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NEW CATHOLIC

HOSPITAL WILL BE BUILT IN SPRING

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS LET CONTRACT TO ARCHITECT WOODRUFF TO FURNISH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND TO SUPERINTEND WORK.

The new Catholic hospital will be built by the Sisters of St. Francis early in the spring on the property which they bought several years ago.

The hospital will be a magnificent structure, consisting of fully 100 rooms, with full basement. It will be equipped in the most modern manner and no expense will be spared to give Minot the very best hospital in the state.

Clubs Plan to Educate Young Women. When the state federation of women's clubs were entertained in Minot in October, the federated clubs of the city and the Association of Commerce contributed a fund to be used for the entertainment of the guests.

A FINE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

The merchants of Minot are displaying a fine Christmas spirit in deciding to close their stores at 7 o'clock sharp, on Christmas eve. Beginning next Monday, the stores will remain open evenings until 9 o'clock.

Bismarck Should Join Minot.

Bismarck can be expected to assist Minot in working for the short line to Max, 23 miles south of this city. It behooves Bismarck to do this and we believe that she will.

REPORT THAT CASE COMPANY WILL BUILD

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE J. I. CASE CO. WILL ERECT \$150,000 OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE BUILDING IN SPRING.

The Independent has heard persistent rumors that the J. I. Case Co. is planning on erecting an immense building in this city in the spring for offices and warehouse.

Marius Erickson, the local manager, will not say definitely that this is the case, but he admits the Case company has been contemplating building for some time and that it is possible they will build in the spring.

The Kero-Water Burner. Thos. W. Bradley, who is demonstrating the Kero-water burner at the James Johnson building, south of the Fair store, is meeting with considerable success.

DeMolay Commandery Holds Election.

At the regular stated convocation of DeMolay Commandery No. 10, K. T., held at Masonic Temple on December 14th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Eminent Commander—Archie D. McCannel. Generalissimo—Fred L. Meservey. Captain General—Chas. F. Truax. Recorder—Martin J. Engeseth. Treasurer—Henry E. Byorum.

COST OF HORSE LABOR.

The annual cost of keeping a horse was found to be \$90.40 in Rice county, Minnesota; \$87.00 in Lyon county and \$75.07 in Norman county.

Whale of a Wallop.

A very demure-looking Salvation Army lassie, who was traveling in a railway train, was asked by a man sitting next her whether she believed every word in the Bible.

The Flirt Defined.

Three of our popular bachelors were discussing flirts the other evening as they sat smoking.

Farm Taxes Sold for 5 to 8 Per Cent.

The delinquent real estate tax sale was held at the court house Tuesday, fifteen bidders attending. The taxes on the farm property sold, readily at from 5 to 8 per cent., but not much of the town property was sold.

One Hundred Darkies in Minot.

The police made a raid on a number of negro dives the other evening, but found nothing that warranted making any arrests.

KICK BY HORSE WAS FATAL.

Frank Eiel, who has been working on the Roscoe Beighle farm south-west of Sawyer, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, as the result of a kick from a horse the day previous.

Mid-Winter Fair Feb. 14-19.

The annual Mid-winter Fair will be held in this city Feb. 14 to 19. The program is now being worked out and will appear in the Independent later.

An Unreasonable Woman.

The most unreasonable woman in the world has been located at Kenmare. She nagged at her husband until he mortgaged the house in order to get an auto and now she is worrying the life out of him to mortgage the car to buy Christmas presents.

A Little Cold Weather.

We are having a touch of real winter weather, a little cold, but not at all unpleasant. The government thermometer registered 8 below Monday morning and 11 below Tuesday morning, the coldest days of the season.

Will Open Rink Formally Next Week.

While a good many of the members of the Minot Curling and Skating Association have gathered at the new rink each evening this week to enjoy the sport, the place will not be opened formally until the middle of next week when a big bonspiel will be held.

Small Wreck on the Soo.

Ten freight cars went off the track at the road crossing in the east yards this afternoon, tying up the main line for five hours, or more. The wreck occurred at the wye near the round house.

E. N. METCALF PRAISES CALIFORNIA

FORMER MINOT MAN TELLS HOW ONE SHOULD PROCEED TO MAKE A SUCCESS IN THE WEST.

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SUPREME COURT WILL SOON CLEAR CALENDAR

AS MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN PAST FIVE YEARS AS DURING PREVIOUS TWENTY YEARS—AVERAGE ONE CASE PER DAY.

Bismarck, Nov. 30.—Volume 30 of the North Dakota Supreme Court reports has just come from the press. In a quarter of a century the court has filled thirty large volumes with its decisions and another complete volume is in the hands of the printer.

In the five years ending January 1st, next, the court will have filled eleven volumes, inclusive of the one in press. In the twenty years prior the court filed but twenty volumes.

Since reorganization in January, a year ago, the court has been grinding out, when not interrupted by original writs, decisions at the rate of one a day. It takes about four-fifths of their time for current litigation, while they devote one-fifth to clearing up the calendar, which was in arrears about one hundred and fifty cases a year ago.

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R. W. Brooks of Lone Tree writes the Independent, complimenting Chart Barton, the merchant of that town. He says: "We have one of the best general stores west of Minot. It would be a credit to any community, and is doing a wonderful business. Mr. Barton, the proprietor, believes in conducting business on lay live prices. Business is increasing daily.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING IN RUSSIA

MRS. HENRY ROZEN RECEIVES A PITIFUL LETTER FROM HER FATHER WHO WAS FORCED TO LEAVE HIS HOME—MANY OF THE PEOPLE STARVING.

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BREAKS THROUGH ICE IN AN AUTO.

Kenmare, N. D., Dec. 15.—An accident which might have resulted disastrously to all parties concerned occurred when Ed Shuhart and Earl Tomlinson were racing on the lake with their cars, when the former's car struck a break in the ice surface, and lacking time to get control of the car, it broke through the ice before Mr. Shuhart could slacken the speed.

Drop in and let us figure with you on your proposed barn plans. Let us help you in working out the plans for the barn you have been thinking of building. You will be surprised at the low cost of a first class barn. We want to suggest that when you build, you put up something substantial, a barn that will be large enough for your stock and your feed.

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WARD COUNTY'S ENDORSEMENT APPROVED

STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE SANCTIONS WORK OF COUNTY COMMITTEE—STENVICK WINS BATTLE WITH BRUEGGER.

Grand Forks, Dec. 15.—Olaf Toftner's endorsement for the Kenmare postmastership by the state central committee of the democratic party here this morning followed an interesting battle between representatives of the Ward county democratic central committee and John Bruegger of Williston, national committeeman for the state.

Committeeman Bruegger opposed the endorsement; he asked that the committee take no action on the Kenmare office.

E. H. Stenvick of Minot, speaking in behalf of the Ward county central committee, which has previously endorsed Toftner, opposed Bruegger—insisting that the county organization's voice should be final with the committeeman for the state, and that the name of the county committee's candidate should go to the postoffice department and President Wilson backed by the support of the national committeeman.

The state committee accepted Stenvick's proposition, upholding the plea of the Ward county committee, and in so doing the state committee establishes an important precedent.

It means that county organizations will hereafter be accorded a wider latitude in the selection of candidates for federal appointment, practically eliminating the national committee as a factor in the settlement of local disputes. At least, that is the viewpoint taken by the opponents of Committeeman Bruegger within the state committee.

Prominent among the democrats here are A. D. Hagenstein, Minot; W. E. Byerly, Velva; W. L. Noyes, Cando; H. H. Perry, Elendale; E. H. Stenvick, Minot; J. L. Cashel, Grafton; Alex Morrison and Frank Williston, Bathgate; John Bruegger, Williston; F. O. Hellstrom, Bismarck; E. W. Conny, Pembina; John Bloom, Devils Lake; Fred McLean, Fargo; Jens Pederson, Minhor; S. J. Doyle, Carrington; J. M. Kelly, Devils Lake.

Normal Students Issue Attractive Calendar.

The Normal School students, assisted by several of the members of the faculty, have just issued a very attractive calendar, showing views of the school and a number of scenes about picturesque Minot. Favorite quotations are given by members of the faculty. Much of the work was done by the students themselves, who displayed a great deal of artistic ability. The cover design is the product of the school, showing the beautiful wild rose, our state flower.

The calendars were issued under the auspices of the Catholic Society Association of the school and the net proceeds will be used in fitting up a room at the Normal to be used by the various societies of the institution.

Drady Babe Weighs 17 Pounds.

Harry Blom, a prominent Drady farmer, is the proud daddy of a new boy born Sunday night. The babe weighed exactly seventeen pounds and Harry is the proudest man in the entire district. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Will Give Council Degrees in January

The degree team from the Rugby Masonic Council is planning on visiting Minot in January to put on the work, bringing their entire paraphernalia. A class of thirty or forty from this section of the state will be secured. The work is very impressive and beautiful.

Frank Chapman Dies in Montana

Frank B. Chapman, former national bank examiner for the state of North Dakota, passed away at his home in Dixon, Mont., from diabetes, Monday, after a long illness. Mr. Chapman was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Former National Bank Examiner Passed Away at Dixon, Mont., Where He Was Engaged in Banking Business.

Mr. Chapman lived in Minot for several years and he was a member of Minot Lodge, No. 1089, E. P. O. E. In the early days he resided in Grand Forks, where he was connected with the Griggs-McCormick flour mill. After leaving Minot he resided for a time at Buford, and a few years ago located at Dixon, Mont., where he engaged in the banking business. He was a first class citizen and hundreds of friends all over the state regret his death.

British Tommy (somewhere in France): Speak English, Mooso?

French Shopkeeper: But—yes—a leetle, M'sieu.

British Tommy: Righto; then give us 10 pounds o' spuds, an arnee of baccy, a packet o' fags and a box-o'-lights, an' be slippy!

Boston Transcript.

Rest Room for Women.

The Y. W. C. A. is conducting a women's rest room at 108 S. Main street, where all are welcome. Cots have been provided and babes may be left at the place, where they will be given good care.