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WM. CROWDER SHOT ALBERT N. OLSON AT ROSS

Prominent Retired Farmer Fatally
Wounds Old Time Foe Who is
Expected to Die—Now in Jail

Special to the Independent:

Ross, N. D., Nov. 1.—William Crowder, a prominent citizen of Ross, shot and fatally wounded Albert N. Olson, aged 35 years, a well known farm laborer of this place, at 7 o'clock this evening. Crowder gave himself up and was taken to Stanley by Sheriff Slaughter where he remains in jail, awaiting the outcome of Olson's injuries. At this writing Olson is unconscious and doctors say that he can hardly live during the day. Before becoming unconscious, he signed a statement that Crowder shot him without just provocation. Olson is a married man and the father of three children. Crowder is about 60 years of age and has resided at Ross for nearly 15 years. He filed on a homestead near this place during the early days and recently sold his farm, coming to Ross to reside, building and renting houses. He has a wife and five children.

Crowder shot Olson with a .32 caliber revolver, one bullet penetrating the intestines and the other going thru the mouth and coming out the side of the face under one of his ears. The wound in his head is not necessarily fatal, the more dangerous one being that in the abdomen. Doctors are working hard to save Olson but state that he has not one chance in a hundred.

No charge has been filed against Crowder, who is held in the county jail at Stanley without bail. In case of Olson's death he will be charged with murder.

The men were enemies for years it is said. They were neighbors when they resided on their farms and had trouble years ago. Just what led up to the shooting is not known as Crowder refuses to make any statement.

Crowder visited Stanley a week or two ago and purchased the revolver which he is said to have used on Olson, stating that he needed it for a fellow, but failing to mention any names.

Crowder gained considerable prominence years ago when he started the action against Major J. S. Murphy in the famous railway road tax receipt case. He has been regarded as a man with an unmanageable temper.

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◆ INDEPENDENT WILL RE-
◆ CEIVE ELECTION RE-
◆ TURNS BY DIRECT WIRE
◆ The Independent will receive
◆ the election news of the county,
◆ state and nation on the night of
◆ election. At considerable expense
◆ we have arranged for a direct
◆ wire with the east which will en-
◆ able us to secure the returns from
◆ the various counties of the state
◆ as well as the reports from the
◆ several states. We will secure
◆ the returns from every county in
◆ North Dakota and by the means
◆ of tabulating these returns, we
◆ will be enabled to give all who are
◆ interested, a fairly authentic re-
◆ port. We expect to receive our
◆ first reports at 8 o'clock in the
◆ evening, possibly sooner, and will
◆ continue to receive them during
◆ the night.
◆ We will be pleased to answer
◆ all inquiries and those who live in
◆ the country and surrounding
◆ towns will be given the infor-
◆ mation cheerfully. Our infor-
◆ mation will be secured through the
◆ Bell Telephone Co.
◆ The Temple Court Cigar Store
◆ will also be connected by direct
◆ telegraphic wire that night with
◆ Minneapolis and such bulletins
◆ as are received by the Independ-
◆ ent and by the Cigar Store will
◆ be displayed on the bulletin
◆ boards at the cigar store.
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SEVENTY-FIVE COWS BRING \$80,625 AT GREAT SALE

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Person returned this week from a month's tour of the east. They visited Niagara Falls, spent a week in Boston, made side-trips to some of the fine country estates near that city, visited the old historic places around Concord and Springfield, Mass., and visited several cousins in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, several of whom they had never before seen.

They spent three days at the National Dairy Show at Boston, being there on Guernsey day, attending the banquet in the evening. The members of the National Dairymen's association of which Mr. Person is a member, were taken on a number of trips to the famous dairy farms in Massachusetts, where some of the best individuals in the country are to be seen. Many of the farms are owned by millionaires who have built steam-heated barns finer than many homes.

Mr. Person attended a Guernsey sale at Langwater where 75 Guernseys were sold for \$80,625. One cow sold for \$6,150 and the man who bought her refused \$500 for his bargain. The record of this cow, which is 670 pounds of butterfat, does not equal the record of Major Person's champion cow, Lura Bettina, whose record is

739 pounds. The Major says dairy cattle are high in the east. The poorest registered cows sell for \$300 and any old grade cow brings \$100. He saw a 3-months-old bull calf that sold for \$1,000.

The Major doesn't think much of the farming land in the east, a large part of which consists of ledges of rock. The farms appear to be mostly worn out and there are any number of farms that can be bought for the cost of the improvements. Dairying and poultry raising are the chief occupations and feed is scarce and high. We waste more in North Dakota than they raise on their farms, he says.

Boston is a miserable dirty city. There is no fresh air and the buildings look dirty from smoke.

At Valley Forge he saw a house built in 1722 which is still well preserved. They visited in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, going out to Arlington cemetery.

FARMERS GROW WEALTHY RAISING FLAX CROPS

Leslie and Art Benno made a "killing" growing flax out on the Berthold reservation this year. They had in 600 acres which averaged 13 bushels. They sold \$18,000 worth of flax, making \$12,000 clear. They used an Altman-Taylor outfit. They broke up the coal land, getting the crop for the breaking. They have invested in a new breaking outfit and will go into the business heavier than ever next year. Chas. H. Withers Co. has disposed of eight Altman-Taylor outfits in the vicinity of Parshall.

D. A. Snyder grew 1700 acres south of Parshall this year, getting \$50,000 worth of flax, making \$35,000 clear. Five hundred acres averaged 15 bushels. He made \$30,000 last year from flax. Snyder comes from La Porte, Ind.

Peterson Bros. made a lot of money growing flax this year and Dickey Bros. have sold \$25,000 worth of flax. They have leased two sections of land near Poplar, Mont. Many others have grown rich raising flax on the new land.

NEW CORPORATIONS FILING ARTICLES

Bismarck, Oct. 31.—Recent corporations which have secured charters are: Mohal Improvement Co., \$25,000; Kulm Farmers' Mercantile Co., Kulm, \$25,000; Myers Shock Loader Co., Minot, \$50,000; Northwest Theater Co., Williston, \$10,000.

Co-operative corporations: Eckman Farmers' Telephone Co., Eckman, \$25,000; Lostwood Farmers' Elevator Co., Mountrail county, \$10,000; Grenora Farmers' Elevator Co., Grenora, \$20,000.

SHAW-BRUNER BLOCK LEASED BY CHAMPLIN IMP. CO.

Will Use New Building for Studebaker
Salesroom, Service Station
and Offices

The Champlin Implement Co. has leased the new Shaw-Bruner entire block on First street southeast, and will occupy the building just as soon as it is completed, between Dec. 1 and 15, for their automobile department. Their service station, salesroom and office will be maintained in this building on the first floor and basement while members of the company with their families will occupy the four suites of living rooms on the second floor.

The building is 37 1/2 x 140 feet and is well constructed. With the larger quarters which the company will soon have, they will be enabled to carry a much larger stock of automobiles, oils and accessories.

Champlin Implement Co. handle the well known Studebaker cars which have won an enviable reputation in the automobile world. They are dealers and distributors for the Studebaker automobiles for a large territory and their business has grown to such immense proportions that the new quarters are necessary. They will carry in stock only high grade tires, oils, etc., which will be in keeping with the quality of the cars which they handle.

They will retain their present quarters which will be used exclusively as the repair department.

CONCERT AND DANCE AT LOGAN
The Velva band, an excellent musical organization, will give a concert and dance at the new hall, Logan, Friday evening, Nov. 10. Admission to the concert will be 50 cents and dance tickets will be \$1.00.

Miss Ollie Stromrud, one of Minot's sweetest singers, and H. Sonju, xylophone soloist and drummer, will assist in the concert. The band music will be fine as the entire band of twenty-five pieces will play for the dance.

The band gave a concert at Velva last Friday night to a crowded house, pleasing everybody.

Issued Worthless Checks

A number of checks, amounting to about \$100, issued by Ollie Berg to a Mrs. Olive Blair, employed by Luce, the detective, have been turned down and several Minot parties are trying to get their money. The matter has been reported to the states attorney's

NONPARTISAN LEAGUE PRECINCT MEETING

Final Instructions Given at Meetings
Held All Over the State Tues-
day Afternoon

The nonpartisan league over the entire state held precinct meetings on the afternoon of Oct. 31. The meetings were open only to members of the league and they were not at all secret. The league merely called the meetings to give final instructions concerning the campaign. Cards were issued showing the list of the league candidates that have been endorsed for the various offices. No action was taken on United States Senator, member of congress or judges of the judicial districts and the county ticket was not considered at all.

The league hopes to get out its complete strength and if this happens practically all of the candidates endorsed by that organization will be elected next Tuesday. The state ticket from Frazier down will be elected by a big majority.

SECURES LOW POTATO RATE TO THE COAST

Potato Raisers of North Dakota Can
Now Ship Three Ways Out of
the State.

The Minot Association of Commerce has at last succeeded in securing a new potato rate to the Pacific coast, via the Great Northern railway.

The only potato rate up to this time was 92 1-2 cents per 100 pounds—nearly one cent a pound. As a consequence potatoes have always been shipped east and south, the growers taking whatever the dealers there would give them. For a long time North Dakota grown potatoes have been used for seed as far south as Texas, and as far east as Indiana and Ohio. But upon a number of occasions the North Dakota growers have come out at the little end of the horn, because when they arrived in Kansas City or Chicago the market was way off, and they took a loss. In order to open up another market the Minot Association of Commerce undertook to

secure a lower rate to the Pacific coast, so that another outlet would be gained for our growers. This effort has been crowned with success at last.

During the Panama-Pacific-International Exposition at San Francisco, Larimore, this state, put on a baked potato day, and right after that event the market for North Dakota spuds was ready and waiting, but the freight rate was prohibitive. Californians never ate such good potatoes before, and they wanted them and wanted them bad, because they tickled the palate of the most particular potato epicure.

The Association of Commerce has maintained all along that 75c per 100 pounds was an ample rate, for the main shipment of spuds from this state to the coast would occur when the fruit shipment was eastward, and the railway company, instead of sending fruit cars west empty as they have been doing, would be able to haul them back loaded with the best potatoes that grow. This week the Secretary of the association received the new tariff, which provides for the rate of 75c per 100 pounds between points in Minnesota, South and North Dakota to San Francisco, California. This tariff provides the following: Potatoes, including sweet potatoes, carload, minimum weight 30,000. No charge will be made for stoves and linings used to protect carload shipments from October 1st to May 1st, the maximum allowance in weight therefore to be 1400 pounds. Stoves and linings so used will be returned free to original point of shipment.

This new rate goes into effect December 3rd, and while it may not affect shipments this year, it will have a great bearing on shipments in the future.

The Association of Commerce suggests that in making shipments to San Francisco or intermediate points, that the potatoes be graded as to weight and color, wrapped and packed in regular apple boxes. In this way the top price for the potatoes can be secured, for people nowadays like their cutables put up in neat condition.

The Association of Commerce does not consider its work done in the matter of this new potato rate, and the organization stands ready at all times to co-operate with all growers in this part of the state who desire to ship west instead of the low market in the east and south, which fluctuates so much.

Potatoes in Ohio at the present time are selling for \$2.50 per bushel. Good potatoes on the coast will bring that much or more, and if packed in the right manner there is no limit to the price that can be secured for fancy stock. Baked potatoes in San Francisco sell at from 20c apiece upwards, so it can be seen that the market will be a good one.

FOUR YOUNG MEN IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Overland Turned Turtle Injuring
Albert Dahlheim Painfully—Driver
Going at Reckless Speed.

Albert Dahlheim, a young man of this city, was severely injured in an auto accident which occurred in front of the John Ehr residence on Valley street at 4 o'clock Monday morning and three other occupants of the car, John Snow, Edward Stum and Earl Coates, were more or less injured. The car, a brand new Overland, owned by Ole Johnson, a Granville merchant, was wrecked so badly that it is almost worthless. The wheels were smashed and the machine wrecked generally.

Dahlheim suffered a severe cut on the leg, causing the loss of considerable blood, but he is recovering nicely. It appears that Dahlheim, who was driving the car at a fearful speed, lost control of it and ran it up onto the sidewalk in front of the Ehr home. The machine swerved back into the street, it overturned. One of the young men awoke J. C. Smallwood and telephoned for a doctor.

LICENSED TO WED.

Mary Gertrude Susak and Benedict Soler.
Edith Eunis and Wm. B. Shell.
Miss Ragnhild Hoset and Nils Fore-
sen.
Miss Christina Fryeruland and
Christian Larston.
Miss Bertha J. Boughton and John
L. Madding.

Refused to be Ejected From Printing Office

D. R. Craig of Fargo, representative of the Western Newspaper Union, smashed J. C. Hoff, old-time newspaper publisher, a stinging blow this morning after Hoff had taken hold of him trying to eject him from his office. Hoff is now engaged in publishing a Scandinavian paper in this city and a \$15 bill for plate furnished while Hoff was publishing papers at Palermo and Lignite. Hoff repudiated the debt. One of his printers stepped in and saved the editor from more serious consequences.

Jamestown.—In an attempt to raise the sophomore flag on the campus pole Spurel Heard of Rugby, a student of Jamestown college, slipped and fell, breaking his left leg in two places.

NORTHWESTERN NORTH DAKOTA ASSN. ORGANIZES

Temporary Organization Was Effected
in Minot—Will Hold Show in Con-
nection With Midwinter Fair

A number of gentlemen interested in the poultry business met at the office of the Association of Commerce this week and perfected a temporary organization of the Northwestern North Dakota Poultry association, for the purpose of holding annual poultry shows at Minot, in conjunction with the Midwinter Fair.

The organization was perfected by electing the following officers, who will direct the affairs of the association until the first show:

President—John Stoudt, Minot.
Vice President—Geo. W. Walton, Velva.

Treasurer—W. A. Peck, Minot.
Secretary—Will E. H. Heine, Minot.
Directors—John Stoudt, Minot; W. M. Wigham, Minot; W. W. Davenport, Velva; A. B. Benoit, East Fairview; J. A. Southam, Mohall; E. A. Madson, Burlington; W. F. Sommerdorf, Tower, and F. E. Ward, Minot.

In all likelihood several more directors will be added within the next few days, so as to interest all portions of the northwestern portion of the state in the association.

The membership fee was placed at \$1.00 per year, and all those who desire to become affiliated with the association can do so by sending their remittance to the secretary in care of the Association of Commerce, Minot, N. D., and in turn he will issue the usual membership card.

The poultry industry in the northwestern part of the state is growing by leaps and bounds, and in order to assist prospective poultry raisers in securing the breeds best adapted for their needs poultry shows are becoming an absolute necessity. At these shows the man or woman who wants to engage in the business can see for themselves just what breed they think best for them to raise, and the shows also give them an opportunity to buy the best on the market.

There is a great deal of enthusiasm all over the state at the present time over the poultry industry, and this part of the state cannot afford to lie dormant on this important matter. Ward county last year had over \$25,000 worth of poultry. It would be easy to quadruple this investment in one year. The poultry association will help wonderfully in this regard.

WHEAT TRANSPORTED WITH AUTOMOBILES

Bismarck, Oct. 31.—With two-dollar wheat comes taxicab transportation. This luxurious mode of travel for 70 bushels of grain which Matt Clouten claimed as his has resulted in two taxi drivers and a restaurant man being placed under \$300 bonds to answer to charges of grand larceny.

The normal rate for taxis in Bismarck is \$3 the hour. The two taxis used in this instance each made three trips to the Clouten farm, 10 miles from Bismarck, bringing in ten sacks at a trip.

The defendants, Wolford Gronx and Roy Chamberlain, drivers for the Harry Clouten livery, and a young man named Tardy claimed, when arraigned before Police Magistrate Dolan, that they acted for a fourth party, who hired them at regular rates to bring in the wheat, a la taxi, and who sold the grain to a local elevator. The same man, they alleged, broke the lock on the Clouten granary.

BABY FALLS ON STOVE

Wynndere, Oct. 31.—Wriggling out of her mother's arms and falling on a hot stove, the five-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Math Reiland of this place was seriously burned. The mother had just completed the baby's bath and was about to dry the youngster when she gave a sudden lunge, slipping from the mother's arms onto the top of the stove. The baby will live, although she will be disfigured for life.

Negro is Recovering.

"Goldie" Brown, colored, true name Ed Golden, who was shot during the disgraceful row in the Harris joint last week, will recover. One bullet which plowed a hole seventeen inches long from the hip, lodging in the knee, has been removed, although the bullet in the man's neck has not been removed. Brown will face a serious charge in connection with the death of Frank Gregg.

SEVENTH SEEKS DIVORCE

Grand Forks, Oct. 31.—Claiming she accepted him as her seventh husband when he believed that he was the first, William B. Williams, residing near Arvilla, asks for an absolute decree of divorce from Gertrude May Williams in district court before Judge C. M. Coolidge, charging cruel and inhuman treatment and desertion.

Mrs. Peter McKone, Sr., arrived from Westby, Mont., this morning and will spend a few weeks with relatives in the city. She was accompanied by her grandson, Master Claire McKone, who will resume his studies in the Minot schools.



He has made good as Governor of this state
He has made good as United States Treasurer
He will make good as United States Senator

Pol. Adv.

office and Luce has promised to make a number of the checks good Saturday night. The Blair woman says the checks were given by Ollie Berg for services rendered. They were issued on the Scandinavian-American bank of Grand Forks, but were made out on Minot checks which had been changed. The independent holds one of these checks for \$10 and we'd like our money. We'd also like to see the color of Ollie Berg's hair, if such a party can be produced.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I am a candidate for county commissioner from the First Commissioner's district. I was regularly nominated on the democratic ticket at the primaries and if the voters of Minot are satisfied that I will look after the business interests of the county in a capable manner, I will be pleased with your support. I will give the business my closest attention if elected, realizing that this is one of our most important offices. I was county commissioner for ten years and will be pleased to have anyone refer to my record.

JOHN EHR.

GOOD SET OF CANDIDATES

Ward county is normally republican by great odds and the republicans having nominated one of the best tickets Ward county has ever known, there is little question but what the entire ticket will be elected. With such candidates holding the various county offices as the following, the affairs will be looked after in an economical, capable manner: John J. Nedreloe, sheriff; Martin J. Engseth, register of deeds; T. N. Henderson, clerk of the

district court; O. B. Herigstad, states attorney; R. W. Kennard, county auditor; William Murray, judge; Fred A. Weatherwax, county treasurer; H. C. Frahm, county surveyor; Dr. J. R. Pence, coroner; C. B. Bach, public administrator.

HERE'S PROOF OF PROSPERITY OF THE STATE

Bismarck, Oct. 30.—Conclusive proof that North Dakota is enjoying substantial prosperity is found in the fact that although notes for \$250,000 worth of time purchased from the state penitentiary are not due until Nov. 1, only a few thousand dollars remain unpaid, the vast majority of buyers, who consist of farmers in every county in North Dakota, having found it convenient to take their discount.

Specialist in Diseases of the Stomach Locates in Minot

Dr. J. C. R. Charest, formerly of Thief River Falls, Wis., has located in the city, with offices in the Sons of Norway block next to Dr. Mykelstad's offices. Dr. Charest is a specialist in stomach diseases.

The doctor is a graduate of the Laval medical college at Montreal and he has been practicing for a good many years. He comes to Minot with the best of recommendations.

Nine high school boys were arrested in Fargo Halloween night for playing pranks and destroying property. Their daddies found them in jail in the morning. An auto was started and abandoned, allowing it to run by itself several blocks down the street.