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## High Scaffold Blown Down

**130 Foot Structure at New Catholic Church Blown Over Friday Night—Roof of Building Damaged—Loss Is \$500---Loud Crash**

With a thundering crash that could be heard all over the city, the scaffold for the 130 foot tower of the new Catholic church was blown down in a stiff gale Friday night near midnight. The workmen had just completed the scaffolding that evening, having by arduous work gotten it 130 feet in the air, and it would have stood an ordinary wind. In fact the wind was quite strong early in the evening, and it was believed that the scaffold would weather thru all right. However, a strong wind from the

northeast, caught the scaffold fairly, blowing it a twisting mass of timbers to the iron roof below. The roof was very damaged, there being numerous holes in it. The timbers are almost total loss, only a comparatively few of them being worth anything except for kindling.

The brick work on the base of the large steeple was broken and the tinning was ruined. The loss will reach \$500 or more.

Once before a scaffold on the new church was blown over in a gale.

## Miss Kulaas' Wonderful Operation

**Minot Young Lady Entirely Cured After Being Afflicted Her Entire Life—Work of a Boston Surgeon**

Mrs. T. P. Kulaas and daughter have returned from Boston, Mass., where Miss Gertrude was operated upon very successfully for trouble with the bones of her feet. Ever since birth, Gertrude has been troubled with her feet, it being necessary for her to walk with braces. Mrs. Kulaas first went to St. Paul where she was sent with Gertrude to Boston, and the surgeon, a famous

one by the way, guaranteed a complete cure. It required but an hour and a half to perform the very difficult operation, and Gertrude can now walk as well as anyone. It will be some time before she will be real strong, but the cure is sure and permanent. Gertrude is pleased beyond expression and so are her many friends.

## Gillen Was Arrested

**Grafter Who Started the First Market Day for Minot, Arrested at Culbertson, Mont. for Neglecting to Pay Auctioneer and Clerk**

That man Gillen, who conducted Minot's first market day, leaving without paying the auctioneer, H. H. Hecht a red cent, played the same kind of a game on the auctioneer and clerk out at Williston, but when he reached Culbertson, Mont., he was placed under arrest. Gillen is a grafter of the first water, and ought to be branded as such all over the country. He promised great things, but about all that he cares for is to pocket the subscription money and dig out, leaving the market day to

take care of itself. Gillen was arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, but refused to return to North Dakota without requisition papers. Owing to the expenses that the county would put to, he was let go. It is safe to say that he will never put foot in North Dakota again. He claimed that he had forgotten to pay the auctioneer, but his arrest didn't seem to refreshen his memory much for he didn't send the money.

### A Wise Woman.

A Norwich woman, who seems to be using a liberal amount of excellent judgment at the present time, said to a Minot merchant the other day, "I have had just one complaint to make about you merchants. I have never been able to see your advertisements in the paper that I have been taking. First, we took the weekly Optic, and when we saw that most of the merchants were advertising in the Reporter, we exchanged for that paper. After a while, we noticed that the merchants were doing most of their advertising in the Independent, so we subscribed for that paper the other day. We take the paper not only for the news, but we want to see what bargains you merchants are offering."

This is a point that the merchants cannot well afford to overlook. There are hundreds of people every week who scan the advertising columns of the Independent looking for bargains. The wise merchant will carry a liberal sized space in this paper and make money by it.

Sheriff Lampman and party from Williston have started on a drive across the country to the Yellowstone Park. They will be gone six weeks. The four men will ride horses and the ladies will ride in the wagon. The party will camp out on the way.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—A span of three year old geldings. Would trade for good young cattle. D. W. Bowser, Dickinson, N. D. R. 1

### Dennison vs. Skinner.

An action at law has been instigated by L. Dennison against John Skinner for alienating his wife's affections, breaking up his home and illegally securing possession of much of his (Dennison's) property. The damages are claimed to amount to \$10,000 for which amount judgment is asked against Skinner. F. B. Andrews represents Dennison's interests in the case, while Palda & Burke, of Minot have been retained by Skinner to fight the case.

It has been known by the public for a long time that all was not harmony in the Dennison family and some of the neighbors has accused Skinner with being the cause. The filing of the suit was no surprise to many acquainted with the facts, and it is claimed some sensational testimony will add spice to the case when it comes to trial.—Flaxton Times.

Rev. Mr. MacMullen of the Baptist church, has returned to Minot after a six weeks' absence. He supplied the First Baptist church at Grand Forks for five weeks and spent a week at his first charge, Langdon, N. D. Mr. MacMullen received many flattering compliments upon his good work in the eastern part of the state.

paper correspondent in every city in Ward County of over 500 population. Good pay. For particulars address O. B. Graup, Box 188, Minot, N. D.

## LAWRENCE MORTENSON DIES

Lawrence, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Antony Mortenson, died Sunday night at the home of his uncle, Lawrence Larson, near Bowbells from summer complaint. The lad was ill but a few days, and so suddenly did he grow worse that the father, who has been at the head of a house moving gang at Stanton, Mont., could not be notified of the illness. In fact, owing to poor telegraphic connections, it was hard to

get word to him at all, and in consequence, it was necessary to postpone the funeral services until Friday, when they were held from the Baptist church of this city. Rev. Mr. MacMullen officiating. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery. Little Lawrence was a manly little fellow and his loss has nearly distracted the father and mother who have the sympathy of everybody.

## THE OLD GIRL IS WRONG

The following taken from the Dogden News sounds nice, but we believe that the old girl who wrote it, didn't know what she was talking about:

Fat men get all the good things of life. They are conducted to the best tables at restaurants, they get the corner seats in the theatre and always seem to have enough money to get along without worrying.

When a fat man enters a drawing room doesn't he always get the most comfortable chair? asks the writer. When his hat blows off on a windy day doesn't some one always run after it for him? No one expects him to get up and give his seat to a lady—he would block the gangway if he did. Even his wife doesn't expect him to stoop to pick up things when she drops them.

## BICKFORD PLEADS GUILTY

G. L. Bickford, candidate for state treasurer on the Republican ticket, arrived in Minot Saturday morning, and entered a plea of guilty to shooting prairie chickens out of season and was assessed \$40 for his little fun at poaching. Dr. Doe of Bowbells accompanied Bickford and pleaded guilty to the same charge,

and was assessed \$25. A warrant was out for Bickford and Doe for some time, but Bickford was out of the county and did not return until Saturday.

State Game Warden Smith is no respecter of persons, and has done his best to punish all those who have been guilty of poaching.

### IN GASSMAN COULEE.

The bride to be has flown. (moral.) I will warn all young men who are contemplating matrimonial careers, to always consult the girl's mother.

This little incident happened in the shade of the big bridge. There happened to live nearby a certain young bachelor. Lonesome was he, so by chance or otherwise he fell in with a young school ma'am who had often met and conquered just such easy marks as he. Lo and behold, the bachelor dreamt of the happy days in store for him, provided he could capture the dove, but also, he committed a serious mistake, he neglected to consider that the dove had a mother, and one with a determined will, and who for reasons untold, objected to her daughter marrying this lowly clerk on the 2nd day of September, as planned.

The dove controlled by the angry mother, to her indulged her secret, that the groom would not ask the consent of any mother for her daughter. This being too much for the mother, and planned to make the bachelor's quarters more lonesome than before, and this you may judge for yourself, whether she succeeded or not. Jim Hill furnished transportation for the mother and daughter to a distant town and the mother is now content. The daughter will have but one to support instead of two.

When last seen on Jim Hill's wagon the girl exhibited a diamond ring and costly other presents. I would advise the bachelor, when meeting another dove, to tighten the strings of his pocket book and put his thinking cap on. This bachelor repents for his foolish judgment by attempting to gain a wife without the consent of her mother.

### JOHN MUFFRAU.

### CLAIMS INDIAN SAW TOOKE MURDER.

The deputy warden of the state penitentiary has written Sheriff McKinnon that Joe Peltier claims that Little Rising Sun has told him that he witnessed the murder of Ed Tooke in Rolette county in 1906. He gives the name of the party who committed the murder, an Indian. Joe told the same story to deputy Sheriff Bond on his way to Bismarck. While there is probably no truth in the story, the letter has been sent to the authorities in order that they may take action in apprehending the alleged murderer if they so desire.—Bottineau Courier.

## John O'Brien Goes to Pen

**Young Man Former of Chilcot, N. D., Gets Into Trouble in Canada—Robbed a Defenseless Old Man of Over a Thousand Dollars**

The following story concerns John O'Brien, who is well known to the residents in the southwestern part of the county in the vicinity of Chilcot and White Earth. O'Brien has gotten into a peck of trouble as will be seen from the two articles taken from a Winnipeg Daily. O'Brien left here four or five years ago.

John O'Brien, alias Kid McCoy and a few other famous names, the man whom the provincial police declare was the chief actor in the little drama in the basement of Dan Hamilton's hotel at Neepawa during the latter part of April, when a farmer named John McLaughlin was relieved of \$1,214 with which he had intended buying a farm on which to spend his declining years, was arrested in Toronto Wednesday on instructions of Provincial Police Acting-Chief John Mackenzie. Charles Rooke, chief of the mounted police in southern Manitoba, left for Toronto last evening and will bring O'Brien back with him.

O'Brien is wanted here very badly. He escaped the police early in June when E. A. G. Benyon, his alleged accomplice was captured at Fort William. Benyon was found guilty of helping O'Brien rob McLaughlin, although he declared that O'Brien did all the strong-arm work and merely gave him some of the money he took from McLaughlin. Provincial Magistrate McMicken gave Benyon two years at Stony Mountain, and the latter will be instrumental, undoubtedly, in convicting O'Brien.

### Benyon's Story.

According to Benyon's story at the time of his trial he was an employee in the hotel Hamilton, at Neepawa, scrubbing floors and sweeping sidewalks when one day he got acquainted with Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien was a soft spoken gentleman with the gift of blarney and he completely won over Mr. Benyon. Staying at the hotel at this time was John McLaughlin, a man past the prime of life who had come out from Ontario with the avowed intention of paying cash for a quarter section of land on which to make his home. Mr. O'Brien immediately seemed to take a deep affectionate interest in McLaughlin. He was his companion every hour. Late in April one evening, O'Brien and McLaughlin got drunk together. O'Brien merely got drunk. McLaughlin got very drunk. Then O'Brien got McLaughlin into the basement of the hotel the better to hear a good story that he was going to tell him. Later Mc-

Laughlin woke up and went and handed the local police the obituary notice of his late roll of bills.

### Came to Winnipeg.

Meantime O'Brien had looked up his other pal, Benyon, and instructed him to buy tickets to Winnipeg. Benyon did so, and after O'Brien had given him a little money to spend, the two departed for this city. Here they went at once to a clothing store and bought complete new outfits. O'Brien gave Benyon \$100, and asked him to be a lifelong friend. Benyon, however, kicked on the price of his lifelong friendship. He wanted more of the coin. He explained that he was an ex-army man and a member of a good family in England, and that \$100 didn't look good to him. Thereupon O'Brien gracefully withdrew from the landscape. Benyon got frightened at this and started for North Bay. At Fort Williams he was interrupted, and a few days later was tried and convicted.

### O'Brien's Arrest.

The police began to look for O'Brien but that worthy seemed to have obliterated himself. Acting Chief Mackenzie kept on his trail, however, and a few days ago he got the tip that O'Brien was writing to friends here from Toronto. Three days ago Acting Chief Mackenzie asked the Toronto detectives to look O'Brien up and nab him. Yesterday they did so. O'Brien was the most surprised man in Toronto when he was arrested. He had only \$289 left, and he was apparently aggrieved and shocked to think that the police would accuse him of such a thing as stealing. He explained very definitely where he got the money. He found it, he said, on Main street in Winnipeg, lying just about two feet from the curb stone at the southwest corner of Rupert street.

### O'Brien Pleads Guilty.

John O'Brien who was arrested in Toronto charged with having robbed Mr. McLaughlin of \$1200 in the basement of the hotel at Neepawa, was brought before Magistrate McMicken Thursday for preliminary hearing. He pleaded not guilty and was committed for trial. Later he changed his mind and pleaded guilty. The magistrate then sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary at Stony Mountain.

About \$300 of the stolen money was recovered, besides a gold watch, some diamonds and other jewelry which O'Brien bought with McLaughlin's money.

## Joe Hodgins Nearly Killed

**Runaway Team Knocks Him from Buggy and Smashes His Rig Into a Thousand Pieces—Team Frightened by Small Boys Throwing Bottles**

After being frightened by a small boy on a roof throwing bottles into the alley back of Muus Bros. store, Mr. Reinke's team ran like mad thru the alley, into the Great Northern Lumber yard, and then out onto First street just in time to run down Joe Hodgins, who was driving west along the street. Mr. Hodgins had a very narrow escape from death. One of Reinke's horses jumped clear over the horse Hodgins was driving, and the other jumped up in the buggy in

which Joe had been riding, smashing it to the ground. Joe was thrown out of the buggy over against the curb fifteen feet away, and the breath was knocked out of him. He was quite badly bruised up but street just in time to run down Joe Hodgins, who was driving west along the street. Mr. Hodgins had a very narrow escape from death. One of Reinke's horses jumped clear over the horse Hodgins was driving, and the other jumped up in the buggy in

Wheelock, N. D.—Hall did a tremendous amount of damage in this vicinity Monday evening. Hall fell for an hour between seven and eight o'clock, completely covering the ground. Hundreds of acres of ripening grain were utterly ruined. Hall damaged the Wheelock bank to the extent of \$400. A calf near this place had its eyes knocked out with the big hall stones.

A valuable cow belonging to L. W. Smith became entangled in some machinery near the Granite Springs Thursday night, and before anyone knew it, she was dead.

Fred Almy and son Guy left Thursday night for St. Paul, where Guy will submit to an operation for an obstruction of the nasal passage.

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