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RAYMOND LEGER KILLED IN MOTOR- CYCLE ACCIDENT

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD SON OF
MR. AND MRS. ALFRED LEGER
MEETS TRAGIC DEATH AT VAL-
LEY STREET SOO CROSSING
SUNDAY.

Raymond Leger, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Leger, who have resided on a farm seven miles north of Minot for many years, met with a fatal accident at the east end of Valley street in this city, Sunday morning, shortly before noon. Raymond was riding his Harley-Davidson motor cycle which he had recently purchased. In company with Colmar Balerud and two other young men, all riding motorcycles, Raymond started out of the city traveling east. He had come into the city early that morning, attending services at St. Leo's Catholic church, and concluded to take a short ride before returning home. The wind was blowing at a fierce gale and as the dust was blowing fearfully, the companions, who were some distance in the rear of Raymond, did not see the accident very clearly. He was running along on high at perhaps 20 or 25 miles an hour when he noticed a box car being backed over the crossing at the spur near the Soo roundhouse. He was diverted from his course striking the crossing at the south end. He kept astride his motorcycle, however, which had been turned from the road. He tried to turn the machine back onto the grade, plowing up the side of the grade until the machine struck the end of a culvert a few feet beyond. The machine turned turtle and the rider was thrown to the hard road with terrific force, striking on his head. A horrible gash was cut in the right side of the head and Raymond was rendered unconscious. His companions came up to where he lay and bathed his face with water, but failed to revive him.

An auto in which Jacob Gordon, Louis Sitzer, Mr. Lyons and Mr. Linha were riding came along and the young man was carried to a local hospital. He died at 10 o'clock that night from concussion of the brain, without regaining consciousness. The funeral was held from St. Leo's Catholic church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Raymond was born in this city and would have been twenty-one years of age in about two weeks. He was a fine Christian young man and was exceedingly popular with his associates. He had become well acquainted with other young men over the county at the Boys' Better Farming School in which he took unusual interest. He took a great deal of interest in the farm work and in every way was a most dutiful son.

The mother has been seriously ill for several weeks and the news of the death of her only child came as a terrible shock. A host of friends extend their sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

BURLINGTON.

Miss Myrtle Jacobson, who teaches school No. 2 in St. Mary's district, will close her labors in St. Marys on Thursday. Miss Jacobson has given the best of satisfaction and it is to be hoped that the board will retain her services for another year, giving her a substantial increase of salary to show their appreciation of her services. The sooner school boards awaken to the advantage a district obtains in continuing an efficient teacher in their employ, the sooner will one of the gravest problems affecting the welfare of our schools be solved. This continual change of teachers is a great draw back to the advancement and progress of pupils in their studies. A thorough, capable and conscientious teacher deserves and appreciates an acknowledgement of faithful service.

J. M. April left Sunday for Guttenberg, Iowa, where he will spend a few weeks visiting relatives. Mrs. April, who it at Guttenberg, will in all probability return with him. Jack expects to be gone at least a month. In the meantime Burlingtonites are having their tonsorial needs looked after by the genial "Bob" Norton, who is always on the job, early and late.

Joe Wistrom has fully recovered from his recent illness and is now up and around looking after his draying business.

Little Elizabeth Wistrom, who has been staying at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John Campbell, is again at home, suffering from typhoid fever. Her condition is considered very serious, but it is hoped that with the best of medical attention and careful nursing she may safely pass the critical period.

H. A. Kluver, cashier of the First State bank, is confined to his home by a serious illness.

Barney Theurer and wife were among the visitors to the "Wonder City" Wednesday. The high wind and threatening storm Tuesday prevented the local M. W. A. camp from holding their regular meeting. Automobiles are becoming so num-

erous in town that there is some talk of parking the machines in the center of Main street in order that the cars of those driving into town to trade may have the use of the space next the curb. Not a bad idea at that.

An immense amount of sidewalk will be built here as soon as the spring seeding is over and a few laborers can be secured by Casteel Bros., the local firm who make a specialty of concrete work.

What's the matter with Burlington? Wasn't this the place where McGraw and Chance got their start? We'll have to get Big Chief back here and wake the old town up. We must have a ball-team.

Entries for Vegetable Contest Close

The entry list for the vegetable garden contest will close May 15th, next Monday. All interested should mail their coupons of entry at once to the secretary of the City Beautifying League, Mrs. T. J. Vincent, if they have not already done so.

The members of the League believe very firmly that not only are vegetable gardens a benefit to the owners in keeping down the high cost of living, but that they are practical means of beautifying the city. A well arranged and well kept garden is really a thing of beauty and to encourage the maintenance of such the League has offered three cash prizes, one of \$5.00, one of \$3.00 and one of \$2.00. There is no reason why exhibits from the gardens entered in this contest should not be entered in the vegetable show to be held in August. There is certainly opportunity to harvest cash as well as vegetables from Minot gardens this season.

Those whose gardens were submerged by the high water recently admit that they are somewhat handicapped in the contest, but they haven't dropped out of the race because of this, and say that they are going to make their competitors on higher ground hustle for the prizes.

RYDER.

Otto Lomen returned to Bismarck Monday after spending a few days at the parental home.

A. Haraldson and L. Rosberg have purchased Dodge cars.

Mr. Aafedt autoted to Minot Sunday. Farmers are busy in the fields and report good progress in seeding.

Dr. Hubler, John Campbell and John Jones have purchased Buick cars.

Mrs. H. E. Miller and daughter returned from Bismarck Thursday.

Mrs. Peik of Minneapolis is a guest at the Mielke home.

Mrs. E. H. Holten and two children are at Bismarck receiving medical treatment.

We understand Rev. Young has been called to the Presbyterian church at Surrey.

G. N. Turner of Bismarck has charge of the Ryder News.

Mrs. Geo. Johnson of Golden Valley called on Ryder friends Saturday.

School closes June 9.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school will observe Mothers' Day, May 14.

Confirmation service will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday next.

WATERING THE HORSE.

It has been demonstrated that if a horse is given grain first and then watered, some of the grain is pushed from the stomach into the intestines before it is digested. This would indicate that the horse should have at least some water before being fed grain. Again, if the horse is real thirsty and is allowed to drink to excess, it will not eat as much as it should. Too much water when a horse is overheated is also dangerous. The point to keep in mind is that the horse has a small stomach that holds only a few gallons. The digestion is largely done in the stomach. If the grain feed is pushed out of the stomach before it is digested, whether it be by water or hay, some of the value of the feed is lost.—N. D. Experiment Station.

FOXHOLM MAN OUT FOR COMMISSIONER

WALTER ARCHIBALD, WELL KNOWN RETIRE DMRCHANT, FLINGS HIS BONNET IN THE RING.

Walter Archibald, of Foxholm, was in the city on business Tuesday. Mr. Archibald informs the Independent that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for commissioner from the Second district, at the June primaries. His announcement appears in this issue of the Independent.

Mr. Archibald has been a resident of the county for the past twelve years. During most of that period, he was engaged in the mercantile business at Foxholm, making an unequalled success. Mr. Archibald is a fine fellow and will undoubtedly poll a large vote in the western end of the district where he is well known. He will spend the next three months campaigning and expects to meet practically every voter of the district.

The Farmers State Bank of Falsen with a capital of \$15,000 has been organized. There are 22 stockholders, consisting of some of the best businessmen and farmers of that vicinity.

LAI DOWN ARE THE REINS THE STATE AND CITY MOURN "SUNSET AND EVENING STAR."

In the passing of Colonel Alexander Searlett at the Saint Joseph's Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, on May eighth, nineteen hundred sixteen, the state and city in general and the Humane Society of Ward County in particular, suffered a loss of which words must fail in attempt to tell,—a loss the sorrow of which years can not efface, nor time's fairest gift replace.

His memory shall aye be revered, not alone for his noble mein—his humanitarian heart,—but for his accomplishments in which self interests played but a secondary part.

His state entrusted him with commissions capable of being undertaken only by a man of vaster vision and his accomplishments won him a place among the most illustrious. As a patriot and a philanthropist memory associates his efforts with those of America's most zealous statesmen, past and present. Truly, he "read his history in a Nation's eyes."

He was a man "diligent in business"—possessing a rare acumen—stimulating commercial and industrial progress by the application of his keen mind here—his ready hand there. A superior man, full of the joy of doing things,—doing them better, and carrying the world closer to the goal toward which all true progress presses.

To have known him was to have known a man of indeleble life principles—a person of simple, child-like religious faith,—a soul which sympathized with, because it grasped full well, the emotions of souls great and small around it.

And so, with veneration and dignity,—the laurel crown of seventy-three well spent years upon his brow, his life closed, serene as a mellow sunset at the twilight of a happy day. But the indomitable spirit of a great man, and good, shall stay with us, to inspire, to bless. Verily, peoples yet unborn shall rise up and call him Benefactor.

The State mourns,—the City mourns,—his widow mourns,—the world mourns,—and this Society mourns in a personal way, the Governor who so long fathered its enterprises and aided in its successes to "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

JOHN E. BURKE, Vice President,
Ward County Humane Society.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR SPEEDERS

POLICE HOLD STOP WATCH ON
AUTO DRIVERS AND ISSUE
WARRANTS FOR TWENTY-ONE
—SEVERAL FINED \$9 EACH.

Warrants have been issued for twenty-one alleged speeders, who are charged with driving faster than 15 miles an hour up old Ward street, now known as Second street N. W. This is a favorite street for the "boys" who like to "step on the tails" of their autos. The police were stationed along the street Saturday evening and found just twenty-one who are said to have gone too fast. Four of them paid fines of \$9 each Monday and others are expected to liquidate. Also the ordinance forbids anyone driving faster than ten miles an hour in the city, no attention will be paid if cars are kept under 15 miles an hour. The police say they will keep a strict watch and nab all violators.

WHY THE IRISH WEAR GREEN.

Secretary Holbein has "gotten in bad" with his Irish friends by telling the following story: In the early days, Ireland was infested with great large rats that became so obnoxious that an immense lot of cats were imported. They cleaned out the rats, but became so obstreperous that something had to be done, so the good people shipped in a lot of gorillas. These animals got rid of the cats all right, but were soon considered so objectionable that an edict was issued that all of the gorillas be shot. When the work was started, it was found that soon four Irishmen were killed by mistake, so an order was issued that all Irish should wear green as a mark of distinction. "And that is why the Irish today are partial to green," the secretary added.

Minot Chapter Masons Work Degrees at Bowbells.

A degree team from the Tyrian Chapter No. 14, R. A. M., went to Bowbells Wednesday where they worked the degrees on two sets of candidates, afternoon and evening. The following comprised the degree team: G. Roy Ringo, who acted as High Priest; C. F. Truax, Principal Sojourner; B. Stewart, Captain of the Hosts; A. D. Hagenstein, Royal Arch Captain and W. H. Reighart and Carl Jacobson, members of the Grand Council.

A big banquet was served at 6 o'clock.

Wheat Grass Paid Dr. Nugent.

Dr. Nugent, the dentist, who has demonstrated that he knows a thing or two about the farming game, has disposed of \$1200 worth of wheat grass seed at his farm southwest of Minot. The doctor has been so successful with this crop that hundreds of others will sow large fields this year.

U. C. T. WILL GIVE VAUDEVILLE SHOW

SEVEN BIG ACTS BY LOCAL AND
IMPORTED ARTISTS AT OPERA
HOUSE TWO NIGHTS—MAY 19
AND 20.

A great vaudeville show will be given at the opera house May 19 and 20, under the auspices of Minot Council 277 U. C. T., who will raise funds for the entertainment of the state convention to be held in Minot June 8, 9 and 10.

There will be seven big acts and the entertainment will be worth the money. A number of local artists will appear and there will be some extraordinary good imported specialties. The program will not be given out but when the Minot Council has anything to do with such an affair, it is sure to be a howling success.

The seat sale will start at Taylor's drug store May 15. Many tickets have already been sold, everyone appearing more than willing to help out a good cause.

Several rehearsals have already been held and those who are "next" say that some side-splitting stunts will be given.

A North Dakota Product.

Mrs. J. E. Stevens, who has become well known throughout the state in her anti-tuberculosis fight, was in the city Saturday interviewing our druggists and placing orders for Climatic Cream, manufactured by the Climatic Cream Co., of Grand Forks. This is a wonderfully fine cream adapted to the needs of the western skin, containing no animal fats to promote the growth of unsightly hair. Mrs. Alice Nelson Page, of the Page Printery, Grand Forks, is one of the organizers of the company, which is doing a remarkably fine business. Ask your druggist for Climatic Cream.

Horse Drowned in Slough.

A horse owned by Wood & Wood, who own a farm west of the city, was drowned in a slough near the old Matt Poo's dump ground west of the city. A hired man was driving to the city and on account of the high water, drove into the slough, not knowing that it contained about ten feet of water.

Towner Farmer Was In Wrong.

R. E. Taylor, a prominent horse dealer, is in the city. Mr. Taylor is a brother of W. C. Taylor, commissioner of insurance. The brothers look like twins and this fact has led to many amusing incidents. W. C. Taylor years ago published a newspaper at Towner, living on a homestead south of that place. R. E. Taylor visited Towner sometime ago and met one of the editor's old friends. He remarked, "I used to know you when you ran a newspaper here." Mr. Taylor said he was mistaken. "Well, I

remember you well when you lived on your homestead." Again Mr. Taylor assured him he was in error. "Well, I voted for you several times, anyway." Again he was informed that he had his wires crossed and he walked away in disgust.

Max Dimond Was Not the Man.

Margaret Keller, friend of M. C. Williams, held to the federal court on the charge of violating the Mann act, has been released. She will remain in the city, hoping to secure his freedom ultimately. The woman is undoubtedly infatuated with the man. Williams is not a bad looking fellow. He is said to be a Yale graduate and is well connected fraternally. The young girl, who accuses him, accompanied by her elder sister, will leave today for St. Paul, her home. Williams will come before the grand jury later, when some startling testimony will come out.

An amusing incident occurred at the hearing. Max Dimond, a tailor, had been summoned to appear as a witness. The girl had mentioned that a Mr. Dimond had called at her room, handing her four dollars, but when she saw Max she declared that he was not the man. Max grew rather excited and rising to his feet, gesticulating wildly, declared, "I never seen them two girls in my whole life. Honest, I am not the man." The women substantiated his story.

\$300,000 Fire at Ellendale.

The city of Ellendale, N. D., located in Dickey county, was nearly wiped off the map by a fire which started in an old livery barn Tuesday night. Fanned by a forty mile wind, the flames swept the business section of the city, burning 24 business houses and then wiped out 60 residences. The flames then spread to the country district, burning a number of farm homes and barns. The loss is nearly \$300,000, with about \$150,000 insurance. The plant of the Dickey County Leader, published by Brother Goddard, was destroyed.

The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Sons of Norway Will Celebrate on

May 17th. The Sons of Norway are planning on holding a celebration in this city the evening of May 17. A program will be rendered at 8 o'clock that night. Judge A. M. Christenson of Bismarck, Halvor L. Halvorson, and others, will speak. A good musical program will be rendered.

The program will be followed by a dance. All Scandinavians and their friends are invited to attend the exercises and dance.

Attended State Medical Meeting.

Dr. A. D. McCannel, Dr. A. Carr and Dr. L. H. Kermott of this city attended the meeting of the state medical society at Devils Lake Wednesday which is still in progress today. Dr. McCannel read a paper before the convention. Dr. Green of the University of Minnesota was present. The papers and discussions following were all very interesting.

The meeting is in charge of the president of the association, Dr. V. H. Stickney, of Dickinson.

Six Loads of Lumber With an Engine.

Adam Blocher was in the city Saturday and hauled out six immense loads of lumber from the Rogers lumber yard to his home northeast of the city, where he has a force of 12 carpenters at work building a large new house and barn. The six wagons with an oil wagon were hauled thru the streets with an engine, presenting an unusual sight.

Seed Blown From the Ground.

In the vicinity of Harvey, the wheat seed was blown from hundreds of acres of land by the fierce winds of the early portion of the week. Many farmers will have to re-seed their entire crop.

SUPT. WENDT MADE A GOOD RECORD

C O U N T Y SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS SHOULD BE
RETURNED WITHOUT OPPOSITION,
AND PROBABLY WILL
BE.

The announcement of W. D. Wendt for the nomination for superintendent of schools of Ward county, appears in the Independent this week. Mr. Wendt has held this office during the past two years and while it is always a pleasure for this paper to commend officials for their work when they are deserving of it, we find it difficult to give expression to the esteem in which Mr. Wendt is held by the people of Ward county.

In the first place he is a tireless worker, and then he knows how. He has made a very courteous official and under his supervision the schools of Ward county have been brot to a very high standard. Mr. Wendt will, most likely, be re-elected without opposition.

About 200 delegates attended the sixth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society at Mandan Thursday and Friday. Speakers on the program came from Dickinson, Bismarck, Steele, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Jamestown and Mandan.

THE FLOOD A THING OF THE PAST

WATER WILL SOON BE BACK
WITHIN BANKS OF THE
MOUSE—PEOPLE ARE MOVING
BACK TO THEIR HOMES.

The flood waters of the Mouse river at this point are receding very rapidly and it is expected that the river will be back within its banks by the early part of next week.

Many of the people who were driven from their homes on the lower grounds, will be able to go back by Saturday or Sunday and within a short time, our city will go along in the even tenor of its ways. Many will find considerable to do when the water again takes its natural course. There will be water to be pumped out from basements; foundation walls to be repaired; floors to be relaid and scores of other things to be looked after. But these things will all be attended to in time and while the aggregate amount of damage has been considerable, hundreds will find employment in making these repairs.

The city officials, including the efficient superintendent of streets, John Strommen, deserve much credit for holding the flood out of many quarters of the city. It isn't any too early to plan now how future floods may be avoided. It may be many years before another such spectacle will be seen in Minot, but considering that most of the trouble can be obviated with a comparatively small expenditure, it behooves the city to get busy on some feasible plan at once.

SENATOR McCUMBER BACK TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN.

Fargo, N. D., May 5.—United States Senator Porter J. McCumber has returned to North Dakota to conduct his campaign for re-election. He expects to spend the time until the primaries within the state, having paired on all important questions likely to arise in the next eight weeks.

Senator McCumber comes home with the impression that "the drift among Republicans in the East is toward Hughes for President." He has no doubt Hughes, if nominated, will accept.

The senator believes Hughes' nomination would mean Republican victory in the general election.

As to the German-American situation, Senator McCumber anticipates a satisfactory agreement.

Wilson's message to Congress, and his note to Germany failed to afford Germany an opportunity to determine just what the United States demanded, McCumber maintains.

Do You Want a Man?

Mr. Farmer, if you want a man to work drop me a line or two and give address of yourself and what you will pay by month, week or day, and I'll send the man to you and it won't cost you a cent, only postage stamp to mail and return mail to yourself. Independent Employment Office, P. O. Peterson, Agent, P. O. Box 742, Minot, N. Dak. 5-11-16

EAST HIGHLAND.

Roy Pettys and Earl Tullar called at E. Bunker's Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Beigle of Sawyer spent Tuesday with Mrs. E. Bunker.

Elizabeth Reed entertained Lola May Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Hamilton visited Mrs. Wm. Howes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker motored to Minot Friday, taking with them Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ritter. Mrs. Ritter had been ailing for some time and went to Minot for examination and was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Jamestown Saturday morning.

Miss Hilda Bunker is staying with Mrs. R. W. Beigle for a few days.

Mrs. H. C. Pettys has been seriously ill the past week. She went to Velva Monday to stay with her son Will and to receive medical treatment.

H. J. Ritter will be unable to run the Beigle coal mine himself this summer and has secured the services of David Louis, who will operate the mine on Wednesday and Friday of each week, and customers will be waited upon those two days the same as usual.

The house located on the old Chas. Cline place and occupied by Mr. Lew Gadow and family, was destroyed by fire Monday. Mrs. Gadow and the children were some distance from the house and just glanced toward it and saw the roof a mass of flames. They were unable to get into the house and so saved nothing. Mr. Gadow was away from home at the time of the fire.

Florence and Marvel Baker spent Sunday afternoon at the Bivins home. R. W. Beigle called at Chas. Muzzy's Sunday.

C. S. and M. M. Beigle spent Tuesday at the Sharar farm.

On Monday night of this week the barber shop belonging to A. Hughart of Leeds was entered thru a rear window and a few razors and about \$35 in money that belonged to the Modern Woodmen lodge, was taken. There are no clues as to who the guilty parties are.