

**RE-OPEN EXPRESS  
RATE CONTROVERSY****RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS TO  
TAKE UP IMPORTANT QUES-  
TION AT GRAND FORKS MEET-  
ING MAY 9.**

The state board of railroad commissioners concluded their business at this point Wednesday evening and Thursday morning left for the west as far as the state line on a special train, supplied by the Great Northern officials, who had been requested by the commission to accompany them, but who could not spare the time to make the trip on the regular trains.

Considerable business was transacted by the commission while here and some important decisions rendered. Among these was the determination of the board to reopen the express rate controversy in order to better adjust some irregularities which have been shown to exist since the new rates have gone into effect. A hearing will be held at Grand Forks May 9, when it is hoped all who have complaints against the present express rates will make them known.

It was also decided to hold a hearing at Ellendale May 7 on the matter of a new depot on the Milwaukee line at that place. On the same date a hearing will be held in the matter of better train service on the Great Northern running out of Forbes.

A loading platform was ordered built by the Northern Pacific at Divide siding, between New Rockford and Sheyenne.

Complaint having been made as to the time of running trains on the Stanley branch of the Great Northern, the commission will go up that branch Friday morning to investigate this matter and at the same time see the people of McGregor in relation to a station house and agent at that point.

The traveling men's organization having protested against the withdrawal by the various railways of the excess baggage coupon books, intrastate, and that "rate" having been withdrawn without notice to the commission and contrary to the rule, it was decided to hold a hearing on the matter at Bismarck May 5.

Attorney J. E. Burke appeared before the commission and asked that Lloyd siding, four miles above Burlington, be made a flag station of trains 105 and 106 of the Soo, which was taken under advisement as none of the company's officials having control were present.

A delegation of farmers from between Deering and Glenburn were before the commission regarding a siding and an elevator proposed for that location. The siding will be built when the farmers organize an elevator company and let the contract for the house.

Attorney Taylor and Trainmaster Keene of the Soo appeared before the board in opposition to the petition for a depot and agent at Greene on the Wheat Line. Commissioner Anderson had visited that point Monday and gave the views of the local people. The matter was taken under advisement.

In addition to these matters the commission cleaned up a mass of office routine work.

Thursday the commissioners left to visit Tioga, Wheelock, Epping, Springbrook, Williston, Trenton, Marley and Buford, returning to Williston for the night. On the return Friday they will run up the Stanley branch to Wildrose and back to this city by 1 p. m. From here the board returns to Bismarck.

**CHRIS H. RUDD  
ELECTED PRESIDENT****PROMINENT LUMBERMAN WINS  
EASILY IN TUESDAY'S ELEC-  
TION—DR. A. CARR MEMBER  
OF PARK BOARD.**

In a rather quiet election Tuesday, Chris H. Rudd, for many years a lumberman of this city, was elected president of the Minot City Commission, defeating two opponents, G. S. Woolledge and H. E. Thompson. Mr. Rudd received six more votes than both of the other candidates combined.

Dr. A. Carr defeated the Socialist candidate, Eugene Teutsch, for member of the park board 557 to 221.

It is a remarkable fact that both of the Socialist candidates, Thompson

and Teutsch, each received 221 votes. A Socialist never splits his vote.

The election was unusually quiet. In the afternoon there was a very little excitement when it was learned that the Socialists were turning out well while less than three-fourths of the normal vote had been polled. It was reported that the Socialist candidate, for that reason, might have a good chance to win, and there was some interest until after the votes had been counted.

The vote stood:

**For President.**

C. H. Rudd, 404.

H. E. Thompson, 221.

G. S. Woolledge, 177.

**Park Commissioner.**

Dr. A. Carr, 557.

Eugene Teutsch, 221.

The new president is manager of the Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. He is regarded as a good businessman and that he will give Minot a first class business administration is a foregone conclusion. He will go into office unhampered and ready and willing to give the city the best there is in him.

**Chapter for Williston Masons.**

W. H. Reighart, inspector of Masonic lodges for the Twelfth district, recently inspected the lodges along the Great Northern west of Minot. At Williston he found a lodge with 126 members. There is some talk of organizing a Chapter at Williston.

**WILL STOCK MOUSE  
RIVER WITH TROUT****STATE GAME WARDEN OFFERS  
A SUPPLY OF FISH FOR THE  
MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT IF  
PARK BOARD WILL GUARAN-  
TEE SUITABLE PROTECTION.**

To the Editor of the Independent:

I read the other evening, with a great deal of pleasure, the articles run in your paper regarding the beautifying and extension of the Park system. I have more than an ordinary interest in the Parks of Minot, having had the honor to write the first editorial article that appeared in a Minot paper, advocating a park system for Minot. In that article written a number of years ago, I advocated a new dam, below the city, but above the sewer outlet, and the removal of the two dams now in the river. Such a dam would give plenty of depth of water for boating, but more especially would the depth be required to keep alive, during the long winter, such fish as might be in the stream.

If this matter is attended to, so as to secure the depth required by the Game and Fish Board, and the Park Board will give their guarantee to keep the river clean and free from refuse and foul matter that kills fish, I will guarantee to see that the present river is stocked with fish, as required, and that a shipment will be deposited in the Mouse river each year for the next five years, and very shortly there can be plenty of good fishing right here in Minot. I believe the public does not know generally that we have in this state a splendid Fish Hatchery, that is doing good work and will soon make its work more noticeable, as results along that line are not rapid. This hatchery is located at Lake Upsilon and has distributed in this state many millions of fish to restock the lakes and streams. This hatchery costs the state no money for maintenance or distribution. It is not kept up from taxes but solely by the appropriation of a portion of the money raised by the sale of hunting licenses, and last year this ran into several thousand dollars, and millions of fish were distributed, absolutely free, and without any cost whatever.

Referring to the question of dams at present in the Mouse river, I will say that both dams of the railway companies in Minot are absolutely illegal, in that they do not conform to the laws covering fish, as there has been no provisions made in either of them for the fish way required by law. We have called the attention of the railways to this matter and they have deferred action in anticipation of some movement on the part of the Park Board.

I assure you that if the proper place is provided the Game and Fish Board will supply the fish.

Yours truly,

E. B. McCUTCHEON,  
Chief Game Warden.

**MINOT NORMAL  
ENTERS NEW HOME****TODAY MARKS EPOCH IN HIS-  
TORY OF STATE INSTITUTION  
ALL CLASSES HEARD IN MAG-  
NIFICENT NEW STRUCTURE  
TODAY.**

Today marks an epoch in the history of the Minot State Normal school for the magnificent new building, was occupied today for the first time. All classes were heard in the building today. Yesterday was spent in moving from the Armory to the new building and now everything is running smoothly.

Altogether nine rooms in the new building are occupied, including the spacious office of President A. G. Crane. Considerable interior finishing of the new building remains to be done, but this will in no way interfere with the work of the school. The entire building will be completed about May 1.

The building will be in shape for the use of the Northwestern summer school, and it will be by far the best equipped place the school has ever used. The summer school opens June 30 and will close August 7. It is possible that the Model school will be conducted during the summer and any pupil from the Minot schools will be allowed to attend.

The girls' dormitory was occupied March 1. This is a beautiful structure, large enough to accommodate 104 girls. Besides many others will be enabled to obtain meals there at very reasonable prices.

The Independent next week hopes to give a fitting description of the buildings illustrated with half tones.

**OPENED TWELVE  
YEARS AGO TODAY****SCOFIELD IMPLEMENT COM-  
PANY STARTED BUSINESS  
HERE—ENGESETH WITH THIS  
CONCERN ALL THESE YEARS.**

Just twelve years ago today the Scofield Implement Co. started operations in this city. Well we remember the day that "Jim" Scofield installed his first stock of farming implements in the old Scofield livery barn, then located on Main street, where Mr. Scofield's three-story block now stands. Eight years ago the building was moved to its present location and remodelled. During all these years "Jim" Scofield has been a good friend to the farmer. He has always sympathized with the man who couldn't meet his obligations. This concern has built up an immense business and M. J. Engeseth, who has been with the company from the first day it started business, deserves a great deal of the credit for its success. Mr. Scofield will soon lose the services of Mr. Engeseth, who will be our next register of Deeds, and he will do so very reluctantly.

**Glasses Relieve Nerve Trouble if Fitted Right**

A letter from an Ex-County Superintendent of Schools who held office for three consecutive terms in Bottineau County, N. D.

1863 Kimball St., Portland, Ore.

Dr. H. H. Hovda,  
Minot, N. D.

Dear Friend:

In reply to your inquiry about the glasses you fitted for my wife, I am glad to say that they have made a fine improvement not only in assisting her to see with much more ease, but in a physical way as well. Before you fitted her she seemed to be at a nervous tension all the time. Not only did her eyes easily tire but she was easily excited and nervously restless. After a hard day's work her nerves would involuntarily jerk. But all this has disappeared. The nervous tension has gone. She is quiet and can rest any time during the day. Physically she seems to be almost another woman. . . . .

With best wishes and success to you I remain,  
Sincerely yours,

P. E. CHRISTENSON.

Mrs. Christenson was wearing glasses when she consulted us but they did not relieve her Eye Strain.

CONSULTATION FREE.

**H. H. Hovda**

Neurologist and Eye Specialist

Cor. Reishus and First St.

Minot, N. D.

**WILL BUY ZOO  
FOR MINOT PARKS****PARK BOARD DECIDED TO BUY  
TWO BUFFALO, COYOTES, RAC-  
COONS, ETC.—SQUIRRELS AL-  
READY IN THE PARKS.**

Minot is to have a Zoo. This will delight the youngsters and some of the older boys and girls as well. The park board has decided to buy two buffalo in South Dakota, a bull and a cow in calf. They will cost about \$600. There has been a little objection on the part of one or two to buying the buffalo, but Colonel Scarlett declares that these animals are very docile and will require but little attention. In fact the Colonel could almost look after them himself. Five acres will be fenced for the buffalo.

A menagerie will be started in a small way. The board has a line on some coyotes, foxes, bears, raccoons, several of each of which can be secured free. Colonel Scarlett wants to install a cage of monkeys during the summer. The parks already have many squirrels, but the boys have been disturbing their nests and shooting them. The board passed an ordinance forbidding the carrying of guns in the parks, punishable by a fine of from \$1 to \$19 or from 1 to 15 days in jail or both. Park policemen have been ordered to arrest anybody carrying shooting irons in any of the parks.

Two sanitary drinking fountains are to be installed in the parks.

J. A. Anderson returned from Grand Forks today where he transacted business. Mr. Anderson represents the Universal Lighting System of Chicago for the western section of the state.

**MAMMOTH CROWD  
AT M'COY'S OPENING****MUSIC AND FLOWERS, AND UN-  
USUALLY PRETTY DECORA-  
TIONS MARK BRILLIANT  
FUNCTION MONDAY EVENING.**

A wealth of pretty carnations, magnificent spring and summer merchandise and unusually pretty decorations, marked the spring opening at McCoy's Monday evening between 7:30 and 9:30. Hundreds visited the pretty store during the evening and witnessed one of the most brilliant scenes in the history of Minot merchandising events.

Hovind's seven-piece orchestra played an excellent program during the evening. Miss Birdie Piper presided at the carnation bowl and each lady was presented a pretty flower.

The merchandise all appeared unusually beautiful and the displays in all departments were at their best. The millinery department seemed to attract the ladies most and Miss C. E. Smith, who has charge of that department, took pleasure in showing the

creations for the season that is at hand.

Special attention had been given to the decorations by C. E. DeNoon. This year there was an absence of the massive set pieces, the decorations being on more dainty lines. There were ledges of white garden fences, covered with rose vines and blooming roses. Pink, green and white was the color scheme throughout. The set pieces were covered with vines and from the chandeliers hung graceful festoons of weeping willows.

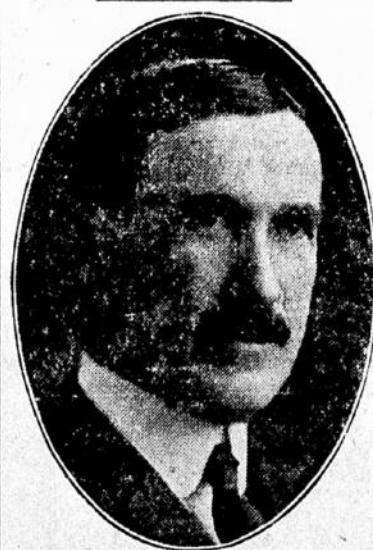
The windows were very attractive. In one appeared a light green and old ivory massive fountain with rock effect at the top. A large lion's head with heavy chains formed a portion of the fountain. The whole thing was covered with air plant vines, giving a spring effect. Lanterns were suspended from the background.

The other window represented a white and green French garden, with lilies and other flowers. The wall at the back was of green with large green beaded lanterns. A gold jardiniere filled with Japanese wisterias formed a part of the window. In front of the wall were Pergolas with Onyx columns and beaded lanterns with vases of flowers beneath. The whole window was trimmed in air plant vines. In the windows were shown some of the prettiest dresses, suits, hats, silks, parasols, etc., taken from the stock.

Mr. McCoy received many compliments on the appearance of his store, which is one of the very prettiest in the state.

**YOUNG LAD IS A  
SHERLOCK HOLMES****BILL DUGGAN DISCOVERS BOOT-  
LEGGERS AT WORK AND NOTI-  
FIES SHERIFF—CLEVERLY SE-  
CRETED PLANT IS DISCOVER-  
ED.**

Bill Duggan, a twelve-year-old red headed urchin, is the youngest Sherlock Holmes that has ever operated in the state. He rushed into the office of Sheriff Kelley Saturday evening, almost out of breath and said: "Ed, I know where there is a feller that's sellin' whiskey. I know, 'cause I just bought a bottle." Kelley gave the lad a dollar, told him to buy another bottle and bring it to him. The lad soon returned with the whiskey, a mighty poor brand. Kelley accompanied the lad to the employment office under the Athens Cafe, where Harry Grill operated a bootlegging joint. Grill was arrested and the sheriff spent an hour looking for the "plant." Altho the room was small, the sheriff hunted for an hour before he found the whiskey. He noticed where a new nail had been driven into the wall, and pulling this out, took off a board behind which was the plant. Grill entered a plea of not guilty and hopes to get away.



GOVERNOR L. B. HANNA.

Governor L. B. Hanna this week announced his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Hanna has made good. He asks for one more term that he may complete certain important work that he has started and it is generally conceded by all factions that he will have a walk-away.

**Will Sell Potatoes to Canadians.**  
Einar Madsen, the Burlington merchant is in Canada this week making arrangements to ship six car loads of the famous Burlington tubers to that realm. Our Canadian friends have become so fond of the Ward county toothsome spuds that they'll buy no other.

**GET-TOGETHER  
CHURCH LUNCHEON****COUNT-ON-ME GIRLS SERVE A  
DELICIOUS BANQUET AT THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — A  
GOOD PROGRAM OF TOASTS.**

The "Get-Together" luncheon in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening was a delightful affair. Representatives from all of the Minot Sunday schools were present as well as a good representation from Drady. The Count-on-me girls served a most delicious banquet in two courses and the tables were resplendent with cherry blossoms and ferns. Following the luncheon service Rev. T. A. Olson acting as toastmaster in his usual happy manner called upon several of those present to respond to various toasts. The first was given by the Hon. Dorr H. Carroll of the Baptist S. S. who spoke on the subject, "Why are we here?" He said this gathering bespoke a new spirit of earnestness and endeavor in Sunday school work, that it was no longer regarded as child's play of a children's institution but as something that demanded our most careful study and effort. Dr. A. D. McCannel of the Presbyterian Sunday school was the next speaker and he gave many helpful ideas on "The Goal of all Sunday School teachers." He pointed out that good preparation and a consistent life thru the week were the most essential factors of successful teaching. The goal could not be set too high in this important work. The Elementary department was spoken of by Mrs. J. G. Webster and she especially urged all Sunday schools to enroll the wee ones on the Cradle Roll and thereby qualify on one of the most important points of excellence in the whole work. Hon. R. A. Nestos gave a very interesting talk on Confirmation and Decision Day, emphasizing their importance in the young lives of the teen-age pupils.

Mr. Wade A. Beardsley called attention to the financial needs of the Ward County association that, like the poor, are always with us.

Rev. Walter A. Snow, the General Secretary of the North Dakota Sunday School Association, was a very forceful speaker. He spoke of the importance of the work and the efficiency of the modern school, the advancement of its methods and the earnestness that should and does characterize its workers. He paid a deserved compliment to the Count-on-me girls and said they were widely known as an efficient organized class that was always doing things worth while. They have gained much notoriety thru their various activities, and are a great credit to their teacher, Mrs. Dickinson. Mr. Snow went on to state that a goodly delegation was expected to attend the convention in Jamestown in June. The delegates from this section will be received and entertained for one night en route to the convention city. Mr. Snow's address was very helpful and inspiring as was also that of Mr. L. W. Groninger, the efficient superintendent of teacher training for this county. He spoke of his line of endeavor as being second in importance to none and an important means to an important end for all Sunday school teachers who had efficiency as their goal. Rev. Bloom offered the closing prayer.

**CAPTURE PAIR OF  
BLACK SNOWBIRDS****POLICE ARREST LULU COOK AND  
RENA MANNING, WHO ARE  
CAUGHT WITH LARGE QUAN-  
TITY OF COCAINE.**

Chief of Police Robinson Tuesday arrested Lulu Cook and Rena Manning, colored women, who reside on Jarvis street. Each of the women had a large bottle of cocaine. The Manning woman testified at her hearing that she had secured her bottle from a prominent Mohall druggist while the Cook woman said her bottle belonged to Chas. White, better known as "Red" and that he had gotten it from an Omaha firm. White was placed under arrest. The women were arrested for disorderly conduct and paid their fines. U. S. Marshal James Shea, who was here, recommended that the women be held to U. S. court.