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## VISITORS IMPRESSED WITH WARD COUNTY

During the recent registration for the Berthold lands, there were something like 16,000 to 20,000 people who visited Minot and stayed from a few hours to a week. Most of the time the weather was ideal and of the people who came here, nearly every one meant business. They were all interested in North Dakota. They were all anxious to be successful in the drawing. They were the better class of American citizenship. Few of them came here out of idle curiosity, or because of the low rates.

As a general rule, the citizens of Minot did their best to make the visitors comfortable. Only in a few isolated cases was there any semblance of graft in the renting of sleeping rooms. The real estate dealers were very generous with these visitors in showing them Minot and the farming community around it. The Frank W. Youngman Land Co. kept an automobile constantly at the disposal of the visitors. Mr. Youngman went personally with scores of them. Many of them had no idea of buying, but they wished to get an idea of the farm lands around this very busy town.

Most of these visitors were from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota, and all were, without a single exception, astounded to see the beautiful improved farms and the fine quality of the soil around Minot and in the Mouse river valley; but what appealed to these visitors most

and which was one of the best advertisements Minot ever had, was the splendid horses owned by the farmers around Minot. The usual remark among the visitors would be "What elegant horses you people own." They would then stop and think and then the next remark would be, "Well, you people come to our country and buy our best horses; it is no wonder you have better horses than we have." This certainly is a deserved compliment to the farmers around Minot and was, as stated before, one of the best advertisements Minot ever had. The visitors figured that if the farmers of Minot could own such splendid horses their farming activities must certainly be successful and it could only be successful by splendid soil and splendid climatic conditions.

The Independent joins with the eastern visitors in complimenting the farmers around Minot for this splendid showing, and this compliment from the eastern land seeker comes from the tiller of the soil direct, and they know whereof they speak.

The rates put on by the Great Northern and Soo railway companies was one of the nicest compliments ever paid to northwestern North Dakota, and especially to Minot. The value of this advertisement cannot be computed, but it will show results for years to come. It seems splendid, when we consider that the large railway corporations can so nicely cooperate with the business men of the city of Minot and the farmers of Northwestern North Dakota.

Good Fortune and Misfortune.  
Chris Fortune of Glenburn advertises that he found a large roll of greenbacks.

## MINOT-MAX CUT-OFF MAY BE BUILT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FROM MINOT IN MINNEAPOLIS CONFERRING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOO.

A special committee from the Minot Association of Commerce, consisting of R. E. Barron, A. M. Thompson, Halvor L. Halvorson, Ralph Piper and Dr. Archie D. McCannel left for Minneapolis this afternoon where they will meet with President Pennington and the board of directors of the Soo, relative to the proposed Minot-Max cut-off that will in all probability be built. The new line would open up a rich farming and grazing territory, and give Minot much better connections with Bismarck.

The fact that New Rockford is going after the state capital in an aggressive manner, makes it imperative for the Soo to give us the best possible connections with Bismarck.

MAKE RAID ON GAMBLING DEN.  
Glenburn, N. D., Nov. 8.—The sheriff's force, together with Officers Handy and Baska, made a raid on the Crystal Cafe and arrested five men in a room playing poker or some other form of gambling with cards and placed them in the city bastille over night. They were arraigned before Magistrate Paris where all pleaded guilty and were given a \$10 fine.

## MACK M'GEE GUILTY OF MURDER

COLORADO MAN GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR KILLING LOUIS DUMAS AT NORMA—GEO. DAVIS, WHITE, AND M. A. WILLIAMS, COLORED, ALSO GUILTY.

Mack McGee, the St. Paul negro, who shot and killed Louis Dumas, white, in a fight over a game of penny ante, at Norma, N. D., was found guilty of murder at Mohall Saturday and received a sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Bismarck.

His pals, Geo. Davis and M. A. Williams, colored, charged with murder, were found guilty, the jury returning the verdict at Mohall Wednesday morning. The jury recommended that Judge Leighton sentence Davis to 24 years and Williams to ten years in the penitentiary.

Davis had a gun and while he did not shoot, he intimidated Dumas, while McGee committed the murder. The negro, Williams, had little to do with the crime, but he was caught in bad company.

Dumas and McGee had had trouble and Dumas came to Minot for a gun, declaring that he would get the negro. As he stepped from the train, McGee and his pals stepped in and committed the murder.

The defendants were kept in the

county jail in Minot ever since the crime. McGee and Davis did not appear to care much when found guilty, but Williams broke down when the verdict was returned.

McGee declared that he was the son of a famous St. Paul attorney, now deceased, but an investigation proved that he lied.

Stranger Attempted Suicide.  
James Davis, a transient, aged about 45, tried to commit suicide Sunday night and was found lying in the park at the eastern edge of the city Monday morning by two boys on their way to school. There are indications that the fellow is mentally unbalanced. The cut in his throat was not deep but it bled profusely and the loss of blood, coupled with the exposure as he lay on the ground during the severe storm which raged Sunday night nearly finished the work his crude attempt failed to carry out. He is now in the hospital and the authorities are trying to learn of his relatives or friends who will be responsible for his future care.

Burke County Men Held.  
John Jacobson and George Nelson of Lignite, N. D., are in jail at Glenwood, Minn., awaiting trial for the murder of the Mitmoen brothers near Lowry, Minn., last May. The evidence against the men is purely circumstantial. It was shown at the hearing that they purchased revolvers at Glenwood on May 3 and proceeded to Lowry by auto. The murder of the three brothers is supposed to have occurred on May 6, and revealed the use of a .32-caliber gun, such as was bought at Glenwood by the pair. John Jacobson at one time was a resident of this city.

## NEW ARCADE WILL OPEN MONDAY

P. W. MYERS WILL SHOW VERY HIGHEST CLASS FILMS THAT CAN BE PRODUCED, COMBINED WITH PIPE ORGAN SELECTIONS AND SONGS.

The new Arcade will open Monday, probably with a matinee at noon, although this will depend entirely on the time that the seats arrive. The work of remodeling the theatre has practically been completed and if the seats arrive Friday, a force of men will work all night placing them.

P. W. Myers, who now has charge of the theatre, is in Minneapolis closing arrangements for films. He will show the Triangle and Fox films, which are of the very highest class.

O. W. Groskopf, a pipe organist from Minneapolis, will furnish some very choice music at each performance and some good vocal music will be given. The class of entertainment will be the best and large crowds are sure to attend each performance. If you want to forget your troubles for two hours, spend a little money and see the fine attractions that Mr. Myers, who never does anything by halves, has arranged for you.

The Independent for up-to-date commercial printing.

# MONEY

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# IT WILL PAY YOU!

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Licensed to Wed.  
John E. Maher, 21, and Jennie K. Johnson, 20.  
Horace R. Walton, 22, and Helen L. Hiatt, 18.  
Joseph S. Barrett, 21, of Nelson county, and Rose Canfield, 20.  
Elmer J. Ruth, 23, and Marie A. Zehn, 23.  
Wm. G. Stohl, 29, and Grace A. M. Kohler, 27.  
Carl L. Christianson, 25, and Ruth M. Erickson, 21.

ANOTHER POSITION.  
The Union Commercial College of Grand Forks, N. Dak., recently placed Miss Agnes Hilleboe in a good position with Geo. W. Getts Co. A business education obtained at the U. C. C. will help you to make good. By furnishing our students with board for only \$3.00 a week we make it easy for everyone to obtain this valuable training. Send for free catalog and full particulars.—Adv. 12-2

## CATHOLIC FAIR WILL BE GREAT

VALUABLE ARTICLES OFFERED FOR SALE—THREE BIG DINNERS WILL BE SERVED—A DANCE AT CLOSE OF FAIR.

A fair will be held at the Armory Nov. 16, 17 and 18, under the auspices of the Altar Society of St. Leo's Catholic church. It will open at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with a beautiful display of fancy and useful articles. This will give the people a fine opportunity to buy Christmas presents and have a good time.

The board of managers comprises Mrs. L. G. Theurer, chairman; Mrs. J. E. McKeane, Mrs. Guy Frank, Mrs. J. C. Huyck and Mrs. Geo. Morrow.

The following committees are in charge:  
Young Ladies' Sodality booth—Miss Julia McDonough, chairman. Fancy work, Xmas articles, confectons and flowers.

The decorations will be in charge of E. L. Rowan, which makes it certain that they will be very beautiful and elaborate.

Fancy Work booth, in charge of Mrs. A. A. Robinson, Mrs. D. A. Dinnie, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Huyck.

Housewives' Booth—Mrs. J. J. Kann in charge, assisted by Mrs. Phil Roach, Mrs. J. M. Devine and Mrs. J. A. Roell.

Oriental Booth—in charge of Miss Clara Ross, assisted by Miss Stella Nash and Miss Blanche Lynch. Alternates, Prof. Altmann, Mr. Fred Jewett.

Fish Pond—in charge of Mrs. Chas. Grow and Mrs. F. A. Brugman. This booth is filled to overflowing with good things dear to the heart of a child and full of interest to the "grown up." Be sure to try your luck at fishing.

The Farmers' Booth—To all appearances this will be the most interesting booth at the fair. It will be in charge of Mrs. A. Leger, who has already made history in this kind of work in connection with the annual Midwinter Fairs. Mrs. Leger will be ably assisted by Mrs. Jos. Lennertz, Mrs. Jake Frost and Mrs. Dan Mahoney. Besides their splendid needle

work, these ladies will have choice farm produce for sale, or to take orders from.

Three sumptuous dinners will be served during the fair. Each dinner will have the full quota of accessories that go to make a feast.

The First Dinner—Chicken fricassee dinner in charge of Mrs. Carl Lindberg and Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. Fichtenau and Mrs. Funderhide, assisted by all of the ladies of the first seven Bands of the Society. Supper served at 5 o'clock.

The Second Dinner—New England dinner in charge of Mrs. Guy Frank, Mrs. M. E. Dwire, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Hodgins and Mrs. Nash, assisted by all the ladies of the second seven Bands.

The Third Dinner, Thursday, is a turkey dinner in charge of Mrs. E. D. Kelley, Mrs. Racine, Mrs. Will Cloone, Mrs. Crary, Mrs. Thos. Murphy, Mrs. Beata, assisted by the third seven Bands of the society.

The menu for each of these dinners is complete in every respect and can but satisfy the most fastidious.

Several interesting and popular contests are under way, one for the children, offering a beautiful "Home Altar" to the most successful winner among the girls. The boys are working for a big barrel of candy, a real, real barrel, and full of good candy. This contest is open to any child in the city. Other contests will be reported as they are worked up.

The fair will close with a grand ball, in charge of Mrs. E. H. Boyer, who is ably assisted by a well chosen committee.

The result of the children's contest to date is:  
Marie Mahoney.....100 votes.  
Isabelle estmann.....200 votes  
Ruby CannonW.....200 votes  
Clifford Ulrich.....200 votes  
Elizabeth Shields.....100 votes  
Blanche Doyle.....200 votes  
Winnifred Huggett.....100 votes  
Susie Racine.....100 votes  
Marion Uebelmann.....200 votes  
Percy Lindley.....100 votes  
John Cannon.....200 votes  
Dudley Muhs.....200 votes  
John Connolly.....200 votes  
Everett Ehr.....100 votes

When the other children bring in their votes they will be listed and published in the paper. Get busy, children. Bring in the votes you already have on hand.

A marriage license was issued to John Ebbesen of Lincoln, Minn., and Miss Blanche Jenney of this city.

Educational Experts Start Survey.  
Dr. E. B. Craighead and William F. Bawden, the educational experts in the employ of the state board of regents, visited the Minot Normal last week. On their initial tour of inspection they are concerned primarily with the physical equipment of the various institutions they visit and as a consequence are highly pleased with their inspection of our normal school. They left Monday in company with President Crane for Bottineau, where the state school of Forestry is located.

## Norman Ellison Back From Important Trip.

Norman Ellison, who has been in the east on a buying trip, returned home Monday morning. Mr. Ellison's visit to the eastern markets at this time was necessary, owing to the unusually heavy demand for dry goods and

ladies' furnishings which is unprecedented at this time of the year. He informs the Independent that while east he purchased an especially attractive assortment of holiday goods, and their display this year will far surpass that of any former year.

McGregor Injured.  
R. R. McGregor was thrown from a horse at his ranch last Friday and sustained a broken ankle as a result of his horse stepping into a badger hole. The horse's leg was broken. Mr. McGregor is now at the home of his brother, J. A., in this city.

Herman Johnson, of Chicago, Ill., who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Martin Engeseth, for several weeks, left Monday for his home, greatly pleased with this western country.



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THE ONE THING THAT DELIGHTS A WOMAN MOST DURING HER WHOLE LIFE-TIME IS RECEIVING FROM HIM WHO IS TO BE HER LIFE COMPANION HER "ENGAGEMENT RING."

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WHEN WE SUPPLY IT, THE DIAMOND WILL BE OF THE PUREST RAY.

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This Goodyear Welt Shoe in Men's—made in Gun Metal Calf; either Lace or Button. Price - - \$3.00

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