

THE INDEPENDENT HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY WEEKLY PAPER IN THE STATE.

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MINOT REGISTRATION WILL TOTAL 17,000

RECORD HAS ALREADY PASSED THAT OF THE 1911 DRAWING—NOTARIES MAKE FAIR MONEY—MONDAY WAS BANNER DAY.

At this writing, Wednesday evening, more than 15,000 have registered for the 750 homesteads on the Berthold reservation at Minot alone, which is more than the total registration in 1911 when the reservation proper was thrown open to settlement.

There are 34 Notaries Public from the county who are participating in the work. In 1911, their share of the money received, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$68 each.

Monday was the banner day with a total of 3596 registrations. Every train Saturday and Sunday brought in hundreds from all parts of the country.

Table showing registration counts by date from October 18 to 26.

HOLLENGA IN CHARGE OF APPRECIATION WEEK.

D. S. Hollenga has been appointed to take charge of the "Appreciation Week" for Ward county during the week of Nov. 18 to 24.

Mr. Hollenga is considering calling a meeting of the farmers of Ward county at an early date to interest them in the proposition.

A number of the county newspapers will issue special editions during the week. On Sunday, Nov. 14, North Dakota services will be held in the churches of the state.

MURPHY RANCH SOLD FOR \$35,200 TO TEXAS MAN.

A Mr. Dobson from Texas recently bought the J. S. Murphy ranch of 880 acres west of Minot for \$40 an acre and he will soon occupy the same.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reed of Carpio, who celebrated their Golden Wedding last week, drove to Minot today, a distance of 27 miles, to have their pictures taken.

Wonderful Yield of Wheat Grass. Dr. C. C. Nugent recently threshed 1700 bushels of wheat grass seed from a 40 acre field at his farm 12 miles southwest of Minot.

The doctor secured the seed from Illinois two years ago, sowing the grass with wheat at the rate of a bushel of seed to the acre.

after cutting the wheat, the land was sowed to rye and this year the grass was allowed to grow without any other crop. It appears to be a wonderful plant and stock eat it with a relish.

The grass makes about 2 1-2 tons of fine feed to the acre and serves as a permanent pasture.

THE INDEPENDENT IS CONGRATULATED.

The Independent force has had to invest in new hats all around, since receiving a copy of the following letter, written to the McCoy Department store by the H. W. Gossard Co., manufacturers of the well known Gossard corsets.

A copy of your excellent paper, "The Ward County Independent" has just come to hand, in which we note the splendid write-up given you, also your advertisement.

We congratulate you on the splendid appearance of this copy, and we congratulate the Ward County Independent on the high class make-up of their paper and out of the ordinary good printing, which is reflected, not only in their news columns, but also in their advertisements.

With best wishes, we are, Yours very truly, The H. W. Gossard Co., O. R. Christensen, Sales Manager.

ATHLETIC FIELD AT PARK.

The work of clearing the ground of trees and shrubbery at the north end of Riverside park for the new athletic field was done the past week.

When completed the Riverside athletic field will be one in which Minot can take a great deal of pride. There will be provision made for base ball, foot ball, tennis and track events and the field will be at the disposal of amateur teams, especially those from the schools.

The new field will extend thru the center of the park from a point about fifty feet north of the flag pole, clear to the extreme north end of the park. It will be over 600 feet long.

Dr. H. G. Knapp Locates Here. Dr. H. G. Knapp, who recently located in this city, has ideal offices in the Tompkins block.

The doctor is a young man of considerable experience, and in selecting Minot, he chose this place because of the excellent prospects for the future. He is a graduate of the Rush Medical College, one of the leading institutions of the country, and after finishing his course he spent a year as interne at a Minneapolis hospital.

No Democrats at Glenburn. "Dick" Barrett, bonanza farmer from Glenburn, was in Minot Wednesday. He reports finishing his threshing, getting 36,000 bushels of grain of the various kinds, the biggest and best crop he ever raised in this section.

Discussing political conditions in Glenburn, Mr. Barrett says: "There are no more democrats in our town. Don Gillespie, Ed Healey, A. C. Dayton, John Caull, T. P. Parke, Harry Dahl and County Commissioner Moon, all former rock-ribbed disciples of William Jennings Bryan, have forsaken their party and can now be safely marked down in the republican column."

New North Road From City. The first steps towards building a new road out of the city to the north were taken by the city commissioners Monday evening. They plan to construct a half mile of highway within the city limits from the end of Third street N. E., which will connect with the section road at the north terminal. The grade of the proposed road will be 5 3-4 per cent while on one of the other roads it is around 10 per cent.

LARGE NUMBER HEARD FLOWERS

ONE OF THE FOREMOST READERS DELIGHTED HUNDREDS AT NORMAL SCHOOL AT FIRST NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE.

The first number of the Minot Normal school lecture course was held at the gymnasium of the Normal Wednesday evening when Montaville Flowers gave a most delightful entertainment of reading before a most appreciative audience.

NOTED SUNDAY SCHOOL MAN TO BE IN MINOT.

On Oct. 31st, W. J. Clark of Cincinnati will be the speaker both morning and evening at the Christian church Sunday school rally at Labor Hall.

Those who have heard men of the class of Marion Lawrence and P. H. Welchimer will not be disappointed in Mr. Clark, who has a message and knows how to present it forcibly and attractively.

The rally will be held at the morning service. The school opens at 10:30 a. m. Preaching follows Sunday school and also at 7:30 in the evening. Come and make the whole day full of gladness!

Machinery for New Laundry. Two carloads of machinery for the Troy laundry arrived this week and is being installed. The laundry will be opened in the Carroll block by C. A. Peterson and W. J. Carroll in a few weeks. A well is being drilled on the property with hopes of securing soft water.

TWENTY-FIVE SCHOOL CHILDREN BURNED

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL HORROR SCENE WHEN BOILER EXPLODES—CHILDREN JUMP INTO BLANKETS.

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty children lost their lives in a fire which swept through St. John's parochial school in five minutes today. Scores of others were injured, some fatally, and the death list will exceed 25.

The children were driven from their rooms and many attempted exit thru the choked passage ways, then jumped from windows to death or serious injury. Neighbors held blankets into which many screaming children leaped.

The front entrance was jammed with little children and many of them were suffocated by smoke. The firemen were unable to get through the crowd and fought the flames from ladders.

Six hundred children were at their desks when an explosion, apparently in the boiler room, sent flames shooting through the wooden interior of the brick structure.

The children, ranging in ages from 7 to 16, were in charge of 16 sisters. Twelve charred bodies were recovered an hour after the fire was under control.

There were no fire escapes outside the building. Deeds of heroism were not wanting. Among the incidents was that of Maurice Harris, aged 10, who carried his one-legged chum, Thomas O'Shea, aged 8, on his back down the smoke-filled stairways to safety.

Mother Superior Sister Aldegon dropped 25 of her charges from the second floor window into fire-nets, improvised from overcoats and blankets. Twenty bodies had been recovered by noon.

John Patterson Bound Over. Deputy Game Warden Patterson of Ross was bound over to the district court, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. A number of the state's most prominent attorneys have offered their services to Mr. Patterson, but he will have no trouble as the matter is a clear case of self-defense.

nesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, by Rev. P. W. Erickson. The ring service was used. The happy couple were attended by Miss Fay Roberts and William Dorsey.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dorsey, who reside north of the city. His bride is a charming young Ward county woman. Both have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Rev. T. A. Olsen Leaves. Rev. T. A. Olson, pastor of the Methodist church in this city for the past five years, left this week for Jamestown, where he has been assigned to duty. The Jamestown charge is an important one and Rev. Olsen will fill the bill to perfection.

BURLINGTON LIGHTED LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE. The bustling little city of Burlington, located eight miles northwest of Minot, will be all lighted up like a Christmas tree tonight. The Consumers Power Co., which has been working on an electric light line to that town for months, has completed the work and the "juice" was turned on at three o'clock this afternoon.

Sixty homes and places of business in the town had already been wired and today marks an epoch in the life of that historic place. The company is giving a Burlington a 24-hour service in order to furnish power and light for the various industries. Judge Wallace, who operates a feed mill and big coal mine, is one of the principal patrons.

Farmers enroute will electrify their farm homes. J. E. Elsberry, Major Person, John Ehr and others, will soon be connected. Mr. Ehr is already making preparations to do his threshing and much of his other farm work next year by electricity.

The Independent congratulates Burlington on her progressiveness. She has set a pace that may be followed by other surrounding cities in time.

New Methodist Minister Arrives. Dr. A. Lincoln Shute, the new pastor of the Methodist church, arrived in Minot Tuesday and is getting settled nicely in the parsonage. He was accompanied by his wife and a twelve-year-old son. There are three other children, a daughter, who is a missionary in India, and two other children who are attending Fargo College. The new minister has been in charge of the Lisbon church for two years, where he did excellent work. He is regarded as a preacher of far more than the ordinary ability and Minot is sure to like him. Mrs. Shute is a charming woman, devoted to her work in the church.

Deering Lad at Death's Door. Mrs. J. H. Behrens of Deering is in the city with her six-year-old son, Albert, who has been lying at death's door at St. Joseph's hospital. The little fellow was caught in the tumbling rod of a threshing machine and his arm nearly torn off. The arm was twisted and torn in a fearful manner, the humerus being broken and blood poisoning setting in, which nearly caused the little lad's death. He is growing better and hopes are entertained that the arm may be saved.

Entertained Wednesday Musical Club. Mrs. F. J. Brugman and Mrs. G. D. Colcord entertained the members of the Wednesday Musical club at the latter's home Wednesday evening. In addition to the regular program being rendered and business transacted, the function was of the nature of a Halloween party. The rooms were lighted with red lanterns and other Halloween decorations were used. A buffet luncheon was served at 10 o'clock, a large pumpkin filled with grapes and apples decorating the table.

The program was in charge of Mrs. E. S. Person, who rendered a number of beautiful piano selections. Mrs. J. R. Pence rendered an enjoyable vocal number and the current events were given by Mrs. L. H. Kermott. Mrs. Waters was on the program with an exceedingly well rendered piano solo. This was the first meeting of the club this season.

Popular Foxholm Couple Marry. John Hogan, the popular mail carrier of Foxholm, and Miss Anna Fleming were united in marriage at St. Henry's Tuesday morning. A large number of friends from Foxholm and vicinity attended the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan left on the noon train for a trip east. They will be at home to their friends at Foxholm after Nov. 1st. The Independent extends best wishes to these young people.

Des Lacs Wheat Averaged 49 Bu. S. Rubbelke of Des Lacs threshed a field of wheat this week that averaged 49 bushels per acre. Otto Hilmen of Berwick did the threshing and says this is the best field that he ever threshed.

Like Hunting Without a Gun. P. J. McKone, of Wolf Point, Mont., writes: "This thing of being without the Ward County Independent is like going hunting without a gun. Put me on the list and send it along."

SECY. W. G. MADOO TO VISIT FARGO

NORTH DAKOTA TO BE HONORED WITH VISIT FROM MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S CABINET FRIDAY—WIFE TO ACCOMPANY HIM.

Secretary of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, and his wife, who is a daughter of President Wilson, will visit Fargo Friday afternoon, Oct. 29. Accompanying them will be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton, Private Secretary Cooksey and a number of press correspondents.

The party will arrive in Fargo at 3:40 in the afternoon and will make their headquarters at the Hotel Gardner, where a public banquet will be given. The secretary will speak at the Masonic Temple at 7:30 that evening.

Many democrats from about the state will meet the distinguished visitors.

BIG SHIPMENT OF FISH FOR DEVILS LAKE.

Devils Lake Journal: C. M. Fisher has received the second consignment of fish this year from the United States bureau of fisheries, consisting of four very choice varieties, black bass, yellow perch, crappie and sun fish. The shipment was made in twenty-five cans, and were in charge of Captain Foley in a special fish car attached to the regular passenger train. Mr. Fisher met the car and provided transportation of some twenty cans to the biological station at the Chautauqua grounds, and C. M. Zeibach came over in his automobile and took five cans to Court lake. Next year careful seining will be made of Court lake, when it will be positively determined if the fish can live and how they thrive. Those in charge of the biological station will seign portions of Devils lake and it is confidently expected that good results will be shown.

Oldest Person to Register. Mrs. Margaret Foley, aged 94 years, mother of James Foley of this city, registered for a Berthold homestead today. She is the oldest person to register. Mrs. Foley was born in Ireland and for fifteen years has been living in Minneapolis. She recently accompanied her son to this city, where she intends to make her home, unless she draws a good claim, in which case she intends to live on the land. She is very spry and her journey to this city did not tire her in the least.

Norwich Man Got Off Easy. H. B. Johnstone, from near Norwich, who tried the David act on a Norwich Goliath, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and received a sentence of one day in jail with \$20 costs. He had already been incarcerated for three weeks. In a drunken riot, Johnstone had struck a farmer over the head with a rock.

It Happened at Minot

CUPID CAME AS TWINS AND SO DID DR. STORK AFTER DOUBLE SPLICE



From the Minot, (N. D.) Independent. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Underdahl of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Lars Johnson, who reside on a farm south of the city, were married in a double wedding, Dec. 30 last. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of the groom in the other marriage.

Last Sunday evening and Monday morning, a little girl was born in each of the homes, but a few hours apart. This is a happy coincidence and the proud parents are receiving congratulations and best wishes for the two little ladies.

The above was run in a recent issue of the Minneapolis Daily News, thru the courtesy of which paper we are permitted to run the very interesting illustration.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I take this way to express my sincere thanks to my many friends for their untiring kindness and attention during my recent serious illness of nearly two months duration.

To the ladies of the Relief Corps, for their visits and gifts of flowers, I am deeply indebted.

To the several fraternal institutions of which I am a member—all I can say is, "Boys, your kindness makes life worth living."

To Dr. T. N. Yoemans, for his untiring care and attention when I was losing the "trail," I am indebted for the balance of my life.

To the good Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital with their very efficient staff, the English language fails me to express my many thanks for their kindness and attention.

One and all, everlasting thanks. ALEX. SCARLETT, N. D. N. G. Colonel, A. D. C. to Governor.

Sixteen Buxom Teachers Register.

Sixteen beautiful buxom school teachers of the feminine persuasion arrived from Mayville Saturday night to participate in the registration for the Berthold lands. They arrived during the middle of the night and found it impossible to secure lodgings, but whiled away the possible until morning. They declare that they will only be too willing to live on the land in case they secure good numbers and several of them are not averse to spend the remainder of their days in North Dakota, which will be welcome news to the many needy, cook-detesting bachelors who reside out on those broad, fertile prairies.

Velva Lad Nearly Scalded.

From Velva comes the report of a most unusual and serious accident that occurred to the little son of Mr. Flatt, a farmer living north of that place. The lad was hanging to the rear of a buggy, which started backwards down an incline. The buggy struck a tree with considerable force, the lad's head being between the rear of the buggy and the tree. The spring bolt crushed the boy's forehead, the doctor taking out a good sized piece of bone, and his head was nearly scalded. It is expected that the boy will recover.

MAN CHARGED WITH COULEE SHOOTING ESCAPES

Peter Gossing, who was arrested charged with shooting a man at Coulee, escaped from the Kenmare jail by picking the lock. Gossing was charged with shooting a man at Coulee Monday night about ten o'clock and with holding up four others. He escaped for the time being, walking down the track. Iver Walstad, deputy sheriff from Kenmare, was notified and he went at once to Coulee, Gossing being arrested later.

Isleifson Recovers His Pal.

E. J. Eisleifson, of the Opera Barber Shop, says it pays to advertise in the Independent. Ed has a dog which he calls Sport, not a very handsome canine, but with almost human intelligence. Sport and Ed are pals and several weeks ago the dog was lost. Sport followed a threshing crew to the W. A. Mark farm near Velva and thru a local ad. in the Independent, the owner was located. Ed made the trip of nearly 50 miles last Sunday, returning with his pal.

Dorsey-Kopperman Nuptials.

Miss Edith Mae Kopperman and Arthur Dorsey were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse Wed-