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HOW SURREY FARMERS WORK TOGETHER

EVEN UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS, FARMERS WHO WERE STUNG BY COMMISSION MERCHANT SHOULD PROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF LOSS.

The Surrey Agricultural Association has undergone in the last six months an experience which places it on a pretty substantial basis. During the month of March, 1913, the Association appointed a committee to look up a potato market for its members, and later delegated a committee to supervise the loading and billing of cars loaded by the Association members. In consequence of the personnel of the committee and the nature of its duties nearly all the work fell on one man. But he took the duty cheerfully and even neglected his own business to look after the loading of cars for his neighbors. It was the only way these potatoes could be handled because they were delivered in small lots.

In all seven cars were loaded in this manner, and drafts were made against them in the usual manner. As soon as the drafts were deposited the committee began to make settlements with the farmers who had delivered potatoes, and the price was low, it seemed to be a good thing to move the product before seeding began and have the money to use. Time went on and nothing more was heard from the drafts. Finally the railroads began to clamor for their fee for hauling the spuds to market and about that time three drafts were returned. Of course the man who drew against the commission companies was the man to make the drafts good, and our unfortunate committee-man saw that he had surely "put his foot into it." Much shoe-leather was worn out running from the bank to the depot, and from the depot back to the bank. Many sleepless nights were spent and much ill-advised philosophy about co-operation was expounded. And the righteous wrath of an indignant farmer was freely tendered the whole commission fraternity.

Spring slipped into summer, and summer into fall and the longer time went on the more our worthy committee-man realized that he had cooperated to the value of \$318.00.

A misunderstanding arose about how the business was to be conducted and finally a meeting was called to straighten out the tangle. A special meeting was called Dec. 30th and a very good attendance responded. The matter was fully and freely discussed and the conclusion was finally reached that the farmers who had put potatoes into the cars for which no returns were received should stand the loss. And this they are doing. The money paid out last spring on those three cars of potatoes is being refunded promptly and it will be only a short time till the matter will be fully adjusted. It was an unfortunate circumstance that these cars in question fell into the hands of unprincipled commission men but the incident had a very happy ending in demonstrating to us that farmers can pull together even under adverse circumstances, and proves that the ideals employed in conducting the business on our farms is above reproach, and that the day of "Applied Christianity" is not so far distant as some would have you think.

J. W. SMITH,
Secretary.

The Eastern Star dancing party Friday was one of the most enjoyable functions that organization has ever given. Quigley's orchestra played and a delightful luncheon was served. Those who did not care to dance played Norwegian Whist. Arrangements are being made to hold a Hard Times ball soon, followed by a Masquerade.

BERTHOLD MAN FOUND GUILTY

GEORGE TAYLOR, ARRESTED TWICE ON SAME CHARGE, GETS WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM TODAY.

George Taylor, who did a landoffice business in pigging at Berthold, was convicted in county court, the jury returning a verdict early this afternoon. Taylor was twice arrested on practically the same charge, the last time about Christmas, and it was on the latter charge that he was found guilty.

County court convened Tuesday and this was the first criminal case to be tried. State's Attorney Nestos believes that he will be thru with the criminal calendar in two weeks, when the civil cases will start.

The case against J. E. Webb, charged with keeping gambling paraphernalia at a place on East First St., is being tried this afternoon.

Hilton Farmer Will Enter Sanitarium.

E. E. Burdick, from north of Douglas, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Burdick says his cattle have run out all winter and little feed has been used. Mr. Burdick came to appear before the county board in behalf of Hilton township. Ole Helgrum, a farmer of that township has applied for admission to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Dunseith, the state institution. Mr. Burdick reported that the patient has property to the value of about \$2000 and the board decided that he needed no county aid at this time, but decided to assist him later if it became necessary. Mr. Hulgrum intends to remain at the Sanitarium for two years, where he has assurances of a complete recovery.

Typhoid Fever Claims Ray Victim.

Miss Minnie Trandberg, aged 25 years, passed away at the home of her brother, north of Ray, early Monday morning, after a short illness from typhoid fever. The remains were shipped to the old home in Minnesota. The brother but recently recovered from typhoid fever and it is believed that the drinking water contains the germs.

BALL GAME AT VELVA YESTERDAY

SINGLE MEN OUTPLAY THE MARRIED MEN IN A HOTLY CONTESTED NINE INNING GAME—IMMENSE CROWD OF ROOTERS ENJOY SUMMERLIKE DAY.

Wednesday was a gala day at Velva and the citizens took advantage of the exceedingly warm weather by putting on an excellent ball game.

A nine inning game was played between the single and married men, the score being 15 to 7 in favor of the former team. An immense crowd of rooters was out to enjoy the game. Women were there in their white dresses, summer shoes and hats and parasols. Many of the men appeared in their shirt sleeves and the ball players wore the summer base ball uniforms. Wednesday was like one of the warm July days.

Pictures of the crowd and the players were taken.

Annual Bank Meetings.

The banks of the city will hold their annual meetings Tuesday. Considerable interest is being taken in the meeting at the Second National bank when a successor to the late Joseph Roach, president of that institution, will be named.

L. D. McCahan, publisher of the Democrat, submitted to an operation at St. Joseph's hospital Sunday. He is improving and has been removed to his home.

R. W. THORPE GIVEN DECIDED PROMOTION

MANAGER OF MINOT SASH & DOOR CO. BECOMES FIELD MAN FOR ROGERS LUMBER CO.—SUCCEEDED BY H. M. GAY, A PROMINENT SASKATOON LUMBERMAN.

R. W. Thorpe, manager of the Minot Sash and Door Co., for the past two or three years, has signed up with the Rogers Lumber Co., as their field man throughout their territory in North Dakota and Montana. His duties with that concern began Jan. 1. Mr. Thorpe's offices are in the Lee block and the many friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will be exceedingly well pleased to learn that they will continue to make Minot their home, this being Mr. Thorpe's headquarters. Mr. Thorpe's field of activities becomes greatly enlarged. The Rogers Lumber Co. recognized him as a man of ability and selected him for an important work which they are about to inaugurate.

Mr. Thorpe is succeeded by H. M. Gay, for a number of years engaged in a similar line of work at Saskatoon, and for the past two years, manager of the H. M. Gay & Co. retail lumber yards at Morris, Sask. Mr. Gay is a young man of pleasing personality and business ability. We know that he will like Minot and that Minot will reciprocate. He bids fair to become just as good a booster for Minot as his predecessor, and if he does, he'll be a most valuable asset to the community.

John H. Lewis and L. M. Swigart went to Velva Wednesday to attend the installation of the officers of the K. of P. Editor Francis is the Chancellor Commander for this year. The Minot men saw the ball game that day.

DETECTIVE GETS DRESS MEASURE

ROY BEAVIS ARRESTED AND IS GIVEN EIGHT DAYS IN JAIL FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT—DISPLAYED REVOLVER.

Roy Beavis, who went to a department store Wednesday and started the salesladies by telling them that he had come to be measured for a dress, was arrested today and given a fine of \$10 and costs by Judge Lynch. Not having the money, he is spending eight days in jail. Beavis explained to the ladies that he was a detective and as they took his measure he pulled a revolver from his pocket, frightening them. He explained that he did this so that it would not be in the way. An hour later he telephoned the store not to make the dress as he had been called to New York by telegram. Beavis explained that he was just fooling.

He is the same "guy" who visited the Minot school and hired a teacher to take charge of the school on his father's 4000 acre ranch near Spokane. He appears sane enough, but there must be a screw loose somewhere.

Burns Club Will Honor Bard.

The Burns club committees are making preparations for the annual Burns celebration Jan. 26, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of the Scottish bard. A good program will be rendered and the usual good Scotch dishes served. Among those from out of the city who are expected to be present are Governor Hanna, Justice A. Bruce, Judge Burr of Bismarck and Norman Black, manager of the Times-Herald. Mr. Black will render a number of Scotch songs at the entertainment.

WINFIELD SLATKY IS SUMMONED

ONE OF THE WARD COUNTY PIONEERS PASSED AWAY OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Winfield Slatky, aged 51 years, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock after a lingering illness from Bright's disease. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Jos. Raith officiating. The remains will be interred in the Catholic cemetery in this city.

Mr. Slatky, who resided for many years on a farm two miles north of the city, became ill nearly a year ago, but he bore up with great fortitude and did not become bedfast until three weeks ago, when he was taken to the hospital. He showed signs of rallying but early Wednesday morning he began to grow worse and physicians and friends knew that the end was near. Mr. Slatky remained unconscious to the end and conversed with members of his family. He partook of the Holy Sacrament and made his peace with his Maker; he was ready to go.

Mr. Slatky was born at Coopers-town, Wis., in 1863 and in 1869 accompanied his parents to Stearns county, Minn., near Sauk Center. Here he married Miss Maggie Franks in 1884 and to this union were born seven children, as follows, who with the wife survive: Frank, Thomas, Eddie, Winfield, Aggie, Ethel and Clara (Mrs. Chas. Petran). Two brothers and two sisters also survive, they being Frank, one of Minot's respected and old time citizens, Joe, who lives at Sauk Center, Minn., Mrs. Mary Rabetz, of Kewanee, Wis., and Mrs. Anna Kusba of Sauk Center.

In 1889 Mr. Slatky and family came to Ward county, locating of a homestead two miles north of the city, which has been their home ever since. Mr. Slatky was one of the best known musicians in this section of the state. He was cornetist in the Minot Cornet band, organized away back in 1892, and he was a violinist of ability, playing for years with H. T. Van Wagener for many of the early day social functions. He was a member of the Bohemian Western Fraternal Association No. 188.

Mr. Slatky leaves a host of friends to mourn.

H. H. Hovda, eye specialist and jeweler, has removed to fine new quarters at the corner of Reishus St. and Central avenue, which gives him a splendid location for his work.

Ira D. Wight, manager, and Paul Fechtenau, city salesman of the Stone-Ordean-Wells Co., attended the annual meeting of the Stone-Ordean family of salaried and managers at Duluth last week, an annual affair that is always enjoyable and profitable.

PLUCKY 3-YEAR-OLD GUIDES RUNAWAY TEAM

H. J. MELOS' SON HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN HORSES TAKE FRIGHT—STUCK TO HIS SEAT ON HIGH WAGON.

H. J. Melos' four-year-old son had a narrow escape in a runaway with a spirited team hitched to a farm wagon Saturday. Mr. Melos had just had his horses shod, and drove up in front of the Consumers' Power building, leaving the boy in the wagon for a moment. The horses made a dash up the street, turning down Fifth street. Arriving at the Melos home, they made the turn into the yard, striking a tree. The plucky little boy held to the seat all the time but was thrown backwards into the wagon box, escaping without a scratch. "I kept yelling to the horses to turn in when we got near home," the little fellow afterwards explained to his father.

Officers Make Raids.

Three buildings were closed by Deputies Hovind and Dougherty in raids made Wednesday night on evidence showing that liquor had been sold in them. The buildings are those of John Bonholzer, west of town, the house of H. Peace, colored, on Jarvis St., and the McDougall barn which is rented.

Reservation Homesteader Died Here.

Hans Hanson, aged 23 years, a homesteader from Berthold reservation, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital in this city Wednesday morning from peritonitis. The remains were forwarded to Harvey, near which place the parents of the decedent live.

KELLEY RETURNS WITH KIDNAPPED CHILDREN

SHERIFF STAYS AT EDMONTON UNTIL AUTHORITIES DECIDE TO TURN TWO LITTLE JOHNSON CHILDREN OVER TO HIM.

Sheriff Ed Kelley returned from Edmonton, Alta., Wednesday night with two little children of Martin Johnson of Hartland, Clarence, 8, and Fern, 7, who are said to have been kidnapped by their mother, Dolly Johnson, for spite, after her husband had divorced her. The sheriff had a warrant for the arrest of Dolly Johnson, but the woman eluded the officers. The children were found in a home for poor children at Edmonton and it required several days for Sheriff Kelley to convince the authorities that they should turn them over to him. He brot the boy and girl back with him and they were turned over to an uncle, Robert Johnson, who took them to their father today.

The authorities have been working hard on the case.



DOLLY JOHNSON, ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING HER CHILDREN.

Visit From Prominent Stockman. Ralph Ward, a prominent stockman from Garrison, is in the city today. Mr. Ward is being urged by his McLean county friends to enter the race for the state senate and it is probable that he will do so. Mr. Ward informs us that John Williams, who was a member of the legislature from that district, will be a candidate for state's attorney of McLean county, with good chances of winning.

The pres gang has received personal letters from Edw. Patterson, the progressive Bismarck hotel man. Ed invites the boys to stop at the McKenzie, the seven story hotel, while attending the convention. Reservations have been made, we understand, for most of the sixth and seventh story rooms.

Official Papers Named.

The commissioners named the following as the official county papers for the coming year: Minot Reporter, Kenmare Journal and Ryder Journal. The official papers during the past year were the Democrat, Donnybrook Courier and Sawyer Telegraph. There really ought to be one official paper in each of the five districts.

The Independent was not in the race as this paper had been given the tax list to publish. We will, however, continue to publish the commissioners' proceedings free of charge for the benefit of our readers.

Sam Martinson Returns Home.

Sam Martinson, convicted here three years ago of forgery and serving a term in the penitentiary, started his old business soon after his release and managed to get four worthless checks cashed here, using the names of Bert Hanson and Frank Cox. Deputy Dan Dougherty recognized the hand writing and located Martinson at Bismarck. He was arrested and brot here, where he pleaded guilty before Judge Leighton, who sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary Saturday night.

BACON BABE CALLED HENCE

HOMER, THE 18-MONTHS-OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. A. F. BACON, SUCCUMBS TO MENINGITIS FRIDAY MORNING.

Homer L. Bacon, the year and a half old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bacon, died at the Bacon home on Pleasant avenue early Friday morning, following a short illness from meningitis. For a week or more the little one had remained unconscious and altho physicians stated that there were no hopes for the child's recovery, the parents clung to their loved one and hoped that there might be at least one slight chance. Loving hands did all that was within human power to do, but the All-wise Ruler of our destinies saw fit to pluck. His fair little flower.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon, Rev. P. W. Erickson of the Presbyterian church officiating.

The family have the sincere sympathy of us all.

Writ is Denied.

Albert Snider, of Donnybrook, arrested in Canada charged with stealing a team and wagon at Donnybrook, has been denied a writ of habeas corpus by Judge Leighton. Snider spent a term in a Canadian prison for stealing wheat after he, in company with two others, had driven the team across the line. Snider is but nineteen years old. He is now in the county jail here waiting trial.

LUTHERNS WILL BUILD \$6,000 PARSONAGE

OLD BRICK CHURCH TO BE TORN DOWN AND FINE RESIDENCE FOR PASTOR CONSTRUCTED IN SPRING—OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the meeting of the congregation of the First Lutheran church Monday night, it was decided to tear down the old brick church and construct a \$6000 parsonage of brick in the spring. Over 200 attended the meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and following a splendid supper, a delightful musical program was rendered.

Rev. Mr. Gulikson, who is doing excellent work, has been retained for the coming year.

Thos. Johnson and P. O. Hall were elected to the board of trustees. M. S. Olson was elected Deacon and Ed Shirley Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid elected the following: President, Mrs. C. Shirley; vice-president, Mrs. N. Balerud; secretary, Mrs. T. N. Wold; treasurer, Mrs. T. P. Kulaas.

F. L. Toftner left Friday night for Cyrus, Minn., where he will visit relatives.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

at the

LELAND DEPARTMENT STORE

SATURDAY, JAN. 10th to JAN. 17th.

The yellow tags on merchandise throughout the store will tell you the story.

CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED FOR A BETTER MINOT

GEO. B. IRVING OF CHICAGO WILL SPEND A WEEK IN MINOT IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR CITY.

Geo. B. Irving of Chicago, will arrive Sunday and will spend the following week in a campaign for a Better Minot. Mr. Irving is a specialist in his line. He is magnetic and wherever he has been he has aroused the businessmen to greater efforts.

Mr. Irving really charges nothing for his services. Booster utrons will be sent ahead and these are to be sold by the young ladies of the city at 25 cents each, entitling the holders to admission to a lecture to be given by Mr. Irving at the Commercial club rooms next Tuesday night. Mr. Irving receives the proceeds of the sale of these buttons for his week's work. A lunch will be served at the Commercial club Monday at noon, a nominal charge to be made. Mr. Irving will be there to outshine his plan.

During the week he will deliver an address at the high school on "Stay in High School and Go to College." During the week efforts will be made to secure more members for the Commercial club, and it is the duty of our citizens to do whatever they can to make the campaign a success.

Local committees are at work doing the preliminary work and Monday the campaign will be launched with a vim. Members of the local committee are R. W. Thorpe, C. A. Grow, Norman Ellison, J. C. Smallwood and others.

W. W. DUNCAN DISAPPEARS FROM HOME

PROMINENT MINOT MAN, AFTER KISSING HIS WIFE AND BABIES GOOD-BYE, IS LOST FROM SIGHT—MANY SEARCHING FOR HIM.

W. W. Duncan, one of Minot's most highly respected citizens, disappeared from his home at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon and no trace of him has been found. All through the night many friends searched every nook and corner of the city for him, making a journey up and down the river, fearing that some calamity might have befallen him. Messages were sent to all surrounding towns. At Granville it was reported that a stranger answering Mr. Duncan's description was seen but it has not been determined that he has been there.

Mr. Duncan was at his home until 2 o'clock and seemed greatly worried over the fact that he had lost his position at the New York furniture store. There appears to have been a slight discrepancy in the books of that concern and this has worried Mr. Duncan a great deal. Mr. Duncan has always been considered one of our most straightforward citizens and the fact that there was an irregularity, even tho it was thru no fault of his own, has worried him a great deal. Upon leaving his home, he kissed his wife and babe good-bye and told Mrs. Duncan that the pocket book could be found under the pillow of the bed. He had acted in this manner before and Mrs. Duncan tho' little of it until he failed to return to his evening meal.

Mr. Duncan has lived in Minot for the past ten years. He owns a farm near Foxholm, where he resided for a time. Financially he is in good circumstances. His friends believe that thru worrying he may have become temporarily deranged and may be wandering about the country. It is hoped that his whereabouts will soon be known, for his family and friends are greatly alarmed over his disappearance.

791 Arrests in 1913.

Chief Smith reports that during the year 1913 there were 791 arrests made in Minot. Of this number 301 were for drunkenness, 123 vagrancy, 96 disorderly conduct, 45 blocking sidewalk, 17 gambling, 14 petit larceny, 13 bootlegging, 17 assault and battery, 9 failure to pay dog tax, 3 prostitutes, 2 forgery, 7 burglary, 4 insanity, 2 arson, 3 selling cocaine, etc.

Dan McNally was arrested charged with passing a worthless check for \$12 on Geo. Krusa.