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## RETAIL LUMBERMEN TO MEET HERE FEB. 5-6

Five Hundred Visitors Will Be Entertained Here—Complete Program Has Been Arranged.

The North Dakota Retail Lumberman's Association will hold their 12th annual convention in Minot on Feb. 5 and 6. It is expected that five hundred lumbermen will attend. C. N. Cox, of Minot, secretary of the state organization, has the arrangements for the entertainment well in hand and there will not be an idle moment for the visitors during the two days.

- The following is the program: Feb. 5th—9 A. M. to 12 Noon. Registration at Association of Commerce Rooms.
- 1:30 P. M. Song—America. Address of Welcome for City—E. A. Long, Minot, N. D.
- Address of Welcome for Association of Commerce.
- Response—Otto Bauer, President Lumberman's Association, Mandan, N. D.
- 2:15 P. M.—Americanism, J. J. Murphy, Minot.
- 3:00 P. M.—Know Your Cost—Adolph Pfund, Sec. N. W. Lumbermen's Assn.
- 3:45 P. M.—Gypsum Jolts—W. P. McCormack, Minneapolis.
- 4:15 P. M.—Pointers on Your Income Tax—Adolph Pfund.
- Appointment of Committees.
- Adjourn for Town Criers Minstrel, H. S. Auditorium, 8:15 sharp.
- Smoker and lunch at 10:30 at Association of Commerce rooms.
- Feb. 6—9 A. M. Business Session—Sons of Norway hall.
- President's Address.
- Secretary's Report.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Committees' Reports.
- Election of Officers.
- 11 A. M.—Film and Lecture, Orpheum Theatre—F. F. Thompson, American Steel Wire Co.
- 1:30 P. M.—Community Spirit—Alexander Karr, Jamestown, N. D.
- 2:00 P. M.—Millwork, Standardization—Mr. Hobart, Clinton, Iowa.
- 2:30 P. M.—Liens—A. M. Thompson, Minot, N. D.
- 3:30 P. M.—Better Buildings and Farms—Maj. E. S. Person, Minot.
- 4:30 P. M.—Adjourn for Salesmen's Banquet, Grand Theatre, 6:30 sharp.

## SAWYER MERCHANT RIDING OSTRICHES IN ARKANSAS

J. L. McKinnon is Doing Some Good Boosting for North Dakota in the Southland—Our State Noted as the Home of Fine Potatoes.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 21. Editor Independent: Coming here to the Springs a week ago Sunday I find a wonderful place, and a number of sights to see. Thinking as long as I am here for a month or so, your readers would be glad to hear of what they do down here. The Government owns all the bath houses and they are run under their management. No grafting is being done—one price to all, rich or poor. It is remarkable to see the number of people who come here broken down in health, with one foot in the grave, and they are restored to their natural health. Every train brings in from 150 to 200 people who take treatment. Beginning with January 1st and continuing to July are their busiest months, the reason for this is those are the months when the majority of people can leave their places of business for a vacation and rest. My health has not been of the best for the past year, so being advised of the wonderful results obtained here I decided to at least give it a trial and am not sorry that I found the Springs.

Outside of the equipment they have for baths here, they have the most skilled doctors in the U. S. Some quacks, not many tho, one can find them wherever they go. Haven't been out yet to look at the soil but judge from what I hear it is poor, the most profitable crop I know of is sweet potatoes. They raise from 300 to 450 bushels per acre. I am sure sweet potatoes are a good crop as one gets them three times a day, for meals. Not much wheat raised; some oats. Irish potatoes are out of the question. I mentioned the fact that I was from North Dakota. They said, "oh, yes, where we get all those good potatoes from." Along with other advantages we have in North Dakota, I gave our state quite a boost.

I visited the ostrich and alligator farm, a very interesting place to see. There are alligators there 350 years old—some age! I asked them if they cared to sell any of the ostriches and they said, "no, we buy them." The most amusing sight that met my eyes was when they hitched an ostrich to a cart and drove him, also rode on his back. The speed of the ostrich hitched to a cart is one mile in 1 minute and 30 seconds. I guess that's going some. We have been having quite a lot of rain here since I came, altho the sun comes out in the middle of the day and dries things up fast, the evenings are warm but the mornings rather chilly.

Living here is about as cheap as anywhere I know of. One can get board and room for \$8 to \$10 per week. Of course one can go higher if you care to throw your money away. There is one hotel here that has 600 rooms which only opens up about 5 months of the year, beginning Jan. 15. This place is very expensive and is meant only for millionaires. Mer-

chants like myself are barred and other common every-day people who come here.

This town has about 20,000 population, but the floating population runs up as high as 150,000 during the busiest months. I could write more about this place and the wonderful advantages they have here. Oh, yes, I forgot to mention the hot and cold water which is half the treatment one gets. You can take your cup and go over to most any rock and get hot water to drink. One place I know of in particular the water is so warm when it comes out of the ground you have to wait until it cools off before you can drink it. You can see hundreds and hundreds coming and going with their cups to get a fill. I have taken up too much of your valuable space now and you will think it time for me to ring off. I am going to do so right now.

After summing it all up with the advantages I mention they have here, North Dakota looks good to J. L. Yours very truly, J. L. McKINNON, Sawyer, N. D.

## Smooth Check Artist Flim-Flams Four Minot Merchants.

The police are looking for a rather smooth check artist who flim-flamed several of the Minot stores early this week. A fellow dressed in working clothes, appearing to be a machinist, called at the Leland Department Store, Fair Store, Economy Department Store and the Minot Cloak and Suit Co., buying a small bill of merchandise amounting to a couple of dollars in each place, presenting in payment at each place a check for \$18.50, receiving the difference in cash. The checks were made out on the Union National Bank of Minot, signed by Frank Miller and endorsed by Harry Loutler, the fellow evidently having heard of the great Scotch singer, Harry Loutler. The police can find no trace of him but it was learned that the same fellow operated at Carrington, N. D.

## RABBI S. RAPAPORT CLAIMED BY DEATH

Well Known Jewish Rabbi Passed Away in This City Friday After Long Illness—Remains Buried in Grand Forks.

Rabbi Simon Rapaport, who was in charge of the Jewish Synagogue in this city for about ten years, passed away at his home in this city Friday after a long illness from tuberculosis. Funeral services were held in the Synagogue Sunday afternoon by Rev. I. Diamond, and the remains were taken to Grand Forks that afternoon for burial, being accompanied by his wife and eldest son, Jacob.

Mr. Rapaport was born in Russia and came to America, locating first at Harrisburg, Pa. He came to Minot twelve years ago and took charge of the Jewish Synagogue, holding this position until about two years ago, when he was compelled to give up the work on account of ill health. Last September he went to Los Angeles, Calif., for his health and later went to Tucson, Ariz., but as his health did not improve he returned to Minot about a month ago.

## MINOT FIRM MAKES BIG TRACTOR DEAL

20 Hart-Parr "30" Tractors Sold to Crosby Company—Deal Involves Thirty Thousand Dollars.

Twenty Hart-Parr "30" tractors were sold this week by the Minot Hart-Parr Co., W. G. Hancock, president, to a Crosby concern represented by the Citizens National Bank of Crosby, the Farmers State Bank of Ambrose, and John Nordstak of Crosby. The transaction involves the expenditure of \$30,000.

A number of the tractors which have been sold to farmers in northwestern North Dakota, will be delivered early in the spring and the remainder early in the summer.

Representatives of the company which purchased the tractors visited Minot Monday and closed the deal with Mr. Hancock. This sale indicates not only that the tractor business in the northwest will be brisk this season, but that farmers are preparing to operate on a larger scale than ever.

## Honored the Memory of Beloved Scottish Bard

Nearly a Hundred Scots Met Friday Night for Annual Celebration of Burns' Birthday.

The Minot Burns Club celebrated the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Scottish Bard at the basement of the Presbyterian church Friday evening, the enjoyable affair being attended by nearly a hundred members of the club and their families, with a few invited guests.

A famous supper was served by the ladies of the club at 6:30 which included oat cakes, haggis and other delicious Scotch dishes.

Following the supper a very interesting program was rendered. The company sang "There Was A Lad". The following letter from Hon. Wm. Hetherington, Sr., past president of the club, who recently returned to his old home in Scotland to live, was read, much to the delight of every club member who missed for the first time in years, the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington at the Burns gatherings: "Broompark Circus, Dermistown, Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 1, 1920. "Rev. W. C. Hunter, President of the Minot Burns Club. "My dear friend:

"It is with pleasure I write you and hope you and your dear wife are in good health. "I thought it right at this time to write to the members of the Minot Burns' Club and say that Mrs. Hetherington and I are thinking about them and hope they will have a good time on the 25th of January. Many a good night's enjoyment we had in their company. I hope they are all keeping in good health and are in good trim for a good night's fun that night.

"Although we are not with you that night, our hearts and souls are with you. Wishing you all well, we are "Your sincere friends, "Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington."

The following excellent poem written by Allan Mitchell of Towner, 85 years of age, in honor of the great poet:

ROBERT BURNS  
(Written by Mr. Allen Mitchell of Towner, N. D., 85 years old)  
Read at annual meeting of Minot Burns Club, January 23rd, 1920:

Hail, Thou first of Scotia's Bards,  
To sing thy night in memory of thee;  
To sing thy songs, to quote thy happy thoughts,  
And pass the time in social mirth and glee.

No loud rejoicing greeted thee when born;  
No regal splendor graced thy humble cot;  
No titled sponsors welcomed thee to light,  
But toil and trouble was thy destined lot.

Yet thou wert born with genius bright and rare  
That by the Muses to Parnassus height was raised,  
With loving eyes you viewed fair nature's charms,  
And tuned the Harp to sing thy country's praise.

The crystal streams that flow thro' Sylvan glades,



REV. WM. C. HUNTER, President Minot Burns Club

Isper thy Muse with simple words sublime;  
The lofty hills with blooming heather crowned,  
Were immortalized by thee in faultless rhyme.

Well thou loved to sing of Scotland's rural scenes,  
Her fertile plains with summer flowers in bloom;  
Or listen to lark's loud notes so sweet and clear,  
As oft you wandered on the banks of Bonnie Done.

Thou many years have passed since first thy songs  
In many a breast did pleasant joys impart;  
They still delight, for time can ne'er efface  
Their magic strains that's softly singing in our hearts.

This night in many a foreign land will meet  
Auld Scotland's sons to worship at thy shrine;  
And hand clasp hand, with thoughts of boyhood's home,  
And swell the old familiar strains of Auld Lang Syne.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot?  
Or 'Scots wha hae' remembered not,  
No' while one drop of Scottish blood,  
That of our country's foes withstood,  
Runs in our veins, gleams in our eye—  
The name of 'Burns' shall never die.

## ART WORKS MADE FROM FLOUR SACKS



It is difficult to believe that these three gorgeous works of art were originally ordinary flour sacks, such as are seen on the floor. Yet they are the works of Belgian artists who created them in aid of the Belgian relief, and they are on exhibition in a Fifth Avenue gallery in New York.

a few days ago the state of Massachusetts presented to the city of Boston, a magnificent statue of Burns. And Massachusetts as well as all the other states have united in turning down King Alcohol, who reigned from Scotland to California, the most arbitrary despot that ever occupied a throne. Burns believed that all men were born free and equal, but alcohol and other kings were apt to deprive them of much of their personal liberty. And if Burns is permitted to see us now, I am sure that it will add to his heavenly bliss to join this celebration.

Mrs. Jas. Burris, who possesses a beautiful voice sang an appropriate Scotch song and was compelled to respond to an encore. Rev. P. W. Erickson gave an interesting address followed by a humorous Scotch reading by Mrs. Wm. Murray who never fails to bring down the house. The duet by Mrs. W. F. Jones and Mrs. A. F. McLain was very pleasing. Hon. James Johnson gave a history of the origin of the Scotch race and according to Mr. Johnson's version, the Scotch are akin to the Danes, Swedes, Norwegians and the Irish who were supposed to have settled in that country in the early days. Mrs. Alex. Scarlett read an interesting paper on Burns and during the evening rendered some enjoyable piano selections of Scotch music. The Highland Fling was danced by Helen Wilson, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilson in a faultless manner. Mrs. John Campbell gave a fine reading and remarks were made by W. H. Sibbald, C. F. Truax and G. D. Colcord. Miss Martha Stewart gave a reading in a very pleasing manner, displaying a wonderful memory. E. S. Person was given the choice of making a speech or singing a song. He chose the latter and had the company join in the singing. Mrs. Clyde Swigart, who was married to Mr. Swigart in Scotland, while he was stationed there with the U. S. aviation forces, sang a delightful song. The splendid entertainment closed with all joining hands and singing Auld Lang Syne.

The officers of the club are: Rev. W. C. Hunter, president; A. Fraser, vice president; H. E. Wheeler, treasurer and B. E. Hart, secretary.

## JURY DRAWN FOR FEB. TERM DISTRICT COURT

Court Will Convene February 9th and Jurors Will Report for Duty February 10th.

- The following is a list of the jurors drawn for the February, 1920, term of the district court. The jurors will report for duty February 10th, court convene on the 9th:
- Geo. A. Hoover, Minot.
  - Olof Langseth, Drady.
  - John Wilson, Glenburn, R. 3.
  - Peter Larson, Kenmare.
  - Alex. Aibin, Berthold.
  - John A. Peason, Minot.
  - H. E. Hayden, Minot.
  - J. I. Whitfield, Douglas, R. 3.
  - J. E. Brown, Kenmare.
  - George Walker, Kenmare, R. 3.
  - C. O. Ronnie, Surrey, R. 1.
  - Jas. Cronk, Badsen.
  - W. F. Hayes, Douglas.
  - C. A. McGreger, Minot.
  - Merton Barton, Douglas, R. 3.
  - Olaf N. Christianson, Kenmare, R. 2.
  - Daniel Asbe, Carpio.
  - Earl Johnson, Donnybrook, R. 4.
  - E. L. Morrow, Kenmare.
  - Peter Sandwick, Douglas, R. 3.
  - E. E. Diehl, Sawyer, R. 1.
  - M. Register, Sawyer, R. 2.
  - John Stalwick, Carpio, R. 2.
  - Fred Sassa, Minot, R. 3.
  - Alfred Malheim, Plaza, R. 1.
  - Anton Sandquist, Des Lacs.
  - Geo. Johnson, Burlington, R. 1.
  - F. B. Hicks, Burlington, R. 1.
  - Simon DeBitt, Berthold, R. 2.
  - John Littler, Douglas.
  - Frank Switter, Minot.
  - A. C. Nehrud, Minot.
  - Edw. Pirk, Burlington, R. 1.
  - Ben James, Kenmare.
  - Nels Wisen, Berthold.
  - Wm. Back, Foxholm, R. 1.
  - Tom Hillestad, Max.
  - Ole Troite, Ryder, R. 2.
  - C. O. Gasman, Max.
  - Joe O'Leary, Des Lacs.
  - Geo. H. Weber, Aurelia.
  - Julius Rue, Burlington, R. 1.
  - Geo. Reinholdt, Sawyer.
  - H. D. Davy, Des Lacs.
  - M. P. Nappin, Lone Tree.
  - C. A. Tainter, Makoti, R. 2.
  - E. A. DuVall, Makoti.
  - L. A. Emerson, Minot.
  - John Bauer, Kenmare, R. 2.
  - R. C. Blume, Glenburn, R. 3.
  - Levi Leifson, Berthold.
  - J. B. Lighthall, Donnybrook.
  - Richard Chappell, Berthold.
  - Jos. H. Reichert, Minot, Bx. 482.
  - David Clark, Jr., Kenmare.
  - A. C. Heggen, Donnybrook.
  - Hans Hanson, Hartland.
  - Wm. Wilson, Ryder.
  - Gust Krueger, Max, R. 1.
  - Thos. Feehan, Minot.
  - Carl Brandt, Ryder, R. 2.
  - Wm. Ruthenberg, Minot, R. 1.
  - Wm. Clouse, Surrey.
  - E. A. Haldi, Glenburn, R. 3.
  - John Sundby, Minot.

## When Dowling Knew Henry Ford.

Michael Dowling, prominent Minnesota banker, whose name in Minot Wednesday night, told a story concerning himself and Henry Ford. Dowling some twenty years ago spent several weeks in Detroit, Mich., at a large hotel and became well acquainted with the proprietor. When he was in Detroit not long ago, the proprietor asked Dowling if he had met his old friend, Henry Ford, lately. Dowling replied that he did not know Ford personally, whereupon the hotel man informed him that he did. "Don't you remember the summer you spent with me years ago, when on account of the heat you'd sit in the rear of the hotel? Don't you remember a quiet fellow who used to sit out there with you, hours at a time? Well, that was Henry Ford. He ran the boilers of my hotel then and I paid him \$75 a month."

## Fathers and Sons to Hold Banquet.

Arrangements are being made to hold the second annual Father and Son's Banquet at the high school auditorium soon, under the auspices of the Minot Rotary Club. At the entertainment a year ago about 2,000 people attended the entertainment, which dealt largely with sex hygiene. This year the affair will be in the nature of a "back to school" movement, showing suitable films.

## W. C. T. U. Meets.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a delightful meeting at the home of Mrs. C. F. Truax Tuesday afternoon. Good program, business session and a good lunch were features. Several new members were taken in. The proposition of assisting in the enforcement of the prohibition law and fighting Lady Nicotine was considered.

## ALL READY FOR TOWN CRIERS MINSTREL SHOW

Big Show to Be Put On at the High School Auditorium on Evening of Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The Minot Town Criers Minstrel show will be staged at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, Feb. 4, under the direction of Orrin Pierce. The entertainment will last for about two and a half hours and will include the latest song hits, jokes by the six end men, numerous specialties, and music furnished by the Town Criers Male Chorus under the direction of Major Person, and the Town Criers orchestra under the direction of Prof. John E. Howard.

Rehearsals are being held each afternoon and evening and by the date of the entertainment, Mr. Pierce should have his artists whipped pretty well into shape.

The personnel includes about thirty of the local celebrities and the entertainment is going to be well worth the price of admission, which is \$1.00. Reserved seats may now be secured at the Association of Commerce rooms and from the indications of the advanced seat sale, the house is sure to be packed to the doors.

## MINOT CENSUS TO BE RE-TAKEN SUNDAY

Association of Commerce Satisfied that Many Names Have Been Overlooked and Will See that Full Count is Made.

Satisfied that a complete census has not been taken by the regular government enumerators in the city of Minot, the Association of Commerce has arranged for a census drive to take place at 2 o'clock Sunday.

No reflection is cast on the work that has been done in several of the Minot wards, but it is absolutely certain that in a number of the wards the work was done in a haphazard fashion, probably due to the fact that there was a scarcity of material from which to select when the enumerators were chosen.

B. E. Stewart has been made general chairman of the census and he has selected fifteen sub-chairmen who are asked to meet for instructions at the Association of Commerce rooms Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. These sub-chairmen will each have charge of a district in the city and they will have their assistants. The work ought to be completed in two hours. Fortunately the census supervisor for the district has permitted the Association of Commerce to aid in taking the census. Minot wants every nose counted. If we have a population of 12,000 or 15,000, we want to know it and we will tell the world. Grand Forks is not overlooking any bets, neither is Fargo. Minot as the third, and perhaps the second city of the state, wants to know just where she stands.

If any of the work is missed on Sunday call up the Association of Commerce rooms, phone 943, and let it be known. This should be over 100 per cent strong. It's important.

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The one thing cheaper than dollars these days appears to be brains. A recent issue of a Kansas paper carried want ads for "A high school instructor, salary \$75 a month," and "A Negro barber, guaranteed salary \$25 to \$40 a week."