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### NORTH DAKOTA SUES BORDERING STATE FOR \$1,250,000

State of Minnesota is Made Defendant  
in Suit in U. S. Supreme Court for  
Drainage Ditch Damage

The State of Minnesota is made defendant in a damage suit for \$1,250,000, started by the State of North Dakota in the United States supreme court.

Payment of \$1,250,000 to farmers in Richmond and adjoining counties by the defendant state, abandonment of the Mustinka drainage ditch, the source of the trouble, and the literal penalizing of the Minnesota legislature is asked by the plaintiff state.

The suit is the outcome of several years of grief and verbal warfare by the North Dakota farmers to the west of the junction of the drainage ditch and the Bois de Sioux river and Lake Traverse.

The farmers on the Minnesota side of the lake and river complained of swamps, while the North Dakota farmers were content in getting their irrigation from the skies direct.

Then, in 1911, the Minnesota legislature, acting for the depressed Minnesota farmers, authorized the construction of drainage ditches, known as the Mustinka ditch, to drain the swamps into Lake Traverse and the Bois de Sioux river.

The banks of the river and the lake, however, are shallow. The water which the Minnesota farmers thus became rid of swelled the heights of the lake to a veritable tidal wave, a wave which swept the surrounding territory on the North Dakota side.

Crops were ruined by the man-made flood, the Dakota farmers allege, and lands were thus rendered useless. These lands, they aver, have since remained useless and raise nothing.

For nine months Attorney General H. J. Linde of North Dakota, working with ex-Governor John Lind of Minnesota and M. H. Boutell, Minneapolis attorney, have been gathering data on the situation, and he filed the suit in the United States supreme court.

In addition to the damage, he further asks: "That the defendant, the State of Minnesota, be enjoined against an unlawful and damaging trespass upon the domain of the State of North Dakota and the property of its citizens."

More than 12,000 acres have been ruined through the construction of the Minnesota ditch, the complaint states, and for this the State of North Dakota asks \$1,000,000 for the farmers and \$150,000 for the loss of crops in 1915 and \$100,000 for the inability to use the land in 1916 are also asked.

### NORTHWESTERN STOCK SHOW TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Promises to be One of Best Events of  
Kind to be Held in the State

Minot will be the Mecca of the live stock men of the northwestern portion of the state next week. They will be attracted to this city by the first annual Stock Show, and at this writing it looks as if they will get their fill of seeing one of the best shows ever pulled off in the state. It is indeed gratifying to the Association of Commerce to note the large number of entries, not only from the Northwestern part of the state, but from close to the eastern line of the state, and already arrangements are being made to increase the stall room in the Curling Rink, that will be used for the show.

Carpenters are now at work remodeling the interior of the Rink, and when their work is completed those who used the rink during the winter will not recognize the place.

Every day will be a big day. Beginning Monday, July 3, and ending Saturday evening, July 8, there will not be a dull moment.

The show will be an added attraction for the monster Fourth of July celebration that will be held in the city on Tuesday. The rink is close to Riverside Park, where the celebration will be held.

On Saturday there will be an auction sale held at the rink. This will be a splendid opportunity for breeders to dispose of some of their stock if they wish to, and also a fine opportunity for farmers who are thinking of strengthening their herds to get some fresh stock.

This show is sort of an experiment, to see if the stock breeders of the northwestern part of the state are interested sufficiently to make the show an annual affair, and ultimately leading up to a district fair to be held at Minot every year. The Midwinter Fair, held during February each year

has proven that the farmers are interested in exhibiting grains and grasses, and with a successful stock show this year it would be an easy matter to get the district fair under way. It might take two years to do this, but it can be done, providing the proper interest is shown.

Entries are now coming in rapidly, and even the eastern part of the state is becoming aroused, and breeders from the Red River Valley are planning to come to Minot next week with their prize animals. The breeders from this part of the state will welcome these entries, for it will give them an opportunity to see whether they are on the right track or not.

The Curling Rink is one of the largest buildings in the state, and will be an ideal live stock pavilion. The hogs and sheep will have sheltered pens outside of the rink and everything possible done to show them up in first class shape.

All breeders intending to exhibit at the Northwestern Stock Show should send in their entry blanks at once to Secretary Will E. Holbein, Minot, N. D.

### Last Week for the Iconoclast

It is reported that this is the last week that the Iconoclast will be published. This is the organ for the socialist party in North Dakota. The Nonpartisan league has put a terrible crimp in the party in this state and the business of the Iconoclast which at one time was quite large, has been dwindling gradually until the publishers report that it is no longer a paying proposition.

### NORTH DAKOTA REGIMENT IN CAMP AT FORT LINCOLN

Co. D. of Minot and Co. E. of Williston  
Were the Last to Get Into  
Camp—Co. D. Largest

First Lieutenant F. Otto Gross and Privates Selberg and Oesk, who remained behind Co. D to receive recruits at the Armory, received their orders and transportation Tuesday and Thursday morning left for Fort Lincoln to join their company. Accompanying them were 20 recruits who joined Monday.

Company D has been recruited to 133 members and is the largest company in the North Dakota regiment.

Private Leslie Dunn, who has been at New Rockford, accompanied Lieut. Gross Wednesday.

It is believed that the North Dakota regiment will receive orders to go south the latter part of the week. The Independent has made arrangements for a weekly news letter from camp and we will keep our readers informed as to the happenings.

The members of the regiment are all anxious to get into service as quickly as possible. They will go into camp along the border and will soon be in shape for the Mexican campaign if they are ordered across the border.

With but six days' rations drawn, there are rumors that the regiment will be ordered south before the end of the week.

With Companies D and E getting into camp at six o'clock Sunday night, the entire regiment numbering 975 men went into hard training. With additional recruits arriving, the regiment now numbers more than 1000 men.

Company A of Bismarck was first on the ground. Co. F of Mandan and G of Valley City, B of Fargo, H of Jamestown, with the band and hospital corps moved into camp. The train on which Co. C of Grafton, M of Grand Forks, the machine gun company of Grand Forks, L of Hillsboro and I of Wahpeton arrived at 4 o'clock Sunday.

There was considerable confusion accompanying the first day's work. There is a general shortage of equipment, mostly tents and some of the recruits were without uniforms.

The captains of the companies receive \$200 a month. First Lieutenants \$166, Second Lieutenants \$152, Duty Sargeant \$50, First Sargeant \$45, and privates \$13. In case they cross the border, they will receive 20 per cent more.

### INDIAN WARRIOR READY TO FIGHT FOR STARS AND STRIPES

Mandan, N. D., June 26.—"An old Indian am I, but no white man loves his country more. If my country needs me and I can serve in any way my life is not so dear but that I too will lay it down for the flag we have learned to love."

This is the translation of a speech in pure Sioux made at a flag-raising ceremony at Fort Rice Saturday by Red Tomahawk, an old Indian scout.

### BOND IS GRATEFUL

I take this opportunity of thanking my friends who worked in my behalf during the primaries. Irrespective of the results, I shall always feel under obligations to them.

Respectfully,  
WALTER R. BOND.

### M'COY WILL INSTALL FURNITURE STORE

Bought Lots, Will Build Large Brick  
Block—President and General  
Manager \$50,000 Corporation

Paul V. McCoy purchased Lots 17 and 18 in Block 10, just north of the Epstein grocery store on South Main street, and will proceed at once to erect a large two-story block with basement, 50x140 feet. The building will be completed not later than Oct. 1, when it will be occupied by the new \$50,000 corporation which has just been organized with Paul V. McCoy, Geo. A. McGee and Clarence Parker as the incorporators.

Mr. McCoy is the president and general manager of the new company which will place in the new building an immense stock of furniture and house furnishings. L. C. Cooksey, who has been manager of the Furniture Exchange, has been engaged as assistant manager. He will leave for Chicago and Grand Rapids, Mich., in a day or two to place his orders for the stock and the intentions are to open the store about Oct. 1.

Mr. McCoy, the president of the company, is one of Minot's most successful business men, being interested in half a dozen or more enterprises, all of which are very successful. It is safe to say that this venture will prove to be an unqualified success. Mr. McCoy has been planning on this for several years and feels that the time is now ripe to engage in this business.

Mr. McCoy will go east next week to join Mr. Cooksey and assist in buying the stock. He plans on conducting a cash and payment business.

While the building will consist of but two stories at present, a foundation will be built capable of extending it up four stories.

### North Prairie vs. Mosquitoes

The north prairie team and the Mosquitoes played one of the fastest games of the season last Sunday. The game resulted in the North Prairie team winning by a score of 5 to 2. The features of the game were two home runs by Joe Pitner and Billy Laskowsky, each getting one. Henry Kells, pitcher for the North Prairie boys, did some mighty effective work. The bet was 10 to 1 that North Prairie wins the Fourth of July game from South Prairie.

### Says I. W. W.'s Demand \$5 a Day

L. J. Renicker of Norwich returned from Haviland, Kan., where he was the guest of his brother, who is publisher of the Haviland Outlook. Three of his brothers who had not met for a decade gathered and had a most enjoyable visit. Mrs. Renicker accompanied her husband on the trip. They had been attending the annual meeting of the German Baptist church at Fairview, Mo. Mr. Renicker says he had heard so much about the fine crops of Kansas but failed to see them. Land in the vicinity where he visited is selling from \$100 to \$150 an acre but our own land will produce finer crops. Most of the crops were drowned out this year. He says the I. W. W.'s have organized in Kansas and are demanding \$5 a day and do not care whether they work even at that figure. The farmers are getting ready to harvest their crops, such as they are.

### Rolling Green Township Has a Band

Rolling Green township has a band, organized a month ago with the following members: Horace Davy, leader; Victor Davy, Harold Waggoner, Stanley Waggoner, Seth Coffey, Emmet Davis, William and Fred Groninger.

The organization is composed of members who have never had much musical experience, but they are demonstrating that they know how to handle a trombone just about as well as they can a plow and will soon be ready to make their debut. Their repertoire will not be so very extensive this season but they will undoubtedly give a good account of themselves.

### Two Sons Join Company D.

Henry and Jesse McLean, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLean, who reside at 808 Valley street in this city, have both joined Co. D and are now at Fort Lincoln where the regiment is being organized. This is the first instance that has been called to our attention where two members from the same family have enlisted in the same company so far, in the pending unpleasantness. The scene at the depot this morning when Jesse, the younger son, took leave of his aged mother and father and his two little sisters was very touching indeed. There is but one son left at home, and he is anxious to enlist, but the mother is unwilling to part with the young man, saying that two sons should be a sufficient sacrifice to lay upon the altar of our country—and none will deny the justice of her claim. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLean are devoted patriots and this act of devotion to their country's cause gives the citizens of our city much reason to feel proud of the McLeans.

### FOR SALE—Thorough bred registered

Jersey bull, 3 years old; a beauty, very gentle. Cows for sale, gentle, good milkers. R. W. Dalziel. 6-29tf

### OUR SOLDIER BOYS OFF TO THE WAR

Immense Crowd Pays Tribute to the  
Members of Co. D and Co. E Upon  
Departure for Ft. Lincoln Sunday

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered on the streets of Minot paid a glowing tribute to the "boys" of Co. D on their departure for the mobilization camp at Fort Lincoln Sunday morning. The special train over the Soo was scheduled to pull out promptly at nine o'clock, but it was nearer ten before the coaches bearing the members of Co. D of Minot and Co. E of Williston steamed away amid the cheers of thousands and prayers for their safe return.

The company appeared on the street at 8 o'clock, and shortly after the train bearing the Williston boys arrived. Headed by the Minot band the soldier boys marched through the streets and they were cheered by every man, woman and child with red blood in their veins. The boys stood "at rest" for some time while the members of their families and other friends bade them good-bye and many who were complete strangers passed along the line, bidding them farewell.

The Minot band played a number of patriotic airs and as the train was pulling out the band struck up "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

The Knights of Columbus marched in a body to the station, paying a splendid tribute to the departing company. Ten of the Co. D boys are members of the K. C. Council.

Shortly before the boys boarded the train, Judge Palda gave a short address which brought forth frequent applause. He told the boys that should they be sent across the border to remember that this is a civilized country and although we might be called to fight a lot of savages, we should fight like men, and at the same time fight like babies.

The whole city was alive at seven o'clock Sunday morning and many gathered at the Great Northern depot to meet Co. E of Williston when the train pulled in. Company D marched to the depot and fell in behind the Williston company which was in charge of Captain Evans.

Every member of the two companies were presented with a red and white carnation each by Geo. E. Valke, the Minot florist.

The doctors of the city presented Captain Frank E. Wheelon of Co. D with a beautiful gold wrist watch the evening before his departure. Captain Wheelon for years has been one of Minot's popular physicians and surgeons. The watch was suitably engraved.

Silk flags were presented by Mrs. Day Okes, Mrs. L. D. McGahan, Miss Peggy Clapp, Miss Ruth Carroll, Miss Aileen McGahan and Miss Bertha Alstgast.

Knights of Columbus rings were presented to Corporal Hugh Taylor, Private Leo S. Kirin and Private H. Laridon by the local council of that organization.

The city of Minot contributed to the Co. D relief fund in a highly commendable manner. The committee raised more than a thousand dollars by public subscription which with the \$136 as receipts from the Lyceum entertainment Friday night and the ball at the armory, amounted to \$1500. This will be used in equipping the company with a library and with an outfit for a gymnasium and for luxuries for sick members. It is only a little remembrance from our citizens but is appreciated by all the boys who have gone to fight our battles if called upon.

Before the train departed, Captain Wheelon issued the following statement:

"On behalf of myself and the other officers and the men of Company D, I wish to express to the people of Minot the gratitude of us all for the magnificent manner in which the city and its citizens have shown their appreciation of the men who are going out to serve their country wherever duty calls them."

"The men who have enlisted in Co. D and the men who were members of it before the recruiting orders were issued realize they are going on no lark. They understand the seriousness of the task for the accomplishment of which they have entered into a contract sealed with the pledge of their lives."

Company D is the same company and will be a part of the same regiment which served with honor to the nation and the flag in the Philippines. The men have changed, but the fighting spirit is a tradition of the company and of the regiment, and those who have bid the company "Godspeed" today will have no apologies to make, no explanations to offer for its record, no matter where it may be called. The helpless will learn to respect Company D because of its protection and the enemy will respect it because of its fighting qualities.

Minot will be heard from wherever the company may go, and the loyalty and sympathy of the thousands who have come out to bid us goodbye will be an inspiration for the best service and the noblest purposes of every man."

The special train was decorated in the national colors. At every station between Minot and Bismarck it was

met by a large crowd. At Velva a large number of citizens and the band turned out. At Max the citizens and Boy Scouts were out. At Williston the citizens presented the boys with an entire case of cigars. At Drake the citizens presented the soldiers with a huge pennant bearing the emblem—"America, We Love You."

### KENMARE TO HAVE A MONSTER CELEBRATION

Kenmare is preparing for another monster celebration on July 4-5, and extends a cordial invitation to the people of this vicinity to attend. The outstanding feature this year will be the great aeroplane exhibition, guaranteed to be the best ever brought into the state. Baxter Adams is the birdman, and he will loop the loop, fly upside down, and do all the other hair-raising stunts known to the game. He will make two flights, one in the morning, shortly before dinner, and the other late in the afternoon.

Besides the above the Cash-Hine Carnival company will be on hand both days, there will be ball games, street sports, dancing, free attractions, music and everything that goes to make up a first class celebration.

Every attraction this year is under bond, and there is absolutely no possibility of disappointment.

### Fire at Windsor Hotel

The fire laddies responded to a call Wednesday just before noon when an overheated range in the kitchen of the Windsor hotel started a blaze in the wall. The fire was put out before much damage was done.

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAK VALLEY CHURCH

Special Train From Minot Takes Large  
Crowd to Important Meeting  
at Velva Sunday

The choir of the First Lutheran church with Rev. T. F. Gullixson directing, took an important part in the services held at Velva Sunday in observance of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Oak Valley Lutheran church at Velva.

More than a hundred persons went down from Minot on the Soo special, which was run for them through the courtesy of the Soo, leaving Minot at 9:30 a. m. and returning home at 11:30 p. m. The choir members were met in Velva with automobiles and taken out to the park where the festivities were held. The morning session opened at 11:00 o'clock with a number by the choir, followed by an opening address by Rev. P. O. Bruland of Velva, introducing the most prominent speaker of the day, Rev. T. S. Reishus.

At 12:00 o'clock a delicious luncheon was served at long tables out in the open, by members of the Velva congregation. The afternoon session consisted chiefly of addresses by the following ministers:

Rev. T. S. Reishus, Rev. P. O. Bruland of Velva, Rev. B. Hoffrenning of Max, Rev. O. L. Brenig of Plaza, Rev. Hanover of Maddock and Rev. T. F. Gullixson of Minot. The guest of honor of the day was Rev. Reishus, the first resident minister of the Oak Valley Lutheran church of Velva. Rev. Reishus, who is a man of much distinction, is a brother of Mr. Gund Reishus of this city and expects to spend several weeks visiting with old friends and at the home of his brother.

In the evening a choral concert was given by the First Lutheran choir, assisted by members of the Velva choir, being directed by Rev. Gullixson. The soloists of the evening were Miss Olio Stamsrud, soprano, who sang "Fear Ye Not, O Israel" by Dudley Buck; Miss Sirgrid Reishus, contralto, who sang "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod, and Mr. H. J. Hjort, tenor, sang "My Native Worth," taken from the Creation by Haydn. Miss Martha Sebby, who is widely known in the musical circles of this city, was the capable accompanist.

A very large crowd turned out in the evening to the concert.

The Oak Valley congregation was founded in 1886 and had 35 confirmed members. The first officers were: Hans Fjone, Louis Larson and Carl L. Opsahl, trustees; A. J. Olsie, secretary, and Ole N. Westgaard, treasurer. Among the charter members were A. J. Olsie, Iver Gjelstad, Arndt Walley and Ole N. Westgaard, who are still members of the congregation.

The following pastors have served: Rev. S. T. Reishus, 1886-1894; Rev. E. I. Strom, 1895-1897; Rev. T. H. Tonneson, 1897-1907; Rev. O. J. Arke, 1907-1913; Rev. P. O. Bruland, 1914.

Services were conducted in the Velva school house and at times in the railway station until 1900 when the church was erected. The church was remodeled in 1909 at an expense of \$3,400, and furniture replaced to the amount of \$2,000. In 1906 the congregation erected a parsonage costing \$4,000.

The Ladies' Aid society organized in 1898 and has contributed \$2,475 to the church. In 1902 a young people's society was founded which has contributed \$545.41. The church debt amounting to \$3,000 was liquidated in connection with Sunday's festival.

### MINOT WANTS YOU FOR HER GUEST ON THE FOURTH

Committees Have Planned Big Things  
For the Celebration—To Spend  
\$2,000 for Various Prizes

Arrangements are completed for Minot's greatest Fourth of July celebration and now that all the citizens of Minot ask for is fair weather and good roads. Last year 20,000 people attended the celebration and went away declaring that they never had been treated more royally in their lives. This year the crowd will be even larger if the weather is favorable. A thousand or fifteen hundred automobiles will be in the city that day. Many will drive in from distant points. Places will be provided for parking the cars and for hitching the horses at Riverside park.

Riverside Park, where the main celebration will be held, never appeared as beautiful as it does today. New walks and driveways have been laid out. Lawns have been seeded and many flowers and much shrubbery planted. The grass has been cut and the entire grounds present a fresh, inviting appearance. The three elk have been turned into their new wire enclosure and the bear with the three cubs will be one of the real attractions.

Thousands will bring their picnic dinners and spread them in the shade of the trees. The committee will provide free coffee but it will be well to bring buckets.

There will be some attraction for practically every minute in the day. There will be band concerts, a patriotic program at the park in the morning. Pres. A. G. Crane and R. A. Nestos are the speakers.

The ball game between the North Prairie Cubs and the South Prairie Colts will take place at Riverside Park in the afternoon, the winners to carry away a \$50 purse. The boys are all husky sluggers and they will fight like Trojans for the purse and honors.

In another section of this issue will be found the complete program telling all about the races, etc. The committee will spend \$2,000 on this celebration and some unusually large prizes are offered.

During the evening the Minot ball team will cross bats with the fast Carington team at the ball park. This is one of the very few attractions for which an admission will be charged, this being entirely out of the hands of the committee.

During the afternoon and evening, there will be free dancing at a pavilion at Riverside Park and in the evening a gorgeous display of fireworks will be given from the south hill.

In the evening there will be a mirth provoking carnival with dancing on the pavement, following the Callithumpian parade. If you want to see some real sport, don't miss this parade.

The automobile and motorcycle parade will be one of the big events of the day.

The local theaters, with a boat ride up the river to Wildwood or the baseball amusement park will furnish amusement to many. There will be so much going on throughout the day that you won't be able to participate in half of it.

### MOTORCYCLE PARADE FOR THE FOURTH

Committee Adds Another Attraction—  
Offering Good Prizes—There  
Will be Many Entries

There are so many riders of motorcycles who are anxious to be represented in the parade on the Fourth, that the committee has arranged for a contest, offering prizes of \$15 and \$5 for the two motorcycles decorated in the most unique and most attractive manner. This will be pulled off in addition to the big automobile parade for which prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15 are offered.

It is hoped that a large number of machines in each event will be entered as the prizes are surely worth working for.

### Farmers Looking for "Eye Specialist"

A man who claimed to be an eye specialist, or a specialist at fitting glasses, visited in the country north of Minot a month ago, taking orders for glasses. He called himself Layman and said his headquarters were in Minot. He fitted out Mrs. J. C. Kirn of Maxbass with glasses, Mr. Kirn giving a check for \$14. Another farmer paid him \$28. He stated that the glasses would be sent in a week, but to date they have not been received. The Independent has made inquiries and we fail to locate this man if he is here. He may not be a fake but the people who gave him their orders are becoming anxious. It is always better to deal with reputable oculists.