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## MCCOY'S FALL OPENING PLEASES ALL

FLOWERS AND MUSIC, BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS AND A MAGNIFICENT ARRAY OF SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE.

McCoy's fall opening Monday evening was attended by hundreds of men and women of this city and all re-echoed in their praises of the appearance of the emporium.

Hovind's eight-piece orchestra played during the evening hours and the ladies were presented with the most beautiful carnations imaginable. The store has never looked as pretty as it does at the present time. The new fall stock purchased by Mr. McCoy and his assistants in New York city was on display. The room had been decorated with great care. For weeks, Mr. De Noon had been preparing for this feature. New set pieces trimmed with grape vines and autumn decorations set off the place to advantage. Especial care had been taken with the window displays. The decorations, which are of a more or less permanent nature, will be retained during the fall months.

The set pieces represent slabs of white stone, with plaster paris relief effects. These were worked into garden seats, pergolas and garden walls, all decorations being taken from Japanese architecture. Autumn vines of every description appeared here and there all about the room. Japanese lanterns in light gray harmonized most beautifully with the white effects of the other decorations.

The two large windows are considered among the best ever decorated in the state. The south window represents a Japanese garden with rough stone walls, with large stone pillars and Japanese lamps of green and tan hanging over the walls. Autumn vines were suspended from the windows. The coverings for the floors were of onyx effect.

The north window represented Japanese stone walls with white relief effects, large rafters of white with grape vines and large clusters of grapes, Japanese lamps of Pylrin hanging in a swamp of cat-tails.

The evening was not altogether favorable for such an opening, yet many attended to enjoy the evening.

Mr. McCoy is adding improvements month by month and already has one of the leading stores of the state.

### D. A. Brown Claimed by Death.

D. A. Brown, aged 36, who was employed as washman by the Minot Steam Laundry, died at the hospital Tuesday from heart disease. He is survived by a wife. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

### Taking Optical Examination.

Harry Winters of the Barker-Winters Jewelry Co. is at Fargo this week appearing before the Optical board of the state. Mr. Winters spent several months studying in a Chicago college recently and knows the work thoroughly. As soon as his license is secured, he will install a complete optical department at the store.

## FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

NICE WET JUICY FLAKES CAME DOWN FAST TUESDAY MELTING IMMEDIATELY—INDIAN SUMMER ON THE WAY.

A nice, cool, wet snow fell Tuesday evening, followed by a rain which came down steadily all day long. The flakes melted almost as fast as they appeared. Indian summer is on the way and we will have an immense lot of perfect weather before winter sets in.

A heavy storm was reported east of here. No. 151 on the Soo due here at 12:50 did not arrive until five that afternoon and other trains were delayed.

## PRODUCE FINE CROP

FINE CROP GROWN NEAR MINOT WHICH WILL BE SHIPPED TO EASTERN MILLS.

Quite a large area was sown to buckwheat in this vicinity last spring and some fine crops are reported, but the growers find it impossible to get the buckwheat manufactured into flour here.

There isn't a buckwheat mill in North Dakota and about the only exclusive mill in the middle west is located at Janesville, Wis. The local growers will have to ship the product east to be ground.

W. E. Dunnell, of the Minot Flour Mill, informs us that it would cost about \$3000 to install the right kind of machinery for grinding this product, and of course, there isn't enough buckwheat grown in this part of the state to warrant such an expenditure.

While there isn't anything that tastes better than buckwheat pancakes on a cold winter morning, but a comparatively small amount of this flour is used. A buckwheat mill with a capacity of 50 barrels a day would come near supplying the country from Minot west to the coast.

Wm. Parker, A. J. Brunner and W. S. Shaw have all grown some fine buckwheat this year. Mr. Brunner believes his crop averaged fully 30 bushels per acre. Advice from the east tells us that buckwheat is higher than usual this year by about 25 cents per cwt.

## SCOFIELD THRESHED 50,000 BU. CROP

CROP WILL NET MINOT MAN MORE THAN LAST YEAR—THIRTY MEN AND SEVENTY HORSES EMPLOYED.

James Scofield is losing little time in threshing his fine 50,000 bushel crop at his banana farm southwest of Minot. He has a crew of thirty men threshing and hauling the grain to this city and seventy horses and mules are used in the operation.

Mr. Scofield has threshed 16,000 bushels of wheat which averaged between twelve and thirteen bushels, and with 400 acres of his finest wheat left, he believes the average for all of it will be close to 14 bushels. He has threshed 11,000 bushels of oats, which yielded 45 bushels per acre. He has 500 acres of barley unthreshed which he expects will yield 12,000 bushels, and 300 acres of flax that ought to yield 2000 bushels. His total yield of wheat is not far from 23,000 bushels and oats 12,500. He has 100 acres of Northwestern Dent corn that is well matured.

This year's crop will net him more than the one last year.

## 80 PER CENT OF THRESHING DONE

LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME ONLY 20 PER CENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED—FAVORABLE WEATHER GAVE FARMERS A GOOD CHANCE.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of the threshing in northwestern North Dakota has been completed. Last year at this time, only twenty per cent had been done and much of it was not threshed until spring. An early snow caught considerable of the grain last fall.

As a result of better climatic conditions, many farmers with less grain than last year, will realize more from their crop.

They will lose none of their crop, the grade is No. 1 and besides they did not have to contend with such excessive weages.

Many loads of grain are rolling into the elevators daily and grain men declare that the quality of wheat is the finest in years. It is practically all grading No. 1 and weighs out considerably heavier than machine measure.

## MERCHANT TRUSTED STRANGERS—TWO ARRESTS

GORDON CAMPBELL LEFT STORE IN CHARGE OF TWO YOUNG MEN AND CAME TO MINOT—STRANGERS DEPARTED WITH MONEY AND MERCHANDISE.

Two young men, giving their names as Earl Ruffanough and J. E. Goggin, were placed under arrest at Norwich Monday charged with stealing \$75 in currency and merchandise from Gordon Campbell, who runs a store in the country sixteen miles south of Minot. They appeared before Judge Lynch and asked for an extension of time for their hearing in order that they might get witnesses. Their hearing has been set for next Monday. Campbell hired the young men, almost total strangers to him, to man-

age his store while he transacted business in Minot. When he returned home after several days' absence, he found the store locked and the young men gone. In looking over his stock, he missed considerable merchandise, besides they had taken some money from the till. He believes they took fully \$75 in currency and merchandise.

Campbell swore out a warrant for the fellows and they were located by Sheriff Kelley, at Norwich. They had sent two grips to Minot with orders to express them to Norwich and in this way they were located. At the time of the arrest, the grips had not yet arrived at Norwich.

The men claim that they took \$5 each, money they had coming from Campbell for wages, at \$2.00 per day. Their story sounds fishy, as Campbell claims they had promised to await his return, and that they had made no demands for their wages.

## MOUNTRAIL SELECT COURT HOUSE SITE

COMMISSIONERS PICK A BLOCK DONATED BY J. T. CAPRON ON NORTH SIDE OF THE TRACK AT STANLEY.

The long-winded fight over the site for the new \$75,000 court house which will be erected at Stanley in the spring, has been settled this week. The commissioners have decided on the site donated by J. T. Capron, located on the north side of the track. The site was offered thru the First National Bank of Stanley. Capron owns 160 acres just north of the track.

Geo. W. Wilson, owner of the town-site, had offered a half block and while he had the support of a majority of the residents of Stanley for his proposition, the taxpayers throughout the county seemed to favor a site comprising a full block.

## HAVRE RUN-A-WAY LAD FOUND IN CAR

RAY MILLER FOUND IN THIS CITY AFTER WEEK'S SEARCH—HAD RUN AWAY FROM HOME BECAUSE HE FEARED THE REFORM SCHOOL.

Ray Miller, a thirteen-year-old lad, who ran away from his home at Havre, Mont., Thursday night, was located in this city by the police Tuesday morning, hiding in a box car. The boy's father was notified at once and the lad has been taken home.

The entire country between Havre and Minot had been scoured for the lad. Officers searched every rooming house in Minot and the jungles.

Young Miller claims that he ran away from home because his father threatened to send him to the reform school. A negro boy had stolen a bicycle and blamed the Miller boy. He packed his little bundle of clothing and securing \$5 by the sale of his rifle to a friend, left in a box car in company with Davy Anderson, a 14-year-old lad, and a grown man, a noted Havre criminal. He said the Anderson boy only had 50 cents and did not know where he was going. Ray says the Anderson boy left home because his parents were dead and the authorities were going to send him to an orphanage.

Ray had been working as call boy for the G. N. at Havre. He had \$21 coming from the company and wrote his mother from Glasgow to forward his check to Minot. He intended going to Chicago where an aunt lives.

Ray's father had been in Minot several days watching the postoffice, but had returned home.

Young Davy Anderson was picked up by the police later and the two lads occupied cells at the police station, awaiting the arrival of the Miller boy's father.

## LAKOTA MAN KILLS FORMER EMPLOYER

JOHN K. DAVIS, CLAIMING THAT TONY POLLMAN ABUSED HIS WIFE, FIRED BULLET INTO MAN'S HEAD.

Tony Pollman was shot and almost instantly killed at Lakota by John K. Davis, one of his former employes. Davis is in jail at Grand Forks, held without bail, charged with murder in the first degree.

Davis claims that Pollman had abused his wife.

Alfred Thal, a 14-year-old lad, who saw the shooting, says that Pollman dared Davis to shoot when the latter exclaimed, "Get away, or I'll shoot."

After the shooting Davis went into his house to await the arrival of the officials and to quiet his hysterical wife.

## SEVERAL WILL WORK WAY THRU SCHOOL

A NUMBER OF PROSPECTIVE NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS DESIRE TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT—BOARD AND ROOMS NEEDED.

Tuesday, September 30th, is the date set for the opening of the Normal school and the Harrison school. President Crane is having a canvass of the city made to ascertain all boarding and rooming facilities. Miss Elsie Cook is making the canvass. Anyone having boarding or rooming accommodations for students or normal school faculty members should communicate with the normal school authorities and give full information regarding the accommodations which they have to offer.

Many students are writing for places where they can secure employment which will pay part or all of their local expenses. Any one desiring student help, either young men or women, should send word to either Mr. Crane or Miss Cook.

Everything possible is being done to assist the students in securing suitable rooming and boarding facilities and on Saturday and Monday the reception committee of the school will be in the Armory building to assist all students in finding accommodations. Any students who desire may make enrollment at that time.

Tuesday, September 30th, will be devoted entirely to enrollment and preparation of program. The faculty of the normal school will be in the armory all that day and will be glad to meet both students and parents at that time. The Harrison Training School will start at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and students will be enrolled and classified. All students who expect to be in the Harrison school should go there directly on Tuesday morning.

## LITTLE PAUL DAVIS DEAD BURKE COUNTY FAIR IN OCTOBER

FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. L. M. DAVIS SUCCESSFUL TO A SECOND OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

Paul Potter, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davis, died at three o'clock Sunday morning, following a second operation for appendicitis. The little lad became ill about five weeks ago and an operation was performed, but the little man did not recover as rapidly as was expected.

He grew much worse Saturday evening, and a second operation was considered the only means of saving his life. This was performed, but surgical skill was of no avail.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon from the home on Ninth and Henrietta streets, Rev. P. W. Erickson of the Presbyterian church officiating. There was a profusion of appropriate flowers and the services were very touching.

Little Paul was an exceedingly bright child and during his illness displayed the patience of one more mature. The All-Wise Ruler of our destiny chose to pluck one of His fairest flowers and while the sorrowing parents and their many friends realize that He doeth all things well, it is exceedingly hard to part with the mother's pride and the father's fond hope.

## AMBROSE MEN PINNED BENEATH AUTOMOBILE

E. R. ELDRIDGE AND CHAS. T. GRACE SERIOUSLY INJURED CHASING COYOTE WITH AN AUTO.

Ambrose, N. D., Sept. 22.—E. R. Eldridge and Chas. T. Grace met with a serious automobile accident, the former suffering a broken collar bone, broken arm, and two ribs fractured; the latter had an ankle sprained.

While driving in the country they saw a coyote and gave chase in Mr. Eldridge's Ford. After running at high speed across the prairie for a time the car unexpectedly and suddenly turned turtle, going completely over twice, pinning both gentlemen under the machine. Mr. Eldridge, badly injured as he was, managed to crawl from under the car and raise it off Mr. Grace's limb, thus freeing him. Together they succeeded in righting the machine, got in and Mr. Eldridge drove to town steering with one hand.

## PRES. CRANE REMOVES OFFICE TO ARMORY

IS SUPERINTENDING PLACING OF FURNITURE—NORMAL SCHOOL WILL POSITIVELY OPEN SEPT. 30.

President Crane moved his office into the Armory building Tuesday where he may better have supervision of the preparations for opening the school. A large crew of steam fitters and plumbers is at work in the building and shipments of school supplies and furniture are being received and installed by the carpenters. The shipment of some of the furniture is likely to be delayed but it is expected that the school will start quite comfortably September 30th. The faculty are arriving and many students are sending in inquiries expecting to enter on Tuesday. A large number of prospective students, however, have decided to delay their enrollment until the permanent buildings are ready.

The State Board of Normal School Trustees will hold its September meeting in Minot. This meeting will be followed by a special meeting of the Minot Building Committee to attend to matters of importance regarding the dormitory construction and furnishings.

## GOOD RACES ARRANGED FOR FAIR AT BOWBELLS OCT. 7, 8 AND 9—PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT.

Great preparations are being made in the city of Bowbells for the Burke county fair which will be held Oct. 7, 8 and 9. A thousand dollars has been raised and the people will be shown an excellent time.

The fair at Bowbells is always a success. Those Bowbells boosters are good entertainers. They make visitors feel at home. There are some good horses in that neck of the woods and some other fast ones will be brot in for the races.

On Oct. 8, there will be a 2:30 pace or trot, purse \$150. Besides there will be a farmers' double team race, team to be owned by one man, half mile heat, best two in three.

A pony running race, half mile heats, prase \$25.

On Oct. 9, there will be a "green" race, open to all horses that have never competed for public money, four to enter, three to start; purse, \$100. Besides there will be the 2:25 pace or 2:20 trot, purse, \$200 and the 2:15 pace or 2:10 trot, purse, \$200.

Also an open run, half mile heats, best two in three, four to enter, three to start, purse \$25.

Especial efforts are being made for the agricultural exhibit and this will be good, for a fine crop was grown in the Bowbells country this year.

Thresher Made Money. R. M. Dickey, who invested in a new Case threshing outfit, informs us that he cleared a thousand dollars with the machine in thirteen days and the machine is just as good as the day it was started. He threshed in the vicinity of Sawyer and Norwich and gave the very best of satisfaction.

## ANOTHER ORDER ISSUED

PALERMOITES ARE PLAYING STUBBORN GAME AND HOPE TO BLOCK THE BUILDING OF THE NEW MOUNTRAIL COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Another restraining order was served on the Mountrail county officials Wednesday morning, which was secured from Judge Fisk, returnable Friday, in which an attempt is made to again block the building of the court house. The petitioners allege that Stanley has not a suitable site for the court house, the contract for which has already been let.

### Reservation Drawing Begins.

Samuel A. Crow, of Hammond, Ind., drew No. 1 at the Fort Peck drawing at Glasgow. Chas. A. Fero of Williston, drew No. 10. Thos. J. McGrady of Olympia, Wash., was No. 2 and John J. Gilpit of Fort Scott, Kan., No. 3.

Just 39,779 registrations had been made.

## THAT MAN BURNED IN SHACK SATURDAY

FIREMEN SEARCH THE RUINS OF A BURNED SHACK EARLY SATURDAY MORNING—CLOTHING FOUND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING.

A shack back of the Pure Oil Co. ware house was burned about 2 o'clock Saturday morning. A small quantity of the household goods was destroyed. The occupant of the building had left and the discovery of some clothing outside the building caused the firemen to believe that the occupant had run back into the building after some of his effects, losing his life. For an hour the firemen searched the ruins before they concluded that a dire accident had not occurred.