

YOUNG MAN WRITES INDEPENDENT SASSY LETTER

The independent readers will remember an article in our last list headed, "Fight duel with Fists." We mentioned no names, and told the story as it was told to us. Evidently one of the principles does not like our style of writing, so sent us a communication concerning it, which we reproduce just as he wrote it: Independent, Dear Sir: In regard to a piece in your last week's issue concerning a mix-up in one of the business places in this city, I wish you to correct the party or parties and also the readers of your paper. Whosoever furnished you with such valuable information, concerning that scrap, was some senseless creature who got it from ear-say. The young lady who appeared at the close of the scrap knows as much about it, as the person who told you of it and that person who said that any girl advised the two boys to fin-

ish it in the back alley, is a "Red hot Liar." Trusting you will give this as just a place in our paper as piece referred to, I am, Yours truly, K. Evidently, the writer of the above is the young man who received the licking, and likewise lost his best gal. We might state for his information that the party who gave us the information is reliable in every respect, and happened to see the fight, and took mental notes, round by round. We would advise the young man that if he should get any more notions to do the Jeffries act, it might help him in a financial way if he'd secure a pair of boxing gloves, advertise the bout in advance, and get a crowd to enjoy the affair, even if it did cost him a pair of polished optics.

SOUTH PRAIRIE

Mr. Kruckenkaker is in Minot taking charge of the Robinson elevator in the absence of Mr. Elliot.

John Stoies was in our neighborhood Wednesday morning extending Christmas greetings to his old friends and neighbors.

Mr. Anton Weber is enjoying a visit from his brother, Mr. John Weber of Canada and his friend, Mr. Clarence Johnson of Goodyou, Minn.

The boys from "The Camp" were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. W. R. Foster.

Two points of view: Looking on the bright side, that's the way to go.

All the time the right side, summer time or snow.

—The Optimist.

"Will the winter never be over?"

Will the dark days never go

Will the violets and the clover

Be always hid under the snow?

—The Pessimist.

The snow storm of Tuesday prevented many who intended attending the Christmas programs at the Shady and Liberty school-houses from being present, however, a large number were there and the entertainments were pronounced a success.

Mr. M. O. Hulberg, who has been in Minot serving on the jury, is spending a Christmas vacation with his family.

Mr. Field is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. O. Hulberg.

The many friends of Mr. John Kane will be pleased to learn that the knee fracture sustained by his son Louis a few weeks ago is not proving as serious as was at first feared.

The ladies of the Union Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Shay Thursday, Jan. 2. A large attendance is desired for at this meeting. The offer made by the Methodists for the erection of a church on South Prairie will be considered.

The next meeting of the Lutheran Aid will be with Mrs. M. O. Hulberg. Mrs. Louis Irving is enjoying a visit from her mother.

The low prices paid for live meats is causing many farmers to dress their beef and pork and sell it direct to the consumer. Farmers can not be expected to accept low prices and pay high ones.

Mr. Wm. Whortley is pleased with his success in obtaining a good well near his house. Mr. Christensen did the drilling and struck a deep water vein when down only thirty feet.

Advice to Mothers: Don't let your children waste away. Keep them strong and healthy during the winter with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It is the greatest tonic for children. Pure and harmless, does the greatest good. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

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TWO SUICIDES

W. R. Montgomery, a Tioga hardware merchant, committed suicide in a room in the Hoffman block about eight o'clock Monday evening, by taking six ounces of wood alcohol and corrosive sublimate.

Montgomery was despondent over business matters. He had been engaged in the hardware and implement business at Tioga for the past two years in partnership with Thorsen, but sold out recently to Mr. Thorsen. Because Thorsen failed to give an accounting of the business, and thus enable Montgomery to make final settlement of the matter, he grew despondent. He came to Minot two weeks ago and secured the services of J. J. Coyle, an attorney, and the trial was set for Jan. 5. Montgomery had been drinking some during the day and that evening went into his room and sat on the edge of the bed. He took the bottle of poison from his pocket, which he had purchased from the Tioga Drug Co. four days previously in anticipation of his departure hence, and swallowed two ounces of the stuff. He realized that it would be better to make some statement to someone before he left this cold, cold world forever, so he called Mr. Stevenson into the room and showed him the bottle. He said, "It's all off with me. I know what it means. It's six feet long and three feet wide" meaning the grave. Stevenson tried to get the bottle away from the desperate man, but he placed it in his pocket. Stevenson becoming alarmed, went out for help and returned in a minute or so. The man took advantage of his absence and drank nearly all of the remaining poison, placing the stopper in the bottle again and throwing it under the dresser.

Assistance arrived, but too late to do anything for the man. Judge Murray was one of the first to come and the man made some statement or other to him. Doctors used stomach pumps in vain but the deadly poison had gotten in its work. In five minutes he was unconscious and in three hours his spirit had fled.

The body was removed at once to McJanett's undertaking rooms. His father, who lives at Garden Plain, Whiteside Co., Ill., was notified of the deed, and word was received from him to ship the body, which was done accordingly on New Year's day.

The dead man leaves a wife and two children in Illinois. Owing to

ill health of one of his daughters, it was impossible for her to live in this climate, and the fact that the man was away from his family, may have had something to do with his act.

L. C. Nelson, one of Kenmare's most prominent farmers, committed suicide Saturday morning by hanging himself from one of the rafters of his barn. When his little eight year old boy went out to call his father to breakfast, the lad was startled to see his father's body dangling from the end of a rope and he was dead.

Nelson was a wealthy farmer, owning 240 acres of fine land six miles north of Kenmare and his health was the best.

He was much respected by his neighbors and was considered a model farmer.

A few days before the deed happened he remarked to his wife: "If anything should happen to me, be good to the children." She thought little of the remark at the time. The man leaves a wife and four children, who are grief stricken.

The mandamus issued Dec. 9, returnable Dec. 30, to show cause why the County Commissioners had not passed a resolution submitting the proposition to form the county of Mountrail, to ballot at the next general election, was brot before Judge Goes Monday. The commissioners appeared with State's Attorney McGee and Asst. Murphy and filed a return to the writ practically admitting all of the facts of the petition, but stated that the petition for the establishment of Lake county had been filed previously, and they believe that according to our statutes, only one such question can be considered at a general election. The statute plainly says that a vote on such a proposition must be decided by voting two ballots, one marked, "For new county" and another marked, "Against new county." If more than one county proposition were to be voted upon, each voter would be given an opportunity to vote upon both questions.

The constitutional question was also raised, as to the right to form new counties and have in them parts of two legislative districts. In the case of Mountrail, the new county would have in it, parts of the 38th and 44th legislative districts. This is clearly prohibited by the state constitution.

Judge Goes referred the matter to Judge Templeton for discussion, and it will be argued at 10 a. m.

St. Carl. Rob Waldref returned from Rochester where he went through a difficult operation successfully. We are glad to note that he thereby was relieved of great sufferings. Christmas service was conducted by Rev. N. A. Larson Dec. 26 in both Norwegian and English language; both were largely attended and everybody enjoyed as usual a very good sermon.

A Christmas festival was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hanson last Friday by a number of neighbors and the thought was given strength that the thought can be observed very beautifully in the good old Norsk way yet.

A basket social was held at the Nelson home recently by Miss Dahl and her school, and the same was a great success in every way.

Syvret Sangstad is down from Ray enjoying Christmas at home.

Mrs. W. C. Golly and child left for Missouri, there to join her husband who left her some time ago, where they expect to take up their future home. We shall all miss them very much.

Fred Weatherwax has returned from Rochester, Minn., where he submitted to an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to note that he has fully recovered. He was able to be out of bed six days after the operation.

An Elm tree, seven inches in diameter and thirty feet high, was moved from the woods along the river, to the F. J. Lyman home on the South hill Tuesday. The frozen dirt around the roots was moved with the tree and the whole thing made a tremendous bulk nearly three tons in weight. The tree was placed on a sled and hauled to the lawn where it was set out. This is the way to move large trees, and this one will surely thrive in its new location. It took a workman just a week to do the transplanting. The tree is a beauty and would grace any lawn.

Attorney Arthur Le Sueur has returned from a sojourn of several months in various parts of southern California. Mrs. LeSueur remained for several months more of the warm sunshiny weather. Art had nothing to do for a long time but to lie in the hot sand along the beach and think up yarns to tell his friends upon his return, and he's making good. He looks fat, brown and sassy, and says he returned only on account of the pressure of business.

Houde Leaves.

O. J. Houde the genial manager of the Chicago Clothing store is now residing on his claim southwest of the city. Mr. Shedoisky from St Paul, has charge of the store. Mr. Houde has made a host of friends in Minot who regret that he is to leave our business circle and trust that he will be with us again. Mr. Shedoisky is a capable young business man, and will make good in this city.

Hyde Returns

Clarence Hyde, who managed the Minot Drug Co. until about a year ago, has returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where he has been engaged in the drug business during that period and will manage the Minot store. Mr. Hyde is a thoro druggist, and his many Minot friends are glad that he has returned.

It fills the arteries with rich, red blood, makes new flesh, and healthy men, women and children. Nothing can take its place; no remedy has done so much good as Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets. —McCoy & Co.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ss. In District Court, Eighth Judicial Dist. County of Ward, ss. Jourgren Olson, Plaintiff, vs. William Engler, and Guy O. Frank and C. L. Prescott, partners under the firm and style of Frank & Prescott, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a special execution to me directed and delivered, and now in my hands, issued out of the Clerk's office in the Eighth Judicial District Court, State of North Dakota, in and for the County of Ward, upon a judgment and decree of foreclosure, in the above entitled action, decreeing that a certain conditional bill of sale, entered into by William Engler, one of the defendants above named and Bontell Brothers, a co-partnership of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and which contract was assigned by said Bontell Brothers to Jourgren Olson, the above named plaintiff, be foreclosed, and that the property therein described be sold by the undersigned, as public auction, and which judgment was rendered in said court in favor of Jourgren Olson against William Engler, and Guy O. Frank and C. L. Prescott, co-partners under the firm name and style of Frank & Prescott.

I have seized and have in my possession certain personal property described in said conditional bill of sale, as follows, to-wit: Kitchen utensils, cooling stencils, seats, chairs, tables and furnishings, new situated in the Dining Room and Kitchen of the Lexington Hotel, in the City of Minot, and that I shall on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1908, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, in the Dining Room of said Lexington Hotel, in the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota, pursuant to an order of the Honorable E. B. Goes, Judge, proceed to sell the right, title and interest of the above named William Engler, in and to the above described property, to satisfy said judgment, and costs, amounting to Nin Hundred Nine Dollars and Sixty Five Cents, (\$909.65) together with all the accruing costs of sale, and interest on the same from the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1908, at the rate of seven per cent per annum, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.

Minot Markets. CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY
Wheat..... 94
Macaroni..... 75
Flax..... 99
Oats..... 45
Barley..... 47

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wickey, southwest of the city.
The person who picked up the five dollar bill lost by T. Thompson in Drady P. O. had better return it to owner and save trouble, as he is known. t1

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TREASURER'S REPORT

For Holt school district No. 19, county of Ward, state of North Dakota, for the year 1907-1908.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at beginning of school year, July 1, 1907	\$ 907.90
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the state tuition fund	219.64
Total amount received during the year from the apportionment of the county tuition fund	102.01
Amount received during the year from taxes levied by the district school board, including outstanding warrants redeemed or ordered in the collection of taxes	1098.78
Total receipts for the year, including cash on hand July 1, 1907	\$3028.42

EXPENDITURES

Amount paid during the year for school houses, sites and furniture	\$ 300.72
Amount paid during the year for apparatus, fixtures, etc.	198.32
Amount paid during the year for teachers' wages	890.00
Amount paid during the year for services and expenses of school officers	55.00
Total expenditures for the year	\$1884.04
Cash on hand June 30, 1907	644.38
Grand total, expenditures and cash on hand, to balance above total receipts	\$3028.42

O. R. Brown,
Treasurer of Holt school district No. 19.
Approved this 10th day of Dec. A. D. 1907.
JOHN WASSER, President.
Attest: JOSEPH R. KOEHL, Clerk.
(\$S 814 and 850, Amended Revised Codes 1899)

CLERK'S STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT

Whole amount of warrants outstanding June 30, 1907	\$ 537.29
Total indebtedness of district June 30, 1907	\$ 537.29

Approved this 10th day of Dec. A. D. 1907.
By order of the district school board:
JOSEPH R. KOEHL, Clerk.

There Are Two Roads

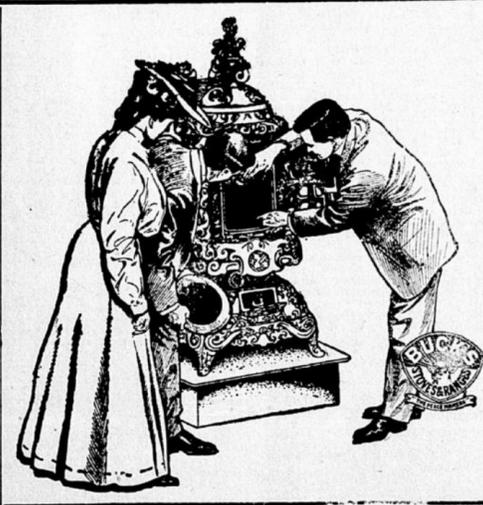


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