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SUED WOMAN FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

The second instance in the history of North Dakota where a man has sued a woman for breach of promise, his just been terminated at Crosby, and of course the man lost.

Andreas Skjalbred, a Westby farmer, growing weary of living alone, corresponded with an old sweetheart in Norway, Miss Ragnhild Eckstrom, and she promised to marry him. Andreas says he furnished about \$100 to bring her to this country, and waived his rights to a home stead which the young lady was to prove up when they intended to marry. He sued for the money he had advanced and for the value of the homestead, because Miss Eckstrom broke off the engagement and married a farmer by the name of Grimshaw. The woman admitted on the stand that the couple had been engaged but swore that the engagement was broken by mutual consent. The couple appeared perfectly friendly during the trial.

BESSIE BIVINS BECOMES BRIDE.

The marriage of Miss Bessie Bivins to Nels Peterson occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bivins, fifteen miles south of the city, Saturday evening, June 26, at 8 o'clock in the presence of ninety friends and relatives.

As Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Miss Ella Bivins, the bridal party took their places before a bank of peonies, roses and bridal wreath in the yard, sent from the old home in Northfield, Minn.

Rev. Mr. Farrer of Sawyer pronounced the words that united the couple for life. The Misses Mary Bivins and Edrie Miller were the ribbon girls.

The couple were attended by the Misses Gladys Bivins and Edith Peterson and Messrs. Fritz Peterson and Guy Bivins, brothers and sisters of the bride and groom.

The bride was charmingly gowned in a white crepe de chene creation and wore a veil. She carried red bride's roses.

Miss Gladys Bivins wore a yellow silk crepe gown and carried white carnations, while Miss Edith Peterson wore a light green silk voile made over messaline.

Following best wishes and congratulations, refreshments were served in the yard. The couple left that night amid a shower of old shoes and rice for the west and upon their return will be at home on the groom's farm near Makoti, N. D. after July 15.

Out of town guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Benson and daughter, Marion, Northfield, Minn.; Miss Edith Peterson, Northfield; Levi Birch and daughter, Ruth, Columbus, N. D.; Mr. Wetzel and Mr. Peterson, Makoti.

The bride taught for nearly five years in the vicinity of Sawyer. She is an accomplished young woman and very popular. Mr. Peterson is a prosperous young farmer and has the respect of all who know him. The Independent joins the many friends of the couple in wishing them a life replete with many blessings.

Minot Man Bequeathed Fortune.
It is reported that Chas. VanWagoner of this city has fallen heir to a \$110,000 estate in Michigan, left by a wealthy music dealer. Mr. VanWagoner has received an offer for the above amount for his holdings and is considering the proposition.

HORSE THIEVES DANCE AT NO MAN'S LAND.

The Old Settlers picnic at Burlington is nearing its close. The gathering this year has been most successful. The fine pavilion has proved a big attraction. The music by Hovind's orchestra has been a drawing card.

The horse thief dance Thursday evening was the most amusing feature of the gathering.

Jim Johnson, Ed Kelley and John Ehr, notwithstanding their devotion to whist, desert their tables at this time to join in the mad whirl.

John O'Leary was master of ceremonies and the way he called the changes and kept the boys and girls going through the various evolutions was a wonder to behold. Martin Jacobson executed a high jump and kicked the rafters. Ed Kelley gave a unique exhibition of the heel and toe, buck and wing and other intricate dances. John Ehr, with stately grace, was at his best. Pete Puzelso was right there with the glad smile for all the ladies, with Jim Johnson a close second.

Raised when not otherwise engaged in a professional capacity, attending the ills and complaints of his suffering compatriots, might be seen dancing the polka, a dance in which he is especially proficient.

The last of the week will see the camp grounds practically deserted as the major portion of the campers wish to spend the 4th at their homes.

George and Rolla Johnson have leased the pavilion of the Old Settlers association and will give regular weekly parties throughout the season.

LINCOLN PARK BELONGS TO CITY.

The supreme court has decided that Lincoln park, which comprises some fifteen or sixteen acres, located south of the Minot Normal school, is a part of the Minot park district. The property is valued at something like \$16,000. According to this decision, if one plots lots, leaving a space called a park within them, such a tract becomes public property.

The title of the case was Erik Ramstad et al vs. A. Carr et al. Some years ago the park was laid out but was never really decided to the city. The Minot park board started to plow up the property and set out trees when they were enjoined. Judge Leighton decided that the park board had no right to the property. The board, thru its attorney, Geo. A. McGee, carried the case to the supreme court with the above result.

FARMERS ELEVATOR PAYS 65 PER CENT DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Minot Farmers' Grain Association, a dividend of 65 per cent was declared. The elevator handled 342,000 bushels of grain last year, the most in its history, which speaks well for the manager, Louis Engel, who has just closed his first year with the company.

Wm. Myers and John Wallin were re-elected on the board and Bert Solberg was elected instead of John Reed. The company will invest in a new cleaning machine and make other improvements.

Supt. and Mrs. Wolfe Depart.

Supt. and Mrs. Wolfe departed from this city today to visit several weeks in the east before Mr. Wolfe takes up his new work as superintendent of schools at Hutchinson, Minn. For fifteen years they have been with us and in departing they leave behind thousands of warm friends, who trust that the future holds many pleasant things in store for them. Minot will miss Mr. Wolfe and his estimable wife more than words can express.

During the summer Mr. Wolfe will take up some special work at the Universities of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

What is the Matter With Wheat?

This is the question that the Myers Commission Co. asks in an advertisement in this issue? The well known grain firm believes that it is safe to buy at around the present level, and it has been proved more than once that their judgment is good.

BURLINGTON DEFEATED DRADY.

Drady and Burlington crossed bats at Burlington Sunday. Drady going down to defeat in a mighty fine game, 2 to 1. It looked for a time as tho Chas. A. Platt's colts from the south prairie would win. The Drady team comprises the following: Art Benno and Frank Mauph, c.; Thorfeson, p.; Elvin Christenson, 1. f.; Ed Copie, 3. b.; Art Christenson, 2. b.; Bert Rygmyr, 1. b.; Clarence Hanson, c. f.; Iver Iverson, r. f.; Bert Orr, ss.

Returns from Daughter's Funeral.

H. W. Gunter of Des Laes has returned from Fresno, Cal., where he attended the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Clark, who died recently at her home, Kernan, Cal., from tuberculosis. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Leslie Gunter and she was married to Mr. Clark at Des Laes nearly eight years ago. The couple moving west four years ago. The deceased is survived by her husband and three children. Rev. Wm. Gunter of

Mohall is a brother. The Independent extends sympathy to the sorrowing relatives over the death of this excellent young woman.

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING AT SAWYER, JULY 1st to 11th.

The annual camp meeting of the Dakota-Montana-Minnesota District of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene will be held in Sawyer, North Dakota, July 1st to 11th, 1915. We wish to notify the people of the city of Minot and surrounding vicinity, that the meeting now being held in East Park, Minot, has no connection with the Pentecostal church of the Nazarene of this, or any other, district of said church.

LYMAN BROUGH, District Supt.

WAS FIRST G. N. AGENT.

W. E. Gratton, a prominent Chicago railroad man, is visiting his brother-in-law, E. A. Marsh. He was the first Great Northern agent and operator in

Minot, 28 years ago, and this is his first visit here since leaving. He remembers when W. E. Mansfield was elected one of the early mayors of Minot. Mr. Mansfield had gone to Minneapolis and upon his return he was met by a hundred citizens and hailed by them thru the streets in a buggy.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICE.

Sunday school at Labor hall 10:30 a. m.

There will be preaching by F. B. Sapp at 11:45 a. m.

This church is making steady progress, and the momentum gained in the recent conventions should mean much for the success of all the work in Minot.

The public kindly invited to attend.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Fargo's population is 20,549.

Chas. Winslow of Grandin was drowned in the Elm river while bathing last Sunday.

The opera house at Hillsboro was badly damaged by fire Thursday morning. The catastrophe is attributed to defective wiring.

The Farmers' elevator at Hillsboro was struck by lightning and set on fire during the thunder storm Saturday evening. The building was entirely consumed. The loss was practically covered by insurance.

The right arm and left hand of a young man named Chas. Cowan were completely severed by a Soo freight on the Bismarck division at Wilton on an early hour Wednesday morning. The young fellow had lain down to sleep upon the track.

If Loftus and Twichell meet in a joint debate at Aneta the first part of next month to discuss the terminal marketing question, the probabilities are there will be an abundance of fireworks, and that there will be words used not found in the ordinary prayer book.—Ex.

Chas. E. Wacom, who conducts a general store at Norwich, has confessed to the theft of several C. O. D. packages taken from the Great Northern express office at Norwich. He was arrested by Sheriff Wyk of McHenry county and taken to Rugby for sentence before Judge Burr.

A party of rich Chinese merchants passed through the state via the Northern Pacific one day last week whose combined wealth was said to be \$110,000,000. One man in the party is known as the Chinese Rockefeller, and is worth \$60,000,000. He cashed a letter of credit in Minneapolis for \$200,000 to cover the expense of the trip.

The little 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tyson, living near Columbus, N. D., strayed away from home last Wednesday afternoon and became lost. Parties from Columbus and farmers in the vicinity searched all night long for the little fellow. He was found safe and sound next day at a gravel pit one mile from the Tyson home, by a farmer who had gone for a load of sand.

TAILORING COMPANY'S LIBERAL OFFER

The Ideal Tailoring company makes an unusually interesting proposition in this week's Independent, offering a pair of \$6 trousers absolutely free with each \$17 made-to-measure suit. This offer is good for the month of July.

This concern has done a very large business in this city, having made more than 700 suits during the short time they have been operating here. They are giving very good satisfaction. Read their offer.

HAIL AT GRANO

Late reports indicate that the hail storm reported from Grano last week was not as serious as at first supposed. In most instances there is every prospect that the grain fields will come out with a fair crop, although the corn was crippled in many cases beyond hope of recovery.

Prominent Inventor in the City.

Mr. Patrick, of Seattle, spent Monday in this city at the home of his brother-in-law, C. E. DeNoon, enroute to Brookfield, Mo., where he will reside. He is the inventor of the Patrick four-wheel drive automobile that is creating such a stir in the motor world. The auto is being manufactured at Orlean, N. Y.

Six Thousand at Parshall Picnic

The Tenth annual Berthold reservation picnic was held at Parshall, one of the new towns along the reservation branch of the Soo, on Thursday, June 24th.

S. H. Greeley of the Equity society, John Stanley of Garrison, and States Attorney Nestos of Minot delivered addresses before the immense crowds which thronged the town.

Conservative estimates place the number present at from 5,000 to 6,000 people.

It was a big affair and reflects much credit upon the hustling progressive business and professional men of Parshall.

PAUL GENZ WEDS MISS LADE

The marriage of Paul Genz and Miss Lena Lade occurred in this city Tuesday, Judge Murray performing the ceremony. The happy couple departed for the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lade, twelve miles north of Minot, following the ceremony, where a big reception was given, many friends attending. A fine wedding feast was served and in the evening a dance was enjoyed. The couple will reside on a farm in that vicinity. They have the best wishes of many friends.

Solien Residence Struck by Lightning
The residence of M. Solien, at 436 Second Ave. N. W. was struck by lightning Wednesday evening but only slight damage resulted.



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WHEAT!

What is the matter with Wheat?

Wheat has declined over forty cents during last three months. They tell us, demand has fallen off, foreigners are re-selling and we are on the eve of a bumper crop. The present values show that the price has paid the penalty. How about the empty bins and holes to fill up? Decreased acreage in the war-producing countries? And peace more remote than ever?

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