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KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN CORN CONTEST

BRIDE OF 72 TOO YOUNG— HE MARRIES ONE OF 73.

Kulm, N. D., Feb. 14.—Returning a license to marry a 72-year-old girl and securing a second permit to wed one that was 73 years young, Christian Hegel, 77 years old, made things happen in quick succession recently. He and his bride have a total of 150 years to their credit and the happy couple feel as young as the average pair one-third their age. Last week Mr. Hegel secured a license and Mrs. Marie Neuman was the other name. There was an unexpected hitch, however, and the first license was returned for cancellation and a new one issued which bore the name of Mrs. Rosina Schultz. It is insisted the first lady of 72 was too young.

HANGMAN BUNGLES CANADIAN "PARTY"

FORMER MISSOURIAN HANGED
AT CALGARY, GROANED IN HIS
COFFIN FIFTEEN MINUTES AF-
TER TRAP WAS SPRUNG.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 17.—William Jasper Collins, self-confessed murderer of John P. Benson, which murder was committed at Cereel, Alta., May 2, last, was hanged at the mounted police barracks this morning.

As had been expected, the affair was the most gruesome, but not from the fact that Collins had to be carried to the gallows, but rather from the fact that the hanging was bungled in a most horrible manner.

With Collins seated in an arm chair, the trap was sprung at 8:03 o'clock. It was not until 8:20 that he was pronounced dead by Dr. Costello.

Groans were heard to come from Collins' inanimate form fully fifteen minutes after the trap was released, and Dr. Costello, Sheriff Graham, Superintendent Bain and Hangman Holmes held a hurried consultation, off in one corner, but when they returned there was less trace of animation and Collins was allowed to pass out of the world without being again subjected to the ordeal of the scaffold.

Mr. Bailey signified to the hangman that his offices had been performed and the trap was sprung at 8:03, only five minutes from the time the sheriff had entered the cell.

There must have been something wrong in some manner or other for the rope slipped up and caught Collins around the chin, and when he was cut down about five minutes after the

Board Will Hire "Beauty Doctor."

The park board will engage a "beauty doctor" for the Minot parks. There are several good men available, but the one who will probably be engaged is Will O. Doolittle, of Munising, Mich., an instructor at Wyman's School of the Woods. He is a forester and landscape gardener of considerable merit. If he comes he will be given charge of parking the streets of the city.

The landscape gardener will be park superintendent as well.

T. M. Filbert, the Des Lacs publisher, was in the city Tuesday. He says the new two-story hall, built by the Odd Fellows and others, is nearly completed. The building is 24x80 feet and will fill a long felt want.

CANADIANS ARE A LITTLE TOO "FOXY"

IT IS SAID THAT WESTERN
NEWSPAPER UNION RECEIVED
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR
PUBLISHING ADS.

A Senate investigation held recently in Washington justifies the position taken by many North Dakota papers recently when they refused to patronize certain Newspaper Associations because of their handling Canadian advertising, this on the grounds that North Dakota cannot afford to encourage emigration to other parts of the continent. The matter was taken up about a year ago by the State Press Association. The "patent inside" of many North Dakota papers contained Canadian advertising readers and the publishers were therefore forced to use the Canadian matter. A

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trap was released, it was plainly apparent to all that he was still alive, and when laid beside the coffin, groans were heard to issue from time to time.

However, life was fast becoming extinct, and Collins was placed in the coffin. Later he was removed for the autopsy.

Collins and Benson were both natives of Braymer, Mo. The latter had befriended Collins, and when he came to Alberta to take up a homestead, brought Collins along with him. Benson had in his possession about \$3,400 which must have aroused the cupidity of Collins, who murdered Benson on May 2.

Winners in Boys' Contest An- nounced.—Adopt Class Yell and Attend Course in Large Numbers.

Sixty-one boys are attending the week's short course which is being held in the city this week in connection with the mid-winter fair. W. A. Peck is in charge of the school and he has aroused great enthusiasm among the lads. A year ago a similar school was held and a great deal of good resulted, as shown by the interest the boys took in farming upon their return home, and especially in corn growing. Live subjects are being taken up and when lectures are given on stock, an animal is led before the class to be used in demonstration. They are thus given a practical knowledge.

The former Savings bank building has been secured for the boys' headquarters. Here they sleep on cots with a man in charge of them at night. They are given daily work at the Armory gymnasium for an hour and a half and in the evening they are provided with some sort of entertainment. They heard the famous illustrated lecture on the Panama canal at the Armory Monday night. Wednesday night a free moving picture show. A basket ball game between the boys' team and the Surrey team is being arranged for Thursday night.

A lecture on horses was given at the basement of the Jacobson building Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning a lecture on the farmer boys' education was given by Governor Devine at the opera house. In the afternoon a lecture on cattle, their types and breeds, was given by Mr. Merrill, the state dairy expert. Mr. Jackson gave a lecture on the feed and care of the dairy cow. Mr. Willis, B. F. expert, gave a talk on pigs Wednesday morning.

Boys Organize.

The boys met Wednesday morning and organized with the following officers:

Pres.—Geo. Huber, Berthold.
Vice Pres.—John Burns.
They practiced the following class yell:

One, two, three,
Who are we?
We are the Nation's Hope,
Future Farmers of the Mouse River
Loop.

Prizes in the Ward County boys' corn contest were awarded at the op-

era house Wednesday afternoon. The entire class occupied the platform, the winners in the front seats.

The following are attending the school:

Arnold Hokanson, Chas. Tofflemire, Arthur Johnson, Herbert Benno, Oscar Hauge, Chester Ogaard, Wm. Olsen, Miles Scribner, Earl Scribner, Henry Stammen, Joe Stredwick, Clarence Stredwick, Floyd Francis, Gilbert Oen, Bennie Brand, Lawrence Erickson, Joe Linnertz, John Baston, Elgin Peterson, Emil Stranberg, Gordon Johnson, Geo. Christianson, Ray Walton, L. Hentsley, Glen Greathouse, Roscoe Perry, E. O. Henicker, Don Baker, Roscoe Healy, Dwight Carnahan, V. Tompkins, D. Sanders, Stanley Zook, Geo. Renz, Oliver Swanson, Francis McKone, Bert Waldreff, L. Harmon, Chester Mason, W. H. Burns, L. A. Larden, Earnest Norak, Joseph Engeborg, Vernon Engeborg, Dalton Engeborg, Fred Rudd, Cyp. Rudd, Fred Ellis, Tommy Elter, Geo. Huber, Bennie Dahl, Raymond Legar, E. C. Bughley, Vernon Bacon, Titus Miller, P. J. Burns, Roy Weed, Jacob Frank, John Frank, Geo. Mulvihill, A. W. Steener, Ed. Clementich.

These resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that we tender to Mr. Peck a special acknowledgement of our appreciation of his untiring efforts in our behalf by showing a material interest in the actual work of better farming under his guidance during the ensuing year.

And we also wish to thank W. H. Burns of the Better Farming Association for his good work rendered to us in the past two years, for Mr. Burns is a jolly good fellow and we hope that we can have him with us many times in the future.

Constitution Adopted.

ARTICLE I. This club shall be known as the Boys' Farming Course of Mouse River Loop.

ARTICLE II. The purpose of this course is to show the boys the social and business side of farming and also meet and have a little recreation.

ARTICLE III. There shall be three general officers, a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, elected for one year by a majority vote of the club members.

LIGHTER LABOR FOR WOMEN OF FARM

MISS VEITCH OF THE AGRICUL-
TURAL COLLEGE GIVES FAR-
MERS' WIVES IDEAS ON IM-
PROVING THEIR CONDITION.

An immense crowd of farm women gathered at the public library this afternoon to hear Miss Veitch of the Agricultural College. She gave the farmers' wives some valuable pointers on how they can make their work much lighter in the kitchen by means of very inexpensive contrivances. A stool to sit on while doing much of their work, the tables at just the right height, casters under the kitchen furniture, and scores of other little things that will make the work in the kitchen a pleasure instead of a burden were discussed.

Dr. A. J. McCannel delivered a very instructive address on the prevention of typhoid fever in the home. At the conclusion, many questions were asked which were cheerfully answered.

Major E. S. Person, who has done more for the dairying interests of this section than any other one man, is showing several registered Guernsey cows. The Major realizes that all breeds of cattle are good and some better, but you can't convince him that Guernseys are anything but the best. He has some of the very choicest cows in the state.

Seven members of the John Quigley family are ill of scarlet fever. All of the children are said to be gaining nicely, however.

The E. C. Fritz hardware store is closed and is now in the hands of a trustee.

BURLINGTON CLAY IS MARVELOUS PRODUCT

SAMPLE OF STIFF MUD BRICK
FROM WARD COUNTY CLAY
MADE AT STATE PLANT AT
UNIVERSITY.

The Independent has seen a sample of brick made from clay near Burlington, sent to the state university to be tested out. It is the equal of any brick we have ever seen and shows the wonderful possibilities there is in store for the Burlington plant. Mr. Mudgett of the Northern Briquetting Co. sent a general mixture of the clay to the university and a stiff mud brick was made. It is as smooth as glass, of a light brown color and its crushing strength is wonderful. A hollow brick was also made and this shows wonderful crushing strength as well. The Northern Briquetting Co. will soon begin the manufacture of this grade of bricks which far exceeds the old sand mold variety.

Mansons Buy Robideaux Store.

Manson Bros. have bought the Robideaux bankrupt stock and fixtures and have opened this place to the public. Manson Bros. are hustlers. They have made a great success of the confectionery and candy manufacturing business in Minot and have invested all of their money right here. They are businessmen that Minot is proud of.

Editor Ferris of the Williston Herald, is in the city, where he arrived Saturday to submit to an operation for tonsillitis.

The home of Harry Dingman is under quarantine, the little son, Eddie, being ill of scarlet fever.

R. C. Battey Weds Miss Russell.

Many will be interested in learning of the marriage of R. C. Battey and Miss Edith Russell, formerly of this city, which occurred in Minneapolis. Mr. Battey was connected with the International Harvester Co. at Minot for years and is now engaged with that concern at Bismarck. He recently secured a divorce from Mrs. Battey, a woman highly regarded by many in Minot. Battey's second wife lived in Minot for many years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Russell, her father being section foreman here for years. She is regarded as one of the state's most beautiful women.

Bowman farmers are feeding their stock Russian thistle, gathered while green last fall and stacked. The stock is thriving on the feed.

GLENDIVE YOUNGSTER KILLS N. P. BRAKEMAN

ROY JOHNSON, FARMER BOY,
FIGHTS FRENZIED BRAKEMAN
TO DEATH ON HIGH BRIDGE—
SAVES VICTIM'S WIFE FROM
DEATH.

Glendive, Mont., Feb. 16.—Roy Johnson, a young farmer boy, shot and instantly killed J. A. Steele, a former Northern Pacific brakeman, after a terrific struggle on the high bridge here. Steele attempted to throw the boy into the river following trouble over the wife of the dead man, when Johnson pulled a gun and fired three shots into his body.

The shooting took place in the presence of Steele's wife. Johnson immediately gave himself up to the authorities. Public sentiment, in view of the circumstances, favors Johnson, who, it appears, killed Steele as a last resort to save his own life and prevent him from harming Mrs. Steele.

After several hours deliberation, the coroners' jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, and Johnson was released from custody.

Cotea Again in the Lime Light.

Joe Cotea was again arrested for pigging and Justice McCutcheon could do nothing better than dismiss him. This makes six times that the lucky Cotea has been arrested and discharged. Officials consider that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire, but they have never gotten to the seat of all of Joe's troubles.

CRIPPLED GRANDMA SUNSHINE SPREADER.

Wahpeton, N. D., Feb. 14.—"Grandma" Stokes, of this city, aged 86 years, and crippled from a fall, has within the past few months knit and sent to the Sunshine society of Minneapolis, fifty-one pairs of woolen mittens. In addition to this work she has made presents to a large number of her friends, of samples of her handiwork.

Wm. Healy and Henry Lockman, a couple of Glenburn democrats, were here to mingle with John Burke and others Tuesday.

The newspaper boys are all saying nice things about Insurance Commissioner Walt Taylor, an old newspaper man.

"HIGH-BALL" GIVEN FOR ENGINEERS BALL

FIRST ANNUAL FUNCTION AT
THE ARMORY FRIDAY NIGHT
—COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN
WORKING HARD — GRAND
MARCH AT 9 O'CLOCK.

Arrangements are complete for the first annual ball to be given by the B. of L. E. at the Armory Friday evening, Feb. 20. The grand march will occur promptly at nine o'clock. It will be led by Supt. and Mrs. Roy McCandless and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Richardson.

The Armory will be decorated with the railway colors, red, white, blue and green and lanterns will be hung about the room. A huge painting of a locomotive bearing the number of the local division, 695, will be suspended at one end of the room.

Arrangements have been made with P. W. Myers to serve a splendid banquet at the Temple Court Cafeteria at an expense of but 50 cents a plate.

The railroad boys are royal good fellows, and they will show their guests a good time. An immense crowd will undoubtedly be in attendance.

The music will be furnished by Quigley's orchestra.

F. J. Sorenson, who deserted his family at New Rockford in July, was located in Wisconsin and brot back. He fell while running in the fat men's foot race July 4 and claims to have been suffering from partial dementia since.

PLANS FOR FEDERAL BUILDING RECEIVED

THREE STORIES AND A BASE-
MENT—BUILDING 64x100 FEET
NO PROVISION MADE FOR U.
S. LAND OFFICE.

Plans for Minot's new federal building have been received in this city from Congressman Norton. The bids for the building will be opened early in March and construction will commence during the summer.

The main building will be 64x100 feet, with three stories and basement, fire proof throughout, constructed of the finest grade stone and brick.

Offices will be provided for the bailiffs, district attorney, federal judge, etc., and a large court room, but according to the plans no provision has been made for the United States land office. It is presumed that this can be tucked away in some of the numerous quarters, as the building will be very commodious.

The plans call for a driveway clear around the building.

SALVATION ARMY REPORT FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

The local Salvation Army has been doing a very commendable work among Minot's poor during the present winter. A large number of boys and girls are being kept warmer thru the distribution of clothes and shoes, which has been made possible by the hearty co-operation of so many of the citizens. One phase worth mentioning is the quality of the goods donated, and the pleasure shown by the recipients of the same.

No. garment given away.....676
No. pair of shoes given away ---- 47
Number of meals given away --- 29
Number of beds provided 11
Total number of people helped with the above, or coal or money is 149.

Thanking all who have helped in this grand work, believe us faithfully yours,

JAS. W. and MRS. STAMP,
Captains,
Officers in Charge.

A Russian, frozen and penniless, was picked up at Kindred and taken to a Fargo hospital.

WARD COUNTY MAN FACES UGLY CHARGE

CLAIM HOLDER WAS
OVERCOME BY COLD.

Westby, N. D., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Nina Taylor, who has a claim near here, started for town and was overcome by the cold. She fell by the roadside in a faint. Later she recovered and went some distance when she fell again. Two neighbors happened along and rescued the woman, who was hurried to the home of a neighbor and resuscitated.

Mr. Baer of Beach, the cartoonist, who delighted the newspaper boys by his good work recently, was in the city Tuesday. He is the Beach postmaster and a prominent democrat.

Senator Hookway of Granville was in the city Tuesday. The Independent understands that the Senator will be a candidate for re-election and if so he will most likely win.

E. R. Kinney, of Surrey, is in the city today. Mr. McKinney recently came from Illinois and has engaged in the business of auctioneering. He has cried sales for three years successfully in Illinois and has already lined up a number to be held later.

F. W. YOUNG CHARGED WITH IN-
CEST BY TWO LITTLE DAUGH-
TERS, TWELVE AND THIRTEEN
YEARS OLD.

F. W. Young, a farmer living south of Pitts postoffice, Ward county, was placed under arrest by Deputy Dougherty Monday, charged with incest. Complaint was made by Young's 12-year-old daughter, who has been staying at the home of Theodore Selken. She claims that her father has been abusing both herself and her sister, a year older. Young is 50 years old and his wife is dead.

A farmer who settled near Plaza ten years ago, now owns three quarter sections of land, a comfortable home, twenty-six head of cattle, has averaged a net profit of \$1,000 a year, and during the ten years made a trip to Europe with his wife, which cost him a little over \$1,000.