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## MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT A BIG THING FOR ROCHESTER

Rates to Consumers of Rochester Will  
Be Cut About 15 Per Cent.

Rochester, Minn., Feb. 12.—A reduction amounting to about 15 per cent has been made in the lighting and power rates of Rochester to take effect the first of April, according to an announcement of the utility board of the city. The reduction will make a savings of \$12,000 a year to consumers. The new rates will be for lighting, 10 cents for the first twenty kilowatt hours, 7 cents for the next 100, and 6 cents for all above 120 kilowatt hours with a minimum rate a month of 80 cents. The power rate will be 6 cents for the first 100 and 4 cents for all above that amount with a minimum monthly rate of \$2. Rochester's lighting plant netted about \$25,000 profit to the city the last year, which is the cause of the reduction.

## MINOT NOW HAS A MAIL ORDER HOUSE

Western Grocery Co. Will Do Strictly  
Cash Business and Enter Into Direct  
Competition With Large Mail  
Order Concerns.

The Western Grocery Co. will issue at an early date, a consignment of catalogs that will be distributed over the northwest. This concern is going to go after the mail order business, and there is no reason why it cannot successfully compete with any large mail order house.

For one thing, the merchandise can be gotten almost the same day as ordered and the freight or parcels post charges will be less.

This store, which is strictly a cash concern, is located on West First St. at the old stand of the Shirley Grocery Co.

## SISTER OF MRS. DUDLEY NASH BURNED TO DEATH

Miss Ella Uline of Devils Lake, Found  
Burned Beyond Possible Recognition  
Saturday Afternoon—Had Tried  
to Start Fire With Oil.

Miss Ella Uline, sister of Mrs. Dudley L. Nash of this city, was burned to death at her home in Devils Lake Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Nash was notified almost immediately after the accident was discovered and left for that city on the earliest train.

Miss Uline was alone at her home. When found by Saras Elgrand, during the afternoon, Miss Uline's body was burned beyond possible recognition. The door of a coal stove was open and it is presumed that she had tried to start the fire with oil, which exploded.

Miss Uline had been identified with the history of Devils Lake since the early eighties. For years she was deputy clerk of court of Ramsey county. She was about 50 years of age. Her father, the late Col. Cal Uline, was one of the earliest settlers of Devils Lake, being associated with Col. Creel in the townsite. He served as state treasurer of Minnesota and for years was right of way agent for the G. N. He died ten years ago. Miss Uline is survived by two sisters.

## NEIL McDERMID IS SUMMONED

Old Time Ward County Resident Dies  
at St. Joseph's Hospital Wednesday  
After Long Illness From Cancer.

Neil McDermid, who has been a resident of Ward county for more than a quarter of a century, died at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday morning, after an illness of many months from cancer. Mr. McDermid had been troubled with the affliction for years, yet he bore up to the last with the fortitude characteristic of his race.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. Erickson officiating and the remains will be interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. McDermid was born in Paisley, Scotland, 56 years ago and when but a young man came to America, locating in Ontario. Twenty-six years ago he came to Ward county, where he resided until his death.

He was treasurer of Ward county for several years, retiring about fifteen years ago. At one time, he was engaged in the hotel business in Minot.

Mr. McDermid was a man of very quiet and unassuming disposition, yet he made a great many close friends in Ward county in the death of Mr. McDermid, loses one of her best old time residents.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, who reside in Minot, Mrs. Thos. Jackson, Mrs. A. Pringle and Mrs. Hill, besides two sisters who live in Toronto. One brother, Wm. McDermid, a prominent Logan farmer, is also bereaved.

The statement of the First State Bank of Lone Tree appears in this issue. Tofflemire Bros. of this city, who are directors of this institution, have reason to feel proud of the showing that the bank has made since its organization. Tofflemire Bros. have helped out many a farmer in North Dakota and their success is well deserved.

## GREAT NORTHERN IS SUED FOR BIG SUM

Deputy Sheriff Adolph Sorenson Asks  
for \$25,000 Damages for Injuries Re-  
ceived in Minot Last Spring.

Minot, N. D., Feb. 10.—Deputy Sheriff Adolph Sorenson, who was injured last spring at the depot in Minot by being knocked down by a switch engine while in the act of boarding a Mohall/Sherwood branch line train, has started suit against the Great Northern railroad company for \$25,000 damage, Grace & Bryans of this city appearing as his attorneys in the case. The railroad company through their attorneys, Murphy & Dugan of Grand Forks, have petitioned for the removal of the case to the United States supreme court and to put up bonds for costs. Judge K. E. Leighton granted the request of the petitioning defendants and has certified the case for trial in the higher court. The case may possibly come up for hearing at the next term of the United States supreme court, which is usually held in Fargo.

The Independent learns that small-pox has broken out in the construction camps in McKenzie county, and several score of the railroad laborers are reported ill.

A special train was chartered by the Stanley Masons Sunday to carry them to Ross to the J. E. Smith funeral.

## SOME FACTS CONCERNING THE VENTILATING SYSTEM IN THE CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING

### TWO MORE FARMERS' CLUBS ORGANIZED

W. A. Peck Announces Organization  
of Drady Neighborhood Club and  
the North Prairie Farmers' Club  
This Week.

W. A. Peck announces the organization of two more farmers' clubs. The Drady Farmers' club, consisting of a dozen families in the neighborhood, was organized Tuesday.

Harry Bloss is the president, Gunder Kivley, vice president, and Louis Larson, secretary-treasurer.

The first meeting will be held at the home of Louis Larson the first Tuesday in March. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month.

The North Prairie Farmers' club was organized at the home of John Renz Wednesday and will meet the last Friday of each month.

John Renz is president; Joe Linerz, vice president, and Peter Linerz, secretary. The club will meet at the home of Frank Linha the last Friday of the month. Subject, Seeds.

### J. E. SMITH, ROSS POSTMASTER IS DEAD

Prominent Mountrail County Citizen  
Gives Up the Struggle After Lingering  
Illness From Appendicitis—  
Masonic Funeral.

J. E. Smith, postmaster at Ross since 1906, died at his home in that city last Thursday morning, Feb. 6, after a lingering illness from appendicitis and complications. An operation had been performed a few days before his death, but this proved of no benefit.

James Emerson Smith was born in Clinton county, Ind., July 15, 1859. In the spring of 1903, Mr. Smith located at Ross, where for years he was engaged in the real estate business, making quite a success of it. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Stanley.

The deceased leaves to mourn two cousins, Mary Spear, who made her home with Mr. Smith at Ross, and Horace Spear of Seven Persons, Alta. Mr. Smith was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and it is understood that in his will he left \$500 towards the erection of a new church at Ross. His other property, valued at about \$8,000 was left to the Spear children.

The funeral was held at Ross Sunday and was in charge of the Masonic lodge. Hundreds of friends gathered and the funeral was one of the largest ever held in Mountrail county. The remains were interred in the Rose Hill cemetery at Ross.

Mr. Smith was well known in Minot, where he had frequently transacted business. He was a man of splendid character. Mountrail county loses one of her very best citizens.

### LAWYERS DIFFER ON NEW LAW

ARE NOT CERTAIN OF MEANING  
OF NEW LIQUOR  
LAW.

Considerable doubt is being expressed by the legal lights among the city authorities as to the exact meaning of the Webb interstate liquor bill which has now been passed by both the United States senate and the house of representatives.

R. A. Nestos, state's attorney, said today that his understanding of the original bill had been that it prohibited absolutely the shipment of liquor into dry territory.

The bill which was practically identified with the original draft, so Mr. Nestos' interpretation would also apply to it.

Dorr Carroll, assistant state's attorney, on the other hand believes that the law does not prohibit the bringing of liquor into the prohibition states for private consumption.

He points out that the private consumption of liquor is not against the law at present, and therefore, as the Webb bill is merely planned to reinforce the state laws that it cannot interfere with this point.

In any case it is probable that many people living in prohibition territory will take measures to be sure that they will not be unduly inconvenienced before the "big drought" comes to pass.

Two Members of School Board Have  
Been Anxious to Install System in  
Central School Where Conditions  
Are Very Bad.

The Minot school board will take immediate action towards the installation of a ventilating system in the old Central school building. The board has realized for a long time that such a system was needed, but for various reasons, the majority of the board concluded to postpone the installation of the system. For one thing, the building is old and some of the members did not believe it good policy to spend the necessary money on the old building, inasmuch as a proposition had been considered to construct a new one. Those who have complained of the present condition of the Central school are perfectly right. The building should have been provided with a proper ventilating system long ago, or else condemned.

Two members of the board, Dr. A. J. McCannel and C. F. Truax have long favored installing this system, as the records will show. At Monday night's meeting, Architect Woodruff stated that at the request of Mr. Truax more than a year and a half ago, he drew plans and specifications for such a ventilating system.

In testing ventilation the usual method is to measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the air of the rooms. Carbon dioxide is not the most dangerous constituent of the air, but the quantity present is a good index of the amount of other and more dangerous impurities, mostly in the shape of animal matter, circulating in the air. The amount of carbon dioxide in the air of a well ventilated room should not exceed 5 parts in 10,000. A room with less than 2 parts in 10,000 is passable, while 9 parts or over in 10,000 is bad.

The ventilation in all the rooms of Central school was tested on January 31st, by Dr. A. J. McCannel and Mr. Parker, of the public health laboratory and in only three of the rooms was the ventilation even passable. In all the others it was very bad. The number of parts of Carbon Dioxide in 10,000 parts of air in each room was as follows:—7.7; 7.7; 8.6; 11.5; 11.5; 12; 12; 12; 15 and 16.

On the same date all the rooms in Sunnyside school were tested. In this school there is a ventilating system but on this date it was found all shut off so that conditions here were almost as bad as in Central. In these four rooms the amount of carbon dioxide present was as follows: 8; 10; 11.5; and 13.8, respectively.

On Feb. 7th, four of the rooms of McKinley school were tested. Here conditions were found entirely different. The ventilating system was in full operation and the four rooms tested showed that the ventilation was practically perfect. The number of parts of carbon dioxide in the rooms were as follows: 3.5; 4.4; 4.8; and 5.1.

### MINOT MAN IN BAD SHAPE AT BISMARCK

The Bismarck police arrested a man Thursday afternoon at a sand pit near that city. The fellow seems to be off mentally. He said his name was John Reed of Minot, but not our popular night policeman. He is about 35 years of age and wore a good fur overcoat, which he said he must have stolen. The man was locked up and a physician called.

Stephen Young died at his home near Pembina, aged 101 years. Young died old.



CANON HENSLEY HENSON, ENGLISH CHURCH REFORMER.

CANON HENSLEY HENSON of Westminster, who has been lecturing in this country, is a "progressive" member of the English Established church clergy. It was he who advocated a year ago the substitution in the Prayer Book communion service of the so called "Evangelical Summary" of the Decalogue for the existing form of the Ten Commandments. The plan contemplated the abridgement of the second, third and tenth commandments. "Regarding the tenth commandment," he said, "it is entirely at variance with modern thought and modern morals that the wife should be classed as a chattel with the ox and the ass. The notion is too primitive and archaic." This brilliant preacher and theologian not only has a canon's stall in the abbey, but is rector of St. Margaret's church, which is known as the church of the house of commons and is the scene of many weddings of British statesmen and politicians who are also "society men."

You Should Attend The Mid-Winter Fair and Farmers' Convention At Minot Feb. 18 to 22