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ROBINSON SAYS THERE IS NO "BONE DRY" LAW

Gets Into Detail on the Subject, Giving Views on the Subject in Famous Saturday Evening Letter

Bismarck, N. O. Aug. 3.—North Dakota has no bone dry law. Justice James E. Robinson, the most venerable member of the supreme court, and who last fall proved the nonpartisan league pacemaker for Lynn J. Frazier, is authority for this statement. In his famous Saturday Evening letter released last week, Justice Robinson says: "I see nothing in the bone dry law to prevent any person from honestly importing liquor for his own use. He has a perfect right to carry it into the state and to hire any person to carry it for him. When fairly understood, the act does not forbid the importation of liquor by any person for his own use. It forbids only importation for illegal purposes, and the act of congress forbids importation only when it is contrary to the laws of the state. While congress has power to regulate commerce, it has no constitutional right to destroy or put an embargo on commerce between the different states. By our state constitution every person is guaranteed the right for his own use to import, acquire and protect property. He has also the right to pursue and obtain safety and happiness. Hence, this cannot be made a crime by the most cunning use of words or by any legislative device." After discussing various features of the so-called "Bone Dry" law which became effective July 1, whose last section he declares wholly void and the penalties imposed grossly excessive, the justice concludes with the following statement: "Certain it is that any judge sustaining such a statute or such a proceeding should be compelled to work on the streets and to eat grass like an ox."

Some Distance

Holbein in Wilds of Montana The Independent received an interesting letter from Will E. Holbein, secretary of the Association of Commerce, who left for Columbia Falls, Mont., recently with Mrs. Holbein, where they are spending their vacation. They have leased "Pine Lodge," a cottage alongside Flathead river, a beautiful stream in the dense woods, a mile from any other habitation. Mr. Holbein, who thought he was some fisherman, invested \$9.50 in license, reels, etc, and to date has caught one mountain trout, but is enjoying life just the same. Mrs. Holbein is teaching her husband several ways of preparing "flapjacks" and by the time "Bill" gets back to the Wonder City, he will be a pretty fair cook. This is an ideal place for an outing and he says: "I will come back to Minot feeling like a new man and ready for all kinds of work." Mrs. Holbein is becoming quite proficient with a rifle.

Minot Man Named on Medical Board Bismarck, Aug. 4.—Gov. Lynn J. Frazier today announced the appointment of Archie D. McCannel, Minot; A. W. Skelsey, Fargo; and J. C. Suter, Grand Forks, as members of the state medical examining board. Arthur Van Horn of Bismarck was also appointed a member of the state board of architecture to succeed A. J. O'Shea. The latter was forced to decline the appointment to the board on account of business reasons.

Bantry Young Man Drowned Ira Paige, aged 28 years, who lived southwest of Bantry, was drowned while bathing in the "swimming hole" in Mouse river near Bantry, the body being removed an hour later. The young man was in bathing with three other young men, only one of whom could swim. Herb Knutson tried to save the drowning man but nearly lost his own life and had to break away. The body was found in twelve feet of water. The deceased is survived by his wife and four children.

Harvesting and Threshing Work in Cavalier County Many farmers here who have no harvesting and threshing to do for themselves may wish outside work. Cavalier county has sent a representative here with the idea of using some of this help in harvesting their crop. They are offering \$2.00 per day and report thirty to forty days' work, possibly more. Those interested should apply to J. W. Hall, County Agricultural Agent, Langdon, North Dakota, or Archie Sillers, Calvin, or for further information to W. A. Peck, County Agricultural Agent at Minot, North Dakota.

HAY IS HIGH IN MINNESOTA Carpio Buyer Who Went to Buy 50 Cars of Hay, Got Only Ten—Averaged Him \$10 a Ton and Freight Henry R. Geiselman, representing the Carpio Farmers Co-Operative Elevator Co., returned from Minnesota Wednesday where he spent a week trying to buy fifty carloads of hay for the farmers who are interested in this company. Mr. Geiselman secured only ten cars and paid an average of \$10 a ton on the track in Minnesota. Hay can be shipped to North Dakota at a reduced rate, about half, so that the hay laid down at Carpio

will cost in the neighborhood of twelve or thirteen dollars a ton.

"I found all kinds of hay in Minnesota, but the farmers know how we are fixed for feed out here in North Dakota and they are holding the price away out of sight. I bought one car load of baled hay for \$7 a ton but paid \$11 for most of it, and the hundred tons averaged me \$10.00. I had instruction to go no higher than ten dollars. I drove all day Tuesday near Johnson, in Big Stone county and saw trainloads of hay in the stacks, but the farmers fifteen miles from town want \$8.00 a ton in the stack and do not care to bale it. They are asking \$15 a ton for timothy hay in the stack. I drove 115 miles Tuesday and did not buy a ton of hay. At Benson they want \$15 a ton for hay baled on the track. They bale the hay green right out of the windrow. It costs \$3 or \$4 a ton to bale hay in Minnesota and deliver it to the station. I figure that if one goes down there for say fifty cars of hay, the best one can do is \$12.50 a ton for baled mixed hay. "As far as the straw is concerned, don't go to Minnesota for straw. Their straw is foul with quack grass, yellow mustard and wild oats. Besides, they expect to get \$10 a ton for their out-straw in Minneapolis."

FIRST SLACKER SENT TO JAIL

Hannaford Farm Hand Claims That He Did Not Read the Newspapers

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 7.—Harry W. Wilkinson of Hannaford, N. D., was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Cass county jail by Judge Charles F. Amidon in the United States district court. Wilkinson is the first slacker in North Dakota sentenced for failure to comply with the army draft act. He pleaded guilty after information had been filed against him by District Attorney M. A. Hildreth. He is 24 years old and is now automatically registered and subject to the draft, whenever his turn comes. Wilkinson claims that he had been working on a farm near Hannaford and had not read the papers, therefore knew nothing about the draft.

THREE POSSES IN SEARCH OF FARMER WHO BURNED HOUSE

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 7.—Three posses headed by Sheriff Meredith this afternoon are scouring Dunn county in an effort to locate Philip Nelson, a farmer who, armed with a 30-30 rifle, threatened to shoot neighbors who formed county officials he had killed a cow. When officials went to the farm to arrest Nelson he entered the house, secured the rifle and held the officers at bay and proceeded to set fire to the house, barn, granary and all other buildings on his farm, then mounting a horse escaped into the hills. He is believed to be insane.

Interfered with "Hubby's" Bath

A Minot man who is trying to get a divorce from his wife, suspected that she was occupying a room with another man the other evening and got the police to search the apartments. The woman was nowhere around and the man was merely taking a bath.

SIR HORACE PLUNKETT, IRISH CONVENTION HEAD, EXPERT ON RURAL LIFE



Sir Horace Plunkett was elected as chairman of the Irish convention at Dublin called by the British government for the purpose of preparing a constitution for the future government of Ireland. Sir Horace is a member of a very ancient Irish family, whose head is Lord Dunsany, the famous playwright, novelist and poet. Sir Horace has been noted for many years as an investigator of the problems of rural life in Ireland and is recognized generally as the highest authority on the subject. The photograph was made a few years ago when he visited the United States. The convention adjourned until Aug. 8 to enable the chairman, in conjunction with the secretaries, to prepare and issue to the members in circular form the material necessary to enable the convention to proceed with its task.

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\$5,000.00 FIRE AT TASKER MINE

Mine Boarding House and Barn Set on Fire Monday Night—May Be Beginning of Serious Trouble

The boarding house and barn of the Dakota Coal Co. at Tasker, 15 miles northwest of Minot on the Soo, were completely destroyed by fire which started at 10:45 o'clock Monday night. The fire was without question of an incendiary origin, and while considerable evidence points to more than one guilty person, no arrests have been made yet. C. H. Strong, the general manager, had gone to bed but a short time before the fire started, when he was awakened by the blaze. He rushed out and was soon on the scene, but the flames had gotten such headway, that any attempt to put them out would have been futile. The barn was first set on fire and those on the scene early state that the blaze started from within the structure. The barn had been used for the company's mules, employed in hauling coal out of the mine, but whoever set the structure on fire must have taken care to see that all of the animals were taken out. Shortly after the barn was discovered in flames, it was seen that the boarding house, a large building several hundred feet to the east and which is occupied only during the busy season was aflame on the inside. Mr. Strong had gone to the boarding house at nine o'clock that night for a table and carefully nailed up the door when he came out. He took particular notice to a cellar door which had been opened after he left and through which the man who set the building on fire must have entered. The loss is about \$5,000. The boarding house was insured for \$2,400 and the barn for \$1,000. An old building is being remodeled for temporary use as a barn. The president of the company, Mr. Pratt, was notified by wire and will arrive this week. The boarding house will probably have to be rebuilt, as the busy season is at hand and forty or more miners will be employed getting out the season's lignite. Four men are employed days and four during the night at the present time. The company recently completed driving a new shaft and has just gotten into shape to do business on a larger scale than ever. An independent representative visited the mine Tuesday and after going over the ground thoroughly believes that the man or men who fired the buildings were familiar with the surroundings. Mr. Strong states that he has had no particular trouble with his men. In June there was talk of a strike, but conditions were adjusted and higher wages paid. In fact he states that his mine has been paying from 25 to 50 cents a day higher wages than most other mines. Someone about the place evidently has it in for him, he believes. Recently a part was taken off a valuable compass and hidden. Later the part was found up in a loft. Someone took the rope and put several gallons of gasoline were missed from a tank kept under lock and key. Mr. Strong suspects no one in particular of committing these depredations. One of the miners told the Independent representative that he believes the trouble started from among the miners themselves, who are not yet satisfied with their wages nor entirely in accord with the general manager's way of running the mine, hinting that the fire might have been started in hopes the manager might be replaced. Mr. Strong is said to be very fair with his men, though he laid down certain rules which he expects to see observed. One of the "skimmers," a fellow named Trondson, called for his time Tuesday, stating that he was afraid to go back in the mine for fear the entry might be fired. Deputy Sheriff Vandenoever was at Tasker Tuesday looking over the situation.

DES LACS OLD SETTLERS PICNIC

A number of the early settlers of the Des Lacs country gathered at Riverside park in this city Sunday for an old-fashioned picnic. Forty-eight were present and at noon a fine picnic dinner was served. Among those present were E. S. Waterman, Hallie and Will Hussey, L. P. Weatherwax and Cliff Weatherwax, with their families; Mrs. Ella Gunter, Mrs. Dora Duncan, Miss Hazel Barton and Miss Gordon of Lone Tree and Fred A. Weatherwax, Clifford Weatherwax and family, former residents, now reside in Iowa, and are here on a visit with relatives and friends.

Showed Wife Who Was Boss

A railway brakeman living on the north side was arrested Sunday. He came home in an intoxicated condition and proceeded to show his wife who was boss, tossing the furniture about the house and breaking out a window. Neighbors called the police and the fellow spent the night in the city jail.

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DEATH CLAIMS MARGARET ILDVEDSON

Bright Little Daughter of Mrs. Rachel Ildvedson Dies Following Illness From Appendicitis and Pneumonia

Margaret Ildvedson, aged 12 years, and 8 months, daughter of Mrs. Rachel Ildvedson, owner of the Great Northern hotel, passed away at the Ildvedson home in this city Saturday morning at 7:35 o'clock, following an illness of five weeks from appendicitis and pneumonia. Margaret was operated upon for appendicitis at the local hospital and she was recovering from this when pneumonia set in. Five doctors were called in consultation and everything was done to save the girl's life, but to no avail. The funeral was held from the Zion Lutheran church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. R. Mielandson, the pastor, preaching a comforting sermon. The sad rites were attended by two hundred friends and the floral tributes were unusually beautiful. The remains were interred in Rose Hill.

RAIN AND HAIL IN TUESDAY NIGHT'S STORM

Many Farmers Quite Heavy Losers From Hail While the 76 Inch of Rain Did Much Good

A heavy rain from the northwest visited Minot Tuesday night, showers falling throughout the night and during Wednesday morning. The rain was the best of the season. Up to six o'clock Wednesday morning 76 of an inch of moisture had fallen in this city, according to W. I. Farris, government weather man. The rain struck the Great Northern near Palermo, but at White Earth not a drop of moisture fell. White Earth has not had any rain all summer long. The storm covered quite a wide scope of country. Hail did considerable damage in the vicinity of Berthold, Des Lacs and the country south of Minot. In the vicinity of Des Lacs crops on the Will Hussey and Dick Chappell farms were practically ruined while damage was done on the Cliff and Lew Weatherwax and Jesse Clark farms. Others as far south as the Steffek farm sustained damage. South of Minot John J. Lee, H. Benno, Ole Oen, W. D. Wilson and others report considerable damage. While the crops are light, the quality of the grain is good and the farmers were going to realize considerable from their crops. The rain did considerable good to the potatoes, the late oats and barley and the pastures. It will also prove of much benefit to those who are doing fall plowing. Henry Auslander and G. O. Frank report rather heavy losses from hail.

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Harvey Johnson shipped a carload of cattle to St. Paul Friday, Rolla Johnson accompanying the car and he will spend a few days in the Twin Cities. Mr. and Mrs. Dow Wallace, who have been visiting at Nelsonville, O., returned home Friday. Mr. Wallace was drafted and as a consequence returned sooner than he expected in order to take his examination provided his name is among those included in the first call. The Devol and Larson families attended the Sunday school convention at Minot this week as delegates from our Sunday school. E. A. Madsen has secured an electric motor with which he is now operating his irrigating pumps, the change resulting in considerable economy in operation and is much superior in many other respects. C. A. Bugge returned Wednesday from Grand Forks, Larimore and other

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