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WARD COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT DIES NEAR CITY

Mrs. Maren Larson, Aged 92 Years,
Passed Away at Home of Sons,
Olaf and Martin Larson

Mrs. Maren Larson, mother of Olaf and Martin Larson, prominent farmers residing seventeen miles south of this city, passed away at the home of her sons Monday evening at 7 o'clock. She would have been 92 years of age had she lived until next January.

Mrs. Larson was born in Norway in 1827 and came to America, locating in Mitchell county, Iowa. In 1872 she accompanied her husband to Traill county, North Dakota, where she lived for many years. Her husband died twelve years ago and two years later Mrs. Larson came to Ward county to live with her sons.

She lived a long and useful life. Although she was born away back in the year 1825 and was permitted to live many years longer than the average, she retained her mental faculties to a remarkable degree. "Grandma" Larson with her kindly ways will be sadly missed from around the Larson fire-side.

The following children are left to mourn: Carl of Canada; Martin and Olaf of Minot; Mrs. Gunderson and Mrs. Voight of Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. Lerun of Buxton, N. D.

The funeral was held from the Larson home this afternoon at 8 o'clock, the remains being interred in the Highland cemetery. Rev. T. F. Gullikson, pastor of the First Lutheran church, preached a comforting sermon. The funeral was in charge of E. J. Gobel of the Weinrebe undertaking parlors.

It is believed that Mrs. Larson was the county's very oldest resident.

AWARDS IN REAR YARD CONTEST

Pictures of Many Minot Homes Were
Shown at the Presbyterian
Church Monday Evening

The prizes for the rear yard contest as conducted by the City Beautifying League during the past summer were awarded at the Presbyterian church Monday evening at a meeting attended by a large number of interested citizens.

Following is a list of the winners in the various contests:

- Rear Yard Contest
- Maurice Kato—First, \$15.
- Kathleen Hutchison—Second, \$10.
- Mrs. G. D. Colcord—Third, \$5.
- James Newlove—Fourth, \$2.50.
- Raymond Zlevor—Fifth, \$2.50.
- Bernice Hopkins—Sixth, \$1.50.
- Ophelia Thompson—Seventh, \$1.50.

Honorable Mention
R. W. DuVall.
F. A. Ernst.
Bessie Hankla.
Earl Holmes.
Mary Leighton.
John McFall.
John Perkert.
Mrs. Iver Quale.
Mrs. A. A. Robinson.
Clarence Shute.
Katherine Watch.
Winner of Loving Cup—Mrs. J. H. Weinrebe.

The beautiful silver loving cup presented in this contest was inscribed with the following:
Association of Commerce
Secretary's Cup
Presented
to
Mrs. J. H. Weinrebe
for
Best Appearing Lawn
City Beautifying Campaign
1916

Honorable Mention
R. W. DuVall.
G. D. Colcord.
R. E. Hopkins.
Dr. J. T. Newlove.
H. A. Thompson.
Jerry Zlevor.

The awards were made by President A. C. Crane of the Minot Normal school, who delivered the main address of the evening. Mr. Crane is himself a gardener of more than ordinary ability and takes great interest in the work of making the city more beautiful. He said that Minot has been growing so rapidly that there are necessarily many spots that are torn up and not very attractive to the eye. He stated that it was the duty of all who can take an interest in beautifying the city. Those who do are making the property of all more valuable. He spoke of the work that is being done by the little children in planting gardens and said that the girls were making equally as good records as the boys.

W. A. Peck, better farming agent, was the first speaker. He urged the parents to interest their children in the work of gardening and said that one way to interest them would be to pay the children a reasonable price for the vegetables which they grew,

as all children like a little spending money.

Will O. Doolittle, the efficient city park superintendent, was chairman of the meeting and explained what the women of the city had done in encouraging the work of beautifying the city. He praised among others, the members of the general committee comprising Mrs. C. B. Davis, Mrs. T. J. Vincent, Mrs. J. H. Weinrebe, Mrs. E. S. Person and Orrin M. Pierce. The park superintendent was also a member of the committee but he didn't claim any of the credit. Mrs. Davis had charge of the publicity and she did a fine job. Mrs. Weinrebe did her part as head of the finance committee, as all bills were paid with plenty of money for the prizes. Orrin Pierce was interested in the work of encouraging the railroads and city commission to work with the committee. The park superintendent had charge of the rear yard contest.

The judges in the rear yard contest were John H. Lewis, Robert B. Stacy-Judd and Mr. Woodford. Messrs. Stacy-Judd and Lewis rode 50 miles in an auto judging the yards. The slides for the pictures shown at the meeting were prepared by Mr. Woodford, who has demonstrated that he is an artist in this line. Pictures of the winning yards before and after the work was done on them were displayed, together with beautiful views of the work done in the city parks, and the beautiful gardens at the Minot normal.

The silver loving cup was awarded to Mrs. J. H. Weinrebe, who according to the committee, arranged the most attractive rear and front yards. Mr. and Mrs. Weinrebe have a magnificent home, made all the more beautiful by the artistic arrangement of trees, vines, shrubbery and a beautiful lawn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weinrebe have done a great deal of work around their home and have surroundings that would be a credit to any city home. The cup was presented by Mr. W. E. Holbein, secretary of the Commercial club, and it bears a suitable inscription. Mr. Weinrebe himself in a few well chosen remarks, expressed the thanks of himself and Mrs. Weinrebe for the recognition.

There were in the neighborhood of 125 yards in the contest and some very creditable work was done. This is only a starter.

At the opening of the program Mrs. O. B. Herigstad and Miss Stromsrud rendered delightful vocal solos.

THE NEW MANAGER

Mr. F. B. Wood of Deering, N. D., has been chosen by the officials of the Equity Co-operative Exchange for manager of their new livestock department in South St. Paul.

Mr. Wood is already on the job and thus far he has been able to get a complete force together with the exception of a cattle salesman. He is in Chicago this week looking for a cattle salesman and looking up an outlet for feeder cattle.

The members of the South St. Paul Live Stock Exchange have refused the farmers a membership and they will open for business on that market on October 1, as an independent company.

Prior to settling at Deering, N. D., Mr. Wood was for years in the livestock business, buying, selling and shipping, but since locating at Deering he has been interested only as a grower. He will give the department his entire time and attention and all farmers who are acquainted with Mr. Wood know that he will make a success of the new department.

Bantry Youth in Trouble

A Bantry youth sixteen years of age was arrested Monday and taken to the police station. He was caught climbing up the fire escape at the Lexington hotel and it is presumed that he was going to help himself to whatever he could find. He has been in trouble before and has been turned over to the juvenile court officer.

L. W. W.'S CRIPPLE SEPARATOR

Ray, Sept. 23.—L. W. W.'s are believed to be responsible for the partial destruction of Albert Barwick's threshing machine, rocks and implements having been fed into the separator by members of the operating crew. Three L. W. W.'s were discharged and threatened the owner, but other workmen prevented trouble.

LELAND DEPARTMENT STORE IS READY

Big Emporium Out With Unusual
Fall Announcement Quoting Low
Prices in Various Departments.

The Leland Department Store is out with a big announcement this week concerning its readiness for the fall business. It takes work for a big department store to trim its sails for a big fall's business. First the buyer has to visit the most important market centers of the east and it is not such an easy task to secure plenty of merchandise at the right price. The Leland, however, very fortunately anticipated its wants on staple lines early enough to get taken care of before the exceedingly high prices so that the advance in price is hardly noticeable.

The Leland never before carried such large stocks and the business at present has shown a big gain over that of a year ago.

Prices are quoted in the big announcement this week which ought to prove tempting to buyers.

EBY & YOUNG TO BUILD AUTO GARAGE

Buick Concern Starts Work on New
\$35,000 Structure—Will be Ready
Early in the Spring.

Eby & Young, the well known Buick dealers, have purchased the lot at the corner of First street and Fourth avenue southwest, and have started work on the erection of a large garage which will front 75 feet on First street and 140 feet on Fourth avenue.

Architect Stacy-Judd is working on the plans. The building will be fire-proof thruout and will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000. The basement will be finished this fall and the superstructure will be built early in the spring.

The building will contain no pillars, the roof being carried by heavy truss work, which will leave the entire floor space free from obstructions. Instead of elevators to transfer cars from one story to another, there will be elevation driveways so constructed that cars can be driven from one to the other as easily as along an ordinary street.

The garage will be one of the very finest in the west.

SINCLAIR HAS FORMULA

Editor McLaughlin and J. J. Sinclair from Kenmare were among the large number from the Goose-neck who came down Wednesday to hear Bryan. The editor says he brought Sinclair along because he had the formula for mixing grape juice punch.

M'COY'S FALL OPENING TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY

Special Decorations Will Characterize
This Big Annual Event—Stocks
Are Now on Display

The McCoy Department store's formal fall opening will begin Monday, Oct. 2. The opening is later than usual this year, owing to a delay in the arrival of the new fall merchandise. The stocks are all now on display and the store has never appeared more attractive.

During the week a special sale will be held in the ready-to-wear department. Special prices will be given on suits, coats, dresses, etc.

R. B. Thompson, the new window decorator, is preparing two very attractive windows. This is the first real opportunity he has had to show his ability and the windows will be scrutinized closely by the public.

C. E. DeNoun, the manager, states that never before has the store been in as good shape to accommodate the public as now.

WILL SOON OPEN FINE NEW FURNITURE STORE

McCoy's New Store Will be Ready in
About Two Weeks—Some
of the Stock Arrives

The new McCoy Furniture Store will be ready for business in the new Anderson block in about two weeks. Some of the furniture has arrived and car loads more are on the way. The building is nearing completion and the work of unpacking the stock will start in a few days. L. C. Cooksey, the manager, and Paul V. McCoy, president of the company, are giving the store their personal attention and they state that they will show the people of the northwest one of the state's biggest and best stores of its kind.

"Within a short time we will be in a position to furnish the home from kitchen utensils and stoves up. We will handle furniture, furnishings, draperies, etc., to start with and add the other lines just as quickly as possible. We will conduct either a cash business or will sell on the easy payment plan," is the statement given to an independent representative by Mr. McCoy.

LOST FOUR CALVES.

Estrayed, Sept. 10, from my home two miles west and three and a half miles north of Minot, four spring calves, one black, two red and one white spotted. Reward. Jos. Linnetz, Minot, N. D., R. 2. Rural phone, Burlington. 9-28-16

NONPARTISANS INDORSE OPLAND FOR SENATE

Hettinger, N. D., Sept. 23.—At a meeting of Nonpartisan league delegates of this senatorial district, O. H. Opland was indorsed for the state senate, to run against H. P. Jacobson, the republican nominee. Opland will be balloted as an independent candidate.

TASKER GRAINMAN WEDS INDIANA GIRL

Bit of Romance Connected With the
Marriage This Afternoon of W.
S. Smith and Miss Grace Bishop.

W. S. Smith, a prominent grain dealer from Tasker, was united in marriage by Judge Wm. Murray this afternoon to Miss Grace M. Bishop of London, Indiana. A wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Bryant at Tasker this evening at six o'clock, a number of friends enjoying the feast. The happy couple are comfortably situated at Tasker.

There appears to be a bit of romance connected with the marriage of the couple. They had never met until yesterday, but they had corresponded and considered that their two hearts could beat as one. Miss Bishop arranged to meet her future husband in Minot, each wearing a red rose to make identification easy. Owing to the excellent train service, the bride-to-be arrived a day early and missing Mr. Smith, traveled by auto to Tasker. Mr. Smith was in Minot but located Miss Bishop at Tasker and she returned to the city that afternoon.

While the bride is a stranger in the state, those who have met her declare that she is unusually attractive and a woman who will do her part in making a comfortable home for her husband in the west. Mr. Smith is regarded highly by all who know him and the couple have the very best wishes of many friends.

OSCAR EPSTEIN WILL BUILD TWO STORY BLDGK

Grocer Buys Lindberg Lot and Will
Erect \$10,000 Brick Block
This Fall.

Oscar Epstein, one of Minot's successful grocers, has bought the Mrs. Martha Lindberg lot, 45x50 feet, facing Second avenue southeast, near Main street, and will start the erection of a new business block at once, which he will occupy as soon as it is completed. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The building will be two stories high with a full basement and will be constructed of brick. Architect Geo. Bugenhagen is working on the plans and Mr. Epstein hopes the building will be completed in two months.

City Water Unsafe.

The city water has again been declared unsafe for drinking purposes, but one may wash his "tootsies" in it if he is careful to wipe them vigorously with a clean towel.

THE "DIXIE GIRL" IS A REAL DIXIE GIRL

Beautiful Motion Picture Star in the
"Dixie-Flyer" Films is a Native
of "Old Kentuck"

Helen Prettyman Arnold, the clever little screen favorite who created "The Dixie Girl" in the film play "The Dixie Highway," is a native of Kentucky, where most pretty girls are supposed to come from, and playing the "Dixie Girl" was to Helen just being her own natural captivating self.

Helen Prettyman Arnold is the fortunate and envied young lady chosen by the critics of the World Film Corporation as the most beautiful and the most perfect photographic type in the twelve thousand contestants considered in their recent Beauty and Brains contest, and of the thousands of movie fans who have since been captivated by her beautiful face and clever work in the film productions of that company, not one has found fault with the decision of the critics. To be acclaimed "the fairest in twelve thousand" would seem to be quite enough to turn pretty Helen's head, and it probably would if she had that kind of a head—but she hasn't, the "Dixie Girl" is a very sensible little girl.

She is a loyal Louisville girl, proud of "our town" and everything in it, especially her "Dixie-Flyer" Roadster. She is an enthusiastic motorist, and thoroughly enjoys driving her own car. Last week on one of her flying trips home to see "mother and daddy" she visited the Kentucky Wagon Manufacturing Co.'s plant where the Dixie-Flyer is made and the camera man caught her incomparable smile over the wheel of her Dixie-Flyer Roadster.

What looked for a time like a free-for-all between the I. W. W.'s and transients not members of the organization, was nipped in the bud by the

Kenmare police last Tuesday evening.

Kenmare has been harboring a man named Doyle, an organizer, for the greater part of the fall season. He has made a general nuisance of himself, soliciting new members, practically forcing, with the assistance of others, a number of farm laborers to join against their wishes. It was in putting over one of these stunts that the trouble Tuesday evening began. A laborer came in on the wheat line and Doyle was on the job to meet him, demanding that he join the organization. The laborer, whose name was Smith, stated that he had no money to pay the fee, and one thing led to another until Doyle, with the assistance of a number of other members, started to go through his clothes. A gun was pulled and two shots fired before the police arrived. The gang was taken up by the police and at a hearing Wednesday morning one paid a fine of \$10 and costs and another \$5 and costs for disturbing the peace. It was found at the hearing that it was Doyle who pulled the gun and after obtaining a number of witnesses he was placed under arrest on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. This charge is a serious one, carrying a penitentiary sentence.

Henry Slocum New Fire Chief.

Henry Slocum is Minot's new fire chief, taking the position left vacant by the resignation of Wm. O'Leary, who becomes register of the Minot landoffice Oct. 1.

Henry Slocum will make a good chief. He has been connected with the fire department as fireman and assistant chief for a good many years and he has never been found wanting.

Senator Bond Recovering Nicely.

Walter Bond, who has been confined to his home for more than a month with an injured leg, is gaining steadily and expects to be out the first of the week. The report that Mr. Bond had suffered a relapse was erroneous. He has been sitting up for some time, but his doctor ordered him to keep his leg as quiet as possible. The Senator's many friends will be pleased to see him about again.

NEW CITY HALLS FOR VAN HOOK AND MAX

J. C. Woodruff, the architect, is at present working on plans for a new city hall with jail to be built at Van Hook and another at Max. Each of the buildings will be constructed of brick and will cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000 each.

LOCATE YOUNG GIRL IN IOWA

Rugby, N. D., Sept. 23.—State's Attorney Senn and Sheriff Rettinger arrived home from their trip to Iowa, where they spent several days tracing and finally locating the Young girl, whose father was arrested a few days ago charged with a criminal offense against her. They brought the girl back with them, but shortly after arriving they learned that Mr. Young had "skidded-out" for parts unknown, forfeiting his bail bond of \$1,000. The preliminary examination was called by Justice McTavish, but the defendant failed to put in an appearance—except by attorney.

Ye Novelty Shop Opens Sept. 30.

Misses M. A. and Anna Cantwell will open Ye Novelty Shop in the Flatiron block, West Central avenue, Saturday, Sept. 30. They will carry a complete line of women's, misses' and children's furnishings, baby's wear, notions, etc. The opening hours will be from nine until nine.

The Misses Cantwell have selected a fine stock and will undoubtedly do a good business. Miss Anna Cantwell has been in this business in Iowa, Montana and North Dakota and is a woman of considerable ability. Miss M. A. Cantwell has held the position of preceptress-matron at the Minot Normal school during the past year and a half and has demonstrated that she has splendid executive ability. For eleven years she was connected with the Montana State College at Bozeman, Mont.

Henry Baumann of Manning, Ia., who owns a valuable farm eight miles north of the city, arrived last night to look after his interests.

DOHERTY LAD A YOUNG HERO

Four-year-old Son of Atty. Doherty
Holds Earl Fey by Hand and Saves
Him From Drowning in Mouse.

Earl Fey, a little five-year-old lad, nearly met death by drowning in the Mouse river Tuesday afternoon. The little fellow had accompanied Robert, the four-year-old son of Atty. and Mrs. W. F. Doherty, to the Young store for some candy. The lads wandered down to the river and walked out on the Bissel dock, where young Fey sat on the edge dangling his feet into the water. He fell off into the deep water and sank. When he came up, Robert caught him by the hand and held him, crying for help. Phil Myers was driving over the west viaduct and saw the predicament of the lads. He called to Robert to hold fast to the Fey lad and the youngster obeyed, displaying unusual pluck. Mr. Myers was soon at the dock and pulled the youngster out. Had it not been for the heroic work of the little Doherty boy and Mr. Myers' prompt action, the Fey boy would undoubtedly have been drowned as the boys were all alone.

AUTO DROPS 41 FEET FROM VIADUCT

Edw. Livingston, Driver, and Clarence
Gran Have Miraculous Escape
From Death.

A Paige taxi car driven by the chauffeur, Edward Livingston and carrying Clarence Gran, dashed thru the railing on the Great Northern viaduct shortly after midnight Sunday night and fell to the tracks forty-one feet below. Neither of the occupants of the car was seriously injured and both were able to be about that day.

The car had been driven to the north side with a woman passenger and Livingston was coming up the west viaduct at a fearful rate. It was raining and the side curtains were on the car. The driver was going so fast that he failed to make the turn and the car dashed thru the 2x8 timbers which serve as a railing. In falling, the car struck a telephone cable and this must have broken the fall. The car struck on its rear and that part of the machine was badly smashed. The front was also badly disfigured where it crashed thru the railing. Gran was picked up from under the wreckage and Livingston fell clear of the car. The young men got a few scratches and bruises but were not badly injured. Neither one seems to realize how the accident happened.

GLARING LIGHTS KILL AUTOIST NEAR HARVEY

Harvey, N. D., Sept. 18.—Severt Severson, well-to-do farmer of the Wellsburg district, was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle and pinned him beneath it in a ditch. His neck was broken. How the accident occurred is unknown, but it is believed that he was blinded by the headlights of another car and ran off a high grade.

WILLISTON ENGINEER MET TERRIBLE DEATH

John Kelley Drawn Between Cog
Wheels of Traction Engine and Organs of Abdomen Were Exposed

Williston, N. D., Sept. 23.—John Kelley, engineer with the Anthony Bloom threshing crew, lost his life by one of the most horrible accidents ever known in this section.

The Anthony Bloom machine was working between McGerger and Tioga and was moving to a new job. While his engine was moving along the road, Kelley climbed out on it to adjust some part of the machinery. Losing his footing, he slipped so that the toes of his right foot were caught between the heavy cog wheels of the traction gear. Powerless to stop his engine or extricate himself, the engineer was drawn into the machinery until the whole leg was crushed and the muscles torn away from his side and hip. After the engine was stopped, the combined efforts of nine men were required to pry the wheels apart and release the victim after he had suffered tortures for half an hour.

Kelley was hauled to Tioga and received the attention of Dr. Stobie of that place and Dr. Hagan of Williston. The surgeons were able to do but little more than staunch the flow of blood and administer opiates. A doctor states that in all his surgical experience he has never seen a more horrible case of mangle or more excruciating suffering. Great muscles as large as a man's arm were literally torn from the body and some of the organs of the abdomen were exposed. The suffering of the victim was so intense that he begged for a revolver to end his life. He remained conscious most of the time and gave the address of a sister in Minnesota and stated that his parents were not living. Death came about five hours after the accident occurred.

Kelley was a man about forty years old, strong and robust, weighing about 190 pounds. Not much was learned of his history except that he had a homestead near Wolf Point, Montana.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Ex-Governor John Burke, now treasurer of the United States, was a pleasant visitor at the Equity Co-operative Exchange offices last Tuesday morning. Governor Burke has many friends at the Equity offices in this city, who are always glad to see him on his visits here. After vainly trying to persuade his friend, Mr. Crites, to accompany him to Dakota, he left on No. 1 over the Northern Pacific to look after his political fences in his native state, where he is a candidate for the U. S. senate.

LIGHT WHEAT IN CANADA ALSO

It may be interesting to many farmers in the state to know that there is a large amount of 45-pound wheat in the vicinity of Midale, Saskatchewan, Canada, and that they are looking for a market for this light wheat on this side of the line. At least, this is the report brought to the Equity office in St. Paul by W. Erickson of Midale, Saskatchewan.