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## Moore To Leave Minot Inquest for Editor Neal Exhumed Body of Hank Goertz

### Will Preside over the Grand Forks District-- Vermilya comes to Minot District-- End of successful Conference.

Methodist Conference Concluded. On Monday, Rev. W. R. Morrison, the oldest member of the conference delivered the annual conference sermon from Acts 1:14, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, etc. The need of the "Baptism of the Spirit" was emphasized throughout the address as the great essential need of missionaries in all times and places. The first session of the school of was conducted by Dr. T. S. Henderson, Field Secretary. Dr. Henderson is a man of extraordinary gift and has given the ministers of the conference many helpful suggestions along evangelistic lines.

He teaches that the essential things to keep in mind concerning conversion are:

1. Conviction of sin-- and no two records of conviction are alike.
2. Contrition--"They are pricked in the heart." This experience varies in different people.
3. It must be continuous--that is, it must survive.

The street preaching was under the direction of Rev. Scandell, H. C. Harris, of Leeds and F. W. Gress, of Dickinson, were the speakers last night.

In the evening Dr. Trimbell gave a very eloquent missionary address on China.

Sunday was a general rallying day for methodists. The services were all largely attended and much interest shown.

The bishop preached a very impressive sermon on Sunday morning in Vincent Church to an overflowing audience. Many were not able to enter the church. The afternoon memorial and ordination services were also well attended.

In the evening Dr. Henderson preached to a crowded house and upon the close of this service the appointment of ministers for the year was read by the bishop. There were many important changes. Dr. Powell is reappointed to Vincent Church and his people are satisfied. But while Minot welcomes back Dr. Powell they regret the loss of Dr. Moore, who has become transferred to the Grand Forks District.

There was general satisfaction expressed by the visiting ministers, declaring that they never were greeted with warmer hearted hospitality.

The twenty-second annual conference of the North Dakota Methodist conference closed a most successful session last evening, with services at the Methodist church. Dr. Henderson preached the closing sermon and the transfers and appointments were announced by Bishop Goodsell.

The delegates are unanimous in their praise of the citizens of Minot for their entertainment, and of the energy, enthusiasm and bustle of Minot, the Magic City. Resolutions thanking the citizens of Minot, President; Elder Moore, Dr. Powell, Bishop Goodsell, the speakers at the conference were passed.

The appointments follow: Minot District Presiding Elder--Charles E. Vermilya.

Alexander--J. S. Miller; Ambrose, Benj. Babcock; Antler, J. C. Cook. Bottineau, D. S. Scodeng; Balfour, Mark Osmund; Bowbells, W. J. Smith; Buford Mission, I. B. March. Cando, A. J. Allen; Carrington, F. M. McCoy; Cathay, E. O. Grimes; Churches Ferry, R. M. Ackerman; Cooperstown, H. C. Kispauigh; Columbus, J. W. Ellington. Darcy, C. D. Locklin; Des Lacs, William Bennett; Devils Lake, T. A. Oisen; Donnybrook and Carpio, Edward Andrews; Dunseith, Montague Bickle.

Flora, to be supplied. Glenburn, Gilmore Cunningham; Grano, G. A. Tennant; Granville, W. J. Snow. Harvey, C. F. Sewrey. Kenmare, E. G. Price; Kense, W. F. Butman. Lansford, T. J. Watts; Leeds, H. S. Harris.

Minot, G. L. Powell; Minot Circuit,

P. O. Tagus, J. Vosey; Missouri Mission, E. B. Polege; Mohall, W. J. Walker.

New Rockford, S. F. Beer. Overly and Omamee, Peter Davies. Perth, W. A. E. Maddack; Pleasant Lake, to be supplied.

Ray, R. J. Stenson; Rogers, to be supplied; Ross, Fred Conaway; Rolette, A. J. Gany; Rolla, Zachariah James; Rugby, George Snell; Russell, Edwin Bulling.

Sallie and Deering, W. J. Rice; Sherwood, S. F. McCutcheon; Souris, to be supplied; Surrey, Lyman Brung; Starkweather, Peter Ross; Sheyenne, I. E. Turner.

Tolley, A. J. Pitman. Upham and Bantry, R. M. Pratt. Velva, Alfred Coomb.

Williston, F. S. Hollett; Westhope, Alfred Roe; Willow City, W. D. Rice; Wimbeldon, A. M. Henson.

Grand Forks District

Presiding Elder, J. G. Moore.

Aneta, A. Hayes.

Bathgate, F. A. Gossman; Bowesmont, F. C. Nelson.

Cavalier, C. T. Ensign; Crystal, E. L. Mudge.

Drayton, C. E. Davis.

Edmore, C. E. Stinson; Emerald, Fred Buckwalter.

Forest River, W. J. Medland.

Grafton, E. O. Eldridge; Grand Forks, W. W. Moore.

Hamilton, S. Newlove; Hannah, Elmer Duden; Hansboro, E. P. Palmer; Hope, C. L. Wallace; Hunter and Grandin, L. D. Cook; Inkster, O. D. Cannon; Lakota, R. L. McArthur; Langdon, C. A. Bates; Larimore, J. C. Bigelow.

McVelle and Tolna, W. J. Cooper; Milton, R. M. Adair; Mayville, S. Halfyard.

Osnabrock, T. M. Simpson.

Page and Erie, S. L. Hart; Park River, C. E. White; Pembina, Alex. Karr; Petersburg, H. E. White.

Rock Lake, C. D. Gambrial.

St. Thomas, B. A. Burns; Saries, Thos. Burden.

Thompson and Reynolds, William Burns.

Wahalla, W. J. Kensit.

Miscellaneous Appointments

E. P. Robertson, president Wesley college, Grand Forks.

Samuel Halfyard, professor Wesley college.

W. R. Wilson, to attend one of schools.

J. M. Beadles, conference evangelist.

Fargo District

Ashley, J. W. Mahlin.

Berlin and Dickey, O. L. Anthony; Bismarck, Louis Magin; Bowden and Hurdfield, B. F. Donovan.

Casselton, H. P. Cooper; Center, A. W. Brown; Cogswell, S. W. Hover.

Dickinson, F. W. Gress; Douglas Creek, Frank Peterson.

Edgeley, J. I. Asher; Ellendale, E. M. Isaac; Elliott, F. F. Boothby; Enderlin, F. W. Harron.

Fairmount, J. N. Loach; Fargo, Broadway, J. S. DeLong; Fargo, First, H. G. Leonard.

Goodrich and McClusky, A. M. Wiley.

Havana and Looman, F. M. Hews; Hettinger, J. E. McKinney.

Jamestown, J. G. Morrison; Jud and Kennison, W. L. Clough.

LaMoure, C. D. Lewis; Leonard, David Lane; Lidgerwood, F. H. Farrand; Linton, Nathan Wood; Ludden and Guelph, William Wellington.

Mandan, S. E. Bosely; McKenzie, J. H. Kahl; Minnor, to be supplied; Mott, E. E. Strevey.

Napoleon, J. W. McPeck.

Oakes, James Ople; "Orisks," Ira Hammer.

Sheldon, W. R. Morrison; Steele, C. M. Rumsey.

Tyson and Allen, G. Book; Taylor and Gladstone, V. A. Spicker; Tower City, J. W. Danford; Turtle Lake, W. H. Thomas.

Underwood, N. L. Rockwell.

Valley City, James Anderson; Verona and Fairview, to be supplied.

Wahpeton, W. J. Hutcheson; Wheatland, J. W. Ogden; Wyandmere, T. J. Beisel.

Milwaukee Mission, to be supplied.

F. E. Moll, professor in state school of science at Wahpeton.

### Mrs. Rasmussen Who Shot Popular Columbus Editor is Acquitted by Jury--Pigs Indirect Cause of Tragedy.

Coroner Ekrem held an inquest over the body of Editor Neal, who was shot and killed by Mrs. Rasmussen, wife of a merchant of Columbus. The jury, A. J. Paulson, Harley E. Potter and High Road, decided that the man met an accidental death from a rifle held in the hands of Mrs. Rasmussen. The poor woman who is almost out of her mind from the effects of shooting one of her best friends, is to be pitied. The accident was a very natural one when one takes into consideration the condition of the surroundings. The blind pigs are indirectly the cause of the death of Editor Neal.

The better citizens of Columbus decided some time ago that the pigs must go and notified them. This caused some of the holder piggers to remonstrate with the citizens, and one of them chased a business man in the street the day before the tragedy, with a shot gun. Rasmussen, a Columbus merchant, was one who did what he could to get rid of the law breaking element, and Editor Neal stood back of him.

Mrs. Rasmussen feared that her husband was in danger, and nervous when he left home that night, in response to a fire alarm, at about half past eleven o'clock, and as he left she warned him that he had better remain with her, that the fire was perhaps a ruse of the piggers to get him away from her. The husband took down the rifle, a 25-30, and told her to use it if necessary to protect herself. She sat in a nervous condition

for some time, looking for almost anything to happen.

When Editor Neal, all out of breath ran up to the rear of Rasmussen's house, for a key, that he might get into Rasmussen's store and secure another fire extinguisher, the woman cried out, "Who's there?" No answer came. Neal was unable to say a word. The back door was open and the man could be seen standing outside the screen door. The woman picked up the rifle and taking aim, fired. Neal fell over dead, the bullet passing thru his shoulder, just above the arm pit, plowing its way thru the third and fourth vertebrae, splitting them, lodging under the left scapula. Mrs. Rasmussen phoned over town that she had murdered a man, and an excited crowd soon came running to her home.

The woman has been in a terrible frame of mind and for a time it was feared that she would lose her mind entirely.

She cannot be blamed in the least for the accident.

Neal was 24 years of age, single and popular. He had lived in Columbus since the town was started over a year ago. His remains have been shipped to Waterloo, Iowa, his old home, there to be interred. He leaves an old mother, and a brother.

Mrs. Rasmussen is well known in Minot, having visited here often. She is a cousin of Hon. C. A. Johnson, one of our representatives.

### Burlington Man Who Killed Brother Has Practically Convicted Himself by His Testimony Before State's Attorney McGee.

The remains of Hank Goertz, who was shot and killed by his brother Abe in a quarrel at Burlington, were interred in Rose Hill cemetery in this city last Friday. Judge Murray, before whom Abe Goertz was arraigned, was not satisfied with the report of the condition of the man's body, and ordered the remains exhumed, and the head taken off. The judge will examine the forehead particularly for powder marks, endeavoring to prove that the man was very close to the dead man when the shot was fired.

Abe Goertz was arrested by Sheriff Lee Friday afternoon as he was drinking whiskey with a friend near some box cars near the Soo depot. Goertz did not know Sheriff Lee when that officer walked up to him, and said, "There is a man over town who wishes to speak to you." Goertz looked dumbfounded and asked who

it was and was informed that it was State's Attorney, Geo. McGee. He walked along with the sheriff and said "Who are you, you have the best of me." Lee replied that he had met Goertz in Burlington and the man did not know that the officer had a warrant for his arrest until after he had appeared before McGee and answered questions, which in itself will probably send him to the penitentiary for five or ten years.

Goertz told all about the shooting but failed to give a good reason why he had pulled the gun. There is evidence that Hank Goertz struck Abe, but Abe could have gotten away and at no time was his life in danger. Abe Goertz is charged with murder in the first degree and the defense will be represented at the hearing on Oct. 29, by Attorney Joe. Denoyer.

## Is Kelley a Wheat Thief?

### Man Who Worked for Farmer Near Minot Under Three Different Names, Arrested in Minneapolis--Bound Over to District Court Under \$1000.

W. T. Kelley, who worked for Swanson under the name of Frank Martin, and who is known to have traveled under the cognomen of at least another name, was arrested in the Minneapolis postoffice last Thursday, by a police officer of that city at the request of Chief of Police Hagen, and he is now in the county jail charged with stealing a load of wheat from Wm. Myers and disposing of it at the Farmers' Elevator. The man worked for Myers for several days, but quit as soon as he had to show his hand. He was never built for heavy work. Smoking cigarettes seems to be his long suit. Kelley or Martin is said to have borrowed a wagon from Deeter, who lives near the Myers place. He is alleged to have hired a team from Johnson's livery barn, one Sunday night, stating that while his cousin was on his way to Minot with a load of wheat, one of

A. his horses was injured near town. Instead, it is believed he went right to the Deeter home, securing the wagon, and helped himself to Myers' wheat, bringing the load into Minot that night. The next day, according to belief, the man sold the load to the elevator, receiving \$51.49. The man who sold the wheat drew his money in the name of F. C. Harris.

Leaving Minot, the fellow had his mail forwarded to him at Minneapolis. Hagen learned of this and sent a blind letter to him, from the Morrill hotel, having it forwarded with his other mail. Hagen went to the cities, stationed the police in the post office and went out. The man came in, called for his mail, got the letter and was nabbed.

He claims that he is innocent, and cannot explain why he went under so many names.

### Mark Nelson is Popular

Calgary Albertan; There is nothing doing in boxing circles, though many of the local followers of the game commonly known as the squared circle are very anxious to see Adams or "Big Boy" come through and take Mark Nelson's challenge up. Mark, who is very popular in Calgary, and has a good reputation in this town, is willing to give either of the men 35 pounds in weight and box under any rules. The statement made that both Adams and "Big Boy" will not take Nelson on, as he is not of their class, is ridiculous. Nelson has a better reputation in the boxing business than either man, and if they have a hunch that it will be easy pickings with the boy from Minot, they have only to cover his money. One thing is assured, they will draw a very large house and can clean up considerable. The last contest was such a rotten one that the Calgary public would like to see either Adams or "Big Boy" up against a proposition the style of Nelson, who can certainly go some.

There is some talk of a match between Billy Lauder and Young Dixon, but this is practically impossible, as the colored lad cannot make the required weight. Dixon is improving greatly with every appearance, and will make a good artist in time.

A new and very valuable privilege is being offered by T. E. Tenney, of Sawyer, to anyone making a farm loan through him. The papers provide that when the five years are up, the borrower may either pay off the mortgage, or, without extra expense, or recording of new papers, may keep the money for five more years at 7%.

Minot Granite and Marble Works, See right-of-way, one block east Court House, is now open for business.

### Public Sale

I will sell at public auction on Thursday, Nov. 7, at my farm, 9 miles north and 3 miles west of Minot, Section 28, Twp. 157, Range 83, the following:

HORSES--1 light bay gelding, weight 1200 lbs.; 1 chestnut gelding, weight 1200 lbs.; 1 light bay gelding (trotter) weight 1000 lbs.; 1 light bay mare, weight 1100 lbs.; 1 light bay mare, weight 1200 lbs.; 1 dark bay mare, weight 1450 lbs.; 1 gray mare, weight 1100 lbs.

CATTLE--1 two-year-old beef (short horn) 1400 lbs.; 6 head of cattle.

CHICKENS--50 chickens--Plymouth Rocks, Brahmas, Leghorns.

MACHINERY--Plows, drags, mowers, horse-rakes, sleds, wagons, buggies.

30 tons of good hay. HARNESS--10 sets of harness, double and single; 10 good horse collars.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS--Lounge, carpets, chairs and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE--All sums under \$10 cash, all over \$10, 12 months' credit with interest at 6 per cent will be given. All sums over \$10, 4 per cent off will be given, if paid on this date. Free lunch at noon. Sale commences at 10 o'clock a. m., sharp.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Minot, N. D. Henry Hecht, Auctioneer.

Minot Markets.

CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY	
Wheat, No. 1	98
" No. 2	90
Durum No. 1	68
Flax, No. 1	97 and 98
White Oats	38
Barley	60
" No. 3	75
Rye	64
Potatoes	50

## Game Warden Has New Ideas

### State Game Warden Smith Would Make Hunting Season Shorter--Deer Fast Disappearing From the State.

State Game Warden W. N. Smith of Grafton, spent Saturday in Minot. The warden made the Independent a pleasant call. He said: "I am pleased with the manner in which the Independent assisted in restraining unlawful shooting, for I feel that it is better to prevent crime than permit it and punish for it later."

Mr. Smith has his office in good shape and is keeping a record of what is being done over the state-- something that never was done before by any of his predecessors. Mr. Smith would like to see the game laws changed somewhat and is working with that end in view. For instance, he would change the season, making it open only from Sept. 15 until Oct. 15. This would give the young birds a chance to become stronger, thereby taking better care of themselves, besides the farmer would have most of their crops out of the way of the hunters. The farmers would be able to do a little hunting themselves, besides. He would favor introducing Chinese Pheasants and quail into this state and would provide game preserves. The warden went to Williston to study the deer situation, and will have some recommendations for the preservation of that game after he has looked over the field.

He believes that with the clearing out of the brush along the river, the deer will disappear over into Montana and says that it will be but a short time until there will be no deer whatever in North Dakota. Over 2,500 resident permits were disposed of in Ward county this year and two non-resident permits. Only 1,443 were given out last year.

C. J. Mayberry, a prominent citizen of Winona, Minn., was the guest of his brother-in-law, Grant S. Youmans, the land man, Saturday.

FOR SALE--Three good young work oxen, weight about 1600 lbs, harness also. Price \$185, a sharp. C. C. Almy 9 miles north of Burlington, N. D.

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