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FORT BERTHOLD LANDS WILL BE OPENED BY DRAWING AT MINOT

750 Claims, Appraised at from $2.50 to $8.00---Plaza, Bismarck and Minot registration points---Entries start May 1. One-fifth of appraised valuation must be made at time of entry.

Approximately 110,000 acres of land within the former Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, will be opened under a registration at Minot, Bismarck and Plaza, North Dakota, commencing Oct. 18, 1915, and closing October 30. Applications must be presented in person, except those of persons who were honorably discharged after 90 days service during the Civil war, Spanish-American war, or Philippine Insurection, which may be presented by agent.

The lands which lie north and east of the Missouri river in Mountrail and McLean counties have been classified as agricultural lands of the first class, agricultural lands of the second class, and grazing lands, and appraised at prices ranging from $2.50 to $8.00 per acre.

The lands will be opened to surface homestead entry only. They contain deposits of coal which will be reserved to the United States in trust for the Fort Berthold Indians. In order to obtain title to the surface an entryman must comply with the homestead laws and pay the appraised surface value of the tract entered.

A drawing will be held at Minot, North Dakota, commencing November 4, 1916, to determine the order in which persons who participate in the registration may enter the lands. Entries will be allowed commencing May 1, 1916, and may embrace not exceeding 160 acres each. Notice of time and place of making entry will be mailed to such number of persons holding numbers as may be reasonably necessary to induce the entering of all lands desirable for entry. At the time of making entry, one-fifth of the appraised value of the lands selected must be paid in addition to the regular filing fees.

For further information application should be made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington, D. C., or to the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at either Bismarck or Minot, N. D.

The drawing which will take place at Minot, will be conducted in a similar manner to the drawing of the first lands, several years ago. There are 750 claims in all, being appraised at from $4 to $8 on two fields and from $3.50 to $7 on the east field. It is estimated that there are 650 first class claims, fit for agricultural work and the other hundred are a purely grazing proposition.

The average appraisal value of the lands is $5.35.

On the central and west fields, the land is appraised at from $2.50 to $8 per acre and on the east field from $2.50 to $7. This is equally good land, but farther from market. The central field is south of Parshall. The west field is around Van Hook and Sanish. On the west field, the farthest land from market lies out from 14 to 25 miles. Most of the claims can be secured fairly close to market.

The Berthold reservation has gone ahead faster than any homestead land in the United States. Three big crops have been secured out of four. The farmers are on their feet in good shape and those who draw good numbers can consider themselves very fortunate. The reservation is dotted with well improved farms and the country really appears like it has been settled for many years.

SIX SCHOOLS GET STATE AID

CONDITIONS IMPOSED ARE STRINGENT AND SCHOOLS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED IN MEETING REQUIREMENTS.

W. D. Wendt, county superintendent of schools, this week received a communication from the state department of public instruction to the effect that of the nine schools of the county applying for state aid, six were successful. The conditions imposed upon schools entitling them to state aid are very stringent and the schools that meet all the requirements are to be commended for the enterprise and public spirit which made their compliance possible. The following were the successful schools:

School No. 1 of Carpio District No. 80, Second class, entitled to receive $105.

School No. 1, Burt District No. 128, Second class consolidated, $105.

School No. 1, Stammen District No. 26, Second class consolidated, $105.

School No. 1, General School District No. 95, Second class consolidated, $105.

School No. 3, Tatman District No. 62, First class rural, $61.50.

School No. 1, Grassland District, Second class rural, $41.00.

This is the largest number of schools in Ward county that has ever come under this classification and entitled to state aid. The largest number in any year prior to this has been but four schools. Thirty-one counties of the state have a number equal to or fewer than Ward, while there are 16 counties having a greater number. We note that in the counties which exceed Ward the same county superintendent has been in office for several terms, which in a great measure may well account for the more rapid development of their school systems. In LaMoure county with 40 schools on the classified list, the superintendent has been in office for five consecutive terms.

Not many are familiar with the method by which the apportionment is made. The entire sum of the appropriation of $25,000 is divided pro rata among the number of schools which apply and can meet the requirements imposed by the department, and thus every school gets its share upon an equal basis according to the class under which it qualifies. There are now within the state a total of 371 schools entitled to state aid.

One factor which greatly hampers the schools of Ward county is the low scale of wages paid the teachers of this county. The average salary paid our teachers is far below the general average for the state. Our present superintendent has been very strict in interpreting the school laws and has consistently refused to grant permits to teach, which for so many years has prevailed in this county to the detriment of our schools and the spirit of school work.

There are now teaching in the rural schools of this county a graduate of Purdue University and a graduate of the Iowa State University, showing that the schools of Ward county are being placed upon a bisis of the highest educational qualifications.

Bear for Sale—$50.00.

FOR SALE—A nearly grown bear, $50. Apply to Dan Dougherty, chief of police. 10-7-tf

The above advertisement was handed us by Minot's chief of police. This is the self same bear that attacked the chief recently, when he attempted to lasso it. The bear is now comfortably housed in a strong cage and Dan says he will throw the cage in with the bear for the above price.

MOORE OCCUPIES NEW GARAGE

FORD MAN MOVES INTO MAGNIFICENT NEW BUILDING ON WEST CENTRAL AVENUE.

Charlie Moore, the Ford man, is moving into his new garage today. The Moore garage is one of the handsomest business blocks in the city of Minot. It is 140 feet in depth with a frontage on Central avenue of fifty feet, two stories and a full basement. The front is finished with pressed brick. Large plate glass windows give the display room the best of light, while the well lighted and commodious basement will afford ample room for the general repair department. The apartments above the garage room proper will be arranged in suites and will be rented as living rooms. The Moore building is a decided addition to the many handsome business blocks of the city.

FRUIT RATHER CHEAP IN CALIFORNIA.

J. E. Clarke arrived recently from Kerman, Cali., where he has made his home for five years, and will reside hereafter on his homestead at Des Lacs. Mr. Clarke says the fruit growers are not getting extra good prices this year and blame the war for it. The raisin industry is a fairly good one, however, owing to the $1,000,000 raisin growers' association that was organized to control the market in a similar way that the Equity is attempting to control the grain market. As raisins are raised in a comparatively small area, the organization has been quite successful and the growers are getting from three to five cents a pound for cured raisins. Table grapes bring $20 a ton. Alfalfa is getting higher and is now bringing $8 a ton in the stack. It was down as low as $4 a ton. Some years ago, alfalfa brot $15 a ton, and growers, finding it more profitable to sell the feed that to keep dairy cows, sold their cows. Soon there was an over production and the price went down, but now the farmers are getting more cows.

SAYS CUMMINS IS LOGICAL CANDIDATE.

Congressman Gilbert N. Haugen of Iowa is in Minot to ascertain just what the public sentiment is concerning the proposed candidacy of Senator Cummins of Iowa for President. The Congressman called at the Independent office today and stated that as far as he had traveled in North Dakota, he found Mr. Cummins strong.

"The Senator appears to be the very man to re-unite the various factions of the Republican party," he said. "He has always been considered a progressive republican, but he has united the factions in Iowa. Of course, we have had our local fights, but the Senator has the endorsement of the entire state committee. I find that the La-Follette sentiment is strong in North Dakota, but in the event that 'Little Bob' is not a candidate, Cummins will undoubtedly be the leading candidate."

"Minnesota is the first state to vote in the presidential primaries and your state is second, voting just a few days after Minnesota. If there is no change in the sentiment in Minnesota before the primaries are held, Senator Cummins will, I believe, carry that state. He will, of course, have Iowa solid and if he can carry North Dakota, it will give him a commanding position early in the contest next spring and will certainly help him in landing the nomination."

Mr. Haugen's home is at Northwood, Iowa. He was taken about the city by State's Attorney Nestos, and expressed himself as being well pleased with his visit to our state.

LITTLE GIRL ANSWERS SUMMONS

SWEET LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. ANDREW J. ANDERSON DIED SATURDAY AT HOME NORTHEAST OF CITY.

Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Anderson, died at the home of the parents, six miles north and six miles east of Minot, Saturday evening. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the home and the remains were interred in the cemetery in McKinley township.

The funeral was directed by J. W. Rowan, of this city.

The little one was four years and nine months old and by her sweet ways and cheerful disposition, she had endeared herself to all. The parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

WHEAT ADVANCED.

Wheat made a phenomenal advance Wednesday, going up seven cents a bushel. The price dropped back a notch or two today, the local price being 90 cents.

CHAMPION TELLS HOW HE DID IT

M. D. GRAHAM RAISED 54 BUSHELS OF WHEAT PER ACRE ON LAND THAT HAD BEEN FARMED FOR 32 YEARS.

M. D. Graham of Burlington, who has become famous as North Dakota's champion wheat grower, tells the Independent how he managed to produce a crop that averaged slightly over 54 bushels per acre.

He bought 15 bushels of tested Marquis wheat from E. A. Madsen of Burlington and sowed the seed on thirteen acres. When he threshed the field, he found that he had exactly 704 1-2 bushels. Mr. Graham couldn't believe his own eyes. He had said that such a phenomenal yield could not be possible. The field lies in the valley on what is known as the old George Poepping farm and has been cropped continuously for the past 32 years. Mr. Graham bought the farm five years ago and has been rotating his crops, having grown two crops of corn and one of barley and two of wheat. The entire field has been manured well once. Last year the land was in corn. This year he plowed it very deep in order to destroy the weeds. It is not usual that corn land is plowed for wheat and Mr. Graham's neighbors called his attention to the fact that this extra work was not at all necessary.

The land was bought five years ago for $25 an acre. Mr. Graham's entire wheat yield averaged 41 1-2 bushels. At 90 cents, today's price, this would bring a gross income of $36.90 per acre.

The shocks were so numerous on the field that after the grain had all been cut and shocked, it was necessary to remove one row of shocks in order to allow the binder to be removed from the field. The heads of the wheat were great long ones, some containing 70 berries.

Press Correspondent Will Talk on War

Robert G. Patterson, formerly city editor of the Fargo Forum, who recently returned from the battle front in Europe, where he was Associated Press correspondent for four months, will deliver an address at the Methodist church in this city Monday evening, Oct. 11. Mr. Patterson is the first speaker to appear in this vicinity, who has been at the front, and undoubtedly many will turn out to hear him.

He is a nephew of U. S. Ambassador Sharpe, who is stationed at Paris.

REV. BRUCE JACKSON ACCEPTS CALL

BISMARCK. PASTOR WILL HAVE CHARGE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MINOT AFTER NOVEMBER 1.

Rev. Hal P. Fudge, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, who recently tendered his resignation, is now located in Chicago.

Rev. Bruce Jackson of Bismarck, formerly of Grand Forks, whose parents reside in that city, has accepted the pastorate, and will sever his relations with the Bismarck church Nov. 1.

Mr. Jackson has been very successful in his work at Bismarck and he comes to Minot with an opportunity to build up one of the largest churches in the city.

Optic-Reporter Will Publish Tax List.

The county commissioners designated the Optic-Reporter as the official paper for the publishing of the delinquent real estate tax list for Ward county, the first publication to be made the latter part of November.

LaFollette Bill Works Hardship.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Lee of Bellingham, Wash., are spending the week with old friends. Mr. Lee visited the Independent office today and we enjoyed an hour with him. He says business conditions on the coast are not as bad as reported, altho the war has no doubt affected them some. Four boats that were loaded with lumber consigned to Germany had to be unloaded. Mr. Lee says that the LaFollette Seaman's bill has worked a tremendous lot of harm to shipping interests, for under the conditions laid down, the ship owners simply cannot compete with those from other countries. For instance, the bill compels the owners to hire no fewer than 75 per cent of English speaking men in the crews. Many of the owners have disposed of their ships.

FIFTY ARMORED MOTOR TRUCKS FOR RUSSIA PASS THRU MINOT

Nearly a train load of armored motor trucks for the Russian government, passed thru the city over the Soo Tuesday, bound for Vladivostock, Russia, to be used in the war. There were two trucks on each flat car and each car had been housed in. They were being taken to Vancouver, B. C., and the name of the boat on which they were to be taken across the water was marked on each car. There were fifty trucks in all.

Rats Kill Chickens.

Mrs. Davy of Des Lacs raised about 700 chickens this year. Rats got about 150 of them and a hog that developed an excellent appetite for tender, juicy young chicks, enjoyed numerous meals from the flock, so she has only half of them left. Rats are becoming quite numerous on some of the farms.

Largest Shop in North Dakota.

Minot has the largest barber shop in the state. This fact is not generally known. The Opera Barber Shop, of which A. E. Erickson is owner, has eight chairs, more than any other shop in North Dakota.

MUST HAVE THE INDEPENDENT.

In renewing her subscription to the Independent, Mrs. W. F. Anderson, wife of a hardware dealer at Swanson, Sask., writes: "Please always remind me when my subscription is due, as I need the Independent in order to live in Canada."

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PRESIDENT WILSON WILL MARRY

NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL MARRY CHARMING WIDOW IN DECEMBER.

President Wilson announced today his engagement to marry Mrs. Norman Galt of Washington, a beautiful young widow. The event will take place in December.

Mrs. Galt is the widow of a prominent Washington merchant who died eight years ago. She is a woman, youthful in appearance, with rare beauty and charm.

The wedding will take place the first week in December. The couple may spend their honeymoon in California.

This will be the third time in history that the President of the United States has taken a bride. President Tyler and President Cleveland are the only other presidents who married while in office.

President Wilson will not be married at the White House, but at the home of the bride.

MINOT MAY GET VICE CONSULATE

THREE PROMINENT NORWEGIANS SPOKEN OF FOR THE PLACE LEFT VACANT BY THE DEATH OF H. BENDEKE.

An effort is being made to secure the Norwegian Vice Consulate for this city left vacant by the recent death of Halfden Bendeke of Grand Forks. Three prominent Minot Norwegians are spoken of for the position.

E. H. Johnson, Dr. Mykelstad and Axel Bratsburg are mentioned for the position. They were all born in Norway and it is understood they have influences close to the government of their native country. The question of removing the consulate from Grand Forks lies largely with the Norwegian minister in this country.

Dr. Mykelstad is a prominent local physician. He was educated for his profession in his native land, coming to America to practice after studying in the best schools of Norway. He is a native of the same locality in Norway from which Mr. Bendeke came, and no doubt would conduct his work in a capable manner. It is understood that he is not an active candidate for the place, owing to the fact that the work might interfere with his practice.

Mr. Johnson is an expert accountant of the city. He was a schoolmate of Mr. Bendeke and when Mr. Bendeke had any work to be looked after in Minot, Mr. Johnson was usually called upon to do it for him.

Mr. Bratsburg is in charge of the Union Insurance Agency. He is a young man of pleasing address and if the consulate is removed from Grand Forks, he stands an excellent chance of receiving the appointment.

Larson Wins Wrestling Match.

Oscar Larson, of ths city, defeated Sam Peterson of Grand Rapids, Mich., in a wrestling match at the Armory one night last week. Larson took the first fall in 15 minutes with the toe hold and the second in 43 minutes. He is desirous of meeting any 170-pound wrestler.

The match was one of the best yet staged in this city.