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DAKOTAN FINDS MISSING WIFE

HAD TAKEN TWO CHILDREN TO EDMONTON AND ASKS THEIR RETURN TO THE STATE — DIVORCE FEATURE OF PROCEEDING.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 22. — In search of a woman whom he alleged kidnapped his two children, a man giving the name of Johnson spent many weeks in three western United States cities and then located her in Edmonton, and a law firm has been instructed to start legal proceedings to have the children restored to their father.

The woman in the case was once the wife of the man who has been searching for her since last July, but he secured a decree of divorce from her in the courts of North Dakota.

Armed with several legal documents, Johnson and a deputy sheriff of Ward county, North Dakota, who, by chance happened to be his brother, arrived here ten days ago and until yesterday they searched over the entire city in an endeavor to locate the woman he once called his wife.

The deputy sheriff had a North Dakota warrant empowering him to seize the children from the woman's care, but this can only be executed in that state. However, they may prove sufficient evidence for the courts in this city to release the two children, who are now under the care of the children's shelter.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS ARE ARRAIGNED

SIX MEN ARE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING THE PROHIBITION LAW—ALL BUT ONE ENTER A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

Five alleged bootleggers and one alleged blind pigger were arraigned in district court to enter their pleas.

James Butler, of Kenmare, charged with conducting a blind pig at Kenmare, pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge K. E. Leighton to pay a fine of \$200 and costs and serve 30 days in jail, and 30 days additional in default of payment of fine and costs.

Peter Rice and John O'Brien, alleged bootleggers of Burlington, were arraigned and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

"Chet" and Joe Harris, father and son, pleaded not guilty to the charge of bootlegging. It is alleged that they sold liquor on the streets of Minot and in the cafe run by Charles Sim.

Hank Kemmer was arraigned but was given until this afternoon to plead to the charge of bootlegging.

The men who entered pleas of not guilty will be tried at the next term of district court.

MEN NAMED BY GIRL ARRESTED

PROMINENT VALLEY CITY BUSINESS MEN ACCUSED OF CRIMES.

Valley City, N. D., Dec. 22.—Oliver Mackey and Frank Flora, prominent local business men, are under arrest on charges which the state will attempt to prove by the use of Miss Bertha Boneen as the principal witness. The Boneen girl also is under arrest, being taken in charge, officials say, when she was about to leave the state.

The hearings of the accused men will be held Tuesday, and in the meantime they are free under \$2,000 bonds.

MINOT INVENTOR GETS PATENT.

Halvor E. Hapkom of Minot has been granted a patent on a carpenter's gauge.

Bottineau County's Next Sheriff.

Robert Sharvey, a prominent Westhope liveryman, is in the city today. Mr. Sharvey is one of the staunch citizens of Bottineau county. He was among the early homesteaders and he has been deservedly successful. Mr. Sharvey is whetting his political cutlasm and will soon make his announcement for sheriff of Bottineau county on the republican ticket. He has a host of friends and is certain to cut quite a swath. Indeed, it would not be at all surprising if he's to be Bottineau county's next sheriff. He's a good mixer, a big, strong, husky, whole-souled fellow, just the right kind of timber for the office he seeks.

J. J. Somers, the "undiscovered poet," left Tuesday night for Minneapolis, where he will spend Christmas with friends. He has disposed of hundreds of his books, "Jim's Western Gems."

PRETTY DECORATIONS AT PAUL V. M'COY'S

C. E. DENOON EXECUTES HIS VERY FINEST WORK—THE ENTIRE STORE IS A BOWER OF LOVLINESS.

One of the prettiest stores we have ever seen is that of Paul V. McCoy & Co., in the Masonic Temple block, in its holiday attire. The decorations are the handiwork of C. E. Denoon, Mr. McCoy's window dresser and the work is undoubtedly the very best he has ever done.

The color scheme for the entire store is red and gold. Here and there are large vases of gold, red pillars with gold disc tops, with a center of white lattice-work and artificial snow. Smilax, Xmas bells and Poinsettias appear in profusion about the pretty store.

The windows are attracting much attention. One window represents a winter scene with the church on the hill.

The windows are filled with the most beautiful creations of this glad season.

The decorations will not be disturbed until the close of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, from near St. Paul, are spending the Christmas season at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Peck. Mr. Thompson has been secretary of the Masonic lodge back in his home town for the past forty years.

SHOP LIFTERS WERE AT WORK

SEVERAL OF THE STORES REPORT HEAVY LOSSES DURING THE HOLIDAY RUSH—GREAT DOLL DISAPPEARS FROM THE NEW YORK STORE.

Minot merchants report unusual activity among shop lifters. With hundreds thronging the places of business prior to Christmas, the merchants found it utterly impossible to watch carefully and as a result many dollars worth of merchandise are believed to have been lost.

Mr. Solien, manager of the New York store, missed an immense doll Friday evening, that had been on display. He suspects a woman who was seen standing near the doll a few moments before the loss became known. She carried an immense muff and may have used that to spirit the doll away.

A young man, who was under the influence of liquor, was seen coming out of a clothing store Saturday with a coat and vest under his arm. He was in such a hurry that he took the hanger with the merchandise. He was marched back into the store and compelled to hang the coat up where he found it. He will not be prosecuted.

Pres. and Mrs. Crane motored to Berthold Sunday where they spent the day at the home of a former student of Mr. Crane.

JOHN EHR RAISES HOGS

PROSPEROUS FARMER TELLS HOW HE IS MAKING MONEY FROM PORKERS IN NORTH DAKOTA — SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT STOCK.

John Ehr told us a few things about the hog business that opened our eyes. John owns a 600 acre farm in the valley a few miles west of Minot and he has been spending the past season working on the place as hard as any hired man would dare.

"I have been trying to figure out just how well farming can be made to pay in North Dakota," Mr. Ehr said, "and I have come to the conclusion that it's easy to make money on the farm if one goes at it right. Just as an illustration: I bought three hogs two years ago and four more last spring. From those seven hogs, I sold the past season \$800 worth of hogs and have 34 of the best ones left. I sold one the other day that weighed 760 pounds which brot me over \$50 at the rate of 7 cents a pound. I have pigs farrowed last May that will weigh 250 pounds now. All summer long these pigs ran out and I fed them a little ground barley. I have been feeding them corn for about a month. I don't think that it pays to keep many hogs thru the winter. You can add weight to them, but not at much of a profit. It is easy to make a May pig weigh 200 pounds or over by Nov. 1, which is the time to market it. Of course it's nice to have corn, but you can fatten them well on ground barley. I raised 35 acres of corn last summer that matured perfectly, and now I am feeding it to my stock.

"I keep quite a number of horses on the farm. Have 47 all told, more than half of them being mares. I broke 21 horses myself during the summer.

"My farm is too large for a stock farm. Two hundred acres are enough. One doesn't want to grow any grain except what is needed for feeding.

"Farmers needn't tell me they can't get into the hog business. Any farmer can get a start with three or four hogs and in a year or so he can have them all about his farm."

Mr. Ehr makes a specialty of Chester White hogs but says any good breed will show a bi enough profit if handled right.

Lutsky Buys Interest.

S. Lutsky has bought a half interest in the Outlet Clothing store on East First street, from M. A. Gordon. Mr. Lutsky is a merchant tailor and is installing a tailoring department, which will enable him to clean, press and repair clothing, as well as attend to other tailoring work.

Taylor Thompson, state printer, arrived from Bismarck and will spend the holidays with his mother, and with his many Minot friends.

SUP'T. WARREN STUCK FOR \$384

JURY AFTER BEING OUT ALL NIGHT, BRING IN VERDICT FOR COUNTY—STATE'S ATTORNEY NESTOS WILL APPEAL ON THE MILEAGE ACTION.

The jury, after being out all night in the Warren case, brot in a verdict Friday morning for \$384, and interest from February 15 last, the amount of the interest on the county's share of the teachers' certificate and permit money which Warren had kept for a number of years, and which he did not turn in to the county treasury until last February. Two of the jurors are said to have held out for Warren for hours, but were finally convinced that the county should recover this amount.

Judge Leighton had previously dismissed the action brot against Warren for the recovery of approximately \$12,000 for alleged overcharges for mileage.

State's Atty. Nestos, who brot the action in behalf of Ward county, is somewhat disappointed over the termination of the case and states that he will appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. If this is granted, he hopes to have the case tried before Judge Leighton.

The State's Attorney contends that all that was necessary was to establish the distance between Minot and the school houses which the county superintendent visited. The attorneys for the defense contended that not any evidence of actual distance between Minot and the schools was admissible; that the state had to show certain definite trips made to those different schools by auto or otherwise overland and that it was the definite contention that no such trips had been shown and that the holding of the court was entirely regular.

It was the defendant's position that the only trip shown to have been made overland was one made during a blizzard in which the defendant and deputies were lost, traveling for about six hours in the hills and were at last obliged to remain in the hills overnight; that there was nothing in the evidence for the jury to determine that they had not traveled the actual distance charged, and that no legal authorities were produced to the court at any time during the trial to support the position of the plaintiff.

It is generally conceded that in the matter of charging mileage, Warren certainly went the limit—and then some, but because of the lack of certain records, it appeared to be a difficult matter to bring actual proof. Mr. Nestos handled the case well, but at the start it was generally believed that he might have a difficult task in bringing the proof. The burden of proof lay with the county and the superintendent, when placed on the stand, seemingly could not recollect any definite trip that he had made

except the one when he became lost in the hills.

One of Warren's former deputies, Mr. Peterson, now a resident of Iowa, had in his possession until a month ago a little red memorandum book, containing a complete account of the trips. This book was lost, according to Mr. Peterson's testimony. Had Mr. Nestos had this book in his possession, he undoubtedly could have made the county superintendent travel faster than he ever went before, in order to get away.

It is believed that Mr. Warren will be held for the cost of the case. The witness fees amount to about \$300 and the court expenses about \$200 a day for five days.

Mr. Nestos appears confident that he will get a re-trial and Greenleaf, Bradford & Nash, attorneys for the defense, appear just as confident that they have won their case.

BROTHER KILLED BY BURLY NEGRO

OTTO JOHNSON, CITY SALESMAN FOR MINOT GROCERY CO., LEARNS THAT BROTHER, A FLORIDA SHERIFF, WAS SHOT TO DEATH TRYING TO ARREST COLORED MAN.

Otto Johnson, city salesman for the Minot Grocery Co., received a telegram from Jacksonville, Florida, Sunday, stating that his brother, Peter, a sheriff at that place, had been killed almost instantly. The following day a telegram was received giving more particulars of the sad event.

Mr. Johnson was trying to capture a bad nigger who had run amuck, when he was shot by the burly colored fellow, dying two hours later.

The remains have been shipped to Audubon, Minn., the old home, where they will be interred the latter part of the week.

Mr. Johnson left for Audubon Wednesday and will arrive today—Christmas day—on one of the saddest of missions.

The deceased is survived by three brothers. Otto had not seen his brother for eighteen years. He has the sympathy of his many Minot friends.

The Frons Lutheran congregation will hold Christmas services at the E. T. Wold residence, Saturday, Dec. 27. There will be a Christmas tree and a program. All are cordially invited.

—B. H. Hofrenning, Pastor.

WOULD REMOVE SHERIFF ERICKSON

ATTORNEY GENERAL MILLER THINKS SHERIFF ERICKSON DID NOT USE PROPER PRECAUTIONS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF CLEVE CULBERTSON.

Attorney General Andy Miller has been at Williston most of the week investigating the facts concerning the lynching of Cleve Culbertson. He is working in conjunction with State's Attorney Burdick and an effort is being made to locate the members of the mob, who will be summarily dealt with if caught. The Attorney General scoffs at the idea of the mob's coming from Canada. He believes that the members were from the vicinity of Williston and Ray.

Miller believes that Sheriff Erickson did not take proper precautions for the safety of Culbertson, because it was known that a mob had been threatening to lynch the prisoner a day or two before the deed actually occurred.

He believes that Erickson could have spirited the prisoner away. Miller asks for the resignation of the sheriff and states that unless the resignation is handed in at once, he will be removed by the Governor and other authorities in accordance with a law passed by the recent legislature.

Erickson is a Socialist and members of the party are much exercised over the attitude of the attorney general.

ECKMAN FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE

REUBEN GILL, AGED 45, BECOMING DESPONDENT OVER DRINK, BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS FRIDAY NIGHT.

Special to the Independent: Eckman, N. D., Dec. 23.—Reuben Gill, a prosperous farmer, living two miles north of Eckman, N. D., was found dead in his barn early Saturday morning, with a bullet hole thru his forehead. His revolver, with which the act had been committed, was lying by his side.

It is believed that Gill committed suicide, altho the position of the gun, and the manner in which the man's head was held between the hands, have led many to suspect that there might have been foul play.

Gill had spent the day at Eckman and returned late at night. He did not go into the house upon his return. It is said that he had been addicted to the use of strong drink and that he had been drinking that day.

Friends say that he had threatened to take his own life.

The remains were interred at Eckman Tuesday, the funeral being in charge of the Lansford undertaker.

Mr. Gill was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife and several children. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Russell, N. D., and was also an Odd Fellow. The members of the latter lodge conducted the funeral.

Gill was not worrying over financial matters for he had a fine farm free from debt and \$700 in the bank.

SIMS SUES JOHN REED FOR DAMAGES

SOCIALIST WANTS \$5,000 FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT — CIVIL ACTION WILL BE BEGUN AT PRESENT COURT TERM. IT IS SAID.

George Sims, Great Northern machinist, recently acquitted in district court of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm to Police Officer John Reed, has started a civil action against Officer Reed for \$5,000 damages for assault.

Charles D. Kelso is attorney for Mr. Sims, and the case will be tried at the present term of district court, it is said.

The trial of Sims and the case against Reed are the outgrowth of the I. W. W. riots in Minot during August. Officer Reed charged that Sims interfered with him while he was chasing a fugitive through the Great Northern yards and struck him on the head with a lump of coal, rendering him unconscious.

Sims denied the charge and in turn alleged that Officer Reed attacked him, striking him with his club.

CHARLES SACKETT IS BOUND OVER

ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF J. PARISH TO GET DISTRICT COURT TRIAL.

Charles Sackett, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm to James Parish, was bound over to district court under \$300 bond at a preliminary hearing before Police Magistrate John Lynch.

It is alleged that Sackett threw a rock through a window in the home of Parish, Second and Ward streets, with the intention of hitting Parish. Parish claims that Sackett was wandering around his house at 2 a. m., while under the influence of cocaine, and that the rock was thrown after he ejected Sackett from his home.

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