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Killing of Goertz Not Justified

Prominent Attorney Repudiates the Statement of G. J. Robbin---Pool Rooms are Stool Pigeons to Blind Pigs.

James Johnson, an old time resident of Burlington, repudiates the statement made by G. J. Robbins, of that place, and published in the Ward County Reporter, under date of Oct. 23, wherein he says that the sentiment of the people of Burlington is that the shooting by Abe Goertz was justified. Johnson says that the public in and around Burlington are opposed to law breaking of all kinds, and believes that the so-called pool rooms in small places like Burlington are most damnable and as a rule stool pigeons for blind pigs of the worst type as they serve as a decoy for our young boys and the hope that they at least should receive some benefits from the prohibition law, is blasted. Be that as it may, he protests against the publication that we believe that one person is justified in shooting and killing another, whether they are blind piggers or pool room ven-

ders, or both, or whether they be brothers, or whether one brother shares honestly with the other in the money received in those places from adults or minors, of tender ages that they invite into their places, will not excuse one brother for killing another, and the law abiding citizens in and around Burlington, in general, condemns the deed in the strongest manner possible. Mr. Johnson says: "We all deplore the occurrence, and while our heart goes out in sympathy for that good wife who is left to suffer, and our purse will be opened if she be in need, both we condemn the deed and must emphatically deny that any person is justified in carrying concealed weapons, in and about Burlington, and we protest in the strongest manner possible that it is the general sentiment that Abe Goertz was not justified in killing his brother Hank on the streets of Burlington, on the 9th day of October, last."

Goertz Held to \$10,000 Bail

Burlington Man who Killed his Brother, Hank Goertz, Bound Over for Manslaughter---No Attept to Introduce Defense.

Abe Goertz, the slayer of his brother Hank, at Burlington, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Wallace at Burlington, Tuesday, State's Attorney McGee representing the state. Goertz was bound over to the district court under \$10,000 bonds for manslaughter, which he failed to furnish, and is

now sojourning with Sheriff Lee. Goertz was represented by Attorney Denoyer, and no attempt was made to introduce any testimony by the defense. Considerable testimony was given by witnesses for the state, the story being practically the same as that in a recent issue of the Independent.

Miss A. C. Bell

The subject of this sketch was born in the Township of St. Vincent, Grey county Ont., about 4 miles from the town of Meaford, which is situated on the south shore of the Georgian Bay.

Miss Bell was a descendant of the Scottish Covenanters by both father and mother. Her parents came to the backwoods and located on Lot 6 in the Fourth concession of the above named Township and experienced all trials and privations of pioneer life, there being no stores, mills, churches, schools, etc., nearer than about one hundred miles.

They were very strict church going and Sabbath keeping people, and before there was any opportunity of having a minister of the gospel come into the neighborhood, they held prayer meetings in private houses and shanties.

Miss Bell was early trained in Bible reading and the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which last she had committed to memory before she was 12 years old, and of all the books of the Bible, she preferred St. John's gospel, and committed a large portion of it to memory. She united with the church early in life and was always a regular attendant at church and Sabbath school services. In the year 1887 she came to Mouse River, where she has lived with her brother, J. D. Bell, until her death.

During her residence here Miss Bell had many true and sincere friends, who loved and respected her for her sterling worth and consistent uprightness of life, and for her sympathy and help in times of sickness and trouble, which she so freely gave.

In her last illness she bore her extreme suffering with great patience; seldom an impatient word escaping her, and always trying to spare those taking care of her as much as possible.

Her life's journey finally ended, her immortal spirit left the frail tenement on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a. m.

Her trust was: "He is faithful

that promised," and "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

The funeral was held from the Baptist church in Minot, on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2:30 p. m., a large number of the friends from Logan, St. Carl and Minot attending, the Rev. E. P. Lawrence, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Minot conducting a very impressive service, after which the funeral cortege proceeded to Rose Hill Cemetery where the remains were laid away to await the resurrection.

The pallbearers were Messrs. D. Forbes, Robert Waldref, E. D. Waldref, W. McDermid, Aune and J. Mastad.

David R. Pierce

Interesting Account of the Life of a Brilliant Lawyer and a Prominent Mason.

(Omitted by error last week)

A gloom was cast over Minot's business and professional men when it was learned that David R. Pierce, "Kenmare's Grand Old Man," had passed away the night before at his home in that city where he had been lying at the point of death ever since last May. While everyone fully expected to hear the sad news, yet they could not realize what the loss of this man would mean to the Northwest, and many are only now realizing that the voice of one of Ward county's brightest attorneys, and truest men is stilled forever.

The funeral was held from the home of the deceased Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and was by far the largest ever known in Ward county. The obsequies were in charge of the Masons entirely and more than one hundred members of that fraternity from Canada and the Northwest, assembled to do honor to the man who for so many years was at the head of that body—a man who lived up to the teachings of that lodge in a manner that others might well follow.

Short funeral services were held from the residence, after which the body was taken to the cemetery a short distance south of that city where the remains were interred. The services at the grave, conducted by the Knights Templar, were most impressive.

The deceased was Commander of the DeMalay commandery of this city, and at its organization took a very prominent part, being one of the committee of three to select its name.

Members of the Eastern Star and Masons from the Portal; Bowbells, Minot and many other lodges participated in the services at the grave.

"Nearer My God to Thee" was sung as the casket was lowered to the last resting place.

The floral offerings were elaborate and extremely beautiful.

The Minot Masons left this city Sunday about noon on a special train and returned about seven in the evening. Nearly fifty Masons from Minot attended.

David R. Pierce was born at Lexington, Maine, Feb. 4, 1848, therefore was 59 years, 8 months and 14 days old at the time of death.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was raised in Labanns Lodge No. 59, Great Falls, N. H., and was Past Commander of Palestine Commandry at Rochester, N. H. He was a member of the Eleppa Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Boston, Mass., and was Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32 Degree, Edward A. Raymond Lodge of Nashua, N. H.

Not only has the Northwest lost a brilliant lawyer, but his place in Masonic circles cannot be filled at this time.

The deceased lived in Kenmare for the past eight years, and at the time of his death was associated with Attorney Clark.

Prior to locating at Kenmare, Mr. Pierce lived at Fargo.

For some years in the early part of his life Mr. Pierce was a teacher.

He leaves a wife who has the sympathy of hundreds of friends.

Ross Elevator Closes.

Owing to the stringency of the money market, Wm. McCutchin was compelled to close his elevator at Ross. He was doing business thru the Atwood-Larson Co., of Duluth, and this concern was hit temporarily like all the other commission firms and the Ross Elevator soon found that there were eight thousand dollars' worth of drafts out for which there was no money—at present. This amount will all be paid shortly. McCutchin is a good, square fellow and the closing of the elevator was thru no cause which he could help.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call hence our esteemed brother, R. W. Davidson, whose example was most worthy, not only as a man but as a Mason, therefore, be it Resolved, by the members of the West Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of which he was a member, that we hereby extend to the widow our sincere and

heartfelt sympathy, in this hour of great bereavement. Be it

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, in honor of our Brother who has been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to his Lodge Above; and, be it Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Minot Optic, the Minot Reporter, and the Ward County Independent for publication, and that a copy be forwarded to Mrs. R. W. Davidson.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1907.

L. A. LARSON, W. M.

By order of

JAMES JOHNSON,
D. A. KIMBALL,
G. D. COLCORD,
Committee.

EAR TORN NEARLY OFF

Soo Pumper Frightfully Hurt When Clothing is Caught in Gasoline Engine.

Iver Galland, who had charge of the Soo pumping station in this city, was nearly killed Saturday when his clothing became caught in the gearing of the gasoline engine. He was whirled around the shaft, two fingers broken and his ear more than half torn off. Galland was gritty and refused to take chloroform while the Soo surgeon took twenty stitches in his head.

COL. A. HANSGOM IS DEAD

Former Receiver of Minot Land Office, and Father of Mrs. J. M. Devine, Dies at Towner—Funeral Friday in Minot—Remains Brought Here To-day.

Abner L. Hansgom, formerly Receiver of the Minot land office, died at his home at Towner Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. The remains were brought to this city this morning and will be interred in the Rose Hill cemetery Friday afternoon. Short funeral services will be held from the home of his daughter Mrs. J. M. Devine, at 2 o'clock p. m. after which services will be held in the M. E. Church.

The funeral will be in charge of the Masonic Order, and the members of the Minot lodge are asked to meet at the lodge rooms in this city at 1 o'clock sharp, Friday afternoon.

Col. Hansgom was a fine old gentleman and there are thousands of friends over the state who regret most sincerely his departing hence.

We will give an account of his noble life in our next issue.

J. A. Roell has a dandy stove display at his hardware store, and is advertising his large stock this week. Mr. Roell lets the buyers take them to their homes on approval, returning them if satisfaction is not given. Mr. Roell has a beautiful stove display, having nine stoves in his window—a good sized stock in itself.

Minot Lodge of Elks Instituted

Brilliant Function Saturday---Plans Being Perfected for a \$60,000 Building---Big Sum Already Subscribed.

The Minot Lodge of Elks, No. 1089, was instituted at Jacobson's opera house Saturday night and such an array of brilliant notables from all over the state was never before present in this city at one time. Minot was completely given over to the Elks Saturday, and the visiting members say they were never before treated so royally.

Great preparations for the big event had been made. Nearly every business house in the city was decorated in the colors of the Elks and dozens of elk heads adorned the display windows. The Elk colors were everywhere to be seen.

The crowd began to arrive the day before, but most of the visitors arrived at 2:55 on the special over the Great Northern. This train brought the lodges from Fargo, Crookston, Grand Forks and Jamestown, and there fully three hundred visitors.

The parade which took place immediately after the arrival of the train was by far the most gorgeous and best arranged of any ever attempted in this city.

"I have seen Elk parades right in New York city," an old Elk stated to an independent reporter, "and do you know, this beats any I have ever seen."

The parade was over half a mile long. The costumes were very unique and stunning. Two bands from this city participated. Dozens of little girls and boys on horseback, dressed in the Elk colors, presented a very handsome appearance. Several of Minot's swellest turnouts, decorated in grand style in the colors were in the parade. Horsemen with gaily decorated horses were most attractive. Secretary of State Blaisdell and Judge Goss rode in a wonderful vehicle of five wheels. There were hundreds of other interesting features which we have not the space to mention.

The Minot lodge consists of 200 members and from seven until twelve o'clock Saturday night was spent in initiatory work. The Minot lodge held an executive session that night when the following officers were elected:

Exalted Ruler—Judge L. D. Palda
Esteemed Leading Knight—C. A. Grow
Esteemed Loyal Knight—R. C. Sanborn
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—James Scofield.

DRAYMAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Fred Condroy, Employed by the Minot Grocery Co., Falls Beneath Heavy Load and is Crushed to Death—Team Became Frightened.

Fred Condroy, a drayman for the Minot Grocery Co., was instantly killed under the G. N. viaduct, when his team became frightened at a switch engine, throwing him out and the heavy load on the wagon passing over his chest. The man gasped once or twice and was dead.

Condroy asked the switch engineer to spot the car, and did not take the pains to drive his team away from the track. The engineer whistled, which frightened the team and they started to tear up things in general. Condroy was thrown from the dray, in front of the wheels, and his body was dragged along under the front wheel for ten feet, before the load finally passed over him, causing instant death.

The body was taken at once to McJannet's morgue where an inquest was held. No one but the young man himself could be blamed for the terrible accident.

Condroy was a fine young fellow about twenty-five years of age and his death is to be deplored.

Secretary—Sam. H. Clark.
Treasurer—R. E. Barron.
Board of Trustees—D. A. Dinnie, P. M. Cole, G. O. Frank.

The following Elks were initiated:

George Von Neida, Thos. F. Russel, P. M. Cole, E. B. Goss, G. S. Youmans, J. H. Scofield, D. C. Greenleaf, John Allen, John A. Bird, Fred A. Lind, A. B. Flatner, Thos. B. Murphy, Henry Bowles, C. R. Hamilton, Geo. W. McKnight, Henry Z. Mitchell, E. D. Kelly, John C. Lowe, L. C. Stearns, Alfred Blaisdell, John D. Taylor, Geo. Leonhardy, N. C. Jackwitz, F. J. Willman, Geo. W. Pierce, L. F. Rutherford, H. H. Steele, Victor Rose, S. L. Smith, Hugh Roan, D. C. Knapp, H. E. Peck, Chas. Baldwin, S. J. Creever, John J. Keavin, O. P. Brigham, L. H. Kermott, Wm. Murray, John G. Shipman, F. C. Severo, E. H. Wiper, F. H. Miller, Ed. T. Pierson, Duncan Cameron, A. E. Paulson, Fred M. White, A. H. Makee, Fred A. Sinclair, Geo. E. Kermott, A. P. Slocum, John S. Ferguson, B. H. Bradford.

Those admitted to membership by demit are as follows:

James Dwyer, R. C. Sanborn, Thos. Storey, Geo. W. Kemper, R. T. Frost, L. J. Palda, Jr., D. A. Dinnie, Guy O. Frank, C. E. Sweet, J. E. Burke, M. H. Scholberg, Francis J. Murphy, Wm. L. Buttz, Geo. A. McGee, R. E. Barron, Sam H. Clark, Louis Huber, Geo. L. Ryerson, F. C. Ripley, E. S. Eitzmaurice, W. J. Carroll, E. M. Larson, S. A. Sorenson, John J. Coyle, Chas. J. Wasem, O. C. Anderson, W. B. Palmer, Fred Hall, Chas. A. Grow, M. O. Hall, J. A. McGregor.

The banquet which was served at the Leland hotel was by far the grandest thing of the kind ever attempted in Minot. The spacious hall was decorated with the colors.

The Minot lodge of Elks promises to be the banner lodge of the state, and a \$60,000 building has already been planned. Late Saturday night, over \$4,000 was raised for such a building, and the following trustees appointed:

D. A. Dinnie, G. O. Frank and Percy Cole.

This committee will select a site, and are thinking strongly of buying the Mrs. Lottie Scofield corner on Main and Third.

Observations on Route No. 4.

We are having pleasant weather. There is still some threshing to do yet. Machines are hard to get.

Last Thursday morning, Rev. D. D. Zook and his sister Mrs. D. M. Shertz of Newton, Kansas, are here visiting their sister, Mrs. D. C. Plank and friends.

H. E. Ronk moved to Minot last week. He has secured a position at the Soo station.

Miss Blanch Wehe went to Ryder on Saturday.

L. S. Glick will soon start for Pennsylvania.

Jesse Coy moved to Ohio last week. Mr. A. C. Walker has rented his farm.

Miss Lizzie Yoder went to Kenmare last week to attend a wedding. She reports a fine time.

T. D. Teets is building a new barn and henhouse.

Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Palmer are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy and girl, twins, born Oct. 5, mother and babes doing fine.

Mrs. Ben McDonell of Burlington is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jas. Wilson of this place.

Miss Irene Pike is home from Glenburn for the present.

Little Alex and Mabel McDonell of Burlington are visiting their grandmother of the place.

Jean Palmer had his hand badly crushed in his threshing rig a short time ago.

Charlie Maunders has built a fine new house this fall.

Lost—A Pointer pup, brown and white, scar on front leg. Collar on. Return to Dr. Sweet for reward.

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