

Auto Show Will be Bigger and Better This Year than any Held in Former Years

MINOT WOMAN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WITH A RAZOR

After Imbibing Freely Mrs. Eibohle Slashed Her Throat With a Razor But Will Recover

Mrs. Eibohle, who resides at the corner of Third avenue and Third street southeast, attempted to commit suicide Sunday, taking the razor route. It is said that the woman had been drinking heavily for several days but after she had inflicted a wound in her throat with the razor, she could not stand the pain and gave up the attempt on her own life.

The sheriff's office was notified and a deputy rushed across the street to the woman's home, where she was placed under arrest. A surgeon was called and he dressed her wound, which was not dangerous. A woman was left in charge and the victim is recovering.

Mrs. Eibohle's husband left about three weeks ago and has not returned to date. Two men named Johnson and Halvorson have been boarding at the Eibohle home and it is said that a good sized row occurred just before the woman slashed her throat. Mrs. Eibohle is the mother of four small children.

MINOT—THE WONDER CITY

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Minot, that sturdy youngster of the northwestern part of the state of North Dakota, is certainly making a record for progress that is only excelled in a few particulars in the whole of the United States. Certainly the Wonder City has the best building record in the entire northwest for the year 1916, and Minot has received some very flattering notices in the metropolitan press and in trade papers that have to do with building matters.

City Clerk Tells Story

The following letter from the city inspector of the city of Minot gives the whole story in a very few words:

Minot, N. D., Jan. 1, 1917.

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the building record in my office for the years 1914-1915-1916, beginning May 1, 1914.

From May 1, 1914, 97 buildings, value.....	\$476,875.00
Year 1915, 135 buildings, value.....	526,012.00
Year 1916, 211 buildings, value.....	1,423,455.00
Respectfully submitted,	
O. H. MOON,	
City Inspector.	

Five Hundred Buildings in Year

It is only fair to state that the 211 buildings contained in Mr. Moon's report does not tell the whole story, for there were a large number of residences built that did not require a permit from the building inspector. If all were counted the number would reach close to 500 for the year 1916.

In addition to the building record Mr. Moon also has the following enlightening report to make for the year 1916:

Electric wiring permits.....	425
Water connection permits.....	314
Sewer connections.....	309

City Spends Money

The city government was not far behind the procession for the year 1916, as is evidenced by the following public improvements made last year:

Paving.....	\$203,906.34
Watermains.....	22,372.20
Storm Sewers.....	13,458.35
Sanitary Sewers.....	17,631.47
Street Grading.....	34,960.72
Sewage Disposal Plant site.....	7,000.00
Pest houses.....	1,292.00
Alley right-of-way.....	2,735.00
Widening Third Street.....	6,889.00

most certain that several hundred thousand dollars will be spent in improving the waterworks system and in other work about the city.

New Buildings Proposed

For the year 1917 most of the proposed buildings are to be of fireproof construction thruout and Minot will merge in the sky scraper class of cities before snow falls next winter. Among the largest buildings to be erected will be the new high school building, covering a half block and three stories high; the First International Bank building, eight stories high; the Kermott building, six stories high; a half dozen large buildings of two and three stories, and at least 300 residences, for the most part of a pretentious nature. Of course, it is expected that the Normal school will secure sufficient appropriation to complete the main building and perhaps enough to erect the auditorium so badly needed.

Improvements by Railroads

Both the Great Northern and Soo Line Railways have very progressive programs for building at Minot this year. The Great Northern should spend in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, if its full program is carried out. This will include new switching yards and a double track from Minot to Surrey. The Soo Line is also short of sufficient room to transact its growing business and additions will have to be made to its freight terminal.

Park Board Plans

The Park Board has a very progressive program for the summer, which includes at least another mile of park boulevard, and swimming pools, and the usual park improvements that come every year.

Minot is rapidly becoming one of the foremost automobile centers in the country, owing to the fact that the shipping facilities are so favorable, and great activity will be noted in this branch of business the coming year. It is estimated that this business alone will total \$5,500,000 during the year. Of course this means new buildings, and already Eby & Young, distributors for the Buick, have plans out for a three story building, 50x140. The Minot Auto Co. has plans out for a mammoth addition to their already large plant, the McKinney-Fuller Motor Co., northwest distributors for the Dodge Bros' automobiles, will in all probability build a very large building, as their space is getting too small. Other distributors will also have to enlarge or build entirely new plants.

Wholesale Houses

At least six new distributing warehouses will be located here early in the spring, among which are the Wege Concrete Machinery Co., the Inland Oil Works Company of Cleveland, O., and others that we are not at liberty to announce their plans at this writing.

Withal, Minot is having a phenomenal and steady growth. It is right that it should have this growth, for it is geographically situated to become a large city, and with the prospects for oil now apparent in the vicinity of the city it is not safe to say at this time just how rapidly the city will grow. It all depends.

Big Concrete Products Works

The announcement has been made that Day Oakes, of the Hanlon-Oakes Co., R. W. Jones and a number of other Minot men, have formed a company to manufacture concrete products in this city. This company will erect a plant in the Soo gravel pit about a mile east of the city, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It is the intention of the company to manufacture such concrete products as tiling, bricks, and culverts. Work will be commenced on the construction of the building immediately and Messrs. Oakes and Jones are now in Chicago purchasing machinery. The Soo Line will provide the plant with a spur.

According to one of the local men interested, the concern will employ about twenty-five men and will operate during the entire year.

Pullman Business Will Be Large in North Dakota

V. A. and D. E. Asplund, of the Asplund Bros. Garage, spent the early part of the week in Fargo, transacting business with Moore Bros., North-western distributors for the Pullman automobiles which the Asplund Bros. handle in Minot. The Minot concern are representatives of the Pullman cars in six counties in this section of the state and they have very bright prospects for a nice business during the present year.

Moore Bros. are doing a tremendous business, even this early in the season. One of their salesmen for western North Dakota has already placed 598 cars.

WHEN TO PUT COLTS TO WORK

A good, big, growthy two-year-old colt may be put to work if it is worked only half a day each day. A three-year-old may work steadily if the load is not a constant strain for him, while a well developed four-year-old is about mature and is good for a regular place in the work teams. — W. H. Peters, N. Dak. Exp. Station.

The automobile dealers belonging to the Minot Automobile Dealers' Association are "hopping to it" this week, getting ready for the Auto Show next week, which begins on Wednesday, the 21st, and continues until Saturday night, the 24th. An army of workmen are busily engaged in transforming the Armory, and when the work is completed the show will have a setting entirely different than ever seen in this city, or the entire northwest, for that matter. The whole idea is to furnish something new and novel in the way of conducting an auto show.

As stated, the automobile dealers belonging to the Minot Automobile Dealers' Association are doing all in their power to give the public something out of the ordinary, and are making every effort to make the show so interesting that everyone will just have to go and see it.

The floor space has been re-arranged this year and all available space will be utilized. Last year the booths were arranged in a quadrangle, but this year in addition to this sort of arrangement, the center of the Armory will also be used for exhibition purposes, the demand for space being so insistent that it was absolutely necessary to condense and use all available room. The decorations will set off the whole scene, and the eye will be pleased, no matter where it roves.

Another especially pleasing feature will be the musical and vaudeville program that will be rendered every day and evening by the best talent in the city. This matter has been left in the hands of Cap. Aaker, with instructions to go the limit. Those who have enjoyed any of the programs arranged by Mr. Aaker will know that they will hear and see something worth while.

A lunch room will be maintained in the Armory during the show, so that it will not be necessary for sightseers to curtail their visit to the show on account of going out for luncheon. In fact, every convenience will be in evidence for the pleasure and comfort of the patrons of the exhibition.

The following progressive automobile firms will have exhibits of the 1917 models on the floor of the hall:

- Champlin Implement and Motor Company.
- Eby & Young, of The Motor Inn.
- Dakota Motor Sales Company.
- Magic City Auto Company.
- McKinney-Fuller Motor Company.
- Minot Auto Company.
- Scofield Implement Company.
- Minot Motor Sales Company.
- Chas. Withers.
- Moore Motor Company.

Among the cars on exhibit will be the following:

- Studebaker, Buick, Maxwell, Hupmobile, Allen, Mitchell, Dodge Bros., Overland, Ford, Chevrolet, Hudson, Reo, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Smith Form-a-Truck, Haynes, G. M. C. Truck, and others. These cars will be shown in all models, and at all prices, so that no matter how humble the pocket-book is, it will be able to find something fitted to it.

The holding of automobile shows has become the proper way to begin the season. For the man who intends purchasing a new car, and for the man who desires to secure an agency for any of the standard cars, the Auto Show presents an opportunity to study all kinds of motors, with the result that much time, money and effort is spared. There is nothing mysterious about an auto show. It costs a lot of money to put on a really good show of this kind, so that a small admission fee has to be charged, but when it is taken into consideration that the auto show gives the opportunity for comparison of models and prices, the admission fee sinks into insignificance.

Next week will also be rallying week for the sub-agents of the automobile firms that distribute from Minot, and it is altogether likely that at least 250 agents from other cities and towns in North Dakota and Montana will invade the city the greater part of the week. This means many social events to be staged by the local firms. Last year the social features were most enjoyable, and were the means of giving Minot, the Wonder City, a great amount of very favorable advertising throughout the territory reached by our dealers. Already plans are maturing for a number of banquets, and entertainments of various kinds for the entertainment of the visitors from out of town.

The Minot Auto Show has passed out of the experimental stage. It has become a fixture in the activities of the city. It is right that it should be a fixture, and a mighty important one, too, for the automobile distributing industry in Minot is assuming gigantic proportions, and it is freely predicted on automobile row that the business through Minot this year will reach the high figure of \$5,500,000.00. This is a tidy sum to be handled through one industry, and surely important enough to attract more than passing notice. Minot has become one of the four principal farm implement distributing centers, and it will only be a short time before this city will range up near the top in the distribution of automobiles. Several agencies

in this city are now top-notchers with their particular lines.

The automobile has come to stay in this great western empire, and it is right that a loud noise was made over the industry. The auto show furnishes one of the best avenues to make this noise, and it is hoped that our local people will patronize the show to the limit of their endurance. Great crowds spell success, so let us help this new and large industry by attending the show every day.

New Wing for St. Joseph's Hospital

The Sisters of St. Francis, who recently bought the St. Joseph's hospital property from Ward county for \$28,700, are planning on building a new wing to the building early in the spring. Plans are now being worked out which will be submitted to contractors for bids a little later.

The new wing will form one of the units of the new hospital which the Sisters propose to build eventually.

Several years ago, when they planned on constructing a mammoth hospital on the north side, a valuable five acre tract of land was bought and the excavation for the new building was partially completed. The Sisters are now offering this tract for sale and will use the proceeds in the new wing.

St. Joseph's Hospital needs more room and the Sisters propose to eventually give Minot one of the state's largest hospitals.

Geo. H. Bugenhagen has been engaged to draw the plans for the new wing, which will consist of three stories, with a central fourth story to serve as an operating room. The new building will face Third street. The new wing will furnish bed accommodations for forty patients and will consist of a number of private wards with and without baths, besides general wards.

The architect is arranging his plans for X-ray and Hydro-Therapeutics rooms, a Chapel, Priest's dining and study rooms, Sisters' and nurses' dining room, and the building will be provided with an automatic electric elevator and vacuum cleaning plant.

The corridors and baths will have Terrazzo floors. A heating plant will provide heat for all the present buildings, including the nurses' home. The exterior will be designed with a view to the site and will suggest cheerfulness and comfort.

TOWNER MAN FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME

Towner, Feb. 12.—George Wilson, a prominent and respected resident of this city, died of heart failure at his home in this city last Friday night. The deceased lived alone near the residence of his son. He was serving on the petit jury at the present term of the district court. Saturday morning, the court and lawyers were waiting for him to appear in court in order to begin the trial of a case upon which he was serving as a juror. When he failed to arrive after a considerable wait, the son was called on the phone, and when he failed to receive a response to his knock on the door of his father's house, broke open the building and found the old man laying face downward on the floor. He evidently had gotten up during the night and died while in the act of trying to reach a chair. Heart failure was the cause of his death. A donation was taken up in court when the news of his death was received, to purchase a suitable testimonial in the form of a wreath of flowers.

Celebrated Emancipator's Birthday

The anniversary of the birth of Lincoln was observed in Minot Monday. The schools, library, federal building, postoffice, and banks were closed throughout the day and flags were flung to the breeze at various places about the city.

MINOT IS ONE OF THE TOP NOTCHERS

This City Stands Good Chance of Soon Becoming Third City in the World in Machinery Business.

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Erickson returned Sunday from Fargo where they spent a week. Mr. Erickson, who is manager of the Minot branch of the Case Threshing Machine Co., attended the annual salesmen's meeting, which was in charge of August Hanson, the Fargo branch manager. F. R. Washburn, division manager, and E. E. Johnson, his assistant, from Racine, Wis., assisted in the meeting, which was one of the best in the history of the big concern.

A banquet was held for the salesmen at the Gardner hotel and the same evening Mrs. Aug. Hanson, wife of the Fargo manager, entertained the visiting ladies.

"All eyes are now on Minot," Mr. Erickson said upon his return to our city. "Everybody was talking about Minot and predicting that soon it will eclipse any other city in the state in the amount of machinery business done annually. You know Kansas City stands first, Minneapolis second and Fargo third in the entire world, and Minot is not far behind Fargo."

OLD PIONEER OF MINOT DEAD

Mrs. John Gulson Was Buried From Hauge's Lutheran Church Sunday.

Mrs. Maren Gulson, widow of the late John Gulson, one of the first settlers on the present site of Minot, died at the home of her son, Hans Gulson, at Camrose, Alta., a few days ago. The funeral services and interment were held at the Hauge's Lutheran church in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. T. H. Lund, pastor of the church, officiating. The interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

The deceased was seventy-six years of age and came with her husband to this section in 1880. They located on a tract of land on the north side, a part of which is now occupied by the Lutheran cemetery, and a portion of which is laid out in lots. The family moved to Pleasant, N. D., where Mr. Gulson died about 1906. The mother has been making her home with her son, at whose home she died, for about a year.

Funeral services were held at Camrose the previous Sunday which were attended by all the children of the deceased. Hans Gulson accompanied the remains to this city.

Mrs. Gulson leaves four children, all grown to manhood and womanhood. They are Miss Mary and Hans, both residing at Camrose; Mrs. Edward McKenzie, of Fleet, Alta., and Mrs. Martin Mjolsness of Coronation, Alta.

The husband of the deceased is buried in the Lutheran cemetery in this city.

Mrs. Miller of Bowbells Died

Elder D. T. Dierdorff of Surrey was in the city today enroute to Bowbells, where he will officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Miller, who died at her home near that city Wednesday night, the obsequies to be held Friday.

E. Ellison of the Fair store is visiting in Minneapolis with his son, Hil-dor, who recently returned from the south with the other members of Co. D.



SCENE IN RIVERSIDE PARK

Minot is one of the most picturesque cities in North Dakota. The above is but one of the hundreds of pretty scenes that greet the eye of the auto driver as he wends his way about the many pretty drives in the city. There are miles of the very best graveled roads in Minot's system of parks, comprising more than a hundred acres.