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NO. DAKOTA PIONEER DIED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Major John S. Murphy, for Years State Political Boss, Succumbed to Anemia After Long Illness—Great Man Has Departed.

Major John S. Murphy, the pioneer North Dakota resident who died several days ago at Minneapolis, had the distinction of being largely responsible for the elementary school system for Indians in the United States. He is survived by a widow, three sons, Paul B., now in training at Camp Zachary Taylor; John S., Jr., a second lieutenant at Camp Grant, and Arthur, who is in the navy, and one daughter, Miss Evelyn Murphy.

Major Murphy was born at Wells-ville, N. Y., on May 4, 1864, of Irish-American parentage. He came to North Dakota in 1883, first settling in Ransom county. Three years later he was appointed Indian agent on the Fort Berthold reservation, which post he continued to hold until President Cleveland named his successor in 1895. The deceased was first elected to the legislature in 1894 as a member from Ward county and he was several times re-elected, becoming a leader in that body.

He was father of North Dakota's wolf bounty act; championed an extension of the time required for the residence of divorcees, removing this state from competition with Nevada for the favor of those suffering from ties which galled, and he was author of a constitutional amendment requiring a literary test for voters in North Dakota.

The legislative session of 1896 unanimously endorsed the major for United States Indian commissioner. Following his withdrawal from active politics, Major Murphy became agricultural and industrial commissioner for the Soo line at Minot, a post which he held until ill health compelled him to retire two years ago.

Few men had a more exciting or picturesque career than Major Murphy. He was a politician of the old school, and he had his bitter enemies as well as his warm friends.

His close relationship with the tribes in western North Dakota and eastern Montana, provided him with material which he used in many articles concerning the Indians of the west.

The last article written by him was published less than a month ago, dealing with the history of Curley Head, the last survivor of the Custer massacre. In it Major Murphy wrote:

"Curley Head was at this time (1876) 19 years of age. He was in the battle of Little Big Horn, killed a Sioux warrior, took the Sioux blanket and in the excitement escaped through the lines, made his way to the Missouri river and intercepted General Bantzen, who was on his way up the river on the steambot Greatwest with reinforcements. The first account given of this battle was wired to a New York paper by Colonel Lounsbury, editor and founder of the Bismarck Tribune. Col. Lounsbury, usually a correct narrator, erroneously referred to Curley Head as a Crow scout from the Crow reservation in Montana. This statement exemplifies the practical impossibility of catching up with an error of this kind, as practically all subsequent writers on the battle of the Little Big Horn refer to Curley Head as a Crow Indian scout.

"I speak with some authority on this subject regarding Curley Head as President Harrison appointed me United States agent for those Indians 29 years ago. I had charge of them for four years. I knew Curley Head very well, and as government agent I gave him land in severalty and issued him a span of brood mares, four cows and a limited supply of farm implements. In 1893 I sent Curley Head to the World's Fair at Chicago, where he rightfully posed as the 'last survivor' for which he received \$75 a month for five months. Curley Head died on his homestead in 1910."

The above is taken from a press dispatch and gives a fairly good account of the Major's activities. The Independent is glad to add something to the account of the life of our old time friend.

Mr. Murphy died at his home in Minneapolis last Friday afternoon at two o'clock, following an illness of more than two years from pernicious anemia. The Major had made a brave struggle for life and had won the distinction of having received more blood transfusions, some 200 of them, than any other man, living or dead, had ever received. For a time his condition was improved and only two or three weeks ago, encouraging reports came from Minneapolis. The Major was gaining in weight and strength and had been able to be about the streets. He was preparing to make his Minot friends a visit in the spring. About a week prior to his death he failed rapidly.

Mr. Murphy came to North Dakota in 1883 and lived on a homestead near Minot, in Ransom county. He was elected superintendent of schools of that county, which office he held for several terms. He came to this section of the state as Indian agent for the Fort Berthold Indian reservation, southwest of Minot. He held this po-

sition for six years. During this time he mastered the language of the Indians remarkably well and effected a translation of their language, the first book of the kind known. After the Major finished his work on the reservation, he came to Minot to live, opening a real estate and loan office. He represented the Iowa Land Co., and built up one of the biggest loan concerns in the state. He bought the Jameson-Huston ranch out on the White Earth Creek and ran hundreds of horses and cattle on the ranch. He bought cattle and horses for the government, and at one transaction disposed of \$30,000 worth of horses to the government. His brother, Mark, had charge of the ranch.

The Major, while living in Minot, became the recognized leader of state politics. He ran the county's political affairs for many years practically naming the nominees at the old time county conventions. It is said that the Major has been responsible for the election of more than one governor, but he never had much of a hankering for public office himself. He loved the game, however, and while he could have made more money had he kept out of it, he devoted a great many years to matters political and had much to do with making early history in North Dakota.

The Major was a man of many excellent qualities. He had a great deal of personal magnetism and even those who differed from him politically, liked him personally and recognized his wonderful ability. He had a great mind. He had stored up a wealth of knowledge and had figures on practically every subject stored away in the archives of his memory. He was a public speaker of note and could talk intelligently on practically any subject.

The Major never forgot a friend and he did hundreds of favors when he could least afford to do so.

The Major resided in Minot until about four years ago, when he was promoted to the position of general immigration agent of the Soo Railway Co. This necessitated his moving to Minneapolis where the general offices are located. He held this position with great credit until ill health caused him to give up the work.

SCHUMANN-HEINK DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

The date of the Schumann-Heink concert to be held at the new Minot High School Auditorium, has been changed from Friday, Jan. 3, to Wednesday evening, Jan. 8. Owing to certain Montana health regulations, Schumann-Heink will not be able to fill her engagements in that state until later than was expected, hence it was necessary to make a change in the Minot date. The influenza in Minot is so well under control that scarcely any new cases are reported, and it is not expected to interfere with the Schumann-Heink engagement here.

Earle Stredwick and Family Back for Visit

Earle Stredwick and family from Ada, Sask., are visiting relatives and old friends in this vicinity. Earle moved to Canada two years ago and is making money farming. The wheat this year averaged 14 bushels, some places on summer fallowing going 28 bushels. Mr. Stredwick says the Canadian farmers have the summer fallowing down to a science and they grow fair crops of wheat even in dry years. They summer fallow in June and then go over the field with a duck footed surface cultivator which just cuts out the weeds, and does not stir up the ground much, thus keeping in the moisture. He says a man needs a half section to farm there and should summer fallow a third of it every year.

Mr. Stredwick came back to see his aged father, Reuben Stredwick of Logan, who is 81 years of age and quite feeble.

DR. SHAW A POLICEMAN.

Takes Oath as Special Officer of the Washington Force.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Honorary President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, was sworn in today as a special member of the Washington police force. At a reception last night she told of a forty years' desire to serve as a policewoman.

Supt. Pullman of the local force invited her to his office to talk over the situation, and when she appeared the regulation oath was administered and she received a badge.

North Dakota Casualties
Among the casualty reports early in the week, the following North Dakota names appear:

C. O. Moen, Tagus, wounded, degree undetermined, (previously reported missing).

E. H. Nickelson, Bottineau, killed, (previously reported missing).

Walter L. Welo, Velva, wounded severely.

1915 Crop Was a Bumper

In the crop report of John Wallin, published in last week's issue, we neglected to give the report for 1915, which was a bumper crop. Mr. Wallin, who furnished the reports for the past 34 years, states that the 1915 crop was about on a par with that grown in 1885.

WARD M'CRILL FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON

Minot Man Found Guilty on Circumstantial Evidence—Negro Porter Pleads Guilty to Bootlegging

Ward McCrill, charged with arson in the second degree, was found guilty in district court last week. He was charged with causing a fire which burned his residence near the Home hotel in order to collect insurance. He will receive his sentence Saturday. McCrill, who has been mixed up in a number of piggery and gambling cases, took the stand and testified that at the time his house burned, he had been following piggery and gambling for a livelihood. The evidence against McCrill in the arson case was entirely circumstantial.

Richard Lawrence, colored, a porter on the Great Northern, pleaded guilty to bootlegging. He was sentenced to serve ninety days in the county jail, fined \$200, in default of which he must serve 30 days additional.

Of the civil cases, that of Paul J. Kalman Co. vs. D. A. Dinnie, the jury found for the defendant, \$303.56.

In the case of G. R. Ringo vs. W. S. Brown, the action was dismissed.

The trial of J. C. Johnson, who is suing the Soo Railway Co. for damages is on trial.

In the case of Robinson Straus & Co. vs. Ferdinand Rubow, the action was dismissed without prejudice on motion of the plaintiff.

Normal School Offers Pre-Nursing Courses

The Normal school has been placed upon the list of schools of collegiate rank that are authorized to give intensive pre-nursing courses by the United States Government. Six courses will be offered during the term opening December 31st, so scheduled that a student may devote her entire time to this work. Regular students will also take these courses, partly as electives and partly as required subjects, but they will not all be pursued in any one term.

The regular teaching staff will offer these courses which have been based upon the courses offered by Vassar College and made intensely practical. Laboratory work is required in all subjects so that students may learn the following:

Miss Bryson—Nutrition and Cookery, Bacteriology, Public Hygiene.

Miss Hoover—Anatomy and Hygiene, Elementary Nursing.

Mr. Sutton—Organic and Physiological and Chemistry.

Surgeon-General M. W. Ireland, U. S. A. gave his hearty approval to this work and in a letter written to the American Council of Education after the signing of the armistice strongly urges the offering of these courses and emphasizes their importance in the great program of reconstruction.

Judge Dill Marries Bowbells Couple

Donald Rex Barnes and Miss Matilda Peterson of Bowbells were united in marriage in this city Friday by Judge A. B. Dill.

James Scofield, who has been ill from influenza for two months is able to be out again. Jim actually gained flesh while ill, which is a rather unusual thing for one to do.

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTED

Citizens Are Responding Nobly to Call—Effort Being Made to Get Dollar Membership From Each One

The Minot Red Cross membership drive for 1919, opened Monday. Several committees started out that morning and brot in fair reports, still the drive has not been considered an entire success so far.

Fact of the matter is only 1293 dollar memberships have been taken in the city up to this date, Wednesday afternoon, where over 3,000 members were taken a year ago. Minot has done some excellent Red Cross work. The Red Cross funds have always been raised in good shape, but the city has never had the number of memberships that it should have had. The number should not be less than 6,000.

Many seem to think that because they have given to the Red Cross funds, they are members. Not so. One must give a dollar to this actual Red Cross members. This is the last Red Cross drive that is to be taken until another year and this city cannot afford to fall down on it. A similar campaign is being made this week all over the United States.

SOLDIERS ARE TRUE AMERICAN SPORTSMEN

Minot Soldier Says That it Would be Contrary to American Tradition to Kick Enemy When He is Down.

Wm. C. Davis, of the Independent's typographical force, writes an interesting letter to the Independent "bunch" under date of Nov. 21, written from France. It follows:

Friend Rita and Bunch:

Finis la guerre! Partee Amerique tout de suite! (which shows that Bill is learning French.)

The war is over, that is almost a certainty, for the terms of the armistice leaves the Boche without a leg to stand on. True, he didn't get all that was coming to him, but you can't kick one when he is down and out, that would not be living up to our sportsmanship, but by the time he signs up peace terms, he will find himself in such a position that he will not be able to wiggle out from under for some time to come, and may be in time, it will soak into his hard head that war is not a paying proposition.

When we depart for America is a question that is discussed every minute of the day, even during the still of the night some one will talk in his sleep of going home. It has all happened so soon that it seems too good to be true. It came so quickly—more quickly than we anticipated when we left the states. Even the most optimistic did not figure on so prompt a collapse of the Hun. Of course, we realize it is going to take a little time to put on the final touches—maybe a month or two. We

might be able to stand it that long but if things don't commence to move the first of the year, the higher-ups are going to have a restless bunch on their hands. Nevertheless, how soon leaving orders come, they can't come too soon. The time from now on is going to be the hardest days we will have had in the army, even worse than the days we lay in training camp.

Rumors are afloat galore. First we hear that this organization will have served its usefulness as soon as war proper ceases and we will be among the first to go back. Then there's a report that we are to go to the Rhine and take over a German printing plant at Cologne. But the army is made up of rumors and you never can tell what is going to happen.

I could go on and give you an explanation of the way the signing of the armistice was celebrated in France. No doubt the States carried on to the limit, but the carrying-on over here can't be described. This country simply went crazy.

The flu is a thing of the past. With the exception of one death in our regiment, we pulled thru O. K.

With best wishes to you and the bunch for the Holiday season, I am,

Sincerely yours,
BILL.

Federal Trade Commission Charges Mail Order House With Misleading Consumers

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a complaint against Gordon-Van Tine Company, a mail order concern, charging unfair methods of competition. The Federal Trade Commission charges this concern with widely circulating a false advertisement containing a gross misrepresentation of the terms of an order and decision issued by the Commission, the object of such false advertisement being to create in the mind of the public a suspicion that the retail lumber dealer is not dealing fairly.

The complaint of the Commission also charges this concern with unfair competition with the intent, purpose and effect of injuring, embarrassing and discrediting local retail lumber dealers. It is said that for more than two years this concern has circulated catalogs and published statements through the various states and territories of the United States in which it is represented that the United States Government vouches for and guarantees its reliability and business honesty; that it sells all its lumber products from the mill direct to the consumer; that the retail dealers are members of a "Lumber Trust"; that it saves the consumer from twenty-five to fifty per cent; all of which above statements the complaint says are false, deceptive and misleading.

This concern is also charged in the complaint with secretly and without the knowledge of the purchaser or consumer, offering and paying to local contractors, builders and carpenters, a bonus, or so-called commission, as an inducement to influence such contractors and builders to push or favor the sale of defendant's lumber and building materials over those of the retail lumber dealer. The complaint writes the defendant to appear in Washington on January 9, 1919, to answer the charges of unfair competition and misrepresentation.

A prominent retailer commenting on the complaint, said: "The retail lumber dealers have been assailed by many of the catalog houses and mail order concerns, who have taken advantage of their extensive advertising facilities and cheap mail rates, to make charges similar to those which are referred to in the complaint. The retail lumbermen have felt that the methods of many of the mail order concerns were grossly prejudicial to the interests of the consumer as well as the retailer. It is hoped that the filing of the complaint against the mail order concern will result in cleaner advertising and better business practices by mail order concerns generally."

Coasting On Streets is Dangerous

R. E. Hopkins came within a hair's breadth of running over a small lad who was coasting down one of the south hills Wednesday. Mr. Hopkins was driving his car along at a rather slow pace, when all at once a sled with a boy on it shot out in front of him like a dart. The driver put on the brakes and turned his car so quickly that the machine turned clear around and shot into the curb. The boy hiked back up the hill ready for another slide.

Boys and girls have been coasting down the sidewalks, endangering pedestrians. There is an ordinance against this and the officers are after the thoughtless youngsters.

Normal School Opens December 31

All plans for the re-opening of the Normal school on December 31st, are being perfected and conditions promise to be favorable for carrying on successful work. The entire faculty will be ready to give their best efforts to the intensive work necessary to complete the year's schedule and, judging by the past, the students will not be lacking in enthusiasm and energy. The regular fall term work will be offered and arrangements made so that seniors may earn their diplomas and other students their regular credits. All students are urged to be on hand promptly for the opening day.

John Windrel from Glenburn was in the city yesterday. John states that the influenza in the Glenburn district has practically been ended, the only cases reported are those in the James Copeland family, eight miles west of Glenburn.

SCHUMANN-HEINK WILL SING TO PACKED HOUSE

World's Greatest Contralto Will Appear at New High School Auditorium on Evening of Jan. 8. Seat Sale Starts

Schumann-Heink, the world's greatest contralto, will appear before a packed house at the dedication of the new magnificent Minot high school auditorium on the evening of Wednesday, January 8.

The seat sale opened Tuesday morning and so fast were the seats taken that by night \$1600 worth of tickets had been sold. The seats are selling at \$1.50 and \$2.00, plus the ten per cent war tax. It is doubtful if there will be a \$1.50 seat left in the house by the time the great singer appears.

Blocks of seats were reserved for practically all of the surrounding towns. Rugby bought 25 seats, Granville 25, Berthold, ten and Velva, Stanley and every other town has sent in for reservations.

Two boxes, with eight seats each, will be sold to the highest bidder, the exact plans not having been worked out at this writing. It is likely that Schumann-Heink will sing to a \$3,000 house. She will receive \$1250 for her appearance that night, and the balance after expenses are paid will be used in buying stage fixture, scenery, etc., for the auditorium.

The new auditorium seats 1500 people very comfortably and is the very finest room of its kind in the west.

The advertising for this great concert is in charge of the Minot Town Criers Club. Supt. White of the Minot schools is devoting considerable of his time to making the affair a success.

With an auditorium such as we now have, we may expect to hear a concert of this class now and then.

Supt. White is preparing a splendid Souvenir program for the Schumann-Heink concert, together with a souvenir high school booklet, showing dozens of views of the new high school building and rooms. These are to be distributed on the night of the concert.

County Court Jurors.

The following is a list of the jurors drawn for the January, 1919, term of County court:

Henry Parris, Burlington, R. No. 2.
N. C. Nelson, Kenmare, R. No. 1.
Edward Pfeiffer, Minot, R. No. 1.
Melvin Jensen, Ryder.
August Larson, Burlington, R. No. 1.

Edward O. Anderson, Makoti, R. No. 1.

Tom Olson, Kenmare, R. No. 4.
George Beck, Sawyer, R. No. 2.
George Emerson, Des Lacs.

Oscar Ostrom, Douglas, R. No. 3.
C. J. Perring, Deering.
L. J. Byerly, Minot.

H. C. Anderson, Ryder.
Henry Culver, Kenmare, R. No. 2.
Nels Nelson, Kenmare.

D. O. Barsness, Surrey, R. No. 1.
Steve Schoemer, Kenmare, R. No. 4.
Ben Pratt, Lone Tree.

L. C. Wheeler, Sawyer, R. No. 2.
M. T. Dahlquist, Minot.

J. H. Lynch, Donnybrook.
Wm. Meyers, Minot, R. No. 4.

F. A. Bauer, Max, R. No. 1.
Pete Sawchenko, Makoti, R. No. 2.
B. L. Johnson, Max.

Anton Stael, Kenmare, R. No. 3.
Geo. Pritchett, Jr., Foxholm.

Carl T. Larsen, Coulee, R. No. 1.
Knute Spoklie, Minot, R. No. 3.
Nils Brandt, Makoti, R. No. 2.

Fred Fuller, Sawyer, R. No. 1.
L. Landis, Kenmare, R. No. 3.
J. F. Kavanagh, Minot, R. No. 3.

B. R. Briggs, Glenburn, R. No. 3.
Albert A. Hansen, Kenmare, R. No. 1.

W. D. Wilson, Minot.

I. A. Miner, Kenmare, R. No. 2.
Frank Hoffine, Kenmare.

J. F. Morrison, Donnybrook, R. No. 4.

Paul Musch, Burlington.

Term to begin January 7, 1919, and jury to report at 2 o'clock p. m., January 8, 1919.

New Faculty Members for Normal

Acting President Wm. F. Clarke of the Normal School announces the appointment of Mr. T. C. Sutton of Bay City, Michigan, as instructor in Science for the present school year. Miss Adelaide Dressel of Illinois was engaged for this work, but two weeks after entering upon her duties, was called home by the death of a brother. Shortly after this a twin of the former brother, also succumbed to the prevailing epidemic. This double bereavement made it necessary for Miss Dressel to remain at home so her resignation was accepted with regret.

Mr. Sutton has had excellent preparation for his work, being a graduate of Adrian College (Mich.) and a graduate student of Chicago University, with eight years of experience in teaching in the high schools of Michigan. Mr. Sutton will also give a portion of his time to assisting in athletics.

He will arrive in Minot, soon, but Mrs. Sutton and baby will remain in Michigan until spring. The Normal school and community will extend a cordial welcome to these new residents.

Eddie Hussey, son of William Hussey of Des Lacs, is suffering from a fractured arm, sustained when he attempted to crank an unruly 1Vd.



Madame Schumann-Heink, who will appear at the Minot High School Auditorium at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th.