

TASKER--ON THE SOO.

Your correspondent failed to "hob up serenely" last week owing to the fact that he, together with Toney Sickle, Tommy Elwick, John O'Neil and a legion of other good "Christians" were busy drawing up a declaration of war against Prince Beelzebub, prince of the house of darkness and knight of the castle of sin. In other words, 'twas the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association in Tasker. The commander of the association, Toney Sickle, having heard that Prince Beelzebub has been getting pretty busy of late in this neighborhood, has issued a declaration of war, and this being the case, a general assault will commence from now on and operations will be continued until the Port Arthur of the nether world puts up the white asbestos flag. Next week we will request the INDEPENDENT to print the aforesaid declaration of war in red ink.

We take pleasure in stating that we lift our hat to the indefatigable J. S. Wallace and that Davis is on the Soo is entitled to recognition is owing to the pertinent fact that his never-give-up qualities in building up the coal industry and expanding its commerce at that lively point. We are aware that he is not a liberal believer in the future greatness of Tasker. Nevertheless, like us, he believes that Ward county's lignite is almost inexhaustible, and capable of supplying the nation, and while all of it will not come from Tasker--on the Soo--a great portion, and possibly the best of it, will come from "Davis on the Soo." The great hindrance to the rapid development of Ward county's lignite is the fact that the railroads devour all the profits by their excessive freight rates. And by the gods of war, 'tis time something were done to make them recognize the law regulating coal rates--so that their motto "luxuries for the rich, crumbs and rags for the poor," may be done away with.

L. L. Safford was among the Tasker delegation to Minot on Saturday, and he reports Minoters well pleased over the idea of that boom burg being made a division point.

Wm. Groves, of the firm of Groves & Safford, went over to Lonsford last week on business matters. He is expected to return this week and report to the high priest of Tasker.

When you want to buy a good milch cow, see Liverman Scribner.

Farmers, attention! Now, that spring time is fast approaching and seedling time will be here--when you want the best quality of seed wheat--see Chas. Scribner at Tasker. Lots of it and price reasonable.

The Terpsichorean event of the season took place at the Hotel Vanderwarker last Wednesday evening. The function was given in honor of Miss Tootsie Weigand, the young and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weigand, who takes her departure for Toronto, Canada, where she will pursue a musical course under the tuition of Mrs. Weigand's brother, who ranks among the ablest musicians in Canada. Mr. Weigand and daughter left on Thursday for Toronto.

There is joy galore in the home of Andrew Jensen this week. The whiffiness thereof is not that Andrew is capable of

digging more coal than any other miner around these diggings, but owing to the fact that a stranger arrived at his home this week and who has announced his intention of remaining a member thereof for the next 21 years. This boy and tips the scales at nine pounds. Mother and child are doing well--while Andrew, well he could jump over a 40-foot wall.

General Manager B. B. Tasker left last week for St. Paul to confer with the Vanderwarker Coal Company. He is expected home this week.

Clerk of Court J. E. Smith was among the Minoters in Tasker on Monday. It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that, among the county officers, none are more capable than the same portly J. E.

The people of this giddy world of ours might as well know that there is one place in peerless North Dakota where the temperature is high or low, whether it rains or snows, whether Sunday comes once or seven times a week--or whether school keeps or not. That place is Minot--"the city of Destiny." Since Jim Hill has decided to make Minot a general division point--its energetic inhabitants have been too busy rejoicing to give even a thought to weather or any of the other misfortunes flesh is heir to. "Yim" Hill's new plans means the making of Minot.

Stockman Frank Kirklio returned home last week from an extended trip to Minnesota where he was visiting relatives. The weather down in that state, the forepart of the month, was somewhat chilly, says Frank. Minnesota can always be depended upon to turn out a good hunk of chilliness at any old time during the winter months.

And when the midday of the Sabbath had passed, he who is called Don, the Hutchinsonite, went forth to hunt the festive jack-rabbit. And, lo! a minister of the gospel met him and rebuked him, saying: "Why breaketh thou the Sabbath?" And when Don heard these words his spirit troubled him, and he returned to the house of Vanderwarker, clothed himself in a Mother Hubbard and went out and sat down on a cold stone and wept.

Tonsorial Artist Frank Hesse reports business good in his line in these days of progress and boom--and before the passing of many moons contemplates putting in another chair. 'Tis well!

Henry Allen has shaken the dust of imperial Ward county off his brogans and has gone to King Edward's dominions where he will invest in a few acres of Canadian soil, and see how it compares with Uncle Sam's in the wheat raising line.

Ed King, the good-looking mayor of Donnybrook, accompanied by his brother, Mike, was in Tasker on Sunday, doing business with Townsite Proprietor Scribner. Both gentlemen expressed themselves surprised at the phenomenal growth of Tasker, and predict for her a prosperous future. Mayor King says that his boom town is getting ready to handle the big bunch of prosperity that will be handed it this spring.

Sag Gustafson, one of Vannerwarker's best drivers, was down to the "city of destiny"--Minot, on Sunday.

"LITTLE MAC."

Foxholm.

A large number farmers are at work in the fields every day.

Jos. Huff and daughter transacted business in Minot between trains last Tuesday.

Miss Clara Englund came up Tuesday from Minot for a few days stay on her valuable claim just east of here.

Grandpa Simmons who has had a severe attack of LaGrippe is improving and in a few days will be able to be about town again.

Mrs. L. A. Larson and Miss Hegland of Minot drove up last Saturday and visited with A. R. Larson and family returning Sunday afternoon.

Otis McIntyre and Miss McAfee drove to Tasker last Sunday. Other young people were also out for a spin, enjoying the grand summer weather.

Miss Hattie Talbot of the Foxholm Hotel drove over to Lonsford last Friday returning Saturday. Miss Lizzie McAfee of Carpio had charge of the hotel during the former's absence.

F. W. Lambert, the genial representative of the Rogers Lumber Company of this place took a couple of days off and went to Donnybrook. Frank has a valuable claim near that thriving little city.

Kinney and McIntyre the all around rustlers are at present hauling in a few cords of rock, and placing them near the track. They expect to ship several car loads to Minot and other points as soon as the building season opens up.

Geo. L. Nurnberger will put in several hundred acres of crop this year. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week he had three rigs at work harrowing his fields, and still the people will talk of North Dakota's ten months winter.

Crosby Man is Missing.

A week ago last Saturday J. W. Edwards, the colored gentleman living over in 99 came to town after provisions. To Mr. Hinshaw he stated he was ill and asked for some water and a glass in which to take some medicine. He started home in the afternoon and the next day the horse was found by his cousin and his daughter near the house. The girl is reported to have frozen her hands quite badly in unhitching the horse and placing it in the barn. The provisions were on the sleigh and the bottle of Ward's liniment, which was the medicine he had taken in the restaurant was also found in the sleigh. A thorough search has been made between Crosby and his home but no trace has been found of him. That he is dead all are agreed upon, but where is a mystery. He may have gone into a shack to build a fire to warm up, and being too badly chilled, has fallen asleep and succumbed to King Frost.--Crosby Review.

Your suit will be carefully cleaned and pressed and made to look as good as new at Lidstrom's old stand. E. M. Myren The Tailor.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., Feb. 25, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Reg. and Rec. U. S. Land Office at Minot, N. D. on April 1, 1905, viz: Nels F. Seltzer, H. E. No. 2973, for the NW 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 156 N. R. 83 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Ed Elftson; Sigard O. Aason, Otto P. Nelson, H. Messenger, all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the condition of the hereinafter described Mortgage, which said default consists in failure to pay the moneys secured by said mortgage, and by reason of said default, the power of sale contained in said mortgage having become operative, and no action or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage; now therefore

Notice is hereby given that that certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Minot Coal and Brick Company, a Corporation, Mortgagee, to Mouse River Lignite Coal Company, a Corporation, Lorenzo M. Davis, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of May, A. D. 1903, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Ward and State of North Dakota on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1903, and recorded in Book 2 of Mortgages on pages 160, 161, 162, and 163 and which said mortgage was duly assigned by said Mortgagee to Second National Bank, a Corporation under the laws of the United States, at Minot, N. D., which said Assignment was filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of said Ward County on the 1st day of October, 1903 and duly recorded in Book 2 of Mortgages on page 284; will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in said mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, on the Fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1905, to satisfy the amount due upon such mortgage on the day of sale. The premises described in such mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are described as follows:

All those tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota described as follows, to-wit:

The South half of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section number Two (2); the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section number Eleven (11); the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section number Twelve (12); and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section number Thirteen (13), all in Township number One Hundred Fifty-five (155) North, of Range number Eighty-four (84) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, according to the United States Survey thereof; saving and excepting the Right of Way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company as now located and existing across said land; and also the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1/2 SW 1/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section number Twelve (12), and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section number Thirteen (13), and all that portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of said Section number Twelve (12) lying South and West of the Right of Way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company as it now exists across said land; all in Township number One Hundred Fifty-five (155) North, of Range number Eighty-four (84) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian according to the United States Survey thereof; saving and excepting the Right of Way of the aforesaid Railway as it now exists across said land; and also excepting all the land lying North and East of the aforesaid Right of Way, being a triangular piece containing about one acre more or less; and also saving and excepting from the above described lands all that portion of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section number Twelve (12) lying North and East of the Right of Way of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway, being a triangular piece containing Eighty-three one hundredths acres (83-100) more or less. Together with all coal, clay and other minerals and mineral substances whatsoever both on and below the surface of said lands and together with all buildings and improvements thereon of whatsoever kind or character and all personal property whatsoever now situated thereon or which pertains to the operation of the coal mine and brick yard or either of them.

There will be due on said mortgage at the date of sale the sum of Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-six and 33-100 Dollars (\$30,966.33-100) Dated February 14, 1905.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK, of MINOT, Assignee of Mortgagee, Minot, North Dakota.

L. W. GAMMONS, Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee, Minot, N. D. 2-22-4-12

SUMMONS.

In District Court at Minot, N. D.

County of Ward.

Hans Hanson, Plaintiff.

Ingr Christina Hanson, Defendant.

The State of North Dakota to the above named defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in the above entitled action, of which a copy is filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the City of Kenmare in said County and State, within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated January 6th A. D. 1905.

L. F. CLAUSON, Plaintiff's Attorney, Kenmare, N. D.

2-1-3-8

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Minot, N. D., February 18, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D. on April 1, 1905, viz: John Lidstrom, H. E. No. 1467, for the NW 1/4 section 4, T. 156 N. R. 83 W. 1/2 section 3, township 153, range 83.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Lidstrom, J. B. Reed, J. H. Schofield, Frank Basack, all of Minot, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.

JAMES JOHNSON, Attorney for claimant. 2-15-3-22

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.

MINOT, N. D., Jan. 18, 1905.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James Matthews, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3195, made Dec. 21, 1899, for the NW 1/4 sec. 25 and the SW 1/4 sec. 24, township 159, range 88, by Peter M. Magnusson, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has not at any time established his residence thereon; that he has not at any time cultivated the same or any part thereof; that he has not at any time made any improvements thereon of any kind; that he has wholly abandoned the same for more than six months last past and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on March 15, 1905, before the register and receiver at the United States Land office in Minot, N. D.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Feb. 8, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

T. E. Fox, Receiver.

C. AURIAND, Attorney, Minot, N. D. 2-8-3-15

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office.

MINOT, N. D., Jan. 6, 1905.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Pearl Cool, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1052, made Nov. 12, 1901, for sec. 30, township 162, range 84, by Kris S. Strom, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Kris S. Strom has wholly abandoned said land and been absent therefrom continuously for a period of more than six months immediately preceding the date of the contest affidavit; that he has never improved or cultivated said land or established a residence thereon or resided thereon; and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be or may have been engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., March 16, 1905, before the register and receiver of the United States Land office in Minot, North Dakota.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Feb. 4, 1905, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

T. E. Fox, Receiver.

C. B. HACH, Attorney for Contestant. 2-8-3-15

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Minot, N. D., February 25th, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Minot, N. D. on April 8th, 1905, viz: George W. Burke, H. E. No. 4307, for the NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 19, Tp. 155, R. 81.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

James Angie, D. M. Shorb, Warren Brey, Arthur Bradley, all of Surrey, N. D.

R. C. SANBORN, Register.

JOHN LYNCH, Attorney for claimant. 3-4-4-5

Seed Grain

I will have a carload of the following seeds here the first of March:

German Millet, Hungarian Millet, Hog Millet, Siberian Millet, Duraf Essex Rape Redtop and White Clover, Bromus Seed, Kentucky Blue Grass, Alfalfa, and Crimson Alfalfa also Wheat, Flax, Barley, Speltz and Rye.

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