

M. BARTON WHO WAS IN 'FRISCO EARTHQUAKE

Arrives in Minot to Visit His Daughter, Mrs. C. L. Prescott. Tells of His Narrow Escape in the Terrible Calamity.

M. Barton and wife, who passed through the terrible San Francisco calamity, arrived in Minot Sunday night and are guests at the home of C. L. Prescott. Mr. Barton is Mrs. Prescott's father. Mr. Barton related his terrible experiences to an Independent reporter. He said:

"I was awakened about five o'clock by the room weaving back and forth. It seemed to tip first one way and then another. I was sleeping in the second story of a wooden structure. There was such a terrible roar that I looked out expecting to see a cyclone. But the air was as clear as crystal and then it dawned upon me that we were in the midst of a terrible earthquake. We lost no time in getting out of the house, and such a sight as met our eyes. Buildings were falling on every side. The wooden buildings were not damaged so much by the earthquake, as they were by the fire. In fact the earthquake did not do near the damage that the fire did. Of course where there were brick buildings near the wooden ones, they would fall over and crush the wooden structures. Some of the highest buildings which had the modern steel frame work, were not damaged in the least by the earthquake, but the fire finished them.

I managed to pack a grip of our best things, and took my trunk from the building before the fire reached us. But the fire was coming up on us fast and we knew we had to get out. I tried to get someone to take my trunk to the ferry. I offered a man \$20 to haul it seven miles, but he wanted \$30. I did not have the money to spare, so had to let the trunk burn with the rest of the things. When we left the building we managed to get some blankets from the room, and we used these to wrap ourselves in as we sat on the sidewalk. As the fire crawled upon us, we were forced to move away from it, block at a time. I cannot say we suffered much. After the earthquake, we went to several restaurants trying to get something to eat, but the fires were all out and everyone was excited, so we could not get much. We managed to get a little mush and milk. This was all that we had until the following day in the evening. We were without water until the next day in the afternoon. I guess the excitement kept us from getting hungry or thirsty. We felt very weak however. I made up my mind that I would go to the ferry while I had strength, so started to walk. We had to pass thru the burnt district and such a time as we had. Some places the streets were so hot that we had to run and get across the hot places quickly. I never saw such a good natured crowd. People who a few hours before were worth their thousands were now penniless, but they were glad to escape with their lives.

It was impossible to get any money. A man who was worth a million could not get a check cashed. When we got to Vaness avenue, the widest and most fashionable avenue in the city, the firemen and soldiers made a stand and managed to stop the fire. Several of the millionaires' fine residences were blown up with dynamite."

Mr. Barton will remain in Minot a few days visiting friends and relatives after which he will go to Forest City, Ia., his old home.

Will Throw Base Ball Team.

Dave Thomas, the champion middle weight wrestler of America, is in Minot looking for game. It will be remembered that Mr. Thomas was here three years ago. Last year he had 53 matches in Mexico, and the southwest, and won all but two, which were handicap matches. He is now making a specialty of throwing base ball or foot ball teams, agreeing to throw all of the members within an hour. Thomas is here for business. Its up to President McGlynn of the Western League to get some of his heavy weight teams busy.

CHARLES ALLEN RAYN DEAD

Prominent Young Druggist Passes Away Suddenly Monday Morning.

Chas. Allen Rayn, one of the druggists at the Minot Drug Co., died at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning after an illness of four days of typhoid fever and appendicitis. Last Tuesday he had complained of feeling ill and went to bed, but was at the store as usual Thursday. That night he became very ill and took to his bed, never to arise. Three physicians were called, and did all that human power could do to restore the young man to health, but to no avail. He passed into the great beyond Monday morning. He was conscious up until a few hours before his death, and his demise was a matter of considerable surprise to his hundreds of friends, most of whom did not even know that he was ill. The remains were shipped to his old home, Geneva, Ind., Tuesday morning where they will be interred. The Masonic lodge will have charge of the funeral.

Charles Rayn was born at Briant, Ind., Oct. 19, 1876. His father who was a druggist, moved to Liberty Center, Ind., when Charles was but two years old, where he conducted a drug store and practiced medicine. Later they moved to Marion, Ind., and for a number of years have lived on a farm at Geneva, Ind., their present home. In 1887 they moved to Minneapolis where they spent two years, but went back to their old Indiana home. When Charles was fifteen years old, he went to Columbia City, Ind., where for eight years he worked for his uncle, a prominent druggist, Geo. A. Pontius, and learned the profession. Four years ago he came to North Dakota with his two sisters, Gertrude and Cora, and all filed on land south of Stanley, which they still own. In February, 1902, a short time before coming to North Dakota, the deceased was made a Master Mason and was a member of the Columbia City lodge at the time of his death. For two years he was pharmacist for A. S. Blakey after which he entered the employ of W. B. Hawley and when the store recently changed hands, he entered into an agreement to remain. His services as a druggist were most valuable. Sober and painstaking, honest and perfectly reliable, he was a man highly respected. Charles was of a quiet disposition, but had a way of winning friends by his unassuming manner.

The deceased leaves his two heart broken sisters who lived with him, besides an aged father and mother in Indiana, to mourn for him. The Independent joins hundreds of friends in extending sympathy to his sorrowing relatives.

Typhoid Claims Bye Man.

Wm. H. Brose, died Thursday evening at his home at Bye, Ward county of typhoid fever. Short funeral services were held at his claim Saturday morning after which the remains were taken to Abercrombie, N. D., the former home of the deceased, where his parents reside. He was born in Wisconsin 32 years ago. He served as a volunteer in the Spanish-American war, fighting in the Philippines. Last November he was married to Miss Josie Anderson at Wilton, N. D. For the past four years the young man lived on his claim and was considered an exceptionally fine fellow by all who knew him.

Public Dumping Ground.

Dr. White, the health officer, states that the city at the present time has no public dumping ground, and for the time being, it is impossible to clean the alleys. Geo. W. Hecker has offered a dumping ground free east of the city, and the council will likely select it as a public place. Dr. White will then see that the sanitary conditions are very much improved. The doctor will stop the practice of dumping manure and other garbage in low lots, as a filler.

A first class shack, bed, stove and other household furniture for rent, \$12 a month. Inquire at Independent office.

Spalding Fires First Gun.

Ex-Congressman Spalding from Fargo, and Mr. Helgeson, a well known Scandinavian politician, addressed a crowd of citizens at Jacobson's opera house Saturday night. Mr. Spalding, who was turned down at the last state convention by delegates who went there fully intending to support him, told a good many things about McKenzie. Hansbrough, and the other members of the Big Four, which many of the voters did not before know. The speech has been preserved and it will be printed in full in the papers ere long. This practically opens the campaign in Ward county, to end only with the primaries, and possibly only with the fall elections. The Good Government League which Spalding represents, is bound that the power will be wrested from the hands of the state machine. As Spalding stated in his speech, for sixteen years the same gang has controlled things, and as it is impossible to gain access to many of the records, the voters naturally are a little suspicious as to how business has been conducted, for the state.

Spalding has been over many portions of the state, and feels certain that there will be little difficulty in overthrowing the machine, which however, will make a hard fight. Ward county is strongly anti-machine, yet the voters will be wonderfully surprised to know what influence is being brought to bear upon those whom the bosses would have for their lieutenants. From now on there will be something doing in Ward county.

Business Value of the Local Mill.

Quite often a person is not missed or appreciated until they die or move away from the community. So it is with the local mill. "Blessings brighten as they take their flight."

It seems very strange that in some communities a mill is not appreciated until it burns down or is moved away. The value of a flour mill to an agricultural community is so well understood that it is very common for bonuses to be offered or other inducements held out, for the erection of such. The experience of scores of towns will show that the flour mill is the greatest single factor in the prosperity of the average agricultural community. It creates a home market for the most important products of the farm. The money stays in the community. If anyone will figure up the amount of cash that a mill puts into circulation, and the amount of business it draws to the town, it will easily be seen why communities with mills flourish while neighboring communities without a mill languish. In fact, scores of towns have been built around a mill as a nucleus. Nothing draws the farmers' trade like a mill. One generally buys in the market where he sells, and the farmer trades in the town where he takes his grain to mill. The only wonder is that the business men of so many towns do not more heartily support an industry which means so much to them. The storekeepers are the chief offenders.

Christensen-Reinhold Nuptials.

Miss Ellen Reinhold and C. M. Christensen were united in marriage in this city Wednesday, May 2. That evening a large crowd of their friends attended the wedding reception at the groom's home fifteen miles south of Minot, which has been nicely fitted up and furnished. They will reside at that place. The reception was a very pleasant affair. A fine banquet was spread. The couple received many useful and beautiful presents.

Mr. Christensen is one of the finest young men of that neighborhood. He has an excellent farm and is worthy in every way of the woman whom he has chosen for his life companion.

The bride came to Ward county four years ago where she filed on a valuable claim south of Minot, proving it up. She later embarked in dressmaking in this city and carried on an exceedingly large business. She is an estimable young woman. The Independent expresses its heartiest congratulations.

Paul Reinhold from Churches Ferry died of pneumonia at the at the county hospital Tuesday, aged 50.

MURDER THEORY GROWS STRONGER

It is Now Almost Certain That the Little Three Year Old Boy Was Murdered and Thrown Into Mouse River.

Nothing further has been heard from the finding of the dead body of the three year old boy in the river about a week ago, near Minot. This leads us to believe all the more that the child was murdered. Owing to the sluggish nature of the river, and the many crooks and turns, we feel certain that the child was killed not far from Minot, and very likely right in the city. Dr. Windell, the coroner, is firm in the belief that the child is a victim of foul play for the little one was clad only in its night clothes, and would not have been wandering about alone in such a condition. The doctor says that it is probable that someone, a stranger, stopped in Minot, perhaps enroute to Canada or some other point, and put the child out of the way here. These may be mere suspicions, but there is ample ground for them. It is certain that the child was not clad in outer garments when placed in the river, for they could not have been entirely torn from the body. The probabilities are that the child had been in the river all winter, and when the waters receded this spring, lodged in the brush pile where it was found. The doctor believes that the body lay in the brush perhaps two or three weeks, when the greater part of the putrefaction occurred.

The Independent would be pleased to receive any information which ultimately would lead to the guilty party's arrest, or if the child was drowned accidentally, would like to learn the particulars. The mystery may never be cleared.

Eastern Farmer Read This.

An exchange has the following pertinent remarks on the farmer of the old states: "He gives his time and labor for the benefit of others; when in North Dakota he can obtain land at low prices which will more than pay \$10 an acre net if sown to flax, wheat, oats or corn. Are you living on a rented farm back east? Have you teams and farming implements? By all means come to North Dakota and get a farm of your own, and in a few years' time you can become worth more money than you can make in a lifetime where you are now. The improvement you will make on a farm will be your own. All farmers with large families and moderate means can do better in this country than in any other region in the United States. Those who have a mortgaged farm would better sell and come west and buy a new one on what they can save out on the wreck. Any young farmer who controls from \$500 to \$1,000 can grow in independence here. Those who have stock and machinery, but no land, come here and rent land and buy a home from the profits of the first season. One crop will often more than pay for the land. The industrious and sober men are the aristocrats of North Dakota. They become the men of wealth and standing. The only classes are the thrifty and the shiftless. The state is controlled by the former."

Strayed or Stolen

From my home on Sec. 17, Twp. 151, Rge. 84, on Saturday, April 21, 1906, three geldings. One bay horse with star in forehead about 11 years old. Weight 1,200 lbs. Branded OV on left shoulder. Right hind leg larger from wire cut. One brown horse, about 11 years old, weight 1,200 lbs. Branded JB on left shoulder. A three year old dark brown gelding, weight about 850 lbs. right hind foot white. Branded MJ connected on left shoulder. All have harness marks. A liberal reward will be given for information leading to their return. Please notify Ben Gilbert, Douglas, N. D. 5-10-p

Preacher Has Bad Luck.

Rev. Ross, the Methodist divine at Glenburn, lost his house and all personal effects a few days ago. A collection is being raised for the unfortunate preacher. The Methodist church caught fire and considerable damage was done to it.

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TIME INSPECTOR GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

Ward County Schools.

Five first elections have been held in the new school districts within a month.

Many schools are opening this month, and the number will easily reach 250.

The eleven districts which formerly comprised Dist. 20, will soon meet for a friendly settlement of differences.

Each school in county has been presented a beautiful map of the state with many interesting statistics on the back.

The superintendent is sending out supplies to each of the 125 school clerks of the county.

A petition has been circulated in four townships comprising the old Norman school district, asking for a division of the district.

An effort is being made to collect one cent from each pupil of the county, to be forwarded by the teachers to the county superintendent, and he will forward it to the state superintendent, for the building fund of the monument to Sacawea, the Bird Woman, or the Indian girl who guided the Lewis & Clark expedition from North Dakota to its destination on the western coast. If each pupil of the state gives but a penny, over a thousand dollars will be raised. The main effort is being made by the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Surrey Man Secures Divorce.

O. A. Williamson, aged 28, and from Surrey, was granted a divorce from his wife, aged 24, on the grounds that she possesses a "warm" temper. The husband has the custody of the two children aged two and five years. Williamson pays the charges of the case. "Since his mother came to live with him three years ago, his wife has not been at home. She admits that she has a hot temper but said her husband swore at her, provoking her to do rash things. She says that once her husband threw a milk pail at her striking her in the head.

Officer Kimball found a woman, without a cent of money, very ill in a room at the Grand Hotel building. A little boy two years of age was with her, but a woman companion had deserted her when she was taken ill. The woman was given medical aid.

Ward County 34 Delegates.

The republican state convention to be held at Jamestown Aug. 2, will be attended by 467 delegates. Minot had little show of landing this convention, as she secured only five votes. Jamestown had made a thorough canvass previously, and had no trouble in securing the plum.

Each county is entitled to one delegate for every 125 votes or major portion thereof, cast for the republican ticket two years ago, taking the highest and the lowest candidates and averaging them. This will give Ward county 34 delegates—more than any other county in the state.

Remains Taken From Deep Well.

The remains of Jacob Tomlinson, who was suffocated by gas in a well at Stafford's mine south of Sawyer, a week ago Saturday, were taken from the well several days after the accident, only by the hardest work. The shafting had come uncoupled and fell to the bottom of the two foot hole. Mr. Tomlinson went into the well to couple it again, and was overcome by gas. He fell down the well and lodged near the bottom. Dr. Windell, the coroner, held an inquest over the remains.

Seeding throughout North Dakota is about half completed. In this section of the state, wheat seeding will be completed in another week.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

Female English setter Reward for her return to J. B. Taylor, The Golden Rule Store.

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