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PROMINENT FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

Herman Biel, Residing Near Sonora Became Tired Of Life

TEMPORARILY DERANGED

Leaves a Wife and Three Small Children Besides Four Brothers and Other Relatives

Herman Biel, a prominent farmer residing two miles northeast of Sonora, hanged himself in the second story of a small building used for drying corn late Friday afternoon. He was not missed for some time and life was extinct when members of the family found the body.

The reason for the act can only be surmised as the deceased was in his usual good spirits when last seen alive. Worry over financial matters may have been a cause. A brother committed suicide in the same manner in Iowa about a year ago.

In the absence of Coroner Ness from the county, Justice of the Peace Linehan, of this city, acting as coroner, visited the scene and decided that death resulted from his own act.

Herman Biel was born at Wykoff, Minn., Aug. 16, 1880. When he was a year old his parents moved to Granger, Minn., where he spent his childhood days and received his manhood training. When he reached the age of 22 he left his Minnesota home and came to North Dakota where he settled on a farm in DeVillo township, this county. Here he gradually, by hard work, study and experimenting, built up one of the seed ranches in the state of North Dakota. Last year he had under cultivation nearly two sections of land. He furnished seed for many of the seed firms in Fargo and Moorhead.

In 1907 he and Miss Lizzie Theede of Hankinson were married. There was born to this couple three children, the oldest being at the present time four years and the youngest four months.

Mr. Biel died at his home in DeVillo township March 24. He was then but a man of 35, well thought of and highly respected by his neighbors and friends. He leaves a wife, three children, an aged father, one sister and four brothers to mourn his loss. He was a kind, loving father and husband.

The funeral was held at his home Monday, and was conducted by Rev. C. H. Jaell, pastor of Hankinson. Interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

Four of Mr. Biel's brothers were present at the funeral, one from Hankinson, one from St. James, Minn., and two from Cresco, Iowa.

YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION should be given the selection of your Easter Suit from choice Woolsens on display at Oppie's Toggery. Still ample time to tailor it for you for Easter Sunday. Fit and workmanship guaranteed, and at popular prices. Leave your measure today and have clothes satisfaction.—Oppie's Toggery, 11

Mrs. C. N. Moses was visiting out in Sargent County the fore part of the week.

"TWIN BEDS"

That life in a crowded apartment house is a fertile field for farce complications, which shall charm of familiarity to many survive not only the melancholy fers who are forced to live it, but the exciting appeal of continuous and unexpected happenings to those who live it with a sense of humor, and those who look on, has been established to the final word by Salisbury Field and Margaret Mayo with their deliciously funny farce "Twin Beds," which Selwyn and Company, sponsors for "Within the Law" and "Under Cover," "Under Fire" and "Roll-Stones," "The Lie" and "The Show Shop", will send to the Wahpeton Opera House on Monday, April 10th with an ideal company

SCIENTISTS WILL HAVE GOOD TEAM

Baseball Practice in Its Preliminary Stage Is Being Held At the Gym

PROSPECTS LOOK VERY GOOD

For a Winner and Coach Ward Has Always Been Able to Give Them a Battle

The State School of Science base ball candidates for the team this year are getting out and at the present time all the practicing is being held in the gymnasium. Only such preliminary work such as hunting and warming up, and indoor baseball games can be indulged in.

In some instances the regulars have opposition and it is going to in not a few cases, make the regulars get out and work to save their bacon.

Sewrey will not be with the team this year and only recently has left school and at this time Coach Ward is trying hard to develop another pitcher. Sewrey last year was a bad man for his opponents and if his successor can get the stuff on the ball as Sewrey did, then victories this spring will outnumber the figures on the other side of the ledger.

Ripperton at short is showing up in great style and the way he is going already this spring there is no doubt but what he will fill this position on the team.

The catching department is the only big job on Ward's hands this year, and he is combing the campus looking for all the material for this position that can get into the gym at one time, and even at the present time a couple of his men look pretty good.

Just what will compose the outfield is not known yet and of course it may be some time yet before the regulars are picked for this position.

FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

A percheron stallion No. 53878 that has been judged and pronounced by experts as one of the best horses in this part of the country. After taking a course at the Graham's Scientific Breeding School at Kansas City, Missouri, I will be able to serve all mares with this animal at 12 dollars this year, through the use of the capsule breeding art. In making this reduction from \$20, all owners of mares will have to bring their animals to the home of the undersigned at the Chihinkapa Farm. HENRY E. CHIZEK, Owner.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Next Monday Evening Is the Date of the Big Penny Carnival By the Students

AT THE S. S. S. GYMNASIUM

And A Grand Entertainment Has Been Provided With Many New Features

Next Monday evening is the date of the big Penny Carnival presented by the students of the State Science School at their gym. The management of this affair states that they have an array of talent and features which will guarantee to the public the cleanest, most laughable and jolliest evening's entertainment seen in either of the two towns this season. The spacious gymnasium provides plenty of room for the various stunts, features, side shows and stands.

"Senor Gonzaga," "Nora O'Roonny," "Bernstein and Firestein," "Pollywogososus," "Sandow," "Muldoon and the Nigger," "Pierre La Fontaine," dozens of clowns, a big menagerie, freaks, music and laughter will be only a part of the bill of entertainment to be served at this affair.

In the afternoon there will be a big street parade through the main streets of both towns and in the evening the big noise is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock. Charges will all be reasonable and will be in odd pennies which can be furnished at the gate to all those unprepared one who forgot to save their coppers.

INDIAN SCHOOL ITEMS

Mary Gokee, one of the students is seriously ill.

Superintendent Carter returned last week from an inspection of the Sisseton Schools. He expects to leave in a few days on a long-tour of inspection.

Basket ball has given place to base ball and everyone is enjoying the play in the open air.

The boys and girls caststhem classes are to have a contest.

At Sunday evening assembly Supt. Carter showed pictures of western scenes.

Prof. Waldron, of the Fargo Agricultural College spoke to the students morning and afternoon Saturday. His talk on fruit growing and the farm homestead was interesting and instructive. It is to be regretted that the people of town and surrounding country did not take advantage of this opportunity for scientific instruction.

On Wednesday evening the students were given a treat by hearing the Edison phonograph. The demonstrator also gave an interesting talk on the life of Thomas A. Edison.

A SPLENDID CONCERT

A crowded house greeted the Macalester College glee club of St. Paul at the Congregational Church on Sunday evening to listen to the sacred concert which was given by the club. This organization is making its annual spring concert tour of two weeks through the western part of Minnesota and eastern Dakota. Twenty men are in the party.

After a short song service led by Mr. Guthrie, director of the club, the pastor led in prayer and scripture reading, and then introduced the club. The following program was given:

- All Glory Land and Honor..... R. Schuman
- O Render Thanks..... G. Merkel
- Glee Club
- Tenor Solo, O God Be Merciful..... H. Barbel
- Mr. Thomassian
- Remember Now Thy Creator..... J. B. Rhodes
- Remember Me, O Mighty One..... J. Kinkel
- Glee Club
- Fair Eden, My Home Ira B. Wilson
- Quartet
- Friendship..... W. Haesche
- The Lord is My Shepherd..... H. W. Marston
- Glee Club
- Duet, The Crucifix..... Mr. Thomassian, Mr. Guthrie
- Offerory, The Pilgrims' Chorus..... R. Wagner
- Mr. Farley
- Baritone Solo, Callest Thou Thus, O Master..... Mr. Guthrie

IMMANULES

Lenten service Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Next Sunday service at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

SUDDENLY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Todd, wife of Prof. Todd died suddenly at the home last Thursday shortly afternoon. She was recovering nicely from a confinement and Prof. Todd and the nurse were assisting her down stairs for dinner when she exclaimed: "Oh, my heart," and expired at once.

There were short services at the home Friday morning, and the regular funeral services and burial were at Vermilion, S. D. Sunday afternoon.

At Helena, Nebraska, Miss Jennie Davenport was born 32 years ago and in 1907 was married to Prof. Todd. They came to Wahpeton 3 years ago. Besides her sorrowing husband, she leaves three small children the youngest only two weeks old.

The sympathy of the whole community goes out to this family in their affliction.

TO OPEN BRANCH OFFICE HERE

Mr. C. McCordie of the Caulkins, Murphy, Vincent Auto Co. Of Fargo

HAVE RENTED QUARTERS

In the Thomas Implement Building and Will Handle the Dodge and Chalmers Cars

Mr. C. McCordie of the Caulkins, Murphy & Vincent Auto Co. of Fargo has opened up a branch office here and will have for sale the Dodge and Chalmers automobiles. They have rented floor space in the Thomas implement building and the cars for demonstration and sales purposes arrived yesterday over the Great Northern. Mr. McCordie was in this city last week and from here he went to Minneapolis to attend the Chalmers' salesmen banquet which was held in that city the latter part of last week.

Mr. McCordie is a bright and progressive businessman and comes to Wahpeton highly recommended by his company and Wahpeton welcomes him most heartily.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Services: 10:30 and 8:00 preaching; 12:00 M. S. S.; 7:00, C. E.; 8:00 P. M. Thursday evening prayer meeting followed by the bible class.

Next Sunday morning, Miss Uline, a returned Missionary from Billis, Turkey, will occupy the pulpit. Five years service as a missionary in Billis and the experiences incident to getting out of Turkey last June, will furnish much that we shall be interested in hearing.

We were greatly pleased last Sunday with the Sacred concert given by twenty young men from Macalester College. The church was packed and the appreciation of the audience was shown by their wrapt attention and their generous collection. The director, a senior, also favored us with a fine solo at the morning service.

The Wahpeton Association of Congregational church met in Hankinson Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Rev. Sewrey and Mrs. Lander represented the Wahpeton church.

The Ladies' Missionary Society was entertained by Mrs. Luick on Tuesday afternoon. A very interesting program on the topics, ministerial relief, India and Burma was given. Mrs. Rasmussen was elected delegate to the State Missionary Meet in Valley City, May 2nd. Mrs. Fero was elected as alternate.

We greatly regret to announce that our pastor will tender his resignation at once, to take up the field secretaryship of Fargo College. This work offers him a wider scope for service and is a line for which he is especially fitted. Mr. Sewrey has rare ability in organizing, with tact in meeting men and under his leadership every organization of the church has grown and prospered. A large number of additions have been made to the church membership, and many movements for better civic conditions have grown from church influences. A meeting of the church is called for next Monday evening to take such action as may be necessary in regard to this matter.

President and Mrs. Smith, Miss Miles and Miss Oistad attended the concert at Fargo Friday night March 31st.

BACKED UP THE SEWERS

And Filled Up a Good Many Basements to the Depth of Two Feet or More

LOWLANDS ARE FLOODED

And Although the Water in the Rivers Dropped About Two Still High Water Remains

The first of last week saw the ice and snow beginning to melt and the rivers started to swell clear out of their banks and on Thursday the Otter Tail Power company dynamited a field of ice just north of Dakota avenue bridge to clear the way for any ice coming down the Bois de Sioux. All day Friday and Saturday crowds of people were standing on the bridges watching the rivers rise and speculating on how high they would go.

Thursday morning the Otter Tail power company released two of the top flood gates on the dam at Fergus and the report spread like wild fire. Thursday night the influx of this amount of water began to be noticed and the Otter Tail river just to the east of us began its break for freedom and before Friday morning great areas of running waters were covering the flats east of Breckenridge. To the south of us the lowlands near Fairmount and White Rock were also a string of lakes and even yet there is a great deal of water to be drained off before the farms covered can be utilized this spring. The Milwaukee tracks south of Fairmount were covered for miles and it took several days before any trains could be run with safety at any speed over this line, and for about five days no trains were run at all.

Friday morning saw the water backing up the sewers in Wahpeton and among the first reports of flooding basements came from the court house where the water ran into the basement and put out the fires. The office forces in the different rooms having to keep warm by the aid of kerosene stoves. Then from all over the business districts came reports along similar lines.

Boll's bridge was feared for for some time and men were kept at this point to watch and keep the ice away from it, so it wouldn't be tore from its fastenings. On Thursday noon Island Park was all flooded and the Boll family could boat right from their doorstep to the bridge. The baseball grounds were flooded to a depth of between four to five feet. The Otter Tail river overflowed the road between the Stratford street bridge and Shirley's addition in Breckenridge and when the river reached its highest point Saturday evening the water was flowing over the foot bridge attaining a depth of about 16 inches. This bridge along this road is known as "lover's lane" among the young people.

Also there was considerable excitement among the people of this city concerning Fargo, and reports were coming down here, telling of the rapid rise of water at that place which overflowed the Island park at that place.

METHODIST CHURCH

The regular preaching services will be held at 10:30 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. Notice the change in the time of the evening service from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock. During the summer months the service will be at 8:00 P. M.

The Sunday School is open to all, and the teachers of the various classes will be glad to welcome all who are not members of another Sunday School. Classes for all ages.

The subject for the Epworth League will be: "Following the Prince of Peace," and the meeting will be led by Miss Blanche Douglass. The time of the meeting will be 7:00 P. M. instead of 6:30 as heretofore.

The prayer meeting will continue at 7:30 on Thursday evening. The public is very cordially invited to all these services. If you have no church home, you will find a welcome here.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Parsons on Eighth Street North.

IS SWEET CLOVER A WEED?

Is Sweet Clover a weed or a farm crop? In some cases it may be a weed, but in other cases it is a farm crop and a valuable one. From the standpoint of a weed, sweet clover is not hard to get rid of. It produces seed the second year after sowing. That is the plant has to be left undisturbed two summers before it can produce seed. Even along road sides thick with sweet clover, it does not spread into grain fields. It will work into a meadow that is left a good many years. As a farm crop sweet clover has many advantages. Its vigorous growth under severe conditions makes it especially valuable on poor land for adding nitrogen and humus, as well as for hay and pasture. On good soil other crops do well so clover is not needed. Some, however, think that it has a mission under such conditions too.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7th
COMEDY DAY presenting "Charly Chaplin" in two reels, Children Matinee at 3:45, Educational.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th
"POWDER" A Five Act Master Picture, featuring the distinguished artists, Arthur Maude and Constance Crawley, with an all star cast.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th
"THE TURN OF THE ROAD" starring J. Stuart Blackton and Alberte Smith, a powerful Five Act Drama of Life.

MONDAY, APRIL 10th
Mutual Program and a Hearst Vitagraph Pictorial News

TUESDAY, APRIL 11th
Marie Empress in "LOVERS' CROSS ROADS" a Mystery Story that hold you spell bound to the very end.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
The "GIRL and the GAME"