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CHEAP SOO RATES START MAY 11

ONLY \$17.00 FROM CHICAGO TO MINOT AND RETURN — FARE FROM MINNEAPOLIS TO ANY POINT IN NORTH DAKOTA AND RETURN BUT \$12.00.

The passenger department of the Soo Line has announced excursion rates for the summer. Tickets will be second class, five or more on one ticket on going trip. Excursions start on every Monday beginning May 11th, up to November 30, 1914. Tickets will bear going transit limit of two days. Final return limit to reach original starting point will be seven days in addition to date of sale. Stopovers will be allowed in North Dakota only on return trip.

Rates from Minneapolis and St. Paul and return will be \$12.00 to all points named below; rates from Chicago, Trout Lake, Milwaukee or Sault Ste. Marie and return will be as follows:

Adams \$16.50; Ashley \$16.50; Benedict \$16.70; Bismarck \$16.70; Carleton \$16.50; Columbus \$19.45; Devils Lake \$16.70; Douglas \$16.95; Enderlin \$16.50; Foxholm \$18.00; Garrison \$16.70; Knmare \$18.70; Kramer \$18.70; Lidgerwood \$16.50; Max \$16.70; Oakes \$16.50; Plaza \$17.40; Relette \$18.25; Ryder \$17.10; Velva \$17.25; Wimbledon \$16.50; Ambrose \$20.10; Baldwin \$16.70; Bergen \$17.55; Bowbells \$19.00; Carpio \$18.20; Courtenay \$16.50; Dogden \$16.70; Drake \$16.70; Fessenden \$16.50; Fordville \$16.50; Grano \$18.70; Kensal \$16.50; Lankin \$16.50; Loma \$17.00; Minot \$17.70; Omeme \$18.70; Portal \$19.00; Ruse \$16.70; Tolley \$18.70; Washburn \$16.70; Anamoose \$16.55; Balfour \$16.85; Bisbee \$17.80; Burlington \$17.80; Cathay \$16.50; Crosby \$19.85; Donnybrook \$18.45; Egeland \$17.55; Flaxton \$19.10; Fullerton \$16.50; Harvey \$16.50; Kermit \$19.70; Lansford \$18.70; Makoti \$17.25; Norma \$18.70; Overly \$18.50; Rogers \$16.50; Russell \$18.70; Underwood \$18.70; Wilton \$16.70.

Rates are good via Drake or Bismarck to places marked *.

New Shaver at Sam Hanson's.

Sam Hanson, the popular proprietor of the Opera Barber Shop, announces the arrival of a brand new shaver, who is destined to eventually eclipse any of the well known artists with whom he has surrounded himself. The little man arrived Thursday morning and tips the scale at just ten and a half pounds. Sam is unable to work today.

MRS. BERTHA M'PEEK IS LAID TO REST

BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN LAID AT REST IN ST. LEO'S CEMETERY—HUSBAND HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

The remains of Mrs. Bertha McPeek, who was brutally murdered by Jos. McPeek, her former husband, at Mrs. Shaw's rooming house, were laid at rest in St. Leo's cemetery Friday morning, after services were held at the church. Those attending the funeral were Mr. and Miss Witte, brother and sister of the deceased, and Mr. and Mrs. Compton, parents of McPeek. McPeek appeared for his hearing Saturday before Police Magistrate Lynch, waived examination and was held on the charge of murder in the first degree without bail.

Colored Dames Approach Policeman.

Jessie Lewis and Maggie Smith, colored, who approached Officer Jas. Dwire on the street, the other evening, inviting him to their room, paid fines of five dollars each, with costs, to Judge Lynch, Monday. The colored dames were greatly surprised when the officer showed them his star and took them to the city bastle.

Brand New Banker.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Byorum Friday night. The proud papa was so excited Friday that there was grave danger of his passing out twenty dollar gold pieces for silver dollars at the Second National that day.

SURREY GRANGE ARRANGES PROGRAM.

The following program, with the thought of spring in view, will be presented at the next meeting of the Mouse River Loop Grange, to be held at the Surrey town hall, Friday evening, April 10. As spring housecleaning is at hand, Patrons are expected to clear up the lawns and grounds of the winter rubbish. Extend this work and include the roadsides, street corners, and in fact any unsightly places in your community, and in so doing we shall prove that the Grange work is not alone empty words, but is the practical carrying out of ideas for which our order stands. All true patriots work in deeds and not in words.

The program is as follows: Song, Work for the Night is Coming—Entire Grange.

Roll Call of Members, each responding with an idea for improvement in the country.

How Can Our Grange Bring These Improvements to Pass?—Mr. Kjos. Some Recent Country Improvements—Mr. George Barness.

Reading—John Bradley. Seed Time Suggestions:

1. Best Method of Garden Planting—Mr. David Burns.
2. Best Method of Seeding Grain.
3. Best Method of Seeding Alfalfa—Mr. A. L. Bouk.

Music. Clean Up Suggestions—Mrs. Vina Laughridge.

Old and New Ways of Housecleaning—Mrs. Tessie Bouk.

Recitation—Pa's Memorandum—Robert T. Porter.

What I Have Learned From Books and Papers that Have Helped Me as a House-keeper—Mrs. Laura M. Smith.

What I Liked About the Program and Why—Mr. J. W. Smith.

Music—Entire Grange. Submitted by the Lecturer, MRS. INEZ PORTER.

SPORTSMEN WILL MEET IN MINOT

GAME WARDEN McCUTCHEON WILL ISSUE A CALL FOR ABOUT APRIL 15—MAY FORM FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION.

E. B. McCutcheon, chief game warden for the district, informs the Independent that he will call a meeting of the sportsmen of his district, to convene in this city about April 15, exact date to be made known later. The object of the meeting will be principally to discuss the present game laws of the state and to make suggestions as to possible changes which might be made from the viewpoint of the sportsmen of the state. The game board as well as the next legislature no doubt would welcome any suggestions coming from a representative body of the sportsmen of North Dakota.

There might be a possibility of forming a Field Trial Association, with membership limited to the sportsmen of the state, and the entries to consist of dogs owned within the state.

DEATH OF MRS. PETER CHRISTIANSON

WIFE OF MINOT BUSINESSMAN DIES AFTER LINGERING ILLNESS EXTENDING OVER A YEAR.

Mrs. Peter Christianson, aged 63 years, died at her home on Franklyn avenue Friday morning, after an illness extending over a year. Mrs. Christianson resided in Minot for the past eight years, coming to the United States from Sweden in 1872. She is survived by her husband, who has been engaged in conducting the Franklyn meat market.

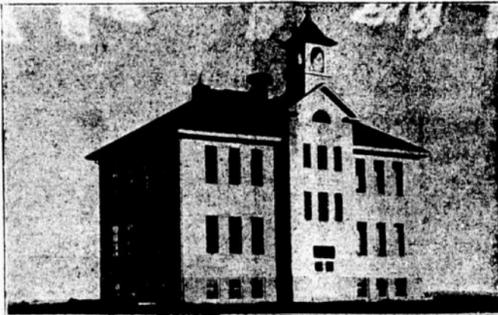
Brother Dies in Chicago.

J. F. McGuire, manager of the Consumers Power Co., received a telegram Monday, notifying him of the death of his brother, Thomas McGuire. The news was a distinct shock to Mr. McGuire.

DAKOTA LEADS IN CONSOLIDATION

In the progress of rural school consolidation North Dakota compares favorably with Minnesota. While the state aid to consolidated schools in Minnesota is six times as large as that of this state, North Dakota has 100 more consolidated schools than the Goopher state. During the last year we have perfected 18 more consolidations that has Minnesota, and I believe that if this state had the same inducements to offer in the way of state aid as has the sister state to the east, we would have done even better.

"The central and western part of the state leads in the consolidation of its rural schools. So far this year Ransom County is in the lead in the number of districts consolidated. The idea is gaining ground and it is hoped that the coming year will show increased activity along this line over the state.—N. C. McDonald, State Inspector of Schools.



THE GRACE CITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL, FOSTER COUNTY.

Cost \$8,000. Last year Professor Hollis addressed the citizens on Consolidation; there was not even a good one-room school house to speak in—today this commodious building testifies to the enterprise of both citizens and outlying residents of the township. Country pupils and Village pupils have the same advantages, due to the simple fact of Co-operation and transportation. Where there's a will there's a way.



THE JUDD SCHOOL BUILDING.

The old abandoned school building a few rods from this one is to be fitted up as a gymnasium and assembly room.

CANDIDATE RUDD MAKES STATEMENT

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION FAVORS ECONOMY—WOULD ENFORCE ALL ORDINANCES STRICTLY.

C. H. Rudd, candidate for the presidency of the Minot Board of City Commissioners, to be voted upon at the special election next Tuesday, April 7th, today gave his views relative to the administration of city affairs. Said Mr. Rudd: "I do not care to make a lot of promises to the people of Minot as to what I will do if elected president of the city commission. If they honor me by election next Tuesday they can feel assured that I will do everything in my power to give them an able and efficient administration and to build up the city in general.

"I believe, however, that the affairs of the city should be conducted in an economical manner, and that while nothing should be done to retard the development of the city, the various departments should be handled in a manner that will be for the good of all.

"I am in favor of keeping a close tab on every dollar spent, so as to keep expenses down to the lowest notch. By doing this I believe we can lower the taxes materially, and induce investors to purchase business property here, and people to build and own their own homes.

"I believe that all the laws and ordinances of the city should be enforced and I am in favor of running the city along strict lines in this respect.

"During my long residence and business career in Minot I have had an opportunity to study conditions, and if elected I shall endeavor to give the public the full benefit of my experience."

MRS. DE'NOON ATTACKED BY DOG

MINOT LADY DEFENDED HERSELF WITH UMBRELLA UNTIL BOYS CAME TO HER RESCUE—DISPLAYED RARE NERVE.

Mrs. C. E. DeNoon had a thrilling encounter with a vicious brown bull dog that attacked her Wednesday afternoon. She used her umbrella effectively in defending herself, breaking it over the canine's head. When she saw that she was about to come out second best, she called to some boys, who came to her assistance. One of the lads threw a hammer at the dog, but with poor aim, the missile striking Mrs. DeNoon's foot, inflicting a painful injury. Some one ought to go a gunning for that dog.

Mrs. DeNoon displayed rare nerve.

Mr. Enger Weds Miss Knutson.

A wedding of no little interest to their many friends, and which proved also to be very much of a surprise to them, was that of Mr. Christian T. Enger and Miss Edith Knutson, which occurred last Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse. The couple were attended by Mr. Foss and Miss Henrietta Rudd and the ceremony was conducted by Rev. P. W. Erickson, the impressive ring service being used. These young people are both widely known in the city, Miss Knutson having lived here since babyhood, attending the schools here and the past two years was employed in McCoy's dry goods department. Mr. Enger has been a resident of Minot four years.

Nels Hiren of Thief River Falls, Minn., is here visiting with old friends. Nels has just sold his restaurant which he conducted for several years with success. He says Fred Herrick, formerly of Minot, now manager of a wholesale house in that city, was recently elected alderman.

NORMALONIANS GAVE DELIGHTFUL CONCERT.

The Normalonians, the glee club from the Valley City Normal school, gave a delightful entertainment at the Armory Wednesday night, to a rather small, but highly appreciative audience. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers of the very highest class.

After the entertainment the visiting students were guests of the Minot Normal students at a delightful banquet at the Armory, at the conclusion of which a program of toasts was rendered. Pres. Crane acted as toastmaster in a very delightful manner.

The ladies of the club were guests at the new dormitory that night.

NEW SCHOOL LAW DID NOT REPEAL OLD ONE.

There seems to be a mix-up in the new law pertaining to the charge for hauling children to country schools from the various zones. According to a former law, school boards could authorize the hauling of children from a distance of two and a half miles, and set the amount to be charged for the same.

The new law provides various zones, the board to set the price of hauling the children from the first zone, which is included in that territory within 1-4 and 2-1-4 miles of the school. In the second zone, the charge must be 50 per cent more than for the first zone, and the third zone just double for the first. It seems that the new law did not repeal that section of the old one and it is probable that the supreme court will have to settle the affair.

Charge Against Olson Dismissed.

The charge preferred against Olaf A. Olson, proprietor of the Lexington hotel, by a Jap bell hop, was dismissed by Judge Lynch for lack of evidence. It seems that the Jap really started the row and provoked Olson to ram the revolver down the lad's throat.

NO TRACE OF ESCAPED PRISONERS

THREE MEN UNDOUBTEDLY HAD HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE—A SENSATION IS LIKELY TO BE SPRUNG.

No trace of the three prisoners who escaped from the county jail three weeks ago by sawing two bars of the upper window. It is entirely possible that the escaped prisoners, one of whom is a negro, are still in hiding in Minot. Officers are still looking for the men and undoubtedly some of them will be located in time.

It has been ascertained that the bars were cut with a hack saw that was slipped into the jail, perhaps thru a window. With this saw, a bar could be cut in fifteen minutes. It is very likely that the men were given considerable assistance from the outside, by a man quite prominent in this city and a sensation is likely to be sprung within a few days.

Ignatz Hauser of Foxholm brot his two-year-old son to the hospital Friday to be treated for tonsillitis and an abscess.

VANDENOEVER MAY BE CANDIDATE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER TALKING OF GOING AFTER THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE—PETITIONS READY TO BE CIRCULATED.

It is currently circulated on the streets today that Peter Vandenoever, commissioner from this district, will be a candidate for sheriff. It is said that Mr. Vandenoever's petitions are ready for circulation, but we have not been able to verify this. Mr. Vandenoever has a wide circle of friends about the county and if he enters the contest, this will complicate matters somewhat, to say the least.

M. T. Morrison, one of the old timers, arrived from the eastern part of the state on his way to Oregon, where he will locate.

PECK RETURNS WITH BLOODED PORKERS

BOUGHT FIFTY-EIGHT REGISTERED SOWS IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG BOYS IN THIS VICINITY.

W. A. Peck, Better Farming Expert, returned today from a three weeks' visit in southern Minnesota, where he selected 58 registered Poland China, Duroc Jersey and Yorkshire sows, from ten to twelve months old. Thirty-eight of these will be distributed in Ward county among boys who have entered the pork producing contest under the auspices of the Scandinavian-American bank. L. H. Robbins, of Velva, who accompanied Mr. Peck, secured 20 sows for the boys of his territory. These hogs have been dipped, so they cannot possibly spread any disease. Blooded porkers are hard to buy in the east and Mr. Peck had difficulty in securing as many as he brot back. They cost from \$35 to \$45, which with the transportation charges and other expenses, makes them \$50 animals. It is expected that part of another car will be received next week.

The boys are taking great interest in the contest. More than two hundred Ward county boys made applications with the Scandinavian-American bank. It is impossible to supply all of them.

Mr. Peck had some interesting experiences in securing porkers. A few were selected here and there in southern Minnesota cities. Farmers brot the sows to the car in crates. At one place, the hogs broke out of the crate and took refuge under the depot platform. Mr. Peck hired some small boys to chase them out while he and Mr. Robbins lay in wait for them. Both grabbed one 250 pound animal that was so husky she rolled both men in the mud before they subdued her. Mr. Peck has become quite an expert on the hog question.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

Senator Gronna has secured passage by the Senate, of a bill granting settlers on the Fort Berthold and Standing Rock Indian reservations in North and South Dakota, one year's extension of time in which to make payments for their land. The bill so gives the secretary of the interior authority to make further extensions in case of crop failures or other untoward happenings beyond the control of the entrymen.

IDA HACKMEISTER BEATS UP PARENTS

YOUNG WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BOOZE, ATTACKS POOR OLD FATHER AND MOTHER—FATHER HELPS HER TO PAY TEN DOLLAR FINE.

Ida Hackmeister, who was Ida Budtke, was arrested yesterday charged with getting "pifficated" and beating her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Budtke. She appeared in Justice Lynch's court this morning and admitted her guilt. She was fined \$10. The luckless Ida had but five dollars, so she telephoned her mother, and said if she was to get out from the clutches of the law, it would be necessary to send her five dollars more. The mother couldn't hear her.

She then talked to her father over the phone and he arranged to produce the necessary money.

Watnes Will Go to Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Watne and daughter, Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Severt Anderson of Bellingham, Wash., will leave Minot Monday night for Norway. They will sail from New York April 14 and expect to return to Minot in September.

Mr. Watne came to Ward county 31 years ago and twenty years ago he last visited the old home. Miss Barbara has never yet seen her grandmother, who lives in Norway, and the visit will be of unusual interest to her. Mr. Watne leaves all of his business here in the hands of Amandus Anderson.