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CAR SWEEPER GROUND TO PIECES

THOMAS GEORGOS MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH IN WEST G. N. CARDS EARLY MONDAY MORNING WHILE ON WAY TO WORK.

Thomas Georgos, a Greek car sweeper on the Great Northern, was struck by G. N. Engine No. 734 in the west yards in this city at 6:30 o'clock Monday morning and instantly killed.

Georgos attempted to cross the track ahead of the train that was about to go out on the Fargo-Surrey line, and evidently did not see the portions of the remains being scattered just starting for Berthold, to go up the Crosby branch, and was running lights. Page was the fireman but the name of the engineer has not been learned at this writing. Neither the fireman nor the engineer saw Georgos in the dark.

The body was horribly mangled, portions of the remains being scattered for several rods along the track. The remains were gathered and the funeral held Tuesday, burial taking place in this city. Georgos was about 40 years of age and is said to have a wife and children living in Greece.

Coroner Doe held the inquest Tuesday, the jury not being able to definitely fix the blame, as there was not a single eye witness to the affair.

The inquest over the remains of Georgos was held at Van Fleet's Tuesday afternoon, Axel Roise, D. A. Dinne and G. D. Colcord comprising the jury. Evidence showed that the man's body was undoubtedly run over by the light engine, 724, which had stopped under the viaduct waiting for the Surrey-Fargo train to clear the track.

The engineer, Barney Zitur, left the engine in charge of his fireman, Emory Page, and the conductor, Wm. Stinson, and went to the depot to get his orders. Stinson ran the engine to the depot and says he did not see anyone trying to cross the track. The fireman rang the bell and kept a close watch but saw no one. The headlights were burning. The men did not know that anyone had been run over until they arrived at Berthold, when they received a telegram. The engine was examined and blood stains found. Stinson thought it possible that Georgos might have been knocked down when the Fargo-Surrey train backed up the main line, the caboose being on the passing track.

Georgos was a hard-working Greek and in February had sent \$600 to his wife in Greece.

NOTED SALVATIONISTS TO VISIT THE MAGIC CITY.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, Colonel S. Marshall and Major H. Storey, of Minneapolis will visit Minot.

The Colonel is a man of great and exceptional ability, having been in charge of the largest commands in the United States and Canada. His present position is that of chief officer of the Northern Province, comprising Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and upper Michigan. Major H. Storey has recently been appointed to his present position as General Secretary to Colonel Marshall. Major Storey's previous position was that of principal of the Salvation Army Men's Training College at Chicago. He is an excellent musician. Colonel Marshall will enroll soldiers and commission local officers on the occasion of his visit here.

DES LACS FARMER ANSWERS MURRAY

H. D. DAVY GIVES THE SIDE OF THE FARMER WHO SOMETIMES DEALS WITH THE CATALOG HOUSES.

Hold on there, Murray, before you get your laws passed taxing catalog houses, get a law passed putting some restraint on the local dealer, for the catalog house is the buffer between the local dealer and the ultimate consumer that evens things up and keeps the local dealer in line and in his proper place, otherwise he would eat us up alive. I would suggest we get a law passed by which the county commissioners appoint a committee of five persons from the ranks of the ultimate consumers, a majority of whom shall be farmers, before whom shall appear all persons who are in business in a retail way, or who expect to go into business, and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of said committee that said persons are possessed of the following qualifications, viz: They shall possess a large heart, one that

will not permit them to look upon a farmer as something to be exploited and short-weighted, but as a human being who has an inalienable right to trade where he pleases and keep his money at home (in his home, not the merchant's), and build his churches, school houses, etc., himself, and not turn the job over to the whim (problematical) of the local dealer.

He, the local dealer, must also take his Book oath that he will not, when out joy riding, chase the farmer, his wife or the hired man off the road or way out into the fields at the imminent risk of his or their (the farmers') neck, or cause him to use language unfit for publication; that he will not scatter beer bottles along the road to get broken up and the pieces get into his horses' feet, causing more bad language, and then blame it onto the farmer.

He must also prove to the satisfaction of the commission that he never did and never will sell a piece of goods that was all doped up to look nice and turn out to be shoddy the first time it got wet. If he sells stoves and shows and sells to the missus the newest up-to-date and when the old man comes after dark to load up and he loads up an old model onto him and he lives 16 miles from town and don't find out till the next day. Oh for breath to utter what is like thee. That he will always patronize the home market himself and will always buy the farmers' produce, especially potatoes, and will never send away for any, even though he could buy them for 30 to 40c per bushel less. He, the local dealer, must prove that he has the seeds to buy with by paying cash for country produce instead of in chips and wheat-stones as at present by local dealers. He must also advertise his goods in the same manner as the catalog house, making it plain as day just what he has to sell, with price and quality exactly the same as the catalog house does, so my wife can pick out a dress, a towel and a yard and a half of insertion and give me the numbers and I can hand them to the clerk and get just what she wants, same as the catalog house does, instead of being as now, so flabbergasted I don't know what she did want and take home a clothesline and some soap, hoping that was it.

He must also do all his advertising with the local paper instead of sending his order away (the P. M. says more money leaves Des Lacs for advertising than is spent at home). He must also put up a bond that when he gets cheap rates of interest he will sell his goods cheap, and be content with the same rate of profit the catalog house gets, plus the freight. That he will sell his goods on the same terms as the catalog house, viz: If not satisfied, take them back, return the money without squealing like a stuck pig, and to generally comport himself as the catalog houses do, and abandon the campaign against the catalog houses and give the home customer the benefit of the money so spent. If the local dealer can qualify with all these conditions, the commissioners could then license him to go into business and he could get busy and in time would realize that the farmer is not a blame fool and will trade where he can get the most for his money. Oh you Murray! Don't you know that this is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and the right to use the mails is an inalienable as any function of the government, and to place the censorship of the mails in the hands of the postmaster general would be to surrender the right of trial by jury, the keystone of our liberties? Hic facet.

By one who feels that the farmer has been held up once too often.

H. D. DAVY.

Des Lacs, N. D.

FARMERS PLAN CO-OPERATIVE MILL

MEETING HELD SATURDAY AT LABOR HALL - PROPOSE TO FORM \$50,000 CONCERN - ANOTHER MEETING MARCH 20.

Fifty or more farmers gathered at Labor Hall in this city Saturday afternoon and talked over the proposition of organizing a \$50,000 co-operative mill for the city of Minot. Several subscription lists were passed around and nearly fifty farmers subscribed stock to the extent of from \$50 to \$100.

Those who are behind the proposition realize that this is a big undertaking, but do not think that the venture is worth while unless the capitalization is \$50,000. This means that 500 will have to subscribe \$100 worth of stock each. The lists are being circulated and another meeting will be held Saturday, March 20, when, if a sufficient number have subscribed, the organization will be perfected.

A few of those who subscribed for stock Saturday are John Wallin, Ole Oen, Louis Enger, Bennie Olson, John Underdahl, Irvin Garnsey and Lars Tollefson.

Issues Large Catalog.

The Minot Auto Co. recently issued a 148 page catalog, the largest ever gotten out by the concern. This company carries a stock of \$12,000 worth of parts for the Overland car and supplies the states of North Dakota and Montana. This company deserves a great deal of credit for its enterprise.

LINDERMANN BABE DIES OF CONVULSIONS

CHILD TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND WITHIN TWENTY MINUTES PASSED AWAY.

Fay, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lindermann, died at her home in this city Saturday afternoon, following an illness of twenty minutes from convulsions. The funeral was held from the Lindermann home Monday afternoon, Rev. T. A. Olsen, officiating.

The child was one of the most beautiful babes in Minot and had seemingly enjoyed perfect health until attacked by the convulsions. The entire community sincerely sympathizes with the heart-broken parents.

Mrs. Lindermann's mother from Amhurst, S. D., arrived to attend the funeral.

KARL STOUTD HAD UNWELCOME GUEST

ATTORNEY VISITED BY A MID-NIGHT PROWLER WHO INSISTED ON STAYING ALL NIGHT.

Atty. Karl Stoutd sat reading at his home at midnight, last Friday night, and looking up, saw a stranger open the front door and walk in. Karl was somewhat startled, not knowing the cause of the fellow's late visit. He was a big husky fellow and wore a coat that was split up the back. He made himself very much at home and appeared to be full of dope. He insisted on staying all night, saying that he was wealthy and had plenty of money to pay for his lodging. Mr. Stoutd managed to induce the fellow to go on his way, but has not learned the name of his new found friend.

Milo's Neck Was Saved.

Joe Milo, the Lansford murderer, whose neck has been spared by the enactment of a law prohibiting capital punishment, will not hang Aug. 16. Milo was preparing for death and did not really seem to mind what the future had in store for him. He collected quite a large sum of money while in jail in Bottineau county, which he intended for his funeral expenses. This money has been deposited to his credit and will be used in buying tobacco, oranges and other luxuries, instead. Milo, who has been in the death cell, will now be put to work about the penitentiary.

There were twelve votes against the bill in the Senate as follows: Allen, Eronson, Gibbons, Hamilton, Hughes, Nelson of Richland, Paulson, Putnam, Rowe, Sandstrom, Trageton and Young.

Hagenstein Breaks Finger.

City Auditor A. D. Hagenstein is nursing a broken finger. "Hage," who was a fancy skater in his younger days, visited the rink the other night. The big piano was grinding out, "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary," and some other choice canned music and the skaters were cutting pigeon wings and figure eights in a way that forced the blood thru his veins faster and faster. "Here, give me a pair of skates, I'll show 'em a trick or two," he said to accommodating Geo. Bissel, and away he went over the congealed crystal like the wind. Just as he was executing one of his old time feats, something went wrong. He simply wasn't there, and down he went, fracturing one of his digits.

Bearman Fruit Co. Will Build.

The Bearman Fruit Co. are preparing to build a fire proof block along the G. N. right of way on North Main street. The building will be quite pretentious and will consist of several stories.

MINOT'S TAXES COMPARED WITH OTHER CITIES.

H. E. Wheeler, city assessor and president of the state assessors' organization, hands the Independent a table that proves interesting, as it shows that the total tax levy in Minot is much lower than that of Grand Forks and Fargo. The cry goes up that taxes in Minot are excessive. By

	Assessed Value	Total Levy	City Levy	City Tax	Total Tax
Fargo	\$6,385,497	79.5	23.5	150,038	509,910
Grand Forks	4,328,705	89.4	21.9	94,698	386,648
Minot	2,410,901	71.4	18.3	45,378	195,000
Bismarck	1,667,599	64.7	18.4	36,204	145,538
Devils Lake	1,291,527	70.5	27.1	31,770	110,724
Valley City	1,168,075	64.9	28.1	31,304	75,919
Williston	1,133,568	67.9	22.5	25,505	99,213

Jamestown, the fifth in size, not obtainable.
Minot pays cash and therefore has

DEATH OF ONE OF OLDEST CITIZENS

IVER LARSON KAMP DIES AT HOME OF SON-IN-LAW, IVER GROTHE, AT RIPE OLD AGE OF 94.

Iver Larson Kamp, aged 94 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, Iver Grothe, ten miles from the city Friday morning, from infirmities. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Lutheran church in this city and the remains were interred here. Rev. T. F. Gullickson officiated.

The deceased was a very remarkable old gentleman, and was one of the very oldest citizens of the county. He had lived in the county for a good many years. He is survived by two daughters, one son, eight grand-children and one great-grand-child.

NEW LOCATION FOR OUTLET STORE

S. LUTSKY LEASES ROOM IN THE LEXINGTON BLOCK AND WILL START A BIG REMOVAL SALE FRIDAY.

S. Lutsky, proprietor of the Outlet Clothing Store, has leased for five years a room in the Lexington hotel block which he will occupy March 22. He will give up his present location, Opera House block, East Central avenue, to the Hodgins Transfer Co. His growing business called for more room.

He will hold a big removal sale, beginning Friday, March 12, lasting until March 20, as he does not care to move any of his present stock.

Glenburn Farmer Bankrupt.

H. H. Marean, a prominent Glenburn farmer, was adjudicated a bankrupt in Judge Lewis' court Monday. His assets are scheduled at \$31,000 and liabilities, \$49,000. G. L. Gould, O. H. Moon and others from Glenburn were here appearing in the proceedings. Mr. Marean is one of the most extensive farmers in the Glenburn district, but a series of poor crops proved unfortunate for him. He's a hustler, a mighty good fellow and will come out on top of the heap yet.

Farmers Warned to Be Careful.

L. V. Parker, state bacteriologist, is making tests of the sewage to determine what will be the best kind of a plant to install to take care of the filth that is proving so obnoxious to those living along the river below the city. Farmers are cautioned to be careful in using this water, which reeks with germs. Cows standing in the river may get germs on their udders which may be transferred to the milk.

Madame Foy Sang in Minot.

Madame Foy, a noted grand opera singer, who is making her home at Fargo at the present time, sang at the concert given by the Minot Symphony Orchestra at the Grand Sunday afternoon. Madame Foy is perhaps the greatest singer who has ever appeared in Minot.

Knights of Columbus at Devils Lake.

A Knights of Columbus council will be instituted at Devils Lake Sunday with a membership of fifty. The Minot degree team will put on the work. A special train will come up from Grand Forks. A big banquet will be held at the Great Northern hotel.

Bill Holbein a Prince.

O. M. Champlin writes from Frisco that the Champlins and Lyman attended the exposition. He says: "It is grand. Bill Holbein is a Prince. Better come out, boys."

looking over this table, one must conclude that if they are high, that they are no higher than those of other cities of the state in our class.

1913 assessed valuation and city levies of seven of the largest cities in North Dakota, showing Bismarck the only city with a lower levy for city purposes than Minot; the others are higher:

Emergency Clause Ineffective.

Bismarck, March 6.—Not a single enactment of the legislative assembly which closed tonight will be effective until July 1, except the general budget act, that bill alone complying with the constitutional requirements with respect to placing new laws in operation.

Every bill passed with the supposed emergency clause is inoperative until after the first of July, because of the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution, under which the legislature operated this year for its first time.

Under the referendum provision of that constitutional provision, every legislative enactment is subject to referendum to the people, and its effectiveness is held in abeyance until after the ninety day period, within which all laws or proposed laws as they must be termed under the constitution as it now exists, are inoperative.

There is no such thing as emergency clause, as it is popularly known, and the point was raised tonight that every act sought for immediate operation is ineffective, because of the legislature's failure to take into consideration the new provisions of the constitution.

Under the referendum provision, any law to be operative immediately must carry a specially devised section declaring such act to be for the immediate preservation of peace, health or safety of the state, and such provision must be voted upon separate and apart from the general bill, and must be carried by two-thirds vote of the elected members of both houses.

Are holding Farmers' Meetings.

Some important farmers' meetings are being held in Ward county this week. W. A. Peck, assisted by F. W. Merrill and G. W. Wood, the latter agricultural agent from Renville county, held a meeting at Kenmare Tuesday, Donnybrook Wednesday, and at Carpio today. Friday they will be at Foxholm.

Next week, Mr. Peck will be assisted by A. P. Henderson of Bottineau and E. W. Hall of Williston. A meeting will be held at Hartland, Tuesday, March 16, at Sawyer, Wednesday, March 17, and at Burlington, Friday, March 19. Special farming topics will be discussed.

"We Are Millionaires."

Chas. J. Platt has returned from a three months' visit with old friends in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and St. Louis. He says business is very quiet in the east, thousands of men being out of employment, many factories being shut down altogether, while others are running from two to four days a week. The war and the administration is blamed in the east for these conditions. "We are millionaires out here in North Dakota and don't know it," Mr. Platt says.

McCoy's Millinery Opening.

Miss C. E. Smith, milliner at McCoy's, is preparing for her millinery opening Saturday. Miss Smith has a better stock than ever, priced to suit all purses.

JEROME BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

KENMARE EDITOR GIVEN HEARING BEFORE JUDGE LYNCH TUESDAY—SAYS HE WAS A POOR BOOKKEEPER.

C. W. Jerome, managing editor of the Kenmare News, who was arrested on the charge of embezzlement by V. A. Corbett, the publisher, was given a hearing before Judge Lynch Tuesday and was bound over to district court. He furnished bail.

Mr. Corbett took the stand and testified that he believes the amounts embezzled by Jerome amount to \$500 at least. He states that Jerome was hired for a salary plus 25 per cent of the profits. He alleges that Jerome cashed several checks for good sized amounts, not turning them into the bank account in the regular way.

Atty. P. M. Clark testified concerning a check for \$25 which he had paid Jerome.

The defendant is represented by E. R. Sinkler, and the defense gave no testimony.

Jerome admits that he was a poor bookkeeper, but says he did not take any money that did not belong to him. "Why, I have no money now, and owe many bills in Kenmare. Does this look as tho I had embezzled such a sum?" he said to a representative of the Independent.

An effort is being made to settle the matter, Jerome admitting that he may be overdrawn in his accounts.

Mrs. Jerome attended the hearing. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome are well known here. Mr. Jerome was reporter for one of the Minot papers for several months.

LOST LARGE SUM AND SUICIDES

J. J. THOMPSON OF JAMESTOWN SHOT HIMSELF THRU HEART AT WAVERLY HOTEL BECAUSE HE LOST THOUSANDS ON PATENT.

J. J. Thompson, of Jamestown, N. D., killed himself at Room 14 of the Waverly hotel at 6:30 o'clock Friday, during a fit of despondency. He had locked the door, and holding a .38 calibre revolver to his breast, put a bullet thru his heart, dying almost instantly. The body fell against the door and with a thud struck the floor, the noise being heard by the house-keeper, who notified the proprietor, Reinhardt Reiersen. The door was broken open and the man was found dead, in a pool of blood. The remains were taken to an undertaker's and forwarded to Jamestown, where a wife and child reside.

Thompson came to Minot Jan. 11 and spent most of his time since at his room at the Waverly, occasionally going to the lobby. He represented the Jewell Nursery Co., and had been trying to sell a shipment of trees for the Normal school campus. It is said that he had been trying to put a patent on the market, in which he was unsuccessful, losing several thousand dollars. This, it is believed, caused his temporary insanity.

He was last seen alive at "Dad's Restaurant," an hour before killing himself, when he ate a hearty meal. Mr. Marsh says he acted like a demented man, severely upbraiding a number of prominent Minot citizens for fancied wrongs. He grew so abusive that the employes at the restaurant turned away. He went immediately to his room and committed the rash deed.

Mr. Thompson was about 50 years of age and a fine looking man and had always been regarded very highly by everyone who met him here.

Wallin Writes About Co-operative Mill Editor of the Independent:

I hereby wish to thank you for your editorial in your last issue pertaining to the co-operative mill. We are trying to organize a co-operative association to own and operate a flour mill for the reason that at the present time there is an actual need and demand for such a mill, when we consider the fact that flour prices are higher here than in Minneapolis, with a difference of 12 cents a bushel in price of wheat. There must be money in grinding wheat right here and why should not the people organize a co-operative mill and grind their own grain and retain some of the wealth for their own use, which is now shipped to the great milling centers?

An institution of this kind would be a great thing for Minot, as well as the surrounding country and we want to enlist everyone who has the welfare of this country at heart, to aid us. We realize that it is a big undertaking, but if the farmers and others interested will put their shoulders to it and stick together, I feel that it can be carried out. There will be another meeting in Minot at the Labor Hall Saturday, March 20, at 2 o'clock. By that time, we hope to have enough stock subscribed to enable us to organize. We appreciate the support and good will of the press of Minot.

JOHN WALLIN.

HARMON BUYS BEGLEY'S INTERESTS

SENIOR PARTNER RETIRES TO HIS FARM WEST OF THE CITY AND WILL DO TRUCKING ON A LARGE SCALE.

J. E. Harmon has bought the interests of M. E. Begley in the Cash Feed & Fuel Store, and is now the sole owner.

Mr. Begley will devote his entire time to farming and gardening, at his home west of the city, with which he has already had considerable success. Mr. Begley has been connected with this business for a good many years and has been quite successful.

Several years ago Mr. Harmon bought a half interest in the business, which has been growing rapidly. He's a hustler and will continue to give the business the same careful attention that has characterized it in the past.