Ago—Wife That He Was Engaged in Real Estate Business

Wells Lounsberry, son of the well known North Dakotan, Col. Lounsberry, former government land inspector, in the employ of the department of the Interior, will recover from his self inflicted revolver wound. He has been joined by his wife, a pretty little woman, who has been living at Medford, Ore. Mrs. Lounsberry did not have any idea that her husband was one of the most daring train robbers in the country. He has confessed to being the lone bandit who held up the Santa Fe train in California last spring. He got \$1400 at the time and returned, telling his wife that he had made the money in a land deal in California.

Young Lounsberry was the most daring of train robbers. In his last escapade, he boarded the mail car and held up the six clerks at the point of a revolver. He compelled one of the number to bind the wrists of the other five with strips of leather he carried, and then compelled him to gag them. Afterwards, he bound and gagged the sixth clerk himself and went thru the mails. At Lawrence, Kan., the sacks were not thrown off and this led to an investigation. The clerks were found and later Lounsberry was discovered in a Pullman berth on the same train, with his loot. He shot himself, but failed to inflict a fatal wound.

a fine baby. Mr. Hires is general manager of a condensed milk factory his father being the well known Hires, of root beer fame.

## R. E. BARRON ENJOYING PERFECT HEALTH

R. E. Barron, the popular cashier of the Second National Bank, has returned from Bald Eagle Lake, Minn., where he spent the summer. Mr. Barron was in very poor health when he left Minot last spring, but his many friends are glad to note that he looks better than any time in the past ten years. Mr. Barron's wife was with him during the summer, and returned with him this week.

"I am feeling fine and while I feel like jumping right into the work again, I will do considerable outside work for the bank," Mr. Barron said. "Everybody you meet down below has his eyes on the North Dakota crops. We had been telling them that North Dakota would come back, and now we have a chance to show them that our word was good."

## E. S. WATERMAN RETURNS

E. S. Waterman, who spent the past year in California and Oregon, is back, looking after his interest in the crop raised on his section farm at Des Lacs. He has been spending the summer at Ashland, Ore., but has not invested in any of the high priced land there.

## DRADY FARMER MET WITH PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Christ Berket met with a peculiar accident recently while driving to his home south of Drady from Minot. The night was dark and as Christ did not pay any attention to the honking of an approaching automobile, the go-devil ran into his buggy, which was smashed beyond repair. Christ was thrown out of the buggy clear into the automobile and his horse, freed from the buggy ran away and has not been seen since. Christ was hauled back to Minot and the driver of the auto paid him \$2.00 for the damage done. Christ neglected to learn the names of the occupants of the auto, for which he is duly sorry, as he considers his damage now fully \$50.

## LINHA'S CROP WILL FILL BIG ELEVATOR

Frank Linha has an elevator on his big farm just north of the city that has a capacity of 25,000 bushels. Mr. Linha informs the Independent that he will completely fill the elevator with the fine crop he grew this year. While he has threshed but a little wheat, he is certain the average is more than 20 bushels. His barley averaged 40 bushels and rye about thirty.

## SHERWOOD TRAIN HAS CHANGED TIME

Cannonball Leaves Minot Daily Except Sunday at 4:45 P. M.—Mixed Train Installed on Minot-Fargo Line.

The Sherwood Cannonball has changed time. It leaves Sherwood daily except Sunday, arriving in Minot at 10:25 p. m. and leaves each afternoon at 4:45 P. M. This change is more than welcome to those who desire to come to this city on business, leaving the same day.

A mixed train was installed on the Fargo-Minot line Sept. 1. It leaves Minot each morning at 7:30 except Sunday and arrives in New Rockford at 6:15 p. m. Not very fast, but mighty sure.

The G. N. announces the following change in the Stanley-Wildrose train service:

A mixed train leaves Stanley each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:05 a. m. arriving at Wildrose at 6:10 p. m. Leaves Wildrose each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

## STANLEY DEFEATS DOUGLAS IN TWO GAMES

Two auto loads from Minot went to Plaza Sunday to see two fast games between Stanley and Douglas. Stanley won both games, the first 3 to 0 and the second, 4 to 1. Stanley's battery in the first consisted of Gluehrst and McGovern, and in the second, "Three-fingered" Brown and McGovern. A special train was run from Douglas and an immense crowd attended.

The fall term of the Minot Academy of Music will commence September 9th. Mrs. Riley, who has spent the last few weeks of her vacation in Kansas will return to the Magic City, Friday, September 6th.

## DEVINE IS CANDIDATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Well Known Educational Man Will Be Independent Candidate for Superintendent of Ward County Schools

The "confession of faith" of J. M. Devine, independent candidate for superintendent of schools of Ward county, appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Devine shows plainly by his statement that he is right up-to-date in educational matters and no one questions his ability to make an ideal superintendent of schools. When Mr. Devine was Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state some years ago, he made a record to be proud of. His election to the office of superintendent of the Ward county schools will have a tendency to elevate not only our country schools, but our city institutions of learning as well. He consented to enter the contest only upon the urgent request of hundreds of the voters.

## MILLIONAIRE RAINY WELL KNOWN IN MINOT

Some of the old timers of this city will remember a young man, Paul Rainey, who spent several months at the Leland hotel twelve or fourteen years ago, trying to exist on the allowance of \$150 a month, given him by his father, a millionaire bolt and rivet manufacturer of Ohio. Young Rainey is now in possession of his father's \$50,000,000 fortune and has an interesting time spending the interest. He bought a string of horses several years ago and it is reported that he lost \$2,000,000. He recently returned from South Africa where he hunted lions, bringing three little cubs now on exhibition in New York City.

## WILL MINOT HAVE GREAT WHITE WAY?

Manager Brandt of Consumers Power Company Makes Proposition to the City of Minot Thru Commercial Club

Minot has an opportunity of having a Great White Way if she wants it. The Consumers Power Co. is willing to do its share towards advertising the city. H. E. Brandt, manager of the Consumers Power Co., met with the directors of the Commercial Club Tuesday night and outlined several propositions.

The Consumers Power Co. is willing to install 75 poles, 5 lights to a pole, five poles on each side of the block, covering about seven and a half blocks of the city from the new Soo depot south to Fifth street, and for a block east and west of Main street on First street, providing it is sure that the city will give a ten years' contract at \$50 per annum per post. All lights to be burned until midnight, and the top light to turn the night through. As the city may not find it practicable to enter into such a contract, Mr. Brandt has made another proposition which may meet with approval. The property owners along the street and the tenants to be charged for installing the posts at the rate of \$33 per 25 feet, the property owners to pay \$22 and the tenants \$11. In this way the company could enter into a year's contract with the city at \$48 per post per annum.

A committee of three commercial club directors has been appointed to take the matter up with the city commission at an early date.

## BIG HORSE SALE.

Wm. J. Carroll returned from Wyoming last week, where he spent several weeks buying about 500 fine Percheron mares, geldings and colts, that will be sold at public auction at the G. N. stockyards east of the city, Saturday, Sept. 10. Col. Wm. Holland of Iowa, the famous auctioneer, will be in charge of the sale. This sale ought to be a good one. Billy Carroll knows the horse business from A to Z. Three years ago he conducted a similar sale, selling the farmers some of the finest stock ever brot to this section of the state.

## SUPT. LEVERITCH LOCATES IN GRAND FORKS

C. E. Leveritch, assistant General Supt. of the Great Northern, has moved to Grand Forks that he may better attend to his duties. The Leveritch family left the city Wednesday evening. Minot will miss the genial superintendent and his family, who are prominent in society and fraternal circles.

## A WISE DECISION

W. F. Jennejohn, of Vulcanite, Alta., who owns a valuable house and lot in this city, has had the place on the market for some time. He wrote to a prominent real estate dealer this week stating that he had decided to keep his Minot property, that Alberta had been visited by a severe frost and he did not care to invest any more money in that country.

## JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Practically all of the Jewish stores of the city will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 13 and 14, on account of the Jewish holidays that begin at that time. Another holiday, Yum Kippur, will be observed Saturday, Sept. 21.

## SOME CUCUMBER

John Lesh brot a cucumber to the Independent office that tips the scales at two pounds, eight and a half ounces. It is fully a foot long and ten inches in circumference. John thinks he might have selected a larger one had he taken more pains in looking about his patch.

## Battleship New Hampshire's Stern Battered by Collision With Steamer

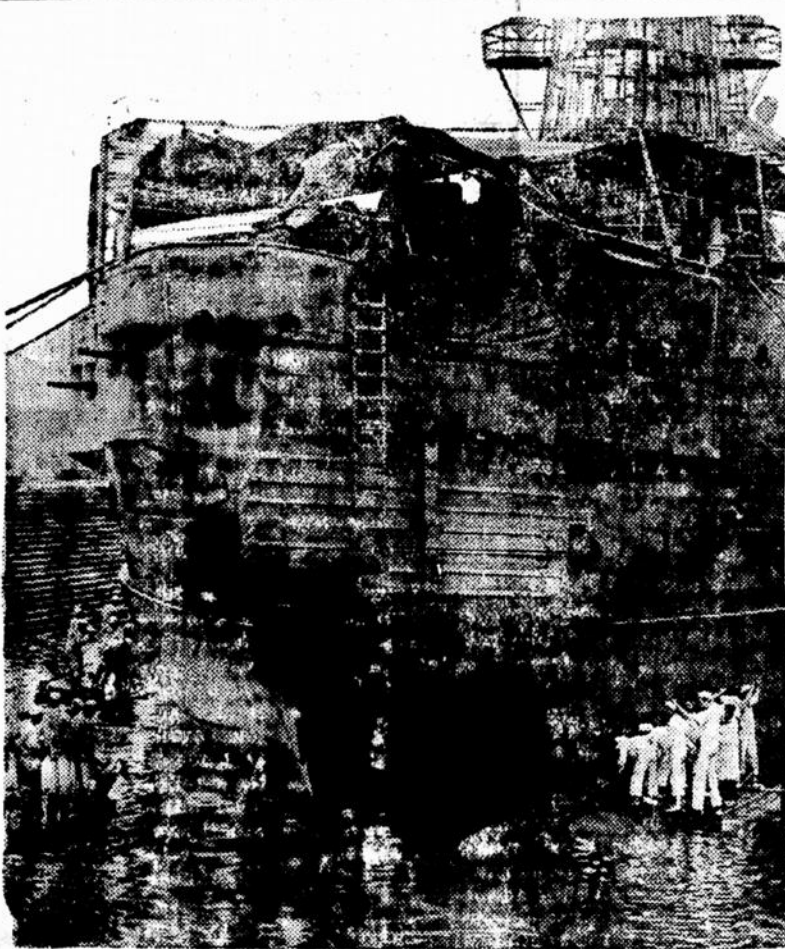


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OFFICIALS of the New York navy yard, where the battleship New Hampshire was put in drydock after her recent collision with the Fall River line steamer Commonwealth, estimate that the repairs to the battleship will require two months and will cost upward of \$40,000. The collision occurred in Narragansett bay, and the New Hampshire's stern plate on the starboard side was jammed in about four inches, and the plate was sprung. A court of inquiry will report to Washington on the responsibility for the accident. Officers of the battleship charge that it was due to the high speed of the steamer through the fog that prevailed at the time. While the New Hampshire is out of commission her place in the fleet will be taken by the Alabama, which has been out of commission for the past two years and which is now in the first reserve.

## JEWELRY FOR PRESENTS

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