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## OLD TIMER DIED AT LONE TREE

John Dostert, Early Ward County Settler, Passed Away Following Stroke of Paralysis—Settled Here in '87.

Berthold, N. D., May 12.—John Dostert, who claimed the distinction of being the oldest settler in this community, died Monday noon after an illness of several months. Although he had not been in the best of health for the past year he did more or less work about the farm until about two months ago when he was stricken with paralysis from which he never rallied. He was taken to a Minot hospital in the hopes that the attendance of a trained nurse and constant medical attention would restore him to health, but without avail. His condition grew worse and realizing that the end was near insisted on being taken home where he might die surrounded by his family.

Mr. Dostert first came to Berthold in 1887 when this was the western terminal of the Great Northern railway. He engaged in farming but dry years followed, and he alone of those who had settled as far west as Lone Tree was able to hold out. He took to ranching and herded his stock over this section until 1900 when the great influx of homesteaders cut off his range and he was once more forced to engage in farming. Since then he has prospered, accumulating considerable farm property and live stock.

Mr. Dostert was born in Luxemburg in 1854, leaving there when a young man, and after spending several years in the eastern states located in Grand Forks. Here in 1884 he was married to Miss Mary von Ruden. Three years later they came to Berthold and took up the homestead upon which they have since resided.

He leaves a widow, seven sons, Victor, of Nashua, Mont., Anton of Foxholm, N. D., John of Lisbon, N. D., William, Frank, Leo and Eddie of Berthold; three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Kohn, Margaret and Rose, all of Berthold; one brother, Peter Dostert of Larimore; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Dohmeier of Grand Forks, and Mrs. Kate Pyle of Ballard, Wash.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning from the Catholic church at Foxholm and interment made in the cemetery near that place.

## "WALLIE" GEORGE KILLED BY AUTO- MOBILE ACCIDENT

Car Turned Completely Over on Burlington Road, Injuring Van Hook Postmaster Fatally.

John W. George, aged 38 years, postmaster at Van Hook, N. D., was fatally injured in a terrible automobile accident, which occurred on the south Minot-Burlington road, about six miles west of the city Monday afternoon, shortly after six o'clock. Wm. O'Leary, Minot's fire chief, who was driving the car, a new Model 38 Overland, was painfully cut and bruised about the mouth and arms. The other occupants of the car, Martin Holt, Tommy Rowan and Fred Price, escaped uninjured. Mr. George passed away in a local hospital Tuesday morning shortly after four o'clock, remaining conscious to the last.

The party had driven to Burlington where Mr. George transacted business and returning via the south road, with Mr. O'Leary at the wheel, the car was traveling along at the rate of 30 miles an hour. When a short distance east of the Lydecker mine, along a level stretch of highway, the car suddenly encountered a rut in the road and turned over completely, righting itself. All members of the party were thrown out. Mr. George was sitting in the front seat with the driver and had turned around to talk to the young men in the rear. From the appearance of his injuries, he must have been struck by the wind shield as the car turned over. His face was laid open across the nose, the left eye torn completely out and the right eye cut across, and the cheek bone crushed. Despite his terrible injuries, Mr. George did not lose consciousness and stood the terrible ordeal that followed with the great nerve that characterized the man. F. Husa, who was on his way to Van Hook, stopped to pick Mr. George up and brot him to a local hospital, where an operation was performed, but he could not withstand the terrible shock.

Mrs. George was notified by phone and she arrived at 12:30, remaining by the side of her husband until death came. Mr. George conversed with his wife and with a number of his friends until a few moments before he died. He appeared to realize his serious condition but did not once whimper. He inquired of his wife concerning the postoffice and told her she could return in the morning.

Mr. George had arranged to take a number of homeseekers to Van Hook and shortly before he was ready to start his own car got a puncture. As

he had business at Burlington, he got Mr. O'Leary to take him to that place while his car was being repaired. He intended returning to Van Hook that night.

"Wallie" George, as he was known to his many friends, came to this section of the state about fifteen years ago. He lived at Valley City for some time and when he first arrived in Ward county he conducted a livery barn at Sawyer. He came here later and was connected with William White in his livery barn that stood where the Northwest Motor Co. is now located. When John J. Lee was elected sheriff Mr. George became his deputy, which position he held for four years. He was a man of nerve and he seldom failed to bring in a criminal when sent out for a law breaker.

Four years ago he became connected with the Jourgen Olson chain of banks and for a time was connected with the bank at Van Hook. A year and a half ago he became Van Hook's first postmaster.

Mr. George was married to Miss Bessie G. Hewitt, Aug. 10, 1907, Judge Wm. Murray performing the ceremony.

Mr. George was born in Virginia, about 50 miles from Washington, D. C., where his parents still reside. He visited at his old home during the holidays. He leaves a brother, Fred George, of Van Hook, and another brother in Chicago, who is on the way to Minot.

Mr. George was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city. He was well known thruout this section of the state and leaves a host of friends who extend sympathy to his grief-stricken wife.

**\$35.00 to \$50.00**

Three blocks of Main street at Manning will be paved this summer.

Open air concerts will be given this summer by the Wahpeton band.

A new brick postoffice building will be erected at Drake by Postmaster Schilling.

The young men around Bottineau will organize a rifle club this spring. Joe Quamme is at the head of the movement.

The new Standing Rock hospital was opened May 1st, and is said to be one of the best equipped hospitals in the Indian service.

Deane Wiley, a South Heart rancher, lost two fine heifers from blackleg. The remainder of the herd were immediately vaccinated and the disease stamped out.

The Anamoose Progress says that Fords and real automobiles are becoming popular in that part of the state.

**Athletic Meet at the Model School.**  
Over fifty boys will take part in the athletic efficiency contests to be held at the Model school of the Minot Normal on Friday afternoon, May 19. That considerable enthusiasm and interest have been worked up is shown by the time and effort the boys are using in practicing for the event. Not only are the boys interested, but the girls have also taken sides and will be on hand to cheer for their favorites. The two teams, Reds and Greens, seem to be so evenly matched that the result of the match will be undecided until the last event is finished.

The meet will be under the direction of the Department of Physical Education with the students acting as officials and in this way getting genuine practice work in conducting athletic contests.

The events will be: 60-yard dash; 220-yard run; standing broad jump; running high jump; pull ups (chinning).

A similar meet for the girls will be held on May 25.

**Youth Gets Four Years for Rape.**  
A Burlington lad, who has been in more or less trouble, was arrested last week, charged with committing the crime of rape in the first degree on a fifteen-year-old Burlington girl. He pleaded guilty before Judge Leighton, who sentenced him to serve four years in the penitentiary. He was out on parole at the time, for a crime which he committed a year or so ago.

**Father-in-Law Died in Missouri.**  
Paul C. Evans of Torning township received word of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Downs, which occurred at his home at Marshall, Mo., recently. Mr. Downs was a wealthy farmer and had resided in Saline county nearly all his life. Death was due to an affection of the heart.

**Norwegians Will Build Church on South-Prairie.**

The Saron Norwegian Lutheran congregation will soon start the erection of a large new church near the cemetery, close to the M. O. Hulberg farm, ten miles south of Minot. Plans are being made for a building 32x48 feet with full basement and the work will be started as soon as the farmers are thru seeding. The church will be worth in the neighborhood of \$3,000 when completed. Rev. Mr. Lonnie, pastor of the Bethania Lutheran church of Minot, is in charge of the Saron congregation.

**Modern Machine Shop for Surrey.**  
J. B. McEown and W. E. McEown have formed a partnership in the automobile business at Surrey. They are specializing on the Empire automobiles and accessories, complete specifications of the car appearing in this issue. They have built a fine machine shop and garage and will install lathe, milling machine and acetylene welding outfit.

## ENJOIN DIVIDE COUNTY OFFICIALS

John Nelson of Ambrose Employs Minot Attorneys to Hold Up Issuance of Bonds for New Court House.

John Nelson, of Ambrose, thru his attorneys, Greenleaf, Wolledge & Lesk, of Minot, has started an action against Divide county, E. M. Truax, O. K. Otterson and Frank Bakewell, commissioners, and W. E. Vadnais, county auditor, to restrain them from issuing or disposing of the court house, setting out that the election was illegal for various reasons. The ballots did not show the rate of interest the bonds should bear; that the notices of election did not state time election was to be held, and that in three precincts, no ballots had been distributed; that the ballots provided for a \$50,000 bond issue while the posted notices called for \$60,000; that the defendants intended to have separate sites for the jail and court house and that the notices combined them. The matter was originally brought before Judge Leighton, but the plaintiff took a change of venue and defendants were ordered to appear before Judge Hanley of the 12th Judicial district at Minot on May 17.

**Berthold Man Charged With Grand Larceny.**

Horace Randall of Berthold was arrested Tuesday charged with grand larceny. He is charged with stealing merchandise from G. N. express cars and from the merchants of that city. A suit of clothing, stolen from a merchant in November, was found in his possession, it is said. He has practically admitted to having stolen the merchandise and will probably plead guilty and take his medicine.

## GREAT INTEREST IN GRADING CONTEST

Three Graders Building Three Miles of Good Roads at Cost of \$87 Per Mile—Attracted Large Crowds.

The road grading contest which has been in progress at a point on the Burlington road, five miles west of Minot, all week, will be completed today. Three road grading machines are in the contest. The county has hired the McDougall engine to pull the machines, paying \$25 a day for the engine and \$5 a day for the operator. At the rate the work is being done, it is estimated that it will cost \$85 per mile to grade the roads, exclusive of the cost of culverts, or cutting down hills or making fills. The work is being done by all of the graders in fine shape, the roads being fit for travel the minute the work is completed.

A large number of people have driven out to watch the operations, which are very interesting. The county will invest in four graders at the conclusion of the contest and may buy more than one kind of grader, as all are doing first class work.

Three miles of the road are being put into first class condition. The commissioners will see that this stretch of highway is dragged after each rain, and some graveling will be done where needed most. The new graders will be placed at Minot, Kenmare, Ryder and Berthold and can be used by the townships in building county roads.

The contest was brot about by the claim of the representative of the Adams grader that his machine would move twice as much dirt in a day as either of the other machines. The representatives of the other graders "rized" right up and declared that it could not move as much dirt.

The Western grader, with John J. Jackson in charge, made the first test, grading 1800 feet with 11 1-2 rounds in 1-2 hours. This grader sells for \$550.

The Adams grader, with Mr. Babcock in charge, graded 3300 feet in less than 7 hours, making nine rounds. The machine throws the dirt to the center very rapidly. The grader costs \$780.

The Russell grader, with W. O. Gorman in charge, is at work today. At this writing we have not learned the result but this is one of the best graders on the market and it is certainly doing some classy work. This grader costs \$700.

**New Optician at Winters Jewelry Store.**

J. H. Ayer, who has been connected with the Stanton Optical Co. of Minneapolis for fourteen years, has accepted a position as manager of the optical department of the Winters Jewelry Co. Mr. Ayer is a first class optician. The optical business of the Winters Co. is growing very fast. This is one of the most complete plants of the kind in the state.

**New Cigar and Candy Store.**

Phil W. Myers has returned from Minneapolis, where he was buying fixtures for a cigar and candy store which he will open in the front portion of the Arcade Theatre. Mr. Myers will conduct a nice up-to-date place which, like all of his other enterprises, will be a big success.

## LESUEUR WOULD ENJOIN LEAGUE

Former Socialist Leader of North Dakota Says Organization Has Undermined Socialists.

Arthur LeSueur, dean of the law department of a Socialist college at Fort Scott, Kansas, was in the city on business Saturday. Mr. LeSueur seems pretty well worked up over the success of the Non-partisan league in the state and hopes that something can be done to undermine the organization.

In conversation with a representative of the Independent, he said, "I would like to see the League enjoined."

"How would you go about it?" he was asked.

"Oh, well, enjoin them on any old pretext. Go after them on the grounds that they had violated the intent of the primary election law. Figure out some excuse or other—anything, just so we can get their goat."

We explained to Mr. LeSueur that we were not particularly anxious to see the League undermined, that it was a farmers' organization and that we hoped it would succeed in doing much good for the farmers.

"It's a pretty note that after I have worked for many years building up a Socialist organization in North Dakota, spending thousands of dollars, that within a few months most of my good work can be undermined," he said. "Why, the league has stolen my thunder and many of our best leaders. There appears to be only a few of the old guard left," he said. "But at any rate, I will have to say that wherever they have stolen one of our Socialist leaders, they have secured a live wire and a man with brains," he added.

## GROW CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Legislator From 29th District Who Championed Good Roads in Last Assembly Will File Petitions.

C. A. Grow, who was a member of the last legislative assembly from the 29th district, has announced his candidacy for the nomination at the June primaries.

Mr. Grow was chairman of the committee on highways. He introduced a number of good roads measures and became the champion for legislation



C. A. GROW.

pertaining to the improvement of our highways. Mr. Grow has taken a prominent part in the building of good roads in North Dakota and would be a very valuable man in the legislature at this time. Mr. Grow's friends predict that his candidacy will meet with the approval of the voters of the district.

## THE HORSE COLLAR.

The horse collar should fit snugly. It should not pinch at the crest of the neck and there should be room enough between the collar and lower part of the neck to admit the hand freely when not pulling. The contact surface of the collar should be smooth and plastic and distributed over as much bearing surface as possible. The incrustations that form on a collar should be removed daily to prevent increased friction. Sweat pads or false collars should not be used except in cases where the animal has been galled or has a collar boil and in this case a window should be cut in the pad so as to prevent the bearing surface of the collar coming in contact with the injured part.—S. O'Toole, North Dakota Experiment Station.

## DRESSING PERCENTAGE.

The average dressing percentage of hogs is 5 while of cattle it is 53 and of sheep 48. Part of this difference is due to the method of figuring. In the case of hogs the hide, head and feet are included in the carcass weight, while in the case of cattle and sheep

the head, hide and feet are not included. Then the hog is very thick fleshed and has a small digestive system. Cattle and sheep have large paunches and digestive systems. Sheep press out lowest due to the wool and the rather light fleshing of the carcass.

The dressing percentage of animals of each class varies widely. This is due to the amount of flesh, especially fat present on the carcass and somewhat to the thickness of the hide and size of the heads and legs, and to the amount of fill or the amount of feed and water present in the digestive tract at the time of slaughtering. For the hogs the dressed percentage varies from 65 to 85 per cent with an average of 75. For cattle it ranges from 48 to 70 per cent with an average of 53 and for sheep from 44 to 56 per cent, with an average of 48 per cent.—W. H. Peters, N. Dak. Experiment Station.

## McCoy Says Weather is Cool in East.

Paul V. McCoy is back from New York City, where he went in the interests of the McCoy department store. Mr. McCoy brought the summer stock for the store for the various departments, securing a fine lot of merchandise at good prices. The business of this concern continues to grow right along and it is becoming a larger task to select the stocks.

Mr. McCoy states that thruout the territory thru which he passed, he found a cold, backward spring and says the farmers are just as far along in the Minot country as they are in the eastern states. They are farther along with their work than those of the Red river valley.

## Federation of Women's Clubs at Crosby.

The North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs are holding their third district convention at Crosby today and the meeting will last until tomorrow. Interesting programs have been arranged for the various sessions. Miss Blanche Lynch of this city, who represents the Musical club, will sing this evening. Pres. A. G. Crane will deliver an address. Mrs. T. N. Yeomans of this city, third district secretary, will render her report Friday. Mrs. Preston Hallman of Minot will render a violin solo. Prof. H. C. Fish of the Minot Normal school will deliver an address on "The North American Indians and Their Treatment." Many other numbers will constitute the programs.

Mrs. J. H. Weinrebe, Mrs. E. O. Dickenson, Mrs. Colcord and others will attend. The various clubs of the city are sending beautiful exhibits for the Arts and Crafts department.

## Mrs. Slocum President of Musical Club.

At the regular meeting of the Wednesday Musical club Tuesday night at the auditorium of the Library, an interesting program in charge of Mrs. Frank Daniels was rendered. Mrs. Carroll rean an interesting paper on Irish music. Miss Stromrud sang, accompanied by Miss Sebbly at the piano. Miss Ruth Ellison sang. A piano solo was rendered by rs. F. H. Waters.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. A. P. Slocum, president; Mrs. W. J. Carroll, vice president; Mrs. Hallman, secretary; Miss Stella Nash, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Daniels, Federation secretary.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Mae Scofield, who will have charge of the program.

## Visit From Alfred Blaisdell.

Alfred Blaisdell, formerly a prominent Minot attorney, now located at Lewistown, Idaho, spent the early part of the week in the city with his brother, J. C. Blaisdell, and his many old time friends. Mr. Blaisdell was formerly Secretary of State of North Dakota. He is doing well in Montana. Geo. W. Burke, formerly of this city, is engaged in the real estate business at Lewistown.

Mr. Blaisdell has spent six months along the Mexican border. He is interested in a number of mining propositions in Mexico which he visited during the past winter, but he does not consider it safe for an American to make his home there. He expects to locate in Mexico later. Mr. Blaisdell says the people along the border are not satisfied with the way in which President Wilson has handled the Mexican situation.

## J. W. George Laid to Rest With Impressive Ceremonies.

The funeral of J. W. George, whose sad death occurred Tuesday morning, was held from the Knights of Pythias Castle Hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The impressive funeral services were in charge of the Minot Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, of which Mr. George was a member. Members of the order attended the funeral in a body. Rev. J. N. MacKenzie, rector of the All Saints' Episcopal church, read the church services and interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

## M. M. Powell Candidate for Commissioner.

The announcement of M. M. Powell for the nomination for county commissioner from the Second district, appeared in this issue. Mr. Powell has resided on a farm in Waterford township for the past fifteen years and is well and favorably known. Before coming to North Dakota he was engaged in the milling business. Mr. Powell is the third candidate to enter the contest from this district.

## TOWN CRIERS CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

Men Interested in Good Advertising Will Organize Club for Study of Problems.

A number of our business men met at the Association of Commerce office rooms Monday evening and talked over the feasibility of organizing a Town Criers Club. B. N. Lesk, who has been a member of the Fargo Town Criers Club for a number of years, explained the working of the club and the great benefits that would accrue to its members.

The cardinal principles of the Town Criers Club are as follows: To promote interest in advertising and kindred subjects.

To encourage and countenance only truthful, upright and clean advertising and advertising methods.

To maintain and improve, so far as may be in its power, the standard of advertising done in this community.

To assist any public organization in planning its publicity work.

To provide such other entertainment for its own members and the public as may seem wise to the officers and members.

The very nature of the business of an advertising club promotes co-operation and friendship among local business men. Most of the meeting programs provide general discussions, in which the members exchange personal experiences. The club meetings soon become experience meetings and the confidential relationship thus established is certain to produce closer friendships and a better feeling all around.

In many cities the Town Criers Club is to all practical purposes the advertising manager for the community.

The word "Truth" stands out boldly in the tenets of the club, and the people who buy their merchandise in Minot will soon know for a certainty that when they read an advertisement in any of our local newspapers that they can fully depend upon the truth of the statements made therein.

It is expected that from the start there will be a membership of upwards of fifty earnest business men.

The organization meeting will take place next Monday evening, May 22nd, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the Association of Commerce.

Any inquiries may be directed to the Secretary of the Association of Commerce, who will be only too glad to give all information possible.

## BIG SEAT SALE FOR U. C. T. VAUDEVILLE

Remember the Dates, Friday and Saturday Nights, May 19 and 20, at the Opera House.

Practically all of the seats for "Ye Old Tyme" Vaudeville show which will be put on at the opera house by local talent under the auspices of the U. C. T. have been sold. The entertainments will be given Friday and Saturday nights of this week. We would like to publish the program but Ira Wight, who by the way is one of the star performers, and who has considerable to do with the management of the attraction, will not permit us to give any names. The show is going to be a hum-dinger. In addition to many local numbers, several stars from outside of the city will appear on the program.

The money to be raised will be used in defraying the expenses incurred by the entertainment of the guests at the U. C. T. convention to be held in Minot in June. You will get your money's worth by attending this show, besides you will be assisting the best lot of boosters we have in Minot.

## High Price for Produce.

Farmers, bring in your produce and we will guarantee to give you the highest market price. We will pay until further notice 30 cents a pound for good dairy butter, 20 cents a dozen for eggs and 75 cents a bushel for potatoes. We call attention to our big sale, advertisement of which appears elsewhere in this issue, and you will not only get the highest market price for your produce, but can buy your merchandise at exceedingly low prices. Minot Department Store, J. and L. Goldberg, Props.

## Car Load of Sewer Tile.

We are pleased to announce that we have just received a car load of sewer tile and are in a position to fill orders. We have received several carloads of barn lumber and other building material. There is one thing that you should take into consideration when you are going to buy building material and that is that this yard is certain to have just what you will need. And then, you will get it at the right price. A boy can buy just as cheaply at this yard as a man. Everybody is treated alike and on the square. We will be pleased to have a share of your business and we want to say to the many customers who have patronized this yard, that we appreciate your business. Rogers Lumber Yard, H. S. Johnson, Manager.