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Human Skull Found in Slough

Pupils of Waldref School Make Gruesome Discovery—Is It the Remains of Farmer Bishop—Skull was Crushed Sheriff Looks for Remainder of Skeleton

Half buried in the mud of a slough which has been drying up slowly for some years, some small boys who are attending the Waldref school two and a half miles east of Minot, discovered a human skull last Friday. Sheriff Lee was notified and going out to the slough, a search was made for the remainder of the skeleton, but only the jaw bone, buried further down in the mud, was found.

The skull evidently was that of a man who had met with foul play. The skull bones were crushed on one side close to the ear, and looked as tho some blunt instrument had been used. The teeth were in good condition, showing that the man was not old, perhaps thirty-five or forty years. The skull was in good condition, and might have been lying in the water for the past fifteen or twenty years, or it might be a good deal less.

The finding of the skull recalls the disappearance of the man Bishop who disappeared from his home in that vicinity several years ago. Bishop had had some trouble with his wife and sons, and one night he disappeared. The family stated that

he became angry and left the country. Foul play was suspected, and altho the wife and sons were taken into court and questioned about it, no evidence was ever found that they had done him violence. The deep sloughs about the Bishop home were searched for weeks, but to no avail. Can it be possible that this is the skull of Bishop?

The finding of the skull recalls the report that a young man by the name of Waldref had discovered the body of a man in the slough a few years ago. Waldref was hauling water for a threshing machine from the slough from about the exact spot where the skull was found. He states that after he had pumped the tank full, and started to drive out of the slough, he saw a man's feet sticking from out of a gunny sack protruding from the water. The threshermen laughed at him at the time, but it is now thought possible that the young man was not mistaken.

In the early days many a man disappeared and it is more than likely that this is the case of some unfortunate fellow. The mystery will probably never be solved.

PLEASE TELL US.

Why is every man who visits a community "genial" in the estimation of the local newspaper? Why is every hotel man a "boniface"? Why is a "pleasant time" had at all social functions? Why are refreshments always dainty? Why is the groom always attired in the "conventional black"? Why does the bride always enter on "the arm of her father"—an insecure resting place at best? Why do we always hear the "strains of the wedding march"—which has been strained so often? Why are presents always "numerous and elegant"? Why do many friends "regret his departure from our midst"? Why are the parlors always "spacious"? Why does the hostess always entertain in "her usual gracious manner"? Why is a hotel always a "well known hostelry"? Why does the table always "groan beneath its weight of delicious viands"? We don't know even after a careful reading of items through the state press.

E. Allen, a prosperous Glenburn farmer, passed through Minot Monday enroute to Braddock, N. D., for a visit with a sister.

The sewer system is being extended south on Ward street this week.

Some Majorities.

Burr had 413 majority in Pierce county and 616 in Bottineau. Christanson had 155 to the good in his own county, giving Burr a total of 874, which is a whirlwind run in a district which is normally Republican by at least 2500. That beats Burke's run.

Sues the Great Northern

Cando Democrat: States Attorney Kehoe of this city has an unusual grievance against the Great Northern Railway company and will sue for damages. Mr. Kehoe boarded the train at Grand Forks and presented a pass. The train auditor refused to accept it and told Mr. Kehoe he would have to purchase a ticket at the next station. At Larimore he got off and purchased a ticket from the point to Cando. He boarded the train again and on presenting the ticket to the auditor the latter refused to accept it unless Kehoe paid for his ride from Grand Forks to Larimore. This Kehoe refused to do with the result that he was put off at Niagara. He again sought to board the train and a porter tried to keep him off. Other passengers interfered and took him on. He sues for \$2000.

Farmer Thinks Merchants Should Discriminate

Hayseed Says That Cash Buyers Should Get Better Prices Than Those Who Buy on Time—A Point Worth Considering

Ward County Independent:—We noticed in your last week's issue an article calling attention to city merchants how Fargo merchants pay 5 per cent of the railroad fare of customers or 5 per cent of their purchase, now I would like to tell the Editor of the Independent that if he had enquired fully into the methods of the merchants of western Canada this fall while there, he would have perhaps been able to make a few practical suggestions for the merchants of Minot or the farmers. If a farmer make a cash purchase

he is entitled to a cash discount of 5 per cent according to amount of purchase while a credit customer does not get the discount consequently it is quite encouraging to farmers to spend their money at home, in this way catalogue houses are not so prosperous as on this side and we think if the Independent would make a suggestion of this kind it would be worthy of consideration by our home merchants. Then peace and harmony would reign. Try it.

Hayseed.

Winter Protection for Trees and Shrubs.

Evergreens as a class are naturally fibrous rather than tap rooters, and they invariably root close to the surface, consequently they are susceptible to alternate freezing and thawing, which is more harmful than severe but steady cold.

Evergreens are also in danger of blasting, which is caused by strong sunshine after several days of dull freezing weather. To prevent this we must decrease the light but not the air. Small evergreens are commonly covered with straw or burlap, but in mild winters the plants are in danger for the want of air. Another bad feature of this method is that the covering is likely to harbor mice and rabbits which will feed on the plants if they run short of rations. Burlap is preferable to straw as it admits more air and is not so likely to form a shelter for mice and rabbits.

Tender deciduous trees and shrubs are much easier to protect than evergreens because they require no air during their resting period, therefore, you can straw them, cover them with leaves or even bury them without any bad results. In covering everything with leaves or litter to break the force of the frost, bear in mind the necessity of keeping the mulch loose at all times. If it mats down loosen it with a fork during mild weather. Covering with straw is satisfactory for the hardier roses, if not troubled with mice or rabbits. Another good plan is to tie the stems together and cover them.

Winter Protection for Flowers
In November, after all growth in the garden has ceased, and the stems of all perennials are dried out, they should be cut off and burned. Spade under about four inches of well rotted manure. This will leave the ground in a good loose condition for the winter.

Next cover the bed or borders of perennials with five or six inches of rough stable manure, but not until a crust has frozen on the ground. This will be quite enough protection for the general run of hardy perennials.

Nearly all vines should have some winter protection as they are unusually trained out flat against a building where they have no opportunity to protect themselves. Vines that are perfectly hardy in general will sometimes suffer in particular locations. For example drip is very hard on vines. To prevent such damage you can tack in some burlap or cheese cloth over the vines. It is more convenient to lay them on the ground and cover them with leaves or litter.

All bush fruits such as raspberries, blackberries, currants and gooseberries, should be well mulched with some good manure which can be spaded under in the spring. In some localities raspberries winter kill when mulched; if so, you should lay them down, and cover with leaves or straw, or bend the tops over and hold them to the ground by earth or seeds thrown on their tips. This will enable the snow to collect among them and protect them all winter.

C. M. Yerrington.

Working Again.

Geo. W. Wilson of the Graphic, and who owns the townsite of Stanley, went down to the blessed saintly slightly city Friday evening and burned the midnight oil while he prepared the Sun so that it would shine. Editor McLeod is having a gladsome vacation, and Mr. Wilson went right down and rolled up his sleeves and pitched right in. During leisure hours Mr. Wilson is the register of the Williston land office and likes to work very much.—Williston State.

Severt Skogstad, a farmer residing near Tagus in Ward county, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, in federal court. The papers state that Skogstad is a farmer and they place his liabilities at \$5,404.95 and his assets at \$1,860, all exempt.

In the race for the senatorial nomination Marshall seems to have carried 22 of the North Dakota counties and Johnson the other 22. The Johnson majorities were a little larger. Burke got 23 counties and C. A. Johnson 21. The Burke majorities averaged larger. Burke carried every one of the Red River valley counties except Traill, which he lost by six votes. Two years ago Sarles carried Cass county by 172 votes Burke ran away ahead of his ticket there but lost the county by that much.

The Courier supported Thos. F. Marshall for senator but the people of the state have said by a majority of their votes that they want M. N. Johnson. Now that the people have so spoken we are for Mr. Johnson first, last and all the time. We believe that the people should rule and that the majority rule. The legislature of this state is morally bound to carry out the wishes of the people to elect Mr. Johnson to the senate. There may be sundry jobs concocted to beat him out of it but the members of the next legislature should stand firm and cast their votes in accordance with the wishes of the people expressed at the polls. Mr. Johnson was jeered out of the senatorship once and the people are in no mood to stand for any more of that kind of work. The defeated politicians should take their medicine gracefully and submit to the voice of the people.—Coopers-town Courier.

J. L. McKinnon, the Sawyer merchant, visited Minot a few days ago. He came to claim \$25, currency that was found in the trousers pocket of the youngest of the bandits who held him up recently. In searching the men, this money was overlooked, it being in a small and rather secluded pocket. Mr. McKinnon has about recovered all of the money which he lost.

The beautiful diamond ring was given away at the Branch Saturday night or at least the lucky number was drawn, No. 122, and the holder can have the ring by calling for it. Remember that the black lynx furs will be given away next Saturday night, free, in a similar manner.

H. A. Hurd, C. H. Parker and H. E. Peck have returned from the wilds of Williston where they shot eleven deer.

Tom Hunwell Is No More

Popular Burlington Mine Operator Passes Away From Tube Culises—Funeral Held Monday Afternoon—Leaves Wife and Five Small Children

Thomas Hunnewell, one of the well known Burlington mine operators, died at his home at Burlington Sunday after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Hunnewell had been ill of the disease for a good many months, and for a long time it was realized that his days were numbered. The funeral was held from the church at Burlington Monday afternoon, and the remains interred in the cemetery at that place.

The deceased was born in New York about 34 years ago, and 42 years ago accompanied his parents

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunnewell to this state, settling in Ward county, at Burlington. Several years ago, Mr. Hunnewell was united in marriage to a Miss Younklin, and to this union five children were born, who with the bereaved wife, survive. The deceased also leaves a father and mother, a sister, Mrs. Jack Shipton of Donnybrook, a brother Delos of Donnybrook, and Rodney, who lives with his parents.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. P. Lawrence of this city. The Old Settlers attended in a body.

Bill Bailey Insane.

Bill Bailey, a Tagus farmer, was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Dick Steinbofer and brot to the county jail. Bailey is undoubtedly insane. He had terrorized several of the residents of the Tagus country by entering their homes. He imagines that he owns the entire country.

Jud LaMoure's election to the state senate breaks all records for continuous service in the legislature in this state. He was elected to the first legislative session and has four more years of service in sight. Colonel Little of Bismarck has served the same number of years—but was not a candidate at this time.

Geo. W. Kemper is grading down Second street from Ward street west.

Party Starts for California.

An even dozen members of the Hecker family left Minot for the west, where they will spend the winter in southern California. Among those in the party were Owen Hecker, Hecker's 35 year old postmaster, Miss Sarah Hecker, Thos. Hecker wife and three daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hecker and children. The Hecker family is prosperous North Dakotans, usually are, and will have an enjoyable time in the west. Their destination is Los Angeles.

The postoffice department at Washington is sending out requests to county and township superintendents of public schools, to incorporate in their commercial instructions the art of properly addressing a letter.

Immense Railroad Project.

Unquestionably one of the greatest railroad projects which this part of the world has seen in years has just been launched with the recent incorporation of the Dakota Southern Railway company, articles of which have been filed at Pierre. The capitalization is given at \$90,000,000.

It has been learned from a reliable source that the work will begin on construction of this new system without delay and that already three crews are at work running the preliminary line and surveying the entire route. One crew is working from Rapid City, another is working out of Haynes this state while a third is working south of the Big Missouri, headed north to the Northern Pacific road in Dunn county.

It can be stated positively that the road will be built from Rapid City to Williston running through Adams Hettinger, Stark, Dunn and McKenzie counties in this state. Two branch lines will be constructed from where the main line will cross the Northern Pacific, near Dickinson northeast to Buehloide, and another southeast to McIntosh on the Milwaukee road.

It is a noticeable fact which has often been commented upon that the new and rapidly developing country west of the Missouri in North and South Dakota has not a single line of road running north and south. It is because of the exceedingly fertile country and its uninterrogated possibilities that the attention and interest of the big money men of the east were secured. The operations of the new road will open up a country that has few rivals for natural resources and it will mean the rapid settlement there of a vast army of homesteaders.

Make It Hot for the Piggery.

George Barlow was arrested for blind pigging at his place just south of the Chicago restaurant Saturday night, the raid being made by Chief of Police Hagen, Capt. of Police Hyland and other officers. Three cases of beer were found, and three or four persons found in the place drinking.

Another raid was made in an alleged basement pig on Main street. The county fair tax proposition but the manager evidently got wind of the proceedings, and made a successful get away.

A letter received from H. Whistler who was called to Jamestown, Ind., by the illness of his brother, writes that the brother has gone to New Mexico for his health.

Tom Fox, the big good natured hardware dealer of Bantary, was in Minot Monday.

Cooper was in Minot.

E. C. Cooper, state commissioner of insurance was in Minot Monday transacting business relative to his office. Mr. Cooper has made an enviable record as commissioner of insurance, with the result that only eight edged companies are doing business within the borders of the state.

Deering News.

Miss Maud Padelford, daughter of Chas. Padelford of Deering, N. D., was united in marriage to John Wittenberg of Aberdeen, N. D., Nov. 19, 1908.

Chas. Padelford and wife of Deering were called away by the death of a parent. They expect to visit in Iowa and Saratoga Springs, N. Y., before returning.

Mr. Main, the representative of Everybody's Magazine and numerous other publications, visited Minot this week. Mr. Main is the representative of these magazines for the west, and last year cleared \$2200 above all expenses taking subscriptions. This would not be so wonderful were it not for the fact that the man is totally blind. He walks about without a guide, and can remember a voice better than most people can a face. He has trained his memory so that when he once visits a city, he can walk into any place where he has ever been before, without asking regarding the location.

A. P. Stockwell, a Burlington farmer, was in Minot Saturday getting rid of some of his surplus money made from his farm this year. Mr. Stockwell is very well pleased with the results of this year's farming.

Mail Carrier Sartwell, at Burlington, R. F. D. No. 1, is rejoicing over the birth of a son, last week. Mr. Sartwell already has seven daughters, so the birth of the son was his source of great rejoicing.

W. S. Teters of Sherwood has moved to Minot and will make our city his future home.

A nine pound son arrived at the home of J. H. Heinon of Foxholm Sunday night, Nov. 15.

Jim Somers, the Critic poet, paid an election bet at Maxbass by wheeling G. J. Gotschal around the square in a wheel barrow.

The Bottineau News believes that the poor man has a better chance to win in the primaries, if he's right, than the rich one has if he isn't.

The new creamery at Rugby is about completed.

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