

G. S. LOFTUS LOSES FIGHT FOR LIFE WITH CANCER

Minneapolis Grain Man Was Leader in Rate Battles With Railroads

George S. Loftus, sales manager of the Equity Co-operative Grain exchange, who for more than a year made a fight against cancer, is dead. Mr. Loftus' identification with notable cases involving suits of organizations of shippers against railroads, had made him known throughout the country. He was the prime mover in the famous reciprocal demurrage case, the sleeping car and express rate and other cases.

Mr. Loftus, who not yet 43 years of age when he died last night, made a determined fight for life. In October last year he took the autopsy treatment at Eitel hospital, Minneapolis. His case drew the attention of medical world. After the treatment he went to Florida.

In New York, later, Mr. Loftus consulted Dr. Silas Beebe, a cancer specialist, and came back to Minneapolis June 18th. Until within a few days of his death, at the home of his brother-in-law, Ray S. Trautman, 2129 Como avenue, St. Paul, Mr. Loftus still kept up the fight.

Leaves Wife and Children

Although Mr. Loftus had spent most of the time just prior to his illness in St. Paul, he had lived all of his life in Minneapolis. He is survived by his wife and four children, Grace 18, Katherine 17, Helen 16 and Robert La-follette Loftus, 8; two sisters, Mrs. Ray S. Trautman and Mrs. Ola Hohl, St. Paul, and his aged father, James Loftus, St. Paul.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p. m., Wednesday at Gethsemane Episcopal church, Fourth avenue S. and Ninth st., of which he was a member, and Rev. G. A. Ten Broeck will conduct the service. The interment will be at Lakewood cemetery.

George S. Loftus began his business career in the freight department of the Minneapolis & St. Louis road, becoming an expert on freight rates before he reached his majority.

Long Engaged in Railroad

Mr. Loftus was born in De Soto, Wis., Aug. 26th, 1873, and came with his parents to Minneapolis in 1882. During his first year in Minneapolis he worked as newsboy, but at 10 years of age he got a place as messenger in freight department of the Minneapolis & St. Louis. He was chief clerk in the department at 20. Later he went to the St. Paul & Duluth as assistant general freight agent. When that road was absorbed into the Northern Pacific system, Mr. Loftus was 27 years old. He decided to go into business, and became associated with L. F. Hubbard, former governor, in the Loftus-Hubbard company, dealing in grain and hay. The company first operated in St. Paul, but later moved its offices to Minneapolis.

Mr. Loftus soon came in conflict with the railroad companies on rate matters. He first attacked some of the roads for rebating practices, securing the conviction of three roads for violating the federal law. He took up the question of "reciprocal demurrage" and got laws enacted by Minnesota and several other states, requiring railroad companies to pay shippers for delays in furnishing cars, but these laws were declared invalid by the courts.

Fights Sleeping Car Rates

Better success attended Mr. Loftus' tilt with the sleeping car companies. He filed a complaint with the interstate commerce commission attacking the prevailing rates for berths as excessive. This finally resulted in an order applying the country over, making upper berths 20 per cent cheaper than "lowers." Mr. Loftus was active in the campaign for lower freight and passenger rates in Minnesota, which resulted in the rate laws of 1907, later upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

He became interested in politics and came in contact with R. M. La Follette, then governor and now senator from Wisconsin. They became warm personal friends, and in the campaigns of 1908 and 1912, Mr. Loftus worked hard for La Follette's nomination for president. He served for years as president of the Progressive Republican league of Minnesota. Mr. Loftus backed Senator B. E. Sundberg of Kennedy, Minn., in his famous complaint against excessive express rates which resulted in sweeping rate reductions, some time before the parcel post legislation was enacted.

The latter years of Mr. Loftus' active work were devoted to work as manager for the Equity Co-operative exchange.

Last year his cancerous trouble compelled Mr. Loftus to give up active work, and since that time he has been making a fight for life.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

George Zentgraf, a son of ex-county commissioner, John Zentgraf, was bucking hay at his brother-in-law's, Dick Buck's place last Monday. He was standing on the bucket when one of the prongs run in the ground, dumping him in front of it and a prong run into him near the rectum, tearing and lacerating him badly. He was brought to town and taken to the Lutheran Hospital and is under the care of Dr. O'Brien, who says that unless complication set in the boy will recover.

METHODIST CHURCH

The sermon next Sunday morning will deal with the manner in which Christ gives his spiritual help to the world, and some of the essentials of Christian service. You are invited to be present.

The hours of service are as follows: Preaching services at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sunday school at 12 M.; and Epworth League at 7 P. M.

The Missionary Rally

The prayer meeting will be held at 8 P. M. on Thursday.

The Missionary Rally last Thursday afternoon and evening was well attended and interesting. Dr. Walters was prevented from coming, being compelled to remain in Fargo to attend a funeral, but Dr. Musser and Dr. Jones were present. Their addresses gave glimpses of life in India and the need of the field. The stories were realistic, and were more interesting because spoken by men who had been on the ground and knew conditions. Drs. Jones and Musser went from here to Fairmount for Friday.

The public is cordially invited to all services of the church.

HAS FIRST CLASS ATTRACTIONS

With ideal weather and a citizenry worked to a state of high expectancy, the Campbell United Shows began a week's stay in Wahpeton last Monday to a big attendance and he it said to the credit of Mr. Campbell and his hundreds of assistants, the people have not been disappointed in the character and greatness of his shows and the department of his employees.

The most noticeable feature was the entire absence of "dancing girls" shows, shabby tents, tough hooks or any thing pertaining to the old style carnival of the past of which, is in no wise regrettable. All the tents, banners and equipment of the Campbell outfit are bright and clean. But two weeks ago the entire carnival was completely wiped away by a cyclone which time some of the employees lost their lives and many sustained serious injuries. That the big tented city could have been rehabilitated and made over into the pretty carnival it is now in so short a time, it is claimed by those who saw it after the storm, nothing short of marvelous. The Ferris wheel, twenty tons of double wrought steel, claimed by the makers indestructible, was overturned, twisted and broken beyond the possibility of repair but within an hour after the disaster, Mr. Campbell had wired for another which, it is expected will be reared on the Midway while in Wahpeton.

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They requested the administrator to continue this arrangement and charge amount against each of their interests in the estate.

The amount is to be paid in installments monthly or quarterly.

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The company will remain until Saturday night and Saturday afternoon a full and complete exhibition will be given for the benefit of people from the country whose chores at home prevent them from attending the night performances.

GOVERNOR HANNA VISITS MILES CITY ROUND-UP

Governor L. B. Hanna, his son, Robert and Archie McPhee were among Bismarckers who visited Miles City during the Round-Up.

There were three governors present for this event, viz: Gov. Hanna of N. D., Gov. Stewart of Helena, Mont. and Gov. Kendrick of Wyoming. Chief Two Moon, leader of the Cheyenne Indians at the Custer massacre, met the governors on the same ground on which Custer camped 24 hours before the battle in which he lost his life.

There were 500 cowboys, 100 cowgirls and 1,000 Indians on hand to greet the governors. These were the words of Gov. Hanna: "I wouldn't miss seeing what's left of the old time west under any circumstances. This is the greatest aggregation of cowboys that was ever assembled.

The crowd was the largest ever assembled for any round-up, and there was plenty of entertainment for the visitors.

Master Robert Hanna and Master Archie McPhee, his friends, greatly enjoyed the trip, returning with Governor Hanna Friday evening. They thought the cowboys the greatest sight they had ever seen and the music and the general festivities were much to their liking. They motored to nearby towns and into the country. They also visited Marmarth, N. D. and Baker, Mont.

"SAFETY FIRST"

Northwest railroads have expended thousands of dollars in the last two years installing safety signs along their crossings. This has had a remarkable effect in reducing to a minimum accidents at such places.

According to the Northern Pacific Railway's bureau of efficiency, however, automobiles should observe greater caution when approaching railway crossings. Although that road has been almost free from trains colliding into motor cars at crossings, a campaign is being waged to point out to automobile drivers the part they should play.

"When motor car owners follow the plan of stopping before they reach a crossing, or approaching it at very low speed, and then looking both ways and listening," says a recent circular, "danger accidents at a crossing may be practically eliminated. It is to be hoped that motorists will co-operate with the railroads in putting a stop to unnecessary deaths and injury. Caution will do this very thing."

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HURRAH! RINGLING DAY ALMOST HERE

Big Circus and Great Spectacle Occupy Five Trains Ormammed With Wonders

The big event for which the youngsters and grownups have been impatiently waiting is drawing near, for on Wednesday, July 26th Ringling Brothers' circus is to exhibit afternoon and night in Fargo.

Expectancy never ran so high before and it is likely that this district will send a large delegation to feed the elephants. Unusual interest centers around the gigantic spectacle "Cinderella," with which the famous showmen are this season opening their wonderful mainent program. "Cinderella" is probably the best loved of all fairy tales and to see it produced with more than 1000 persons hundreds of dancing girls and glorious pageants, indeed gives promise of making "childhood's golden days dreams come true." In the same great tent will come the marvelous numbers in which 400 men and women performers, scores of trained animals and a galaxy of special features are introduced. The majority of the acts are entirely new to America, the Ringling Bros. having secured the pick of those European performers who have been obliged to seek engagements in this country because of the war. The all-night parade will take place show day morning.

The circus will be in Fargo on Thursday, July 27th.

MODERN ENOCH ARDEN BLOODS HIMSELF AWAY

Christian Maiser, an Enoch Arden of real life, will probably be brought before the insanity board at Mandan today. He was locked up yesterday in the county jail.

Christian and Peter were pals in their youth in a little Russian village. Christian married the village belle, but soon the bridegroom answered the call of his country and took the field in the Russo-Japanese war.

Peter Wounded

Peter was wounded and sent home. Christian asked him to bring back to his bride tidings of well-being. Peter called on the wife, but forgot the old friendship and told her that Christian had been killed by a Japanese bullet.

Christian returned and finding that his wife had married Peter, said nothing but left for America coming direct to Morton county, taking up a homestead near New Leipzig.

Brooding over his misfortune brought him yesterday to the county jail.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Adjourned meeting of the Wahpeton City Council held July 13th, 1916 at 7:30 P. M. with Mayor Elgelman presiding.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Elgelman.

Alderman present: Fricke, Simonsen, Harris, Streeter, M. J. Braun, Connolly and Carl J. Braun. Absent: Rodol.

Motion made and carried that ordinance No. 28, relating to the granting of a franchise for the production and selling of gas in the City of Wahpeton be read.

Ordinance No. 28, as revised and corrected, was read for the second time.

Motion made and seconded that Ordinance No. 28 be approved and adopted as amended and read.

Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Fricke, Simonsen, Harris, Streeter, M. J. Braun, Connolly and Carl J. Braun. Nays: none.

Motion made and carried that he sidewalk bond offered by J. J. Hill be accepted subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Alderman Simonsen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wahpeton has heretofore by resolution ordered and directed the City Engineer of said City to prepare plans and specifications and estimates of the cost of installing water main and sewer connections on Dakota Avenue in said City, between the Bois de Sioux river and the west line of Eighth Street, for the purpose of having water main and sewer connections made for the respective properties abutting on said avenue prior to the laying of a permanent foundation for pavement on said avenue; and,

WHEREAS, said City Engineer has prepared such plans, specifications and estimates, pursuant to such resolution, and has filed the same in the office of the City Auditor of said City, and the same being now on file in said office,

and the same having been duly considered by the City Council, and the same appearing to be sufficient and proper.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the plans and specifications for, and the estimates of the cost of, the water main and sewer connections, on Dakota Avenue in said City, between the Bois de Sioux River and the west line of Eighth Street, prepared by W. A. Baker, City Engineer, and by him filed and now on file, in the office of the City Auditor, be and the same hereby are approved, adopted and accepted; And,

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby declared necessary that the water main and sewer connections mentioned and called for in the aforesaid plans and specifications should be prior to the laying of a permanent foundation for pavement on said avenue pursuant to the aforesaid points, pursuant to the notice to property owners heretofore published in the official newspaper of said City as required by law.

Motion for the adoption of said resolution was seconded by Alderman Harris.

The vote for the adoption of said resolution was taken by roll-call and the votes thereon were as follows: Fricke, yes; Simonsen, yes; Harris, yes; Streeter, yes; M. J. Braun, yes; Connolly, yes and Carl Braun, yes.

Alderman Harris offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Be it RESOLVED that the City Auditor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to advertise in the official newspaper of the City of Wahpeton for bids for the installation and construction of water main and sewer connections on Dakota Avenue, between the Bois de Sioux River and the west line of Eighth Street, pursuant to the resolutions passed by the City Council at its last regular meeting having reference to the paving of said avenue between the aforesaid points, said work to be done in accordance with plans and specifications therefor prepared by the City Engineer and by him filed and now on file in the office of the City Auditor, all bids to be in accordance with the statutory provisions applicable thereto, said work to be completed on or before October 15th, 1916.

Motion for the adoption of said resolution was seconded by Alderman Fricke.

The vote for the adoption of said resolution was taken by roll-call and was as follows: Fricke, yes; Simonsen, yes; Harris, yes; Streeter, yes; M. J. Braun, yes; Connolly, yes and Carl Braun, yes.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Simonsen who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore been petitioned to extend the Sewer in Sewer District No. 2, on Sixth Street from the manhole at the intersection of Sixth Street and Iowa Avenue, north 275 feet and from said manhole south 943 feet; And,

WHEREAS, the City Council deemed it necessary and expedient that said sewer should be extended as petitioned for and thereupon directed the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for, and estimates of the cost of, And,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer, acting upon such directions, has made such plans, specifications and estimates and filed the same in the office of the City Auditor and the same being now on file in said office;

THEREFORE, be it resolved: That the plans, specifications and estimates for the extension of the aforesaid sewer, prepared by W. A. Baker, City Engineer and by him filed and now on file in the office of the City Auditor, be and the same hereby are adopted and approved; And,

Be it further resolved that the City Council deem, and hereby declare it necessary and expedient to extend and complete the aforesaid sewer in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer, and on file in the office of the City Auditor; And,

Be it further resolved that the City Auditor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the installation of the aforesaid extensions to said Sewer.

Motion for the adoption of the aforesaid resolution was seconded by Alderman Streeter.

The vote for the adoption of said resolution was taken by roll-call and was as follows: Fricke, yes; Simonsen, yes; Harris, yes; Streeter, yes; M. J. Braun, yes; Connolly, yes and Carl J. Braun, yes.

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THE KILTIE'S BAND

The Kiltie's Band to be in Wahpeton for an afternoon and evening concert at the Wahpeton Opera House, Saturday, July 22nd. Canada's Famous Band, the Kiltie's, an aggregation of sixty musicians and dancers will give two concerts in the Wahpeton Opera House, Saturday, July 22nd, afternoon and evening. This band introduces more special features than any other band and was the only band favored with a return engagement at the Panama-California Exposition. It has toured the world and has played before all the crowned heads and potentates of the universe. One of the special features will be the Scottish dances to bagpipe accompaniment. The management of the Opera House has put up a substantial guarantee to get this wonderful aggregation for their patrons. They have their own special cars and will arrive direct from Fargo where they were the feature attraction of the North Dakota State Fair. Popular prices will prevail and every one should take advantage of this chance to hear this great band.

LAND BANK HEARING WILL BE HELD

McAdoo Announces Sessions of New Board in Minneapolis Within 60 Days

Washington, July 17th.—Public hearing to consider the advisability of establishing a federal loan bank in Minneapolis under the provisions of the rural credit bill signed by President Wilson to day, will be held in Minneapolis within the next 60 days, it has been announced by the secretary of the treasury, William G. McAdoo.

Similar hearings will be held in St. Paul, Fargo, Bismarck and other agricultural centers of the northwest.

Hearing to be Public

Secretary McAdoo stated that the hearings would be open to anyone who wanted to attend and that the federal farm board which is expected to be appointed by the President within a few days would attend the meetings.

Secretary McAdoo, who will be chairman of the federal farm loan board, has been receiving suggestions for several days relative to the division of the states into the 12 farm loan banking districts, with North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming, comprising one. A map of the country showing the northwestern states divided into those divisions has temporarily been drawn up in the secretary's office.

McAdoo's Views Rmored

It is believed in Washington that Secretary McAdoo is opposed to the location of a federal bank in any city where there is a federal reserve bank. The opinion is equally unanimous that he is in favor of establishing the bank in St. Paul with another bank at Aberdeen, S. D., or Bismarck, N. D., to handle the business of the other state farm loan group.

The treasury department has already received more than 1,000 applications from farmers in the northwest for membership in the federal farm loan association.

RURAL CREDIT BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Accompanying the act with a speech paying tribute to the farmers of the country, President Wilson, who returned from a weekend cruise in the lower Chesapeake bay, today signed the rural credits bill. It provides establishment of a system of land mortgage loans to farmers. On invitation of the president many interested in the initiation of the rural credits system were present at its signing.

MONTANA EXCURSION

55,000 acres priced from \$10 to \$17.50. Fine farming land. One excursion next Tuesday, July 24th. Next excursion one week later. Call or phone W. M. Peterson, Stratford Hotel.

OWEN TOSH DROWNS

Owen Tosh, a sixteen year old boy of Foxhome, who has been working for Howard Devine, 2 1-2 miles south of this city was drowned in the Bois de Sioux.

He had been herding cattle and Mrs. Devine sent her little boy after him about 10:30. The boy says he found him wading about on the edge of the river with his clothes on. He spoke to him and the young man seemed to step off backwards and went down. He evidently could not swim.

Searchers found the body in 8 feet of water about 1:30. His father came over from Foxhome to get the body.

Devine lives on the old Hyser farm now owned by H. L. Shirley.