

NORTHWESTERN NEWS

Tragedy Which Pursued Family At Carrington Is Recalled By Letter From Son Long Missing

Carrington, N. D., March 12.—Sick and wanting to hear from his mother, the Shifflet, who mysteriously disappeared from Carrington 14 years ago, does not as yet know the tragic story that has befallen his kin since he disappeared suddenly from the Carrington streets, and the sensations that have been recorded.

The mystery of his disappearance may be unraveled by a letter which has just been received here by Richard Teuberg, signed by Shifflet from Colchester, Mich., inquiring about the family. The letter says:

"Coldwater, Mich., March 6, 1922.

Dear Sir:

"I am writing you to find the whereabouts of a family by the name of Joseph W. Shifflet. Fourteen years ago they lived on a farm located from three to five miles east of the city. I have forgotten the exact distance. Have forgotten the R. F. D. number also.

"I am sick in bed and would like to locate them if possible that I may write to that effect. If you will kindly take the matter up and locate them for me I should be very much obliged to you."

One sensation after another was recorded by the Shifflet family after they came to Carrington from Virginia more than twenty years ago. One day about fourteen years ago Willie and Anfield Shifflet were in Carrington. Willie disappeared late in the afternoon and there has never been a trace of him until the letter supposed to have been written either for him or by him arrived. He was then a lad of 15 or 16 years of age.

Mother Found Killed.

Some years later, upon their return from work in the field, the men found Mrs. Shifflet dead in the center of the house. A rifle was found near her and it is believed that she took her own life. The real manner of her death has been held to have been otherwise by some since then.

About six years ago the father, Joe Shifflet, came up missing. His son, Anfield, who had gained some fame as "the boy preacher" maintained that his father had gone to Washington to sell the rights to use a "bullet deflector" that Anfield had invented. The deflector upon later investigation turned out to be a cow bell filled with lead.

A day or two before the culmination of this phase of the Shifflet history the Carrington newspaper received a letter signed by "Joseph Shifflet" and telling the success he was having in Washington selling the deflector. The letter bore the mark of a 600 railway postoffice.

Father Evidently Murdered.

Suspicion grew rapidly that the elder Shifflet had been murdered by his son, Anfield, and the body burned

LARIMORE MAYOR EXPLAINS VIRTUES OF CITY UTILITIES

Larimore, N. D., March 12.—Mayor Anthony Stonehouse, in a series of articles published in the local weekly paper, in setting forth the facts concerning the financial condition of the city, has gone to some length in discussing the Larimore city water, heat and lighting systems.

Mr. Stonehouse contends that while taxes are high, yet the city is paying for one of the best systems in the state. The use of the exhaust steam for heating purposes, he says, is growing into a paying proposition and his increased use will mean more as time goes on.

As a means of making the burden lighter, the mayor suggests that as soon as financial conditions loosen up that bonds be issued spreading the time for paying for the utilities over a longer period of time.

Mr. Stonehouse reviews a recent report of the superintendent of the water plant here which states that the city has the largest supply of pure water of any town in the state, coming from an immense underground lake. This lake is several miles in extent and lies but twenty-five feet below the surface, according to the report.

Northwestern North Dakota Development Association Formed

Minot, N. D., March 12.—Permanent organization of the Northwestern North Dakota Development Association was perfected Friday at an enthusiastic meeting of northwestern North Dakota boosters in Minot.

The purpose of the organization is to coordinate the efforts of all community and civic organizations in this section of the state for the general welfare of the entire district; to promote the "100,000 More" campaign as launched in Minot so that it will extend to every community in the entire northwestern part of the state, and to encourage the organization of the immigration associations in various localities and sections of this district through which intensive immigration work will be carried on to back up the "100,000 More" campaign.

Buttons and pledges in connection with the "100,000 More" campaign is to be furnished by this parent organization to any community desiring to promote the campaign at a cost of promote the campaign.

Delegates from the various communities in the northwest that were represented at the meeting placed their orders for the buttons and pledge cards following the meeting.

The officers of the association are a president, two vice presidents, and a secretary treasurer. The board of directors is to be composed of these officers and one man to be selected by the various immigration organizations formed in this territory. The officers elected are:

President, F. F. Bergman, Williston.

Vice president, J. G. Walstad, Egan.

Vice president, H. H. Phillips, Harvey.

Jan. S. Milloy, secretary of the Minot Association of Commerce, was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Figuring that the time is not far distant when he will be unable to make the light-weight limit, Champin Benny Leonard has his eye on Jack Britton's well-weight crown.

SPRING THAW RECALLS OLD GLACIER DAYS

Geologists are Reminded of Melting of Ancient "Skating Rink" Covering State

Fargo, N. D., March 12.—Reports from various parts of the state discuss the dangers and possibilities of floods when the warm weather lets loose the waters of the ice and snow cover, accumulated during the winter.

The ice water floods which pour through the lowlands of various sections of the state are not in a class, however, with the deluge that washed North Dakota in the glacial period, according to the geologists. Those conditions held good today, they say, the National Parks Highway would have to be marked by bell buoy and traversed in boats.

The ice sheet that pushed down out of the north was from half mile to a mile high and covered practically that part of the state north and west of the Missouri river.

When it began to melt the water poured off of it in earnest and ran away through great valleys which are now the courses of little streams. The Sheyenne Valley is such a one.

Where Bismarck Laid Out.

Incidentally, the Missouri and other rivers of the state once flowed east, and thence through the present outlet of the Red River of the North until they reached the Atlantic or Hudson Bay. But the ice sheet came smack against the Plateau du Coteau du Missouri—the highlands of the Missouri.

It dammed them off and sent them south to look for the Gulf of Mexico, which came up as far as the Ohio river in those days. Thus Bismarck and Mandan lost the chance which Duluth now has of becoming an inland seaport.

The direction of the Missouri, the Little Missouri and the Yellowstone in the southwestern part of the state, still shows the way they flowed, originally, for the North Atlantic.

Agassiz Was Some Laker.

Great lakes were formed at the southern and western edge of the ice wall. Lake Agassiz in what is now the Red River Valley, was the greatest of these. It covered 110,000 square miles, most of it in Canada. Then there was Lake Dakota in the present valley of the James and Lake Souris west of the Turtle Mountains.

Lake Agassiz overflowed south through a mighty channel discovered and explained in 1863 by General G. K. Warren of the U. S. army. It about coincides with the Minnesota-South Dakota border and is still marked by Lakes Traverse and Big Stone.

The difference in topography between the country northeast and southwest of the Missouri may still be seen. The hills and ridges in the north show only the effects of erosion—the wearing of water and weather. The rounded hills of the north and west of the Missouri are a broken ground down by the ice sheet and veneered with glacial drift. The Turtle mountains belong, geologically to the Missouri highlands but were cut off from the Missouri border and is still marked by Lakes Traverse and Big Stone.

The drainage system in the highlands is older and better organized than that of the country further north and east. There are still streams in this section that lose their waters to the sea. This because there has not been enough time since the glacial period for complete development of the drainage system.

masium Friday afternoon. About 30 ladies were out.

Supt. M. E. Nugent returned Sunday from Chicago, where he attended a national educational meeting.

Glen Smith of Grand Forks spent a few days last week at the home of his cousin, Mrs. O. G. Storaker.

Mrs. T. Eastgate, who has been ill a good part of the winter, is now improved and able to be out again.

Coch Johnson and the high school basketball team left Friday for the basketball tournament at Grand Forks.

Mrs. W. Webster returned Friday from McCanna, where she has been employed for some time as housekeeper for Mrs. McCanna.

Misses Marion and Helen Phillips went to Grand Forks Friday afternoon to spend the week end with friends there.

Miss Veina Whallan came home from the university last week for a short visit with her parents and with her sister, Miss Ila Whallan, who came up from Fargo last Sunday to assist in caring for Mr. and Mrs. Whallan, who have been ill. Mr. Whallan will resume his work at school today.

Misses Irma Davis and Edith Skurdahl went to Niagara Friday afternoon for a week end visit with Miss Mabel Skurdahl.

Mrs. Hiram Ohmstead has been very ill the past week. While driving from Kempton to their home near Fergus last Saturday their sleigh overturned and she was thrown out into some icy water and had to drive home in wet garments. A former cold became worse and for a time pneumonia was feared, but she is now some better. It is feared, however, that she

was also injured by the fall and may require surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peatman went to Grand Forks last Thursday for a few day visit.

Mrs. J. Trainor has been quite ill with heart trouble at her home here the last week. If she is able to go, it is planned to take her to Grand Forks today for medical treatment.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Welch entertained a party of old friends for dinner last Friday evening.

Mrs. Mary Platt is now improving after quite a severe illness with flu and resulting throat trouble.

Keith Bendisen has gone to his farm near Fergus to commence farming operations there as soon as the weather permits.

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FARM MEETING HELD AT MIDDLE RIVER

Middle River, Minn., March 12.—A farmers meeting was held here Friday afternoon, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Spruce Valley Shipping association. Postal card invitations had been sent out to about two hundred farmers and Frank Jeffers of Red Lake Falls was scheduled for an address.

The response to the invitations was so general that the seating capacity of the hall was taxed to accommodate the crowd. Proceeding the arrival of Mr. Jeffers on the afternoon train, the regular annual business of the association was transacted. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The board of seven directors were then selected by ballot, the following being the members elected: J. C. Nordum, George Gunn, George Breese, Bert McCurdy, Alfred Erickson, Albin Anderson and Elling Haugen.

Following the election, Mr. Jeffers was introduced and delivered an address along the lines of co-operation in shipping. The management of the local association had prepared a lunch with hot coffee which was served to the crowd.

U. S. Public Health Man Will Work With North Dakota Service

Bismarck, N. D., March 12.—Answering a request made by Governor Nestos to the U. S. public health service, Dr. E. O. Olesen has been assigned to North Dakota to do temporary field work. His assignment to the state is to make a complete survey of the public health work being attempted at this time and to make recommendation for a reorganization combining efficiency of effort with the present expenditure of money.

According to Dr. H. E. French, secretary of the health organization in the state, North Dakota's health work, like Topsy, has simply grown. It has little system and many heads and it is to eliminate these many heads that a request was forwarded to Washington to send a man to the state to investigate the attempts being made and submit plans for coordination and possibly betterment. The assignment of Dr. Olesen followed.

LARIMORE NOTES

Larimore, N. D., March 12.—The Rebel lodge gave a minstrel party last Monday evening at the Odd Fellows hall for Odd Fellows and their families. There was a good attendance and the evening was a play. Later in the evening dancing was indulged in with Miss Gertrude Miller at the piano and Miss Hazel Walker of Inkster playing the violin.

R. D. Heald "called off" for some old fashioned dances that brought all the old timers to the floor. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.

The Women's Community club will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mrs. M. Gass' home. Plans will be made at this meeting for the first district club meeting here next June, when club women of Benson, Cavalier, Walsh, Pembina and Grand Forks counties will convene.

Rev. C. E. Hanson of the Lutheran church was ill last week and unable to hold service Sunday but is improving now.

Mrs. R. P. Spielman was quite ill last week but was able to be up Tuesday.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid held a business meeting last Wednesday when Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe of the presidential committee took the presidency for the succeeding three months. A committee was appointed to confer with the church board and to formulate plans for moving and repairing the manse, if it is possible to do so.

Mrs. J. Eastgate and Miss Winnie Ashbrook entertained the Episcopal Guild at the home of the latter on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Grace DeLong, demonstrator for home economics work, gave an interesting talk and demonstration on retinning and canning, the making of organza flowers, hatbands, etc., at the domestic science room in the gymnasium.

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