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## Ernie Tompkins Almost Killed

**Big Automobile With A Party Of Five Goes Over Approach To Viaduct—Auto Is A Wreck—Tompkins Was Unconscious A Long Time**

The first auto incident of the season of any consequence occurred on Monday night about 11 o'clock when E. F. Tompkins huge auto car ran over a twenty foot embankment at the viaduct just west of the Minot Steam Laundry. Mr. Tompkins who was driving the car was almost killed and for half an hour was unconscious. There were four other occupants in the car, but they were not badly injured. Miss Ellingson's face and hands were cut. Miss Taylor and Miss Anna Donahue suffered slight bruises while H. H. Berg, one of the employees of the Independent, was injured slightly on the arm.

The accident was exceedingly fortunate under the circumstances. The big machine is almost a wreck. The top was all smashed, and it was badly broken otherwise by the terrible jar,

as it rolled over and over to the foot of the embankment. Mr. Tompkins says the steering wheel failed to work. It had given him trouble before, but the machinist had fixed it, but evidently did not do a good job. As the auto went over, the steering wheel struck Mr. Tompkins fairly in the chest, almost breaking the bone and rendering him unconscious. He was taken from the car as soon as possible and a doctor called. He is recovering slowly from his injuries.

The broken glass from the windshield cut Miss Ellingson.

The party was returning from a visit to Wildwood park and the machine had been placed under terrific speed in order to make the viaduct. The cinders of the embankment gave way letting the hind wheels down first.

ninety-five percent of the wholesale business of the state was done by outside concerns, and thought that we were entitled to fifty per cent of it at least. We came to this state with energy, but no money. Mr. Duis also referred to Minot as a wholesale city, saying that we were 300 miles from Fargo and 200 miles from Grand Forks, and by rights ought to supply the western part of the state.

George Perley of the Fargo College gave an address. He spoke of the educational advantages of Fargo. There are 5000 boys and girls of school age in Fargo and 2500 in Moorhead, across the river. There is a Normal school at Moorhead with an enrollment of 500. The Concordia College in Fargo is well attended. The Sacred Heart Academy is a Catholic institution, and a good school. The Ladies Lutheran Seminary has an enrollment of 300.

There are two business colleges as good as any in the United States.

The North Dakota Agricultural college is an institution that alone will be worth millions of dollars to the farmers of North Dakota this year. The men at the head of the school are of international fame. The Fargo college is an excellent institution of learning.

Gov. Devine concluded the address. He referred to North Dakota as a big state with big people and moving along at a big pace. Fargo has its Forum and its Plumley, the Red

river and Moorhead a splendid people and a good history. Grand Forks has the State University. North Dakota has more people than any other state whose people are desirous of giving their children a good education.

Minot has a population of 7500, which began mostly seven years ago. We paid out a million and a half dollars for freight last year. We have Mouse river. We have Mayor Clark who has the lid on so tight that we are all drinking butter milk. We are going to have the normal school the federal building at a cost of half a million dollars, we had stalwarts and insurgents before June 24, but now they're all republicans.

This state has two and a half million acres of school lands which will some day be worth fifty million dollars. No state has a better school system. We have more churches to the population than any other state. Minot recently completed three elegant new churches, the Methodist at a cost of \$17,000 and the Lutheran at a cost of nearly \$20,000. The new Catholic church is now being built at a cost of \$60,000. This is the state for people with back bone, courage, industry and brains.

Ice cold butter milk and cigars were served to the crowd.

After that, the business men wandered around the city, when at six o'clock their train pulled out.

Miss Anna McNulty, who for a year was head waitress at the Leland Hotel, died at Grand Forks where she was operated upon for appendicitis. She left Minot three weeks ago, intending to accept a po-

sition in Grand Forks, when she became ill. She was a popular young woman and leaves scores of friends in Minot who regret her death. She was 28 years of age. Her parents reside at Fergus Falls, Minn.

## John I. Moore Attempts Suicide

**Depressed Land Man Take Four Ounces of Chloroform In An Endeavor To Forget His Worldly Troubles—Discovered In Time To Save Life**

John I. Moore, the land man, attempted to take his life Sunday morning by chloroforming route. Moore has been financially embarrassed for some time, and Friday negotiated for a loan from the United States Land and Investment Co., securing \$300 from Mr. Youmans on the loan. It was learned later that Moore did not own the land upon which the loan was made and Mr. Youmans secured officer Hagen to look Moore up. The officer going to Moore's apartments over the Arcade Theatre Sunday about noon tried to gain admittance but the door was locked. Looking through the letter hole, he saw the man lying on the bed, an empty four ounce bottle

which had contained chloroform lying by his side and his hand clutched a wad of cotton, which had been placed over his face after being saturated with the chloroform. Moore's face was burned and it is believed that he drank a portion of the contents of the bottle. A doctor was secured immediately and it was not until eight o'clock that night that he showed signs of consciousness. Monday morning, he spoke a few words and since then he has recovered.

Moore has been engaged in the coal business in Ward county, and of late has been engaged in the bakery and real estate business.

## Ross Boy Drowned

**Three Year Old Son Of Geo. Durand Loses Life In Shallow Slough-Little Fellow on Way To Grandfathers Home**

George Durand, who lives three miles south of Ross, was drowned Monday evening, in a peculiar way. The little boy started to go to his grandfather's home a short distance across the field, and took the old accus-

omed path. Recent rains had filled one of the pot holes thru which the path ran with eighteen inches of water, and the little fellow walked right into the water, where his little body was found a short time later.

## Fargo Commercial Club In Minot

**Sixty Of The State's Best Boosters Arrive On Special Minot Delegation Met Them At Carpio—Good Time At Local Club**

The members of Fargo Commercial Club, sixty in all, spent several hours in Minot Wednesday afternoon. They were on their way thru on a business and pleasure junket over the entire state, having left last Monday. They expect to arrive in Fargo again Friday morning and will have gone 1400 miles when their journey is ended. In talking with several of the members, the Independent learns that the crops all over the state look very promising without a single exception and the Fargo business men are very highly elated over the prospects.

Minot turned out right and welcomed this enterprising body of men.

The Club passed thru Minot Tuesday night about eleven o'clock going directly to Ambrose from which place they doubled back, stopped at the more important stations, meeting the businessmen and distributing the advertising matter that will make Fargo more famous than it already is.

Those who comprised the Minot party that went to Carpio to meet the Fargo boys were C. L. Prescott, Major Person, R. E. Barron, J. A. Roell, C. A. Grow, A. W. Tracy, Dr. Schollberg, R. C. Sanborn, E. E. Henyen, G. D. Colcord, L. W. Gammons, F. L. Sherman, B. H. Bradford, K. E. Leighton, Joe Purcell, W. B. Hawley, A. A. Robinson, F. B. Lambert, A. N. Eckler, F. W. Youngman, Sam Clark, E. G. Warren, W. D. Wendt, Atty. Thompson, J. C. Smallwood and Walter Bond.

The trip to Minot was one continual round of pleasure. The Minot delegation was shown every courtesy that could be shown on the splendid special, one of the finest trains that was ever run over the Soo. The train consisted of a tourist sleeper for the use of the train employees, two standard sleepers, two day coaches and a car especially for the commissary department. This was the most popular car of the lot and lemonade, pop and other refreshments were served to the thirsty.

When the train reached Minot, it was met by the Minot Metropolitan band with a large number of members of the Commercial Club and they all marched to the Commercial Club rooms.

President Tracy started the ball a rolling by welcoming the visitors.

Mayor Clark gave a short witty address. He said that there might be a few things between Minot and Fargo. Grand Forks for instance, but that in the main their interests were in common, and that what was good for one city was good for the other.

Major Murphy followed Mr. Clark. The Major admits that Minot is not in exactly the same class with Fargo, but says that within five or ten years we will be giving our friends in the eastern part of the state a mighty good chase. They will find Minot a lusty city. We are ahead of Fargo and Cass county in one point, that is,

in the birth record for 1907. Ward county has 1177 births to her credit for 1907, while her nearest competitor, Cass county can make her brag of but 566, and the one following Cass is McHenry with a few less. McHenry county borders on Ward county. Ward county produced 62 more males than females in 1907.

Last year we raised ten million bushels of wheat and four million bushels of flax. Ward county raised by great odds the most flax of any county in the state, and this state ranks No. 1 in the flax production of the U. S. The Major created a good deal of merriment when he thought that Ward gave promise of the production of 2000 babies in the year 1908.

Lieut. Gov. Lewis, who is President of the Fargo Commercial club, said that the club had been out for three days and that the Minot bunch was the best and the liveliest that it has found anywhere in the state. He said that the object of the junket was to seek information and dispense with some. The club is out to boost Fargo and show up its wholesale advantages but he realized that Minot was a wholesale center also, and he urges the people of this part of the state to patronize the wholesale houses here so far as possible.

If Fargo can furnish the state with something that Minot has not got, then try Fargo. He referred to the banks of Fargo that do considerable business with the country banks.

When the panic came on last fall and the Twin City banks refused to let out a cent, the Fargo banks sent \$200,000 out thru the state, showing that it was better to patronize home institutions. Ex-Mayor Sweet of Fargo gave a rousing speech which was well received. He said that he had thought that Fargo was all of it, but he had to admit that there were others, meaning Minot. He was more than pleased with the storm of cordiality that struck the train at Carpio. He thought that Minot had sent her best looking men but found that there were a lot more of them left at home.

He compared the train to a sky rocket, which had left Fargo, traveled all over the state, and finally bursted in all of its splendor and glory right in Minot. He congratulated this city on its band of boosters, meaning the commercial club. Withal, his speech was flowery and filled with good thoughts.

George Duis, the mayor of Grand Forks was kidnapped by the Fargo boys when the train passed thru Minot Tuesday night and taken up the line. He made an address which was well taken. He said that the people of North Dakota had more wealth per capita than those of any other state in the Union, with a magnificent crop a growing. This state is attracting more attention than any other state in the union today. Mr. Duis said that



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## Result Of The Minot Races

Friday July 3.  
First race.  
2:25 pace. Purse \$400.  
Bonnie Wilkes, first money.  
Buster, second money.  
Baron Directum, third money.  
Della Wood, fourth money. Count Leevis was distanced in the first heat.  
Time of heats, 2:20 1-3, 2:20 1-2, and 2:21 1-2.  
Florence D. owned by D. A. Dinnie was fifth in each of the heats.

Second Race.  
2:35 pace. Purse \$300.  
Roy Panic, first money.  
Dacota Bell, second.  
Nerola, third.  
Bonnie Wilkes, fourth.  
Time 2:27 1-4, 2:25 3-4.

Granite, owned by John Moore of Minot was number 6, 7 and 5 in the various heats.

Third Race.  
4 furlong dash. Purse \$100.  
Won by Wassail with Pooch second, Poh Pooch third and Sam' L White fourth.

Three-fourths mile dash.  
Purse \$100.  
My Roas, first. Necha second. Jim Hill third and Oakling fourth.

Saturday July 4th.  
1st race, 2:12 pace, Purse \$300.  
Governor Sables won 1st money.  
Luke Vernor won 2nd money.  
Eddie Woods won 3rd money.  
Billy Boggs won 4th money.  
General Luther and Robert D won distances.  
Time: 2:16 1-4, 2:15 3-4; 2:14 1-4 2:19 1-4.

2nd race, 2:25 Trot or 2:30 Pace.  
Nilson's Panic won 1st money.  
Nerola Jr. won 2nd money.  
Atherton won 3rd money.  
Khnorheart won 4th money.  
Dr. Small also started.  
Time 2:30 1-4, 2:27 1-4, 2:30 1-2.

Saturday July 4.  
Running Races.  
3rd pace, 3-8 mile and repeat, purse \$200.  
Ella Leaf won 1st heat with Memphis Jo second. Bets on this heat were declared off as judges decided it was a fixed race and that the other horses were not trying.

In the second heat Memphis Jr. won with Betty Gold second.  
1st and second money was divided between Ella Leaf and Memphis Jr. 3rd money went to Betty Gold.  
Time: 37 1-4, 37 1-2.  
4th race, 1 mile dash, purse \$200.  
Oakling won 1st money.  
Gossiper won 2nd money.  
Necha won 3rd money.  
My Rosa and Wassail also ran.  
Time 1:46 3-4.

An excellent article signed by an "Ex-Kicker" concerning the Minot Commercial Club will appear next week.

## Woman Jumps From Train

With the east bound passenger train on the Great Northern running forty miles an hour, a woman who would not give her name, jumped from the window of the coach when the train was four miles east of Granville Saturday afternoon, and strange as the action of the woman was, she was not injured in the least. The train stopped as soon as the action of the woman was learned and the train backed to where she was standing on the track. She was placed aboard the train, which was backed to Granville where she was let off. All the explanation that she would give was that she desired to take the train up the branch and had neglected to get off at Granville.

## Vic Chaffee Dead

Vic Chaffee, Receiver of the Williston land office, died at Williston Monday morning about ten o'clock after a lingering illness from small pox. Mr. Chaffee was precariously ill from the very start and the doctor did not hold out many hopes for his recovery. Mr. Chaffee was about 45 years of age and resided in Grand Forks until he received the government appointment. He was a very popular servant of the government and a good fellow generally. He leaves a wife and several children.

## Dr. Crokot Has Returned

Dr. Crokot and wife have returned from Europe where they spent the past year. They were mainly in Germany, England and France, the doctor taking special work in his profession in Germany. One would hardly know the genial doctor, so well has he been treated in the land of Ham-burger cheese and sauerkraut. He is minus the luxurious growth of beard and altogether his appearance is changed to such an extent that his old friend Judge Murray didn't recognize him until he had conversed with him several minutes.

The doctor and his wife expect to remain a week in this city and will leave at the end of that time for Seattle, where the doctor will locate. He has been making a special study of skin diseases in Germany and will devote his time exclusively to this line in Seattle. The doctor is one of the most successful physicians that ever practiced in Minot and with his recent research in Europe, ought to stand right up with the best of the specialists on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Crokot has learned the German language so that he can speak quite fluently, so if he mixes a little German with his English occasionally do not be surprised.