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## CASE COMPANY REPORTS IM- MENSE BUSINESS

MANAGER ERICKSON AND HIS STAFF KEPT ON THE JUMP IN TURNING OUT TRACTORS, AUTOS AND OTHER OUTFITS.

What with their large sales of Case outfits and the splendid business they are enjoying in automobiles, Manager Erickson and the entire Case plant are kept on the keen jump these days.

This firm is making a special bid for business in road-making machinery. They now have their new model 65 h. p. Case engine on display. It's a dandy and besides is reputed to be the most powerful tractor on the market today.

The new model 35 h. p. auto is one of the most beautifully designed cars we have ever inspected. Four autos were sold last week. A. M. Fruh purchased a 35 h. p. and Roy White, Levi Colverts, Thomas Brock bought 30's. In addition to these sales the sale of a 25 h. p. auto to John Simonson, a prosperous Deering farmer, might be mentioned.

Their sales of separators and engines have been unusually heavy this year. Elmer Smith took a complete Cast outfit, 75 h. p. engine and separator; C. M. Peterson a Case separator, 40-62; M. A. Fogel an 80 h. p. engine and separator; George E. Carlson a separator.

This immense business in autos, separators and engines is an excellent indication of prosperous conditions, among those engaged in agricultural pursuits as well as a demonstration of the popularity of the Case products.

## BLAINE ALLEN'S MOTHER DIES

DIRECTOR OF MINOT BAND HURRIED TO BEDSIDE OF SICK MOTHER BUT LOST OUT IN RACE WITH GRIM REAPER.

The many friends of Blaine Allen, director of the Minot Metropolitan Band, will be sorry to learn of the death of his mother, which occurred at Minneapolis at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Allen was aware that his mother was precariously ill, as he had but recently returned from her bedside, but he hoped that he would again see her before death arrived. He remained in the city for the concert Sunday and Monday and that night left for Minneapolis, but her demise occurred before his arrival.

Mrs. Allen was fifty-seven years of age. It is quite probable that the concert given regularly by the band, will have to be postponed, as it is not known definitely as yet when Mr. Allen will return to this city.

## JACK LONDON VISITS BURLINGTON

NOTED AUTHOR SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH SOO SURFACING GANG TO SECURE MATERIAL FOR NEW BOOK.

Jack London, the noted novelist, author of "The Call of the Wild," "The Daughter of the Snow," "The Sea Wolf," etc., was in Burlington several days recently. He accompanied a big gang of men engaged in surfacing the roadbed of the Soo, living in the bunk cars and enjoying the same fare as the humblest laborer. Mr. London is probably in search of characters, plot and environment for a fresh book.

## MINOT'S POPULATION IS 10,112

POPULATION OF MINOT INCREASED OVER 50 PER CENT IN 5 YEARS, AND THE OLD TOWN HAS JUST STARTED TO GROW.

City Assessor Wheeler has completed the official enumeration of the residents of Minot and finds that our population now is 10,112. Five years ago the official count showed by 6,724. These figures show a most remarkable growth and are a matter that is very gratifying to those whose interests are bound up in the city's welfare.

## GRANT S. YOUMANS IS GENERAL MANAGER

INCORPORATORS OF FARMERS' RURAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION HELD MEETING IN MINOT AND PERFECTED ORGANIZATION.

The incorporators of the Farmers' Rural Credit association with an authorized capital stock of \$500,000 met on June 30th, 1915, in this city and perfected the organization. The stockholders elected the following directors for the first year:

President—C. J. Lee, Valley City.  
First Vice President—C. B. May of Argusville.

Second Vice President—J. W. Wasson, Velva.

Secretary—A. M. Baker, Fargo.

General Manager and Treasurer—Grant S. Youmans, Minot.

Zack Shockman of Berlin, and Anton Albertson of Minot.

To Commence Business at Once  
Credit loans will be made payable in one amount, in installments or with amortization for which borrowers will receive cash or rural credit notes, debentures, certificates or bonds, and such loans shall be based upon personal, collateral or mortgage security.

The net earnings of the business handled by the association after a payment of dividends at the rate of 8 per cent per annum on the membership shares, 20 per cent of the earnings set aside as a surplus fund, and 20 per cent additional reserve for operating expenses, is to be divided on a patronage basis.

The principal functions of the institution will be to furnish rural credit facilities and to promote, establish and maintain bureaus of credit, audit, employment, information, insurance, co-operation, distribution, immigration, agricultural schools, and other departments for the members of the association.

The association will within a very short time become active in its special lines of business.

The people of the city of Minot can congratulate themselves on securing a financial institution of this kind for this city.

## MINOT DAIRY WILL HOLD PICNIC

FIRST ANNUAL OUTING AT MAJOR PERSON'S ELMWOOD FARM THURSDAY, JULY 15TH—PROGRAM AND LUNCH.

The stockholders, patrons and friends of the Minot Dairy Co. will hold their first annual picnic at Major E. S. Person's Elmwood farm, two miles west of the city, Thursday, July 15. All who attend should take their lunches, but coffee and ice cream will be served free by the Minot Dairy Co. at lunch time.

A good program will be rendered. A number of addresses along dairying lines will be made and a musical program rendered.

Commissioner of Agriculture Flint, Peter Miller, dairy commissioner, Prof. Shepherd of the agricultural college and others have been invited to attend.

Thomas Cooper, better farming expert of the state, will probably be present.

The picnic grounds are on an island at the Major's farm and the spot is one of the most picturesque in this section. Those who attend will have a fine time.

## TALES FROM OLD TIMERS

PUBLICITY BUREAU ISSUES INTERESTING BOOKLET DEALING WITH COMIC EARLY HISTORY OF MINOT.

The North American Publicity Bureau has just issued a very unique booklet, "Tales from Old Timers," dealing with the early comic history of Minot, together with some facts concerning the city as it is today.

The cartoons were drawn by H. J. Linney, who has displayed unusual ability. Associated with Mr. Linney is T. S. Kipping, who had charge of the descriptive matter and the advertising. Many of the business and professional men are represented in the advertising columns.

Many of these books will be distributed between Minot and San Francisco. Mr. Kipping and a partner will leave in ten days for the west by motorcycle, stopping enroute, to dispose of these books.

The Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. has purchased a Case car for the use of the Minot yard.

## THREE HUNDRED AT SUMMER SCHOOL

FACULTY OF TWENTY-ONE IS IN CHARGE OF THE STUDENTS FROM TWELVE NORTHWESTERN COUNTIES OF STATE.

The first week of the northwestern summer school finds the enrollment at 300. The twelve affiliating counties for the summer are now represented, with Ward county naturally leading in numbers.

The summer school faculty is now complete, numbering twenty-one. Of the normal members the following are present this summer:

Messrs. W. F. Clark, G. Altmann, W. Hammond and A. G. Crane, Misses Winsted, Cook, McDonough, Mrs. Perrett and Mrs. Simpson.

The following members have been secured to complete the corps, all of whom are specialists in their various lines: Supt. L. A. White, Williston; Supt. Louis P. Linn, Kenmare; Supt. S. H. Darling, Bottineau; Supt. J. H. Colton, formerly of Towner, now of New Rockford; Mr. W. W. Mitchell, Minot; Supt. H. A. Tewell, Ray; Miss V. E. Ellison, Velva, agricultural high school; Miss W. M. Basing, Valley City, principal McKinley school; Miss Carrie J. Dean, critic in Intermediate and Ninth Grades, Valley City Normal; Miss Grace Kane, Industrial school, Appleton, Wis.; Miss Ella M. Benson, Jamestown, primary; Miss Jennie McKenzie, Minneapolis public schools.

The four ladies last named, with Miss Cook of the Normal faculty, comprise the model school corps of teachers. There are 185 enrolled in that department at present.

Mr. Wolfe's resignation from the summer school force is very much regretted for he has been a valuable member for several years. His work has been taken by other faculty members, so there will be no additional instructor this year.

STATE AID FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Bismarck, N. D., July 8.—Warrants for state aid for various high schools throughout the state are being mailed from the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor. The checks will be mailed to the treasurer in the various districts where the schools are located and will in turn be delivered by them to the school authorities.

There are three classes of classified high schools in the state and they will receive additional funds, as per their qualifications. Five high schools with agricultural and manual training courses will each receive \$2,020, coming under the special classification. Those of the first class will receive \$544; second class \$340, and third class \$204.

The amounts this year are less than last year by reason of the action of the state board of equalization, and a decision of the state supreme court regarding the tax levy for the current year. There are a larger number of high schools classified this year than ever before in the history of the state. This shows a tendency on the part of the county and city school authorities to bring their schools up to the standards recommended by the state board of education.

SURREY WOMAN HAS A BROTHER IN GREAT WAR.

J. P. McCullough of Winnipeg, aged 23 years, a brother of Mrs. C. F. Eaton of Surrey, has been fighting with the Allies in France since March. Mrs. Eaton has received several letters, but none of them contain much information. The young man was ill of pneumonia for some time. He says if he gets out alive, he will have many thrilling tales to tell. He is a member of the 8th Battalion that has seen much heavy fighting. At one time he says he went two days and two nights with nothing to eat and for three weeks did not take off his shoes.

Ballooning Killed at Martin.

During the celebration at Martin last Monday Frank Otterbaugh of St. Paul met death while making a balloon ascension. A cross current of air caught the balloon, hurling it against an elevator. The collision broke Otterbaugh's hold upon the riding bar and he fell, striking upon a roof 30 feet below. He was unconscious when help reached him and died the following day at the Harvey hospital.

HARRISON TOWNSHIP BUILDING ROADS.

Good for Harrison township. A crew of men with graders are at work fixing the grades leading to the city from the south and we understand that all roads will be put in ship shape as soon as possible. Barney Varaberg has charge of the work south of the city, which insures its being done properly.

FOXHOLM FARMER LOSES MONEY IN BELGIAN BANK

M. Shackers, a prosperous Foxholm farmer, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Shocker had a large sum of money on deposit in a Belgian bank at the time of the invasion of the Germans and will not know until the conclusion of the war if he shall ever be able to get it back again or not. Mr. Shackers blames England for not coming to Belgium's aid at the outbreak of the war.

## INSURANCE COMPANY HOLDS CONVENTION

THE NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS' MUTUAL TORNADO AND CYCLONE INSURANCE CO. HOLDS GOOD MEETING IN CITY.

The convention of the North Dakota Farmers' Mutual Tornado and Cyclone Insurance company was held here on Wednesday at the Public Library.

This organization is a new concern organized but two years ago, but the books already show \$1,500,000 in risks written, a condition which warrants the assumption that this company is filling a long felt want among the farmers. The headquarters is at La Moure, and the meeting was held here this year in conjunction with the convention of mutual fire companies.

The usual business, such as reports, election of officers, etc., was transacted and addresses were made by various representatives.

The officers elected were:  
President—L. Johnson, Grand Forks.  
Vice Pres.—J. L. Gorder, Carbury.  
Treasurer—L. A. Taubert, Casselton.  
Secretary—C. M. Holbert, LaMoure.

Seventh Annual Insurance Convention.  
The seventh annual meeting of the North Dakota Mutual Insurance Association was held in the assembly rooms of the Public Library on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Between 40 and 50 delegates, representing the various mutual companies of the state, were in attendance.

The delegates were welcomed by Secretary Hollenga in behalf of the city. S. A. Olness responded on the part of the visitors.

Attorney R. A. Nestos addressed the delegates Wednesday on the subject of Co-operation.

The visitors expressed the highest appreciation of their entertainment by the citizens of Minot and left Thursday, feeling that they had enjoyed a profitable and instructive gathering.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

B. G. Dunlap, Jamestown, President.  
L. L. Bruslette, Wahpeton, Vice President.

N. Magnussen, Souris, Secretary-Treasurer.

The following program was rendered:

Wednesday, July 7th.  
10 o'clock a. m.

Call to order—President.  
Address of Welcome—Secy. Hollenga, Association of Commerce.

Response—S. A. Olness.  
Paying of Dues and Enrollment of New Members.

President's Annual Address.  
Appointment of Special Committees.

2 o'clock p. m.  
Address—"Re-Insurance"—C. M. Holbert.

Lightning Rods with Demonstrations—Jos. H. Johnson.

Address—State Fire Marshall Runge.

Address—"Co-operation"—R. A. Nestos.

Thursday, July 8th.  
9 o'clock a. m.

Address—"Legislation"—A. A. Liudahl.

Address—"Income Tax"—Insurance Commissioner Taylor.

Address—"How can we attain General State Insurance of every kind?"—S. A. Olness.

Question Box.  
General Discussion.

2 o'clock p. m.  
Automobile Insurance—Paul Goldade.

Secretary-Treasurer Report.  
Appointment of Committees.

Election of Officers.  
Selection of Place for Next Meeting.  
Adjournment.

DR. PETER A. NESTOS MADE A REMARKABLE RECORD.

It was just eleven and a half years ago that Peter A. Nestos accompanied his brother, R. A. Nestos, across the big pond from Norway to seek his fortune in this country. He was an unsophisticated country Norwegian youth, but he had the right stuff in him. He started learning English from his brother on the ship, enroute here, and he has been digging in ever since. Since that time he has completed the eight grades in the common school, completed a four year high school course, attended the university and got a B. A. degree, took a four years' medical course and spent over a year as interne in a Chicago hospital. He is now in Minot preparing to open an office. Such young men cannot help but succeed. We welcome men of his calibre to Minot.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA WILL INITIATE TWENTY-FIVE

A class of twenty-five will be initiated by the Daughters of Isabella Sunday at the K. C. Club rooms. The candidates come from various sections of the northwest. An enjoyable banquet for members of the order only will be held in the evening.

TWO FARMERS NEAR FLASHER KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Ray Stone and Marion Stone, young farmers near Flasher, were instantly killed by lightning Wednesday morning as they were working with a team and stone boat, hauling material for the construction of a bridge near their home.

## GREAT CONSOLIDATION SALE ANNOUNCED

STOCK OF HERMAN GORDON IS COMBINED WITH THAT OF THE BOSTON STORE.

The stock of the well known Herman Gordon clothing and furnishing store has been combined with that of the Boston Store, business to be conducted in the future at the room of the Boston Store, north Main street.

The combination of these two large stocks necessitated the inauguration of a great sale, for there is a lack of room for such a large amount of merchandise.

F. Auerbach, of the United Sales Co., has arrived to take charge of the big Consolidation Sale which starts at the Boston Store Saturday morning, July 10. That the sale will be a good one, is a certainty. Both stocks are well known in the city as clean, up-to-date and always dependable, and the proprietors are popular with a large number. The consolidation makes a concern that is unusually strong. Both Mr. Feldman, who has conducted the Boston Store for years, and Mr. Gordon, have long been engaged in business here and they have built up a very nice trade and by uniting they will be better able to care for the wants of their patrons than ever.

FOUR MINOT WOMEN ENJOY LONG TRIP.

A party of four Minot women, Mesdames Jas. Jenkins, C. O. Richmond, Ed Nolan and J. H. Greenhalgh, are touring the west. They visited the exposition at San Francisco and are now enjoying life at Colorado Springs. They will return August 1. They went by boat from Portland to San Francisco. Mrs. Greenhalgh writes that the meals served on the boat were especially fine for those who were able to eat.

## COUNTY BUYS CAR OF BLOODED STORTHORNS

COMMISSIONERS VANDENOEVER AND ANDERSON VISIT MINNESOTA AND SECURE VALUABLE STOCK FOR COUNTY FARM.

B. J. Anderson and Peter Vandenoever, members of the board of county commissioners, have returned from Minnesota where they bought twelve thoroughbred Shorthorn cattle and six splendid grades of the same breed to be placed on the county farm south of the city. They met W. A. Peck in Minnesota and he went with them, assisting in selecting the stock. Mr. Peck had gone to Minnesota with his family to visit relatives.

They secured ten head near Kenyon, five head from Holtz Bros. at Byron; three at Dodge Center, two at Hallows and one at McMartin. The herd bull is a registered Shorthorn and will be kept at the farm. The stock is all first class and the commissioners by using a little care and looking around were able to get them at the right price.

## MINOT WINS TWO FROM HARVEY

FAST TEAM FROM DOWN THE SOO SECURED TWO HIGH SALARIED PITCHERS BUT FAILED TO DEFEAT HOME TEAM.

Minot won two fast games from Harvey. The first game was played Sunday afternoon, a crowd of 1800 witnessing the contest. Minot won 5 to 3. Leigh twirled for Minot while Harvey imported Pierce, a salaried pitcher from Minneapolis. Sensational plays were made on both sides. Plankers, Harvey's center fielder, made a wonderful catch while Dougherty for Minot made two great stops, cutting off scores.

The second game was played Monday afternoon. Good old reliable Doc Spillane, Minot's south paw, was at his best while Harvey engaged another salaried pitcher, Johnson. It was a great battle of pitchers, with tight ball all the way thru. Minot won 2 to 1.

Big Carnival Company Coming.

"The World at Home," a big carnival show, will appear in one of the Minot parks during the week of August 16. This company is playing the larger cities enroute from Edmonton to Des Moines. The attractions consist of a big wild west show carrying 37 horses, a large animal show, etc.

OPEN MARKET SPECIAL JULY 11

The Open Market Special train from Minneapolis to San Francisco will pass through Minot July 11, at 3:50 p. m., and will stop here 45 minutes. Short speeches will be made at the train by Senator Gronna, Representative Helgesen, Magnus Johnson and Geo. S. Loftus.

## WILL LAY CORNERSTONE FOR TWO CHURCHES

SUNDAY AFTERNOON EXERCISES AT THE BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH—CORNERSTONE FOR DRADY CHURCH TO BE LAID MONDAY.

The cornerstone of the beautiful new Bethania Lutheran church in this city will be laid Sunday afternoon, July 11, at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Larson, superintendent of Home Missions, will deliver the sermon at the church Sunday afternoon. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lonne. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. The church is a beautiful edifice, made of concrete and the local pastor, Mr. Lonne, deserves great credit for its success.

The following day the cornerstone of the new Drady church will be laid, Rev. Mr. Larson to deliver the sermon, at 11 a. m. In the afternoon the ladies will conduct a sale of useful articles which they have made and will serve ice cream and lunch. The public is cordially invited to these exercises as well.

## LARS SANDSTRUM DIES OF PARALYSIS

AGED RESIDENT DIED SUNDAY MORNING AT HOME OF DAUGHTER, MISS ALMA SANDSTRUM, IN THIS CITY.

Lars Sandstrom, aged 74 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Miss Alma C. Sandstrom, 123 Sixth Ave. N. W., in this city Sunday morning, after an illness of several years from paralysis. Mr. Sandstrom is survived also by a son, Alfred of this city, and another son, Senator Leonard P. Sandstrom of Bottineau, besides a sister, Mrs. C. H. Pettus of Sherwood. The children accompanied the remains to the old home, Mankato, Minn., Tuesday where they were buried beside those of his wife.

Mr. Sandstrom had resided in Minot five years. He was born in Sweden and emigrated to this country a good many years ago. He was regarded as one of our highest types of citizens.

## GREAT CROWD HEARS RUSSELL

WELL KNOWN NEW YORK JOURNALIST SPOKE AT DORMAN'S PARK SUNDAY EVENING—LOFTUS SPOKE CONCERNING HIS DEBATE WITH TWITCHELL

A very large crowd gathered at Dorman's park Sunday evening where Charles Edward Russell, noted journalist and Socialist from New York city delivered an interesting address. Geo. S. Loftus, S. H. Greeley and Ben Drake, prominent Equity speakers, were present and took part in the program.

Mr. Greeley introduced Mr. Russell, commending him very highly on his recent articles in Pearson's magazine concerning the Equity movement in North Dakota. At the conclusion of Russell's address, Loftus spoke at some length, confining his remarks to a review of the Loftus-Twitchell debate, which was held last week at Aneta.

A crowd of fully 2,000 attended the meeting.

## SEVEN SHRINER'S SPECIALS GO THRU

MANY PASS THRU THE CITY TODAY ENROUTE TO SEATTLE, WHERE THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL MEETS JULY 12.

Seven special Shriners' trains are scheduled to pass thru Minot today and tomorrow enroute to Seattle, where the Imperial Council will meet July 12. The first special followed No. 1 at three o'clock this morning and the second passed thru the city at noon. The third went ahead of No. 3 at 12:30 and the fourth at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Another will run ahead of No. 1 at 3 o'clock Friday morning and the sixth will go thru at noon Friday. The last one will run just behind No. 3 Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Many Shriners from the city met the special trains and hobnobbed with their brothers while the trains remained here.