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FARMER IS SHREWD MOTOR CAR BUYER

DODGE BROTHERS OFFICIAL DE- CLARES THAT COUNTRY MAN "MUST BE SHOWN" AT ALL TIMES.

"When the farmer buys a motor car he has to be shown," says a sales executive of Dodge Brothers, Detroit. "He doesn't take anything on say so. And he particularly searches for the hidden quality. The average city man is very strong for looks and design, but only in rare cases is he possessed of much knowledge of mechanics and then, too, he is schooled in the proposition that even if something goes wrong with his car it is only a step to the garage.

"But the countryman adopts an entirely different attitude when he buys a car. He is usually motor wise. He has been operating his farm machinery by gasoline engine and is familiar with the principle and operation of motors. He has before him at all times the thought that he must have a car that will take him there and back. In other words, he will not take chances on a car that may strand him ten miles from home and three or four from help.

"He is a close reader of motor car advertising literature. In most cases when he plans buying a car he has been giving the subject thought for a year or so and reading up on it. He keeps the salesman on his toes with his questions and he demands absolute frankness.

"We notice the difference in the attitude of the city man and the farmer when they go through our plant. The urban dweller pays attention to the externals; to the immensity of the plant, the great number of men employed, the production, etc. The rural visitor wants to be shown the details of manufacture, particularly the hidden mechanism and the hidden quality of the materials. Going through the upholstering shop, for instance, the city man looks at the finished bodies and admires their appearance, while the farmer examines the leather and satisfies himself of its quality and that of the curled hair which we use."

Twenty-Four Rounded Up in Raid.

Twenty-four were rounded up in a raid on numerous blind pigs in the city last week. The officials assert that a good many new places had been opened up in anticipation of getting some of the "easy money" in the city during the fall, while in the lot were a number who have undoubtedly been selling the wet goods for some time.

At one place, a safe was secured. The owner at first refused to open it. It was hauled in a dray to the court house and the officials threatened to send for an expert to open it, when the owner decided to save them the trouble. Several bottles of whiskey were found.

These cases will be tried at the next term of district court and an effort will be made to close a number of them by injunctions.

NEGRO MURDERED AT NORMA

L. T. DUMAS SHOT AND KILLED BY MACK M'GEE, COLORED, IN FIGHT OVER THIRTY CENTS INVOLVED IN CARD GAME.

Kenmare, N. D., Sept. 10.—A charge of murder is hanging over Mack McGee and Henry Williams, colored, and Frank Davis, white, as the result of a shooting scrape, developing out of a game of cards, in which 30 cents was involved, at Norma, at 10 o'clock last Monday morning. L. T. Dumas, the victim, also colored, was shot three times with a revolver, in the hands of Mack McGee. He was brought to Dr. McLean's office in this city for treatment and he passed away there Tuesday morning. Henry Williams and Frank Davis are held as accomplices.

The shooting was in reality the result of a feud of some duration amongst a gang of toughs who have been hanging about towns in this vicinity, for some time. Trouble arose between the two leaders, McGee and Dumas, a week ago over a card game in progress in the Norma jungles. Thirty cents was involved. Dumas had won the money and McGee demanded it back, accusing the other of using a marked deck. One thing led to another until the former left, saying he was going to Minot for a gun, and that he would return Monday morning and "get" somebody. The men held as accomplices, Williams and Davis, were in the party at the time and it is alleged helped to keep the men in a turmoil.

Dumas returned to Norma Monday morning on the freight, and McGee, Williams and Davis were waiting for him. As he left the train, the three men surrounded him, McGee again demanding his money. Dumas claimed that he had no money, and another

scrap ensued. In the melee Dumas grabbed McGee about the throat and commenced choking him. Here Davis, colored, in a fit of rage, took the white man, pulled a gun, and shoving it into Dumas' face, told him to let go and beat it. Dumas let go his hold and started to run when McGee pulled his gun and fired at the retreating figure. The first shot took effect in the leg, bringing the man to the ground. He arose and started to run again, and again McGee shot, striking him this time in the abdomen. The third shot took effect in the leg, when the murdered man made a third attempt to get away.

McGee started for the country on the run right after the shooting, but a posse of Norma citizens, in two automobiles, overtook him about a half mile south of town, and he was captured and taken immediately to Mohall, and lodged in jail. Williams, the other negro, was taken there at the same time.

Hebrews Will Celebrate Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur, the day of fasting and prayer, the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar, will be celebrated in this city by all orthodox Hebrews Saturday next. The Jews will begin their long fast at sun down Friday evening, not breaking it until sun down the following evening. They will attend services at the Synagogue, which will be in charge of Rabbi Rappoport, and the entire day will be spent in prayer.

The Jewish stores in the city will be closed until 6:30 Saturday evening on account of the sacred day.

Woman Steals Stewart's Flowers.

O. P. Stewart, who takes great pride in his beautiful lawn, states that a woman has made several visits to his home, always coming on a Friday night, to steal flowers and plants. He knows the thief is a woman on account of the foot prints left in the flower beds. The other evening he lost seven geraniums, and another plant that he has been caring for for several years. He will gladly give anyone flowers if they will call, but he dislikes to be robbed.

FALL OPENING WEEK OF SEPT. 27

MINOT MERCHANTS PLAN EN- TIRE WEEK OF GOOD THINGS FOR SHOPPERS — ANNOUNCE- MENTS NEXT WEEK.

The merchants of this city have agreed to hold their annual fall opening this year during the same week, beginning Monday, Sept. 27, continuing all week long. Each merchant is preparing an advertisement which will appear in this paper next week, calling attention to values in the various departments.

One day will be as good as another during the week. We have taken pains to visit the various Minot stores and find them better stocked than ever in anticipation of a gigantic fall trade. No city in the state boasts of better stores. Special prices will be offered in many lines. It will pay you to visit Minot some time during the week of Sept. 27.

The merchants are planning on many elaborate window displays.

Staalé Hendrickson as a Life Saver.

Mrs. Hendrickson, wife of Hon. Staalé Hendrickson, of Coteau, tells a good story on her husband, which happened during their visit to New York City. They attended a moving picture show and it was a mighty good one. A man was shipwrecked and cast on a Cannibal island. He sneaked up on some Cannibals and saw them feasting on a missionary. He retreated to the jungles, followed by the man-eaters, and ran into a den of lions. He got away from the lions and was chased by a couple of tigers. He backed into a river and did not notice a huge alligator with its mouth open wide, just ready to perform the Jonah act on him. Staalé was much interested in the performance and just as the man was about to be swallowed by the alligator, Staalé let out a yell like a Comanche Indian. The immense crowd in the theatre had been so quiet that one could have heard a pin drop. Staalé's yell brought dozens to their feet and finally when the crowd "took a tumble" they cheered the man from North Dakota, who had saved the man in the "movie" from a horrible death. Staalé edged over to his wife and said, "I'm glad that nobody knows me here anyway."

Bring in Your Vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McLain have returned from the west, visiting among other places the exposition at San Francisco.

Mr. McLain informs the Independent that Will E. Holbein, who has charge of the North Dakota building, is particularly anxious to receive displays of vegetables from Ward county. He has reserved space and Mr. McLain will assist in gathering several bushels of our choice potatoes, and specimens of cabbage, etc., which the Great Northern will carry to the exposition free. The Independent will be glad to co-operate with Mr. McLain and we ask our farmer readers to kindly bring in specimens of your vegetables.

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KENMARE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

GEORGE OHNSTEDT, WELDING CONTRACTOR, GROWS TIRED OF LIFE AND FIRES BULLET THRU BRAIN.

Geo. H. Ohnstedt, for eight years a resident of Kenmare, committed suicide at his welding plant in that city Friday by shooting himself thru the left temple with a .32 calibre revolver. The man was found shortly afterwards by H. G. Galbrandson, a contractor. He was taken to the hospital in a dying condition, the doctors agreeing that he had but a short time to live.

Ohnstedt was forty years of age and unmarried. A brother, Frank, resides at Dorchester, Wis.

The man had planned his death carefully. Shortly before committing the act, he wrote the following lines, which he pinned carefully to the wall just above the chair where he sat and fired the revolver:

"My shoes are worn and dusty.
My clothes are tattered and torn;
My tools are worn and rusty,
My business is scattered and ruined.
My creditors worry about my bills,
I therefore decided to quit."

Installed Wonderful Machines.

The Second National Bank has installed two of the very latest Burroughs adding machines that are wonderful. The machine is used for the daily balances and keeps a complete record of every deposit and every check paid out. It adds or subtracts any sized amount, making a neat record on the loose leaf. The bank finds more work can be accomplished and with greater ease and accuracy by the help of these wonderful machines.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT

NEW OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR THE COMING YEAR — COUNCIL IS FLOURISHING.

The annual election of the Minot council of the Knights of Columbus was held in the basement of St. Leo's Catholic church Sunday afternoon.

According to the reports submitted by the retiring officers the Magic City council is in an unusually flourishing condition and one of the biggest and strongest in the northwest. Many new members have been initiated during the past year and from every indication the progress will be continuous.

The following officers were selected to serve for the ensuing year:

Grand Knight—R. W. Martin.
Deputy Grand Knight—Michael Mulroy.
Chancellor—Dr. F. J. Hartl.
Warden—Thomas Powers.
Financial Secretary—M. W. Whalen.
Treasurer—W. E. Tooley.
Recording Secretary—Henry J. Reints.

Advocate—J. J. Coyle.
Outside Guard—Joseph Leif.
Inside Guard—John Davis.
Chaplain—Rev. J. J. Raith.
Trustee for Three Years—Dr. F. A. Brugman.
Trustee for One Year—H. A. F. Roberts.

MAY DIE OF KNIFE WOUNDS.

Woodson Says His Victim First Stole His Money.

Grano, N. D., Sept. 13.—In an effort to recover \$2 which he says Paul Chudob robbed him of, J. W. Woodson cut Chudob in a horrible manner last night and surrendered to the authorities today.

Chudob is in such a serious condition that he may die. He received deep wounds about the abdomen and the head.

Woodson says he attacked Chudob just after he had been robbed.

James R. Eide Weds Miss Haugen.

James R. Eide, a prominent Des Lacs young man, was united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in this city to Miss Magda Haugen.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Nicolay Nilsen, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church, and immediately afterward the happy couple departed for the Twin Cities, where they will spend two weeks with friends. They will be at home to their friends at the groom's farm south of Des Lacs.

Mr. Eide has lived in this vicinity for ten years and is regarded very highly by everybody. His bride came from Norway a few years ago, where her parents reside. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fauchald of this city and is an excellent young woman. The Independent joins the many friends of the young couple in well wishes.

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MOTHER RETURNS TO HER FAMILY

WIFE OF W. J. DRACY, FORMER- LY OF BARNESVILLE, RE- TURNS HOME TO THREE CHIL- DREN AND HUSBAND—FAMILY LIVING HAPPILY AT RAY.

Barnesville, Minn., Sept. 13.—Mrs. W. J. Dracy, formerly of this city, has returned to her husband and children after nine months' absence, during which time she lived in Montana, with "Much Affinity" Fisher, a former Barnesville contractor. The Dracy family is now living at Ray, N. D. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dracy were former residents of this city, but for the past five years have lived in Lincoln, Neb. Early last July Mrs. Dracy came to this city to visit with her parents. At a masquerade ball, she met Mr. A. Fisher, fell in love with him and left in a few days for Moorhead. From there they left for western points and although Dracy searched for his wife for several weeks no trace could be found.

A few days ago, Mrs. Dracy, after being away from her children for nine months, came back to the family and was forgiven. Mr. Dracy writes to a friend in this city: "Never could I strain of the ordeal show on anyone plainer than it does on us. It was a terrible ordeal. It's all over now; we are happy again, and the children—oh, they just climb around their mother's lap and caress her."

Sold Nine Chevrolets.

The Scofield Implement Co. received this week two car loads of Chevrolet autos, nine of the cars being sold immediately upon their arrival. These cars are proving very popular.

INVESTIGATE MAIL ORDER ADVERTISING

FRANKLIN KAUFFMAN FOR- WARDS TO ATTORNEY GEN- ERAL LINDE EVIDENCE THAT CERTAIN CATALOG HOUSES ARE VIOLATING THE LAW.

Asserting that statements contained in mail order catalogs, widely circulated in this state by the M. W. Savage Factories, of Minneapolis, appear to be flagrant violations of Chapter 72, Section 9989, of the North Dakota Code, pertaining to false and misleading advertising, Franklin Kauffman, editor of the "North Dakota Reporter," Minot, today forwarded to Attorney General Linde, at Bismarck, data and evidence which it is believed will result in prosecution and possibly an injunction restraining the Savage Company from further circulation of catalogs, containing similar statements, in this state.

Kauffman charges that in many descriptions, throughout the catalog, violations apparently appear again and again, and he cites many of the descriptions to prove his contentions.

It is also asserted that many of the statements contained in catalogs circulated in this state by Sears, Roebuck & Co., and Montgomery Ward & Co.,

CHICAGO CONCERNS, ARE ALSO APPARENTLY VIOLATIONS, AND THESE ALSO SHALL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ATTOR- NEY GENERAL.

The United States postal laws are even more stringent than the North Dakota state law, and besides laying evidence before the attorney general, Kauffman's next step will be to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities at Washington.

SCHUBERTS HERE OCT. 1.

A large number of tickets have already been sold for the concert to be given at the Armory Friday evening, Oct. 1, by the Schubert Symphony Club, under the auspices of the local Elks lodge. Many Elks have been given tickets to sell and they are not letting any grass grow under their feet. The concert will be one of the best of its kind ever given here.

The cause is a worthy one. The Elks contemplate adding some new furnishings to their beautiful Home and everybody seems to be taking hold of the proposition nicely.

Returned From Sad Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reighart have returned from Sheldon, Ill., where they attended the funeral of C. P. Reighart, father of our Minot citizen, who died in this city while visiting at the home of his son. They arrived at Sheldon with the remains Monday noon, Sept. 6, and the funeral was held from the M. E. church the following day. It was under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of Sheldon, of which the deceased had been the Master for a number of years. Mr. Reighart had lived at Sheldon 44 years and a great many old friends attended the services. Rev. Connor of Moline, Ill., preached the funeral sermon. The four sons and daughters attended the funeral, they being, S. C. Reighart of Louisville, Ky., W. H. Reighart of this city, Mrs. Maude Stewart of Kirksville, Mo., and Mrs. Florence Cummings of Wichita, Kan.

AGED CITIZEN DIED SUNDAY

Arthur Stotsbery, aged 83 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Donovan, 807 4th Ave. S. E., Sunday morning, from old age. The body was shipped to St. Paul Park, Minn., the old home, for interment. Mr. Stotsbery had made his home in this city for the past four years during which time he had endeared himself to many.

Prof. Bemis Will Marry Stanley Girl.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanley entertained Saturday evening in honor of the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Wilson, who becomes the bride of Prof. G. E. Bemis of the Minot College of Commerce on October 12. Miss Wilson is an accomplished and versatile young lady, well known in this city, where she formerly resided, while Prof. Bemis is well known as one of the leading business college men of the Northwest.

ELSBERY BUYS MORE REGISTERED HOLSTEINS.

J. E. Elsbery returned from New Salem, N. D., last week, where he bought fourteen registered Holsteins to add to his herd at Riverside Dairy Farm. The lot consists of twelve cows and two young animals, all in the advanced registry class. Mr. Elsbery now has 33 head of registered Holsteins at his farm and will add to his herd from time to time.

FORMER OFFICIAL ARRESTED AGAIN

WILLIAM T. POE IS ACCUSED OF HAVING SWINDLED REAL ES- TATE DEALERS.

Williston, N. D., Sept. 12.—Charged with defrauding North Dakota real estate dealers and loan men out of thousands of dollars, William T. Poe, formerly city auditor of Williston, who has served three years of a ten-year sentence in the North Dakota penitentiary for embezzlement, is again under arrest at Malta, Mont.

Poe is being held by the Montana authorities under \$2,000 bond and is said to have confessed to securing more than \$1,000 from real estate dealers in Williston alone. It is asserted here that he secured two or three times this sum here and has also been able to defraud land men in other cities in the state of large amounts. E. C. Oarns & Co. admit the loss of \$350, while H. V. Smith admits the loss of \$650.

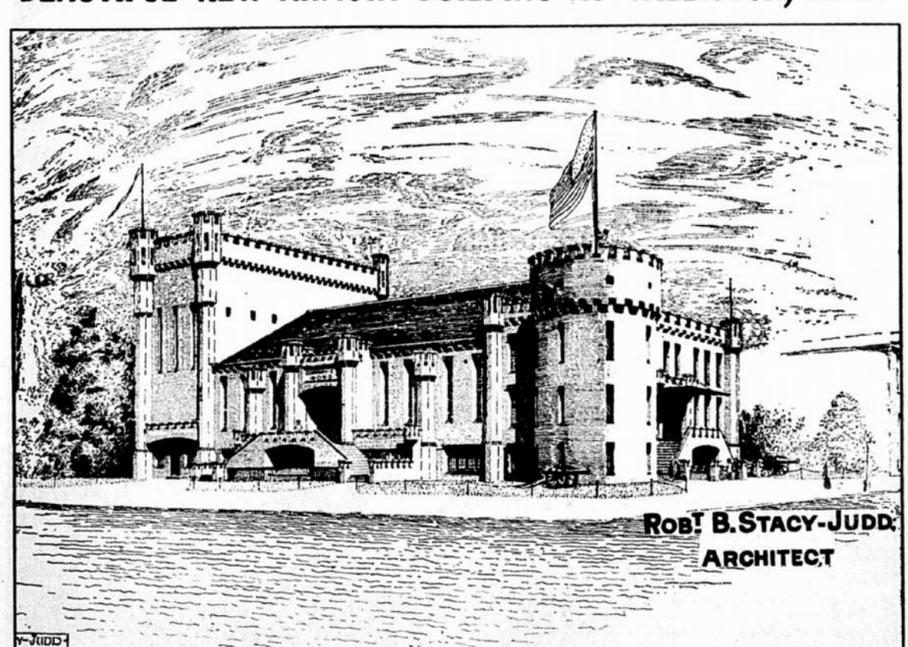
Poe's scheme was an exceptionally clever one. Using the name of J. C. Cross and representing himself as a real estate dealer, he communicated with real estate men relative to securing loans on Williston county farms. The farms selected were all unencumbered and owned by men who are not residents of the county. Pretending to be acting for the real owners of the land, Poe forged the necessary papers, including the signatures of witnesses and the notary seal, and through this method secured sums of money ranging from \$300 to \$600. He was discovered by the merest chance when the owner of one of the farms upon which he attempted to secure a loan returned from Missouri and declared the papers forged.

After being traced through a half dozen Montana cities, Poe attempted to escape by driving to Canada in his automobile, but was overtaken and arrested.

Notice to Our Advertisers.

The Independent will print 2,000 extra copies next week for the benefit of the Minot merchants who are making preparations to advertise their fall opening for the week of Sept. 27. These papers will be placed in every home in Minot and several hundred extra copies will be sent out. This will give you all an excellent opportunity to let the public know what you are doing, and we expect to handle a large amount of extra advertising. In order to do this, however, it will be necessary to get your copy in the hands of the ad. setters early. Phone 629 and our advertising man will call on you.

BEAUTIFUL NEW ARMORY BUILDING AT WILLISTON, N. D.



The above cut represents the beautiful armory which is being constructed by Co. E, N. D. N. G., of Williston, city. The cost of the building is approximately \$20,000, and it will serve the several purposes of an armory, a dancing place of unsurpassed excellence and, above all, a beautiful architectural monument to the city.