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M'COY LEASES ANDERSON BLOCK

New Furniture Store Will Occupy the Entire Main Floor and Basement of Five Story Building.

Paul V. McCoy, president of the McCoy Furniture Co., the new \$50,000 corporation which will soon be in readiness for business, has just closed a lease for the main floor and basement of Frank Anderson's block, now under construction, just opposite the Federal building. The furniture store will occupy the entire main floor of the building, which is 60 feet wide running back the entire length of the lot. The building is now up to the second story and will be rushed to completion.

Mr. McCoy left Saturday for Chicago to take the manager of the store, I. C. Cooksey, with whom he will spend several days buying the complete new stock of furniture and furnishings for the store. They intend to visit Grand Rapids, Mich.

The store will be opened on or before Sept. 1.

WAR IS MURDER

New York Sun: To Professor Lyon Phelps of Yale university belongs the honor of giving the doctrine of peace at any price its best because briefest expression. The professor compressed mountains of pacifist oratory into this tabloid form of courage and wisdom in equal parts:

"World peace is to be obtained only through the ignominy, for its sake, of a martyred nation. I hope our nation will be that one. Patriotism is an illusion. To spill blood on the flag degrades it more than to spit on it. War is murder; if we take up arms we should give up religion. War will go the way of duelling, not because it is brutal, but because it is silly. It is an anachronism, a reversion to barbarism. Whatever the pacifists are, they are not cowards."

GEORGE S. LOFTUS EQUITY LEADER DIES AT ST. PAUL

Passed Away Sunday Night at home of Sister in St. Paul After Year's Illness from Cancer of Bowels

George S. Loftus, sales manager of the Equity Co-operative Exchange, died Sunday night at 8:50 o'clock at the home of his sister in St. Paul, after an illness of almost a year.

The death of Mr. Loftus, while not unexpected, comes as a great shock to a large number of people over the state of North Dakota, especially so to the members of the Equity, whose battles Mr. Loftus had been fighting since he became connected with the organization.

A telegram received at Equity headquarters stated that Mr. Loftus suffered terribly toward the last, his ailment being one that caused great suffering all during his illness. His death was due to cancer of the bowels.

Mr. Loftus was 43 or 44 years of age. He leaves a wife, three daughters and one son, in the immediate family, all of whom were with him at the time of his death. The deceased was born in Wisconsin. For a number of years he was connected with one of the leading western railroads and was considered one of the greatest rate experts of the northwest. After leaving the railroad business Mr. Loftus entered the commission business, being an active member of the firm of Loftus-Hubbard Co. In July, 1912, he became sales manager of the Equity, and after his connection with that organization traveled considerably throughout the state of North Dakota, where he became known to practically every farmer of the commonwealth.

Mr. Loftus was taken ill at Minot Aug. 5, 1915. He had spoken at a big Equity meeting at New Rockford the day before and had just arrived in Minot when he became quite ill. He was eating lunch with the writer when he complained of feeling very ill and left to consult a physician. He went to Florida for his health, spending all of last winter there. There were times during his illness when he was not expected to recover, but his remarkable constitution pulled him through each occasion. Of late, he has been receiving treatment from a specialist in New York city.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a large number of friends from over the northwest attending the sad rites.

Mr. Loftus was born in De Soto, Wis., Aug. 26, 1873, and came with his parents to Minneapolis in 1882. During his first year in Minneapolis he worked as a newsboy, but at 10 years of age he got a place as messenger in the freight department of the Minneapolis & St. Louis. He was chief clerk in the department at 20. Later he went to the St. Paul and Duluth as assistant general freight agent. When that road was absorbed into the Northern Pacific system Mr. Loftus was 27 years old. He decided to go into business, and became associated with L.

F. Hubbard, former governor of Minnesota, in the Loftus-Hubbard company, dealing in grain and hay. The company first operated in St. Paul, but later moved its offices to Minneapolis.

Mr. Loftus soon came in conflict with the railroad companies on rate matters. He first attacked some of the roads for rebating practices, securing the conviction of three roads for violating the federal law. He took up the question of "reciprocal demurrage" and got laws enacted by Minnesota and several other states, requiring railroad companies to pay shippers for delays in furnishing cars but these laws were declared invalid by the courts.

Better success attended Mr. Loftus' tilt with the sleeping car companies. He filed a complaint with the interstate commerce commission attacking the prevailing rates for berths as excessive. This finally resulted in an order applying the country over, making upper berths 20 per cent cheaper than "lowers." Mr. Loftus was active in the campaign for lower freight and passenger rates in Minnesota, which resulted in the rate laws of 1907, later upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

He became interested in politics and came into contact with R. M. LaFollette, then governor and now senator from Wisconsin. They became warm personal friends, and in the campaigns of 1908 and 1912 Mr. Loftus worked hard for LaFollette's nomination as president. He served for years as president of the Progressive republican league of Minnesota. Mr. Loftus backed Senator B. E. Sundberg of Kennedy, Minn., in his famous complaint against excessive express rates, which resulted in sweeping rate reductions some time before the parcel post legislation was enacted.

Opposes Chamber of Commerce
The latter years of Mr. Loftus' active work were devoted to work as manager for the Equity Co-operative exchange.

The funeral was held from the Gethsemane Episcopal church in Minneapolis, and interment took place at Lakewood cemetery in Minneapolis.

Pall-bearers were J. C. Leum of Mayville, Louis Noltmeier, Valley City; F. B. Wood, Deering; Magnus Johnson, Kimball, Minn.; Benjamin Drake, Minneapolis, and James Manahan, St. Paul.

JAIL CHARGE CUTS THROAT

Resident of Ray Suicides in Williston With Razor Given Him to Shave With.

Williston, N. D., July 19.—James Wheeler, who was confined in the county jail at this place on a charge of blind pigging, and who was a resident of Ray, committed suicide in the jail by nearly severing his head from his body with a razor. He had been given a razor several times with which to shave himself, and no one thought of him having suicidal ideas. After shaving he handed the razor back to the attendant, but asked for it again, as he had not gotten a good shave. When he received the razor the second time he immediately slashed his throat, dying almost immediately.

FOXHOLM FARMER DROWNED IN THE MOUSE

Albert Olson, Aged 38 Years, Met Death While Bathing Sunday Evening.

Albert Olson, aged 38 years, one of the old settlers up Mouse river northeast of Foxholm, met death from drowning in Mouse river while bathing Sunday evening. The body was not recovered until Monday afternoon. The funeral was held Tuesday, interment being made in the Vaagen cemetery near the old Qvestad postoffice.

Olson and his wife's brother, Sam Vaagen, had gone to the river to bathe. Olson, who was a good swimmer, started to swim across the river, which is quite wide at this point, when he sank beneath the glacial surface of the stream. It is believed that he had heart failure or was taken with cramps.

Mr. Olson had lived in that vicinity for the past fourteen years. He leaves a wife and four children who have the sympathy of a host of friends.

RAISING ASSESSMENTS IN ALL TOWNSHIPS

The county commissioners sitting as a board of equalization will complete their work this week. They are raising the assessments in all townships on farm lands an average of about 20 per cent, and are also raising the personal taxes to meet the requirements of the state board of equalization. All assessment books are now in.

Old Degenerate Guilty of Attacking Babe.

James Connor, the old degenerate who attacked the little four-year-old Britton girl in a Soo box car recently, was tried in district court this week. After the state had introduced its revolting testimony, Connors changed his plea to guilty of an attempt to commit rape. The old man is 60 years old and instead of being sent to the penitentiary, he should spend the remainder of his worthless days in an insane asylum.

Auslander Injured When Car Upsets

Henry Auslander was quite badly injured Monday evening in an auto accident on the way to his farm south of the city. He was running along at a rapid speed when his car went off a grade. He was pinned under the car and his arm and shoulder were painfully injured. The machine was badly wrecked.

WILL DEDICATE LARGE MEMORIAL PIPE ORGAN

Beautiful Instrument Presented by E. Ellison and Family to First Lutheran Church Is Installed

The beautiful memorial pipe organ presented to the First Lutheran church by Mr. E. Ellison and family in memory of their deceased sons, Wilhelm and Edward O., will be dedicated next Sunday morning.

The work of installing the large, beautifully toned instrument was completed Wednesday. The organ was manufactured by the Hinner Organ Co., of Pekin, Ill., and contains over 800 pipes. Experts who have played it state that no better organ is manufactured.

Rev. Sigurd Ylvisaker, Ph. D., professor at the Decorah, Ia., Lutheran college, will deliver the dedicatory address in the Norwegian language Sunday morning. He is a brother of the late Mrs. Larsen, wife of Rev. Larsen, for many years pastor of the First Lutheran church. He spent considerable time in Minot, having charge of the church for a time while Mr. and Mrs. Larsen were in the west and was a close personal friend of the popular young men in whose memory the organ is erected. Rev. T. F. Gullixson, the popular pastor of the church, will direct the choir of thirty voices at the morning services and also in the concert Sunday and Monday evening.

Wilhelm Ellison was born June 7, 1894, and died at Decorah, Ia., while at school, Oct. 7, 1912.

Dr. Edward O. Ellison was born July 11, 1889 and died in this city Aug. 13, 1915, being the victim of drowning. Both of these young men were most popular in the city. They had taken great interest in church work and had often expressed the wish that a pipe organ might some day be installed.

Two organ recitals will be given, one Sunday evening and the other on Monday evening, by Prof. Carl Rupprecht, a musician of note, who has appeared at the Chicago Auditorium and other well known places. He is on his way to Glacier park for an out-



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ing and it was fortunate that his services could be secured. The small admission of 35 cents will be charged at each recital, to defray the expenses. The following is the program for Monday evening:

Concert Overture—A. Hollins.
Toccata in C—J. S. Bach.
Andante Cantabile from Fourth Symphony—C. M. Widor.
Caprice in B Flat—A. Guilmant.
Vocal Solo, "Come Unto Me"—Miss Ruth Ellison.
Sonata No. 6.—F. Mendelssohn.
Variations de Concert—J. Bonnet.
126th Psalm, Wenerberg—By Miss Martha Reishus and Chorus.
Psalm 94—J. Reubke.
Meditation—Morandi.
Bell Rondo—Morandi.
Vocal Solo, "O, Divine Redeemer"—Miss Olga Stromrud.
Marche Funebre et Chant Seraphique—A. Guilmant.
The Holy Night—D. Buck.
Pomp and Circumstances—E. Elgar.
At Monday's recital there will be three numbers by Mr. Rupprecht, several by the chorus and vocal solos will be rendered by Miss Sigrid Reishus and Miss Nora Fauchald, the latter just back from Brooklyn, where she has received musical training.

ORPET ACQUITTED OF MURDERING LAMBERT GIRL

Wm. Orpet, the Madison, Wis., university student, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Marian Lambert, was found not guilty after the jury had been out five hours. On the first ballot the vote stood 11 to 1 for acquittal.

Detectives Dismissed

Stocking and McGillcuddy, the G. N. detectives who were arrested on a charge of shooting at Joe Romatka and wife, were released by Judge Lynch at their hearing Wednesday. The men had been hasty in shooting at the machinist and his wife, but they were not guilty of any intent at wrong.

FIVE STORY FIRE- PROOF BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

Minot Auto Co. Have Plans for New \$85,000 Building, 100 Foot Front Two Acre Floor Space

Plans have been drawn by Architect Frost for a new five story fire-proof building for the Minot Auto Co. with a 100-foot front at an approximate cost of \$85,000, the erection of which will be under way within the next two weeks and will be pushed to completion at the earliest possible date.

This new building will be erected north of the present quarters of the Minot Auto company and will give them 225 feet frontage and a floor space of nearly two acres. Their new quarters will be in an ideal location from a wholesale standpoint, as the Soo Line already has a side track along one side of the building. It is also splendidly located from a retail standpoint on account of being located at the head of the viaduct—one of the busiest corners in Minot.

The Minot Auto company has found it necessary to erect this new building on account of the wonderful growth of its Overland business during the past three years. They now have one of the largest distributing contracts under the Overland factory, having sold over 2,500 Overland automobiles during the past twelve months.

This building will be equipped with an elevator, will be practically all glass on three sides, and when finished it will, together with their present quarters, which will still be used, provide the Minot Auto company with the most complete and up-to-date automobile establishment in the middle west.

The entire ground floor will be used for show room, offices and stock room. The show room will occupy a space approximately 50x100 feet. It will be equipped with tile floors. Plate glass windows will be used along the entire north side facing the viaduct leading to the Great Northern passenger depot and plate glass windows will face Second street. It is the Minot Auto company's intention to have a show room that will rival in beauty and convenience any display room of its kind in this part of the country—a display room that will be sufficiently large and attractive to properly display all the new Overland models.

The entrance to the offices will also front on Second street and they will be spacious and fully in keeping with the size and progressiveness of the Minot Auto company. A large portion of the ground floor will be used for stock room, in which will be carried a large stock of parts for all Overland and Willys-Knight models. It is the aim of the Minot Auto company to be able to supply all Overland cars in their territory with any repair parts that ever may be needed, promptly. They deem it one of the most important features of the automobile business to be equipped so that they can give immediate service to owners of Overland cars.

All the partitions will be removed from the present garage floor. This will give them 100 square feet space for transient storage. It is their intention also to use one entire floor of their new building for transient storage. This will provide facilities for storing at least 200 cars. In this department will be carried a complete line of automobile supplies for the convenience of motorists.

Another entire floor of the new building will be given over to the use of the repair department and will be completely fitted with all modern equipment. It is the intention of the management to secure a corps of expert mechanics, who are specialists in their respective branches of automobile repair work.

On the top floor two wash racks will be placed in charge of competent men. These will be fitted so that warm water will be provided, which has been found to give much better results for washing cars. This feature of the Minot Auto company's service will fill a long felt want in Minot, as it has heretofore been practically impossible for an owner to have his car washed without a great deal of delay.

The paint shop will also be located on the top floor and will be fitted with a dust-proof drying room and will be in charge of an experienced and competent painter. This will afford an opportunity for car owners in Minot to have their machines refinished and made as attractive in appearance as they were when first turned out from the factory. This feature will be very much appreciated by car owners of Minot, as heretofore it has not been possible to have refishing done in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

When the Minot Auto company is established in their new quarters they estimate that they will employ between seventy-five and a hundred people and as practically all branches of the automobile business require experienced help or in other words, highly salaried people, they estimate that their annual pay-roll will run very close to \$100,000 per year. This will without doubt greatly exceed the payroll of any other private undertaking in the City of Minot. As every dollar of this money is being spent among Minot business firms, this should entitle the Minot Auto company to the most hearty support of Minot business interests.

Thos. Waddick Joins the Benedicts

Tom Waddick, manager of Myers & Co., grain commission brokers of this city, stole a march on the knowing ones by slipping away quietly about ten days ago, returning Wednesday evening with his bride, formerly Miss Helga Holt of Fargo. The happy couple journeyed to Hudson, Wis., where they were quietly married last Saturday. Hudson was the scene of their courtship when they were children at school and naturally its romantic associations held many memories that were dear to them, consequently it was selected as the place to plight their vows. On account of a press of work at this time it was not convenient for them to take an extended wedding trip but later they plan a delightful trip west, intending to spend a few months on the coast and possibly a trip to Honolulu. The Independent extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Waddick.

SCARCITY OF FIRST CLASS WORKMEN

So Many Buildings Under Construction That Labor is Scarce—Many Fine Buildings Planned.

Architect Woodruff informs the Independent that building operations are being hampered greatly by a shortage of skilled workmen. In spite of the fact that they are paying first class brick-layers 85 cents an hour and 65 cents for first class carpenters at the present time, contractors of this city are bending every energy to secure a sufficient supply of workmen. The plans are now in readiness for the new A. Baker block which will be erected on East Central avenue. This building will be 46 by 70 feet in size, with two stories and full basement. Fronting on Central avenue and Third street, on Third street will be one store and on Central avenue there will be two. The upper floor will be occupied by apartments. This building will add quite materially to the general appearance of this section of the city. Other buildings for which plans have been drawn are the Shaw-Brunner block on First street S. E., which will be 140 by 37 1-2 feet and two stories in height—the front portion will be three stories. A full basement will afford the Emerson-Todd Auto Co every facility for storage purposes. The first floor will be occupied by them as a salesroom and for office quarters. Work is progressing nicely on the extension of the Minot Transfer Co.'s block adjoining the Shaw-Brunner block and it is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by August 1. The big McCoy block on S. Main street will be started within a few days. This block will have a frontage of 50 feet and a depth of 134 feet. It will be three stories with full basement. Mrs. M. E. Dwirig has had plans drawn for a fine building which she will erect at the corner of S. Main and Third avenue. This building will be two stories and basement, but the plans call for walls capable of supporting two additional floors, which will be added later. The first floor will contain stores while the upper floors will be fitted up as apartments.

CARNIVAL MAN WAS ARRESTED AT CARPIO

E. T. Baird Pays Fine of \$10 and Costs for Operating Skin Games in Connection With His Shows.

E. T. Baird, who had charge of a carnival show which appeared at Carpio Tuesday, was arrested and brot to Minot that afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Vandover and Shirley, charged with operating several gambling devices. The gambling paraphernalia was confiscated. Baird pleaded guilty before Judge Murray, who gave him a fine of \$10 with \$24 costs. The complaint was made by Rev. C. W. Finwall, who is working with Watkins. Baird's devices were very crude. There were posts and rings, so many throws for a dime. The sheriff says he could not drive one of those rings over the post with a sledge hammer.

Negro Pleads Guilty to Assault.

James Butler, colored, who in a jealous fit cut the throat of his sweetheart, Marie Richardson, at a Fourth of July picnic, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do great bodily harm. The woman has about recovered.

Richardson Guilty of Pettit Larceny

Wm. Richardson, charged with grand larceny, was convicted in district court Wednesday on a lesser charge, petit larceny. Richardson was charged with stealing a copper boiler from the Granite Springs Products company. He claimed he had bought the boiler from hobo. It was shown that he had visited the company twice endeavoring to buy the old boiler, which was worth nearly \$100.

Received Both Nominations.

Wm. Murray, candidate for county judge and R. W. Kennard for county auditor, have received their certificates of nomination on both the republican and democratic county tickets and their names will appear on both ballots at the November election.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MAKES \$113,000 LEVY

L. J. Palda New Chairman of Board—T. F. Renwald and Mrs. Youmans Library Board.

The annual meeting of the board of education of the Minot Special school district was held Tuesday evening. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were accepted.

L. J. Palda was elected chairman of the board for the ensuing year. L. J. Byerly was elected secretary and Sorren O. Hagen, treasurer.

Mrs. T. N. Yeomans and T. F. Renwald are the new members of the public library board. The board of education levied \$113,000 for school purposes and named the Second National bank as depository for the ensuing year.

NEWCOMER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

S. Korden of Minneapolis Drank Four Ounces of Lysol But Lives to Tell the Tale—Trouble Over Ring

S. Korden, a recent arrival in Minot, attempted to commit suicide at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home just west of the Home hotel. He wrote a lengthy note to his wife and then drank the contents of a four-ounce bottle of Lysol. When a doctor arrived 30 minutes later, Korden was unconscious. He was taken to the hospital where he regained consciousness after several hours. He is recovering nicely and will probably be taken home today.

He appears to be sorry for his act and it is believed that he hasn't the sand to try the feat over.

Korden lives in one of the small houses in the west end of the city with a woman he claims is his wife and with his sister. It appears that he had taken possession of a diamond ring belonging to the woman he calls his sister. This caused a rumpus and he grew despondent and decided to shuffle off. The man and the woman recently came to Minot from the Twin Cities.

In his note Korden said he was nothing but a criminal anyway and had nothing to live for.

GREAT JULY SALE AT M'COYS

Complete Announcement of Big Event Made This Week—Will Attract Buyers from Long Distance.

Complete Announcement of the annual July Clearance Sale at the Mc- Coy Department stores, appears in this issue.

This sale will prove the greatest July event in the history of the state. The business at Minot's fast growing store has been growing each month and the stocks are larger and better than ever. Bargains will be given in every one of the eleven departments and the sale will undoubtedly attract a great many buyers from a long distance.

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COST OF PRINT MAKES REMARKABLE LEAP— PRICE MORE THAN DOUBLES DURING FOUR MONTHS

Print paper has just taken another tremendous leap. The Independent has just placed an order for a car-load of print at the remarkably high price of \$5.50 per hundred weight, which with freight added will make this print cost us \$6.00 per hundred. We were fortunate to get the acceptance of this order under any circumstances, for we are large users of print and we are determined to keep in the game regardless of cost.

The car of print which we have just ordered will cost us fully \$1,000 more than the last car which we received. We use nearly three carloads of print paper each year, more than any other exclusive weekly newspaper in North Dakota. At this rate, our print will cost us approximately \$3,000 more per year, in addition to a great increase in the cost of inks, and other printing materials.

The Independent has been compelled to increase its subscription price from \$1.00 per year to \$1.50—not much of an increase, but enough to enable us to keep running. Were we not to do this, it would be impossible to continue the publication, for we should do so at a great loss. With the new price in effect, we will be enabled to keep on giving our readers the best weekly newspaper in northwestern North Dakota, which we propose to do. This increase is but very slight, an average of only a penny a week, but we believe that our readers will agree with us that it is quite necessary. All who are paid in advance, naturally, will not be affected by this increase until the expiration, but from this date on, the subscription price of the Independent will be \$1.50 per year. All who are in arrears will be charged up to the present time at the old rate, \$1.00 per year, but the price in advance of this date is \$1.50. Canadian subscriptions received at the rate of \$2.00 per annum.