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Passes Away.

Roderick Weagent, one of Minot's respected citizens, died Tuesday morning at 10:45 after a long illness from lung trouble. He contracted a cold about a year ago and has been declining ever since. The remains have been shipped to Grafton, where tomorrow the funeral will be held, and interment will take place.

The decedent was born at Perth Ont., in April, 1834, and was 72 years old when he died. In 1857 he moved to Minnesota and in 1879 he located at Fargo. Three years later he moved to Grafton where he resided until about four years ago when he came to this city to reside with his daughter, Christina. His wife died about five years ago. Mr. Weagent was a member of the Presbyterian church at Grafton. He was a kind neighbor, a good Christian man and leaves hundreds of friends in Minot to mourn for him. He leaves five children who are: Mrs. John McJannett, Misses Caroline and Christina Weagent, and Charles Weagent, of Minot, Mrs. Ed. Sikes of Stanley, H. L. Weagent of Bellingham, Wash., and William of Spokane.

Mr. Weagent nearly all of his life was a farmer, tho he had learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at it for several years.

Handcuff Preacher and Girl.

A special from Kenmare to the Independent states that George Cook came to Minot on Monday, April 16, and secured a marriage license. Upon returning to Kenmare to claim his prospective bride, Miss Nellie Neumen, of Baden, he learned to his great sorrow that the lady had gone to Minot with another fellow, Gus Ualg, of Donnybrook, and were married. George now has a nice embroidered piece of paper for sale at a sacrifice and states that should he at any time in the near future contemplate "committing suicide," will handcuff the preacher and the future Mrs. Cook and bring them to Minot on the same train, carefully keeping an eye on them. Miss Neumen gained considerable notoriety as one of the Kenmare Journal's contestants, and is said to be a really "lovable" girl.

No Gopher Bounty.

The Independent has been asked by a good many why the commissioners did not place a bounty on gophers this year as usual. According to a new law recently passed by the legislature, before a gopher tax can be levied, the commissioners must be petitioned by 35 per cent of the voters, and then the levy must be made at the July meeting for the following year. Even then it is impossible to levy more than half a mill and on real estate only. According to our last taxes, this would have amounted to but a little over \$2000, while the county paid for gopher bounties last year over \$4500. Its easily seen that this amount would not be enough to warrant the commissioners levying such a tax, even if petitioned. It would do the tax payers little good.

Jumped From Building.

Martin Hickey, a young man from Wisconsin while temporarily insane attracted a large crowd at Tompkins restaurant about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was on top of the building and cried that someone was after him. Some fool in the crowd told him to jump, and he did. He struck the awning and this saved his life. He was taken to the county jail and later in the day attempted to hang himself with strips of a blanket which he tore up. Hickey is growing better and it is believed that his insanity will soon pass.

Land Office Strict.

D. W. King, from southwest of Minot, came to this city Tuesday with his witnesses intending to make final proof. Altho Mr. King had lived steadily on the land the last eight months, the land office would not accept the proof, as he had failed to reside steadily the first six months. The land office is more strict than formerly. Another ruling does not allow a man to work more than twenty miles from his claim, and still hold his residence.

Missionary for Minot.

D. M. Shorb, President of the Board of Missions of the German Baptist Brethern for Northern Minnesota, North Dakota and Assiniboia, called the Board together at Canada last Sunday. All of the five members were present. They decided to put three missionaries in the field, one to be stationed at Minot.

PORTAL IMMIGRATION STATION QUARANTINED.

Special to Independent. Portal, N. D., April 25.—The United States immigration station here was placed under quarantine yesterday owing to a case of small pox contracted by Inspector J. J. Abel. Chinese Inspector Paine, Stenographer H. F. Turner and three Chinese applying for admission to the U. S., all of whom sleep in the building, are also under quarantine, as well as all official records and papers of the Chinese and immigration departments.

The disease is in a mild form but the quarantine will probably be enforced for three weeks at least. Three inspectors, three watchmen and a Chinese inspector do not sleep in the building and so were not quarantined.

Drops Dead on the Street.

Andrew Weaver, who worked for Fred Kelley and other Stanley ranchers for the past six years, fell dead at the corner of the Union National Bank Thursday night. He had been suffering from bright's disease and one lung was entirely wasted away and he was taking treatment in Minot. The corpse was taken to Rowan's undertaking rooms. Mr. Kelley arrived from the ranch the following day and immediately set out to find where the man's relatives lived. Weaver was unmarried and was a man who talked but little, therefore little was known of his private life. After a good deal of work, two brothers were located at Kilkenny, Minn. They arrived Monday and took the remains to that place.

Weaver was nearly 60 years old and was a member of the Odd Fellows.

Wedding Tour.

John Hannahan, Grand Master of the Locomotive Firemen from Peoria, Ill., with his bride passed through Minot Wednesday evening last week in James Hill's private car. They had just been married in St. Paul and Mr. Hill kindly tendered them the use of his car.

The couple were on their way to the coast. They remained in Minot over night and that evening, members of the local order gathered at the car and talked over matters of business. In the morning, at the special request of Mr. Hannahan, the Master, C. D. Kiffey and Secretary C. Amsbaugh, with their wives accompanied the couple to Williston.

Didn't Like His Meat.

Because he remarked that "those pork chops are tougher than bull steak" John Fegan got into all kinds of trouble at the Soo restaurant Thursday afternoon. He then called the little English waiter so many vile names that King Edward's representative landed right on the end of Fegan's nose. In the scuffle that followed, Fegan tore the shirt from the waiter's back, then swore out a warrant for his arrest, charging the Englishman with assault and battery. Justice Lynch charged the costs of the case to Fegan. The man had been drinking.

Martin Explains.

Frank Martin, bailiff of the county court, believes that an explanation is due the public regarding the Hubler case. Mr. Martin did not refuse to go into the dental offices to make the arrest, but believed then as he does now, that it is not the duty of a bailiff to make arrests, and did not wish to do anything which might cause an action to be taken against him.

Orlien.

Harry Lund has his oxen trained for work and is busy every day in the field. Jens Ness was seen hauling hay last week. He expects to put in a few acres of crop this year.

Albert Kettleton left for Minnesota a short time ago to make some "dough" to help support his claim.

Ed. Kamrud was out showing "Royal" one day last week. Royal is a well put up Norman horse sired by Coporal and imported from England.

Ed. Sjolaas is here with a four horse farming outfit. He is a hustling young man and will show us a piece of sod turned over for flax in the near future.

Remember that this old grass will burn and there is a lot of moisture beneath it that will evaporate and blow away if the grass is burned. So be on your guard against the fire fiend. A few fire scares have been felt already this spring.

The writer is of the opinion that a petition is about as much to the Soo officials as water on a ducks back, as a townsite must be bought where it is convenient and possible, for the railroad company are taking all points into consideration.

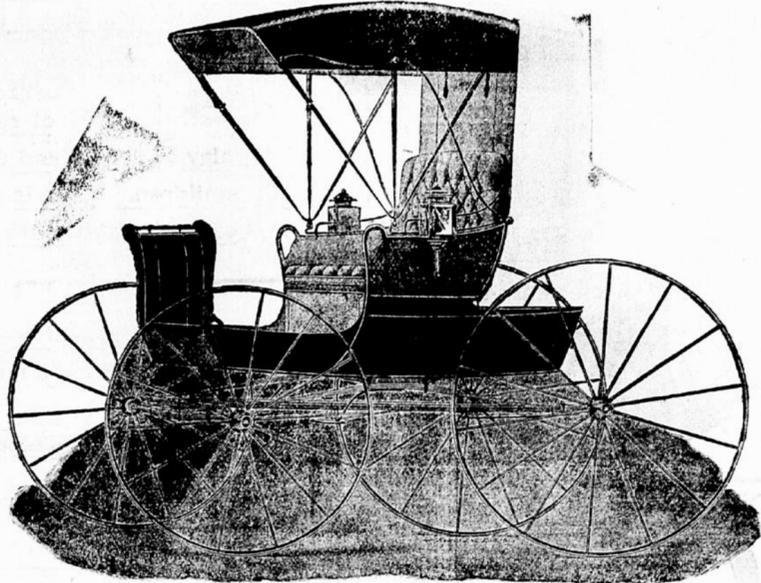
A person may go where he will in this part of the country but will not escape hearing conversations regarding the coming railroad and where will the townsites be. We know this much that it will not be half as far as heretofore next fall to market our grain.

Last week the right of way agent had a man thru here to make contracts for deeds to their right of way. \$20 and \$23 per acre will be paid by the company to the settlers. Work on the line it is stated has begun from Drake and a construction of 20 miles has already been made.

Peter Benson was surrounding this locality last Sunday with a petition to the townsite agent of the Soo line to favor Mr. Bye, "if not on one side, why then on the other" by putting the townsites near the location of Bye postoffice. We have lately heard that this township will have a good showing to get a townsite in the near future.

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