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TWO BABIES BURNED TO DEATH IN TERRIBLE FIRE AT WHITE EARTH

Pearl Wardlow's Little Ones Fatally Burned When Can of Gasoline Overturns and Ignites—Mother in Precarious Condition.

The two months old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Wardlow of White Earth, died Monday night, five hours after one of the most horrible accidents in the history of that village, and the two year baby girl, was so seriously burned that she died later. The attending physician held out no hopes for the recovery of the child. The mother, in trying to save her babes, was severely burned from the hips down and may not recover.

The little girl was playing with a can of gasoline Monday afternoon when it was overturned. The gasoline soon ignited from the fire in the stove and the room was at once a mass of flames. The mother seeing her little ones in peril, rushed into what seemed to be sure death for them all and carried the little children out of the house, but not until the bodies of the children were horribly cooked. The mother herself was so badly burned that for a time her life was almost despaired of.

Mr. Wardlow is White Earth's barber.

A later report from White Earth states that the funeral of both children was held Wednesday. Mrs. Wardlow is growing weaker and her death is expected momentarily.

Mrs. Wardlow was in the yard when the accident occurred, and rushed into the flames bringing her little babe out of the building. Her own clothing caught fire and she threw herself in the mud. Before the flames were extinguished, she was terribly burned about the hips, shoulders and face. A neighbor rushed into the house on his hand and knees and brought the little girl out, more dead than alive.

The house which is owned by Arne Amundson, was damaged considerably.



MINOT'S FIRST BANKER DEAD

E. Ashley Mears, Founder of the Bank of Minot, Passes Away in a Sanitarium in Minneapolis at the Age of 72.

E. Ashley Mears, who founded the Bank of Minot and the First National Bank of this city back in the early eighties, when Minot was but a cowboy village, died Saturday at Mound View sanitarium in Minneapolis at the age of 72 years.

Ashley Mears is remembered by every one of our old timers, many of whom were victims of his J. Rufus Wallingford methods. He started Minot's first bank in the old frame building at the corner of Main and Third streets, now occupied by James Johnson, attorney. The old vault, as good as ever, can still be seen in the building, and until a short time ago, the glass with the words "Bank of Minot," could be seen over the door.

Here the financier planned great things and laid the foundation for shearing many sheep which he did with alacrity. At the time, his methods were considered anything but conservative and he must have known that his financial bark was doomed to go on the rocks. Some believe, however, that had Mears projected his schemes ten or fifteen years later, he might have become one of the millionaires of the state instead of dying in a sanitarium almost penniless. Be that as it may, the bark failed and many of the old timers

were severely crippled for the time, but they learned a lesson in finance that served them well all of these years. The First National bank was later moved down to the corner now occupied by the Second National bank and Jos. Roach was appointed the receiver. Mr. Roach picked up what he could of the wreckage from the turbulent seas and started the Great Northern bank, later known as the Second National bank, one of the solidest institutions in western North Dakota today.

Mears came to North Dakota from Ipswich, S. D., in 1887 and started the Bank of Minot. Two years later, he organized the First National Bank of Minot, both of these institutions now being defunct. He built the Baptist church on Third street. He sold his holdings here to H. F. Salyards, who came from Chicago clear to Minot to get plucked. Interested with Salyards were Sam L. Page and one Arnold. Mears then went to Fargo where he organized the Dakota National bank which went to the wall shortly after the big brown stone structure was destroyed by fire. For several years he was heard from occasionally down in Arkansas, where he pulled off some financial stunt with regularity.

A BOOST FOR FRANK S. HENRY

Any man can stand well with the general public where he is not particularly well acquainted, but the man who ranks high in the estimation of his immediate neighbors must have more than ordinary qualities. It is doubtful if there is any man in Barnes county who has won the respect of a larger number of its citizens than has Captain Henry and his announcement that he will be a candidate for the office of secretary of state has been generally received with a feeling that he is competent for the office and that full trust may be placed in him to successfully discharge the duties of the position.—Times-Record.

THE METROPOLITAN BAND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

C. A. GROW DROPS FIGHT

C. A. Grow, one of the strongest supporters for the South Hill Normal site has withdrawn from the proceedings, in the interest of a bigger and better Minot. Mr. Grow says he realizes that the fight has gone quite far enough. D. C. Greenleaf, leading counsel in the injunction proceedings, has likewise withdrawn in the interest of a higher and better school and it is to us to get the Normal school started without further delay.

NEITHER PROGRESSIVE NOR STALWART

If C. A. Johnson decides to run for the campaign for governor, he will do so neither as a Progressive nor a Stalwart, but as a Republican. Mr. Johnson considers that as far as North Dakota is concerned, the line that divides a Progressive from a Stalwart is not very well defined.

CHARMLEY'S NEW PAPER.

We have received a copy of John Charmley's new paper, the Mott Spotlight. It is one of the newest papers published on the Slope and those who know Charmley's ability as a newspaperman, realize that the Spot will be successful. No rot in Mott's Spot, not by a long shot.

Chas. Williams, deputy county auditor of Mountrail county, entered St. Joseph's hospital Sunday for an operation.

Read the advertisement in this week's paper, very carefully, by the Henningsen Creamery Co.

Organization Owes Numerous Bills That Should Be Paid and Feels That Citizens Should Help Out Financially.

The Minot band needs the support of all of the citizens of Minot. In the first place, the band owes some money that ought to be paid. W. B. Halsey, the leader, has bought something like \$400 worth of music which he has paid for with his own money. He ought to be reimbursed. Then there are other bills that the band is expected to pay. The band needs new uniforms and some new instruments.

The band at present is allowed to practice in the Blakey block, but there is no telling how soon it will have to look for new quarters.

Minot will have a band, but unless the citizens come thru soon, the musicians will form a union and then it will cost \$3 for each musician whenever the band is called out.

The band is anxious for the school board to determine whether or not the concerts are to be held on the school lawn this season or not.

The Metropolitan band is all right. Dr. Storrs, musical critic of the Minneapolis Tribune, passed thru Minot recently and chanced to hear the band play at Spring Lake Park. He was surprised at the manner in which the members interpreted the high class music and in the Tribune spoke most favorably of our local organization.

Williston has raised \$2,000 for its band this season. The leader of that band gets \$100 a month. Minot should do as well by her band as the little city on the Missouri does.

CARPIO MINISTER PASSES AWAY

Rev. O. T. Olson Succumbs After Lingering Illness—Rev. N. Nilsen Has Charge of Funeral.

Rev. O. T. Olson, pastor of the Lutheran church at Carpio, died at his home Saturday morning, after a lingering illness. Mr. Olson had been in Minot for several weeks taking treatment, and it was believed that he was on the road to recovery. Funeral services were held from the home at 1 o'clock Wednesday and from the church at 2 o'clock. Rev. N. Nilsen, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church of this city had charge of the services. Among the others from this city attending the funeral were Martin Jacobson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Severson, Theo. Lee, G. O. Hanson, J. L. Skrivseth, A. Anderson, A. M. Olson, A. Balerud, Rev. Vang of Rugby and Rev. Brunsvold of Leeds.

The deceased had been a resident of Carpio for the past twelve years where he was universally loved. He was pastor of the church there until last fall. He was 45 years of age and leaves a young wife and five small children. Several sisters reside in Chicago.

HANS MILLER FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Hans C. Miller, candidate for the legislature from Ryder, realizes that Minot can swing the vote either way, but the Journal believes that if the citizens of Minot can realize Mr. Miller's sturdy traits of character, he can easily be elected.

MRS. J. B. TAYLOR IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. J. B. Taylor had a narrow escape from a serious accident while auto riding in North Minot Wednesday evening. As it was she was quite severely injured and today is under the doctor's care, but will be able to be out within a short time.

Peder Baraness, a Ryder farmer, reports one of his cows giving birth to a calf with two heads.

WARD COUNTY HAS SETTLED WITH MOUNTRAIL FOR \$8,771

Ward County Gets \$8,771—Commissioners Now Able to Make Settlement With Other Counties.

At last Ward county has settled with Mountrail county. The commissioners of both counties have been in session in this city during the past three days and late this afternoon, the Mountrail county dads agreed to give Ward county in lieu of the judgment for \$6,301.95, which amount was granted by the court, the sum of \$7,771, that portion of the delinquent taxes of Mountrail county collected by Ward county, and an additional sum of \$1000 making a total of \$8771.

When Mountrail county was set off from Ward county July 1, 1909, the delinquent taxes due in Mountrail county amounted to \$12,000. Of this amount Ward county has collected \$7771. As the law is not very specific on the subject, it is doubtful if Mountrail county could have ever collected the delinquent taxes from this county.

While the settlement is not entirely satisfactory to the commissioners of Mountrail county, all concerned seem to be glad that the matter has finally been disposed of.

Ward county can now go ahead with its settlements with Burke and Renville counties.

Assistant State's Attorney Bradford appeared before the two boards and both himself and Mr. Nash deserve much credit for the settlement, which is rather favorable to this county.

We have heard rumors of a co-operative store for Minot, which may be started in the Carroll block on Ramstad street.

YOUNG GIRLS BARRED FROM DANCE HALLS

City Commission Passes an Ordinance Prohibiting Girls Under 18 From Frequenting These Places.

An ordinance was passed at its first reading by the city commission Monday night, barring girls under the age of eighteen from attending public dances unattended. Captain Scarlett humane officer, appeared before the commission and told of women detectives, heavily veiled, who attended several of these public dances, where young girls unattended are always present. He told of the lights being turned low while the moonlight waltzes were in progress. Several ministers appeared before the commission and urged the passage of the ordinance.

CITY COMMISSION PAYS FOR VISITING NURSE

The city commission has done a rather unique, but highly commendable thing. They have employed Mrs. Linette Stone, a trained nurse for three months at \$75 per month to assist in the work of Minot's health officer. Mrs. Stone was employed by the Elks lodge of Minot for the past three months, and acted under the direction of the United Charities.



GOVERNORS WHO HAVE ISSUED A JOINT PROCLAMATION CALLING THE NORTHWESTERN DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS IN SEATTLE