

Bowdoin Oil Man Talks About Montana Wells

That the oil situation in the Northwest is becoming the topic all over the country was demonstrated again this week when George Glendenning and S. J. Vas Binder of Bowdoin Montana arrived in town.

Mr. Glendenning has been interested in the Des Lacs Western Oil Co., of this city for some time and is their representative in the Bowdoin field,

and has several thousand acres under lease.

The Bowdoin field is the largest undeveloped field in the United States today according to the government survey. It is within a hundred and fifty miles of the Roundup and about a hundred miles from the Mosby fields and both of these have producing wells.

There are two rigs at present operating in the Bowdoin field, the Gib-

son Well with a depth of 2200 feet and the Martin Well about 1800 feet in depth both close to town and some oil showing.

Through the efforts of Mr. Glendenning and Mr. Vas Binder the Des Lacs Western have a very large holding in this field. The visit of these gentlemen to Minot was for the purpose of interesting the Des Lacs people to commence immediate operations in Montana and it has been decided to ship a drilling rig into this field at once and get busy.

Operations will start within a week at the Blum Well and with two fields being operated in at the same time, makes the Des Lacs one of the most important companies in the west.

Seeding Season Will Be Very Short

B. F. Baker of Glenburn was in the city, Tuesday, looking for a hired hand. Farm hands are very scarce in the vicinity of Glenburn, as elsewhere throughout the state. Mr. Baker reports that no transient laborers have appeared in that district this spring and the home hands are being hired at \$70 and \$75 a month. Farmers were ready to go into the fields early in the week, but undoubtedly operations have been delayed for the entire week by the wet snow which fell thruout the Northwest Monday night. Mr. Baker says that at the very best with no unfavorable weather, the farmers will have only about thirty days in which to put in their entire crop. Farmers will simply not risk putting in high priced seed with high priced feed and labor after the seeding season closes. They are planning on putting in what they can do well and in the proper season, and then summer following the remainder of their land.

Mr. Baker says that the grasshoppers are very apt to be a serious menace this year. The grasshoppers that appeared in the grass along the roadsides after the snow went off were undoubtedly those that were hatched last fall. There are millions of grasshopper eggs in the sod along the fields and these will hatch in two or three weeks. Whether they will leave before they do a great deal of damage, no one knows. It is certain that there will be a great many of them early in the season. The grasshoppers did considerable damage in the Glenburn district last season, starting in on the rye and wheat, finally getting down to the Russian thistles and even eating the leaves off the bitter yellow mustard plants at the last. One Glenburn farmer reports that the grasshoppers have seemingly already eaten his rye. There is still considerable snow in banks around Glenburn. The soil is in ideal shape for a crop, most of the moisture soaking into the land.

Hook'em Cow Special Visits Minot

The Hook'em Cow special, live stock market visitors from the Union Stock Yards, South St. Paul, arrived here for two hours. The train carried 120 market boosters besides members of the St. Paul Association, newspaper representatives and a band, which gave an enjoyable street concert. Many of the visitors were given auto rides about the city.

The visitors marched to Main street where the address of welcome was delivered by L. J. Palda, Jr., who told the visitors that they could rejoice that they had arrived at the oasis of North Dakota. Later when they were invited to visit the Association of Commerce rooms, the visitors appeared greatly disappointed at not discovering any signs of an oasis. The response was given by W. H. Williams, manager of the tour. Hal Geer representing the Remick Music Co., was the special's soloist. The visitors were pleased with their reception in Minot which they declared surpassed any they had had since leaving for the wilds.

Fargo Secures Rotary Convention

The next annual conference of the Rotary Clubs of the fifteenth district will be held in Fargo. This was decided at the conference held at Wausau, Wis., last week. Will E. Holbein represented the Minot Rotary club at this convention.

Wausau had planned on entertaining 600 delegates and when 864 appeared, sleeping cars had to be used. Fargo was selected as the next conference city to show the Rotarians' appreciation of the 100 per cent Americanism of the members in Fargo. Their fight against radicalism is recognized by Rotarians thruout the country.

Harry B. Craddock, president was presented with a silver service. James H. Kaye, president of the state normal school at Marquette, Mich., was elected his successor.

FARM HANDS SCARCE

In reply to Frank Halpau's of the Herald of Douglas which came out in last week's Minot Independent, Ole Wallace answers in reply as a farm hand that he will accept Mr. Halpau's proposition under his conditions, wage \$5 per day, working hours from 9 a. m., till 2 p. m., breakfast served in bed, cigars furnished free, all hard and disagreeable work done by the boss, a man working the entire season can have the farm. Mr. Wallace says as he does not smoke, he will take ice cream and malt instead, with Saturday afternoon off, with an automobile furnished.

Letter From Mrs. D. H. Frantz

While we have many things in California to enjoy, such as oranges, flowers, beautiful climate and scenery, etc., we haven't found the papers to beat our Eastern or Northern ones on account of many items and letters of friends.

We read with pleasure our old friend Doc Wolfe's letter, but I think if he would come on to So. Cal., especially in this section of the country he would say "finer and lovelier still."

I think for health and beauty of scenery of valley and mountains this is hard to surpass.

We have had abundant rains this

winter and spring and while enjoying flowers etc., around we have only to raise our eyes to the north and see "Old Baldy" covered with snow.

We hope to hear of North Dakota having the same abundance of rain the coming season, so as to give one and all the crop they so much need.

With best wishes for old friends, neighbors and the paper I close,

Respectfully,
Mrs. D. H. Frantz

Snow Delays Farm Work

This section of the state experienced another snow storm early Tuesday

morning, the ground being well covered with an abundance of the slushy variety. This delayed the work in the fields, as a good many had started work Monday. With favorable weather, farmers will go into the fields quite generally the latter part of the week.

Farmers along the Minot-Rockford line started seeding wheat last Friday.

H. C. Remington, prominent non-partisan league advocate from Grandville, called on Minot friends Saturday.

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