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REPORT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS

REGISTER OF DEEDS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1909, WILLIAMS COUNTY, N. D.

To the honorable board of County Commissioners:—

I herewith submit to you my report for the month of May, 1909.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Day-book from Bruegger Merc, Company	$ .15
Postage Stamps	10.45
1000 small envelopes from Williston World office	4.00
1000 small envelopes from O. O. Christensen, Noonan, N. D	5.00
2000 letter heads from Wm. Mumby, Buford, N. D	7.50
From Walker Bros. & Hardy, Fargo	
Mortgage Record No. 63	24.00
" " No. 65	42.00
Seven clerks and one deputy	425.00
Six office chairs from VanAntwerp Furn. store, City	43.50
Total	$561.60

RECEIPTS.

Real Estate	$1068.21
Chattel Mortgages	175.50
Certified Copies	14.00
Chattel Abstracts	2.80
Appearance in court with official records	4.10
Total	$1264.91

Leaving a profit to the county after all expenses of $703.31.

The Mortgagor and Mortgagee Records have been brought up from May 6, 1907, to January 1, 1908. This work was done by three of the clerks in my office, which took fifteen days and one-quarter each, making a total of forty-five and three-fourths days, and an expenditure to the county of $91.50.

The office is practically up to date at this time excepting the Mortgagor and Mortgagee Records, from Jan. 1, 1908, to March 1, 1909.

L. O. Higley,
Register of Deeds.

WITNESS ARRESTED PERJURY CHARGE

WITNESS IN BENNER CASE ORDERED ARRESTED ON PERJURY CHARGE BY JUDGE GOSS.

George Sawyer of Mondak, a witness for the defense in the case of the State vs. Jack Benner was ordered arrested yesterday afternoon by Judge Goss on the charge of perjury and bonds were fixed at $10,000. Sawyer took the stand for the defense and told a rambling story regarding statements made to him by Gibbs, a half-breed. He stated that Gibbs came into the saloon at Mondak where he was tending bar and that after he got off duty they took in the town. Gibbs, he stated, gave him some money saying that he did not care for it, it was Chases money and they might as well spend it, or words to this effect. On cross examination he got mixed up and contradicted himself several times. When the attorneys got through with the witness the Judge excused the jury for a few minutes and after they had left the room he ordered Sawyer arrested on the charge of perjury. The sheriff was ordered to take charge of him and bonds were fixed at $10,000. The state's attorney was instructed to file an information against Sawyer and prepare for trial at this term of court.

Williston Editor Here.

Editor E. N. Disney of the Williston Herald is spending a day in Grand Forks. He says that Williston is booming along just as rapidly as ever and that it will soon be the biggest city in the state.—Evening Times.

IRRIGATION FOR NORTH DAKOTA

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE WILLISTON SUBSTATION.

Prof. J. H. Shepperd of the Agricultural College returned from Williston on Great Northern No. 2 this morning, where he had been in conference with Superintendent Schollander of the Williston substation, and Professors Chilcott and Scofield, relative to the co-operative work with the U. S. department of agriculture, which is being carried on at that substation.

As a result of the conference, A. M. Hawley will be taken on the staff of the Williston substation as an advisory expert on irrigation. Mr. Hawley comes from the famous Greeley irrigation district and has been engaged in the practical irrigation business since boyhood. He knows the detail of his work thoroughly. The time he can spare from the substation irrigation work will be devoted to helping and advising the farmers of the irrigation project. Professor Scofield expects to send Hawley Smith to other projects for the winter season so that his employment may be continuous if he proves to be as satisfactory a man for the work as he promises. Considerable additional help in the way of added equipment will be the outcome of the conference and inspection of the work.

The U. S. department men particularly commended the work which Superintendent Schollander had encompassed and feel that with the help of Expert Hawley, who is on the ground and will begin work immediately that results are assured fon this season.

Irrigation of hay land is now in progress on the substation farm and the winter rye will be watered next week.

Professor Shepperd and the Williston people are happy over the conference as it means at least $3,000 more work per year devoted to irrigation on the Williston substation.

Further conference and arranging of details will occur when Professor Shepperd visits Washington early next month.—Fargo Forum.

MONEY—For Seed, Feed, Horses or Machinery will be advanced to you at any time before making proof, if you are going to prove up soon, and make your farm loan with me. Address Albert J. Stafne, Lawyer, U. S. Commissioner, Williston, N. D.

CROPS BOOSTED BY GOOD RAINS

RAINS OF PAST WEEK FOLLOWED BY PRESENT WARM WEATHER IS MAKING CROPS LOOK FINE.

The heavy rains of the past week came just when needed and the farmers throughout this section of the country are feeling much better over the excellent prospects for a record breaking crop. Since last Thursday we have had two and a half inches of rainfall, which is greater than the average rainfall for the entire month of May. These rains together with the warm weather has given the crops a great boost and they are looking fine. With the exception of a little flax practically all the seeding has been done. A few good rains the latter part of this month and during the first part of July will assure the farmers one of the best crops ever raised in North Dakota.

NINE PEOPLE KILLED BY NORTH DAKOTA CYCLONE

FIVE KILLED AT LANGDON, THREE AT YPSILANTI, ONE AT STEELE—NEARLY FIFTY INJURED—SISTER OF MISS GOGIN KILLED AT LANGDON.

A terrific tornado swept over the northern and eastern part of this state Saturday evening leaving a path of death and desolation behind it. The storm struck the heaviest at Langdon, Ypsilanti and Jamestown, while considerable damage was done at Lakota, Devils Lake and Wahpeton.

Langdon suffered heaviest, five lives being lost, while Ypsilanti comes next with three deaths.

THE DEAD

At Langdon are:

Mrs. J. B. Boyd, aged 40 years.

Mrs. F. W. Blakeley, aged 46 years.

"Baby" Bain, aged 2 weeks.

Joseph Powers, jr., aged 12 years.

Donalda Sheehan, aged 6 years.

At Ypsilanti:

Mrs. Geroge Graves, aged 36 years.

Bertha Graves, aged 4 years.

Florence Graves, aged 2 years.

At Steele:

Martin Law.

The storm at Langdon was in the nature of a twister and in two blocks of the principal residence portion of the city, through which it passed, only four houses are left standing. Two large elevators were demolished in addition to the houses. The property loss here is estimated at about $200,000.

Mrs. N. Hayes, wife of Banker Hayes of this city, was in Langdon visiting with her parents at the time of the storm. Mrs. Hayes was not injured as their home was not in the direct path of the storm. The house was damaged considerably however and a large timber was driven into the roof.

Miss Ella T. Gogin, stenographer for Attorney Knauf, received word Sunday that her sister, Mrs. J. B. Boyd, was among the number killed and she left Monday morning for Langdon.

The sad death of Mrs. J. B. Boyd removes one of the most prominent women in North Dakota. She was the wife of one of Langdon's oldest residents, they having resided there twenty years. He is engaged in the mercantile business.

Mrs. Boyd was president of the Langdon Woman's club, the Langdon Civic Improvement league and was also prominent in the Degree of Honor and Lady Forester circles.

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SENIOR SENATOR ON WHEAT DUTY

SENATOR McCUMBER ANSWERS HIS CRITICS ON NECESSITY OF DUTY ON CEREALS.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—Senator McCumber late last night made answer to his critics on the necessity of a tariff on cereals, pointing out that the day is not far distant when this country will be importing wheat and that more than the present duty will be necessary to keep out foreign products.

He predicted the statement upon the large increase in population of this country, saying that the population in 1920 will be over 117,000,000, approximated and that will require about 819,000,000 bushels of wheat to feed them.

"With our growing population," said Senator McCumber, "we, on our old lands, cannot raise wheat year after year. Their acreage is demanded for other purposes, and even if that were not true, the soil would be so soon exhausted that we would be compelled to raise other crops."

I want to call the attention of the senators to one fact and that is in 1904 we had what we call a short crop in the United States, and I want to show the difference in importations and in prices due to that fact. The difference in price as I have shown you, was 22 cents a bushel between two points on opposite sides of the boundary line.

Now notice that in 1902 we imported only 33,000 bushels. We had the usual crop. In 1905 we imported 6,536 bushels, that is, for the year ending June 30, 1904. That was our short crop year and consequently, our importations would be counted in the year ending June 30, 1905. Those importations immediately jumped from 6,536 bushels to 1, 645,563 bushels. That shows what the result will be the moment that our crop gets the least bit short and this was in a condition when we were exporting grain.

"Then in 1905 we obtained our usual crop again, and the importation immediately dropped down to 43,428 bushels, a mere bagatelle. I cite the figures to show what the condition will be the moment that we cease to be an exporting nation. Even before we had ceased exporting and raising but a little more than we needed for home consumption, the 25-cents per bushel did not keep wheat out of the country, and 30 cents a bushel will not keep it out when our production and consumption balances, and when we do not produce enough for home productions then 40 cents a bushel will not be prohibitive."

TWENTY YEARS FOR CHAUFFEUR

RAN DOWN CHILD AND THEN SPED AWAY TO AVOID ARREST—GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE.

New York, May 29.—William E. Darragh, the chauffeur who ran down and killed Ingvaard Trimble, 11 years old, in an uptown street on March 27, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree last night. The maximum penalty is twenty years. Darragh is 29 years old. His killing of the Trimble boy attracted wide attention because, after his machine had knocked down the boy and crushed him, he put on extra sped and fled, leaving his victim to die in the street. He lost his derby hat during his flight and by means of this his identity was established. He was traced to Texas, where he was arrested.

Darragh's conviction is the first under the amended section of the law for murder. The jury was out less than two hours.

TWO CONVICTIONS IN DISTRICT COURT

JURIES IN CASES OF STATE AGAINST KELL AND OLSON RETURN VERDICT OF GUILTY.

The case of the state against W. D. Kell, charged with rape, went to the jury just before noon on last Friday. The jury was out about five hours and returned a verdict of rape in the first degree. The minimum sentence on this charge is ten years in the state penitentiary. Attorneys Sinkler and O'Neill appeared for Kell and Braatelien and Bessie for the state.

The case of the state vs. Manual Olson, charged with the same crime as Kell, was taken up Friday and went to the jury Saturday noon. A verdict of rape in the first degree was brought in in about fifteen minutes. Olson was represented by Greenleaf and Fisk & Moellring. The state by Braatelian and Palda.

The case of the State vs. Jack Benner, charged with robbing Mert Chase, has occupied the attention of the court so far this week. It will probably go to the jury today. Benner is charged with beating up Chase and then robbing him of two or three hundred dollars. Attorneys Greenleaf and Fisk & Moellring represent Benner and Braatelien and Sinkler are the prosecuting attorneys.

The next case to be taken up is that of the State vs. Peterson.

For your nobby Oxfords and pumps call at the Boston.

RAILROADS MUST OBEY RATE LAW

SUPREME COURT DENIES MOTION OF ROADS—MAXIMUM RAILROAD RATES GO INTO EFFECT.

Bismarck, N. D., May 28.—In the supreme court yesterday afternoon a motion of the counsel for the railroad companies to be allowed a stay of judgment in regard to the putting into effect at once of the maximum freight rates prescribed by the legislature, was denied and the contention of the attorney general to the effect that, under our constitution the rates ordered by the legislature must be used until their unreasonableness is proven, was upheld.

The effect of the court's order is to make the statutory rates effective until otherwise determined by the supreme court of the United States. The railroad companies offered to put up bond idemnifying shippers and others under the present rates, but the bond was not accepted.

It is understood that the attorney for the railroads will take a copy of the state supreme court's record before a justice of the federal court and try to have the bond allowed.

Called Home.

Little Alice Barnfather, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnfather, died on Decoration day after a long siege of scarlet fever. Alice was a dear little girl about nine years old, well beloved by her little school mates, and the joy of her parents home. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the bereaved family. A little son, younger than Alice, now lies critically ill of the same dread disease.

LORIMER ELECTED ILLINOIS SENATOR

DEADLOCK ENDED IN ILLINOIS BY ELECTION OF CHICAGO POLITICIAN ELECTED ON 95 BALLOT.

Springfield, Ill., May 29.—The victory of William Lorimer over Albert J. Hopkins, the republican primary candidate for re-election brings to an end the five month's deadlock in Illinois. The election was given to Mr. Lorimer on the ninety-fifth ballot.

Albert J. Hopkins led in the ballots up to the fatal ninety-fifth, but when the landslide occurred Lorimer won by a safe majority. Pandemonium broke loose when his election was assured and it was some time before sufficient order could be had to proceed with the roll call. Several senators changed their votes from Hopkins to Lorimer, but no members of the house made an effort to get into the band wagon.

Until a few days ago Lorimer had not received a vote for senator. Then his name was suggested as a dark horse and rumor began to travel that he was able to be elected by a carefully arranged bi-partisan coalition. And such was the case. Following his election Mr. Lorimer thanked the democrats for their support and announced he had always been and always would be a republican.

Mr. Lorimer is a self-made man having worked in many occupations, from sign painter to contractor. He gained his political power in the start in the packing house district of Chicago. In 1895 he was elected to the Fifty-fourth congress, where he has remained, with the exception of one term, ever since.

Kicked by Horse.

Peter Slingsby, the ten-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Slingsby, was kicked in the face by a horse Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Slingsby and son were rounding up the horses at their farm east of Williston and were trying to get them into the corral. One of the animals broke away and in passing the boy kicked him in the face. Mr. Slingsby hitched up his team and had the boy in the city under a doctor's care in three-quarters of an hour. It was necessary to take seven stitches in the cut on the boy's face. He is in the Williston hospital and getting along very nicely.

JAMES J. HILL ON WAY TO SEATTLE

FORMER PRESIDENT OF GREAT NORTHERN PASSED THROUEH CITY SATURDAY—TO SEATTLE FAIR.

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, passed through the city Saturday on his way to Seattle where he delivered the principal address at the opening of the Great Alaska-Yukon Exposition Tuesday. Mr. Hill in his address discussed the great northwest, its history and development.

False Report.

A report reached the city a few days ago to the effect that George Attebery, an old time resident of this place, had been drowned at Spokane. Mr. Attebery wires from Eugene, Oregon, that he is alive and well and to pay no attention to the Spokane report.