

# FORMER MINOTERS BACK FROM ALASKA; PACKED HERRING

T. T. Jacobson and sons Isador and Tremus, who have spent the summer engaged with their fish packing plant located on Horseshoe Bay near La Touche, Alaska, arrived in Minot this week, enroute to their home in Wittenburg, Wis. Another son, Sophus, who was with them, returned home recently. The Jacobsons are pioneer residents of Minot and stopped here with a car load of their choice Scotch cured herring, which will be distributed out of Minot thru this territory.

The Jacobsons have had remarkable success in the fishing industry in Alaska and will undoubtedly return there early the coming summer. They not only own their own fishing boats, but hire a crew of forty fishermen and packers, and supervise the marketing of the herring. They packed 7,000 barrels of choice Alaska herring during the past season, equivalent to 35 large freight cars. Each barrel weighs from 250 to 275 pounds.

They hired their own fishing crew in Seattle and it was made up of half a dozen nationalities. They paid their transportation to Alaska, furnished them food and good wages, secured an expert to supervise the salting of the herring and did their own marketing.

The herring is Scotch cured which is said to be far superior to the Norwegian method of curing, which requires a great deal more salt. The Jacobsons own three fishing boats each manned by a crew of seven. The boats go out into the bay and remain there for weeks at a time, the tenders making trips out daily to bring in the fish needed for packing. One boat remained out six weeks and when the men returned they had grown fairly long beards. The fishermen are right at home on the water and do not seem

to care whether they ever return to land or not.

The fishermen go out usually on June 27 for the first fishing of the season. They watch the almanac and fish according to the position of the moon. They will lie around for days, regardless of the weather, waiting for the moon to get into the right quarter. They usually bring in big hauls from the very start. They do their fishing at night and use a seine 1200 feet long and 140 feet wide which is anchored down into the water. Frequently when they get into a large school they secure 2,000 barrels of the herring at a draw. The herring run about 600 to the barrel. Frequently they secure more fish than they can handle at the packing plant, and then it becomes necessary to build pounds in the ocean, out of nets to keep the fish from getting away. The fish are then secured as needed. Once a shark got into the pound, ate a lot of the fish and then ate its way out of the net, letting the other fish, enough for about 1500 barrels, out. There are whales up in that locality and the fishermen usually like to fish where the whales are the most in evidence, for they know that there will be plenty of fish in that vicinity. Some salmon are caught, but usually but one variety of fish is caught in the net.

The Jacobsons have shipped herring to Siberia, China and much of it to New York City. Most of the work at their plant is done by the piece work. Women are employed in the packing plant as well as men, and women are especially competent when it comes to gibbing the fish. This means, removing the gills, salting them and packing them.

There are salmon canneries and salmon salting stations as well as clam canning factories in that vicinity. There is untold wealth in the possibilities for the fishing industry. The work is very fascinating.

The mosquitoes are very large, numerous and annoying along the shore but do not bother on the water. Mr. Jacobson tells of a man and a horse dying from bloodpoisoning as the result of mosquito bites.

Much rain falls in that vicinity. Rain fell last summer for 31 days almost incessantly. One can put a barrel out in the rain and in time it will become filled with water from the rainfall.

Wonderful huckleberries, salmon berries, which are a sort of a raspberry, and blue berries are found in abundance among the spruce trees. Wild rice grows in abundance. That is the hunter's paradise. There are countless thousands of wild ducks and geese and many of the Kodiak brown bears, the largest of the bear family. The pelt of a Kodiak bear makes a rug 9x12 feet. There are also Glacier bears, black and white spotted, and very dangerous.

The Jacobson's watchman is an old Missourian, Bob Scott, who went there as a young man. He was watchman for a mine for years. He is a bachelor and spends the winters alone. The snow gets to be 30 feet deep before spring. Scott is said to be afraid of the water and declares that he will never return to Missouri until he can go by rail. He has the picture of a Missouri girl who is said to be waiting for him and perhaps he may change his mind.

La Touche is a center for the Guggenheim copper mining interests. There are only about 300 people in the town, and mail from Seattle arrives once a week. It costs \$57.50 to go from Seattle to La Touche, 2,000 miles. This pays for passage, state-room and the finest meals. It requires 7 days to make the trip. La Touche is located at 62 degrees N. Latitude. The sun sets at midnight in summer and one can read a newspaper without a lamp any hour of the night.

The weather is not as severe as in North Dakota. The thermometer seldom drops as low as zero in winter.

The copper mines do not pay very high wages only \$4.50 a day and the miners are charged \$1.25 a day board. They work 8 hours. There are always plenty of miners, as they like that kind of life.

The Alaska gold mines are taking out more gold than ever before in the history of the country. An immense lot of gold is being found in the Nome country, where in 1900 the big gold rush was on.

The Jacobsons report that there is considerable excitement over the recent discovery of oil in Alaska. Just before they came down the Standard Oil Co. and an independent concern from California shipped two boatloads of machinery into Alaska and will drill for oil all winter.

The Jacobsons say the trip to Alaska makes an ideal outing. So many sight seers engaged passage last year that they had to put in their reservations weeks ahead. A fine new ship the Kennicutt, is now being built for passenger service.

Juneau is a beautiful little city of 4,000 population. Most of the Alaskan towns have plank pavements. They have electric lights and nearly every small town has its weekly newspaper.

The Jacobsons' plant is located on an island. There is a dairy herd on this island consisting of two cows. Milk sells for 20 cents a quart.

Mr. Jacobson tells of a rather queer coincidence. A consignment of their fish was on a ship which struck an iceberg enroute to Seattle. The ship was wrecked and it was beached before it could sink. There was much copper in the ship. This together with the barrels of fish was saved, but the copper coated the barrels and the insurance companies had to wash off the copper with gold dust and water after the fish reached Seattle. Mr. Jacobson was down at the dock

watching the men at work on his barrels and was surprised to find two old Minot men employed at the task, Gust Borgerson and Ole Watne.

### MAKOTI

The John Holjum home north of Makoti, burned to the ground Sunday. The only thing saved was the sewing machine which a neighbor carried out. The family was away from home at the time of the fire.

Miss Clem Wirtz returned from Minot Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rouhan left Thursday morning for Spokane, Wash. where they will spend the winter.

Frank Taylor left for Oregon Thursday morning.

Geo. Liffrig and Alfred Nelson left Tuesday morning for the Twin Cities and toher Minnesota points.

Mrs. A. L. Davis and son, Ronald, have both been on the sick list.

Misses Ione and Leone Rosborough and Chas. Charipar were entertained at the John Liffrig home Sunday.

A number of young people enjoyed a dancing party at the Ike Frye home Saturday evening.

This month has surely made the coal man smile. Keeps one busy shoveling coal and carrying ashes.

Ed Swanson is on the sick list.

John Willinski and crew loaded another car of spuds Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran Cooper arrived Thursday evening and will be at home to their friends on the Cooper farm near Raub.

The Epworth League held a social gathering in Kamrud's hall Thursday evening. An oyster supper was served at the close of a pleasant evening.

A large crowd attended the basket social given by the Lutheran League Friday evening. All report a fine time.

### Sheriff Rice Visits City

Forrest Rice, sheriff of Mountrail county, is in Minot today. Mr. Rice, who is serving his second term, goes out of office January 1, when he will devote his time to operating his large ranch at Blaisdell. He will continue to live in Stanley for a year at least. Odin Stray, a Mountrail county farmer, has been elected sheriff and he has appointed as his deputies Nels Hofflund of Ross and Robt. Duthrie of Stanley.

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Grain	
No. 1 Northern	\$1.09
Durum	.81
Flax	2.29
Rye	.67
Farmers Produce	
Butter	.50
Eggs	.45
Potatoes	.30

**Business for Doctors Is Picking Up**  
Quite a large number of Minot young women and some who are not so young, have been compelled to call up their family physicians on account of frozen limbs. In the good old days

when warm sensible woolen stockings were the style, the members of the fair sex were able to brave the wintry blasts, but with the thermometer registering 34 below (the knees, with short skirts, spider-web hose and rolled down overshoes that were never made to buckle, is it any wonder that the business of our physicians is picking up?

### John McDougall Funeral

The funeral of John McDougall, local grading and construction contractor, was held from the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, the remains being interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. P. W. Erickson and the pall bearers were Henry Slocum, Peter Vandenoever, Judge Murray, Able Torgerson, W. R. Leas and Geo. Bissell.

**Accepts Position with Minot Grocery**  
Rex Stinchcomb, who for the past three years has been connected with the C. A. Bugge Company of Burlington has accepted a position with the Minot Grocery as traveling salesman and will assume the duties of his new position January 1st. Mr. Stinchcomb has leased apartments in the Seefeld block and will move his family here soon.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

- WANTED**—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. State cash price, full particulars. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 12/28\*
- FOR SALE**—The owner having moved from the city asks me to sell his residence property on Eighth ave. N. E. This is a very desirable property, situated two blocks from the new school house now being erected. It is modern, seven rooms and bath, full basement, concrete floored garage, south frontage, 72 foot, an ideal home. Now rents for \$40 per month—could easily get \$45 or \$50. This property is a bargain. Look it over. J. R. Falconer, care of Independent. 11-30f
- MONEY TO LOAN**—On first mortgage security on farm land. See P. V. Malm, care of Malm Machinery Co., Minot, N. D. 12/7-1f
- FOR SALE**—3 Registered Shropshire Rams at a bargain. Phone 2F3. L. S. Glick. 12/7-3t\*
- LIGNITE**—Burlington City Mine Lignite, \$5.00 per ton delivered. Tom Waldon, Phone 858R, Minot, N. D. 12/7-4t\*
- FOR SALE**—Registered Duroc boars. C. A. Payne, Norwich, N. D. 12-14t2
- FOR SALE**—First class lignite, \$5.00 per ton delivered. Phone 563. 12/14-1f
- WANTED**—To buy a few live, fat hogs and two year old cattle. Stearns Motor Co., Minot, N. Dak. Phone 563. 12/14-3t
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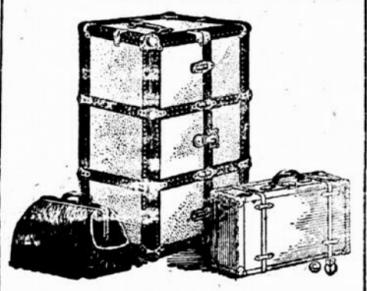
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