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BERTHOLD GIRL WIFE OF ALLEGED MURDERER

**CARRIE OLSON, WHO MARRIED
PRICE OF MINNEAPOLIS, NOW
ON TRIAL, WAS DOMESTIC IN
WARD COUNTY FAMILIES.**

Considerable interest is being taken in the Price murder trial in this vicinity, which is now in progress in Minneapolis, because of the fact that Price's present wife for several years was a resident of Berthold, a town located on the Great Northern 22 miles west of Minot. She was Miss Carrie Olson, a beautiful Norwegian girl. She worked as a domestic five years ago in Berthold's best families. She was first employed at the home of Mr. Stevenson, the banker, and later at considerable intelligence and learned considerable intelligence and learned to write on the typewriter, later going into the attorney's office. She graduated from a Fargo business college and worked as a stenographer in Minneapolis, where she met Price, a prominent businessman.

Price is charged with murdering his former wife in order to get her \$23,000 fortune. After he became administrator of the estate he married Carrie Olson.

Charles Etchison, who was arrested charged with being an accessory to the crime, says he accompanied Price and his wife to a cliff near Minneapolis and that Price stopped the car, saying it needed repairs. He says that Price told his wife to get out of the car while he fixed it and that he pushed her violently over the cliff and shoved the dog down after her. He says the fall did not kill the woman and that Price followed her down and beat in her skull with a rock. He says he shut his eyes as he heard the thud of the rock against the woman's skull. Etchison says Price was to give him \$3,000 for testifying that the woman had fallen over the cliff, as she tried to keep her dog from going over.

Of Course It's Cold.
Of course this is cold weather. The ice man must harvest his crop and nobody wants an ice failure. Did you ever see a January in North Dakota when it wasn't a trifle cold? We told you last fall that we were going to have some snug weather and advised you to invest in storm sash and storm doors. Many of you heeded our warning and invested a small outlay and you have more than saved the cost in your fuel bill. If you are still heating up the whole out of doors, why not come in and invest? Next time you are in town, come in and let's talk over those improvements you are figuring on making out on the farm. The material for many of the best buildings in the country was furnished by our yard, Rogers Lumber Co., H. S. Johnson, Manager.

Only Survivor of Berthold Tragedy Recovering.
Willard, the nine-year-old son of Harry Arnold of Berthold, the only survivor of the ill fated school bus in which five boys and the driver were killed when struck by a G. N. train, was brot to St. Joseph's hospital in this city for a rather difficult operation. The boy suffered a fracture of the arm near the shoulder, the bone being shattered so badly that it was necessary to bind the broken ends with a silver plate. The boy will recover fully in time, but it will be many months.

WILTON COAL MINE LARGEST IN STATE

**YEARLY PRODUCTION IS 200,000
TONS—EVERY MODERN DE-
VICE IN COAL MINING IN USE
AT PLANT.**

Wilton, N. D., Jan. 10—Not many North Dakota communities enjoy the advantages and prosperity which has been heaped upon the people of Wilton and vicinity. Besides being privileged to live along the fertile Missouri slope, one of the garden spots of North Dakota, the residents of this section are reaping benefits from the largest industrial plant in the state. The lignite coal mine of the Washburn Lignite Coal company, which is situated in Wilton, is famous the state over because of the quality of lignite produced. No other mines in the state can boast of any superior grade of native fuel, and the local plant being centrally located and within easy access to all parts of the state, is in a position to furnish coal to all parts of North Dakota at a price that defies competition, the cost at the mine being from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton; not only so, but the immense plant is equipped with every device in the line of machinery to take care of a vast amount of coal. The mine is by far the largest in the state and has a large vein of coal at the disposal of the operators, which will insure Wilton lignite on the market many years after the youngest reader of this article has been called from this mundane spheroid. At the present time the mine is working 400 men in all departments, and these men are expert miners, with experienced and compe-

tent overseers. Eleven miles of trackage is required to reach the extreme underground workings, and three electric driven motors handle the coal to the foot of the shaft, where it is speedily brought to the surface and loaded into railroad cars by the latest models of box car loaders. Both the Soo and Northern Pacific railroads run into Wilton and at this season of the year special trains for the handling of the mammoth output, are made up at the mine, and Wilton's famous lignite is shipped to all parts of the state.

Last year the production of coal at the local mine amounted to 200,000 tons, being nearly one-half the entire output of the combined mines of North Dakota. A yearly pay roll of \$200,000 to the men employed, is a big item in Wilton financial circles, and there is no such thing as hard times in the Lignite City, with the revenue from the product of the fertile prairies and the rich deposits of coal underneath the surface.

Aside from running the largest mine in North Dakota, the Washburn Lignite Coal Co. farms nearly 1,000 acres of land and this year marketed from 350 acres, almost 10,000 bushels of wheat and from 90 acres of flax threshed 1500 bushels. A bumper crop of oats was stored in the company's big granaries which will be used for feed, as a large number of mules and horses are utilized in carrying on the immense business.

The men employed at the mines are well cared for and many of them live in company cottages close to the mine, and every occupant has a plot of ground which is used for garden purposes. A well heated and lighted boarding and rooming house accommodates the unmarried men and during the winter months this large building is filled to overflowing, as many as 100 miners being taken care of. A neat school building for the children of the employes of the mine is presided over by a competent teacher and the entire policy of the management is to make the men who are on the pay roll happy and contented.

Our old friend, Perry Stockwell, of Burlington, is in town today on his way to Martin, N. D., where his sister, Mrs. Anna Varey, is very ill from chronic bronchitis, with little hopes for her recovery. Mrs. Varey is well known in Minot, where she owns considerable property. Mr. Stockwell raised a nice crop and has not sold a bushel of his grain. The wheat from the time he threshed has advanced 31 cents a bushel.

COUNTY COURT CONVENES TUESDAY

**JUDGE MURRAY WILL START A
LONG TERM OF CIVIL AND
CRIMINAL CASES NEXT WEEK.**

Judge Murray will open the January term of county court on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 18. Criminal cases will be tried Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

The following is a list of the criminal cases: The State vs. Florence Chester, Henry White, Clarence Chancellor, E. Stevenson, J. Wallace, O. W. Webb, Walter McCrae, Obie Spires, Wm. Anderson, Harry Hall, Fred Blood, John Willis, Ward McCrill, James Manney, Sam Loomis, Laura Hanson Schossow, Liga Haggerty, Stella Laing Francis, Hattie Barlow Kiser, Joe Shekers, James Manney, Ostop Bostow and Arthur Bostow, Joe Bartoshevick, Elliott Stevenson, C. F. Drury, Robert Rath, Frank Rose, Roscoe Hall, James Manney, Geo. Dunckley, Jennie Ogg, Peter Scott, M. Nichols, Olaf Mattson and Mary Mattson, John W. Perlicheck, Frank Switted, H. W. Gillespie and Robert Taylor, Fred Talley, Ward McCrill and Mrs. Ward McCrill, Wm. Anderson and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Arthur Charlebois, Jennie Blood, Dave Phillips, Geo. Parks and Tom Lacy, Jacob H. Bassler, Clarence Sears, Sam Loomis, Ted Young and Bert Gow, Wm. Kelley et al, Geo. Oliver, Pat Gleason and T. P. Swinsberger, Rob Logie and James Anderson, Chas. A. Fuller, Richard Knight, A. F. Christie, Art Washburn, Ben Cook and T. E. Guffey, Joe Williamson, William Eljic, Mildred Hoard, Fred Talley, Wm. Anderson and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Fred Hines, Scott Clark and Anna Myers Clark, Florence Chester, Mary Willis, Sam Loomis and C. E. Loomis, Bessie McCrill, Liga Haggerty and Beulah Blair, John Wallace and Eva Wallace, Florence Hines, Ben Doe, true name Fuller, Caroline Talley, Ollie Fay Rhode, Walter McCray, Harvey Holmberg and Elliott Stevenson.

Mrs. Myers Proves Delightful Hostess
The Wednesday Musical club was entertained at the beautiful suburban home of Mrs. Phil W. Myers Wednesday evening and despite the exceedingly cold weather, a large number gathered. Mrs. J. B. Taylor had charge of the program, a number of interesting papers being read. Plans for the future good of the club were discussed.

Mrs. Myers, assisted by Mrs. Sweet, served delightful refreshments and the evening passed altogether too quickly. Mrs. Coar will entertain the club at the Y. W. C. A. rooms Wednesday evening, Jan. 26 and Miss Florence Miller will have charge of the program.

SCARLETT SECURES TEMPORARY QUARTERS

**FIRM WHOSE STOCK WAS WIPED
OUT BY FIRE TELEGRAPHS OR-
DER FOR NEW STOCK AND
WILL RE-OPEN IN BRAUER
BLOCK.**

It's hard to keep a good concern down. Scarlett's Office Outfitting Co. was wiped out of business temporarily by a fire Tuesday morning. Colonel Scarlett, the energetic Scotchman, arose from a sick bed at St. Joseph's hospital, came back on the firing line and telegraphed for a complete new stock. Within 24 hours after the fire had started, he had leased temporary quarters in the basement of the Brauer block and will reopen his store Saturday morning. A bit of adversity appears to be as good for the Colonel as a tonic, for he was around Wednesday morning giving orders with as much vim as a youth.

Long live the hardy old Scot and the Scarlett Office Outfitting Co.

RANEY KENNARD FOR COUNTY AUDITOR

**DEPUTY AUDITOR FOR MANY
YEARS WILL BE A CANDIDATE
FOR THE OFFICE—L. J. THOMP-
SON WILL RETIRE.**

Raney W. Kennard, who for eight years has been connected with the county auditor's office, in the capacity of deputy during the greater portion of the time, will be a candidate for county auditor, to succeed L. J. Thompson, who is serving his second term. Mr. Thompson has made a fine record but he has decided to engage in work which will permit him to remain out of doors more of the time.

There is no one in the county better fitted to hold the position of auditor than Mr. Kennard. The duties of a county auditor are varied and the position is one of the hardest to fill in the entire county. Mr. Kennard is familiar with every phase of the work. He is accommodating, hardworking and strictly honest. From every part of the county come assurances of the heartiest support and indeed it would not be surprising if Mr. Kennard had no opposition whatsoever.

**Dr. McCannel Will Take Postgraduate
Course.**

Dr. A. J. McCannel, whose office and equipment were burned when the Roell-Blakey block went up in smoke Tuesday morning, has arranged to leave Monday for New Orleans, where he will spend three months taking a post graduate course in the Tulane University. He will return to this city to re-open offices some time during April. He will be accompanied to the south by Mrs. McCannel.

BOARD PLANS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

**CALLS FOR PLANS FOR BUILD-
ING NOT TO EXCEED COST OF
\$125,000—PLAN TO BUILD CEN-
TRAL UNIT THIS YEAR.**

The board of education of the Minot Special School District No. 1, is planning on building a new High school building this year and at the regular meeting Tuesday night asked for the submission of plans and specifications for such.

The building is to be located on the Central school grounds. The board proposes to have the plans call for a three unit building and will build the central unit this year at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, which amount of money is now available for building purposes. The central unit will provide for the main auditorium, gymnasium, shower baths for the boys and girls and large swimming pool. The other units will be added to either side as soon as the additional money is available and will provide additional rooms.

The Minot schools are in a very crowded condition and the new building is needed badly. The city has been growing very rapidly and with it the schools.

The school board hopes later to add a central heating plant in a fire-proof building, located at an equal distance from the three buildings, the heating plant to be located in the basement with provisions made for the manual training department on the first floor and the domestic science department on the second floor. They propose to provide for the advanced course of manual training soon by the installation of metal lathes and forges.

Final action on the question of building was deferred until the meeting of Monday, Jan. 17, as two members of the board, G. S. Reishus and Martin Jacobson, were absent.

FARMER MAKES WON- DERFUL RECORD

**HERMAN ABRAHAMSON AND
TWO SONS GROW 37,400 BUSH-
ELS OF WHEAT, OATS, BAR-
LEY, RYE AND FLAX AT FARM
NEAR MINOT.**

Herman Abrahamson, a hustling farmer living ten miles east of Minot, made a record on his farm last season that we do not believe was equalled in the state. With the help of two sons, aged 16 and 18 years, he grew 22,000 bushels of wheat, 1900 bushels of rye, 500 bushels of flax and 13,000 bushels of oats and barley. He hired one man two months during seeding time at a cost of \$60. He has marketed \$16,000 worth of wheat and has 6,000 bushels left, besides all of his flax, oats, barley and rye. His thresh bill amounted to \$3500. He is still hauling grain and holding for a higher price. Mr. Abrahamson bought the Gallagher farm adjoining his own.

FARGO ATTORNEY ENTERS MINOT FIRM

**BEN LESK, PROMINENT YOUNG
BARRISTER, FORMS PARTNER-
SHIP WITH GREENLEAF &
WOOLEGGE—LATTER WITH-
DRAWS FROM FIRM OF THOMP-
SON & WOOLEGGE.**

G. S. Woolegge has withdrawn from the well known law firm of Thompson & Woolegge to form a partnership with D. C. Greenleaf, one of Minot's oldest and most prominent attorneys. Ben Lesk of Fargo will be associated with Greenleaf and Woolegge. Mr. Thompson will continue his large practice in the present location, the new Jacobson block. The Courier-News of Fargo has the following to say regarding the change:

One of Fargo's most popular and hardest working young men leaves next week to establish himself professionally in a new location. Mr. Ben Lesk, who has been for two and a half years connected with the firm of Lawless & Murphy, goes to Minot to become the junior member of a new firm, Greenleaf, Woolegge & Lesk. Mr. G. S. Woolegge has severed his connection with Thompson & Woolegge to join with the new firm.

Mr. Lesk came with his father to Fargo when he was but a lad, and the family having escaped from the tyranny of Russia, he appreciated the opportunities of America. Mr. Lesk is considered one of the best cultured young men of the city, being a graduate of Georgetown university in the District of Columbia. His social and fraternal affiliations here are of the best, and a host of friends wish him well and predict success for him in the new field and firm. He is considered honest, capable and is a very hard working and diligent young attorney.

MINOT COW CHAMPION WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

**LURA BETTINA, OWNED BY MA-
JOR E. S. PERSON, PRODUCED
MORE THAN HER OWN WEIGHT
IN BUTTER DURING 1915.**

Lura Bettina, Major E. S. Person's champion Guernsey cow, produced 925 pounds of butter during the year's test, which ended Jan. 10, which is just 25 pounds more than the weight of the champion cow. By the results of this test it has been shown that Lura Bettina is not only the state's champion Guernsey cow, but she is the champion west of the Mississippi.

A year ago, as a five-year-old, she won the state's Guernsey record, producing 632.02 pounds of butterfat and 10,992.8 pounds of milk. In the year just ended she produced 770.04 pounds of butterfat and 14,011.2 pounds of milk and 925 pounds of butter. At the present market value of choice dairy butter, this product would be worth \$370.

Lura Bettina comes near being worth her weight in gold. Since the Major has owned her, she has produced two heifers and a male, a very valuable animal. It is hard to arrive at the actual value of a cow like Lura Bettina. Cows with records not so good have been sold at figures ranging from \$1500 to \$2500. Lura Bettina is kept at the Major's fine country home, Elmwood Farm, three miles west of Minot. J. A. Sorenson, the efficient superintendent of the farm, is proud of the record he has made with the cow. He fed her no special rations. She got just what the Major's other cows got, which is a good balanced ration of ground oats, barley, bran and oil meal, with a few roots at the latter end of the test, and silage and alfalfa hay. The cow was never forced but she produced five times as much as the ordinary dairy cow.

Thermometer Reached Low Point.

The weather man is giving us some good old-fashioned winter weather this week. Sometime during Wednesday forenoon the government thermometer according to W. I. Ferris, of the weather bureau, reached the point of 44 degrees below zero. Early in the morning it reached 41 below but grew colder as the day advanced. The thermometer registered 47 degrees below this morning.

Not many farmers have been in during the week and we presume they are sticking pretty close to their hot lignite fires. The weather was not particularly disagreeable in the city, tho we noticed that the crowds that stood about the northwest corners of the buildings discussing politics and war, were not very large and people stepped around lively. Coal men are doing a nice business, some of them getting rid of a car load of coal daily, and they are praying for the cold snap to keep up for several weeks.

There was little actual suffering. There is plenty of fuel and if any of our people need clothing or food, all they have to do is to notify the authorities. Three little boys from a family on the North side went to school Wednesday morning, without any underclothing. They were very cold but managed to keep from freezing. Mrs. John Campbell, who heads the Associated Charities, learned of their plight and bought some good warm underclothing for them.

One little youngster who had quite a long distance to walk to school, suffered slightly from a frozen hand and foot. A good many of our citizens are nursing ears and noses that were nipped, but none suffered any ill consequences. This is fine winter weather, just cold enough to whet up one's appetite and make him think of last summer's wages.

Portal Curlers Take First Games.

The Portal curlers visited this city Wednesday and took our champion rink into camp to the tune of 13 to 11. The game was very fast. Minot will send a team to Portal later, when it is expected that the tables will be turned. The Minot team comprised Rev. P. W. Erickson, skip; Pence, McClure and A. J. McCannel. Portal—Kemp, skip; Harry Gill, Chezik and Crosby.

McCOY'S BIG SALE STARTS JAN. 15TH

**ANNUAL CLEARANCE EVENT
WILL LAST UNTIL JAN. 29—
PRACTICALLY ALL SEASON-
ABLE MERCHANDISE TO BE
OFFERED.**

The big annual January Clearance Sale at the McCoy Department store will start Jan. 15, running until Jan. 29. This is always a big merchandise event with the McCoy store and greater bargains than ever are offered for this year's sale.

The sale will include coats, suits, dresses, furs, underwear, yard goods and many other lines. Gossard corsets will be sold at special prices, the first time in the store's history. The store desires to make a clearance of practically all of its seasonable merchandise, to make room for the spring stocks, which have already begun to arrive, fully thirty days earlier than ever before.

Donnybrook Man Out-of-Door Enthusiast.

Joseph Johnson, the Guernsey King from Donnybrook, came down to see The Birth of a Nation Wednesday. Mr. Johnson for years was in the banking business at Donnybrook, but he is now doing a lucrative auto business, handling the Ford and Studebaker cars. He is one of the officers of the Guernsey Breeders' Association and has some of the best cattle in the state at his big farm. He is preparing to attend the Mid-winter Fair. Joe has slept out of doors for years and he is perfectly comfortable in his sleeping bag in the coldest weather. "It makes a fellow feel fine to sleep out in the open the year round," he says. "I never mind it. The cold weather has a tendency to make one's blood course thru his veins faster and I never know what a cold is any more."

Reighart With the Champlin Implement Co.

W. H. Reighart, the well known auto man, has been secured to manage the automobile department of the Champlin Implement Co. the coming season. Mr. Reighart is one of the most capable automobile men in the northwest and the Champlin Co. is fortunate in securing his services. Ray Dierdorff of Surrey will assist in the machinery department of that concern during the coming season. The Champlin Implement Co. handle Studebaker cars, which have won an enviable reputation.

Commandery Ball Feb. 11.

Preparations are being made for the annual Knights Templar Ball to be given at the Masonic Temple Feb. 11 by the DeMolay Commandery. This ball is always the most important function held during the year at the Temple and will be largely attended, many coming from out of town. The Knights will appear in full uniform. An elaborate banquet is being arranged and Sonju's orchestra will furnish the music.

FRANK AND HASSEL BUY GRAHAM INTEREST

**CHARLES F. GRAHAM DISPOSES
OF STOCK IN LELAND DEPART-
MENT STORE AND WILL RE-
TURN TO FORMER IOWA HOME.**

G. O. Frank and G. A. Hassel, of the Frank & Graham Co., have bought the stock of Chas. F. Graham in the Leland Department store. Mr. Graham will soon return to his old home, Lamoni, Ia., to make his future home. Mr. Graham came to North Dakota fourteen years ago and was employed for years at the old New York store on North Main street. Several years ago he engaged in business with Mr. Frank, taking over the Leland Department store. He has been very successful. Mr. Graham has a host of friends who will wish him well wherever he may be.

Three years ago Mr. Hassel came to Minot, acquiring an interest in the Leland Department store. He has proved a very valuable man to the concern, and he deserves a large share of the credit for the rapid growth of the store.

Mr. Frank, the other member of the concern, is one of our most conservative businessmen, and he has made a phenomenal success of the business in which he has been engaged. He is one of the pioneers of the city and enjoys a wide acquaintance and has numerous friends over the northwest.

The Leland store is one of Minot's fastest growing institutions and the firm is contemplating a number of improvements that will give our city an even better store than the Leland is today.

Fuller Babe Passed Away.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fuller died Monday evening, the funeral taking place from the United Brethren church Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock. The interment was in Rosehill cemetery. The bereaved parents are heartbroken at the loss of their little daughter. They have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement.

Police Matron Ordinance Passed Second Reading.

Provision for creating the office of police matron was made on Monday evening when the city commissioners passed the ordinance establishing this office. When duly published according to law, it will be in full force and effect. The new ordinance states that the salary shall not exceed \$75, but the exact amount which said matron will be paid will be determined by resolution of the city commission at a later date.

Association of Commerce Luncheon and Election.

From 4 to 8 o'clock on Monday, January 17, the election of directors of the Association of Commerce will be held. Up to 6:30 the voting will be at the rooms of the Association in the Jacobson block, after 6:30 at the Savoy cafe, where a luncheon will be served. The term of office of the following named directors expire at this time: Jim Johnson, William Dunnell, A. J. McCannel, E. S. Person, M. R. Porter and J. C. Smallwood. The directors whose terms will expire in 1917 are: F. B. Lambert, R. E. Barron, A. M. Thompson, Halvor L. Halvorson, Ira D. Wight and C. A. Johnson.

BOWBELLS FAMILY LOST IN STORM

**FRANK BAIR AND FAMILY ON
WAY HOME FROM CHURCH,
WIND UP AT STRAW STACK—
LATER REACH NEIGHBOR'S
BADLY FROZEN.**

Bowbells, N. D., Jan. 10.—Frank Bair and family of the Westminster district, were quite badly frozen last Tuesday night while on their way from church. They live about a mile from the church, and as usual started out in their sleigh for home. They had a straight road to follow and in spite of the raging blizzard thought they could make it with ease, as they were to go with the wind. However, the horses left the road after traveling some distance from the church and followed a trail leading to a straw pile. After the straw pile was reached they knew they were lost and Mr. Bair got out of the rig to look for another road. None could be found so after traveling for about an hour longer they wound up at the Dan Coons farm residence and spent the night there. Mr. Bair was quite badly frozen about the face and hands, Mrs. Bair had her feet frosted quite badly and the children were more or less frozen. One of the Bair boys who staid at home thought that his father might have gotten lost as he had not arrived on schedule time, so went out to look for the rig. He, too, had a hard time moving in the blizzard and finally landed at one of his neighbors' farm homes and spent the night there.