

# North Dakota and Northwest News

## BAD NARROW ESCAPE IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Fordville, N. D.—Folk Zepfen, of Fordville had a narrow escape from death while out in the country with his Ford runabout Monday afternoon. He was driving along the high grade near the Berry place, when something went wrong with the steering apparatus of the car and it swerved suddenly and went down the fifteen foot embankment before Mr. Zepfen could do a thing to save himself. The auto struck some large trees at the bottom of the grade, where it lodged, and it was necessary later to chop down the trees to get the car loose. Mr. Zepfen was thrown out and was knocked senseless. On regaining consciousness he found himself lying across the radiator. The car was very slightly damaged and Mr. Zepfen's injuries were confined to bruises.

## NEARLY MET DEATH AT RAILROAD CROSSING

Grafton, N. D.—Wallace Rye had a narrow escape from death when the N. P. passenger train was pulling into the station from the north. Wallace drives the delivery rig for U. B. Helland's meat market and was driving east on Fifth street. The train as they come in are somewhat obscured from view by the elevator at this crossing and as a sharp wind was blowing from the south Wallace apparently did not notice the train coming until it was too late to avoid any chance of escape. The car in which he was standing was hit by the locomotive and Wallace thrown onto the pilot of the engine upon which he was carried for a short distance when he rolled to one side of the roadbed. He escaped without any broken bones but sustained a bruised hip and minor bruises about the head. The horse was struck by the locomotive and had to be killed as it was found the bones in the hip of the animal were badly splintered. The car was also demolished. Wallace will be confined to his home for some time and that he is alive is only a miracle.

## OLD INDIAN FIGHTER, JOE KIPP, DIES

Browning, Mont., Dec. 26.—Joseph Kipp, pioneer of the frontier in what is now North Dakota and in Montana, a friend of General Miles, Crook and other Indian fighters, not to forget Col. Roosevelt, died here Sunday aged 86. Kipp was born at Fort Berthold, Dakota, in January, 1847. He was the son of Col. James Kipp, who was associated with Pierre Chouteau in the fur trading business from St. Louis to Fort Benton. At the age of 15 young Kipp was placed in charge of the Jesuit priests, Fathers De Smet, Imolina and Ravall and went with them in their journeys to the missions at Fort Shaw, Family and St. Ignace. Later the Jesuits sent him to an academy at St. Joseph, Mo., where he received a rudimentary education. He returned to Northern Montana and engaged in the fur trading business at

## YOUNG BOY DROWNED IN OTTER TAIL RIVER

Walhpton, N. D.—Otto Kohmke, the eight year old only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kohmke of Breckenridge, went skating on the Otter Tail river with companions of about his own age. They were skating near the ice houses and at that place there was an open channel in the center of the river. Little Otto lost his balance and fell in. He sank and rose again several times and his little companions saw the body being carried down stream with the current. An alarm was given at once and many willing hands have unsuccessfully attempted to recover the little body from the cold and watery grave.

## BADLY BURNED WHEN HIS STORE BURNED

Ellendale, N. D.—W. H. McPherson, proprietor of the general merchandise store at Silverleaf had an extremely narrow escape from being burned to death at an early hour. His store building caught fire and was burned to the ground with all its contents. Mr. McPherson slept in a room at the rear of the store and did not awake until the fire had cut off his escape by the door. He finally found a window and broke the glass with his head, severely cutting himself while doing so. There was a screen on the window which nearly cost him his life. Mr. McPherson escaped in his night clothes, being unable to save a single article. When first awakened he grabbed his trousers in which he had \$50 in currency, but was obliged to drop them while breaking the window. All his clothing was burned together with the money he had on hand.

## SEVERAL AT EDMORE MADE VICTIMS OF FRAUD

Edmore, N. D.—Several of our citizens have been sued by a Minneapolis bank to collect notes that they gave some years ago to the Sagen Thresher Company for stock in that concern. This bank claims to have been "innocent purchasers" of these notes and now that they are over due, demand payment. The dates has been set for trial at the next term of court. Atty. Morrissey handling the cases for the several defendants. It remains to be seen whether a note can be collected that was given for stock in a certain company, which company never even delivered to the purchaser a certificate as a shareholder, giving only a receipt for the note, and a promise that the stock would be given to them as soon as the note was paid. If this had been done, even though the stock proved worthless, then there would have been taken on a different aspect. As it now stands we believe it would be rank injustice to compel our hard working farmers and citizens to pay out hard earned money for which they never derived one bit of good. We believe that to be at near a fraud as it is possible to get.

## PROMINENT HOPE CITIZEN IS DEAD

Hope, N. D., Dec. 26.—O. G. Major, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, died at his home following a stroke of apoplexy. The deceased was 64 years of age and had resided in Steele county since 1882. For the last 17 years Mr. Major has lived in the city and was the owner of the Major hotel. Mr. Major was one of the prominent members of the Democratic party in this section of the state. He was at one time candidate for governor, and was also candidate for congressman on the Democratic ticket. Besides being prominent in politics he was one of the foremost advocates of farmers' elevators in the state and was one of the ardent supporters of the Society of Equity. He is survived by three children, two sons and one daughter, Adam and Thomas and Mrs. L. A. Rooney, all of whom live in this city and were at his bedside at the time of death. The dead man was prominent in Odd Fellow circles and was also a member of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. The funeral will be held in this city on Saturday and interment will be in the local cemetery.

## WARNER RE-CAPTURED.

Dickey, N. D.—John Warner, who was sent to the reform school at the last term of court, and who made his escape from a Northern Pacific train, while in charge of Sheriff Bishop, was captured at Omaha, and brought here Tuesday. Since Warner made his getaway, Sheriff Bishop has been working in his efforts to find the missing young man. If he gets away a second time it will not be for any lack of vigilance on the part of the sheriff.

## ACCUSED MAN DISAPPEARS.

Manning, N. D.—Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, Peter Jensen of Taylor, this county, has disappeared, abandoning his business establishment there. L. A. Chase makes the complaint against Jensen, and it is charged that Jensen beat him over the head with a heavy club. Chase was seriously injured.

## EDITOR HAS OPERATION.

Cooperstown, N. D.—J. S. Paschok was operated upon at St. Luke's hospital, Fargo, for gall stones, twelve of them being found and removed. The operation was a serious one, but word received from the hospital is to the effect that he is getting along very good, and it is sincerely hoped by his many friends here that his recovery will be rapid and sure.

## RECOVERING FROM ACCIDENT.

Lidgerwood, N. D.—J. H. Movius has arrived home, coming by auto from Kingston. While he is able to be around, yet he has not entirely recovered from his experience during a storm on board the Minneapolis, on the 24th of last month, at which time he was knocked down by a large wave. He still carries two large scars on his head, and his right shoulder is yet quite lame. His many friends are glad to see him back and that his injuries were no worse.

## JUSTICE WAS SPEEDY.

Hope, N. D.—Chief of Police Johnson caught a bootlegger and had the goods so hard on him that after his hearing before Justice Livermore he wished to plead guilty and save some time in jail, and he was accommodated. Clerk of Court Vadnie, State's Attorney Sathre and Sheriff Long took him to Fargo, where he appeared before Judge Pollock plead guilty, and was given a sentence of one year in the penitentiary.

## AUTO FRIGHTENED HORSE.

Lidgerwood, N. D.—As Mrs. E. L. Pravez and Mrs. Lou Vainer were driving a spirited horse hitched to a buggy the animal became frightened at an auto driven by George Movius and upset the buggy, throwing both occupants out. The auto had stopped when it was seen that the horse was frightened. The boys in the car got the two ladies in it and hurried them to town for medical attention, thinking that perhaps they were severely injured. It fortunately happened though that Mrs. Vainer was not injured and Mrs. Pravez escaped with a few bruises. The ladies do not attach any blame to the boys in the car and say that they did everything they could to prevent it.

## MAIL CARRIER MET WITH BAD ACCIDENT

Sheldon, N. D.—Reuben Lee, mail carrier on route number one out of Sheldon, met with a distressing accident last Thursday afternoon near the Gunderson farm southwest of town, when his right hand was drawn into the gearing of his motor cycle, smashing the end of one of the fingers to a pulp and breaking two others. A bolt on the crank case had shaken loose and he stopped to tighten this, leaving the machine running and his mitten was caught drawing his fingers into the machinery. It was with some difficulty that he extricated himself from the machine, but after about five minutes work he succeeded in getting his fingers out. He then walked a quarter of a mile to the Oscar Olson place and Mr. Olson brought him into town in his auto. He delivered the rest of the mail along the route that day, although his fingers were giving him much pain. Dr. Weyrens dressed the injured members and it will be some time before Reuben will be able to attend to his duties. Uncle Sam, Andrew Lee, his substitute, is carrying the mail in the meantime.

## CLUB AT VELVA OUTLINES PLANS

Velva, N. D.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial Club was held to devise plans relative to the movement inaugurated by the Soo Line to get new settlers for this territory. Everyone present at the meeting was heartily in favor of the scheme of the Soo Line and pledged their support to the movement. The plan of the Soo line is to get all the vacant land tributary to its lines listed for sale. The Soo will then take these listings and thoroughly advertise them through the east and interest good settlers to come here and locate. A special cheap rate to settlers of \$10.00 from Chicago and all intermediate points and return will be put on and special inducements will be offered if people will but come.

## AT AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING PLANS WERE OUTLINED TO CO-OPERATE WITH SOO LINE

It is a co-operative plan. The Soo must have the help of the community. If 300 vacant sections of land can be listed tributary to Velva, these tracts will then be specially advertised and special literature gotten, out advertising this particular community. The Soo already has a list of about 400 land agents though the eastern and central states and if sufficient land can be listed tributary to its line this number of selling agents will be doubled. Mr. Murphy the Soo Line Immigration agent, has asked the Commercial Club of Velva to cooperate in the matter, to the extent of getting the land listed. The Club has decided to go ahead and get the land listed and at the meeting Monday night a committee consisting of A. E. Seavard, T. Welo and J. R. Meagher was elected to take charge of the work. They will be assisted by sub-committees. A very active campaign will be carried on for the next thirty days by these gentlemen and it is hoped that by February first every quarter of vacant land will be listed for sale at a reasonable figure. The business men of the city and those farmers who have attended the meetings are very enthusiastic over the matter. Everyone realizes that this community needs more settlers and all are satisfied that the Soo Line is in position to handle the project in a satisfactory manner. The road has all the facilities through it. Its many agencies properly advertise the land through the eastern and central states and it is also in position to transport settlers cheaply. The committee from the commercial club requests all farmers in this vicinity to co-operate in getting the vacant land listed and also in supplying the names and addresses of owners of vacant land. Also, the committee wishes to warn all land owners not to list their land at inflated and exorbitant values. Place a fair valuation on the land and list it at that figure and no other. Fictitious values will only destroy the confidence of the buyer and eventually will create dissatisfaction and discord to the extent that perhaps the project cannot be successfully carried out. Each member of the committee has contracts and would be glad to make any explanations necessary.

## YOUNG RANGHER IS KILLED IN QUARREL

Hettinger, N. D.—Will Curington, a Perkins county ranchman, shot and killed his son-in-law, a young man named Fred Richards, at Inland, about fifty-one miles south of Bison, and immediately gave himself up to the authorities. Richards and his wife have been separated for nearly a year and the day of the tragedy he called at the Curington home and attempted to have his wife sign some personal property over to him. While outside the house Richards asked for his gun, which had been left at the ranch, and Curington gave him a loaded revolver. The two walked toward the barn and Richards finally accused his father-in-law of interfering and insisting his daughter to refuse signing the papers transferring the property, and remarking that he might as well kill him one time as another, drew the revolver and fired. As he did so Curington pushed him aside but the bullet hit Curington and inflicted a slight wound. Curington drew his gun and shot Richards in the leg and as his son-in-law attempted to shoot again, shot him through the head with fatal results. Curington carried his victim into the house and placed him on a bed. The man lived several hours. An inquest was held soon afterward and Curington was set free.

## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST CARL.

Hankinson News: The progressives can put up no real argument against the re-nomination of Carl O. Jorgenson as state auditor. The cause of the opposition is primarily one that will add to his strength with the voters, for he has been responsible for saving the state hundreds of dollars in padded printing bills, and this started a howl from the papers interested in the graft. Mr. Jorgenson has always stood for what he considered right, and refused to be cajoled or bluffed by those who needed his assistance in looting the state treasury. Certain interests want a state auditor they can use, hence the opposition to Jorgenson's re-election.

## SHIPPED STOCK TO ST. PAUL.

Hankinson, N. D.—Mike Lackey shipped three head of stock to St. Paul that topped the market, netting him \$26.75 after paying freight. One of the animals was a bull that tipped the scales at 2109 pounds, the others were "long" two year olds that weighed 1410 and 1200 respectively. Stock buyers pronounced them three of the finest animals they had at the St. Paul yards this season. Mr. Lackey's cattle are from the herd formerly owned by E. L. Kinney, and were well bred and strong on the points and add money to their selling value. The prices realized for these critters emphasize the wisdom of raising only well bred cattle—for it costs not more to feed a full blood steer than a scrub.

## GOOD WORD FOR BALFOUR.

Balfour Messenger: G. F. Johnson was here yesterday in the interests of the Bismarck Tribune, a paper he may justly be proud to represent. Mr. Johnson is a gentleman and we were pleased to have a call from him. He is thoroughly loyal to his paper and speaks a good word for the capitol city at every turn. While here he called on a number of our business men and appeared to be much pleased with our little city.

## PEDESTRIAN VISITS FRYBURG.

Fryburg, N. D.—Fred Callahan, an across continent hiker, spent a few hours in Fryburg. Callahan is 28 years of age. He walked from New York to San Francisco in 86 days, for which he will receive a substantial compensation having left New York on March 1 this year. He is now making the return trip on foot for the pleasure he derives from it, and intends to write a book on his experiences and publish a sort of traveler's guide. Expects to reach his home in New York about the middle of February. Callahan carries a 35 pound pack nearly as big as himself, for he is known as the smallest pedestrian in the business. It is truly interesting to listen to the telling of some of his experiences, and to view pictures he took along the route.

## LOST.

A lady's handbag, containing some currency. Finder will be liberally rewarded if returned to Mrs. S. E. Bergeson.—Adv.

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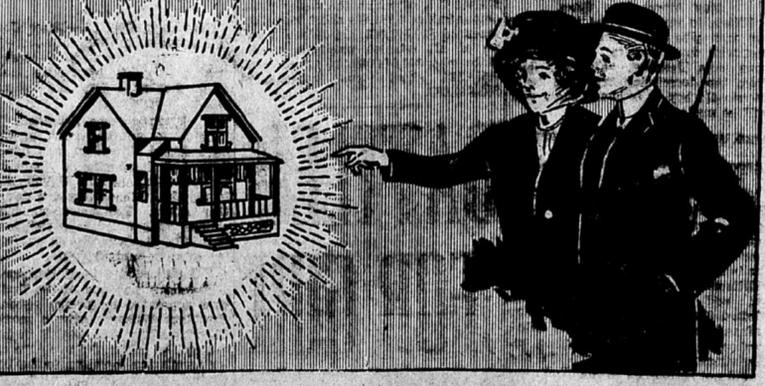
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## BLACK HAND IS AFTER LANDIS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—More than 20 black-hand letters threatening to blow up his home have been received by Judge K. M. Landis of the United States district court in the last five years. This was made known yesterday when the judge was hearing a case against John Folie charged with writing three such letters. "I just sent the letters to scare him," pleaded the prisoner. "That's all the blackhand letter writing ever does," remarked the judge. In the last five years I have had from a dozen to twenty such cases as this and they all pleaded they never meant to carry out the threat and I know they never meant to. How do I know? Because I have myself received more such letters than all that have come up in my court. "However, I give them all the maximum sentence." Folie pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

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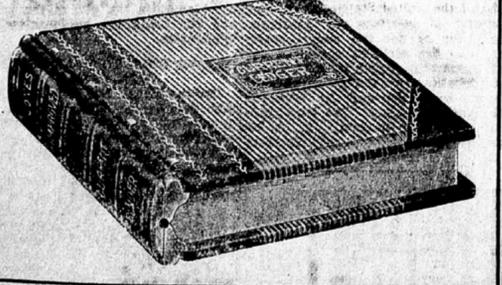
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