

The Ward County  
INDEPENDENT

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.



The writer spent several days at Mandan, the capital city of the Big Muddy and we were surprised at the development of that section of the state. Mandan is a thriving city of about five thousand population, located in a picturesque spot at the junction of the Missouri and Heart rivers. The business and professional men are among the most progressive in the state. Mandan has twelve blocks of paved streets, hundreds of beautiful modern residences, fine churches and schools, and the state training school for boys and girls. The government maintains an experimental farm of 1280 acres, with large buildings and many substantial improvements. Mandan's water is supplied by the Missouri, therefore is as pure as that of any city in the world. Several new business blocks are under construction. Mandan has three prosperous newspapers, the News, the Republican and the Pioneer, and the last mentioned appears daily as well, with up-to-date telegraphic service. We congratulate the enterprising people of Mandan on the metropolitan city they have built.

The German and Austrian armies seem to be making considerable progress both in Galicia and on the western battle front. Every day brings to the English a keener realization of the enormous task that confronts them. Russia, in spite of her serious defeats, is apparently confident of ultimate success. The contest is demonstrating the superiority of a monarchial form of government in the conduct of modern warfare. There are no questions raised as to the practicability of conscription or the confiscation of munition factories, such as are being forced in democratic England. The government is supreme. An imperial ukase is never questioned.

Judge Pollock has decided that the Equity Exchange is solvent and that concern will be permitted to continue business in North Dakota. The Independent is glad that the Exchange was able to defend its case with the above results and the many friends of the movement have declared right along that the public had nothing to fear. It

looks a good deal as tho the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce was interested in the case for the Equity Exchange has long been a thorn in the flesh of that organization. We don't see any use in going into hysterics over any sins of omission or commission on the part of the Equity Exchange. No one is compelled to patronize that organization unless they care to. They can still sell their grain thru the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce firms if they desire and the managers of the Equity Exchange no doubt realize that if they are to retain the confidence of the public and enlarge their business, they will have to "tote fair." We would like to see the Exchange prosper and from what we can learn that organization has the best wishes of the farmers and businessmen in general over the north-west.

The Independent hears faint political rumblings that are destined to become more pronounced within the next few months. It is quite possible that there will be an interesting contest for the position of judge of the Eighth Judicial district. Judge Leighton's term will expire next year and the judge will be a candidate for re-election. When a judge has held office for five or six years without being subjected to any adverse criticism, it becomes a very hard matter to defeat him. There are several, no doubt, who are looking at Judge Leighton's position with longing eyes, but they realize that their efforts might be wasted in trying to gain it. One quite well founded rumor has it that F. B. Lambert, a prominent Minot attorney, will enter the contest for the place, however, should this be true, it will be some time before he makes his formal announcement.

The crop prospects are great. Cattle look sleek and fat on our farms. Thousands of porkers are being fitted for market. Farm lands are advancing rapidly in value. New houses and barns are going up everywhere, in cities and in the country. Every line of business is thriving. High prices prevail. Auto dealers cannot get machines fast enough for their trade. The banks are fairly bursting with money. We can all wear good clothes, enjoy a holiday occasionally and this country is going to keep out of the war. Why shouldn't every North Dakotan enjoy life to its fullest extent.

A new law goes into effect the first of July, prohibiting children under 15 years from playing or hanging around on the right of way or near cars. The law makes the agent a special officer with power to arrest offenders. The companies of the state are posting notices in the depots relative to this law and they will see that the law is enforced. This is a good law and parents should co-operate in this matter and see that their children are kept away from railroad property unless they have business there.

Huerta, former distator of the Mexican republic, following the assassination of Madero, was arrested at El

Paso, Texas, June 27. He was detected in the execution of a plot to send an expedition against Carranza and Villa and thus add to the complications that now distract that unfortunate country. He will probably be deported, as will also be the case in regard to General Orozco, who was placed under arrest at the same time.

Next Monday, July 5, will be the greatest day that Minot has ever seen, indications being that immense crowds from all sections of the state will attend the celebration that has been arranged by the Minot merchants. The Independent, on behalf of the businessmen of Minot, extends you a cordial invitation to visit our city next Monday.

Based on the records of City Assessor Wheeler, the real and personal property of the city of Minot is placed at close to \$9,000,000.

This computation is based upon the present system of valuing property at one-fourth of its actual cash value.

Not a bad record for a city still in its teens.

**EARLY PIONEER VISITS FRIENDS**  
Wm. Hope of Edson, Alta., one of Minot's pioneers, is back for a visit with old friends. Mr. Hope was one of our early hardware merchants. He built the second block in Minot, in 1896, now occupied by Jos. Rowan, an undertaker. Mr. Hope completed the building in a remarkably short time, and business was so good that he sold goods before he had time to mark them. He was one of the first postmasters. Guy Frank, one of our prominent merchants, worked for Mr. Hope then and was made deputy postmaster. Mr. Hope is a great big, whole-souled gentleman and many old friends are enjoying a good visit with him.

**LATTER DAY SAINTS CAMP MEETING**  
The annual meeting of this society commencing July 2 and continuing over two Sundays will be held on the Tilton camping grounds, one mile north of Logan.

A number of talented speakers will be on hand, including Elders Grover Wells and J. W. Wright of Lamoni, Ia.; Jas. A. Gilen of Council Bluffs, J. E. Wildermuth of Fargo, and others of the state missionary force.

Order of service for Sunday, July 4th: Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; preach 10:45 a. m.; afternoon 2:30; evening 8 o'clock. Further announcements later.

WM. SPARLING.

**RAINFALL OF 2.14 INCHES WITHIN TWO HOURS**

Friday night's storm was a record breaker as regards a heavy precipitation within a given period of time, 2.14 inches of water having fallen within two hours. There was very little damage as a whole throughout the city, which is a matter of congratulation upon the part of Minot residents when they take into consideration the immense damage to property and crops that are reported from the eastern portions of the state.

**CRACKED BUXTON P. O. SAFE**  
Yeggs blew the safe of the postoffice at Buxton at an early hour Saturday morning and extracted packages containing \$2,100 in registered matter, in addition to \$25 cash and \$30 worth of stamps.

They stole an automobile belonging to Edward Leron of Buxton and escaped. They were traced as far as Grand Forks, but there all trace of them was lost.

**NEW BUSINESS FOR LOGAN**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw of Logan were in the city yesterday. Mrs. Shaw has had charge of a hospital at Anamosa for several months. Mr. Shaw is preparing to open a real estate, loan and insurance office at Logan this week. He had eleven years' experience with some of the largest insurance companies in England and will handle all kinds of insurance. He ought to build up a nice business.

Mrs. Mabel Roellig of Minot was elected Grand Manager of the Pythian Sisters at their meeting in Fargo last week.

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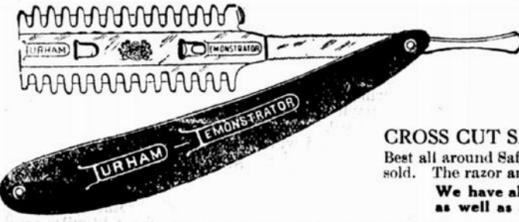
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**CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL AT EQUITY PICNIC SUNDAY**  
On next Sunday, July Fourth, Charles Edward Russell, noted journalist and sociologist of New York city, will speak at Dorman Park.

Mr. Russell has been the champion of the oppressed masses for the past quarter of a century. As the editor of the New York Journal and other metropolitan papers, he gained fame as a radical and thinker. Mr. Russell's recent articles in Pearson's on the European war and the "Revolt of the Farmers"—a series of articles bearing on the fight of the North Dakota farmers and the Equity society for a free market—have made his name familiar to all North Dakotans. The meeting next Sunday will be something in the nature of an Equity Picnic. Among the prominent Equity

speakers who will be present are Geo. S. Loftus, S. H. Greeley and Ben Drake. A large crowd will no doubt be in attendance to hear these prominent men.

**WHITE SLAVER IS FOUND GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT**  
Fargo (Special) June 26.—William C. Miller was found guilty of violating the Mann Act, in federal court in session here this week. Miller is a resident of Marmath and the crime for which he stands convicted was the transportation of a woman from Minneapolis to his home in Marmath for immoral purposes. The woman had testified before the grand jury but when called upon to testify at the trial refused on the grounds of incriminating herself. Judge C. F. Amidon in ruling on this

issue took the ground that inasmuch as she had given her testimony before the grand jury she must also testify before the court. Being the main witness her testimony was vital to securing a conviction.

**BISBEE FARMER KILLED**  
A young man named Howard Kaiser who was employed on a farm near Bisbee was thrown from a load of road culverts which he was hauling away from the Great Northern depot here today, when the team became frightened and running away tipped the load into a ditch, pinning the young fellow underneath the heavy weight. He was unconscious when released and died the following day without regaining consciousness.

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