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NELS SAUGSTAD DIES FROM LONG ILLNESS

WELL KNOWN FARMER LIVING EAST OF THE CITY PASSED AWAY MONDAY MORNING FROM DROPSY — FUNERAL HELD TODAY.

Nels E. Saugstad, aged 67 years, a prominent farmer living five miles east of the city in the valley, passed away Monday morning at 5:30 o'clock after a long illness from dropsy and complications. Mr. Saugstad had been ill for the past five years, but he made a heroic struggle to live for the sake of his loved ones. He has been a terrible sufferer but bore his lot uncomplainingly. Mr. Saugstad was in the city for the last time during the fall and paid the Independent a visit at the time. He stated that this was perhaps his farewell visit for he did not expect to survive the winter out.

The funeral was held from the United Lutheran church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Lonnie officiating, a large crowd of friends attending. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery. Short funeral services were held at the farm at noon.

Mr. Saugstad is survived by his wife and five children, three daughters and two sons. The children are all married.

Mr. Saugstad had lived in this county for more than ten years and those who knew him regarded him as a man of exceedingly high principles. The Independent extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Nels E. Saugstad was born at Ringsaker, Hedemarken, Norway, Nov. 24, 1847, and at the age of twenty-two years, emigrated to America, living near Cedar Falls, Ia., during his early days in America.

He was married Dec. 25, 1871, to Karen Thompson, and five children were born to this union, all of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Minnie McCartney, Kanawha, Ia., Mrs. Jeanette Joy, Adel, Ia., Mrs. Alma Campbell, Clarion, Ia.; Tilman E. Saugstad and Norman E. Saugstad, of Minot, N. D.

Mr. Saugstad and family came to North Dakota in the spring of 1902.

Mr. Saugstad was a consistent Christian and a member of the United Lutheran church.

JUDGE MURRAY MARRIES

LORAIN COUPLE.

Henry A. Gates and Miss Sorenson traveled all the way from Loraine, in Renville county, to this city Tuesday to have their nuptial knot tied by Judge Murray. The Judge performed the ceremony in his inimitable manner and the couple left for their home serenely happy.

LADIES SHOULD

ATTEND WINTER

PRESS MEET

FARGO ARRANGES FOR SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR WIVES OF THE EDITORS JAN. 8 AND 9 DURING WINTER CONVENTION.

W. H. Francis of Velva, secretary of the N. D. P. A., was in the city Monday. Mr. Francis and his wife have been exceedingly busy during the past two weeks, preparing copy for the Christmas number of the Bulletin, the official paper of the N. D. P. A., which will reach every newspaperman in the organization before Christmas.

The Bulletin contains in addition to a number of special articles by the officers, an illustrated write-up of the city of Fargo, where the press gang will be entertained at their winter convention Jan. 8 and 9.

The secretary has not quite completed the program for the meeting, but enough members have responded to make it certain that one of the most interesting conventions in the association's history will be held.

In addition to the regular program, the Fargo people have prepared various forms of entertainment for the ladies and if they are wise, they will not allow their "lords and masters" to leave them at home. There will be luncheons, theatre parties, the inspec-

tion of the Fargo department stores, banquets and a dancing party at the new Auditorium Friday night, Jan. 8.

The inaugural ball happens to fall on the same date, but it is presumed that the press function will not interfere to a great extent with the Bismarck blowout.

Next week it is hoped that the program in its complete form will be ready for publication.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES OF CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday school of the Christian church will hold their exercises at the Odd Fellow's Hall on Christmas Evening with a tree and appropriate program.

All are welcome who may wish to attend.

Death of Andrew Slusar.

Many will remember Andrew Slusar, the Russian lad, who made his home with the editor for some time a number of years ago, and attended school. Andrew recently died of cancer at his home near Coronation, Alta. He was a fine, bright youth and we are sorry to learn the sad news.

PROBLEM PLAY DREW

IMMENSE CROWDS

ROBERT STACY-JUDD'S "DRACHLA" TOOK THE OLD TOWN BY STORM — THE GREAT ROAD HOUSE SCENE.

The problem play, "Drachla," written by Robert Stacy-Judd, of this city, and staged by the Lynman Players, drew immense crowds at the Grand Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. That the audience appreciated the entertainment was evident by the frequent applause the players received. Mr. Stacy-Judd himself came in for his share of the glory, when on the last night he was compelled to step in front of the audience, when he modestly gave the players credit for the success of the work, because of their excellent acting.

We hardly feel qualified to offer criticism on anything of this nature. The stage settings were very unusual. The scene of the road house where the minister mingled with the denizens of the Primrose Path could not help but set many to thinking.

It is a problem play, with one of the greatest problems in the world to solve. Whether Mr. Stacy-Judd has solved it with his "Drachla" will remain for each one who attended to decide. Mr. Stacy-Judd has received many well merited compliments on his ability as a playwright.

Install Masonic Blue Lodge Officers. The newly elected officers of the Star in the West Lodge, A. F. and A. M., were installed Thursday night, James Johnson acting as installing officer. Following this, an enjoyable banquet was served and a number of talks given.

The following are the officers: A. D. McCannel, W. M.; C. B. Bach, S. W.; A. D. Hagenstein, J. W.; H. E. Byorum, Treasurer; G. R. Ringo, Sec.; R. D. Halvorson, S. D.; G. R. Van Sickle, J. D.; Albert Lowe, S. Steward; F. W. Roach, J. Steward; G. A. Hoover, Tyler.

The 25th anniversary of the lodge will be celebrated June 17 next in a fitting manner. A big banquet will be one of the features. Several teams from the various lodges will be invited to confer the degrees on several candidates.

The lodge is in a thriving condition. There are about 175 members, four having died during the past few months.

Popular Couple Married at Des Lacs. J. H. Keller and Miss Cora Moyer were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Des Lacs Monday at high noon. The groom is a prominent farmer and auctioneer and the bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer, well known residents of Rolling Green township. The Independent wishes the worthy couple a long and happy life.

Council Bluffs Merchant Visits Minot.

B. D. Glazier, of Council Bluffs, Ia., arrived Friday to look after business interests. Mr. Glazier was formerly owner of the Branch store and he is now owner of one of the finest cloak and suit stores in Council Bluffs, doing a very nice business.

DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY

STATE DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION WILL MEET HERE FEB. 23, 24 AND 25—FINE EXHIBIT OF DAIRY CATTLE.

R. F. Flint, dairy commissioner of North Dakota, was in Minot Friday night conferring with E. S. Person and Secretary D. S. Hollenga relative to the state Dairymen's convention which will be held in this city Feb. 23, 24 and 25. The meeting will be held at the Armory and there will be a fine exhibit of the various kinds of cattle.

Speakers of national repute will address the convention and it is expected that hundreds from all sections of the state will attend.

Arrangements will be made for a big banquet. The entertainment and program will be given under the auspices of the Association of Commerce.

"SUNNY" FLECK

GETS TEN YEARS

NEGRO WHO TESTIFIED IN BEHALF OF MORGAN RHOADES IS CONVICTED OF PERJURY — GETS MINIMUM SENTENCE.

"Sunny" Fleck, the negro who testified in behalf of Morgan Rhoades, the colored man who shot and killed Griffin Skinner, also colored, was found guilty of perjury and given a ten year term in the penitentiary. This is the minimum sentence. Fleck testified that he saw Skinner reach for his gun and pull the same just as Rhoades came in the door, and after he had been shot, he handed it to a bystander, telling him to get Rhoades, that he had been shot to death.

Renville's Sheriff Some Matador. Sheriff Wilcox of Renville county is some matador. While working about his farm, an ugly bull attacked him and as the arena was too small, the bull soon had the sheriff in a corner. The sheriff came out second best and was badly bruised about the face and body. He took refuge in a stall, otherwise Renville county would have been minus one perfectly good sheriff. The hired man refereed the latter end of the fight, making his decisions the more emphatic with a pitchfork.

TWENTY-ONE CONVENTIONS IN MINOT IN 1915

MANY OF THE LARGEST GATHERINGS IN THE STATE BOOKED FOR THIS CITY DURING COMING YEAR—MEANS MUCH FOR CITY.

Minot is without question one of the greatest convention cities in the state. Secretary Hollenga informs us that the Association of Commerce has just booked the 21st convention to be held in Minot during the year 1915.

The conventions will include that of the State Sunday School Association, the biggest event of the year, which will be attended by a thousand delegates, besides many other visitors.

The Dairymen will meet here in February. The other conventions are those of the City Engineers and Surveyors, the Insurance men, Builders and Traders Exchange, G. A. R. and the W. R. C., and the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Every convention means a great deal of money left in this city, in addition to the publicity we gain.

L. J. Thompson has just returned from Westby, Mont., where he was the guest of A. P. Slocum several days. Mr. Thompson says that Westby is a mighty busy little city.

Popular Couple Will Wed.

The marriage of Geo. Heger, a prominent young Minot banker, and Miss Ruth Shorb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Shorb of Surrey, will occur Dec. 30.

CHRISTMAS TREE CAUGHT FIRE

MATCH STARTED FIRE IN COTTON BENEATH TREE AT MARYLAND SCHOOL HOUSE—CHILDREN FRIGHTENED BUT NONE HURT.

A match dropped in the cotton beneath the Christmas tree at Maryland school No. 1, north of Surrey Friday afternoon, created havoc for a little while and for a time the children and many guests were in a state of panic.

The flames burst upward and destroyed most of the Christmas decorations. Several coats were thrown over the tree and the fire exterminated.

Miss King, teacher of school No. 4, with her pupils, visited Miss Violet Smith's school and many of the patrons of the district gathered to listen to the exercises.

MID-WINTER FAIR

JANUARY 25 TO 30

ARMORY SECURED FOR EVENT—MANY SPEAKERS AT THE OPERA HOUSE—PECK'S SHORT COURSE FOR FARM BOYS.

The plans for the Mid-winter Fair, which will be held in this city Jan. 25 to 30, inclusive, are being perfected. Secretary Hollenga, who is taking the initiative in the arrangements, on behalf of the Association of Commerce, says that without question this will be the nicest affair of its kind held in the state.

A fine lot of speakers has been secured to give the addresses on the various phases of farming, live stock, dairying, corn, alfalfa, poultry, etc., at the opera house. These lectures will all be free.

W. E. Peck, Better Farming Agent, will conduct his popular short course for farm boys and their daddies. Addresses will be given in the basement of the Armory where the special lectures will be demonstrated with the best exhibits of live stock.

The main floor of the Armory will contain the various exhibits, for which valuable prizes will be awarded. The complete premium list will be given in the Independent at an early date.

Sixteen booths in the center of the building will be given to the farm and dairy exhibits. All exhibits will be admitted free. Livestock exhibits, consisting of cattle, hogs, horses and poultry will be placed in the basement. Andrew Jacobson, a prominent Burlington farmer, will have a fine exhibit of Shetland ponies.

All booths for the Minot merchants have been sold. Robert Stacy-Judd, the architect, has furnished plans for the various booths, and they are very pretty.

The Roell Hardware Co. will show an English kitchen with its old fireplace, by the side of the modern kitchen with its up-to-date ranges and utensils.

Eby & Young will have four booths for their display of Buicks.

Free musical entertainments will be given at the Armory in the afternoons. There will be a Canadian Day, a Traveling Man's Day, and the last day of the fair will be a big Minot Day.

The electric display will be very beautiful, the place being brilliantly lighted up at night.

Robert Stacy-Judd is preparing a huge painting nearly 50 feet wide and 25 or 30 feet high at the east end of the Armory, showing a modern western farming scene. In front of this will appear the butter display. The balcony will be used for a rest room for ladies and children.

The Association of Commerce will spend \$1500 on the fair. Many wholesale houses have arranged for good displays.

Stag Party at Elks' Home.

A Christmas stag party at the Elks' Home Saturday night after lodge, will be given. A nice lunch will be served and a special program rendered.

The Independent is in receipt of special holiday greetings from our good friends, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Gunter of Mohall.

MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT THE INAUGURAL BALL

Bismarck, Dec. 23.—The biggest and best of all North Dakota inaugural balls, which is to be held at the state house on the night of January 8, will be preceded by a reception and musical concert by the Minot Symphony orchestra in the corridors on the main floor.

In the receiving line will be Governor Hanna and all of the state officers. The reception will commence at 8 o'clock and will continue until 9 o'clock.

This is to be the official social event of the year and North Dakotans are interested to a greater extent than ever before.

Immediately after the reception the gallery will be opened to those who do not care to dance.

BURLINGTON CONTRIBUTES TO THE BELGIAN FUND.

Burlington, one of the hustling little neighboring cities, has contributed \$95 to the Belgian relief fund. The farmers have not done a great deal towards the fund but are expected to get into the game later.

JAMES DWYER

CHARGED WITH

STRIKING O'LEARY

MINOT POLICE DESK SARGEANT UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH STRIKING SLEEPER AT JAIL—SUSPENDED FOR TEN DAYS.

James Dwyer, desk sargeant at the city police station, was placed under arrest Tuesday charged with assault and battery, and held to the county court.

He is charged with striking a young man named Dan O'Leary, who was given a place to sleep in the jail for want of a better bed. O'Leary claims that Dwyer charged him with singing I. W. W. songs and with slipping whiskey into the jail for the prisoners. O'Leary says when he denied this, the officer struck him a terrific blow on the jaw.

Dwyer has been suspended from duty for ten days, by the city commission, pending an investigation.

No Stamps for Affidavits.

Dorr Carroll, assistant state's attorney, has received a ruling from W. S. Cook, revenue collector at Aberdeen, S. D., to the effect that notary public affidavits do not need to be stamped and no stamps are required on Jurats as well. As the ruling says nothing about acknowledgements, Mr. Carroll believes that one should continue to place them on them to be safe.

CLARENCE SCOTT SLIPPERY PRISONER

MINOT YOUTH ON WAY TO PENITENTIARY WITH OFFICERS, PICKED LOCK OF HIS LEG IRONS—FIVE TO PENITENTIARY.

Bismarck, Dec. 22.—Clarence Scott, convicted of third degree burglary, and sentenced to serve three years in the state penitentiary, is a handy man in some ways and he proved his adeptness to Deputy Sheriff Joe Hunt of Minot yesterday when he picked the lock on his leg irons and freed himself, while being brought down to Bismarck from Minot.

Deputy Sheriff Hunt, J. D. Van Hook, Louis Huber, Louis A. Larson and E. G. Warren came down with five prisoners. They were William Smith, Roy Rogers, Andrew Schmidt, Clarence Scott and Jack Barnes. The first four mentioned were all convicted of third degree burglary and Barnes of grand larceny.

Smith was sentenced to serve four years, Rogers two years and six months, Schmidt three years and six months, Scott three years and Barnes three years and six months.

Scott has had a reputation of being a slippery customer and the leg irons were placed upon him. While eating an apple and smoking a cigarette with his right hand he slipped his left hand to his neither extremities and worked on the lock on the leg irons. He succeeded in picking it and was a free man for a few minutes, until a deputy sheriff discovered that he was separated from his chains.

All five men were safely landed behind the bars of the penitentiary to reflect upon their misdeeds. The same party of officers also brought Elbert Baker, an 18-year-old lad, to Mandan to serve three years in the reform school for a statutory offense.

Mr. Huber, who is a county commissioner of Ward county, was accompanied to this city by his son, Fred. Mr. Warren is county superintendent of schools of Ward county and Mr. Larson is former county auditor.

Sorry to Lose Ben Glazier.

Ben Glazier, manager of the Branch store for the past two years, will leave Sunday for Council Bluffs, Ia., accompanying B. D. Glazier, where he will take a position in the latter's store. Ben is an A1 young man, keen in business and of excellent character. He will get along nicely wherever he is and the best wishes of a host of friends will follow him to his new home.

"Rings on Her Fingers"



If she lacks the ring why not get it for her today?

We can offer you a selection from some of the most exquisite designs and best values we have ever carried in medium priced rings.

These are a special holiday showing, and an early inspection will pay you handsomely.

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Minot, North Dakota

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