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Short State Stories

Items of Interest Boiled Down for Busy Readers

A man was found dead in a box car loaded with lumber at Overly this week. He had boarded the train further down the line and evidently crawled in an open space between the lumber piles. In switching the piles had been jarred together, crushing his body and head.

A Souris man has invented a contrivance to place on his auto, which shuts out the lights when the machine stops, and lights the lamps again as soon as the machine starts.

Wm. Link sold his section farm near Newburg to a neighbor for \$35 an acre. Land values in North Dakota are looking up.

Maxbass has been promised a farmers' institute. By the way, this is the time to make arrangements for an institute. Write to Prof. Hovestad, Care Agricultural College at Fargo, for dates. There were sixty some towns that wanted institutes last year that were disappointed.

Most of the wheat has been threshed and flax is now being pounded out. Flax is averaging from eight to fifteen bushels per acre, and the general average will be somewhat less than ten bushels. Threshing is fully three fourths done, and many machines have pulled in.

Geo. Semler of Surrey, whose sale notice appears in the Independent this week, will leave soon for his old home in Ohio where he has bought a farm, and where he expects to reside permanently. Geo. has used good judgment in retaining his fine quarter of land near Surrey, which he has rented.

The papers of the northwestern part of the state, did themselves proud in advertising the Ward county fair, for which the management is very thankful.

The editor of the Bantry Advocate seems to be right in it. He is dining out nearly every week day, and twice on Sundays fattening up on prairie chicken, yellow legged fowl tomatoes, and the best that the land affords. This even bats taking in rutabagas and onions on subscription.

The school of forestry has opened at Bottineau with a much larger attendance than ever.

The Bottineau News is running gold mining stock advertisements by the page. The average North Dakotan would rather risk his money in good farm land.

Dunseith has to move its cemetery in order to make room for the tuberculosis sanitarium.

Kernel Brewer of Forum, while far from being a preacher, has some of the divine proclivities, for he's offering to take yellow legged pullets on subscription.

Last spring Mrs. Mary Anderson of Bottineau county was arrested and tried for wheat scalding, and the case against her was dismissed. The woman is now suing the complaining witness for \$20,000 damages.

W. R. Snyder of near Bottineau, has seeded his entire farm to timothy, which made an immense crop. He is selling the hay at a big figure.

A painter by the name of Taylor who has been strutting around the streets of Willow City with a 44 gun strapped to his person shot himself accidentally thru the leg and has concluded that even in the west, a gun is not a necessary adjunct to a gentleman.

Two year old Elma Frosaker drank a quantity of kerosene from a jug at Bowbells, but the doctor brot the child out all right.

Seventeen barrels and eighteen cases of beer, which had been shipped to Tom, Dick and Harry at Bantry, were returned to the breweries. Bantry must be on the water wagon.

Joe Charlson of Charlson, N. D., has just received a patent on a potato planter which promises to be a good thing.

Over a hundred fine musk melons raised on the H. A. Nelson farm south of Ray were marketed at Ray last week with proper care, we can raise plenty of good fruit for home consumption.

John Kramf, the well known Jamestown lawyer was struck by an engine, and hurled several feet. He was rendered unconscious, but is recovering.

Eleven druggists in Walsh county were granted permits. Altho there was a petition asking the judge not to grant Park River any permits, the judge granted them just the same.

J. F. Dunster of Schafer reached into a hole in a hay stack for some eggs, but instead grabbed a huge rattle snake, which he pulled out and killed. The snake had ten rattles and a button. The morning was rather cool, and the snake lay dormant, which is probably the reason that Dunster lives to tell the story.

Porter J. McCumber has opened his campaign for re-election and has been touring the southern part of the state with an auto, making speeches. It is expected that Tom Marshall will soon be on his trail.

Someone has figured that to make the right kind of a campaign in the state, it takes about seven thousand dollars. Still there are people who will spend this much and more, to become public martyrs.

Deering is without fire protection of any kind, and the Tribune is worrying.

Mr. Quigley, a Minot musician, walked 31 miles one night last week, all on account of a hunting dog, which took quite a shine to him, and the liking was mutual. The dog was given to Quigley and he went to Grano after it. He went by rail to Lansford, and hoofed it across country, with the faithful canine, close at his heels.

According to the Tribune, Buford needs a clothing store, a hotel, a hardware and furniture store, and last but not least, a drug store. "Old Bill" Mumby will guarantee a druggist liberal patronage.

The Farmers' elevator at Tioga is not satisfied with the business accorded it, and a meeting of the farmers is called for Oct. 2. Tioga may lose her farmers' elevator.

Sam Graham of Tioga, nearly met death by his clothing being caught in the belt of a threshing machine. He was hurled around like lightning, and thrown heavily to the ground. His arm was broken, and suffered a bad scalp wound.

Carl Moe a 13 year old Tioga boy, while working around a well drilling machine, had his arm broken. His sleeve caught in the gear, and his arm was nearly twisted off.

The second pair of twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hoeseth of Tioga. Sixty grain wagons were counted on the streets of Tioga one afternoon last week. This is getting to be a great farming country.

The Tioga Gazette, like Little Mac of the Stanley Sun refers to Minot, as "the wicked city." And the old town is about to be re-christened "Righteous Minot" too.

Sam Harris, a Westhope thresher, lost his machine from fire, and believes that it was of incendiary origin. He has bought another outfit.

The gas line into Westhope will be completed about Oct. 20, and plans are being made by the business men of that city, to hold a big Jollification the day the line is completed. Several blocks in Westhope have been piped, and the line has been extended towards the gas wells, a distance three or four miles south.

McKnight, the Russell banker, owns the famous Buick auto, used by the French chasseur, Chavaerlet, in the recent auto races, in which several men were killed.

The firemen were delayed in putting out a fire at Westhope recently, because it was found that kids had fooled with the fire engine, and some parts were missing.

M. Ray and John Slack of Russell were fined \$25 and costs, each, for hunting without a license, which would have cost them but a dollar, apiece.

A Westhope thresher is using a shock loader, which cleans up loose grain as well as the bundles. With the assistance of the loader, but six bundles teams are required around a machine.

David Burke was arrested at Kramer, charged with stealing a sweater from a store. The man stole one, planted it, and then returned for another, when he was placed under arrest.

Hiram Dixon near Roth, N. D., reports a yield of 30 bushels of wheat to the acre. This nearly equals the record made by James Johnson whose wheat at his Burlington farm averaged 31 1-2 bushels. Jim thinks he had the best wheat in the state this year.

LaFollette will lecture at Bismarck, as one of the lecture course attractions, sometime during the winter. That means a midnight session.

Miss Mabel Stewart, a school teacher, who came to North Dakota from Michigan some months ago for her health, dropped dead in a doctor's office at Rolette, where she had gone for medical aid. She had been teaching in the Wolf district.

Valley City is up against the enlarged picture swindle. Look out for gratters.

Miss Whetstone sustained a broken leg in a runaway at White Earth.

Mrs. Wm. Jansen shot a big wild cat near Schafer. She was picking berries, when she spiced the cat creeping towards her. Her husband had left, but neglected to take his rifle, and Mrs. Jansen picking up the gun, luckily shot true and killed the cat dead.

R. C. Snoop, a farmer south of Williston, lost 1200 bushels of oats, in granary, a large quantity of hay and all his barns from fire. A spark from a threshing engine started the blaze.

The North Dakota Improvement Co. has purchased the Sevilla hotel at Devils Lake from F. N. Witham for \$50,000, and Mr. Witham may lease it for a year. The same concern will build a new hotel, opposite the G. N. depot.

Two interesting wrestling matches were pulled off in the Commercial club rooms at Bowbells.

The wife of Jens Peterson, a well known Bowbells citizen, died of cancer of the stomach.

A thresher was arrested near Bowbells, and brought to Minot, being suspected of being connected with a crime committed in Indiana. He proved his innocence and was set at liberty.

Some fine water melons were raised by Russian farmers north of Ambrose. They procured the seed in Russia.

A preacher's team at Bowbells, becoming frightened at a passing train, broke loose and ran nearly to Flaxton. The doming gave chase in an auto and caught the team before any damage had been done.

B. C. Heath, the village marshal at Granville, has brought suit against the Townser Tribune for \$10,000, alleging the Tribune has injured, outraged, defamed and destroyed his reputation. The Tribune editor says he hasn't ten thousand dollars, never had as much money, and never expects to have a house with the law take its course.

The Wells county fair will be held at Harvey Oct. 8 and 9. There will be no races, but liberal premiums are being offered for farm products. There will be a number of free attractions, also.

The Hamson county Independent tells of a farm sold there recently for \$50 an acre.

P. J. Mahon, superintendent of the Grand Forks County Poor farm has been asked to resign. Many charges were made against him by the inmates. Cyril Brault of Minnewaukan who plead guilty to adultery, was sentenced by Judge Cowan to a year in the penitentiary.

A bull and a horse fought in a pasture at Harvey, the bull nearly disemboweling the horse. It was necessary to take a good many stitches in the wound.

Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern, was fined \$80 in Kidder county for shooting without a license. It was not learned whether his gun and dog were confiscated or not.

The E. C. Cooper suit is likely to be settled. It is reported that if Cooper's attorneys regard the state's claim as just, it will be settled by Cooper paying the state \$2000.

A grand jury will be called for Grand Forks county. State's Atty. Bangs wants to make a thoro examination of the prohibition law violations.

Banker Wiper of Bowbells will have 1500 acres in crop next year in that vicinity.

Miss Lena Hagen of Blanchard, N. D., is offering a reward of \$25 for information which will enable her to find her lost sister, Hannah, aged 28 years, who went away in June, 1908, with a Henry Johnson. Hannah weighs 125 pounds, has light brown hair, brown eyes, and Hmps.

Ernest Henning, a 10 year old boy, while playing around his father's coal mine at Beldin, discovered a dynamite cap. Boy like, he rapped the thing against a rock, causing it to explode. A thumb and two fingers were torn off.

McKenzie county is threshing a bumper crop. The Shafer Record says the wheat averages from 25 to 28 bushels, flax, 11 to 15 oats as high as 68 and speltz, around 50.

According to the Williston State, Judge Goss may be asked to remove from office, Squire Schneider of Ray, who admitted that he had visited a place where liquors were sold.

WITH OUR EXCHANGES

Little Florence Bower, daughter of Lloyd Bower, living near Eckman, had almost a miraculous escape from a fiery death recently. She ran across the road to her grandfather's house and finding no one, ran upstairs and entered one of the bedrooms where she made a pile of clothing on the floor and set fire to it. She then lay down on the bed and went to sleep.

The fire took out in the yard smelt burning cloth and saw the smoke issuing from the house. They ran in and discovered the fire, which they put out just in time to prevent disastrous results.

The Bottineau Courtant says the impression seems to be that women and boys not of age, do not need a hunting license. The fact is that everyone who hunts has to have a license.

S. P. Ellis has purchased at Miles City, Mont. 2,000 head of sheep, which will be shipped to Barnes county until fed on the stubble on his farms and those of Hugh McDonald. This big flock of sheep will cost nearly \$10,000 and the experiment of feeding them on stubble land for the purpose of keeping down wild grass and noxious weeds will be watched with interest.

Lansford is going to be too warm for those parasites of society—the gambler and soiled dove—if the city authorities have their way about it. During the past month the city has been filling up with this class of people and the time to clean up has arrived. If the city authorities cannot do it they have the backing of the sheriff's office in the matter and those who tarry will be dealt with according to their merits.—Lansford Journal.

The sheriff of old Ward county is cleaning out all the undesirable citizens of strenuous Minot. That is if you can judge from newspaper reports—and they are most always correct. Now if Bro. Colcord, the portly pen pusher of the Independent and good booster for that town would induce that new city commission to pave the streets with dough nuts, they would have a boy city. Joke! Everybody laugh.—Tagus Mirror.

It will soon be time for the candidate who thinks he is the only one able to save the country to come around to the country newspaper offices with his announcements and self-praise, which he wishes printed for nothing. Great is the candidate, who wants the newspapers to help him to a nice fat office—free gratis, for nothing. He will get it from The Eagle—not.—Willow City Eagle.

We have a bunch of buckwheat says the Pembina Pioneer Express, some of it six feet long, raised in town by Joseph Shaw for pasture for his bees. The luxuriance of this crop makes it probable that it would be a splendid crop with which to smother weeds. To look at it when growing it don't seem possible that anything else could find room or sunlight, sufficient to grow with it.

Homer Fadden is not faring any better at Neche than did Rex Lampman. The alleged "business men" in that village have gotten out of the habit of advertising in the local paper. Like some other fellows we know of, they expect the newspapermen to hustle like blazes and subsist on ozone and unfulfilled promises.—Bottineau Courtant.

Russell Sentinel: A separator man named Horton, who hails from Iowa, had a very narrow escape from a passage through the separator while at the farm of J. F. Lynch, south of Russell, on Wednesday. He was oiling the separator when he fell into the knife. His right hand was badly lacerated and he received other cuts. The unfortunate slip cost Horton his little finger, but it was a close call for his life.

Editor Bratton was the magistrate before whom Andy Jones had his hearing. Although charged with a most serious crime, and one which involved many thousand dollars, Jones was Bratton's main supporter up to the time that the financier felt the need of a change of climate.—Souris Messenger.

Thomas Ward was up from Nesson Wednesday. He reports that the crops on the Nesson flats are giving the biggest yield in the history of the country. He says that wheat is averaging over 20 bushels to the acre and oats over 40. Mr. Ward threshed 873 bushels of wheat from 30 acres of ground and 2112 bushels from 35 acres.—Ray Record.

Political circles have it that Governor Burke will again be a candidate for re-election. We scarcely believe that the governor will attempt to monarchize the highest office in our great commonwealth and try to shove himself on the people of this state for the third time. It would only mean defeat for him and it would be a wise thing for him to quit while his credit is good.—Ex.

Hon. James Johnson of Minot reports the wheat yield on his farm near Burlington at 35 bushels to the acre and oats turning out 75 bushels and upward. Jim is one of the "intrepid voyagers" who blazed the way into what is now the peerless county of Ward, then a prairie waste without promise of reward to the hardy few who, like Mr. J., pushed in and took chances, for better or for worse, and those of all others are certainly ever and always entitled to the best there is in it.—Bowbells Tribune.

George Alexander, one of the hustling farmers of Eden Valley township is not putting all his faith in wheat, says a Ward county exchange. He keeps a herd of milch cows and makes a nice monthly profit from them. At the present time he is milking eight cows and from them his family have their cream and butter; each day he sells \$2.10 worth of cream, and supplies four families in town with butter.

Newspaper men, as a rule, have but two things to sell space and subscription. It would be just as consistent to ask your grocer for a dozen oranges, "just to fill," as to ask the editor for a dozen lines in his paper just to boost your business, with the idea that you are doing a kindness to fill up space. Try getting a free dinner at the hotel just to make a show of business for the house.—Westhope Standard.

Just a word to hunters. Don't be a hog. This year it is easy for a hunter to get more than the game law allows, which is 25 birds. Don't shoot at ducks that are liable to fall into the thick rushes, where, nine chances out of ten, they will never be found. It isn't sport—it is wholesale slaughter. Another thing to think of; most of you have a boy or two growing up that may like to hunt when old enough. Lets give him a chance. One feature of the game law that will be pretty rigidly enforced this fall, and that is no hunting allowed after a half hour after sun-down, whether in a boat or wading.

Winter Rye a Success
Westhope Standard: J. M. Schroeder informed the Standard that he was very well satisfied with the yield his winter rye made 23 bushels per acre. He says he believes it a great thing for the land, especially to clean out the wild oats, as the field he sowed to winter rye had lots of the pest in but this summer only a few spears showed up. Mr. Schroeder has about 300 bushels of rye for sale.

Secretary of State Blaisdell will deliver the address at Le Harvest Festival at Kramer Oct. 1.

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