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## A SMOOTH SCHOOL FURNITURE DEALER

### O. O. Adams Arrested Charged With Getting Money Under False Pretenses--Members of School Board Sign Their Names Carelessly.

O. O. Adams, the notorious school furniture agent, at last has been arrested and he is charged with getting money under false pretenses. His case is being tried in county court this week and some interesting testimony was brot out that does not make Mr. Adams appear in any better light in the eyes of the public than he should.

Adams is charged by the members of the school board of Rockford school district No. 69 with securing the signatures of the members of the school board to a contract which by the way was not filled in, and then putting in just what he had a mind to. At the trial it was claimed that last May Adams called on the members of the school board and first endeavored to sell two dictionaries with stands for \$25. It is said that he secured the signature of the first member of the school board to the blank contract by saying that the chairman wanted a few other things, and that he had better wait and make out the order complete.

Gus Vadnais, the first victim, said that he did not think it business to sign for what hindered Adams selling the district a brick block down in Chicago or something else. To this Adams is said to have replied that he didn't want the business from any school board unless it was done on the square or something to that effect.

Adams then went to W. J. Hanline, another member of the board, displaying the blank contract with Vadnais name telling him that Vadnais was willing to buy what the others wanted and secured his signature also. It is reported that he then added charts to the order and other supplies enough to make a \$120 order and going to the home of the school clerk, E. A. West, found him absent, and after a good deal of coaxing succeeded in getting his daughter, Miss Etta West, to fill out the order, signing her father's name to it.

Miss West testified that she told Adams that she did not believe that she was doing right in signing her father's name, but that he assured her that she was doing quite the proper thing.

Adams then went to the chairman of the school board, John Mead, it is claimed, and thru misrepresentation, secured his signature.

One of the members of the board testified that a short time ago, he met Adams at Grano and told him that if he gave back the \$95 to the district, no action would be taken. To this Adams stated that he would see his lawyer and he might refund the money.

Adams has been doing a big school furniture business which he claims has been on the square. Adams may or may not be guilty, nevertheless members of a school board should be more careful in signing their names to a blank contract, two words of which scratched out makes it a binding promissory note. The Independent understands that other school districts of the county are dissatisfied with Adams methods.

#### Western Ward at College.

J. C. Hoff, the father of Palermo, was encountered by an Independent reporter just after he returned from the Western Ward county excursion to the Agricultural college at Fargo. The car started from White Earth in charge of Olaf Haakenson of Palermo. Forty-four occupied the car, one-half of that number being from Palermo. At Palermo the train was stopped long enough to allow the car to be decorated in grand style. The Palermo contingent all wore badges, and hand bills telling of the great and glorious country, were distributed at the towns along the road. Prof. Worst spoke of the splendid showing made by the delegates.

When the college was reached, a picture of the crowd was taken together with the instructors of the college. All have a good word to say for the railroad company and the professors at the college. Resolutions to this effect were passed on the way home.

The delegation was pleased with Prof. Ladd's experiments on the impure foods. All will be careful what they eat hereafter, and if any in the crowd have been in the habit of sending out of the state for cheap adulterated foods, the Independent trusts that this trip to Fargo will be the means of converting them.

The delegation was shown thru the gardens, the fields, and were shown the beautiful growing trees, the strawberries and other fruits, the poultry and hogs, the cows and horses and everything was explained concerning their care.

Such a trip does a world of good and the Palermo-White Earth countries will see a big improvement in farming and stock raising no doubt.

The venerable Mr. Kittelson, father of Mrs. Martin Jacobson, is lying at the point of death at the Jacobson residence in this city from the effects of a stroke on paralysis. He was stricken a few days ago and since that time has been unconscious. His death is expected at any time.

#### Chicago Live Stock Markets.

The arrival of cattle on the Chicago market for the year 1906 to date is 131419 against 115436 the same period a year ago showing a small gain of about 16000. Cattle prices will average about 50c. per cwt. higher at present than during the middle of July, 1905, except low grade canning stock. This class of cattle is almost unsaleable. The canned meat business is paralyzed by the recent calamity howl that went up in the newspapers throughout the country a short time ago. Advances from the northwest ranges indicate an abundance of grass and moisture and stock of all kinds doing fine. A few early shipments are expected to arrive here within the next week or ten days. Grass and meal fed Texas cattle have been arriving quite freely the past few weeks and are selling today largely from \$4.50 @ \$5.00. A few choice lots up to \$5.15. And only common light stuff under \$4.50. We believe that all desirable range steers will sell higher this season than last.

We sold the highest priced range cattle on the Chicago market during the shipping season of 1905 for J. A. Church of Parkman, Wyoming, and a large shipment of mixed cows and heifers at \$4.25 for the Catlin Land and Live Stock Co., White Sulphur Springs, Montana. A tremendous corn crop has been planted this season and is doing well. This insures a broad demand for feeding cattle this fall and all desirable western feeders should meet with good inquiry at satisfactory prices.

Sheep and lambs continue to sell at unusually high prices. Some Montana wethers average 117lbs sold today at \$5.50. Some mixed yearlings and wethers from Idaho av. 106 lbs. brought \$5.75. Idaho ewes av. 98 @ 109 lbs. brought \$5.50 @ \$5.75. A good sized band of Oregon yearlings av. 100 lbs brought \$6.15 and Idaho yearlings av. 71 lbs 8 lbs went at \$6.75 for the tops and the feeder end brought \$6.75. A string of 1000 Idaho feeding lambs went at \$6.10 and the offerings today went mostly at \$6 @ \$6.10. 6.25 was the top for a small lot. These are practically the first shipments from the ranges to arrive here this season and as prices are certainly very attractive a free movement of range stock may be expected in this direction from now on, and the balance of the season as there is every indication of continued good prices for both fat stock and feeders. We make a specialty of handling range sheep and cattle at Chicago and all markets.

#### St. Carl.

Stark Monger has been quite ill of pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aune went to Souris and spent the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan Thorkelson spent the Fourth at Tioga visiting friends.

Erwin Waldref sold his farm to Owen Hecker recently. Consideration unknown.

Oh, say, boys, have you gotten the matrimonial fever yet. It seems to be the only go.

The new side track being put in between Minot and Sawyer will be completed this week.

W. J. Thorenson has been enjoying a visit from his father who has left for his home in the east.

Miss Fay Tabler of this precinct, was recently united in marriage to Bert Wilson of Iowa township. A wedding supper was served to a very happy gathering. Here's success and happiness to the newly married couple.

We did not have a celebration in this vicinity but quite a number went to Minot to see the sights. From all reports it appears that the sights were all right, particularly the different kinds of equipage used in taking the "honeys" along. For instance, the "hand car." Did she help pump it?

Quite a number of the farmers have been turning over the virgin soil. That's the stuff, boys. Come, lets dig in and change this dreary desert into a veritable garden. SAW BUCK.

## STOEVNER WITHDRAWS FROM LAND FIRM

### T. F. Renwald to Continue Successful Business—Under the Name of Renwald Land Agcy.

Announcement has just been made that the Renwald-Stoenvner Land & Loan Company has been dissolved by the withdrawal of Mr. F. A. Stoenvner from the firm. The dissolution of the partnership really took place in April, but as Mr. Stoenvner has continued in the employ of the firm up to the present time, no public announcement has been made.

The business in the future will be conducted by Mr. T. F. Renwald Land Agency. Under the guidance of Mr. Renwald, this firm has been very successful, having handled over 5000 acres of land since starting business last February, most of this land having passed through their hands since the first of last May, when they began occupation of their present offices. Mr. Renwald feels that he is in a very prosperous section of the country and has no question as to the future success of the business.

#### Ward County Farmers at Fargo.

The Ward county farmer's excursion to the Agricultural college at Fargo Sunday, was attended by about forty. All day Monday was spent on the beautiful grounds where the latest experiments were viewed with much interest. Farmers from Morton and Kidder counties were also in attendance that day.

In the morning the farmers were entertained with a series of practical demonstrations and in the afternoon addresses were given by the professors. Among those in the party were:

Minot—Ed. S. Nyhre, E. Nelson, W. F. Gull, S. Anderson, E. Kittelson, L. Vatne, S. L. Beachler, Mrs. T. P. Kulaas, Miss Ruth Kulaas, Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman, H. Myers, P. O. Hall, chairman.

Burlington—H. Johnson, W. L. Miller, J. Rohwedder, Mrs. A. Jacobson.

Surrey—F. M. Bray, E. H. Perry, C. R. Shorlie, F. Yoder, O. F. Latherman, O. M. Champlin.

Berthold—Alex. Albin.

Kenmare—S. P. Nelson, Laust Johnson, M. L. Johnson.

Hector—C. E. Mostad, S. Monger.

Gass—J. G. Quarn.

Carpio—J. G. Gunvaldson, O. C. Johnson.

Portal—Thos Ely.

Flaxton—J. O. Horland.

Columbus—Simon Salvesson.

#### Will Continue with Test Wells.

The city council met Tuesday evening and passed a pound ordinance at its first reading. A sidewalk and a fire limit ordinance have also been passed at their first reading.

Mr. Gardner from Minneapolis has been employed to continue with the test wells. A committee of one will be appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Commercial Club with a view of effecting the purchase of enough land in Brooklyn addition to extend Fifth street west to the Great Northern right of way. In that case Fifth street will be made the principal driveway of the city.

No bills were allowed. Contrary to a report in this paper last week, the council did not grant to J. A. Roell and A. S. Blakey a special permit to put in a temporary sidewalk along their lots south of Hotel Morrill. The council talked the matter over, but will grant to no one such a privilege.

#### New Manager Arrives.

H. F. Cox, who arrived from Perry, Oklahoma, recently to take charge of the Western Implement Co.'s business in Minot, will soon have the business turned over to him. H. D. Shepard, the present manager, expects to be checked out in a few days. Mr. Cox states that when he left Oklahoma June 11, the wheat harvest had been completed, early fruits were all ripe and watermelons were ripening.

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Foot & McGiness, the butchers, furnished the meat for Campbell Bros. show. They received word from down the line to prepare for the aggregation and several fat beeves were killed.

Relinquishment for sale.—8 miles from good, N. G. town. 120 acres tillable, balance pasture. Price right. Address "B" --Care Independent office. 7-19-4tp

The Minot high school crowned with more laurels than the boys know what to do with, returned Tuesday night from Devils Lake Chautauqua where they spent two weeks. The boys gave better satisfaction than ever.

J. H. Druey's son, six years old, was nearly strangled to death in this city Thursday. He was playing with a rope and a plank, when the plank flew up and the rope caught about his neck. When he was found, he was black in the face.

The excursion train from Minot to the Devils Lake Chautauqua was in a wreck on the way home, at Church's Ferry. The train ran into the rear of a freight train, smashing the caboose and four cars. Luckily no one was in the caboose.

The case of Andrew T. Nohle, vs. the Prouty Nohle Co. of Minneapolis, has been transferred from the district court to the circuit court of the U. S. at Devils Lake. Palda & Burke and Bosard & Ryerson are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Bernt Falstad and August Lorenzen, two well diggers, were overcome with gas while curbing a 35 foot well on the P. O. Polsen farm near Plaza, a new town on the Drake extension not far from Ryder, Tuesday. The men when pulled out a few minutes afterwards were dead.

The Ladies Aid of the Zion Norwegian Lutheran church, will give a lawn social at the church lawn, a block north of the new Great Northern depot Wednesday evening, July 25. Refreshments such as coffee, ice cream, cake, and sandwiches will be served. Tickets are 25c.

Geo. H. Smith, 24 years old, a former B. and B. clerk for the G. N. at Minot, confessed that he had forged vouchers amounting to \$118 at his trial in district court. He will receive sentence later. Since being placed in prison last December his mother had died but the news was kept from him.

Abner C. Martin, who was arrested charged with the murder of Conrad Pfister near Anamoose, the night of July 4, committed suicide in the Towner jailer by taking strychnine, which he had tied in the corner of his handkerchief. The suicide confirms the belief that he was guilty of the murder. Martin was injured in the war in the Philippines, he being a member of Company G, 40th U. S. Volunteers. He was receiving a pension of \$30 a month.

#### Burt.

Mr. Blom is visiting with his son.

Wanted—a gardener. Apply to Bob Wilson.

Arthur Beckman wants someone to break his balky horse.

Mr. Arthur Hosdvedt is an apprentice at the carpenter's trade. Miss Ida Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday on Berndale farm.

Mr. Wesley put in his first day as overseer of road work last Monday.

Eva Prouse and Margie Herzog were in Minot attending summer school.

Camping was enjoyed by the people who went to Missouri river last week.

Mr. John Underdahl had one of his fingers badly hurt on the breaking engine.

Thos. Somers dedicated his new barn with a dance last Thursday night. The best time ever is the report.

Mr. Gilbert Underdahl got the worst of it in a boxing deal several days ago. He's getting everything smashed lately.

"Up on your mettle for the game next Saturday, boys," says Harry Blom, for he wants the game to be a record breaker.

The crops are looking fine around here," says Eva Prouse and Ida Underdahl, who were out inspecting same the first part of the week.

Gunder Kivley, Reuben Prouse, Thos. Somers and Iver Hone have erected large barns. Most of the farmers are now putting in their spare time building and painting.

#### Many Plead Guilty.

Judge Goss is grinding out a good many cases in district court. In addition to those reported last week, Johnson plead guilty to the charge of assault and battery. John Matthews of Portal was acquitted of the charge of grand larceny. John Burke, who entered the Hoffman building and robbed some of the roomers, entered a plea of guilty. None have yet received their sentences.

#### North Prairie Items.

Last Friday the infant son of Frank Morris, who lives on the North Prairie, fell into a tub of water and nearly drowned. The accident was discovered just in time to save him. The little one is reported to be none the worse, however, for its bath, but this should be a warning to mother's to keep a watchful eye on the children.

Furley Bros. of Berthold, who were charged with extortion, were found not guilty in district court last week.

Six large buildings were burned in a fire at Harvey the first of last week. The loss was about \$12,000, with partial insurance.

The St. Paul jobbers made good fellows of themselves at a town up one of the branches. The band boys got out in their uniforms and serenaded the boys from St. Paul, who responded inviting them into their private car and charging them twenty cents apiece for liquid refreshments.

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