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## STAFF TRIAL WILL BE HELD AT TOWNER

### FARMER ACCUSED OF WIFE-MURDER WILL BE TRIED IN McHENRY COUNTY DURING THE PRESENT MONTH—PALDA TO ASSIST PROSECUTION.

John Staff, the north prairie farmer charged with the murder of his wife, will be tried in McHenry county, according to a well founded report. The case is scheduled to come up in District court in Minot July 21, and it is understood that Staff's attorney, E. R. Sinkler, will ask for a change of venue, which will be granted.

L. J. Palda, Jr., will be called into the case by the prosecution, it is said, and while State's Attorney Nestos is engaged in prosecuting the eight criminal cases in district court, in this city, his assistant, Dorr H. Carroll, will work in conjunction with Mr. Palda at Towner. The case will be

tried before Judge Burr. The feeling against Staff in Ward county has been so strong that there has been considerable talk of holding a neck-tie party with Staff for the chief guest.

Two other Ward county cases will be tried at Towner, that of the state vs. Olof A. Olson, charged with assault, and another, the state vs. Olof A. Olson, charged with pigging. It will be remembered that the first case is the result of an argument between Olson and Bissell, over Olson's interference with motor-boat traffic up the river. Bissell claiming that Olson pulled a gun and threatened to use it. The other case followed the conviction of a negro, who served three months for pigging at the Lexington hotel. The colored boy claimed that Olson furnished the money for the beer and got the proceeds. Olson's arrest followed the negro's statement. The negro is now located at Fessenden and Judge Murray Saturday issued an order for attachment and he will appear as the state's main witness.

## DEMOCRATS LOOKING FOR A CANDIDATE

### WILL SOON START THE BALL ROLLING FOR A RED HOT CAMPAIGN—THREE MEN MENTIONED FOR GOVERNOR.

The Democrats have already begun to look up and down their ranks in the hopes of selecting a winning candidate for governor. The primary campaign will be on in about a year. John M. Anderson, president of the American Society of Equity, has been mentioned. Jones of Rock, naturally will be a candidate. J. Nelson Kelly, superintendent of the Grand Forks schools, is a possibility. All of these men are good speakers and any one of them would contribute much in that way to the Democratic campaign.

## STOLEN CAR WILL BE BROT BACK

### CADY BROS. FORMER COAL MINERS, BELIEVED TO HAVE DRIVEN EARL JACOBSON'S RAMBLER ACROSS THE LINE.

Sheriff Kelley located Earl Jacobson's Rambler auto across the Canadian line north of Antler, about a hundred miles from here, but owing to the condition of the roads last week could not bring it back. He will make a trip across the country this week accompanied by Mr. Jacobson and what is left of the car will be driven back. It is believed that two brothers named Cady who worked at the Lloyd coal mine, stole the car from No Man's Land during the Old Settlers' encampment. When the sheriff arrived they had departed but the Canadian officials are on the lookout for them. The auto was badly disfigured and it is believed the thieves hoped to fix it so that detection would be impossible. The fenders had been torn off, the body taken off and the upholstery of the seats cut away. Fully \$200 damage has been done to the car.

## DOUBLE STOCK OF SURREY ELEVATOR

### SURREY FARMERS' ELEVATOR CO. IN FLOURISHING CONDITION—STOCKHOLDERS WELL PLEASED.

The stockholders of the Surrey Farmers' Grain Assn., are highly pleased with the result of the past year's business.

A. A. Robinson of this city, who has managed the elevator, has made a record that will be hard for another elevator to equal. The company bought 175,000 bushels of grain during the past year, declared a 100% stock dividend and a 15% cash dividend. The stock has been increased from \$6,000 to \$12,000. There are about a hundred stockholders in the concern.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE IS REFUSED UNDER STATE'S NEW LAW; GROOM INSANE.

McClusky, N. D., July 15.—The first refusal of a marriage license under the new state marriage law occurred in this county when Fred Boschee of Goodrich attempted to secure a license to wed Miss Laura Hermann. The couple presented themselves to Dr. A. Donker of this city for examination, and it was found that the groom-elect had recently been in the state asylum for the insane, and that he is now under parole. The law aims particularly at insanity, and the couple failed to secure a license.

## E. B. McCUTCHEON IS GAME WARDEN

### MINOT MAN NAMED IN PLACE OF GEORGE HART—HAS ALREADY QUALIFIED.

E. B. McCutcheon of this city was named chief game warden for the northern district in place of George Hart, who was dismissed by the board. Mr. McCutcheon, who had a very strong endorsement, was chosen at a meeting of the board at St. John Thursday. He qualified at Fargo the following day and is already attending to his duties.

Mr. McCutcheon is giving the work his entire attention and there is no question but what he will make an excellent record.

## 318 Autos Assessed in Ward County.

Just 318 automobiles in Ward county were assessed this year. There are many more than that number here now, many having been purchased after April 1. The automobiles were assessed on the average \$145, while the assessment on a number of the machines was as low as \$25. There is no question but what the valuation of many machines was placed too low, but the commissioners are powerless to increase the assessment on one without raising it in proportion on all. The commissioners who have been sitting as a board of equalization would like to see the law amended, cutting out assessing automobiles altogether and increasing the license to \$10 on each machine, the money to be used for road building purposes.

## Good Show at the Grand.

Manager Repole of the Grand gave his patrons a pleasant surprise by booking an A-1 musical comedy, The Time, The Place and The Girl, which appeared there Saturday night. Thirty clever girls sang and danced and the work of the comedians was exceedingly good. This was the beginning of a number of similar attractions to appear. The Bell Hop, starring a lot of gorgeously gowned girls, will appear at the Grand Friday and Saturday nights. You'll get your money's worth if you attend. The attraction is guaranteed clean and interesting.

## Prominent Democrat Visits Minot.

John Bruegger of Williston, who has been president of the North Dakota Retail Merchants' state association during the past year, passed thru Minot Sunday enroute home from Fargo, where he presided at the state convention last week. John Bruegger is one of the most prominent men of the state and politically he is a power. Inasmuch as he is Democratic National Committeeman, he is being sought out from all points of the state where federal appointments are to be considered. Mr. Bruegger's recommendations are meeting with approval, generally speaking, but now and then there is bound to be a disappointed office-seeker who sets up an unearthly howl. This is music to the ear of the national committeeman, who remains calm and serene in the turbulent waters. John Bruegger's political boat is drawing some water these days.

## DISPOSED OF 44 CASES IN MURRAY'S COURT.

Just 21 criminal and 23 civil cases were disposed of by Judge Murray in the last term of county court. The Judge took right hold of the work and handled it in a capable manner in every particular.

## Willis Township Did Good Work.

Willis township offered a 2-cent bounty on gophers until June 15, and the lads brot to the clerk, Henry Bock, more than 5000 tails. Most of the gophers were caught early in the season when the most effective work could be done. Clifford Harding brot in over 500 tails.

## The Scots are Picnicing.

The "Bobby" Burns picnic is on today at Wildwood park. Col. Alex. Scarlett, master of ceremonies, has provided a great feast of scones and haggis and an interesting Scotch program is being rendered this afternoon. Justice Bruce of the Supreme court, who had intended to be present, was called to Wisconsin on business.

## The Lymans Leave for San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lyman and children left this city Tuesday morning in their Chalmers car with the Glendon tourists, bound for their new home in San Diego, Calif. They will accompany the tourists as far as Glacier Park. They expect to make the trip to their new home by easy stages. Mr. Lyman will engage in the real estate business in the west. Minot parts with Mr. Lyman and family with great reluctance.

## Farmers' Picnic at Logan.

A big farmers' picnic is to be held at Logan Friday of this week, the Hecker club having invited in a number of other clubs. A dandy time is in store for those fortunate enough to secure invitations.

## HALVORSON TAKES LAW PARTNER

### C. C. WYSONG, PROMINENT YOUNG ATTORNEY, TAKES INTEREST IN THE LAW BUSINESS OF HALVORSON.

Halvor L. Halvorson, the well known attorney, and C. C. Wysong, who has been connected with the law office of Palda, Aaker & Greene for the past two years, have formed a partnership under the name of Halvorson & Wysong.

Mr. Wysong is one of our most promising young attorneys. Both members of the firm stand high throughout this section of the state.

## BERTHOLD MAN BOUND OVER

### GEORGE TAYLOR HELD TO THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER \$500 BONDS FOR MAINTAINING A COMMON NUISANCE.

George Taylor, owner of a Berthold pool hall, was held to the district court under \$500 by Judge Lynch on the charge of maintaining a common nuisance at Berthold. He gave bail. The hearing was held Tuesday afternoon, a large number of witnesses from Berthold being summoned. Taylor was away when the raid was made but he gave himself up to the sheriff later.

## BULL MOOSE MAGAZINE MAY BE PUBLISHED HERE.

George L. Nelson, publisher of the Martin Searchlight, was in the city Monday. He is thinking seriously of publishing a Bull Moose monthly magazine in this city and he was conferring with Dorr Carroll relative to it. The Bull Moosers are making preparations to open their campaign soon. Mr. Nelson has just returned from Sheridan county where he secured material for a county directory.



HERD OF HEREFORD CATTLE ON THE CIRCLE DOUBLE-B RANCH AT TAGUS, N. D.

## TALK RECALL FOR PRESIDENT

### RUMORS ARE RIFE THAT SHAW FORCES WILL JOIN WITH THE SOCIALISTS TO ASK FOR RECALL OF PRESIDENT DAVIS.

The Independent has heard numerous rumors during the past week to the effect that the Shaw forces were about to join with the Socialists in asking for the recall of President Davis of the city commission. Shaw and Davis do not agree on several things and it is a well known fact that with Davis killed politically, Arthur LeSueur would have smoother sailing in the event that he again becomes a candidate for Congress.

Judge Davis was seen by an independent representative this morning. He had heard rumors of the recall, and that the Socialists had started them. He considers that he has conducted his office in such a way that even the Socialists should be satisfied, but says they do not care to see anyone outside of their own ranks make a good record.

F. C. Wlather, the "father" of Berthold, has gone to the Yellowstone park for a vacation.

Seven barrels of beer left with a farmer for safe keeping following the recent raid at Berthold, were stolen from him. It has probably gone the route of all good beer by this time.

Editor W. E. Krick, the Berthold editor, was a visitor in the city Tuesday. Mr. Krick, who had the endorsement for reappointment as postmaster, declined and expects that the new postmaster will soon be appointed.

RENTER WANTED for 1914. Possession given now. 110 acres to summer fallow. Plenty hay and water, 8 miles from town. Geo. T. Murray, Berthold, N. D. 7-17-12

## PLACE WHEAT ON THE FREE LIST

### SENATORS FROM THE NORTHWEST ARE FIGHTING FOR THE FARMERS' INTERESTS AND WILL OPPOSE THAT PORTION OF THE BILL—M'CUMBER HEADS THE FIGHT.

Washington, July 12.—An equalization in the treatment of wheat flour and other agricultural products in the tariff bill, as reported from the senate committee on finance late yesterday, has taken the shape of placing both wheat and flour on the free list with a countervailing duty of 45 per cent ad valorem duty on wheat when imported from a country which imposes a duty on products imported from the United States. The finance committee has also changed a paragraph relating to potatoes so that they are admitted free with countervailing duty of 100 per cent.

Duty on oats is placed at 6 cents a bushel instead of 10 cents as provided in the house bill. Rye and rye flour will remain on the free list. Flax straw is also retained on the free list. To Make Fight. The Northwestern senators will

make a strong effort to have the agricultural schedule changed so that specific duties shall be imposed on wheat and flour instead of having these duties dependent upon the laws of other countries. Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who is a member of the finance committee, already has introduced an amendment to the Underwood bill providing for the imposition of the Aldrich-Payne duties on agricultural products.

"I intend to make a fight for its adoption" said McCumber.

"Under the provisions bill as reported by the senate committee we cannot successfully compete with our foreign competitors, especially the Canadian farmers and millers."

Senator Clapp said: "While I am not sure at this time what amendment I shall offer, I intend to try and make the bill more reasonable in its provisions."

Discussion of the bill will begin actually in the senate Wednesday at noon. On Monday, however, the opening assault upon the democratic measure will be made by Senator McCumber, who will speak on the agricultural schedule.

## LONE STAR FARMERS PICNIC

### ONE OF THE MOST PLEASANT FUNCTIONS OF THE SEASON HELD AT THE HOME OF ALBERT EBERT JULY 11.

The Lone Star Farmers' Club is a live one. The picnic given by the club at the home of Albert Ebert, south of Glenburn July 11 was attended by about fifty. The picnic dinner consisted of such good things as can be prepared by only a farmer's wife. In the afternoon a carefully prepared program was rendered. Recitations were given by Earl and Harvey Hammond, Ruth, Eva, Clarence and Ray Walton, Claude Winter, James and Arthur Frund, Carolina Gowin and Miss Johnson. Anthony Walton himself gave one of his inimitable readings and he showed the youngsters a few tricks in the art. The original poem delivered by Mrs. Ebert was so good that the Independent hopes to publish it if Mrs. Ebert is not too modest to give us the copy. F. B. Wood, upon whose farm is located one of Jim Hill's experiment plots, gave an interesting report on the work he was doing. W. A. Peck reviewed a number of interesting experiments in farming this year.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

There is a new law which provides that household goods to the value of \$50 are exempt from taxation. In one township in Ward county, the assessor in his report showed but \$20 worth of household goods that could be taxed. In another township no wagons or sleds were assessed.

## City Orders Fire Engine.

The city commission has ordered an auto fire engine from the Seagrave Co., of Minneapolis, at a cost of \$5853. It will have a six cylinder 80 horse power engine. It will carry 40 gallons of chemical fluid, 1500 feet of 2-1/2 inch hose and 10 men. The car will be delivered in September.

## Two Pleaded Guilty.

Sam Tong, a Chinaman, pleaded guilty before Judge Murray Tuesday on a charge of conducting an opium den on First street. Frank Jackson, colored, pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The men will be sentenced later.

## Minot Architect Drawing Plans.

J. C. Woodruff, the architect, is completing plans for a new school building at Williston, the contract for which will be let July 28. The building will cost \$20,000 and will serve as one of the wings of a high school building to be completed later.

## Daughter Dying in Minnesota.

G. H. Berg, the Surrey merchant, received a telegram from Vining, Minn., Monday, stating that his daughter, Mrs. Gunhilde Temroth, was not expected to live. He left for that place Monday afternoon.

## "Gams" Got the Beer.

A quintette of Minot paste board artists who spent the Fourth at Berthold, are said to have represented themselves as minions of the law, and in that way secured all the beer that one fellow had in stock for the thirsty. Not placing an extra close guard on the amber fluid, someone stole it from them.

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## THE BELL HOP AT THE GRAND

### GOOD MUSICAL ATTRACTION TO SATURDAY WITH SATURDAY MATINEE.

Coming to the Grand Theatre on July 18 and 19, J. H. Markle presents the breezy song show, "The Bell Hop." This is another of the Allardt-Mooser-Woolfolk productions that have proven such delightfully entertaining musical comedies now appearing on this new circuit.

"The Bell Hop" is the work of Harry Brummell and Vernon Bester, two foremost composers and writers of the present day. The lines are bright and snappy and the music tuneful and harmonious.

In the cast are such distinguished stage lights as W. Everett, Ethelyn Grayce, Babe Hudson, Hazel McKee, George Allen, Dan Friendly, Lawrence Bringham and a large and beautifully costumed chorus of pretty girls. This show is in two acts with a specialty interpolated and is a riot from start to finish, introducing many new musical interpretations. Another interesting feature is the Polish dance executed by Babe and Ola Hudson—two graceful perveyors of the terpsichorean art.

Among the numbers are "Falling in Love," "Little Birds from Home," "The Kid from the Bowery," "It's Nice to Be in Love on a Lovely Day," and many other hits.

The production will be staged here Friday and Saturday, with a Saturday matinee.

## Mission Services.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congregation will devote next Sunday to the annual mission festival. The services being held in the east park, directly east from the church. Ample seats will be supplied to accommodate a large crowd, and dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. T. Hink from Great Bend, N. D., will conduct the forenoon services, beginning at 10:30.

After dinner, about 2:30, the second services open at which Rev. M. Bierwagen from Dresden, N. D., will preach. Both pastors will speak German. During the afternoon service there will also be preaching in the English language. While all are heartily welcome at all services, such Lutherans not understanding the German will take notice of the announcement of the English part of the services.

—Wm. H. Hartmann, Pastor.

## Devine Will Speak at Velva.

J. M. Devine will deliver two addresses at Velva Monday. In the forenoon he will speak before the members of the summer school on "Some Educational Memories and Prophecies" and in the evening will deliver his famous lecture on "Abraham Lincoln" before the citizens of that enterprising town.

## Smedley Case to Towner.

The case of the State vs. Smedley will probably be tried at Towner. Smedley was arrested charged with embezzlement. He was formerly employed by D. A. Dinnie as a bookkeeper.

## Scarlett Sells at Factory Prices.

Col. Alex. Scarlett in this issue calls attention to the various manufacturing concerns which the Scarlett Office Outfitting Co. represents. This concern has a stock that equals any house west of the cities. All goods are sold at factory prices. The patrons can buy as cheaply here as they can in the east and save freight. It is no wonder that the business of this concern is increasing so rapidly.