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BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LIFE IS ENDED

MRS. B. F. FISHER, WIFE OF G. N. ENGINEER, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS FROM LEAKAGE OF THE HEART.

Mrs. Maude Craine Fisher, wife of B. F. Fisher, a well known Great Northern engineer, passed away in this city Monday, June 7, after an illness of over five months, from leakage of the heart. Although she suffered fearfully, she bore up with a fortitude characteristic of her Christian spirit. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. P. W. Erickson preaching a comforting sermon. The pall bearers were six members of the B. of L. E. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful. Her favorite hymn, Lead Kindly Light, was sung by the choir. The remains were interred in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher was born at Freemont, Minn., July 25, 1880, and was united in marriage to B. F. Fisher at the First Presbyterian church at Rochester, Minn., Dec. 30, 1905. The couple came to this city immediately after and had made this city their home since.

Those left to mourn are the husband, two little girls, aged six and eight years, father, mother and one brother.

The father and mother arrived a few days before Mrs. Fisher's death. Charley Craine of Deer Creek, Minn., and Fred Fisher of Chatfield, Minn., attended the funeral.

Mrs. Fisher was a young woman, who by her many sweet traits of character, endeared herself to all who were fortunate in knowing her.

CONSUMERS WILL EXTEND SYSTEM TO BURLINGTON

SUFFICIENT NUMBER ARE SIGNING UP TO INSURE SERVICE—MEANS TEN MILES OF NEW LINE—FARMS ENROUTE TO BE LIGHTED.

The Consumers Power Co. will extend its lighting system to Burlington, eight miles up the fertile Mouse river valley. A representative of the company has been spending the week at Burlington and he has secured fifty signers for the service. He needs ten more and these will be forthcoming.

The Independent therefore can be sure in stating that Burlington will see installed a modern electric lighting and power system before snow flies. Work is expected to start at once. The cost of the line will be \$1200 a mile. Poles will be placed every hundred feet and a 6600 volt bare copper wire will carry the load. The new line will extend over a distance of ten miles and will electrify the Riverside Dairy Farm, Major Person's Elmwood farm, John Ehr's farm and other farms enroute. This means much to the farmers up the valley. Already they are talking of thrashing by electricity just as Jerry Bacon does at his big Grand Forks farm. They will be milking by electricity some day, and grind feed, churn, separate milk, cut silage and do many other kinds of work by the convenient inexpensive motor power.

Burlington will secure the same 24 hour service that Minot enjoys. The company will not make any money for the present on this venture, but it will mean greater things for them. Already, Surrey, Logan and other surrounding towns are making inquiries and it is possible that the company will be willing to branch out still further.

The Consumers company will soon begin remodeling its plant, installing new engines and dynamos. They are extending their line this week to Dorman's and Wildwood park and will have those places brilliantly lighted Saturday night.

Preached Baccalaureate Sermon.

Rev. T. A. Olsen, pastor of the Minot M. E. church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Minot high school at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. The address was masterful and very impressive. The subject chosen was "A Worthy Ideal for the Modern Man."

Drug Concern Secures Long Lease.

Messrs. Nelson & Peterson, proprietors of the Blakey Drug Co., now occupying quarters in the Lexington hotel block, have secured a ten year lease of the Mansfield block on S. Main street, now occupied by the Halsey Tailoring Co. and the Minot Electric Co., and will move their business to the new location later.

Rev. F. B. Sapp will deliver the St. John's Day sermon at Calvin, in Cavalier county, on June 27th. Mr. Sapp delivered the annual address before the same Masonic body last year.

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING, VELVA

Velva, N. D., June 10.—The annual camp meeting of the Minot district of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opens in the great pavilion in the city of Velva June 17th, promises to be the best and largest in the history of the organization. Some of the most prominent orators of the Methodist body are expected and each day the evangelistic services will be under the direction of the noted divine, Rev. J. M. Walters, pastor of the First M. E. church of Fargo, who has been secured for the entire ten days of the camp. This in itself is proving a big drawing card. The Sunday school work has not been neglected, an expert in the work in the person of Rev. Harry C. Wilson of Chicago, will be present throughout the entire ten days.

A number of preachers of the district are known to be Masons and the local Masonic body has arranged a gala day (which will be public) to cheer and rest these visiting "travelers," and the Masons of Velva know how to do it.

There is no spot in North Dakota more beautifully cool and refreshing or better adapted for a real vacation than Velva. There is fishing, swimming, lounging under the branches of the great nature-planted trees and at night, cool, refreshing sleep with no noise other than the soft murmur of the trees. Truly, Velva has a beautiful park, as those who attend the camp meeting June 17th to 27th will attest.

1915 HIGH SCHOOL SEARCH-LIGHT THE BEST EVER.

The 1915 edition of the High School Searchlight, is of a great deal more than passing interest. The book consists of 114 pages in addition to many pages of interesting advertisements from the Minot business and professional people. The manual is well printed on the best paper and contains many excellent illustrations, cartoons and other pictures.

Our young friends who had a hand in getting out the Searchlight have worked hard. The edition cost several hundred dollars, which expense is covered by the advertising solicited by the special advertising managers.

John Rasmussen, the editor-in-chief, handled the work in an exceptionally capable manner and he received the best support from the following members of his staff:

Vernon Miller, business manager; Geo. Eroo, advertising manager; Neil Duncan, distribution manager; Mabel Ward, literary department; Byron Rogers, athletic department; Grace Dunnell, jokes department; Helga Kvalstad, alumni department; Windell Bell and Helen Vandervliet, junior representatives; Evangeline McConnell and Genevieve Vandenoever, sophomore and Freshman representatives; Lois Van Slyke, faculty advisor.

Popular Couple Will Wed June 16.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Louise Humphrey to Clinton O. Dierdorff, will occur at the home of the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Humphrey, 602 E. Central avenue, Wednesday afternoon, June 16, at three o'clock. The nuptial ceremonies will unite two of the most highly respected families of this section of the state and the popular young couple are already receiving showers of congratulations. They will leave immediately following the ceremony for the east, where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. Dierdorff is the popular manager of the Champlin Implement Co. and Miss Humphrey is one of the prominent teachers of the Minot schools.

DEBS WILL SPEAK AT DORMAN'S PARK

GREAT SOCIALIST LECTURER WILL VISIT MINOT MONDAY, JUNE 14—PLANS FOR BIG BANQUET MADE.

Eugene V. Debs, the great Socialist lecturer, who was a candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, will speak at Dorman's park in this city Monday evening, June 14th, at 8 p. m. Undoubtedly a large number of visitors will be here on this occasion.

Arrangements are being made to hold a big banquet that afternoon at 5 o'clock. An admission of 50 cents will be charged for the lecture. Debs spoke in Minot several years ago and made a good impression.

BRYAN RESIGNS THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Washington, June 8.—Unable to agree with President Wilson in his policy towards the German Empire, Mr. Bryan today tendered his resignation to take effect at once. Rather than embarrass the government in the pending negotiations, Mr. Bryan took this step.

Mr. Bryan has always been a consistent advocate of peace at any price. His resignation is not due to any break in the friendly relations between the Secretary and the President.

Mr. Bryan considered that a continuance in office, while the government is committed to a policy inimical to Mr. Bryan's well known principles regarding peace, would be inconsistent.

Mr. Wilson accepted Mr. Bryan's resignation with great reluctance and regret.

SHOT SURREY SECTION BOSS

CHRIS ADAMS, ROUMANIAN LABORER, SHOT GUST GUSTOPOLOS, SECTION BOSS, THREE TIMES IN THE LEG.

A serious shooting affair occurred at Surrey Monday night, when Chris Adams, a Rumanian section laborer, shot the section boss, Gust Gustopolos, three times in the leg with a revolver. The assailant made his escape and the authorities are searching the country for him.

Gustopolos was brought to this city and is receiving treatment at St. Joseph's hospital, where he will recover.

The shooting occurred at the building where the section men slept. Adams and the boss had some trouble three weeks ago and the Rumanian left, but stated that he would return and "get" the boss. He returned to Surrey three days before the shooting occurred, evidently waiting for his opportunity.

Hendrickson Explained His Vote.

Hon. Staale Hendrickson, who believes in "speaking right out in meeting," was one of the guests at the Equity smoker Friday night. Staale occupied a seat opposite the table from Geo. S. Loftus. He was asked to explain why he had not voted for the terminal elevator bill and he was accused of making the statement when he first went to the legislature that he favored a terminal elevator. The man from Coteau explained that he favored a terminal elevator, but did not consider the one proposed was large enough to do much good and that under similar circumstances he would vote against such a bill. He explained that he was in sympathy with the Equity movement. At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Loftus and others shook him by the hand, praised him for being a man of honest convictions, and believing that in reality he was a pretty good Equity man at heart.

CONSOLIDATION OF TAGUS BANKS

TAGUS STATE BANK AND CITIZENS STATE BANK JOIN FORCES—NEW INSTITUTION AT SANISH.

Last week a consolidation of the Tagus banks was effected, the Tagus State bank consolidating with the Citizens State bank. C. W. Parker, formerly cashier of the Citizens State, is the new cashier of the combined banks. Jourgen Olson, of Minot, is president.

On Friday of this week, the Farmers State bank of Sanish will open for business. C. L. Smith, with the German-American State bank of Burlington, has been in Sanish for the past ten days superintending the opening of this banking institution. Henry Schaefer, formerly of the Tagus State bank, will be in charge for the present at least. Jourgen Olson of Minot is the president.

Sanish is the new town on the Missouri river at the western extremity of the Berthold reservation. It is located 10 miles beyond Van Hook and will be the terminus of the Soo branch line, pending the construction of the bridge at this point across the Missouri. It is predicted that the construction of this mammoth structure will require at least three years for completion. Plans are now on foot for both the Great Northern and the Soo to cross at this point. In this event Sanish will become one of the most important points along the Missouri river in this state.

It will be the center of an immense area of the fertile Missouri river bottom lands that have so frequently been characterized as the "garden spot" of western North Dakota.

If all reports are reliable, Sanish has a bright future and the utmost prosperity before it.

Frost Nips Garden "Sass."

The damage by frost last Monday was not as great as at first supposed. The first reports Tuesday were that flax and corn were badly damaged. Later advices state that flax escaped unscathed and that corn would pull through all right provided future weather conditions are favorable.

The government thermometer registered 25 degrees and a thin layer of ice was formed in some places.

CLASS OF THIRTY-SIX FROM MINOT NORMAL.

The Minot Normal school graduates a class of thirty-six this year. Last year's class numbered but seventeen. The enrollment last year was but 99, exclusive of the summer school, while this year the enrollment was over the 200 mark.

With an increase of over 100 per cent over the first year's record, the prediction is warranted that the Minot Normal will soon surpass the other normal schools and render the construction of additional buildings necessary.

"DAD" MARSH SEVERELY BURNED SUNDAY

QUICK LUNCH CAUGHT FIRE FROM DEFECTIVE LIGHTING SYSTEM AND PROPRIETOR HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

"Dad" Marsh, proprietor of "Dad's Quick Lunch," was seriously burned about the face and hands Sunday evening about six o'clock. He was preparing to turn on his lighting system and neglected to turn off the presetting when the cap shot to the ceiling, letting out a quantity of gasoline. This spread over the range nearby and soon that part of the room was a mass of flames. The accident happened so quickly that Mr. Marsh did not have time to get out of the way. Nearly all the hair was burned from his head and his face and hands were painfully burned. He is at home comfortably bandaged and will be out in a few days.

Will Build New Episcopal Church.

Rev. J. N. MacKenzie, rector of All Saints Episcopal church, has returned from the Convocation held at Grand Forks. Col. Scarlett, John E. Green and F. W. Roach also attended the meeting. The Colonel is in Minneapolis this week.

Mr. Mackenzie says that it is practically certain that the new Episcopal church will be built in Minot this year. The church owns valuable Main street property and will not ask a cent of contribution when the edifice is constructed.

New Chiropractic Locates Here.

V. C. Hagerty, D. C., of Minneapolis, has located in this city and has opened Chiropractic offices in the Fair block.

Mr. Hagerty looked the state over carefully and selected Minot because he considered this town one of the very best in the state. He comes to our city well recommended.

LARGE PAVILION AT NO MAN'S LAND

PERMANENT STRUCTURE TO COST \$5,000 BEING ERECTED FOR THE WARD COUNTY OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION AT BURLINGTON.

Special to The Independent: Burlington, N. D., June 10.—The Old Settlers' Association began the erection of a mammoth pavilion at No Man's Land today.

On Monday of last week Messrs. Ed Kelley and John Ehr of Minot, representing the Association, visited the grounds and in company with Contractor Woods of Minot the stakes were set and the plans adjusted to meet the formation of the land on which the building is designed to stand.

The structure will be 65x130 feet in size and cost approximately \$5000. A large force of carpenters will be employed and barring poor weather conditions or unforeseen difficulties the pavilion will be ready for occupancy by June 21st, the opening date of this year's celebration.

Elaborate preparations will be made to accommodate an immense gathering this year, as it is expected that the attendance will break all previous records.

FORECASTS GERMAN DEMANDS.

Prof. Ernst Haecel in the Monistische Jahrbuch: In my personal opinion the most desirable fruits of victory, both for the future of Germany and a federated Europe are:

1. The crushing of the English tyranny.
2. The invasion of Great Britain and the occupation of London.
3. The division of Belgium. The largest portion, from Ostend to Antwerp in the west, to be a confederated German state; the northern part to be given to Holland; the southeastern part to be given to Luxemburg, which, thus enlarged, becomes also a confederated German state.
4. A large number of the British colonies and the Congo Free State to go to Germany.
5. France to surrender to Germany some of her northeastern frontier provinces.
6. Russia to be rendered impotent by the reconstruction, under Austrian auspices, of the Kingdom of Poland.
7. The German provinces of the Baltic to be returned to the German empire.
8. Finland, united with Sweden, to become an independent kingdom.

Another Tailoring Concern for Minot.

The west half of the old Optic Building, owned by W. M. Smart, is being remodeled and upon the completion of the work will be occupied by the Northwestern Tailoring Co. This concern will make a specialty of one price suits, trousers and overcoats. The location is next door to Gordon Bros. on Central avenue and is ideal for the purpose.

Parents Attempt to Kidnap Child.

On Saturday Judge Leighton of the district court, confirmed the adoption of Selma Thompson, a bright little four year old girl, by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hanson of Des Lacs.

As the Hansons were passing along the street Saturday evening Lewis Thompson, father of the child, attempted to take forcible possession of the child.

"Dad" Marsh, who happened to be passing, rescued the little girl from probable injury in the melee which ensued and held the little one until Attorney Sibbald, attorney for the foster parents, succeeded in straightening out affairs.

The little one's parents formerly resided at Crosby and were divorced about a year ago. The mother was given the custody of the child. She is now an inmate of the tuberculosis sanitarium at Dunseith and had, before leaving for that institution, given her consent to the adoption of the child by Mr. and Mrs. Hanson.

BOWBELLS MAN IN LONDON HOSPITAL.

Bowbells, N. D., June 2.—Norman Dilworth of this city is in a London hospital with a bullet wound in his right knee, the result of the fighting about Langemarck. Dilworth, in a letter to his mother, gives a brief description of the fighting in which he was engaged. Because of his injury, it is expected that he will be discharged from further service. Dilworth was a member of the Canadian expeditionary force.

Minot to Have Another Convention.

Immediately following the state Sunday school convention, the Christian church state convention will convene on the 18th and close the evening of the 20th. These dates were arranged to prevent duplication of travel. This will be the fourth convention held in this state and is expected to be the best so far.

It is definite that Rev. E. W. Thornton of Cincinnati will remain through as a speaker. Both P. H. Welchmer of Canton and Mr. Thornton are ministers in this church.

Dean Alfred M. Haggard of Drake University, Des Moines; A. F. Hensley of Bolenge, Africa; Casper C. Caragius of St. Louis; Mrs. Nellie Haverstack of Indianapolis, Ind., will be among the out of the State speakers. A splendid program has been arranged by Rev. F. B. Sapp, state secretary.

Lodging and breakfast will be furnished all delegates and others who come to attend the convention.

After the session Friday evening there will be given a reception to the visitors and delegates.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the assembly room of the Public Library. The convention will open promptly at 9 a. m., Friday, the 18th, R. B. Town of Flaxton presiding.

All who desire entertainment should send their names to either Mrs. L. D. McGahan or F. B. Sapp.

Special music will be furnished by the local committee, who will have the assistance of Mrs. Ruth Kline Stockham of Fargo, who is well known in the musical circles of that city.

COL. SCARLETT WILL ACCOMPANY GOVERNOR.

Colonel Scarlett will join Gov. Hanna and staff on their trip to the San Francisco exposition, leaving Bismarck on the 21st of June.

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR BURLINGTON

SECOND LUMBER YARD MAY BE ESTABLISHED—HUSTLING TOWN UP THE GOOD GROWING RAPIDLY.

Special to The Independent:

Burlington, N. D., June 10.—It is rumored that the Olson-Werner Grain Co. will shortly establish a lumber yard here and also put in a general line of impements and farming machinery to be operated in connection with their elevator at this point.

The contractors are now at work on the plans for the warehouse and office quarters for the accommodation of the entire business operations of the Olson-Werner company.

We are reliably informed that another enterprise will be established in Burlington in the near future. The exact nature and scope of this new commercial venture we are not at liberty to divulge at this writing.

Burlington stands ready with open arms to welcome any increase to the commercial enterprises of our hustling little city.

There is always room and support here for enterprises of an established character, particularly those such as the one contemplated, which will have unlimited capital and credit.

Friday's Rain 1.34 Inches.

The rain last Friday was certainly fine. The precipitation as measured by the government observer, W. I. Ferris, was 1.34 inches. While North Dakota was not in pressing need of more moisture, it makes for a pleasurable state of mind to know that we have a liberal supply.

Gangelhoff, a former member of the Minot Symphony orchestra, died at Minneapolis last Friday.

ASSESSOR MUST LIST MONEYS AND CREDITS

SOME BELIEVE THE LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, NEVERTHELESS TAX COMMISSION WARNS ASSESSORS TO COMPLETE THE WORK.

H. E. Wheeler, city assessor, received a letter from the state tax commission, notifying him that all assessors of the state are expected to assess moneys and credits. The commission threatens unless this is done to hire someone in each place where the assessor has failed, to reassess the property.

Moneys and credits are to be taxed at the rate of \$2 for each thousand. Assessors are told to call on all real estate, loan, investment or mortgage companies. Credits are construed as meaning every claim and demand for money and every annuity received at stated periods. Mr. Wheeler proposes to tax all money in banks, all mortgages held, all notes, and all book accounts, and make the amount high enough so that those who are taxed too high may appear before the boards of equalization to secure relief, unless he is satisfied the correct amounts are given in. The township board of equalization will meet Monday, June 14 and the county board meets on Monday, July 5. The city board met Monday, June 8, and will remain in session during the week.

There is a question as to whether it is constitutional to assess credits and money, on the ground that the law does not specify how the money is to be divided.

This year Mr. Wheeler reduced the valuation of buildings 25 per cent, but not on lots. His work of assessing in Minot includes his spassing judgment on 7,000 separate pieces of real estate and over 4,000 buildings.

TWENTY-FIVE GRADUATE TONIGHT

LARGE CLASS FROM MINOT HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS FOR WORK FAITHFULLY PERFORMED—EXERCISES AT ARMORY.

The following is the program to be rendered at the commencement exercises to be held this evening at the Armory:

- March, Jersey Carnival—Lieberfeld
- Reverie, Apple Blossoms—Roberts
- High School Orchestra.
- Invocation—Rev. P. W. Erickson
- Music—"Bridal Chorus, from Rose Maiden"—Cowan
- High School Chorus.
- Salutatory—Vernon L. Miller
- Declaration—"The Light that Failed"—Kipling
- Music—"Forth to the Meadows"—Schubert
- High School Chorus.
- Scene—"Ringing the Changes"—Moore
- Adeline Beall and Neil Duncan.
- Declaration—"The Ballad of the East and the West"—Kipling
- Henry G. Blaisdell.
- Valedictory—Helga L. Kvalstad
- Music—"To Thee, O Country"—Richberg
- High School Chorus.
- Address to Class—Dr. T. D. Thibodeaux, of Chicago, Ill.
- Music—"Good Night, Good Night, Beloved"—Pinsuti
- Awarding of Diplomas—Pres. A. J. McCannel
- Exit March—"America Forever"—Paull
- High School Orchestra.

The following is a list of the graduates:

- Adeline Elizabeth Beall, Soft Juliette Berg, Winnifred Anne Blakey, Eva Marie Blanding, Henry Grey Blaisdell, Icy Merle Conklin, Neil Duncan, Edith Grace Dunnell, George G. Eroo, Joe Herbert Frank, Helga Lorenze Kvalstad, Milton Lynch, Robert D. MacDougall, Gladys Montgomery, Leslie Vernon Miller, Annie Lida Peck, Walton H. Perkins, Oliver Hazzard Perry, Clarence Alexander Peterson, Soren Johnson Rasmussen, Sigrid M. Reishus, Jessie Valborg Sinkler, Mable Marie Ward.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our deepest thanks to the ladies aid of the Presbyterian church, the B. L. of E. and all kind friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of our beloved wife, mother and daughter.

B. F. Fisher and Children.
—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Craine.

Father Died at Graceville, Minn.

On Sunday the sad intelligence was received in this city of the death at Graceville, Minn., of O. G. Quam, father of Mrs. E. A. Shirley and Mrs. E. C. Malm. The daughters left on the evening train to be present at the funeral.

H. H. Steele, new member of the tax commission, will soon move his family from Mohal to Bismarck.