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## Power, Steam and Heat Important

### For the Manufacture of Linen--North Dakota Possesses All These Requisites and It is Certain That This Will, in Time, Become a Great Manufacturing Center

North Dakota is especially favored as a locality for the manufacture of linen goods from flax straw. This is true for two reasons. First, the enormous deposits of fuel, assure for years to come cheap power, second, the large acreage planted to flax, gives assurance of abundant supply of straw for the manufacture of all grades of linens.

How important cheap power is to the linen industry can be best judged when it is understood that in nearly all of the different processes of manufacture require heat and moisture. The better grades of linen are spun wet, which requires a large amount of steam. In the cost of manufacture, power, steam and heat figure one third.

Therefore it will be seen that North Dakota has two of the most important requisites for the establishment of the linen industry. There is no part of the globe so favorably situated in these two particulars. There remains then, only the labor problem. It is a fact that labor is ever ready and willing to take up residence in any locality where steady employment can be had at good wages.

The Flickertail Linen Mills Company has provided for the labor problem so far as it is concerned. The superintendent of one of the large linen mills in Ireland has interested himself in the company and as soon

as the buildings are erected he will attend to the installation of the machinery. He will have charge of the operations and will teach the new mill hands how to make the various grades and qualities of linen fabrics.

It is of course unfortunate that nearly all of the machinery used has to be bought in England but for the present there will not be any duty on such machines because Senator McCumber last June had a law passed admitting it free of duty. Senator McCumber speaking to the measure, said, My state should become a manufacturing state, for the reason that it has been endowed by the creator with enormous deposits of fuel and vast quantities of raw materials.

"The passage of this bill will give our people the needed start, with manufacturing, we will have a home market for all the wheat and other products of the farm, this will add millions of dollars annually to the wealth of the farmers without their having to do any additional work to secure it."

The importance of industrial enterprises to the whole people are beginning to dawn on the citizens of North Dakota. A generation hence will see the state teeming with industries of all kinds. The creation of new wealth by these various manufacturers will astonish the world.

## Son of Temperance Man a Suicide

Tower City, N. D., Jan. 28.—F. B. Kiff of this city, a son of M. H. Kiff, the well known temperance man and general merchant of Tower City, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning at an early hour with his throat cut from ear to ear.

The suicide had been in ill health for some time. He and his wife and little daughter occupied the same room, but slept in different beds, the little girl sleeping with her mother. A light was kept burning in the room, as Kiff had to get up in the night

to take medicine.

At an early hour yesterday morning the little girl awoke, and finding the light out, she aroused her mother. The latter got up and after lighting the lamp, went to her husband's bed. He had drawn the covering up over his head, and when she turned the quilts back she found him lying in a pool of blood. He was still alive, but died later in the day. He had used a razor and had cut a terrible gash, completely severing the jugular vein.

### H. W. CAMPBELL MAY COME.

Dry Farming Expert is Willing to Visit This Part of North Dakota—Minot, Lansford and Bottineau May Hear Him.

H. W. Campbell, the dry farming expert, has expressed a willingness to visit North Dakota within the next few weeks and lecture on Soil Culture. Campbell has become famous the world over, and his lecture should be

heard by every farmer who can possibly attend. Lansford, Bottineau and Minot are now in communication with him. He wants a guarantee of \$100 for each lecture.

### Wm. Devereaux Very Ill.

Wm. Devereaux, Sr., is very ill of a complication of diseases at the Northwestern hospital. His daughter Mrs. B. B. Page and husband arrived from the east, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kress. Mr. Devereaux is reported slightly better.

## An Important Ruling

### Postmaster Who Filed on Land Near Wheelock, Wins Out in Interesting Contest--Constructive Residence Recognized

A case of considerable importance and which establishes a new ruling in the land office was declared by the secretary of the interior recently. John T. Anderson was appointed postmaster at Penn, N. D., some time in 1906. About two months after his appointment he has filed on a quarter section of land near Wheelock, and instead of establishing his actual residence thereon he relied on the constructive residence which follows from the act of filing and being an employe of the government he maintained that residence was not necessary. In the fall of 1908, he made final proof, and

a receiver's receipt was issued. Shortly after he sold this land for \$1,000. In course of time this proof reached the commissioner of the general land office, who rejected it on the ground that the residence shown was insufficient to warrant issuing a patent. An appeal was taken to the secretary of the interior. Last week W. M. Anderson received a letter from Congressman Gronna stating that the secretary of the interior had reversed the ruling of the commissioner of the general land office and that a patent would issue inside of thirty days.

## Mrs. Lennon Dies in Alberta

The following concerning the death of a former North Dakotan will be read with considerable interest by the many friends of the deceased, who lived in this vicinity.

Crossfield, Alberta Chronicle: We deeply regret to announce through our columns this week the death of Mrs. Lennon, wife of Mr. John Lennon, who resides five miles west of town. The deceased lady had been suffering from a complication of ailments, but the end was due to heart failure. That death lurked so near was the last thought to enter the minds of those around her, and when the call came at 4 o'clock on the morning of the Wednesday, Jan 26th, the shock was intense. Mrs. Lennon's maiden name was Mary Nixon, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nixon, of Doyon, Ramsey county, N. D., are still living. She also leaves in addition to her sorely stricken husband and nine-year-old daughter, five brothers, two residing here, and four sisters. The deceased was born in McKeller township, Parry Sound, Ont. She was married at Devils Lake, N. D., and came to this country some eight years since. Father Forget of Carstairs came down last night and the service took place in the Roman Catholic church today, the remains being shipped to Calgary on this afternoon's train for burial.

Mrs. Isabella Nixon, mother of the deceased, arrived in town from Dakota today. Mrs. Lennon had made many friends while here and her sudden death leaves a gap in the social circle of the district which will be difficult to fill. The deepest and most heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved ones in this most trying hour.

Mrs. C. M. Christenson from south of the city spent last week in Minot with friends.

The Equity Farm News is now published in newspaper form, and will appear twice a month from now on.

## Frank Moline Poisoned by Son

### Rugby Farmer Given Drink of Whisky and Strychnine by Inhuman Son and Left to Die Along the Road--Wife Implicated, Perhaps

Rugby, N. D., Jan. 31.—Frank Moline, a pioneer farmer of East Barton township, was poisoned last Friday night by his son, Charles Edward Moline, 23 years of age, by administering whiskey in which ten grains of strychnine had been placed.

The entire story, obtained by Sheriff Erickson in the nature of a confession from the murderer, is as follows:

Frank Moline and his son Charles left Barton about 9 o'clock last Friday evening to go to their home about five miles out. Before starting the boy had purchased a half pint of whiskey, into which he had put ten grains of strychnine, which he obtained at his father's place, which had been bought for poisoning gophers. When out about two miles he gave the old man a drink of the stuff. After going a few steps the cold-blooded murderer stopped the team, got out, unhitched and unharnessed them and started them off, following them toward home, a couple of miles distant. The old man got out and began to follow also, when the boy heard a loud yell, and upon looking around saw the old man stagger and fall down. He, however, continued his way on foot to the home, where he put the horses in and walked back to Barton, where he notified his mother and younger brother of what he had done, it being between 12 and 1 o'clock by this time. The three of them walked out to the sleigh, found the body of the victim and decided that the oldest boy should go on to the farm and get the team and drive up to where the body was and while the younger boy held the horses the mother assisted in putting the body in the sleigh, taking him home, where they carried him into the house. The coroner was notified by some one, and a coroner's inquest was held, at which time the stomach was taken out and sent to Grand Forks for analysis.

The young man started to Rugby last Saturday to give himself up but his nerve failed him and he went back to the home on the farm, and securing some chloroform which his mother had in the house, attempted to commit suicide, after he had first walked into town. His mother thought there was something the matter with boy and followed him in, and secured a doctor for him, with the result that he was placed in charge of Deputy Sheriff Erickson, who kept him until Wednesday, when Sheriff Erickson went up and got him, and after a severe sweating, obtained the confession as stated above.

It is the impression of those interested that the woman is mixed up in the matter some way, although they have not been able to implicate her directly as yet. They know that she committed perjury at the inquest and will use this as an excuse to hold her until they have a chance to ascertain to a certainty, if possible. The motive of the crime is supposed to be the fact that the old couple have not been living together for some time, and divorce proceedings were just about completed. The old man, who has lived on the farm, had a young woman living with him, who at the present time is in a delicate condition, and it is known that he intended to marry her just as soon as the decree of divorce was obtained, and the family were evidently afraid that the property would all be deeded over to this woman, and took this method to prevent it.

### A Satisfied Advertiser.

In remitting for a local advertisement placed in the Independent, E. H. Newton of Glasgow, Mont., says: "Please find enclosed payment for ad. Am receiving answers already." Independent advertisements bring results.

### SCHIMMEL TELLS

#### IMPROBABLE STORY

Man Charged With Stealing Suit Case Says He Did It to Help a Stranger Who Was Broke.

George Schimmel, who was arrested the 21st of last September charged with stealing a suit case from the Windsor hotel, was tried Monday in district court. The defendant claimed that he had bought the suit case from a stranger who since disappeared. When questioned as to where he secured the articles which were found in his pockets, and which the state alleges he stole, he stated that he met a stranger hailing from Chicago, who was broke, and that he advanced him \$3.00 on them. He said that one pair of socks had been bought from a clothing store across the street from the Leland, but the proprietors of the store swore that they did not handle that grade of goods. J. M. Wilson, however, testified that he handled goods of that make, and the complaining witness testified that he had bought the socks from Wilson. Schimmel's story was very improbable all the way through. The jury found him guilty.

### Milk Stool Factory.

W. W. Gunter has opened a milk stool factory in the old Lacy Grocery store building on Belyea avenue. The milk stool is of Mr. Gunter's patent and is made to retail for \$1.50. It is made from two inch plank and provided with adjustable milk pail holders. Old Brindle will have a hard time getting her foot in the pail of milk, once the farmers are provided with these stools.

### Saw a Flickertail.

John Balerud reports seeing a gopher out, while going to his farm on the north prairie Saturday. It is very unusual for a gopher to venture out in January, but the exceedingly mild weather has coaxed the little fellows out.

### Canadian Farmers Dicing.

Emil Munz has returned from Lethbridge, Alta., where he was looking up a business location. He was also at Sweet Grass, Mont. Mr. Munz says he saw farmers near Lethbridge dragging and dicing last week.

Do you want to buy a new Oliver typewriter at the rate of only 17 cents a day? See the Independent for further particulars.

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