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JAMES DAVIS INSTANTLY KILLED

A Well Known Settler From Missouri Falls From his Wagon Near Lynch Postoffice Sunday at Noon and Breaks his Neck.

James Davis, a farmer 23 miles north of this city, fell from his wagon on the public highway one-half mile south of Lynch postoffice 13 miles north of Minot Sunday about fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock, and was instantly killed. His team of mules walked with the loaded wagon to the postoffice. B. Solberg, who lives near the place and O. A. Conklin, of Renville, went at once down the road and found the man dead. Jerry Keeler, of Bjelland, also went to the scene of the accident and found that the man's neck and arm had been broken. No one saw the accident. It is supposed that he leaned forward to strike one of the mules and the animal jumped throwing him to the ground. It is not believed that the wheel ran over the man's head but there is a wheel mark across his body at the breast. His body had been dragged 25 feet and evidently his feet had caught in the wheel. His face was badly discolored. A whip and his pipe stem were found several feet back where the body had fallen. The body was not touched, as it was thought that an inquest might be necessary. Word was sent to this city at once and Coroner Crotak notified but decided that an inquest was not necessary. T. B. Lytle, son-in-law of the dead man went from this place in the afternoon and brought the remains to this city where they were placed in McJannett's undertaking rooms. Relatives at Maryville, Mo., were notified at once and they expressed their desire that the remains be shipped back to the man's old home for burial.

The deceased was about 60 years old. He came to this state from Arcove, Mo., three years ago and for a year farmed near Devils Lake. He moved to Minot a year ago last winter and lived here until spring when he went out on his homestead. He kept what is known as the Halfway house, where the stages met and where travelers often found welcome and comfort. He was an industrious man and not a word can be said against him. He was honest to a penny. He leaves besides his wife, seven children, three sons and four daughters as follows: James, Patrick, Wm. and Sarah of this place and Mary R. of Maryville, Mo., Mrs. Nick M. Behm, of Lansford and Mrs. T. B. Lytle of this city. He was a member of the Catholic church. He leaves several brothers. His brother William died last winter in Missouri where he had gone on a visit.

Cigar Factory Burns.

A defective chimney at the home of R. F. Hawley Friday afternoon caused a fire which completely destroyed the interior of the brick structure. The fire started in the kitchen and before it was noticed, the angry flames were beyond control. Spectators gathered before the alarm was given and the hose cart was rushed to the conflagration. A strong stream of water was turned on and the building was saved from the entire destruction. Most of the cigars were saved but the water destroyed many of the fixtures of the cigar factory which was located in one part of the building. Mr. Hawley lost nearly all of his household goods. He was away from home at the time of the fire. Mr. Olson, who owns the building, had \$900 insurance on it—more than enough to pay for the loss.

FLYER WRECKED AT HARVEY

Engineer Norton Sticks at his Post and is Nearly Killed—Engine and Baggage Car on Their Sides.

The Soo Flyer, north bound, was wrecked at Harvey about 1:30 o'clock Friday morning. The engineer, Norton, was very badly injured, though his injuries are not necessarily fatal. The Flyer was pulling into Harvey at the same time that a light engine was backing to the tank for water. The engineer of the light engine saw the Flyer coming but too late. The water was nearly exhausted in the light engine and although the levers were reversed immediately, the engine was so nearly dead that the engineer could not get it away in time. The Flyer's engine struck the coal car of the light engine. The Flyer's engine was thrown nearly from the track. It lodged on its side. The baggage car also left the track but the vestibule cars remained on the track. The passengers received a severe shaking up but no one in the cars were seriously injured. The engineer was buried beneath the wreck and his leg sustained a compound fracture. His head was badly cut and his system received a severe shock. The fireman was not injured. The engineer of the light locomotive jumped in time to save himself from any injury. The shock broke the coupling of the light engine and it went down the track but soon died. Norton was brought to this city and is receiving attention at the county hospital. Ed. Bryans, the Ward County Stockman, was on the train and received a slight injury to his leg. Another passenger also had his foot hurt.

\$2,000 Bonds

Stovepipe Allen, the box car thief, had his preliminary at the court house Wednesday afternoon before Judge Murray and was bound over to the October term of court to \$2,000. He failed to give bonds. Two witnesses were examined, Campbell, the decoy and Tom Hanna, the detective. Allen's partner, Henry Wilson, was brought down from Havre, Mont., this morning and put in jail.

Sanders' Hay Burned.

John Sanders, who lives in 157-83 lost twenty tons of hay the other day just after he had finished threshing his grain. The hay caught fire from the steam engine. The crew worked hard trying to put out the fire, but could do nothing. One of Sanders' neighbors threshed and received per acre, oats 50, barley 32, flax 10 and wheat 12.

Duffy Stole Whiskey.

James Duffy, a car repairer in the Great Northern yards thought best to enforce the prohibition law of the state, so broke into several cars and took what whiskey there was handy. James didn't care for anything else, he just had a mania for whiskey. Great Northern detectives Hanna and Delaney caused his arrest Saturday night and the unlucky Duffy confessed all. The detectives learned of the wrong doings of Duffy through a greasy glove and some waste which were found near an empty whiskey case. James had carelessly thrown his glove down after swiping the whiskey and bought a new one which he wore although it came far from matching the old glove. The detectives noticed this and suspected Duffy at once. Duffy had carried on the nefarious work for sometime and he says he stole in all 65 half pint bottles of whiskey including a case of Frazer's best.

WAR BETWEEN GRAIN BUYERS

The Minot Grain Buyers Have Been Paying Twelve Cents More a Bushel Than Buyers in Other Towns.

The grain buyers of this city have been doing some nice stunts at buying the past few days, according to the notion of the farmer. They have been paying five cents a bushel higher for flax than list price and the price on other grain accordingly. They cannot make quite as much money at this rate and one even hinted that some were bound to lose a little but the farmers do not stop to question that fact. They are coming to Minot every day from many miles around for they can get ten or twelve cents more a bushel here. One man who hauled a load to Lansford, upon hearing what was offered him, turned around and came straight to Minot. He was rewarded for his long drive by receiving twelve cents a bushel more for his flax. The Burlington buyers have been offering nearly as much as the Minot buyers offered. Farmers, these are facts. Come to Minot and get more for your grain. Visit our stores and save money. Then while you are here, visit the Independent office and make the heart of the editor glad by subscribing for the best dollar weekly in the state. Sent to any new address from now until Jan. 1, 1905, for one dollar.

To Devils Lake Jail.

Charles Wilson, the box car thief brought from Havre, Mont., Thursday morning, had his preliminary hearing at the city jail that afternoon and was bound over to the district court under \$2,000 bonds which he failed to furnish. He was taken to Devils Lake jail that night for safe keeping. He was not placed in the county jail here because the officers did not wish the two robbers to have an opportunity to converse. The city jail was closely guarded all day Thursday, as Wilson is a desperate man and would have done anything to gain his freedom. Allen in the county jail is also closely watched.

Would Not Pay in Minot.

Wm. Herberger who started a livery barn here last year, is now connected with the flax fibre mill at Lakota. The mill is portable and is not very expensive. The farmers are paid two dollars a ton for their flax when they haul it in, or fifty cents a ton when taken from the field. The mill bought the flax straw from 1700 acres on the Whipple & Barrett farm. After running the straw through the mill twice, it is shipped east where most of it is made into upholstering material. Mr. Herberger does not believe that such a mill will pay here as there is not enough flax raised close to town.

Robbed in G. N. Yards.

A middle aged man named Mathias Peterson was knocked down and robbed in the Great Northern yards Sunday night. He was on a drunk Sunday and the officers advised him to leave town. He went to the yards to see a brakeman to get cheap fare to Devils Lake when two hoboes approached him from the rear and jumped on his back. He was choked and knocked down. He had two pocket books, one containing three dollars and the other his homestead papers. The one with the money was left but Mathias is signing for his homestead papers. He has a claim near Ray.

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Transact More Business.

The commissioners decided Wednesday not to advertise for bids for the sheriff's residence and jail for the present, but wish to look around before accepting plans.

Kenmare was declared an incorporated village. A recent election resulted in a vote of 84 in favor of incorporating and only one against.

The following townships were organized and named:
161-90—Ward.
163-164-94—Forthun.
156-93—Manitou.
160-84—Clay.
161-91—Clayton.

The reports of the following road overseers were accepted: Ed Bryans, Carl Hauge, Ole N. Clevon, S. Hanson, Chas. O. Olson, John Rise, P. P. Tehelka, Anton A. Larson, E. B. Williams, A. F. Gehrke.

Com. Swanson moved that the county surveyor attend to his duties or resign, so as to enable the commissioners to appoint someone who will have the several roads surveyed. The motion was carried.

The justice reports of Wm. Murray, E. G. Warren, W. F. Smith and A. J. Bridges were accepted.

A petition from school district No. 58 asked that Twp. 158-81 be set aside and called Dist. No. 94, was carried.

The commissioners ordered the publication of bids for a bridge to be built across Mouse river between sections 20 and 29 in 158-84. Also one across the river near Sawyer.

More Stolen Goods.

Great Northern detectives Thursday visited Jos. Rowan's second hand store and secured another consignment of the goods stolen from the box cars, which Mr. Rowan bought from the thieves. In this lot were ten horse collars, two sacks of coffee, nine silk waists and other groceries. Sheriff Scofield now has stored in a room in the court house nearly \$2,000 worth of stolen goods, enough to start a good sized department store.



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