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DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION.

Judge Palda Returns From Minneapolis Tuesday and Opens Court—Will be a Long Session—Many Interesting Cases to be Tried.

Judge Palda returned from Minneapolis Tuesday noon and district court convened that afternoon.

Judge Palda administered the oath of allegiance to the United States' seventeen people of foreign birth and they have become citizens. They are as follows: John Haukanson, Dick Schouter, Jacob Schouter, Anna Knutson, Peder and Lars Pederson, Mrs. Lars Pederson, Nils Hampen, Mrs. J. P. Overgard, Mrs. Laust Jensen, Minnie Knutson, John Tchaap, Julius Anderson, Geo. Nelson, John J. Monson, Martin E. and Ole Roming.

Karastac Mikiska was arraigned on the charge of burglary. He is said to have robbed the store of N. C. Jaques at Kenmare. As he had no attorney, Pierce of Kenmare was appointed.

A. M. Verely was arraigned on the charge of maiming H. T. Dolloff. E. L. Sutton has been engaged by Verely. He was given until the following day to plea.

H. H. Duffy, charged with stealing about \$75 worth of goods from Great Northern cars in the Minot yards, was arraigned. He had no lawyer and stated that had no money or friends. The judge appointed Gjertsen for his lawyer.

Among the lawyers present from out of town were Lyon and Gjertsen of Bowbells, Gray and Pierce of Kenmare and Nelson of Flaxton.

Some very important cases are to come up at this term of court.

One of the most prominent is that of Nehemiah Davis vs. Martin Jacobson, D. A. Dinnie and Peter Fugelso. Mr. Davis was in the postoffice when it collapsed a year ago and brings suit for big damages. He was ill for sometime following the injury.

There are sixty civil and twenty-five criminal cases.

Ingerbat Hagen, of Kenmare was placed under \$500 bonds to keep the peace. He is to be confined in the county jail until he can secure those bonds. He has threatened his wife and other members of his family at times, and although he has spent nearly two years in the county jail for this. He is calm most of the time, but when he loses his temper, he becomes dangerous.

The case of O. M. Hatcher vs. Robertson Bros. of Kenmare, came up before Judge Palda Wednesday morning. O. M. Hatcher is foreclosing a chattel mortgage of \$1,050 against the Robertsons, who claim that there was some fraud in their giving their mortgage. L. W. Gammans and Grey are the defendants' attorneys, while J. A. Sorley of Grand Forks, and Arthur LeSueur of this city are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Badly Hurt at Rugby.

Emil Henker, an emigrant who was enroute to Cornel, Wash., from Omeme, was nearly killed at Rugby Tuesday. His car was set out there for a time, and he was watering his stock when he met with the accident. He was carrying two pails of water and a switch engine bumped his car against him. He was thrown down and carried in front of the cars for eight car lengths. Several ribs were broken it is thought and he was badly injured internally. He was brought to this city this morning and placed in the county hospital. He is a man 55 years of age. He does not stand a very good chance of recovering.

North Dakota Crops

Around Fessenden, according to the Wells Co. News—the big crops seem to exist only in "dreams" not so, farther north. Mr. Miller, west of Kenmare raised 5,800 bushels of grain. Ed. Brown nearer town raised 1,200 bushels of grain, 150 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of onions and a large amount of garden stuff which was sold all summer. Henry Jacobson, a mile west of town, raised 40 bushels of macaroni wheat to the acre on 60 acres. A. Roy thrashed out 48 bushels to the acre, macaroni wheat. He had 60 acres of this yield. Nels Ludhuff realized 4 1/2 bushels of the fife wheat. J. P. Mulo 9 miles west of Kenmare had 38 acres in fife wheat, which yielded 28 bushels. P. Bertleson living at McKinney, raised on his farm 55 acres of flax averaging 20 bushels per acre. J. McCulloch raised flax which went 20 bushels, oats 80 bushels. These figures are "no dreams", but can be verified as a bushel of grain from each of these farms have been gathered by R. W. Davidson and sent to the professor of agricultural at Fargo, to be carried to the world's fair at St. Louis, Mo.

These are only a few of the figures that can be given and this, a country that has been considered "too dry and arid" for farming and also a summer unprecedentedly cold. Vegetables of all kinds have been grown that will compare favorably with any other state in the union.—Kenmare Journal.

Big Fire at Velva.

The Kirkwood hotel and State National bank at Velva caught fire at ten o'clock Saturday morning and burned to the ground. Workmen were heating tar on the laundry stove of the hotel when the building caught fire. Velva has no fire department, but women, men and children did everything they possibly could to put out the conflagration, but to no avail. The bank was situated but six feet from the hotel and this soon caught fire. Both buildings were nearly new and were valued at \$5,000. It was thought that many of the other buildings would burn and many plate glass fronts were destroyed by the merchants who threw many goods into the streets. Ben Carmin of Surrey saw the fire and gave the report to the Independent.

Race on the Soo.

"Shorty" Woods and Isaac Amick, backed up Chief of Police Kimball, gave Perry Bedwell a merry chase down the Soo track Monday. Bedwell filed on land last spring, borrowing the necessary coin from Woods, besides the latter advanced him ten dollars taking his watch for security. Bedwell returned from the harvest fields with his pockets full of money last week, but claimed that he was penniless. Woods got the officer after his man who attempted to fly when overtaken. Bedwell coughed up like a little man.

Prompt Action Necessary.

Several of the Soo officials and the Standard Oil officials were in this city Monday and decided to transfer the oil tanks from the Great Northern to a small lot just east of the Soo elevator. It is the intention of the officials to make this a permanent place and have barns erected near the tanks. The Soo may think that they are doing the right thing in this matter, but they are putting the tanks in just the wrong place. They are to be right along the railroad, where a fire is easily started, and the city is likely to be burned up at any time should one explode. The Great Northern has offered to give the company a lot east of the mill, and would be out of the way. We believe, as many of the citizens of Minot, that the council should take this matter up and restrain the company from removing those tanks to the proposed spot. Minot is bound to grow and will undoubtedly be extended east. In the course of a couple of years, the tanks would be located in the center of the city.

Escaped Prisoner Recaptured.

John Hassett, the Kenmare blind pigger, who escaped from the county jail at this place last summer during the progress of the Portal-Minot base ball game was recaptured at Kenmare and brought back to the jail Tuesday night. He escaped with Carter, the horse thief and says they parted soon after leaving the jail here. He was over in Canada but grew homesick and longed once more to see his old Kenmare home. As this is the third offense for pigging he will likely be sent to the penitentiary.

plans for the erection of a sheriff's residence and jail on motion of Com. Swanson, duly seconded by Com. Torbenson, plans were accepted, subject to modifications, marked "exhibit" "A" and "B", and made by W. C. Albrant, Architect, of Fargo, N. D. and on roll call Coms. Torbenson and Swanson voted in the affirmative, Coms. Black and Richardson voting in the negative, and the Chairman decided in the affirmative, and declared the motion carried.

The commissioners ordered a cattle pass to be located on Mr. Stredwick's land.

Com. Swanson moved that the state's attorney be and is duly appointed to proceed against the Kenmare Dry Coal Co. in their contracts with the county for coal. It was carried.

Numerous bills were allowed. County Auditor Larson was instructed to advertise for bids for the new sheriff's residence and jail. The plans were made by W. C. Albrant of Fargo and call for a larger and better building than the original plan. The bids will be opened Feb. 16.

A committee was appointed to look after the building of a bridge near Questad. The committee was instructed to pick the best location and Neil McDougall's bids were accepted. The bridge will be built at once.

The commissioners completed their work at noon.

Kenmare Man Arrested.

Sheriff Rutt of Devils Lake came to this city Tuesday night and took Thomas Hurley of Kenmare back with him. Hurley is charged with holding up a man at Devils Lake and relieving his person of \$104. He was arrested at Kenmare by E. C. Tolley.

MINOR TOPICS

Elmer Francis came down from Mayton, Can, to transact business.

Fine western box apples this week, \$1.10 per box at P. P. Lee's.

Several new students are to start at the Business college Monday.

19 pounds of granulated sugar one week only for \$1.00 at P. P. Lee's.

McDonald of Renville fame, is going to spend the winter in California.

Mrs. Montgomery will be set free from the jail at Devils Lake Nov. 9.

The best flour this week \$2.25 per hundred at P. P. Lee's.

L. L. Stewart bought the A. D. Deason farm seven miles south of town for \$2,000.

Miss Corbett's room at school is so filled with pupils, that many single seats are occupied by two.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lake, the photographers, erected a comfortable dwelling on east Second street.

P. Bertleson, who was burned out at McKinney, had \$3,000 worth of goods, with very little insurance.

Big discount on clothing this week at P. P. Lee's.

J. F. Cooper united in marriage Monday evening, Miss Clara Beene and Alfred Gasmann at the Hall home in this city.

Just unloaded a car of furniture at P. P. Lee's.

Louis P. Jenson, the county surveyor, spent several days in the city this week conferring with the county commissioners.

Save money by getting our discount prices before buying your winter supplies P. P. Lee.

D. A. Lord, the contractor, came up from Minnesota to be present at court. He is bringing suit against the bank of Kenmare.

The Independent this week is a twelve page, all home print paper. It is the largest weekly paper for the money in the state and will be sent to any address for a dollar a year. We thank the merchants for their liberal advertising patronage. It will pay the readers of the paper to read every advertisement in the paper. The merchants are all first-class business men, who take pride in seeing that the best city in the state can boast of the best weekly newspaper.

C. W. Lake of the Lake studio went to Lansford with his branch gallery Monday. Mrs. Lake will run the studio here during his absence.

Joe Clementich came down from his farm near Carpio to see the commissioners regarding the building of a bridge over the Mouse river near his home. The bridge will likely be built.

P. O. Aason completed threshing with his new rig for the season. In 32 1/2 days, he threshed 63,000 bushels of grain. He will in three weeks accompany his parents to Washington where they will take up timber claims.

Ralph Wedge, cashier of the German-American bank at Balfour, will open a National bank at Granville soon. He spent Tuesday at Minot visiting friends.

Fire destroyed the Great Northern coal sheds at Stanley Monday, with a large amount of coal. The cars are reported burned also. The loss is estimated to be \$20,000.

Commissioner Black shipped this fall a whole train load of cattle east. In the train there were 680 cattle. They brought good prices, notwithstanding the low price of cattle.

Geo. Gilson of Lynch raised 500 bushels of potatoes. He is selling them in this city for fifty cents a bushel. They are of a fine quality and will certainly pay Mr. Gilson better than any grain which he could have raised.

Rev. Edgar Jones was united in marriage last Thursday evening in Nova Scotia to an estimable young woman, whom he had known since their youth. The Independent has been unable to learn any of the particulars of the wedding at this date.

The sale which was to have been held at the J. M. Wilson farm near Lynch, was postponed last Tuesday until next Saturday, Oct. 31, at 1 o'clock p. m. It will be held at the corner of P. P. Lee's store. H. T. Dolloff will be the auctioneer and will sell stock and farm machinery.

Mr. Lake of Velva who was brought to the county hospital, was thought to be dying Tuesday. He has had a running sore on one of his legs for eighteen years and recently it grew a great deal worse. He is slightly better today, though still in a precarious condition. His mother and two sisters' of Minnesota are with him.

Many from this city will go to Minneapolis for the football game between the Minneapolis university and the University of Michigan. The fare, we understand is only \$7 for round trip on the Great Northern. Among those who will attend the game are Mr. and Mrs. Slocum, Dr. and Mrs. Sweet, Harry Beede. An extra coach may be put on at Minot.

The Independent added 54 subscribers to its list last week. We are printing 1965 papers this week and the list is growing. We suppose the Reporter will deny this, but then they can be excused. Notwithstanding what Bro. Wilson says, the Independent's list is made up of 500 old Reporter readers, many of whom have ordered that paper stopped. If Bro. Wilson dares deny this, fact, we can bring plenty of evidence to substantiate what we say.

For Sale—Piano-organ, slightly used, at a bargain for cash or exchange for cows.—Geo. W. Hecker, Minot, N. D.

Wanted—Railroad laborers, for Glenwood, Minn., tracklaying, surfacing and handling material. Good wages paid. Inquire at my office, D. E. Peterson, employment agent. 28 tl.

PALACE BARBER SHOP,

W. E. JOHNSON, PROP.



The above is an excellent likeness of W. E. Johnson's barber shop in this city. As will be noticed, it is a five chair shop, and has the reputation of being the most elegantly furnished tonsorial parlor in the state. On the average 1500 faces are shaved at this shop each week and the place bears an excellent reputation for all classes of barber work. Mr. Johnson has been a resident of Minot since the early days, having started in business with a chair and a razor. By strict attention to business and a care as to careful workmanship, both with himself and his men, he has built up a tremendous business. The barbers are: C. H. Irwin, F. W. Whalen, Joseph Rusink, Chas. Snyder and W. E. Johnson.

Commissioners Proceedings

Official proceedings of the board of county commissioners of Ward county, N. D. The board of county commissioners of Ward county, N. D. met in adjourned session on the 27th day of October A. D. 1903, with the following members present:—Coms. Torbenson, Wallin, Richardson, Black and Swanson.

Com. Wallin in the chair. On motion duly seconded, Com Black was appointed as appraiser in the matter of the stray stock taken up by G. B. Sewell. Carried.

On motion of Com. Black duly seconded the following applications for abatement of assessment and taxes, were accepted and granted, as asked for in their affidavits viz:—S. C. Jones Thomas Nugent and L. E. Albright. Carried.

On motion duly seconded the report of road overseer Geo. A. Allen was accepted and approved. On motion of Com. Richardson, duly seconded the bond of C. C. Willis, as County Justice of the Peace was accepted and ap-

proved.

Carried. The board heard and considered the bridge question on the upper Mouse river and at twelve o'clock adjourned until two.

Carried. Afternoon Session. The board met as per adjournment with all the members present. Com. Wallin in the chair.

Com. Black moved that the plans and location of the bridge at or near Joseph Sauer place be rejected, which was duly seconded by Com. Richardson and on roll call Coms. Black, Richardson and Torbenson voting in the affirmative, Coms. Wallin and Swanson voting in the negative. Motion was declared carried.

Motion Swanson moved that the chairman appoint a committee of three, including the chairman, to go up and view a location for a bridge across the Mouse river in Twp. 158, Rge. 84, which motion was duly seconded by Com. Richardson and carried. Committee appointed: Coms. Black and Swanson. On motion duly seconded the following bids for the construc-

tion of bridges were opened and read as follows:—Fargo bridge & iron Co. for building bridge at Sawyer for the sum of \$1048.00, for the bridge on section 29-158-84 for the sum of \$1125.00, according to plans and specifications.

Neil McDougall, for the building of the Sawyer bridge, \$900, grading at 15 cents per cubic yard, for the building of the bridge on section 29-158-84 for the sum of \$975.00, no grading specified.

On motion of Com. Black duly seconded the bid of Neil McDougall for the building of the bridge at or near Sawyer, was accepted. Carried.

On motion of Com. Black duly seconded the report of road overseer E. S. Swenson, was accepted and approved. Carried.

On motion of Com. Richardson duly seconded, Com. Wallin was appointed a com. of one to inspect the grading done by Aug. ust Larson, and report at the next meeting. Carried. The board considered several