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A WONDERFULLY FEROCIOUS ANIMAL

Captured in the Jungles of South America Brought to Wahpeton

AND PLACED ON EXHIBITION

A Large Crowd Pays to See A Show that Falls to Materialize

Last evening, shortly after dark there trudged into Wahpeton from the direction of Fairmount, a pair of horny-looking people, who lost little time in making it known among boys and young men in whips that they had with them a strange and terribly ferocious beast that had recently been captured in the jungles of South America, and that if a suitable room could be obtained they would put it on exhibition.

They described the animal as one that until recently was not known to exist and the most ferocious beast that inhabits the earth. It had been found in the region of Roosevelt's Lost River along a branch of the Amazon, and was indeed a most remarkable animal not for its size, but for its wonderful strength and agility. It had been named a "Jiasticutis," and for the small sum of a dime, or only ten cents they would exhibit this animal and permit the spectators to witness some of its wonderful feats.

They could give their exhibition only at night, they said, and without knowledge of the police, as the animal they had was so terribly ferocious that they would not be permitted to exhibit it in daylight, or at any time, if the police had knowledge of it, since if it should make its escape it would destroy everybody in the neighborhood before it could be dispatched. Thus were the boys all cautioned against giving out any information about the show until it was over, as it might lead to their arrest for even patronizing such a show.

This request of secrecy only served to whet the curiosity of the boys all the more in this strange and ferocious animal, and in a short time a large building had been secured and every boy in town who had been let into the secret was on hand for the show. Those who had no dime of their own managed to borrow one from a more fortunate companion, and the yard in front of the building secured for the show was soon filled with boys and young men from all over the city.

The showmen had taken the Jiasticutis into the building through a rear door and had it securely chained in a small side room just off the main floor, when the front door was opened and the boys and young men began to file into the room. Their admission fees being paid the crowd soon became impatient to see the wonderful animal, and the exhibitor soon appeared in another door, where he delivered such a hair-

raising description of the animal they were about to see that most of the boys in the room instinctively took their hats in their hands and inclined a little toward the doorway, ready to spring outside if the animal by any chance should break loose.

Thus were the nerves wrought up to such a pitch that it would take very little to stampede the whole crowd. Just then an unearthly growl and the rattling of chains in the side room made most of the boys turn toward the door and plant their feet more firmly on the floor, ready to run instantly, should the ferocious beast appear in the doorway. But just then its keeper appeared at the door and told the boys not to be uneasy as the beast had almost gotten loose, but was now thoroughly chained again and there could not possibly come to them any harm.

Thus reassured, the boys had just loosened the tension of their nerves, when another unearthly yell pierced their ears, and in an instant the showman reappeared with badly torn and a very bloody shirt, and yelled: "The Jiasticutis has broken loose—every feller for himself." Such running and yelling as instantly followed this announcement has never been witnessed in Wahpeton before. With hats in their hands, running, crowding, pushing, tumbling and screaming they came out of the door and windows of the building pell-mell, headforemost and every other way, and in less than thirty seconds everybody was out of sight and is supposed to be running yet.

The showmen then walked away with their chain and beet juice, and probably will show in Abercrombie or Fargo tonight.

April 1.

MRS. EDWARD LOTZER PASSED
Mrs. Edward Lotzer passed away last Sunday morning at nine o'clock. She was the nineteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moke of Breckenridge, where she resided the greater part of her life.

Less than a year ago she was married to Mr. Lotzer and the young couple made their home on First St., this city, Mr. Lotzer taking an interest in his father's wood and coal business. The couple had many friends, and heartfelt sympathy is extended to the husband and father, who is left with a baby girl, only five days old at the time of its mother's death. Funeral was held from the Congregational church, Rev. Sewrey officiating.

GRAIN MARKET	
No. 1 Northern	\$1.40
No. 2 Northern	1.37
No. 3 Northern	1.32
No. 1 Durum	1.40
No. 2 Durum	1.35
Oats	.47
Barley	.63 to .70
Rye	1.00
Flax	1.75

FLOUR MARKET	
Flour—49 lbs. sack	\$2.20
Flour—98 lbs. sack	4.40

PRODUCE MARKET	
Butter, dairy	.28
Eggs	.15

REV. MR. DUDEN CLIMBS MOUNTAIN

And Sleeps in An Adobe House Built by Indians Many Years Ago

A FORMER INDIAN VILLAGE

With Its Ruins, and Scenery Delights the Eye From Mountainside

East San Diego, Cal., March 24, 1915

Editor Times, Wahpeton, N. D.

Dear Sir: We are still having July weather, which seems strangely out of place to one from North Dakota; but I am not yet prepared to exchange our climate for this in California.

Yesterday we drove up into the mountains about 63 miles to Warner's Hot Springs; or rather we went on Monday and returned yesterday. This early in the season we found most of the rooms taken by guests. We were assigned rooms in an adobe house built by the Indians many years ago. It seems that this used to be an Indian village, and about twenty-five of the old adobe huts are still standing. We visited the ruins of the old chapel of the Spanish missionaries, the rude grave yard, and the place where the Indians ground their grain. These were interesting from the fact that the Indians were removed from here many years ago.

This is a beautiful country, and sometimes our roads led up the mountain side, showing below some of the finest scenery one would care to see. But North Dakota is not a circumstance for waste land. All they need is water; and when irrigation comes into its own, there will be some great farms out here.

We have been at the Exposition a part of a day. It is not so large, of course, as that at San Francisco, but it is very beautiful. The buildings are built on the old mission style, and the landscape gardening can hardly be improved upon.

Today we expect to visit the old Chinese pirate ship lying in harbor, the government aviation field, and other points of interest. On our return we expect to spend some days in Los Angeles and take in some of the sights in and about the city.

By this time the snow is probably gone in North Dakota, and spring is beginning to show forth. It is nice to be here in March, but the North Dakota summers are hard to improve upon.

Yours sincerely,
ELMER DUDEN.

NORTHWEST IN BEST OF CONDITION

The Northwest is in better condition financially, commercially and in an agricultural way than ever before. This is the optimistic report of J. M. Hannaford, president of the Northern Pacific railway, given out at Grand Forks after his return from a two week's inspection trip of the road.

"The northwest will see a larger acreage planted this year," said Mr. Hannaford. "The high prices of grain will tend to extend the acreage under cultivation and divert land from other usage."

"The lumbermen of this section tell me they are looking forward to an increased business. Fundamentally there is nothing wrong with our part of the country, and every material consideration gives cause for optimism."

These words of Mr. Hannaford only repeat what is said by all authorities in touch with the situation. North Dakota is listed in all of the financial reports as being in prime condition, in fact she is one of two or three in the entire country which is given the highest place. She leads in financial condition of her people as a whole and in the prospect for a busy growing season of development which is predicted for nineteen hundred fifteen. This state is growing rapidly and will doubtless show over a million people within the next two years. This means that the 1920 census will show a gain of over 100 per cent as against a gain of 83.8 per cent 1900 to 1910.

North Dakotans should realize the fact that they are living in the most prosperous state in the United States. Invest in North Dakota. Help to develop this great state. There is no better, surer spot on earth in which to make legitimate profit.

MRS. SOULES WAS NOT PROSECUTED

By The Government, as Newspaper Reports Seemed to Indicate

BUT WAS ONLY A WITNESS

For the Government in the Prosecution of Ex-Postmaster Schmitt

The Times is informed that in Bismarck last week Mrs. Lottie Soules, wife of Dr. Soules, for many years a dentist in Wahpeton, was a witness in the United States Court in Bismarck on behalf of the Government in a criminal case against one Schmitt for conspiracy to defraud the government. Newspaper reports of the case seemed to leave Mrs. Soules in a false position. Mrs. Soules was a witness in behalf of the government in this prosecution. The facts disclosed on the stand showed that Mrs. Soules, who with her husband some years ago, took a claim near Ft. Rice, Morton County, North Dakota; that she was employed by Schmitt as a clerk in his store at Ft. Rice while Schmitt was postmaster at that point. While postmaster Schmitt became involved with the government, the office was taken from him, and Mrs. Soules was made postmistress in his place and Schmitt was made assistant postmaster. Schmitt managing the office, received the emoluments therefrom and paid Mrs. Soules a salary. Schmitt became indebted to sundry creditors and procured postal orders to be issued with which he paid his personal debts, giving no value for the postal orders. This created a shortage, and the government had both Schmitt and Mrs. Soules arrested. The government, however, on investigation of the matter, determined that Mrs. Soules was innocent of any offence, as no part of the money taken from the postoffice

was received by her personally. Every penny having gone to pay personal debts of Schmitt's.

The United States Attorney granted immunity to Mrs. Soules and prosecuted Schmitt. Mrs. Schmitt being a witness for the government. The jury disagreed as to Schmitt, and his case will be called for trial at Fargo in May, but there will be no prosecution of Mrs. Soules.

The many friends of Mrs. Soules here in Wahpeton are pleased to learn of the fact that her good name has been cleared from any suspicion of wrong in this matter. She was simply a clerk and did the bidding of Mr. Schmitt. She and her people were old-time residents of Wahpeton and while here always bore a splendid reputation.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT

The members of the Civic Improvement Committee will give a tea at the Merchant's Hotel on Saturday afternoon, April 10th, from two to five o'clock. The public is cordially invited. It is hoped that the men of the city will avail themselves of this opportunity not only to "refresh the inner man," but also, to aid the good work. Facilities for registering will be the lobby, and it is requested that all visitors not only give their names, but also some opinion on the civic work, as the committee are very anxious to have hearty co-operation.

No more teas will be given until after April 10th. Other information will appear in next week's paper.

MRS. H. S. PERKINS,
Secretary.

SOME COLD WEATHER

Nashville, Tenn., March 30—Snow fell today over middle Tennessee.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Unusually cold weather for this season of the year prevails throughout Pennsylvania. In the mountain regions the thermometer registered as low as six degrees above zero last night.

WHO HAS LIVED IN COUNTY LONGER

Than Ex-Sheriff Moses M. Propper of Lidgerwood Pioneer?

IS HE FIRST LIVING CITIZEN

That's the Question the Times is Just Now Trying to Settle

There is little question that according to history compiled by the Red River Valley Old Settlers' Association, Ex-Sheriff Moses M. Propper of Lidgerwood has lived longer in Richland county than any other member of that organization of old settlers, but is there some person still living here who came to the county before he did? That's what the Times wants to know before it passes on to consider who is the next oldest citizen in years of residence here.

The readers of the Times would also like to see a letter or two from Mr. Propper regarding incidents of early life in the county. We have it on record that Mr. Propper was born in York state in 1842, and that he has resided in this county since 1865. Will he, or some friend for him tell us something about the county as he remembers it in those early days, and so far as his knowledge goes, who else is living here now that was here when he came, or soon afterwards?

Tell us, Mr. Propper, all you can about the early history of the county that is not already on record, as we later arrivals want to know. You owe us this much toward the early history of the county. Please start the ball a-rolling and others will follow.

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