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IS NEARLY CRAZED WITH GRIEF

The Mattisons and Storby are sentenced to long terms in the Penitentiary but will make motion for new trial.

Martin Mattison, who was found guilty of shooting Jourgen Olson, near Bowbells, received his sentence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will spend three years in the penitentiary at Bismarck. His father Erik Mattison who was with him was sentenced to one and a half years in the penitentiary and Lye Storby the third member of the gang which lay in the coulee and waited for Olson to come along, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The prisoners may be taken to Bismarck this week by Sheriff Scofield and assistant. The Mattisons and Storby should have shown up Friday but were delayed. They were out on bail having furnished the necessary bonds.

The sentences seemed a little severe, but when one stops to consider what they were convicted of, Palda cannot be blamed for imposing the sentence he did. Many expected that only Martin Mattison would get a penitentiary sentence, but from the evidence, it seems that one

his lonely cell in the county jail Sunday. His farm in Iowa had been heavily mortgaged in order to come to North Dakota and build suitable buildings on his farm. Now he has a vision of his farm going for debt while he languishes in the penitentiary. His wife is not well and is half crazed. It is feared that one or both will lose their reason.

Storby also is in bad plight. He has a loving wife and a little blue-eyed curly haired boy depending on him and no one can tell what the future will bring for him. This will prove to be a hard lesson for them.

The Independent does not believe these men to be hardened criminals, but simply men who in a fit of anger or fear, did what they would not have done had they stopped to consider the consequences.

An effort is being made to secure for them a new trial, and if the trial is allowed they will be brought back from the penitentiary.

The prisoners are trying to secure the necessary bonds which would set them free until they have an opportunity to ask Judge Palda for a new trial. It will be necessary for them to state in brief their reason for

FACE TO FACE WITH DEATH

Anderson, a brakeman on the Granville Construction Train, Falls beneath the Pioneer Friday.

Brakeman Anderson, who was on the construction train near Mohall, came within an ace of being killed Friday. The bridle of the construction car had been taken off by some hobo and Anderson missed his footing. He fell beneath the Pioneer and was dragged for two rods or more. The train was not going very fast but this did not make his position any the less perilous. He was carried under the big Pioneer with just barely enough room for his body without being crushed. He says he thought he would surely be killed for he realized his great danger. All of his bad actions in the past came up before him, when the train suddenly stopped and he was taken out. There were holes worn through the soles of his shoes. His clothes were nearly all torn from his body and there is not enough skin on his legs to keep a spider warm. He came to Minot the following day and had his injuries dressed. He was able to walk about with difficulty.

Blaisdell, Bird & Company's Offices.



The above is an excellent likeness of the law, land and abstract offices of the Blaisdell Bird Co. of this city. Within the walls of these rooms an immense business in all of the lines is carried on daily. Alfred Blaisdell, as United States Commissioner, is kept busy in other parts of the county a great deal, but the business is looked after in a careful manner by Mr. Beede. J. W. Cochran has charge of the abstracting business and handles it in a capable manner.

is about a guilty as the other, only Martin happened to have hold of the gun which nearly took Olson's life.

Erik Mattison is getting along well in years and the blow is a greater one to him, perhaps than to his son or Storby. He spent the best part of his life working hard on a farm in Iowa and came to North Dakota a year or so ago to get title to a quarter section of government land. The families lived happily about twenty miles west of Bowbells in a fine agricultural country and all went well until they attempted to drive a homestead or from the country. Jourgen Olson.

Olson was not to be frightened away and stood his ground. The Mattisons claim that Olson shot through their houses several times, but be that as it may, they did not seem to be justified in their shooting. Erik Mattison is nearly crazed with grief in

asking for the new trial and in case he refuses to grant the new trial, they will appeal to the supreme court. In case the supreme court stands by Judge Palda, the prisoners will be taken to the penitentiary to serve their sentences. If, however, the supreme court would grant them the new trial, they would have their case retried in the December term of the district court. In case they do not get their bonds and a new trial, is granted them, they will be brought here from the penitentiary for trial.

Disgusting Actions.
Two men and two women made themselves conspicuous on the train west from Minot Saturday afternoon. They had been drinking a little more than was conducive to their best manners and disgusted the rest of the passengers in the coach with them. They were from Minneapolis, they said, and we have a poorer opinion of Minneapolis now than ever.

Did Not Show Up.

When Judge Palda went to sentence Erick and Hans Mattison and Lye Storby, convicted of shooting Jourgen Olson with the intent to do bodily injury, the criminals were not to be found. They were to have appeared at court two o'clock Friday. Nothing has been heard from them at this writing and it is feared that a part or all of them have skipped. According to the crime, Palda could sentence them from one day in the county jail to five years in the penitentiary and it is likely one of them would have been taken to Bismarck.

The men were not confined in the county jail and if they did not have sense enough to skip, they deserved all they had coming to them.

Later—They turned up Saturday for their sentence.

Macaroni Wheat—35 bushels.

Christ Pasch and John Hoelinger came down from Glenburn Monday and paid up the last dollar indebtedness incurred from their threshing outfit this season. The boys made some money on their new rig, making the first payment on their machine and say it is in just as good shape as when they bought it. They will build a good shed to protect the machine. They certainly have the right idea. They report Wm. Henning's flax turning out the best of anything threshed—a little better than 11 bushels to the acre. Nick Fox, eight miles north of Glenburn had some fine macaroni wheat, twenty acres of which turned out 35 bushels to the acre. They believe that a great deal macaroni wheat will be sown in that vicinity next year. It seems to do better than any other grain.

Next spring they will run a gang plow with their engine and say they have at least 1,000 acres of work in sight. The rock must be dug and the work will be done better than done with horses, for the engine will permit the work to be done very deep. They will break fifty acres for C. E. Colcord and a like amount for Henry Loechel.

Money Famine at Glenburn.

The banks at Glenburn and Lansford got out of currency last week for several days and many people were greatly put out on account of the money famine. The farmers were paid in drafts which the merchants cashed until they also were out of money. The condition has been relieved.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



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