

Mystery surrounds the death by burning of Mrs. Wm. Maderia and her infant child at the farm home sixteen miles south of Napoleon.

Mrs. Maderia was away from home at the time. The hired man had gone to a neighborhood store, not far distant, to purchase some sugar. On his return he discovered the house to be in flames. A neighbor saw the fire and hurried to the scene, the two men reaching there about the same time, but too late as the house was a mass of flames.

The second story of the house was filled with flax. It is thought by some that before Mrs. Maderia discovered the house to be on fire the floor of the second story gave way, burying the victims. Others believe the mother had been doing chores outside when she noticed the flames and rushing in to save her babe and was caught under the flax as the floor broke. Their ashes were found in the debris.

All questions as to whether the Northern Pacific Railway company would build their proposed new shops here this year, has been dissipated.

Positive information has been secured that the Northern Pacific has asked a dozen or more of the greater contractors of the nation to bid on the Mandan plant.

It has also been learned upon reliable authority that the N. P. purchasing department has let contracts for \$50,000 worth of machinery for the shops.

The new Mandan plant will be the largest car and locomotive repair and building works on the Northern Pacific system; will be greater than the shops at Brainerd, Livingston or Tacoma, and will cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Four large factory buildings 100x250 are contemplated and company engineers have laid out the sites.

Court formalities which are necessary for the adoption of a child have been brought to a close, and little Master Paul Raymond Ward, abandoned in an apple box on the back doorstep of the Geo. Will home of Bismarck during the holidays, now has a home. William G. Hoffner and wife,

Mrs. Ida Hoffner, of Solen, N. D., have adopted the child.

When George Will stuck his head out of the back door of his home into 30 degrees below zero weather during Christmas week, he saw a box, and, thankful to Santa Claus, he took the parcel inside and then rubbed his eyes in amazement. Bedded in several layers of blankets was the three weeks' old infant.

It was Bismarck's first baby abandonment case.

Dunn county, with 31,818 new acres, leads the list, with Billings, whose contribution is 31,475, a close second. Others which did well are Morton, with 26,530 acres; Mountrail, 20,715; McKenzie, 20,466; Golden Valley, 20,728; Slope, 17,176; Bowman, 11,671; McLean, 10,929, and Mercer, 9,669.

Other increased acreages range from 38 in Barnes to 8,476 in Stark. The actual aggregate of all new lands patented in 1916 is 254,852, which is quite a fair sized chunk.

#### MINOT SETS RECORD.

St. Paul, Minn., March 12.—Feeders set a record at South St. Paul today when a load of cattle from Johnson and Johnson, Minot, N. D., sold at \$9.70 per hundred weight.

#### SOUTH PRAIRIE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Putney were shopping in Sawyer one day this week.

Fred Taylor spent a few days at Forbes and Boden homes in Logan before leaving for Kenmare, where he is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Deemy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and family and Miss Lindbloom spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Anderson.

Miss Irene Sillman began her spring term of school in the Larson school Monday.

Floyd Cline and James Rusk were visitors at the C. Taylor home Sunday.

Irene and James Sillman attended the Lyceum number at Sawyer Friday evening.

Mrs. E. O. Anderson spent the afternoon with Mrs. P. Thingstad on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth King spent the week

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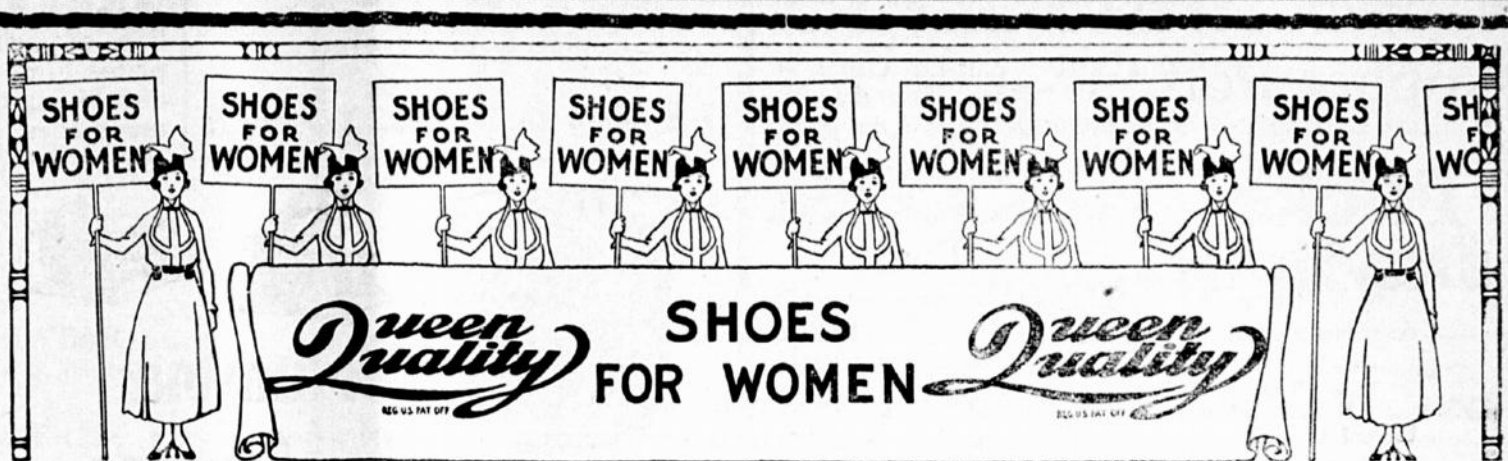
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end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Larson are moving back to the farm after a year's absence.

The Stringtown Ladies' Aid will meet in three weeks, March 29, with Mrs. Ray Zorn.

Mr. Ole Ancherson was a Sunday visitor at the Iver Grothe home.

Neighbors are helping move live stock, machinery and household goods for Mr. Widell, who shipped three cars from northern Illinois. South Prairie is glad to have new settlers come in this way for it looks as if they were going to make homes.

Here is a welcome for new settlers, the more the merrier.

#### County Line

Quite a number of our farmers are delivering potatoes at Tagus these days, having sold them to W. J. Brugman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hawes moved to the old A. L. Peterson place last Saturday.

Rev. Korsrud of Palmero held Norwegian services at school district No. 3 last Sunday.

E. W. Parker went to Minot last Tuesday bringing Mrs. Parker and babe home with him. His joy is now more complete.

Many of our neighbors attended the Lewis Anderson sale last Wednesday. Everything sold for a fairly good price.

The sewing circle was not well attended at the Hebig home Wednesday on account of so many taking in the sale above.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris are entertaining the former's father since Thursday. It has been about eight years since father and son last saw each other.

You will be committing a crime against yourself if you miss the meeting at Tagus next Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lindsey spent Sunday afternoon at the Hebig home. The Hebig family and the teacher John Slaughter called at the Braedahl home Sunday evening.

#### Drady

Who said Drady was frozen off the map? Well, I guess not.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blom have returned from Sunny California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dillon have the sympathy of the community in the loss of their infant son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hur-

ley on Feb. 23, a daughter.

Messrs Hy Helve and Elvin Westby have gone to Sanish with a string of horses and mules. The gentlemen plan on putting in several hundred acres of flax.

Elvin Christensen and Ray Larson leave soon for Montana with a gas tractor. They will put in all the flax possible.

A Minot veterinary was called to the Blom farm on Friday to attend one of the valuable farm animals.

Frank Manpier and family now occupy the Hanson farm.

Mrs. Gunder Tresland, a farmer residing here, died at Ross recently and was buried in Minot.

Harvey Warner, who sprained his ankle while chasing stock, is able to be around.

E. Coffy slipped on the ice while getting a pail of water and broke a small bone in his ankle. He is recovering under the care of Dr. Halvorson of Des Lacs.

Family reunions were held during the week at the homes of H. J. A. J. and S. R. Herzog and John Underdahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson are the proud parents of a son born Mar. 7. Lyle is now going to Montana to secure more land.

Mrs. Hunt and daughter have returned from Minot, consequently "Bill" is now holding his own.

Chas. Nelson was sojourning at his farm several days last week.

Mrs. Edwards was in Minot during the Poultry show, acting on the Women's committee.

G. J. Underdahl leaves soon for Canada to bring back his horses and farm machinery.

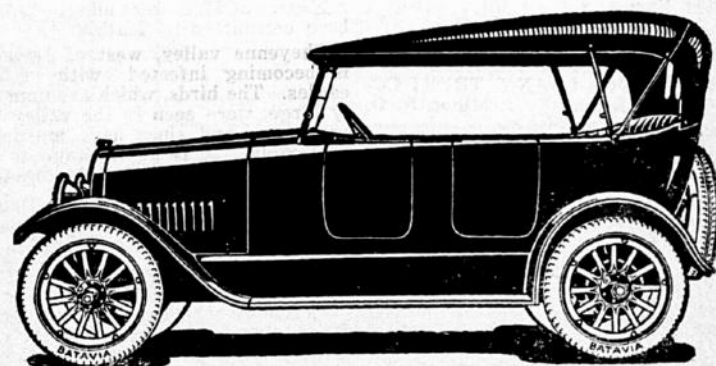
The Farmers' Club met last Saturday night and elected the following officers: President, John Underdahl; vice president, E. E. Okrus; secretary, Harvey Wickman; treasurer, S. R. Herzog; trustee, P. T. Berg.

A good old fashioned time was had last Friday night, when a crowd gathered at the hall to pay homage to the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drady and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marsh. Dancing was indulged in and a bountiful lunch was served. Mr. Bert Orr on behalf of the crowd presented Mr. and Mrs. Marsh with a beautiful fumed oak rocker. Mr. and Mrs. Drady were unavoidably detained at home, so the other presentation will have to wait for another time.

G. J. Underdahl is building a residence on his 480 acre farm. A force of carpenters are pushing the work rapidly to completion. Get your cow bells ready boys.

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