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THE FEAR OF THE LAW IN THEIR HEARTS

Judge Palda Sentences Six Criminals who Plead Guilty to the Charges Perferred Against them.

Judge Palda is putting the fear of the law into the hearts of the criminals, and well may the wrongdoer quake when standing before him to receive their sentences. The judge is making an excellent record and is said to be giving everyone just what they deserve. The first two days of a session of court, six criminals pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against them and received their sentences.

Wilson, the box car thief, Allen's partner plead guilty. He was brought up from Devils Lake jail Thursday by the sheriff from that county, where he had been confined since his capture. He will be sent to the penitentiary.

J. Mauriska, the Kenmare burglar, plead guilty and Judge Palda sentenced him to two and a half years in the penitentiary. The fellow is but a young man, hardly a hardened criminal, having the countenance of a boy. Yet he did wrong and must be punished.

Jack Sheehan, who has been in the wet goods business in Minot, Lo, these many years, also plead guilty. He was sentenced to sixty days in jail and will have a fine of \$400 to pay. In case that he does not pay the fine, he can serve it out in thirty days.

Wm. Witter, the blind pigger will board with Sheriff Scofield for 90 days and will pay a \$200 fine by serving one day longer. Picture Bill, as he is known, is an old soldier, having served in two wars and the judge was easy on him for that reason.

Chas. Palmer, the Glenburn blind pigger also plead guilty.

H. H. Duffy who liked whiskey better than liberty, confessed to breaking the Great Northern cars and swiping considerable fire water. Palda thought three years in the penitentiary would give him time for reflection.

A Holdup Artist

T. K. Kurtz, a young railroad man employed on the Soo, was held up by a highwayman at the point of a big six shooter as he was walking along the main track near the Lady barber shop in this city about eight o'clock Thursday evening. Several cars were standing on the side track and as Kurtz passed one, a large fellow wearing dark clothes and a small dark hat, stepped from between the cars and said, "Say, hold on a minute." At the same time, he flashed a wicked looking gun right in the frightened brakeman's face. The brakeman had a gun in his inside pocket, but did not have time to pull it. He did not stop at the command of the highwayman, but ran out to main street where he notified officer Robinson at once. A posse including Sheriff Scofield surrounded the block but the bold badman had disappeared. Kurtz was badly frightened for some time after.

A Strange Spot

About four miles west of Kenmare, after passing over several miles of perfectly level ground under good cultivation, we come to a depression, or rather a deep cut said to be the head of the "Tasker Coulee." Near this head is a circular basin, at one side of which a spring of water boils up constantly, this overflows the basin, around the sides of which is a white substance resembling alkali, but it is said to be more of the nature of borax. Near the spring of water are a number of mud springs. Step on one edge and the soft mud will boil up like mush. By standing on a certain spot, one can easily shake the ground for several rods in each direction. Animals and human beings stepping into these pots quickly sink out of sight, if not speedily rescued. The water is softer than rain water, clear as crystal, and cold almost as ice. No matter how cold the weather, the water never freezes. Mr. Benson owns the claim on which this is located, and has piped the water up the hill, to his house.

What is the nature of the deposits in the water has not been discovered, as no scientist has ever visited the spot, or tasted the water. Verdure grows near, but cultivated plants do not thrive well with its use.

A High School Band

A band consisting of twenty-one members is being organized in the Minot high school and if indications count for anything, it will be the best high school band in the state. Prof. Wolfe is the leader of the organization. Those who have been assigned instruments at this date are as follows: Prof. Wolfe, leader, Andrew Carr, 1st cornet; Eugene Olgard, Thos. Morrow, and Ed. Ellison 2nd cornet; Tom Lacy, Alvin Albertson, 2nd alto; Leroy Foote, 1st alto; Geo. Benno, baritone; Chester Vandenoever, snare drum; Howard Wood, bass drum; Floyd Earp, tuba; Otto Ellison, clarinet. Arrangments are being made for two more cornets, two trombones and an alto. The high school orchestra is soon to start and it will be better than ever this year. Otto Ellison, who is perhaps the finest violinist in the city, will be a member of the orchestra.

Pretty Berthold Wedding

Hugh Williams of Moosejaw, Can. and Miss Anna Black of Berthold, were married at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Wm. Owens at Berthold Wednesday at noon. Rev. Longenecker performed the ceremony. They have gone to Moosejaw where they will make their future home. The bride came from Ontario three years ago and filed on a claim near Berthold which she recently proved up.

The groom holds an excellent position at Moosejaw. He formerly lived at Des Lacs where he proved up on a claim. He is a young man of fine qualities. Both have many friends who wish them a long and happy life.

White Earth a Dandy

The Independent man spent some time in White Earth Friday evening and was surprised to find so good a town. Everyone is busy and we believe making money. White Earth draws from a large scope of territory. There are thousands of head of cattle and horses grazing in that vicinity and most of the money comes from that source, though some good crops are raised there. We cannot at this time go into detail regarding the town or its future, but we can say we believe it is but in its infancy.

We called on Dr. Hardman, who owns a drug store. He is also erecting a building at Tioga for a drug store. The New York store is doing a fine business. The manager tells us that the Indian trade, which has always gone to Williston, is coming to White Earth. The people of that city do not cheat the Indians and the red men soon know where they can get fair dealing. Chas. Prinzing, proprietor of the White Earth restaurant is a congenial fellow and has a large crowd at his place continually. He sets a fine table and has everything neat and clean.

Parks, the barber, is just as fat and jolly as ever. He was once a resident of Minot but is doing a good barber business at White Earth and does not have to administer chloroform either.

Shepherd Bros., proprietors of one lumber yard, have made their little stake at the place, but are still in the ring and are doing a big business. The boys have a record for square dealing. We noticed many other stores but had only an hour to spare and had to defer our visit to them until we have the pleasure of making another trip there.

In U. S. Commissioners Court

Alfred Cooley, internal revenue collector, and Deputy Marshall Haggart, brought on the following cases before U. S. Commissioner Alfred Blaisdell last week.

James Early, Percy Chattleburgh and T. F. McCreedy, all of Balfour. D. C. Greenleaf, attorney for James Early, moved for his discharge and Commissioner Blaisdell discharged him. Atty. J. L. Lee of Velva, appeared for McCreedy, who waived examination, and gave a cash bond. Atty. Sutton and A. G. Harris represented Percy Chattleburgh.

New Paper at Tioga

Alexander Gamble, one of the best known printers and newspaper men in this part of the state, will start a newspaper at Tioga, 81 miles west of Minot on the Great Northern. The name of the paper will be the Tioga Budget. Mr. Gamble is well known in that part of the country and for his ability has the confidence of everyone. For sometime he was connected with the White Earth Record and that paper was never in such a flourishing condition as it was under his management. He will put in a first class plant, new type, press etc.

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