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MRS. CHARLES R. THATCHER DIES

Well Known Minot Woman Dies On Train in Oregon While Enroute to California—Remains Removed to Medford, Ore.

The sad news reached Minot that Mrs. Charles R. Thatcher, wife of the manager of the Minot Printing Co., had passed away in Oregon, while enroute to California, where her husband was taking her, in hopes that her health would be benefited. Mrs. Thatcher had been in a sanitarium at Fargo for several months and growing worse, her husband closed up his printing shop in Minot about three weeks and left for that place, preparing to take her to San Diego, Cal., where it was hoped her health would improve.

The remains have been interred at Medford. It is expected that Mr. Thatcher will return to Minot again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher were married about six years ago and had lived here since that time. Besides her husband, Mrs. Thatcher leaves two little children, besides her parents, who reside at Wahpeton. The many friends of the Thatcher family in this city extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and little children.

The following from a Medford paper, tells the particulars of Mrs. Thatcher's death:

Mrs. Nettie Thatcher, of Wahpeton, N. D., died in a Pullman car on train No. 15 Monday morning just as the train reached Gold Hill. When the train reached Gold Hill Coroner Kellogg was called and deciding that no inquest was necessary directed that the remains be brought to Medford, where they could be prepared for burial.

Upon the arrival of the train here Undertaker Perl took the remains from the train and removed them to his chapel, on Bartlett street, where they were prepared for shipment to the lady's former home in North Dakota.

The woman's husband, C. R. Thatcher, was traveling with her and they were en route to southern Cali-

fornia, where they were going with the hope that her health might improve there, she being afflicted with tuberculosis, and from which affliction she died. Dr. F. C. Jones, a physician, also a passenger on train No. 15, was called a few moments before the lady expired, but he was unable to give relief. Deceased was about 35 years of age.

Many Shriners Leave for Grand Forks.

A large number of Minot Shriners left today for Grand Forks, to attend the winter meeting of Kem Temple. Altho the Masonic Temple at Grand Forks was practically destroyed by fire Monday night, the arrangements for the big Shriners' meeting were not marred in any way.

There will be four candidates from Minot, F. P. Taylor, George W. Kemper, Dr. Kermott and Halvor L. Halvorson.

Among the Minot Shriners who will attend are M. T. Dahlquist, C. Aurland, C. F. Truax, J. W. Samuelson, M. J. Engeseth, H. B. Byorun, Dr. Ringo, C. Leverich, Louis Johnson, Hart Swalstead, W. H. Reighart, D. Cohn, John Wilson, Michael Flannigan and Major Person.

Jack Fulton is also in Grand Forks getting his Scotch Rite degree.

McCoy Gives Away Thermometers.

P. V. McCoy is giving away some extra fine thermometers with every purchase of not less than a dollar at his department store. The thermometers are very substantial, and are accurate. They will register down to 44 below which is plenty for the balmy winter weather in North Dakota.

A Leap Year ball will be given at the Elks' Home Friday evening. The gentlemen will as usual invite the ladies and act as escorts, while the Leap Year feature will be announced at the ball. The ladies are looking ahead to their golden opportunity with much anticipation.

J. F. Miller writes from Saskatchewan that there are thousands of acres of grain that are lying out under the snow, that cannot be threshed before spring. The winter has been very cold, from 40 to 49 degrees below zero. He hauls water three miles every day for his stock and says he doesn't mind it.

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MAN UNDER ARREST

Solomon Hogness Charged With Very Serious Offense—Awaits Trial in Ward County Jail—Alleged Victim is Daughter

Solomon P. Hogness, a Mountrail county farmer, was arrested last week charged by a statutory offense, the alleged victim being his daughter. The man was bound over to district court, under \$3,000, and the state's attorney, deeming the Mountrail county jail not a safe place for Hogness, the prisoner was brot to Minot and placed in the county jail to await trial.

The case is most revolting and it is said that there is no question as to the man's guilt. He says that he may have committed the offense, but that if he did, he remembers nothing of it. It is said that the crime with which he is charged continued over a period of several months.

When the officers went to the Hogness home, ten miles east of Stanley, to make the arrest, they found the family in a destitute condition. There was but one bed in the little shack and several members of the family have been sleeping on the floor. There are five children in the family.

NORTH DAKOTA BANKS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

The State Bank examiner's report, made public last week, and dealing with condition of both State and National Banks in North Dakota, indicates the stability of these institutions and the increase in wealth of the state. The report shows increase in deposits of \$10,000,000.00 and total resources of over \$100,000,000.00.

The increase in deposits in the 568 state banks during the period was \$6,166,637.13, while the increase in the deposits in the 147 national banks was \$4,338,314.94. The increase in the deposits subject to check in the state banks was \$6,285,613.58, while the increase in national banks was \$4,273,338.52. Demand certificate deposits in national banks increased \$171,339.99; demand certificates in state banks increased \$170,995.58 while savings deposits in state banks increased \$105,650.47.

The total deposits in state banks was \$38,720,37.83, while the total deposits in national banks was \$28,492,819.21, bringing the total deposits to \$67,213,757.04.

Fargo Forum May Change Hands.

There is a rumor in this city to the effect that the Fargo Forum may change hands soon. Mr. Plumley, who has been in charge of the Forum since 1891, may retire soon. He was recently reappointed postmaster at Fargo. Mr. Plumley has been connected with Fargo papers for nearly thirty years. He published the old Fargo Argus prior to taking hold of the Forum.

Proposed Panama-Pacific Tower and Man Who Plans It



WHEN San Francisco celebrates the completion of the Panama canal in 1915 by the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition one of its features, as now planned, will be a symbolic tower. The plans call for a granite anchored base 220 feet square, a shaft 85 feet square of steel construction and with marble and terra cotta veneering, rising 625 feet above the base. The approximate cost of the structure will be \$1,000,000. The tower is designed to serve as an observation point while the exposition lasts. Afterward, from its height and its position overlooking the Golden Gate (the top will be 1,100 feet above sea level), it may be of use to the government as a lighthouse. The idea of the tower was suggested by the president of the exposition company, Charles C. Moore, whose photograph is reproduced.

N. D. MERCHANTS SHOULD ADVERTISE

Every dollar that can be kept at home should find its place here in North Dakota. North Dakota dollars should be spent in North Dakota and we should all help in keeping our money within the state.

No particular class of individuals is to blame for spending money outside the state. All must do their part. Merchants cannot expect to have patronage unless they deserve it and make known the fact that they do. Every North Dakota merchant should see that he is buying his goods right, that he is buying goods of value and that he is selling them at fair prices. When he is serving his community well, then he must tell his prospective customers what he has. He must ask for their business.

In modern business, advertising is absolutely necessary. The day when a merchant can do business by keeping a stock and waiting for trade is passed. North Dakota merchants are competing with the best

business organizations of the age, and they must adopt up to date methods and meet this competition if they will succeed. Good service, good goods, right prices, are first necessary, then letting the people know about them is next. The home merchant can have the advantage always. He is dealing with personal acquaintances, with his friends. He has local patriotism behind him, he is close and can show his goods. In many communities all that is needed to insure home buying is advertising. Get to the customer at least as often as the other fellow and you get the business, if goods, prices and service is right.

North Dakota merchants owe to North Dakota the duty of keeping North Dakota dollars in North Dakota.

Minot Wants Summer Convention. W. M. Smart and Franklin Kauffman of the Optic and G. D. Colcord of the Independent, expect to leave for Fargo today to attend the press meeting Friday and Saturday.

Minot will endeavor to land the summer convention, which is the most largely attended convention of the year. The local press representatives will extend the hearty invitation of Minot thru Secretary Sherman of the Commercial club and Pres. Halvorson of the city commission.

DEWEY DORMAN SUES INSURANCE COMPANY

Minot Man Wants \$2000 for Loss of Bleriot Monoplane—Company Offers to Repair Machine or Give Him \$500.

D. C. Dorman has brot suit against the North American Insurance Co., to recover \$2000, sustained by the burning of his Bleriot monoplane in this city last summer. Mr. Dorman's machine was almost completely ruined. The engine alone escaped serious damage. This has been sent to Chicago to the insurance company, which made Mr. Dorman a proposition of repairing the machine. A Chicago repairer has offered to fix the machine for \$500, or the company is willing to give Mr. Dorman that amount. Mr. Dorman is willing to have the machine reconstructed if the Bleriot factory can do the work, but he is not willing to let someone on the outside do it, realizing that he would be taking certain chances.

ROOSEVELT IS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Roosevelt declares that he will be an active candidate for president if the party leaders believe that he can be elected. He says: "I regret to find so much opposition to President Taft. I do not and would not seek the nomination against Taft, but I will not discourage the activity of my friends."

The name of Roosevelt will be placed on the presidential primary ballot in March in North Dakota, and we believe that he will be North Dakota's choice by great odds.

STANLEY ELEVATOR MAN IN TROUBLE

That is Charge Made by Grain Seller Against Caulee Buyer.

Stanley, N. D., Jan. 18.—Charged with failure to redeem storage checks issued for grain placed in his elevator at Coulee in Mountrail county, M. C. Graham is in the height, a warrant for his arrest being issued by State's Atty. Roy Miller. Mr. Graham has been a prominent grain speculator in this section of North Dakota, and owns elevators at Stanley, Coulee and Manitou, in this state, and in Mondak, Mont. He also is interested in a paper supply house in Minneapolis, a general store at Little Falls, Minn., a general store at Ross, N. D., and in the implement business here.

The complaint against Graham was made by a farmer of the Coulee district, who claims to hold storage tickets which the elevator owner has refused to honor and redeem. He contends that fraud is being attempted, and that he is being enchered out of his grain through such alleged fraudulent practices.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauge's Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Hauge, who are among the most highly respected residents of south prairie, celebrated their silver wedding Jan. 12, by entertaining a number of their neighbors. Some very fine presents were received among which were a silver butter knife, dozen silver teaspoons, silver meat fork, silver sauce spoon, silver jello spoon, six silver table spoons and other articles, all coming as a surprise to the happy couple. Among the guests were H. Benno and family, B. Varaberg and family, H. Edwards and family, J. Carlson and family, Misses Gordon and Oen, Master Gilbert Oen and Ole Johnson.

"Young China" in New York Acclaims the New Republic



Photos by American Press Association.

NEW YORK'S Chinese population, while not originally unanimously for the republic, seems to have pretty generally renounced the monarchy and its works. On New Year's day the colony's long pent-up enthusiasm burst its bonds and exploded in countless strings of firecrackers. Crowds paraded the narrow streets of the quarter, cheering for Sun Yat Sen and bearing the red, white and blue banners of the newly proclaimed republic. The children took a prominent part in the celebration, representing "Young China" in a literal as well as a figurative sense. Those shown in the picture above are the pupils of the Morning Star mission. The other picture is of the altar to Confucius in the joss house, which was specially decorated in honor of the occasion.

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MOELLER CASE ON IN APRIL

The appeal of Dr. Thor Moeller of Minot, who was convicted by the district court for the second time on a charge of murder in the second degree will probably be argued before the state supreme court next April. Dr. Moeller after being convicted the first time secured a new trial from the state supreme court, and this was held a couple of years ago. The second trial resulted in a verdict of guilty and Mr. Moeller appealed to the supreme court a second time. The outcome of the second appeal will be watched with interest.