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## JOSEPH ROACH, WARD COUNTY PIONEER, PASSES AWAY

### PRESIDENT OF SECOND NATIONAL BANK SUCCEUMS TO INJURIES RECEIVED FROM RUNAWAY—NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

Joseph Roach, Ward county pioneer, president of the Second National bank and one of the state's most prominent and beloved citizens, passed away at his home on East Fifth street at 11:30 o'clock Friday night, following injuries received when a runaway farm team crashed into his carriage on East First street Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Roach was thrown to the pavement beneath the wreckage of his carriage and suffered concussion of the brain. Two doctors and two nurses were in constant attendance and while he showed signs of regaining consciousness at times, he was never able to speak more than a few faint words. All hope for his recovery was given up Friday morning and members of his family were called to his bedside. Had Mr. Roach been a younger man, physicians state that he might possibly have pulled thru, but of late years his physical condition had not been the very best, although he bore up in a gritty manner, very characteristic of him, and bore his troubles without a word of complaint.

### Body Lay in State.

The body lay in state at the Masonic Temple where it was carried Monday morning and thousands viewed the remains of the man they loved. The body was conveyed from the home to the Temple with a Knights Templar escort, and members of this order in uniform guarded the remains of the departed Sir Knight. The casket in the center of the room was surrounded by a great bank of beautiful floral emblems, tributes from the fraternal orders with which the deceased had been affiliated, and from other friends.

A short Episcopal service was read by the Rev. W. L. Blaker, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church, of which Mr. Roach for years had been a consistent member. At the conclusion of the impressive services, the remains were taken to the Great Northern station, a large number of the members of DeMolay Commandery, Star in the West Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., and the Tyrian Chapter, No. 14, being in line. In addition there was an escort of G. A. R. members.

### Remains Taken to Northfield.

The remains were taken to Northfield, Minn., the old home of Mr. Roach, where they were interred Wednesday with Masonic honors. A. J. Brunner preceded the funeral party to Northfield to complete arrangements for the ceremonies. W. H. Reighart, representing DeMolay Commandery, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Gilroy, R. E. Barron, Rev. W. L. Blaker, besides the members of the Roach family, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Roise and Mrs. Jos. Roach, accompanied the remains. They were met by an escort of the Knights Templar of Faribault, of which order Mr. Roach was once a member.

A very large number of the old time friends of the Roach family attended the last sad rites.

### Ward County Pioneer.

Mr. Roach was one of the Ward county pioneers and did as much as any other one citizen in developing this section of the northwest. While living in Minnesota, Mr. Roach had interests in western North Dakota and in the early days had thousands of head of cattle running on the plains. In 1896 he came to Minot as Receiver of the First National bank and after holding this position a year, resigned.

In the meantime he had become vice president of the Citizens Bank of Northfield, with which he was connected until death. In 1897, he organized the Great Northern bank, later changed to the Second National bank. This section of the state was without a banking institution after the First National had become defunct, and a number of the old timers induced Mr. Roach to organize a banking institution. The bank was started with a capital of only \$15,000. The Great Northern bank under the direction of Mr. Roach and his associates made a remarkable growth. In 1902 it became a national bank, taking its pres-

ent name, when the capital was increased to \$25,000. In a few years, the capital was raised to \$50,000 and in 1910, it was again doubled. The bank now has a surplus of over \$80,000 and a million and a quarter on deposit. From the start, Mr. Roach and his associates had the complete confidence of the public and never betrayed that confidence in the slightest degree. The bank has become one of the very strongest financial institutions in the state.

### His Early Life.

Mr. Roach was born in Washington county, N. Y., June 11, 1845, being 68 years, 4 months and 20 days old at the time of death. His father, Phineas Roach, was Irish born, and his mother, Johanna Woodward was of American parentage. His father was a farmer in New York state and when Joseph was 10 years old he accompanied his parents to Northfield, Minn., where he spent 41 years of his life. He finished his education at Hamline university.

During his early life he was engaged in farming near Northfield. On May 3, 1867, Mr. Roach was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor S. Clague, and to them three children were born, Philip, Frank, and one daughter, Elizabeth Luella, now Mrs. Axel Roise, all of whom reside in Minot.

### An Old Soldier.

In 1863 Mr. Roach enlisted in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, serving to the end of the Civil war. In 1882, he was elected commissioner of Dakota county, Minn., making a fine record. Two years later he resigned and moved to Rice county, Minn.

During his early life Mr. Roach was a democrat and as such was elected to the legislature in Minnesota, serving two terms. Not being in sympathy with Bryan's free silver doctrine, he became a Republican and for years was a mighty power politically in this section of the state. He was chairman of the republican county central committee for years and led his faction to a series of successes. Later he was elected chairman of the state republican committee.

### Mayor of Minot.

In 1902 Mr. Roach was elected mayor of Minot after a two days' campaign. He gave the city an excellent administration. During his administration the real foundation for the growth of the "Magic City" was laid.

### High in Masonic Circles.

The pioneer banker was high in Masonic circles. He was a member of the Blue Lodge at Northfield, also the Northfield chapter, the DeMolay commandery of the Knight Templars at Minot and the Kem Temple shrine at Grand Forks. He was a member of the Episcopal church and one of the most respected members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### One of Our Wealthy Citizens.

Mr. Roach was one of our wealthiest citizens, his fortune being estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. He owned the controlling interest in the Second National bank, was largely interested in the newly reorganized Savings Deposit bank, and farmed extensively in this section of the state. His success in a business way in no way effected his attitude toward mankind, whether rich or poor, for he was always known to his friends as just plain "Joe." Many a man can thank "Joe" Roach for his success for he never turned a deaf ear to one who was worthy. His business judgment was excellent and he was a reader of human nature.

### A Friend of James J. Hill.

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, was one of Mr. Roach's closest friends. They were boys together and the empire builder had complete confidence in the integrity of the Minot banker. Joseph Roach was able to do much for Minot thru his old friend, Mr. Hill, and he was always loyal to the city. Mr. Hill passed thru Minot a few days after the death of Mr. Roach, remaining here for ten minutes. He displayed great sorrow over the demise of one of his closest friends.

Mr. Roach's vacancy in the Second National bank will not be filled until the regular election the first of the year. While his will has not been made public, it is understood that the bulk of his fortune was left to his surviving widow.

The whole northwest sorrows over the death of Joseph Roach. His was a life replete with accomplishment and no other citizen would be more greatly missed.

selling cocaine without a license. The principal witness disappeared before the hearing and the state's attorney decided to drop the case.

Mr. Lund's friends are quite indignant over the notoriety that has been given him in this instance, inasmuch as it has been shown conclusively that he is innocent of the charge. The complaining witness was but one of an army of "snow birds" who have been hanging around the city and he was probably under the influence of dope at the time he made the complaint. Mr. Lund is a conscientious gentleman, who tends strictly to business and he has always borne an excellent reputation. He feels the situation keenly, but is not even given an opportunity to defend himself.

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## SAFETY ONLY YARD DISTANT

### HUNTERS DROWNED IN DEVILS LAKE NEAR SHALLOWS—TWO BODIES RECOVERED.

Had the three men drowned in the waters of Devils Lake Saturday, been able to reach a point within three feet of where the bodies have been located, they would have been saved in the opinion of the searchers, who have brought the bodies of Kelly and Caleb Smith to the surface and who expect to bring that of Victor Skunk up tomorrow.

The bodies were in 18 feet of water, and but a distance of three feet away, a shallow or bank, extending some feet, was covered by less than four feet of water. The slope to it is gradual, thus laying the way to a possible avenue by which they could have saved themselves, had they known of its location and been able to swim but a few feet from the death hole.

The two bodies recovered Sunday were close together and that of Skunk has been located, but is entangled among a dense growth of weeds which covers the lake bottom at this point. Funeral services for Frank Kelly will be held Wednesday at the farm home near Oberon. He is a son of County Commissioner Bolinzy of Benson county and had always taken a prominent part in the political and social life of the community. The wife and relatives of the family are prostrated by the shock of his death.

## DINNIE CASE WILL LAST ALL WEEK

### PLAINTIFF HAS CONCLUDED AND DEFENSE IS GETTING IN ITS WORK—CASE IS BEING STUBBORNLY FOUGHT.

The D. A. Dinnie case, which is being tried before Judge Amidon in Federal court, will occupy the attention of the court all week. The plaintiff concluded its case Wednesday and the defense is at the bat.

Dinnie, Minot Normal school contractor, is suing the Portland Cement Co., of Chicago, for \$45,000, alleging that defective cement was furnished, which caused the walls of the main building to topple over. It became necessary for the contractor to rebuild the larger part of the walls.

The defense has produced witnesses to show that the contractor did not use the proper proportions of gravel and cement.

The cement concern is represented by Judge Cowan and Blood & Adamson of Devils Lake. The plaintiff's attorneys are George Bangs of Grand Forks and Francis J. Murphy of this city.

## GOV. HANNA IS AT SEA

### DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE OR NOT—OTHER GOVERNORS IN SAME BOAT.

Governor Hanna is still very much at sea as to whether he will call a special session of the legislature or not, for the purpose of enacting a law providing for the election of United States Senators. The last legislature could have enacted such a law but failed to do so, not being certain that the amendment would be adopted.

A special session would perhaps cost the state \$25,000 and as the Governor is trying to run the business of the state as economically as possible, he does not desire to call an extra session unless he is compelled to do so.

He put the matter up to the Attorney General, who is inclined to be of the opinion that it might not be necessary to call the special session, yet in turn he refers the matter back to the Governor and the Secretary of State. It is possible that the Supreme court of the state will yet have to decide the question.

There are a dozen or fifteen states in the same boat as North Dakota. There would be absolutely no necessity in calling this special session providing no one would start injunctive proceedings when an election is called. The state would be "in a prerty boat" if, after ballots for such an election were printed and distributed, such proceedings were started.

Senator McCumber's term will expire. Gronna will be considered the "hold-over" senator. There is a possibility of the U. S. Senate unseating any or all of the hold-over Senators. In that event, North Dakota would have to get along with one Senator until after the next general election.

## DENBIGH BRICK CO. GOES TO THE WALL

### WELL KNOWN MANUFACTURING PLANT IS IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER—STOCKHOLDERS WANTED PETITION FILED.

The Denbigh Pressed Brick Co. is bankrupt. The plant which is located at Denbigh, about 30 miles east of the city, has manufactured some of the finest pressed brick used in buildings in this section of the state. For a long time, however, the concern has been wabbling financially and the stockholders, who are among our wealthiest citizens, did not feel like putting any more money into the corporation and even asked to have the petition filed. The petitioners are L. J. Palda, Jr., of the Second National bank and Harry L. Kardsaftner.

## CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN WITH NOTABLE BANQUET

### HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS INVITED TO FEAST AT ST. LEO'S BASEMENT NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT—SIX DAY CAMPAIGN TO FOLLOW.

The \$50,000 campaign for the new St. Joseph's hospital fund will be formally opened with a great banquet to be given in the basement of St. Leo's church next Wednesday night. The teams will start the following day and hope to raise the necessary funds in six days.

Chas. J. Sheffield and his force of stenographers have been working hard getting all preliminary arrangements in ship-shape. The work will be carried on without a hitch. Everyone will be given an opportunity to subscribe what he feels he is able to give and give cheerfully. Already large sums are in sight to be announced on the opening day.

Two immense silver loving cups to be given to the captains of the men's and women's teams bringing in the largest collection, are to be seen in the display window of the Swalstead jewelry store. There will be some friendly rivalry over these cups.

The campaign will be announced next Thursday morning by the tooting of all whistles in the city and the ringing of bells.

Surrounding towns will not be overlooked. Teams are being secured to look after Velva, Towner, Glenburn, Ray, Williston, Ryder, Foxholm, Burlington, and a number of other places.

Gov. Hanna may be one of the speakers at the banquet. He has promised to be here if possible. It is expected that July 300 will be seated at the tables and the affair will be in the hands of the ladies of the allied churches, under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Robinson and Mrs. Carr.

The old St. Joseph's hospital has saved the taxpayers of Ward county much money since it has been under the management of the Sisters. From March 6, 1911, to March 6, 1913, the Sisters have received \$6,040 from the county to run the institution and in return paid \$3,240, leaving a deficit of

\$2,800. Two years previous, when the county had charge of the hospital, there was a deficit of \$11,917.80, against the \$2,800 for the two years during which the Sisters ran the hospital, a saving of \$9,117.80 for the taxpayers.

It can easily be seen what a big thing it will be for the city when the new modern hospital is completed and in operation.

### Campaign Executive Committee.

Judge L. J. Palda, chairman; Major E. S. Person, treasurer; R. E. Barron, J. G. E. Belanger, Rev. W. L. Blaker, A. S. Blakey, Senator W. R. Bond, Dr. A. Carr, O. M. Champlin, Fred V. Dale, L. M. Davis, Judge N. Davis, Orson Doe, Wm. Dunnell, Peter Ehr, Rev. P. W. Erickson, J. L. Fahy, Mr. Flannigan, C. A. Grow, Joe Hodgins, Paul F. Keating, Sheriff E. D. Kelley, Dr. L. H. Kermott, F. B. Lambert, J. H. Lewis, Judge John Lynch, Dr. Archie D. McCall, Dr. A. J. McCannell, George McClure, George McGee, J. F. McGuire, W. C. McHugh, Francis Murphy, Dr. J. T. Newlove, Jergen Olson, Rev. Joseph Raith, J. A. Roell, Col. A. Scarlett, James H. Scofield, W. S. Shaw, J. C. Smallwood, Frank Taylor, Julius Weinrebe, Dr. Frank E. Wheelon.

Mrs. A. A. Carr, chairman; Mrs. A. A. Robinson, vice chairman; Mrs. E. H. Boyer, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. Wm. Carroll, Mrs. G. D. Colcord, Mrs. L. M. Dalquist, Mrs. J. M. Devine, Mrs. John Ehr, Mrs. C. L. Funderhilde, Mrs. Joe Hodgins, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. J. Kann, Mrs. L. H. Kermott, Mrs. L. D. McGahan, Mrs. J. F. McGuire, Mrs. W. C. McHugh, Mrs. Wm. Murray, Mrs. James H. Scofield, Mrs. C. F. Truax, Mrs. J. D. Van Fleet, Mrs. H. E. Wheeler.

### Executives.

Charles Jerome Sheffield, director of campaign; Miss Helen J. Gillespie, secretary of campaign.

### Press Committee.

G. D. Colcord, chairman; C. A. Johnson, Franklin Kauffman, L. D. McGahan.

### Music Committee.

Mrs. J. C. Baker, chairman; Mrs. F. A. Brugman, Miss Josephine Vandover, Miss Florence Stenerson, Miss Pearl Smallwood, Mr. Fletcher Wells.

## REV. P. W. ERICKSON IS RETAINED

### PRESBYTERIANS BY UNANIMOUS VOTE ENDORSE THEIR PASTOR—CHURCH IN FINE FINANCIAL SHAPE—W. HETHERTON, SR., PRESIDED.

At a largely attended meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, by a rising vote the members decided unanimously to retain the services of their present able pastor, Rev. P. W. Erickson.

Reports were given showing that the financial condition of the institution was the very best. The Sunday school has a membership of over 300 and the work is being carried on in a harmonious manner.

The Sunday school has grown so fast that there is hardly room for all the classes, but it was decided to partition the basement, which will offer temporary relief.

The following resolutions were introduced by Thos. Colter, president of the board of trustees, and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, there exists an impression in the city of Minot and throughout the state, that relations have become strained between the members and adherents of the Minot Presbyterian church and their pastor, Rev. P. W. Erickson, and

WHEREAS, such an impression is wholly unwarranted and calculated to be detrimental, not only to the influence of Rev. P. W. Erickson, but the spiritual interests of his church, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we, the members and adherents of the Minot Presbyterian church, assembled in this, our Annual Congregational meeting, do hereby re-affirm our steadfast loyalty to our pastor, our warm appreciation of his able and untiring labors, not only for our spiritual benefit, but for the social and moral uplift of our city, and especially the influence he has exerted for good among the youth of our city; and assuring him also that in the future, as in the past, we will cordially support him in every social, moral and spiritual reform he may desire to undertake.

Wm. Hetherton, Sr., was elected chairman of the meeting. Six trustees for the year were elected, they being: R. W. Piper, Karl Stoudt, Alfred Dahle, W. A. Corey, Alex. Pringle and L. A. Stromsvold.

The men of the church served delicious refreshments, W. E. Mansfield having charge of the kitchen. The chief waiters were H. E. Wheeler and Mr. Van Cleve.

The following program was rendered

in the evening:  
The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Mr. Richmond.  
Report of Sunday school.  
Piano solo, Mrs. Welch.  
Report of Christian Endeavor, Miss Bessie Ferris.  
Solo, Miss Hallock.  
Report of Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Campbell.  
Violin Solo, Miss Dahl.  
Report of Progressive club, Mrs. Stevenson.  
Solo, Mrs. Walters.  
Report of Treasurer, E. J. Thomas.  
Number by the choir.  
Report of Missionary society, Mrs. Ellis.  
Election of Trustees.

## HARRY RONK MEETS INSTANT DEATH

### WELL KNOWN G. N. CAR REPAIRER RUN OVER BY FLAT CAR UNDER WHICH HE HAD BEEN WORKING.

Harry Ronk, aged 35 years, a well known G. N. car repairer, was run over by a flat car in the east yards Friday afternoon and his life instantly crushed out. A switch engine had run into his car and four wheels passed over the man's body. Mr. Ronk was in the habit of placing his blue car repairer's flag out but in this instance had failed to do so. A number saw the accident. When the body was taken from beneath the car, the spirit of life had flown.

An inquest was held, the jurors, J. C. Smallwood, D. R. Jacobson and E. H. Boyer, deciding that no one was to blame for the man's death.

Mr. Ronk leaves a wife and four small children who have the sympathy of all. Mr. Ronk had taken out an accident policy for \$2000 but a few days before his death.

The funeral was held at Surrey Tuesday, the former home of the deceased, an immense crowd gathering at the German Baptist Brethren church to pay their last respects to one of our best citizens. The remains were interred at Surrey. The sermon was delivered by Elder Dierdorff.

### Merry Telephone War at Kenmare.

The citizens of Kenmare and the Northern Telephone Co. have been engaged in a merry war over the refusal of the company to take the telephone poles off those streets where they mar the beauty of the new White Way system. Several ordered their phones out. Vic Noble, president of the company, has agreed to remove the poles within a year and a truce has been declared.

It's Time to Think About Christmas Gifts

The holiday season will soon be here and that burdensome question of "what to give" will be the all-absorbing topic.

Our new goods for Christmas have arrived and we want you to see them now, before the Christmas rush.

We want to go through our stock with you while you have time to do so, and show you the wonderfully beautiful and reasonably priced articles we have gathered together for this

1913 Christmas.

Any article you may select now will be laid aside for future delivery.

## Hart Swalstead Jeweler

126 S. Main St.

MINOT, N. D.

Case Against Geo. Lund Dropped.  
Geo. Lund, manager of the Public Drug Co., was arrested charged with