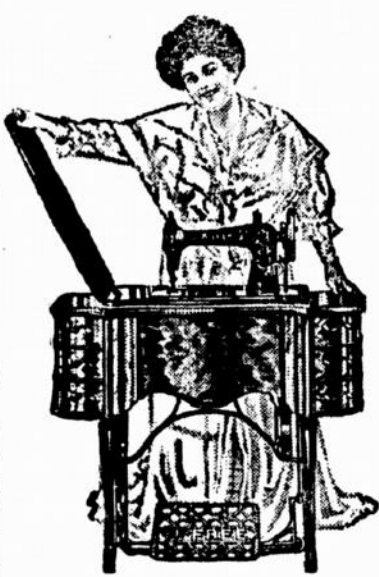


30 Days Trial In your Home

We know all about other sewing machines, from treadle to spool pin; we know them all, the cheapest and the highest price. We have investigated them all—Everyone of them has been found lacking some real essential; every one of them has had some glaring faults—but in



The FREE

which you hear and read so much about, we offer a machine that is perfect, absolutely perfect, a machine in which not the smallest detail can be improved.

And in order to get you to realize this superiority as we do, we have decided three things:

First, that we cannot afford to advertise its low price—you would never imagine that you could get so perfect a machine for so little money. To appreciate its price, you must come to the store and see the machine first.

Second, we will offer you the chance to test The FREE, from treadle to spool pin, in your own home. The best way for you to become enthusiastic over its one point of superiority after another is to actually sew on The FREE for 30 days. We want you to keep it in your home—to sew on it as if it were your own—to test it in any way you choose—to compare it with any other sewing machine you know of and then make your decision. Unless you are fully satisfied—more than satisfied—send it back to us—it will not cost you a cent, we will refund all you have paid on it.

But there will be at least 32 reasons why you will want to keep The FREE when the 30 days are over.

- There is the rare beauty of its French-like design and the Japanese finish which never shows dust.
- There are the 8 sets of Ball-Bearings which make it the lightest running sewing machine in the world.
- Then there is the "Rotocut" movement—Mr. Free's own invention which makes The FREE faster than the fastest Rotary and simpler than the simplest shuttle.
- We want you to experience all of these things yourself and our third decision is to make it extremely easy for you to keep The FREE by offering it to you at your own terms as low as

\$1 a Week Payments

Come and see The FREE tomorrow and take it home for a month's trial.

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We buy farm lands for

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If you have a farm to sell or wish to make a loan, see us before you close a deal.

The Iowa Investment Co.

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Buy them of the

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Stock Complete, First-class and Fresh. EXPENSES LOW, therefore I CAN SELL CHEAPER. I want a share of your trade and will show my appreciation. I am located permanently in Minot and am building up a good business.

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Minot, North Dakota

John Lynch,

Real Estate Loans and Farm Insurance

FIRE STARTED FROM TEACHER'S HOUSE

More Details of Serious Prairie Fire Southwest of Minot—Scores of Farmers Lose their Hay Buildings

The Independent has learned more concerning the prairie fire which occurred southwest of Minot last Saturday. The fire is reported to have started from a new house built on a school teacher's homestead. The fellow had finished the house that day and placing some shavings in the stove started a fire. The wind carried some sparks to the dry prairie with disastrous results. Andrew Eldahl lost about 90 tons of fine hay and Wm. Giles lost all of his winter's feed. Both are now engaged in putting up some dry grass, for their stock. Mr. Spokkie and others lost their hay.

The fire covered a strip of country four miles wide and many miles long. Hundreds fought the fire, but it went with such rapidity that they could only check the flames at the side. The fire jumped the highways and fire breaks, making leaps of fifty yards or more, sweeping everything in its path.

Mr. Hamer, son of John Hamer, lost his barn and machinery. He saw the fire coming, and it is said he could have saved his barn, but was too excited. Tumbling weeds on fire helped to spread the flames.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that that certain mortgage made, executed and delivered by Paul Johnson, a single man, mortgagor, to Martin Jacobson, mortgagee, dated the 9th day of December, A. D. 1909, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county of Ward, and State of North Dakota, on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1909, at the hour of 4:40 o'clock p. m. and duly recorded in book "174" of mortgages on page "94," will, by reason of default having been made in the payment of the sum secured thereby and under and in virtue of the power of sale in such mortgage contained, be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the court house in the city of Minot, county of Ward, and state of North Dakota, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday the 19th day of November, 1910, 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: Lots one (1), two (2), six (6) and seven (7) in section three (3), township one hundred and fifty-two (152) north of range eighty-five (85), west of the Fifth Principal Meridian, containing one hundred and seventy-eight acres according to the United States survey thereof, situate, lying and being in the county of Ward and state of North Dakota.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of Four Hundred Thirty-six and 95-100 dollars (\$436.95) together with statutory attorney's fees and costs.

Dated at Minot, North Dakota, this 5th day of October, A. D. 1910.

Martin Jacobson,

Mortgagee, Address, Minot, N. D.

S. A. Sorenson,

Sheriff of Ward County, Address Minot, North Dakota.

Halvor L. Halvorsen,

Attorney for Mortgagee, Address, Minot, North Dakota. 10-6-11-17

FOR SALE—A Hart Parr Kerosene plowing engine; nearly new; including 8-hp John Deere engine gang, with breaker and stubble, bottoms. E. T. Carey, Donnybrook, N. D. 10-13-12

FOR SALE—Good grade Jersey cow A. P. Sloeum, Minn. 1-10-17

Recent analysis of Granite Spring Water shows that product to be wavy above 99.1-2 per cent pure. 12

FOR SALE—A fine improved farm close to Minot. All stock and machinery goes with the place if desired. Right terms. A snap but you'll have to hurry. Inquire at this office. 12

FOR SALE—Full-blooded Poll Durham bulls. Farm 6-1-2 miles south-east of Minot. Address Deegan

Let Schiewek do your cleaning and pressing. 12

FOR SALE—A registered Jersey bull; 3 years old; a fine individual. Address Chas. Wisen, R. D. 1, Berthold, N. D., two miles west of Lone Tree. 10-20-12

Young pigs for sale, \$2.00 each at weaning time. Hans Skaug, Minot, N. D. R. F. D. No. 1. 11.

A NUT FOR GOV. BURKE TO CRACK

The Kansas City Journal has a story which shows how the farmers were robbed under the infamous Democratic tariff law of 1893-7 compared with the conditions now. Kansas raises corn and North Dakota raises wheat but the principles are the same. The story follows:

Back in '94 a farmer bought a farm wagon in Hutchinson for \$60. It was a good farm vehicle, and the farmer was of the kind who took care of his property. The other day he came back to the same Hutchinson dealer and said he wanted to buy another wagon just like the one he got in '93. "It was a good one," he said. "That's the reason I want another. How much are you going to charge me?"

The dealer reflected a moment and then asked: "I think you paid \$60 for that wagon, didn't you?"

"That's right," said the farmer. "It will cost you \$70 now," said the dealer.

Distinctly surprised, the farmer began to object and then demanded the reason.

"Well," said the dealer, "the material, like lumber and iron and steel, has advanced in price and it costs me more now to buy them. The tariff probably has something to do with it, too."

At the mention of the word "tariff" the farmer went straight up in the air. He began to expound against the theory of the whole thing.

The dealer let him run along a while and then asked again: "Say when you bought that wagon from me in '94, I think you paid for it in corn, if I remember rightly, didn't you?"

"I did," said the farmer, "but what has that to do with it?"

"You had to give me 600 bushels of corn for that wagon, didn't you?" asked the dealer again.

"I did," said the farmer, after recalling in his own mind that corn was only selling at ten cents a bushel in those days.

"Tell you what you do," said the dealer, "you bring me in 600 bushels of corn tomorrow, and I'll give you this wagon."

"Well, say, hold on ——" began the farmer.

The dealer interrupted him in turn. "But that isn't all," he said. "In addition to the wagon I'll let you and your wife go over to the warehouse and pick out a survey. Then you go and pick out the best self-binder in the shop. And —"

"Here, wait a minute ——" started the farmer.

"I'm not through yet," said the dealer. "When your wife comes in I'll let her go into the warehouse department and pick out the best range we have. And just for good measure, suppose you tell your wife that she can also pick out enough kitchen utensils to entirely furnish your kitchen. Now, I'll just give you that—all of what for 600 bushels of corn. In '94 the same amount of corn got you just the wagon. That's a fair proposition, isn't it?"

The farmer was stunned.

"I'll just work this out in figures and show you what you are getting," continued the dealer. "We'll put the wagon down at \$70; the self-binder at \$125, and that'll get you a beauty; the survey at \$125; the kitchen range at \$80, and that certainly ought to be a peach; and the kitchen utensils at \$20, and that ought to buy a few. Add that together and you have \$420. Multiply 600 bushels of corn at 70 cents a bushel and you have \$420."

The farmer dug up his \$70 for the wagon without saying another word and motioned to the dealer to join him at the cigar stand for a smoke.

That is the condition to which Governor Burke, W. J. Bryan, John Lind and the state Democratic committee in asking the farmers of North Dakota to return. In the language of Br. Bryan, they want Governor Burke's non-partisan claims to deceive enough Republican voters to elect the state legislature which in turn will elect two Democratic United States senators.

And let it never be forgotten that the tariff law which gave the farmers of Kansas ten cent corn and those of North Dakota fifty cents wheat was passed in the senate by a majority of one and that the vote of Senator Roach of North Dakota, and that Governor Burke as a member of the legislature, voted for him. Is it not time for the people to lay aside sentiment and take a candid view of the real issues in this campaign? Governor Burke is seeking to elect a Democratic legislature and that means two votes for ten cent corn and fifty cent wheat. Do the farmers want it? Can the business men afford it?

THAT MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

LeSueur Says One is Available in a Over a Year if the People Want it —Will Vote on the Question

President LeSueur of the City Commission declares that after a thorough study of the question of electric lighting and Minot's finances, this city can own its own electric light plant a year from next spring if the people so desire. He says that the question may be put before them at the election next spring, to see whether they desire such a plant or not.

THE RAILROADS AND BURKE.

The report has gone out that the railroad of the state desire the election of John Burke. It has been known for a long time that the railroads play quite an important part in the politics of this state, and if they can have their way, they will secure candidates in either party favorable to them. They know that Johnson will not stand to be dictated to, and Burke's own record shows that he is not unfriendly to them. Of the two, they choose Burke, because they are not afraid of him. So you see Mr. Voter, if you want to vote for the governor, who will look after your interests, Johnson is your man.

A pile of rubbish back of the D. A. Dinnie home caught fire Monday evening and the fire department was called out. Little damage was done.

HOLLOWEEN PRANKS.

Halloween passed off without any serious results. The usual number of gates were missing next morning and the delivery men who neglected to lock the wheels of their wagons, had a hard time locating them. Boys will be boys, and the young American of today seems to be just as bad as they were when we were mixed up in deviltry years ago.

DES LACS MAN DIED MONDAY

Thos. Gunter, Prominent Farmer Dies Monday After Illness From Typhoid Fever.

Thomas Gunter, a well known Des Lacs farmer, passed away Monday morning, after an illness from typhoid fever. He was a brother of W. W. Gunter, well known in Minot, and was a son-in-law of Mr. Etter, a well known resident of Des Lacs. We hope to get a more complete obituary soon.

A hunting party consisting of P. B. Anderson, Oscar Veach, A. A. Robinson, M. O. Boe, E. H. Boyer and Mr. Probst, spent five days in the vicinity of Churches Ferry, where they went in quest of geese. They shot several geese and some big ducks. They camped out and had an enjoyable time. Mr. Boe proved to be an adept at tuckering out the geese.

Miss Mabel Brown, one of the popular clerks at Keavins', left this week for Williston, where she will visit for some time. Miss Brown's many friends regret that she has decided not to return to this city.

J. C. Smallwood received word from Brainerd, Minn., that his daughter, Miss Pearl, was quite ill. She is visiting relatives there.

C. G. Richards has returned from Billings, Mont., where he bought more land.

Thornton Addleman, brother of Mrs. C. G. Richards, was operated upon Monday for a growth on his eye. The operation was highly successful.

H. W. Evans is now nicely located in Suite 2, of Temple Court, the name of James Johnson's new block. Mr. Evans for years was connected with F. B. Lambert and his many friends trust that he will have a very satisfactory practice. He's a capable conscientious attorney.

Rumor has it that if Judge Goss is successful in being elected to the Supreme Bench, Governor Burke will appoint R. H. Bosard to fill the vacancy. Other attorneys have been mentioned for the place, among whom are Geo. McGee of this city and Frank Fisk of Williston.

Louis Emerson is in receipt of one of the very latest scientific arrangements, an apparatus which points out any star in the heavens, in any constellation at any day of the year or any hour of the day. The invention is declared by the Scientific American to be one of the most important of the modern times, and colleges and high schools all over the country are adding one of them to their equipment.

WINOT STORE SCORES HIGH

Smallwood's Grocery Store Ranks Among the Best in the State According to State Department Examination.

The Independent is in receipt of a special bulletin, sent out by the Pure Food Department of the State, under supervision of Prof. Ladd, showing among other things, the result of the examination of the grocery stores of the state, that has been going on since the first of the year.

The examination considered the following features, each of which was graded to 100 perfect:

- Ventilation and light.
- Floor, walls, fixtures, screens, etc.
- Refrigerators.
- Butter and cheese.
- Bulk goods, vegetables, etc.
- Display on goods in store.
- Side walk display.
- Cellar and cellar stock.
- Backroom and yard.
- Personnel.

Smallwood's grocery store was scored on but nine of the points, as there was no side walk display, and out a possible 90, this store secured 84. This is exceptionally good and ranks with the very best stores of the state.

ATTORNEYS CHANGE LOCATION.

John J. Coyle, and O. B. Herigstad, two of Minot's prominent attorneys, are now located in one of the finest suites of offices in the city, in James Johnson's new block, known as Temple Court. They have three rooms, facing Main street.

The business of these attorneys has grown at a surprising rate during the past few years and it became necessary for them to secure better and larger quarters.

Devils Lake is to have a new weekly paper. The plant has already been bought and two well known newspaper men, whose names were at not at liberty to mention just now, will conduct the affairs of the publication. Thirty business men of Devils Lake are backing up the proposition.

OLD LIVERY BARN BURNS.

Fire destroyed McGregor's old livery barn, just at the rear of their new structure Saturday night. The firemen by prompt action and hard work, were able to save the new barn, but the old one was a total loss. A number of cutters in the barn were destroyed.

Leon W. Whiting, who returned from Bainville, Mont. Saturday, reported a very serious prairie fire in eastern Montana and western North Dakota that day. Hundreds of fire fighters at Culbertson, Mont., were out trying to save their city. Much damage was necessarily done in that vicinity.

W. F. Whitmore of Lebanon, O., spent a number of days in Minot and Surrey with old friends. Mr. Whitmore formerly lived near Surrey, where he has many friends. His son, Herman, graduated from the scientific department of the University of Lebanon, the school from which the father graduated thirty-five years ago. Herman averaged high in his class.

D. H. Kimball has returned from his old home in Maine, where he spent two months, visiting his brothers, and assisting in settling up the old Kimball estate. Mr. Kimball said that the state of Maine went Democratic because the Republicans failed to keep their pledges in regard to the enforcement of the liquor law.

MIDTBO FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.

Herman Midtbo, who was candidate for the United States Senate before the primaries, handed in his application for chief of police of the city of Minot. It was accepted by the board Monday night and placed on file. Herman guarantees that if he receives the appointment, he will conduct the affairs of the office in a scientific scholarly manner.

B. D. Glazer has returned from eastern points where he bought a very swell line of ladies' and misses' ready to wear garments. The Branch is doing a very nice business, since re-opening recently, and Mr. Glazer has an unusually fine line of merchandise.

Miss Hannah Gunnunson, who has been registry clerk at the postoffice for the past five years, has resigned to go to her claim near Williston. She has been a most efficient clerk and will be missed. The vacancy is filled by Mr. Henneghan, the stamp clerk whose position is taken by Miss Jeffries.