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## MORNING HUNTERS ARE VICTORIOUS

### DEFEAT FREEDOM NIMRODS IN JACK RABBIT HUNT—187 RABBITS KILLED DURING THE DAY OYSTER SUPPER.

The Torning hunters have demonstrated their superiority over the Freedom nimrods in a most decisive manner. In a hunt held Monday afternoon between seven hunters on each side, the Torning hunters killed 80 jack rabbits while the Freedom "Dead Eye Dicks" bagged only 47. Still, Monday wasn't a very good day for jack rabbits either.

The hunt was the result of a boast that W. R. Foster had made to some of the Torning boys at a farmers' club meeting. The Torning boys sat and listened to Mr. Foster telling the wondrous tales of how he had shot the eyes right out of the rabbits, and he had even mowed their front teeth. L. T. Larson finally could stand it no longer and he forthwith issued a challenge.

The losing side gives a big oyster supper at the Foster home tonight in honor of their superiors.

The following participated in the hunt:

Torning—L. T. Larson, D. W. King, John Stakston, L. E. Mikkelsen, Art Christenson, Andrew Hegreberg and Matt Ranshougen.

Freedom—W. R. Foster and hired hand, Grover Foster, Pete Flammang, Chas. Bartz, Nathaniel Nordquist and Chas. Nelson.

John Stakston, whose nerves seem to be unusually steady, bagged the most rabbits that day, killing 24.

## ROBBED BEARMAN FRUIT STORE

### THIEVES GAIN ENTRANCE THRU UPPER WINDOWS AND STEAL QUANTITY OF FRUIT, CANDY AND GUM.

The Bearman Fruit house, located along the Soo right of way, was entered Monday night and quite a large quantity of fruit, candy and gum taken. It is believed that the work was done by youths, as nothing of great value was taken. All of the doors had been battered but when they did not yield, the thieves entered the building from an upper window.

## BURLINGTON.

Every little heart in this community is wishing that the weather-man may send along a little snow for Santa's benefit.

Numerous complaints are being heard among the farmers of a scarcity of water for stock. Andrew Lazarus up on the divide says that he has sunk no fewer than five wells this season in order to get a sufficient supply.

The time has come when, owing to the large amount of live stock kept upon our farms, that we can no longer depend upon the shallow well to supply a sufficient amount of water. We must have the deep driven well with a windmill or gasoline engine to operate the pumps. This kind of well calls for quite a sum as an initial expense but once in operation a good well of this kind adds double its cost to the value of the farm. A large number of these wells have been put down by farmers in the vicinity of Donnybrook and they all, without exception, state that they would not be without them were the cost double. It is a great saving of labor, time and patience to come in with a bunch of horses to find a full watering trough to satisfy their thirst. Some farmers pipe the water into their houses to be used for household needs and to supply water to a tank arranged to cool milk, cream, etc., in fact a refrigerator, water cooled. Any how, try to figure out some way to get an unfailing supply of good water.

J. A. Cinninger of White Ash township invested eighteen dollars in a sow eighteen months ago. He told us recently that figuring the value of the pork used on the farm, the pigs sold and the supply of marketable stock on hand, the books would show a balance to the good of nearly \$300. There's a profit in pigs.

John Reiner returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit at his old home at Mt. Carmel, Penn. He found his mother in a serious condition but she had improved considerably before he left, although yet in a feeble condition. He says the mud in the Keystone state was something terrible. Rain fell nearly every day during his stay. We are glad to see John back. His trip did him a world of good.

E. A. Madsen has invested in a bunch of pigs. Einar is now posing as an authority on porcine culture as well as a specialist in poultry.

Judge Wallace will pay twenty-five dollars reward for information lead-

ing to the detection of the party who stole a load of coal from a wagon standing near the tippie on the evening of November 29th. Here's a chance for someone to secure Christmas money.

Mrs. Edwards is substitute teacher for Miss Dahl, who is suffering from a severe cold. The Revival services at the Presbyterian church closed Monday evening, Rev. Christian of Flaxton, who has been assisting at these services, left for his home Tuesday. Rev. Richmond left on Saturday.

A male quartette from Minot rendered a song service at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Their singing was especially fine and was duly appreciated by a large audience.

Owing to the light demand for coal mines in the vicinity are not running at capacity at present. We would suggest that farmers within shipping distance order their winter's supply right now, as there will surely be a great rush for fuel soon and then there will be more or less delay in filling orders. No better lignite can be found than the Burlington product.

One of the old landmarks was lost to the community when "Whitey," the old white dog which has been a fixture about the Buggy store passed to that bourne from which no doggie returns. "Whitey" slipped this mortal coil on Wednesday of last week.

Einar Madsen and Joe Jacobson left Thursday on a business trip to Portal and other Canadian points.

The C. A. Bugge Co. shipped a car of potatoes into Canada this week.

Judge Wallace has an exceptionally fine surry which he will sell cheap for cash. The surry is brand new, the wrappers never having been removed. Here is a bargain for some one wishing a family carriage.

Joe Fallaker who is employed at the Wallace mine was caught between the car and the timbering and quite badly injured on Thursday. It is believed, however, that there are no internal injuries.

For attractive, unique, Christmas goods both useful and mirth provoking, we believe the assortments displayed by our local merchants this year cannot be surpassed. Prices on holiday goods here impress us as being cheaper than in the city. It might be money in your pocket to investigate the home market for holiday goods.

Burlington Royal Court, the woman's club of Burlington, will give a grand masquerade ball at the opera house on Friday evening, Jan. 2. Yourself and lady are cordially invited to attend. Those who have enjoyed the hospitality of the club can testify as to their success in social events, and all who attend may be assured an excellent time. A portion of the proceeds is to go toward the fund being raised to purchase a musical instrument for the school house.

## BERTHA STEWART WINS BRACELET

### PROMINENT YOUNG MINOT WOMAN, WITH 371 WORDS TO HER CREDIT, IS WINNER OF BARKER-WINTER OMEGA CONTEST

Miss Bertha Stewart, a prominent Minot young woman, with 371 words to her credit, won the \$90 watch-bracelet in the Omega watch contest inaugurated by the Barker-Winter Jewelry Co., of this city. The judges, Miss McDonough, teacher of English in the Normal school, Franklin Kauffman, publisher of the Minot Optic, and G. D. Colcord, carefully examined the lists of words in accordance with the rules of the contest.

While there were larger lists turned in than that of Miss Stewart, there was a sufficient number penalized to bring them below the winning list.

The Barker-Winter Co. wish to thank all the contestants for the interest taken and are sorry that each one could not have been rewarded.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE POOR FARM

### SANTA CLAUS WILL REMEMBER EACH ONE OF THE INMATES—PROGRAM AND DANCE—THE NEIGHBORS INVITED.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geist, who have charge of the Ward County Poor Farm, are arranging to give the inmates an enjoyable time on Christmas. The usual Xmas turkey will be served and Christmas night all will make merry.

A lunch will be served and a dance held during the evening. A good Christmas program will be rendered. Many of the neighbors have been invited to the exercises.

Brothers Arrested. Chet and Joe Harris, brothers, were arrested charged with bootlegging. They will be given a hearing before Judge Burke tonight.

## WARREN NOT GUILTY OF CHARGING EXCESSIVE MILEAGE

### JUDGE LEIGHTON DISMISSES THAT PARTICULAR CHARGE AND CHARGES JURY REGARDING INTEREST MATTER—NOW DELIBERATING.

E. G. Warren won a signal victory late this afternoon when Judge Leighton directed a verdict in favor of Warren, holding that insufficient evidence had been introduced by the county to show that defendant had charged excessive mileage fees. As the result of this verdict Warren will not be compelled to pay back any part of the sum, \$12,000 or thereabouts, which he was charged with illegally collecting.

The jury is now deliberating, however, concerning the \$385 interest States Attorney Nestos claims is due the county, for the use of the institute money, \$1374, which Warren had in his possession for a number of years, and which he did not turn over to the county treasurer until sometime between Feb. 15 and 20, 1913. Warren on the stand testified that he had kept that money in a safe at his residence during those years.

State's Attorney Nestos explained to the jury that he should have charged the interest at \$404 instead of \$384, but in the event that

a verdict of interest is given, the county can recover only \$384, which is interest figured at 7 per cent.

Nestos sprung a sensation late this afternoon when he produced a bill that Warren had collected, \$6.00 for a six mile trip to Dist. No. 107, near the poor farm, figured at a dollar a mile instead of ten cents. Judge Leighton held that this was merely a clerical error.

There is some likelihood that the State's Attorney will bring a criminal action against Warren on account of his keeping the institute fund in his possession for years.

Mr. Warren has drawn scarcely any mileage since the first of the year. There is a case pending wherein Warren would compel the commissioners to allow his mileage bills just as he has sworn to them.

The case of Ward county against E. G. Warren, county superintendent, for alleged mileage overcharges aggregating in the neighborhood of \$12,000, is being tried in district court this week.

States Attorney R. A. Nestos is looking after the county's interests, while Warren is represented by Greenleaf, Bradford & Nash.

Warren was on the stand for two days, the county endeavoring to prove that he had charged much more for trips to various schools in many instances, than miles actually traveled. A number of teachers and school

clerks were on the stand, and while their testimony was rather unfavorable to the defendant, for the most part at least, they did not back up their statements with absolute proofs, such as records and actual measurements.

Miss Underdahl, a teacher near Pitts postoffice in Torning township, about twenty miles southwest of Minot, testified that once the superintendent had visited her school and that he had come by auto from Minot, although he actually charged as tho he had gone to Ryder by rail, adding the distance across country.

Although seventy or eighty witnesses have been subpoenaed, the State's Attorney has decided not to call all of them. An effort will be made to complete the case before Christmas.

Many who have heard the case from its beginning do not look for much of a verdict against Warren. It is rather expected that the jury may disagree. Warren is said to have three or four good friends on the jury.

### COUNTY COURT JURORS.

List of names of jurors drawn for the January, 1914, term of the County Court, said jurors to appear on the 7th day of January, 1914, at 2 o'clock p. m.:

C. R. Bierley, Minot; Henry Thompson, Plaza; James Fitzpatrick, Sawyer; Ed Liefson, Berthold; August Engleberg, Kenmare; William Hopp, Donnybrook; E. H. Stenwick, Minot; Gus N. Bowman, Des Lacs; Ole Oer, Minot; Peter Thompson, Baden; John A. Pearson, Minot; Nick Torgerson, Burlington, Rt. 1; J. O. Pence, Rydare; E. H. Johnson, Minot; Fred Valbrecht, Max; John Workman, Donnybrook, Rt. 4; Wm. H. Parker, Minot; Herman Croft, Berthold; Nels C. Nelson, Kenmare; Wm. Hartzell, Berthold; C. H. Robins, Rydare; Ottis Instenes, Sawyer, Rt. 2; Thomas Mulvehill, Lone Tree; E. P. Williams, Sawyer; R. C. Oard, Logan; John Wallin, Minot; John Fastad, Hesnault; Chas. Kirkelie, Burlington; F. R. Gallagher, Minot; E. C. Miner, Kenmare, Rt. 2; Vernie Johnson, Donnybrook; J. C. Kedoun, Benedict; Wm. R. Summers, Surrey, Rt. 1; L. A. Truedell, Deering; E. S. Green, Burlington, Rt. 1; D. J. Mahoney, Minot; Carl Adamson, Kenmare, Rt. 3; Nels Tufeson, Minot; Albert Albertson, Douglas; J. R. Haines, Surrey.

### Douglas Couple Will Wed.

Knute L. Johnson, a prominent young Douglas farmer, and Miss Ellen M. Olson, a charming young woman, whose parents reside at Buxton, N. D., will be married at the home of a sister of the bride-to-be, Mrs. L. H. Odgaard at Douglas Monday. The couple will reside on the farm of Mr. Johnson's father, Wm. Johnson, near Douglas.

## WOMAN CLAIMS SHE WAS ATTACKED

### MRS. FRANK COARSER FOUND IN ROOM OF RAILROAD MAN, WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED—WARRANTS ISSUED FOR TWO OTHERS.

Mrs. Frank Coarser, who alleges that she was attacked in the room of Wm. Stenson, a railroad man in this city several nights ago, has been in the hospital, but is said to be improving. Stenson was placed under arrest at Williston and will be tried at the present term of district court. He was released under \$750 bonds. Stenson claims that when he found the woman in his room, he secured another room. He further claims that he had nothing to do with the alleged offense.

Fred Locke and Pete Myers, railroad men, for whom warrants were issued in connection with the case, cannot be found.

## GRANE TO TALK ON INCOME TAX

### INTERESTING DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AT JANUARY MEETING.

"The Wisconsin Income Tax" will be discussed in an able manner by Prof. A. G. Crane of the State Normal at the meeting of the State Tax association held in Minot January 13-14. Meetings open to the public. The Henry George Theory will be one of the important questions that will be thoroughly discussed by the experts.

Chas. Good, who has been with Slocum & Simpson, at Westby, Mont., leaves this week for Rawhide, Mont., where he is interested in a gold mine or two. He has received word that prospects are bright in that western city.

Jos. Fahey of Upham was in the city Tuesday.

## WORST WILL SPEAK TO THE FARMERS

### PRESIDENT OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WILL ATTEND THE MIDWINTER FAIR IN FEBRUARY.

W. E. Peck and J. M. Devine are working on the list of speakers who will appear during the week of the Mid-Winter fair and are working out a program that will make every hour both for the day and evening sessions instructive and interesting.

Mr. Devine tells us he has received a letter from John H. Worst, president of the N. D. Agricultural College, who agrees to be with us Feb. 17. Pres. Worst's subject will be, "Corn."

To hear John Worst on that subject will be worth going miles. There will be many such attractions and every hour will be filled with something good.

### Branch Makes Final Clean-up.

Considerable interest is being taken in the preinventory sale at the Branch which began last week, and will end Dec. 24th.

This store has an unusually heavy stock of women's and misses' apparel that it does not wish to carry over. Benj. Glazier, the manager, has determined to convert this stock into cash if possible. He has arranged to give a number of valuable presents away on Christmas eve, full particulars being given elsewhere in this issue.

## GLASS EATER TAKEN TO CANADA

### JOE RAYMOND, WHO TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE IN JAIL BY EATING GLASS IN HIS BREAD, WANTED IN CANADA.

Joe Raymond, a Burke county prisoner, serving a sentence in the county jail here for petit larceny, has been taken to Canada to answer to the charge of malicious mischief. It is said that Raymond destroyed some farm machinery there.

Recently Raymond ground up a compass and ate the fine pieces of glass with his bread at the jail. He undoubtedly hoped to die, but he was taken to the hospital where doctors saved his life.

### Our Hog Market.

Farmers in the vicinity of Minot are anxious for someone to buy their hogs to ship by the car load. Minot is a good market for porkers until the demand has once been supplied, when the farmers find it hard to dispose of their hogs at any price. Nearly every farmer is growing hogs and if he is assured a good steady market, this business will increase rapidly. Here is a good chance for some energetic person to develop an important business.

### The Crusader.

"The Crusader," is the name of a new paper launched in Minot by Colonel Alex Scarlett, state humane officer. The Colonel gives the pictures of a number of babies that have found good homes thru his efforts and he relates many interesting stories of his experiences in his work in the interest of humanity. The Colonel intends to issue the publication regularly. If you haven't received a copy, drop the Colonel a line and he'll be glad to send you one.

### Norwich Farmers Want Creamery.

F. W. Pauling, a prosperous young farmer from Norwich, informs the Independent that from four cows during the summer, he was enabled to dispose of 24 pounds of butter a week to Minot customers at 30 cents a pound. All summer long he brot in from twelve to thirteen worth of produce a week, getting cash or the same. He keeps a number of hogs and only last week butchered two of them that dressed 300 pounds apiece.

The Norwich farmers are considering opening a creamery, nearly all of them being in favor of the proposition. Mr. Pauling believes there are enough cows in that neighborhood to make this pay.

### Olson Tried at Towner.

Olaf A. Olson, proprietor of the Lexington hotel, is being tried at Towner this week on a charge of conducting a common nuisance. Dorr H. Carroll is prosecuting the case.

Mrs. Chas. J. Sheffield, who spent several weeks in this city with her husband, who had charge of the hospital campaign, writes from Cleveland, O., where she was called by the death of her mother.

R. M. Johnson was down from his oxholm farm Wednesday.



**The Independent**  
Wishes its readers a  
**Merry, Merry Christmas**

This is a good old world, and it's growing better every day. So many reasons why we should all be glad, especially at this particular season, of the year. Let's drive dull care away and make ourselves merry; in seeing that someone else is made happy.

There's so much good in all of us, but sometimes you have to strike just the right chord in order to notice it.

If each of you will just do some kind act for someone else you can make this the Merriest Christmas of them all.

### Governor Johnson's Widow to Marry.

Mrs. John A. Johnson, widow of the late Governor Johnson of Minnesota, who became a national character during the last years of his life, will be married on Christmas day to William A. Smith of Pittsburgh. Mr. Smith has resided in Minneapolis for two years as manager of a lumber company.

The Daughters of Isabella will give their annual dance Jan. 17. It will be one of the most enjoyable functions held in Minot.

F. L. Sherman and family will leave Minot on Christmas day for Waterville, Maine, where they will spend January with Mr. Sherman's parents.

### Howard Huston's Success.

Howard Huston, who has a host of friends in Minot, is giving a series of entertainments in the eastern part of the state, assisted by Cuyler Anderson, baritone singer. They are meeting with splendid success. Mr. Huston is a University student and is thus paying his expenses. He will arrive in Minot Christmas and assisted by Miss Aletta Jacobson, one of our most popular soloists, will give a number of entertainments in this vicinity. Mr. Huston, as a reader, is making an enviable record.

Tom Pierce, an old time G. N. engineer here, arrived with his wife from Glasgow to visit friends.

**Christmas Greetings**

We wish to take this method of wishing our friends a very Merry Christmas.

The Yuletide season is near at hand, and we sincerely trust that each and every one of you have cause for rejoicing.

We thank our many friends for their liberal patronage in the past, and we want them to feel that we are endeavoring to be worthy of its continuance.

**Hart Swalstead**  
Jeweler  
Minot