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Batch of District Court News

Jurors In The Absence of the Judge, Hold Kangaroo Court and Fine Candidates For Office the Price of Boxes of Choice Cigars

The case of the Brush-McWilliams company, a corporation, vs Amle P. Gludt, was tried in district court Monday and Tuesday. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant after a half hour's deliberation.

The suit was brought to recover \$1,000, claimed to be due the plaintiff as commission for producing a purchaser for the half section of land of the defendant. The contention of the defendant was that he had listed the farm for sale, but that the terms were to be cash and that defendant refused the terms offered by the plaintiff to pay \$1,000 down and the balance March 1st.

The plaintiffs offered in evidence the fact that they had a buyer for the land, the price being \$9,000, and that the defendant had agreed to allow the plaintiffs any amount over \$8,000, thereby causing a loss to the plaintiff of \$1,000. The evidence also showed that the defendant had accepted a had rescinded the contract and returned the check after learning that the transaction was not for cash.

Attorney Greene represented the defendant and Schull was lawyer for the plaintiff.

Mr. Ramsay of Lisbon was the prospective purchaser and was a witness for the plaintiff as were also James Mitchell of Donnybrook, and Attorney John Bates of Minot. The case comes from Donnybrook.

Kangaroo Court.

In the absence of Judge Burke Monday forenoon, the jurors and bailiffs took it upon themselves to mete out justice. The old rule "The mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceedingly fine" was thrown to the winds, and justice, cold justice,

was summarily dealt out to three offending citizens.

Juror Vadnais was selected as judge and borrowed a pair of goggles to wear to add dignity to the court. He graced the judge's chair as it has never been graced before, and it is hoped will never be so occupied again, especially by those who were unfortunate enough to be brought before his majesty. The first victim was none other than our townsman and candidate for county treasurer, L. P. Weatherwax. He was brought before his honor by two court bailiffs and pleaded guilty to the charge of prematurely announcing his candidacy.

The fine imposed was a box of cigars, which were produced and the prisoner discharged. He begged the clemency of the court, on the grounds that it was his first offense, and promised to never run again for the office. Next, County Clerk Knute Hagen "got his." It took considerable tact to convince the genial Hagen that he was wanted in the court room, but the persistence of the bailiff prevailed, and the trial was ended by a plea of guilty, two boxes of ten centers, and a jubilant set of jurors. The charge preferred was a failure to announce his candidacy for re-election.

Joseph Hunt came next, or was brought as the next criminal. He entered a plea of not guilty, was tried by an unfair and partial jury, found guilty of having some kind of a political bee in his bonnet, upon motion of half a dozen volunteer attorneys, was granted a stay of execution, pending an appeal, fined \$2 for contempt of court, released upon his own "contenance" and court adjourned.

Branch Opening Friday Night Didn't Like Land In West

The Branch store will give its annual spring opening Friday night, from 8 to 10 o'clock. A band has been engaged to play in front of the store, and an orchestra will dispense music within. The store will be closed during the day Friday, while preparations will be made for the event. No

merchandise will be sold at the time of the opening. The Branch has just received a beautiful line of new spring garments, and the opening will prove unusually interesting to the ladies of Minot. Free souvenirs are to be given.

Hardware Company Incorporates

Roell Hardware Company Makes Important Change--Capitalization Is \$40,000--J. A. Roell Continues as Manager of the Business

The Roell Hardware company, one of the best known hardware concerns in the Northwest, has incorporated for \$40,000, the charter of incorporation having been received from the office of the secretary of State Saturday.

The incorporation of the business was deemed advisable, owing to the rapidity with which the business of the concern has grown. Mr. Roell, five years ago came to Minot from Minnesota, and started in business in a small way, but has been very successful, having built up one of the

finest stores of the kind in the state. As a hardware man, he knows the business from A to Z, and it may safely be said, he has no peer in the state. The business in the future, as in the past, will be under Mr. Roell's personal direction, and it is certain to go ahead uninterruptedly.

The incorporators of the business are J. A. Roell, M. J. Roell and R. H. Whitley of Minneapolis. J. A. Roell is president and manager; H. A. Whitley of Northfield, Minn., is vice president, and R. H. Whitley is secretary.

Keavin Back From New York

John J. Keavin has returned from New York City and Chicago, where he spent three weeks doing the buying for spring and summer. Mr. Keavin bought a wonderfully beautiful stock, and very large and complete. The merchandise has already begun to arrive and will be practical-

ly all here by the last of the week. "I struck some terrible weather in New York, and it seems good to be back in North Dakota, where one can see the sun shine. It rained nearly every day I was in the city," Mr. Keavin said.

FRIENDS WERE UNEASY

Considerable uneasiness has been felt by the friends of Ed. Kelley and P. J. McKeane, who went west several days ago, to superintend the work of putting up ice for the Great Northern at Seattle. They were due to pass through the mountains at about the time that the snow slide occurred, which buried two whole trains underneath hundreds of tons of snow

and debris, resulting in the death of more than 100 persons. No word has been received from either of them up to Monday, and as Mr. McKeane was due to be in Minot before that time, there may be some reason for apprehension.

Later, Mr. McKeane has returned home and reports a very narrow escape.

Miss Huff Returns

Miss Maude Huff, who was in charge of the millinery department at Keavins last year, returned Sunday from her home in Chicago, where she spent the winter. Miss Huff is unusually popular with the trade.

Speaking of hats, Miss Huff said to the Independent's fashion editor: "A very great assortment of hats will be worn this spring, ranging from the extremely large ones down to the small kind. We have hats for everybody, as our assortment is very large."

TAXES WENT DOWN.

Said Dr. L. C. Davenport, "When Prof. Aaker was elected mayor of Moorhead his taxes were \$28; this year they were \$8.70. Well, but you cannot give Aaker credit for what has been done since he was mayor. Not exactly, but he radically changed the policy of the city, started the administration of affairs along different lines, showed the superiority of a good, clean administration and demonstrated to people their power if they took a firm hand in the affairs of the city." Prof. Aaker is now Republican candidate for governor.—Adv.

MILLIONS OF LIVES LOST.

An Awful Toll Collected by Consumption—Many Unnecessary Deaths From This Disease.

If people could only understand that systemic catarrh is an internal disease that external applications cannot cure, they would not need to be warned so often about this malady, which, when neglected, paves the way oftentimes for consumption, at the cost of millions of lives every year. Yet catarrh may be cured, if the right treatment is employed.

Catarrh is caused by a general diseased state of the system which leads commonly to annoying and perhaps serious local conditions, which may prove a fertile breeding ground for germs of consumption. External remedies give but temporary ease.

The only way to successfully treat catarrh is by employing a medicine which is absorbed and carried by the blood to all parts of the system, so that the mucous membrane or internal lining of the body is toned up and made capable of resisting the infection of consumption and other diseases.

We have a remedy prepared from the prescription of a physician who for thirty years studied, and made catarrh a specialty, and whose record was a patient restored to health in every case where his treatment was followed as prescribed. That remedy is Rexall Mucu-Tone. We are so positive that it will completely overcome catarrh in all of its various forms, whether acute or chronic, that we promise to return every penny paid us for the medicine in every case where it fails or for any reason does not satisfy the user.

We want you to try Rexall Mucu-Tone. On our recommendation and guarantee. We are right here where you live, and you do not contract any obligation or risk when you try Rexall Mucu-Tone on our guarantee. We have Rexall Mucu-Tone in two sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00. Very often the taking of one 50-cent bottle is sufficient to make a marked impression upon the case. Of course in chronic cases a longer treatment is necessary. The average in such instances is three \$1.00 bottles. Remember you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Minot only at our store—The Rexall Store, Paul V. McCoy & Co.

BOUND OVER FOR

STEALING TOOLS
B. M. Elzenhoefer and Son, Charged With Stealing Tools From the Great Northern—Friends Believe Them Innocent.

B. B. Elzenhoefer and son were arrested, charged with stealing tools from the Great Northern, and bound over to district court. We are acquainted with Ben Elzenhoefer and can't believe that the old man is guilty of the crime. Ben is an old soldier, having fought for years under the Stars and Stripes, and it will take an overwhelming amount of evidence, before his friends will believe him guilty of a crooked act.

Low Prices on Groceries.

J. C. Smallwood, the grocer, quotes some unusually low prices on groceries this week. Mr. Smallwood is one of our largest dealers, and is in a position to meet the prices of the catalogue houses, and his competitors find that if they follow him, they have to go along some.

Talk about hard times in Kansas and prosperity in North Dakota. We find that a young horse just three years old, raised on the Center Lane stock farm, was sold this week for the sum of \$850, and still we hear some fellow saying that it does not pay to raise horses in North Dakota. Watch her grow, Mr. Farmer.—Kenmare News.

Hathaways in California. Kix Hathaway writes from Gooding, Idaho: "Myself and family are in good health and enjoying ourselves fine, but prefer North Dakota for a home, as yet. Expect to leave soon for LeGrand, Cal., to visit a brother, and we intend to see Yosemite valley, the big trees and many interesting points of that state before returning."

Gov. Bond has returned from a trip in the East, where he spent several weeks. He visited West Baden, Ind., Minneapolis and Inkster, N. D. He feels like a sixteen-year-old, since his stay at the springs.

Walter Bond, who has been spending several weeks in Detroit, Mich., and other eastern points, is expected home the latter part of the week.



"Brides' Bouquet"

The plated pattern shown in this cut, "Brides' Bouquet", is the BEST and one of the most beautiful patterns shown in plated ware.

We have this pattern and several other beautiful patterns complete in Knives and Forks.

Table Spoons,
Dessert Spoons,
Bouillon Spoons,
Ice Cream Spoons,
Orange Spoons,
Coffee Spoons,
Berry Spoons,
Olive Spoons,
Pick's Forks,
Cold Meat Forks,
Salad Forks,
Sardine Forks,
Butter spreads,
Pie servers, etc etc

See our Line Before Buying

Hart Swalstead

JEWELER

John J. Lee Would Not Trade Ten Acres of Ward County Dirt for All the Land West of the Rockies For Farming Purposes

P. J. McKeane, chief clerk at the postoffice, returned Sunday from a trip through the West, going as far as Portland, Ore. Mr. McKeane says that John J. Lee, Ed. Kelley and himself had a close call from being in the snow slide that killed so many people in Washington. They were but twenty miles from the fatal point at the time that millions of tons of snow, trees and rocks came crashing

down the mountain side, burying whole trains. They looked at land in the West. Mr. Lee thought some of investing, but concluded that he wouldn't give ten acres of his North Dakota land for farming purposes for all the land he saw. The people are making their getaway fast from several Washington and western Montana points.

Big Herman and another citizen created considerable trouble Monday evening by engaging in a pugilistic encounter on the street about the time that the Nelson-Gans prizefight pictures were being shown at the Arcade. Herman knocked his victim down, but the crowd interfered. He then paraded up and down the street,

declaring that he had a brother "Sylvester," but that he was able to do about as much damage to any offending citizen as his brother, when an officer in plain clothes happened along, and took Herman's measure on the sidewalk, afterwards escorting him to the city jail.

"BIG HERMAN" GOT HIS

Minot Tough Tanks Up On Bad Booze and Proceeds to Clean Up the Town--Measure Taken on Sidewalk

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Ellison & Son Buy Valuable Lot

Fair Store Owners Will Construct a Three Story Brick Business Block on South Main Street--Plans Now Being Made

E. Ellison & Sons, proprietors of the Fair store, have completed arrangements to build one of the finest business blocks in the city, having bought the lots just south of the Savings Bank building on South Main street, from James Johnson, the Kulas estate and W. M. Reighart. Within a short time, excavation for the building will start. They will

erect a block three stories, 56x140 feet, with full basement, modern arrangements to build one of the finest business blocks in the city, having bought the lots just south of the Savings Bank building on South Main street, from James Johnson, the Kulas estate and W. M. Reighart. Within a short time, excavation for the building will start. They will

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Bailiff's Curiosity Lands Bad Man

Simon K. Witham, While Looking Over Pictures in Sheriff's Rogues Gallery, Learns that Edward Smith Is Wanted in Kansas

Through the highly developed quality of observation of Simon K. Witham, one of the bailiffs in district court, it is believed that Slick Slater, a bad man from Kansas, has been apprehended.

The man in question is one known as Edward Smith, who was sent to the Ward county jail for twenty days, from Kenmare, for carrying concealed weapons. The fellow had gotten into a quarrel with one of the miners near Kenmare, and pulled a gun, which led to his arrest.

Witham was in the sheriff's office one day recently, looking over the Rogues' Gallery, consisting of hundreds of pictures of bad men wanted in all parts of the United States, when he chanced to observe the picture of a man closely resembling Edward Smith. "Fifty dollars reward," stood out in bold letters under the picture, and the offer appealed to Simon. He stuck the card in his pocket and the next morning went to the jail and managed to get into conversation with Smith, who had been more or less of a trusty, doing odd jobs in the court yard. Sure enough, there were the same tattoo marks, described on the card. Height, five feet and ten inches tallied with the height of Smith. The escaped prisoner, whoever he is, was well marked. Smith, upon close investigation, shows identically the same marks, and there can hardly be any question but that he is none other than Slick Slater, sentenced in 1901, Sept. 23, from Shawnee county, Kan., for attempted rape, but who escaped May 29, 1909. Age

given at 33, nativity, Canadian. Florida complexion, auburn hair, brown eyes, and occupation, showman and laborer. Relatives, J. S. Slater and wife of Carbondale, Kan.

The tattoo marks are described as follows: Tattoo, shield and cross, on inside of left shin. Star on left knee cap. Two daggers on front part of right thigh. Back of left hand covered with tattoos from fingers up. Letters B. S., tattooed on fingers of left hand. Star tattooed on first knuckle joint of left hand. On the back of left hand is the square and compass, hammer, drawing knife, flower pot, star and bowie knife. Arrow, cross star heart over arrow shield, two flags, woman's head and cross on inside of left wrist, also sword and star on inside of left wrist. Curved tattoo on inside of left forearm of shield, and letters B. S., heart anchor, cross, pot of flowers and dagger. Star and cross tattooed at root of right thumb. Tattoo of woman throwing summersault on right arm. Scar on center of forehead. The man was well marked.

Judge Goss ordered him brought into the court room and questioned him. Of course, the fellow denied that he was Slick Slater, but the judge, believing that he is, ordered him returned to his cell and placed under guard. The authorities of the Kansas penitentiary have been notified and will likely be in Minot before the publication of this week's issue. Witham will get the \$50 reward if the man proves to be Slick Slater.

Frank W. Youngman, the wide-awake real estate man, has fitted up elegant new offices on Reishus street in rooms just south of his old offices. The interior is oak grained and the offices will be nicely fitted with rugs, etc. Mrs. Harding has been secured

to assist Mr. Youngman. In addition to doing a general land business, he will pay especial attention to rentals.

WANTED—Drug store (snaps), all states, list free. Drug jobs, F. Knies, Omaha, Neb. 87