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CITY HAS EXCEPTIONALLY FINE WELL

Well Produced 400 Gallons a Minute
But This Is Not Full Capacity—
New Pump Will be Installed.

City Engineer Thomas presented to the board of city commissioners a very interesting and apparently valuable report on the new city well at Oak Park. Since the report was presented, the city commission has authorized the installation of a centrifugal pump which will permit the well to be pumped to capacity. It is the general belief that the question of Minot's water system has been solved. Mr. Thomas' report, which is quite complete, follows:

Minot, N. D., Sept. 10, 1917.
To the Hon. Board of City Commissioners.

The following is a report on the boring and testing of a 10-inch well in the east side of Oak Park. On the 23rd day of May a contract was awarded to the McCarthy Well Co. of St. Paul for the boring and testing of the well. Work was started about July 1st. The well was bored and casing driven to a depth of 146 feet. The water-bearing strata being explored was encountered at a depth of 85 feet, and extended to a depth of 132 feet. Samples of the water-bearing material for each foot in depth were taken and preserved and can be seen in my office. The contract included perforating the casing through the water-bearing vein after the pipe was driven. The work of perforating was partially completed when at a depth of 95 feet a section of unusually hard casing was broken by the tools, allowing a large amount of sand to enter the well. This made it impossible to use the well and the contractor was obliged to put down another well 12 feet further south. This second well was bored through the water-bearing vein to a depth of 132 feet. Samples of the water-bearing vein in this well were taken at each foot in depth. It was deemed advisable to secure a brass screen rather than to make perforations and a 40-foot brass screen with a No. 20 slot was secured and placed in the well.

A 100-hour continuous pumping test was started at 7 o'clock A. M. on Sept. 6th and was completed at 11 o'clock A. M. on Sept. 10th. During this test the flow was maintained at between 350 and 370 gallons per minute. For a period of about one hour the flow was maintained at 400 gallons per minute, which is the ultimate capacity of the pump. The high rate of pumping could not be maintained with safety to the pumping equipment, and at no time was the capacity of the well reached.

The effect of the pumping on the elevation of the water in a 4-inch well which is at a distance of 88 feet and which extends into the same water-bearing stratum was observed at intervals and it was found that after 100 hours of pumping the elevation of the water in the well was lowered only 3 feet. Readings were also taken of the water level of well No. 9 in the west side of Oak Park, which also extends into the same vein and at a distance of about 800 feet from the well being tested, the pumping causing the water in this well to be lowered about six inches. The elevation of the water between the casing and pump pipe in the well being tested was observed and it was found that the water level had not been pumped to its capacity, it would be advisable to secure a pumping outfit capable of pumping the well to its capacity.

Although a chemical analysis of the water has not been made the indications are that it is of the same character as water in the other wells in the same vicinity and which extends into the same vein. I recommend for your consideration the matter of securing a centrifugal pump and pumping into mains of the western portion of the city. It is possible that a deep well pump and small temporary reservoir will be required in addition to the centrifugal pump.

The indications of securing an ample and satisfactory water supply from wells in the vicinity of this test well are very promising, the well being tested will be one of the series of wells required to supply the city. The water will be pumped to the future proposed supply reservoir. After making additional tests and securing further information with regard to the quality and quantity of the water, action should be taken by your Board with regard to having plans prepared for the development and use of the well supply. Samples of the water have been sent to the State Public Health Laboratory at Grand Forks, and samples will be sent to the State Public Health Laboratory at Minneapolis, Minn.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. THOMAS,
City Engineer.

The Minot Hide & Fur Co. announces that on account of the Jewish New Year, their place of business will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris of Austin, Minn., are spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Passenger. Mr. Morris formerly was a G. N. engineer at Minot.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood Back From 5,000 Mile Auto Trip.
Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Wood of this city, and W. A. Strand and Miss Minnie Strand, of Minneapolis, have returned from a 5,000 mile auto trip thru the

west which they made in the Doctor's Madison car. They were away two months and had the finest outing of their lives. They visited Havre, Mont., Great Falls, Missoula, Spokane, Seattle and Vancouver. They spent some time at the Ranier National Park. The Doctor says that the entire west is dry and the only place that he saw crops that amounted to anything was in the irrigated districts. The Doctor states that of all the cities he visited, there is more building going on in Minot than in any of them.

Glenn Moon, who is a member of the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, writes his mother, Mrs. O. H. Moon, that he passed the examination very satisfactorily. In the entire company there was but one man who passed the nerve test as well as Mr. Moon. T. W. McIntyre has shipped a car load of oats in from Minnesota which cost him 65 cents a bushel laid down. He is having part of the oats ground to feed on his farm.

Berthold Woman Died at the Age of 90 Years.

Berthold Tribune.—Mrs. Jane Lawson Whitson, who has been making her home in this city for several years, died early Saturday morning, Sept. 1, at the home of her son, William A. Whitson, at the advanced age of 90 years. While the deceased had been a partial invalid for some few years past it was not until about a year ago that she became bedridden. She was a woman of wonderful vitality and her mental faculties were unimpaired almost up to the end. In spite of her pain and helplessness she has always been as patient and cheerful as could be expected when her age and condition is considered.

Private funeral services, conducted by Rev. M. W. Hiner, were held at the residence Saturday afternoon and on the following morning the remains were shipped to Fergus Falls, Minn., for interment.

The deceased was born March 12, 1827, near Smith's Falls, Can., and was married Feb. 28, 1850. Nine children were born to this union, seven of whom survive her, namely, Robert and Russell of Northfield, Minn.; Mrs. J. Thompson, of Fort Recovery, Ohio; John of Sauk Center, Minn.; Albert of Fergus Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Thomas Nephew of Sawyer, N. Dak., and William of Berthold, N. Dak.

"DAD" MARSH RE-TIRES FROM BUSINESS

Pioneer Restaurant Man Leaves His Quick Lunch to Wm. Thompson and Will Enjoy Vacation.

E. A. Marsh, better known as "Dad" Marsh, proprietor of Dad's Quick Lunch on West Central avenue, has leased his building and equipment to Wm. Thompson, who has been employed as cook at the restaurant for the past year.

Mr. Marsh will take a well earned vacation and after Co. A and Co. D leave for the south. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh will visit the camps. One son, William, is a member of Co. D and another, George, of Co. A.

The independent remembers well when Mr. Marsh opened his Quick Lunch in this city ten years ago. "Dad" leased the lot where his present building stands and set up a tent, serving lunches in the tent for several months. Later a building was erected and after Mr. Marsh had made a barrel of money, he bought the lot and later erected a new block. "Dad" started business on a "shoe string" and often made the remark that he could not have changed a 50-cent piece when he opened his place, besides he was \$1500 in debt. He tended strictly to business, always serving the very best food at reasonable prices and did a thriving business. He owns a fine home in the city, eight or ten valuable lots about the city, some other property and besides has enough to keep the wolf from the door for many a day.

Dr. Andrew Carr Visiting in Minot.
Dr. Andrew Carr, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Carr of this city, arrived from Chicago recently and is visiting at his old home in this city. Dr. Carr enlisted in a Medical Corps recently and is now first lieutenant, being in charge of 242 men, the Corps including twenty-six doctors.

Dr. Carr stands high in his profession. He graduated two years ago and since that time has been an interne in the Presbyterian and Cook county hospitals in Chicago. He has specialized on the eye, ear, nose, throat, etc., and during his stay in Minot is assisting his father with operations. Dr. Carr grew to manhood in this city, graduating from the Minot schools and many friends have watched his excellent work in the medical college as well as his rapid advance since completing his work.

McKnight Prospering in Great Falls.
Roy McKnight, of the Overland Auto Co. at Great Falls, Mont., has been visiting old Minot friends. Mr. McKnight says that Great Falls is the Pittsburgh of the west. The population is 40,000 and the banks have \$25,000,000 on deposit, and from what the Independent can learn, Mr. McKnight is getting his share of the money.

Weinrebe Building Three Story Block.
J. H. Weinrebe, who is building a fine new block on First Avenue S. E., has decided to build the structure three stories high instead of two and is changing his plans accordingly. Contractor Dinne has charge of the work.

DIRKS PROPERTY SOLD FOR \$18,000

Manson Bros. Acquire Valuable Central Avenue Business Block and Will Build Three-story Structure.

Manson Bros., the well known confectioners, bought the Dirks one story block, corner of Central avenue and First street S. W., from Mrs. Woodford, consideration \$18,000.

Spero Manson informs the Independent that early next spring, Manson Bros. will begin the erection of a three story block on the full length of the lot which is 25x100 feet. Manson Bros. will occupy the main floor with one of their confectionery stores.

The Dirks property is admirably located and men well informed as to real estate values, consider that Manson Bros. got the property at a real snap. The present building is a one-story cement block structure, which will be torn down when the new owners get ready to build. The property as it stands brings a rental of \$295 per month.

Emmy Wehlen in "Robinson Crusoe" at Orpheum Sept. 21-22.

Pamela Sayre, the pampered darling of New York's most exclusive society, longs for a romance with a big, powerful man who shows by his strength and action that he is a man. She loves Bertie Holden, but he is the spoiled son of a wealthy family and is far from a type such as she desires. She refuses his weak offer of marriage and accepts Charles Van Gordon, an old dirt, who is highly esteemed in business. Two foreigners come to visit the two maiden aunts with whom Pamela lives. They seek information that Van Gordon alone has. When at last Bertie, moved to desperate methods by the actions of Pamela, kidnaps the girl and hides her on a deserted island, they find a plot against the United States, a conspiracy against Van Gordon, and the happiness that comes with true love.

Mrs. L. D. McGahan, who has been spending the summer in the Belt mountains in Montana and later visiting with her daughter, who is the wife of Capt. Sorenson, of Bellingham, Wash., leaves this week for California, where she will spend the winter. It will be good news to Mrs. McGahan's many friends to learn that she is becoming stronger steadily and that by spring she will have completely recovered her health.

Fred Quackenbush, the Independent's right-hand bower, is enjoying a week's vacation at Devils Lake.

Webb Will Ask for Parole.

Oser Webb, the Minot negro, who is serving a two years' sentence at the penitentiary for second offense pigging, will endeavor to get a parole. He telegraphed his wife in Minot yesterday to learn whether his notice for parole had been published in any of the Minot newspapers, which is necessary before the board can act. Webb has served less than a year. He has a good job at the penitentiary, being Warden Talcott's chauffeur, consequently is out a good deal of the time.

Porters Engage in Row.
Charlie Robinson, the good natured porter at the Arcade barber shop, and Jack, the porter at Isilefson's barber shop, got into an argument Friday night over \$2.50 which Charlie claims was due him. It is said that Charlie pulled a gun, but before he could carve the other fellow, Jack had picked up a rock, striking Charlie on the jaw, putting him in bed for a day or two. Charlie left yesterday for the west.

High Price for Second-Hand Farm Machinery.
Early farm sales indicate that prices will be exceedingly high at the auctions this season. At the Maupin sale near Des Lacs, but brot from \$70 to \$80 and farm machinery sold for more than its original cost. This is the first time known when second-hand machinery ever brot more than its first cost, but the increased cost of machinery, owing to war conditions, is responsible for this.

PRESENCE OF MIND SAVES MAN'S LIFE.
Hillsboro, Sept. 12.—Oint Hanson saved himself from a terrible death under the wheels of a passenger train in the local yards when he lay flat on his back between the rails while the train thundered over him after he had fallen between two cars in an effort to board the train while in motion.

DO YOU WANT A NICE PAYING BUSINESS?
We have four business places for sale in Minot, each paying a profit of from \$150 to \$600 a month. Business growing all the time but on account of owners going to war, each place can be bought at a fair price. Office business, grocery, jobbing and storage. N. W. Land Co. See Shaft. 9-13-13x

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT.
Good combination farm, buildings, 70 acres under cultivation, 60 acres fenced pasture, two wells. No money necessary to buy at this time. And the price is only \$4000.00. N. W. Land Co. See Shaft. 9-13-13x

NICE LITTLE HOME IN MINOT, CHEAP.
Will take auto, if in good shape, as first payment, balance \$25 per month. Small cash payment if preferred. N. W. Land Co. See Shaft. 9-13-13x

OPENING WEEK IN THE MINOT STORES

Display of New Fall Merchandise is Attracting Many Out-of-town Shoppers—Stores Heavily Stocked.

This is the grand fall opening week in Minot and the pretty stores never appeared to such excellent advantage before.

A walk along the streets of the business district reveals some exceptionally tasty display windows, showing all the new styles in wearables for men, women and misses. Walk into any of the stores and there's a sight to tempt the pocketbook. The buyers used excellent judgment and the Minot stores are showing just as up-to-date merchandise as the stores of Minneapolis, for example, and at just as low prices or lower. A large number have been attracted to the city this week and merchants believe that the fall's business is going to prove very satisfactory. The stocks are very large as Minot fits out shoppers from a vast outlying district.

MANVEL MAN GETS 31 BUSHEL YIELD

Grand Forks, Sept. 12.—Robert Westcott and son finished their threshing this morning on their farm northwest of Manvel, and off 138 acres got a yield of 4,278 bushels of grain or an average yield of thirty-one bushels to the acre. Each bushel weighed 63 pounds.

BIG FIRE AT SANISH.

The Leland hotel and Savoy theatre at Sanish burned with a total loss of \$10,000. The theatre has been used for church services on Sundays. The Independent did not learn how the fire started.

Jack Frost a Visitor.

Jack Frost visited this section of the state Sunday night, killing considerable vegetation and in places the forming of a thin crust of ice was reported.

Charles Peters, who lived for several years on his splendid farm north of Minot, arrived from Frankfort, Ill., Monday to look after his interests here. Charlie says that he likes North Dakota better than Illinois but is compelled to live in the latter state owing to certain conditions. He was accompanied by Otto B. Herschbach, a prominent hardwareman from Frankfort, who bought the John Renz farm north of Burlington several years ago. He bought lumber Wednesday for a new barn 32x40 feet which will be built on the farm at once and next spring will erect a new farm residence. Mr. Herschbach has leased his farm to Henry Juergens, an Illinois farmer, who accompanied him to Minot. He will move here in the spring with a lot of stock, farm machinery, etc. Mr. Juergens will make an A-1 farmer.

Hennessy Writes From Camp Dodge.
J. F. McGuire received an interesting postcard from J. A. Hennessy, formerly manager of the credit department of the Northern States Power Co., who is now at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Mr. Hennessy is a member of Battery A, 338th Field Artillery. He says: "Arrived Thursday night. It's the largest place you can imagine, over seven miles long and about a mile wide. I want to thank the bunch for the watch. I haven't seen anybody with one as good and I appreciate it a lot. The boys were all feeling pretty good over the send-off. They all said that if any of them got turned down on the physical examination, they would never dare go back."

BONE-DRY IS CORRECT.
Wolford Mirror: Dr. Ladd's decision on the near-beer proposition means that if there is one drop of alcohol in five hundred drops of the liquid it is barred. So that the man who delights in prostituting his palate with that sort of drink would have to drink hundred pints, or sixty-two and one-half gallons, or approximately two barrels of the stuff to get the intoxicating effects of a pint of alcohol. That comes about as near being bone dry as anything the earth has witnessed since one of the old prophets had a vision of a whole valley filled with bleached skeletons.

HORSES ARE POISONED.
Joseph Malek, who farms the W. B. Oversan place north of Williston, lost four valuable horses last week. He was working on the Peter Knudson farm at the time and stopped at noon for lunch. He fed the horses from a grain sack which he had been using right along, and about an hour later all of his horses were dead. The feed must have been tampered with since the morning. Mr. Malek has no knowledge of the guilty party.

MANY WILL GO HUNTING.
Four hundred hunting licenses had been issued out of the county auditor's office up until Wednesday evening. Every bank in the county has been supplied with applications and many have been issued through them. A large number securing licenses are preparing to go into the fields on opening day, Sunday, Sept. 16.

WOMAN LIVES TO 103; HER HUSBAND WAS 105.
Cando, Sept. 8.—(Special).—Mrs. Patrick Brown, who has just died at Leeds, is the last of a remarkably aged couple. Mrs. Brown died at the age of 103, while her husband, who died five

years ago, lived to 105. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the first married couple in North Dakota, and perhaps in all America, to have lived to such advanced ages in good health. They were both born in Ireland, coming to this country in early life, and later settling in North Dakota on a homestead in Burleigh county, where they lived until their deaths. They are buried together in Bismarck.

Three Small Fires.

Three fires are reported by the fire department during the past week. Tom Lacy's residence caught fire last Thursday from a gasoline stove, but little damage resulted.

Edward Racine's residence, 912 8th Avenue N. E., caught fire Thursday from spontaneous combustion in a clothes closet, some damage resulting. The John Cross residence caught fire Monday from a defective electric light wire. Three fires were reported in August, and eleven in July.

45 BUSHEL OF WHEAT TO ACRE

Grand Forks, Sept. 6.—Mendes Swanson, a farmer living a mile and a half south of the city, yesterday threshed a record wheat crop. He threshed six acres, and secured 271 bushels, or 45 bushels to the acre.

Threshing operations throughout the county is general and excellent reports have been received from practically every section.

SNAKEBITE KILLS SMALL BOY

Alexander, Sept. 6.—The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Myrand of Bluesdale was bitten by a rattlesnake one day last week. First aids were administered and the little one was rushed to Sidney for medical attention. The poison had gotten in its deadly work, however, and the boy passed away soon after reaching Sidney.

Murdered Woman Formerly Lived at Makoti.

Mrs. Cornelia Biller, who was shot to death by her soldier lover, Wm. Brinkbock, in St. Paul last week, resided on a homestead some years ago south of Makoti, in southern Ward county. She was then living with a former husband, P. C. Loughery, who is said to be living in Minot at present.

BURLINGTON STRIKE IS STILL UNSETTLED

Mine Operators Agree to Meet the Miners Half Way—Member of Grievance Committee Arrested

The strike of the Burlington coal miners is still on, altho an effort is being made by Dorr H. Carroll, member of the State Defense Committee, to get the miners and operators to gether.

Approximately sixty miners are out and but little coal is being mined. One mine owner is working in his own mine at nights and one or two other men are working in a couple of other mines. There is no coal on the track but a few farmers driving to the mines have been accommodated, and it is said that coal is being furnished to the threshers.

The miners have been getting 80 cents a ton for room mining and \$1.00 a ton for entry mining. They want an advance of 20 cents a ton for room mining and 30 cents for entry work. The operators are willing to meet them half way on the proposition, it is said.

The miners will insist on the leaders and agitators being put back to work when the strike ends. The strike has been a rather quiet affair, no violence being reported.

J. W. Anderson, a member of the miners' grievance committee, was placed under arrest the first of the week on a warrant sworn out by J. F. Castel. Anderson is charged with threatening to assault one Ketchum who was loading a car of coal. It is alleged that Anderson ordered Ketchum to come out of the car, or he would drag him out.

Martin Weaver is chairman of the miners' committee. The miners and operators met with Dorr Carroll Wednesday and they have held a number of meetings during the week. If the miners are granted their full demands, it is said that the coal will sell for at least \$2.75 at the mine, making it worth \$4.75 in Minot.

The mine owners claim that the miners make from \$125 to \$180 a month when they work steadily and the miners claim that on the average their wages are much smaller on account of the slack times during the summer.

The miners claim that the Hunnevell mine has signed their agreement. It is hoped that a settlement can be reached soon, as every day the strike continues represents about 600 tons of coal that should be on the market.

EIGHTY-FIVE SOLDIERS WILL LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY

The second lot of Ward county men secured by the selective draft will leave for Camp Dodge, Ia., on next Wednesday. There are 85 who will leave and the citizens will turn out enmasse to give them a fitting farewell.

Will buy U. S. cavalry and artillery horses and mules in Minot, Sept. 17, any colors but white, dark greys taken; mares or geldings, weight 1,000 to 1,800.
B. W. ELDER.

BOY'S LEGS NEARLY SEVERED BY BINDER

Fred Blair's Eight-year-old Son Ole Meets With Terrible Accident at Raub—Brot to Minot Hospital.

A distressing accident occurred at Raub postoffice, about 80 miles southwest of Minot Wednesday, when Ole, the eight-year-old son of Fred Blair, a farmer, nearly lost both legs when the lad was caught in the sickle of the binder. The father was cutting flax and the children were playing in the field. The horses became frightened and turning quickly, caught the boy in the sickle. Both legs were nearly severed below the knees. The lad was taken to Marshall at once where he was given first aid and then was rushed to this city in an auto where he was operated upon at a local hospital. The lacerated bones were set in steel plates and the surgeons declare that the legs will be saved.

Secreted Whiskey in Hot Water Bottles.

The police raided the home of Harry Chew, colored, on Second street and Fourth avenue S. W. Saturday morning. Katie Hayes lives at this place and cooks Harry's pork chops for him. The officers looked for booze but at first didn't find any. Finally they dug around and found a water bottle, then another and following that a third. They could not imagine what Katie was doing with so many hot water bottles until Billy Bakeman opened them and found them all filled with whiskey. In other places about the shack ten pints of whiskey were found.

Douglas Fairbanks at the Arcade Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

With the wide, open plains and rolling hills of the West as the unlimited stage space in which to display his own particular talents, the energetic Douglas Fairbanks appears at his best in "Wild and Woolly," his new Artcraft Picture. As a result of many months' training, for it was just that, the athletic Douglas presents in this photoplay, a remarkable display of cowboy accomplishments depicted in his own rib-tickling style.

Starting in New York and ending in California, "Wild and Woolly" discloses many humorous as well as thrilling experiences of Jeff Hillington, a youth of metropolitan birth, who finally realizes his ambition to ride the plains of the West astride a bucking broncho. Jeff's vision of life on the plains are based entirely upon the gaudy covers of ten cent weeklies and are the result of diligent research work among pages of this hair-raising literature. His western friends accordingly endeavor to live up to his expectations and in doing so are themselves given many surprises. In a rapid-fire theme bubbling over with laughter, Douglas presents a characterization in the land of bucking bronchos and bow-legged citizens, that has been branded as the greatest mirth-provoker of the year.

New athletic offerings of a most thrilling nature are evinced by the smiling hero of this farce, in his usual original manner. Prepared for the screen by Anita Loos and staged under the direction of John Emerson, "Wild and Woolly" offers a new Fairbanks vehicle that easily surpasses even the most notable of past efforts.

LICENSE TO WED

Fred J. Ulip, 24; Josephine Jones, 21.

DeWitt B. Van Harne, Wells county, 21; Jennie Van Sickle, 22.

Nicholas J. Greenamy, 28; Eveline S. Hamre, 30.

Clarence Trapp, 26; Lulu M. Bunker, 21.

William British, Towner, N. D.; Mabel Burns.

Thomas E. Croson, Divide county; Rose Underwood.

Capt. Lawson Soon to be Reinstated.

Capt. M. C. Lawson and wife arrived from Kenmare Monday where they spent several days. When the Captain received his commission as Captain of Co. A, he disposed of his house and furniture at Kenmare. The Captain, who was relieved of his command under a ruling of the war department, states that he has every reason to believe that he will be reinstated at an early date, which is the wish of his many friends located throughout northwestern North Dakota.

N. B. Harris of Kenmare was in the city Tuesday making arrangements to leave for California Sept. 29, where he and his family will reside. He has invested in a 25-acre fruit and alfalfa ranch 8 miles north of Sacramento, where he will live. Mr. Harris has rented his 320 acre farm and states that later he may decide to return to North Dakota. His health has not been the best and he goes west mainly for that reason.

William McEown, of McEown Bros. & Foley, auto dealers, expects to be called to Omaha, Neb., in about a week for an examination for the aviation corps. "Bill" has every reason to believe that he will be accepted and says that if so, he will "fly high and stay out late nights." Mr. McEown is anxious to get into this part of the service and his many friends know that if accepted, he will give a good account of himself.

Mrs. Ray Hopkins and daughter Bernice have returned from Minneapolis, where they spent the summer.

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