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## NORTHERN STATES POWER CO. MAKE MANY IMPROVEMENTS

A representative of the independent who has been aware that very extensive improvements have been made at the power plant of the Northern States Power Co., accepted invitation of J. B. Brokaw, the manager, to visit the plant one afternoon recently and spent a very interesting hour.

The writer has watched the development of this plant ever since the days of L. M. Davis, who installed the first electric lights in our city when Minot was a village of only a thousand people. Minot that she was "some pumpkins" when Mr. Davis was induced to give us a 24-hour service. Later Mr. Davis listened to the pleadings of the independent to give us a power service and our plant installed the first electric motor ever placed in the city of Minot. Mr. Davis promised to install the power service only as a trial, for he was not very sure that it would pay the company to go to this bother. Later we watched with interest the installation of the heating service from the central heating plant, which came after the Byllesby company had taken over the Davis interests.

The Northern States Power Co. deserves a great deal of credit for the service they have given the citizens of Minot and it might surprise our readers to learn that while little attempt has been made to make many of the extensive improvements which have been contemplated for some time, yet during the past year, the company has expended in the city of Minot in improvements and added equipment \$52,500.00. This includes \$25,000 for a steam turbine; \$5,000 for station auxiliaries; \$11,500 for automatic stokers on four boilers; \$6,500 for water line to Mouse river, and \$3,500 for a new machine shop.

The writer was first taken thru the machine shop by Mr. Brokaw. The shop has been installed in a new building erected this year and includes a fine lathe, drill, grinder, power driven hack saw and a blacksmith forge. The shop enables practically all work necessary to be done about the plant, to be made by the company's own expert mechanics.

We do not profess to know very much about machinery, but one cannot help but become interested in the mammoth new 800 Kilowatt steam turbine installed during the past year. This is twice as large as any of the older machines of this nature. It runs 3600 revolutions a minute. We know what we are talking about because we stood right there and counted 'em.

There is only one old machine left in the plant which was installed during the time of L. M. Davis. This is a Corliss engine, a fine type of an old machine, and in its day it was a wonder, but it develops only one-third the power of the later models.

A water weigher is one of the interesting contrivances in the plant. All of the water used in the boilers is weighed. By computing the amount of water evaporated with the number of tons of coal burned the cost of making steam is figured down to a point. In that way, they are able to see if they are getting enough power for the coal consumed.

Probably the most important improvement that has been made at the plant comprises the four automatic stokers that have been attached to the boilers. The stokers scatter the lignite slack over the fire bed evenly, working on the principle of a manure spreader. It is not necessary to open the doors of the furnace but seldom. The heat is distributed evenly. The slack is burned perfectly without clinkers. There is no cold air to cool off the furnace, as when the doors are opened. There is a fan that blows the air under the ash bed. The draft can be adjusted perfectly to get the maximum efficiency out of the coal. There is an apparatus attached to each furnace that tells the exact amount of carbon dioxide in the waste gas that is pumped out of the flue whenever a test is made. When too much air is forced into the fire, the fuel is wasted and this test gives the furnace an opportunity to regulate the air to perfection. The tests are made frequently and a vast amount of fuel is thus saved. And when a concern uses 3,000 tons of coal a month, it pays to get everything out of it there is in it. Efficiency is the watchword at the plant of the Northern States Power Co. The plant burns scarcely anything but slack coal. The automatic stokers will not handle lump coal. Slack coal is also cheaper. The stokers were all installed during the fall.

Three men now handle four boilers, where formerly it required one man for each boiler, and the work is now done more pleasantly and with less exertion.

The plant in addition to furnishing light and power for the city of Minot, is connected with Burlington, Des Lacs, Lone Tree and Berthold. A number of farms between Minot and those towns are supplied with electricity from the Minot plant.

The capacity of the plant is 1700 Kilowatts. This is the maximum capacity. There is sufficient reserve capacity so that if it becomes necessary to shut down one engine the other three can easily handle the load.

The present plant will handle the needs of a city of 15,000 to 20,000 people, so Minot will be well taken care of for the next two or three years. When it becomes necessary to add to the equipment, the Northern States Power Co. can be depended upon to give us the service needed. There are safety devices for the

employees and safety rules are posted in conspicuous places about the building. During the past year there was only one accident and that was a minor one. There were no electrical accidents.

There is every convenience to make the work pleasant for the employees. The place is kept very clean. It is light and airy. There is a locker room for the employees and a fine wash room with shower baths.

A. G. Bartlett is the chief engineer at the plant. The company appears to have splendid co-operation on the part of the employees.

### John Howard Arranged Fine Program for Town Criers

The musical section of the Town Criers Club, headed by Prof. John Howard, had charge of a very enjoyable monthly program at the banquet held at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday night. Musical numbers were contributed by V. S. Kelse, pianist at the Strand theatre, piano selections; J. H. Colton, principal of the high school, vocal solos; with Mrs. Howard accompanist; Mr. Howard, piano and cello; Montgomery and Phillips, accompanied by A. F. Bacon, musical skit and dialogue; and the famous Town Criers orchestra.

Supt. L. A. White boosted the Lucy Gates concert for Friday night. G. E. Mueller, director of physical education at the Normal school, made a plea for the support of the Normal basketball team. Roy Van Duzee, coach of the basketball team of the high school, announced the state tournament for Minot in March. Major A. J. McCannell announced the Burns program at the Auditorium Jan. 21. Henry Wilson, president of the Association of Commerce, made a plea for a continuance of the co-operation between the Town Criers and the parent organization, the Association of Commerce. Mr. Smart spoke eloquently of the work done by Prof. Howard in a musical way to provide a Sunday hour free for the people of Minot at the auditorium twice a month. Prof. Howard announced progress being made with the Community band and urged all Criers who play an instrument to join. The evening was a big success and another feather in the cap of Mr. Howard, the best hearted old scout in seventeen states.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

On Jan. 8th, 1871, at Crescent City, Ill., occurred the wedding of Mr. Henry C. Pettys and Miss Cathryn Ordelia Jones. Rev. Dach, a minister of the M. E. church officiating.

Fifty years later on Jan. 8th, 1921, this worthy couple celebrated this event at the home of their youngest son, Frank O. Pettys in Sawyer township.

At high noon, in the presence of some fifty invited guests, Mr. Pettys alone led to the altar the bride of other days and renewed the vows taken fifty years before.

The bride blushing, was attired in a very becoming gown of taupe gray satin and carried a bouquet of carnations and narcissus. The trembling groom wore the conventional black.

The marriage ceremony was performed in a very touching and impressive manner by Rev. A. J. Spacht. A sumptuous wedding dinner was served after which the guests spent the afternoon in games, music and reminiscences.

A purse of some \$70.00 in gold was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Pettys.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettys are among the most highly respected residents of Ward county. Father Time has dealt gently with them. They enjoy the very best of health and their prospects for many more years of usefulness are very bright.

The guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Spacht, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bunker and family, Mrs. J. G. Bittner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Pettys and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Addresses Rotary

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Frank O. Pettys and family, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Snyder and son of Cody, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. M. Register and son, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Long, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Domm, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Beighle.

Shower for Miss Ellison  
Mrs. C. F. Sweet and Miss Louise Hanna gave an enjoyable shower at the Sweet home Monday evening in honor of Miss Ruth Ellison and her fiancé, Donald McGregor, who arrived from Hooper, Wash., that afternoon for the marriage which took place Wednesday. The shower consisted of many beautiful gifts of silver, linen and glassware. Mrs. John McGregor and daughter, Esther, mother and sister of Mr. McGregor, were among the guests.

A color note of pink and white was featured, the setting being successfully carried out with pink and white festoons from which hung showers of little cupids and hearts in elaborate profusion. The lights, shaded in those colors, were also gaily decorated with the pink and white streamers, hearts and cupids. The soft glow of pink candles about the rooms furnished the light while white narcissus and pink carnations were used in floral effect.

In the dining room the center of attraction was the table. Hanging from the chandelier were the pink and white streamers and cupid-heart shower effect while directly beneath this arrangement was a large basket filled with narcissus and carnations. However, it was the little kewpies attired as miniature bride, groom and officiating pastor that attracted the most attention. Their attire was cleverly realistic, even to the veil and orange blossoms of the dainty bride and the ring carried by the groom.

The young ladies bidden arrived at 8 o'clock, the fore part of the evening taking the nature of a miscellaneous shower for the bride-elect. The gifts were brought to her in a large pink handbox tied with a huge bow of white tulle with a lily-of-the-valley design. The young men arrived at 10 o'clock after which dancing and instrumental and vocal music became the general diversion of the delightful evening. The service of an elaborate buffet lunch brought the evening to a close. Misses B. H. Bradford and Nellie Wilser and Miss Catherine Ehr assisting the hostesses in serving. The guests bidden numbered 55.

Noted Russian Preacher to Speak in Minot Saturday  
Rev. John Alexander Frey, a native of Russia, who is touring the United States under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society will speak at a banquet which will be served at the Baptist church Saturday evening of this week. The Baptist Young Peoples Union will serve the collation, under the management of Miss Walton of the public schools.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 7 has charge of the sale of tickets. The interest which is being manifested in the forthcoming lecture by Rev. Frey by Russian desirous of learning the true people situation is already indicated by the readiness with which the tickets are being purchased.

Rev. Frey was born in Riga, Russia, and is a gentleman of culture. At the outbreak of the Russian revolution he was sent to Siberia later coming back to Russia to study social conditions under the soviet regime. His knowledge of Russia and other European countries was gleaned from personal observation and his lecture promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season.

Federal Court  
Judge Woodrough of Omaha, Neb. opened a term of federal court in this city Tuesday. No criminal cases will be tried at this term. Court will last practically all of next week.

## G. N. POLICEMAN AND MOTHER-IN-LAW ARRESTED BY OFFICERS

### Ben Luck Guilty of Manufacturing Liquor—90 Days

The home of Ben Luck, in the east-end of the city, was raided by Chief McDonald and assistants early Sunday morning. A still and a quantity of mash were found in the place but the still was not in operation at the time. Officers found some large barrels in the basement, entirely too large to be taken in thru the doors. The theory has been suggested that the house must have been built around the barrels. Luck appeared before Judge Murray Monday, pleaded guilty and received a sentence of 90 days in the county jail, a fine of \$200 and \$12 costs, with 30 days additional in default of paying fine and costs. He was charged with manufacturing liquor for sale as a beverage. Luck has a wife and three children and is in poor financial circumstances. The county will undoubtedly have to assist the family while Luck remains in jail.

### Nearly Every Member of Minot Rotary to Attend Convention

The Rotary Committee in charge of the trip of the Minot Rotarians to the district convention at Fargo, March 28 and 29 have already signed up 26 of the 50 members of the local organization to make the trip and have received their checks for same. Minot will go to Fargo with forty-five strong. The Great Northern has arranged to provide sufficient Pullmans to accommodate the crowd and the sleepers will be parked at Fargo and used by the Minot delegation while in the Gate City. The Minot delegation will leave on No. 2, Easter Sunday afternoon, March 27 and will return to Minot, Tuesday night, March 29. The preliminary arrangements are being made early so that all may plan on attending this important meeting. The committee consists of G. D. Colcord, B. E. Stewart, Dick Mills, John McGuire, Ed Shirley, Verne Tompkins and Norbert Gorman.

### School Children Enjoy Free Movies

The Minot school children, 1500 in number, enjoyed two moving pictures at the high school auditorium Monday afternoon, one of the pictures being entitled "Mickey". The pictures were shown again in the evening, many of the adults attending. No admission was charged. Supt. White expects to show pictures to the students free occasionally.

### Robbed Lam Ling Home

The home of Chas. Lam Ling, owner of the Grand Cafe, was robbed Friday night by a thief who entered the basement window. A gold watch, engraved locket and chain, bracelet and some postage stamps were taken. No one was at home at the time. Mr. Lam Ling resides at 401 First St. N. E.

Charles Boyer, a Great Northern policeman, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. McFoy, were placed under arrest in a raid made on the McFoy residence in East Minot, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Chief McDonald, accompanied by Commissioner Bowker and Officer Fahler visited the place and stood for ten minutes watching Boyer and his mother-in-law operating a still. The curtain was up and they could be seen plainly thru the window. As the officers entered the room, Boyer, who is a great husky fellow, showed fight and grappled with Chief McDonald, tearing a button off the Chief's coat. The Chief didn't propose to allow himself to be thrown out bodily and Boyer soon gave up. The couple were held to the district court under \$500 each. The officers found three jugs of alcohol, three boxes of raisins, a still and other equipment in the place. Boyer claims that his father-in-law, who originally operated the still, left Minot recently, and that himself and mother-in-law, out of curiosity, wanted to see how it would work.

### Capt. Pierce Concludes Busy Week With Boy Scout Work

Capt. Lester A. Pierce, Boy Scout worker, completed a mighty busy week in Minot Friday, delivering from three to four addresses daily. He appeared before the Rotary club, local Boy Scout council, various Boy Scout troops, Assistant Scout Masters Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, night school, Catholic Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Patrol leaders, high school boys, in addition to holding individual conferences with Minot ministers, newspapermen and school superintendent. Mr. Pierce did some very effective work.

Mrs. Moeller, whose son, is a prominent Boy Scout worker, entertained the Scout Masters at her home at dinner Friday evening in honor of Capt. Pierce.

### Airplane Too Slow For Lyle Corey's Father

The picture of James Corey, father of Lyle Corey, of this city, is appearing in the press of the country. Mr. Corey resides at Santa Barbara, Calif., and celebrated his 80th birthday by taking a ride in an airplane, complaining that 98 miles an hour was too slow for him. He states there is just one more experience he wants and he expects to have that within the next few months, that of going down in a submarine.

### Deer Very Plentiful

Deer are reported very plentiful along the Missouri river near Williston. As the five year ban on deer hunting will be out next year, old deer hunters have begun to wipe up their old rifles.

## BURLINGTON POTATO GROWERS SET MARK AT 100,000 BUSHELS

John H. Werner, banker and potato king from Burlington, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Werner says the Burlington potato growers who raised about 8,000 bushels of pure Early Ohio, Triumphs and Green Mountain potatoes last year, have saved practically the entire crop for seed. Mr. Werner himself has 3,000 bushels and will plant 300 acres to potatoes. J. George Olson will plant five or six hundred acres on his various farms. Einar Madson, James Casteele, the Johnson and Jacobson boys, and many others are planning on putting in good sized lots.

The Burlington growers want to raise a 100,000 bushel crop. This will not only attract the buyers, insuring them a ready market at the highest prices, but they will also be justified in building a potato warehouse which they have had under consideration for some time. The potatoes are worth a dollar a bushel now but Mr. Werner predicts that the price for certified seed in the spring will be around \$1.25 a bushel.

Last season, Mr. Werner raised wheat that averaged 18 bushels per acre on ground that raised potatoes the year before. James Casteele's wheat last year on potato ground averaged 20 bushels.

### MacGregor-Ellison Nuptials

Miss Ruth Ellison, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ellison, and Donald MacGregor, son of Mrs. John MacGregor of Hooper, Wash., were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, 16 Fifth avenue southwest at 9 o'clock last evening. Owing to the illness of the mother and father of the bride, the original plans were modified and the Rev. T. F. Gullixson of the First Lutheran church officiated in the presence of only the immediate family circle. The wedding was to have been an elaborate society event.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Norman Ellison, was charming in a beautiful creation of white satin made entrain and trimmed with orange blossoms. With it she wore a long veil of tulle and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and fuschias. The ring service was used and the attendants were Miss

Esther MacGregor, only sister of the groom, and Otto Ellison, brother of the bride. Miss MacGregor's gown was fashioned of pink georgette over pink satin and her flowers were in a bouquet of pink roses. Soft candle light and baskets of pink roses about the rooms made a pretty setting for the wedding. A buffet lunch was served immediately following the ceremony.

Miss Ellison has been reared in Minot, has attended the city schools as well as the National Park Seminary in Washington, D. C., and has been prominent in church, social and musical circles of the city. Mr. MacGregor has extensive ranching interests at Hooper, Wash., where the young couple will reside. They will remain in the city for a few days, owing to the illness of the bride's parents, after which they will leave for Hooper. The groom's mother, Mrs. John MacGregor, with her daughter, Miss Esther MacGregor, of Hooper, Wash., and the bride's sister, Mrs. C. A. Davick of Wymdmore, were out-of-town guests at the wedding.

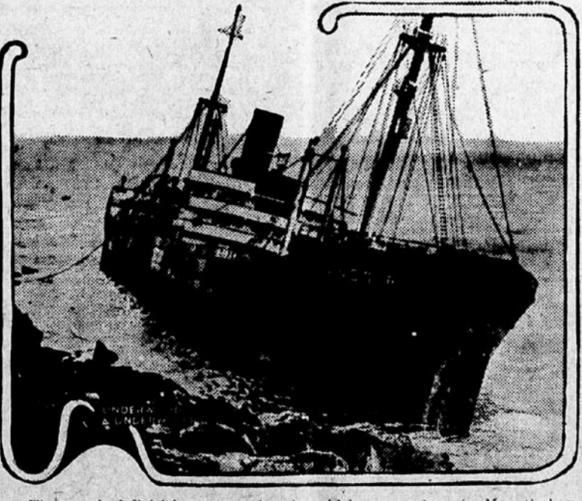
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## Ship From Which Boy Rescued 45



The wrecked British steamer Ansgir, which went ashore in Mount's bay, Penzance, England, during a gale, and from which a mere boy rescued the crew of 45. The vessel was much farther from shore at the time, and the sea was too heavy for boats. An apprentice named Davis, from Birmingham, volunteered to swim ashore. With a light line about him, and with a life jacket and life-buoy, the lad nearly reached the shore, when he became exhausted and would have been dashed to pieces had not three fishermen rescued him. A hawser was finally drawn from the ship, and 20 of the crew came ashore on this. Later a rocket was shot to the ship and a breeches buoy rigged up which saved the remainder of the crew.

## HANS HOVIND RESUMES OLD POSITION AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

### Guests Cook Their Own Meal

The Wizz Bang Corps of the Girls Reserve had a dinner party at the home of Mr. J. C. A. Monday evening. The guests helped cook the meal. All the club members enjoyed it.

The Sawyer Girl Reserve Corps held their regular weekly meeting at the home of Mr. J. C. McKinnon on Tuesday evening. Miss Crocker, the general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for Minot and Ward county met with the girls. She reports that Mrs. Spacht, the leader of the club has done splendid work with the club. All the old members of the corp have earned one hundred and sixty honor points—this means that they are girls of the first reserve and are entitled to four chevrons. The girls sang their Girl Reserve song—composed by the members and gave several yells. They have the real G. R. spirit in their corps. Mrs. McKinnon, the hostess, served a delicious lunch at the close of the evening.

The Y. W. C. A. rooms on Main street are open to the women of the county as well as the women of the town. The rest room, reading room and parlor are warm and comfortable. Come and use them while you are in town.

### R. W. DuVall Turns Builder

R. W. DuVall, dealer in leather goods, has demonstrated that he is a builder of considerable ability. He has just completed a beautiful miniature bungalow, 12x18 inches which he will present to his little nieces, Roberta and Margaret Bell, daughters of a Spokane, Wash., dentist, when he visits the west soon. The little bungalow is painted pure white, has windows of mica, real steps and a front porch, a chimney made of beaver board, and painted red and white, and an imitation brick foundation. Its a work of art and required a great many hours' work.

### Licensed to Wed

Oje A. Hammer, 34, Minot and Elaine Pittman, 27, Minot. Donald E. MacGregory, Hooper, Wash., 28, and Ruth C. Ellison, Minot, 23. Julius T. Stohl, 33, Cole Harbor and Mrs. Nellie V. Shafer, 27, Minot.

Hans Hoving, old time deputy sheriff, has resumed his old position at the court house, taking the place as office deputy with Sheriff A. P. Scofield, which has been held by G. L. Bickford, who soon leaves for California.

Hans Hoving is one of the best known deputy sheriffs in North Dakota. He knows every phase of the work thoroughly and is regarded as very competent. He started in his service for the public as village marshal at Volva, N. D. years ago. Later he became deputy sheriff under the late A. Javner, sheriff of McHenry county. On Sept. 23, 1906, he became office deputy for John J. Lee, then sheriff of Ward county and he served in a similar capacity under Sheriff Ed Kelley, Sheriff Sorensen and Sheriff John J. Nedrelof.

When Mr. Hoving isn't busy with his official duties, he can usually be found with a fiddle under his arm, as he is one of the best known violinists in the northwest. He is director of the well known Hoving's orchestra.

### St. Louis Man to Locate Here

Jacob Gordon, eldest brother of the Gordon brother of Minot, whose home has been in St. Louis, Mo., for years, is visiting the Gordon families in this city. He attended the wedding of Miss Attie Gordon to Atty. Bernie Wulfsong in Minneapolis recently and arrived in Minot last week. He likes our city so well that he will return to St. Louis, sell his effects and come to Minot to live. Mr. Gordon has been connected with a large detective agency for years and has been quite successful. Sam Gordon never remembers of seeing the brother and he left his home in Russia before Sol Gordon was born.

### Small Force for Register of Deeds

The county commissioners have decreed that the office of the Register of Deeds, Martin Engeseth, shall hereafter be conducted with the help of two clerks and one deputy instead of five clerks and a deputy. Mr. Engeseth states that the work simply cannot be handled with such a small force and still give the public decent service. It may be necessary for the county fathers to reconsider their action.