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RETIRE FROM THE ICE BUSINESS AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS

**E. B. Kelley Who Started Hauling Ice
With a Wheel Barrow Disposes of
Equipment and Stock to Peo-
ple's Ice Co.**

E. B. Kelley, pioneer Minot business man, who started in the ice business in Minot thirty-two years ago, with a handful of ice and a wheelbarrow, disposed of his immense stock and equipment of the Minot Ice Co. to John McGinley, his foreman for three years, and will take life a little easier in the future.

McGinley has taken the Davis Bros. and Miss Davis of the Davis Ice Co. into the business and both plants will be operated under the name of the People's Ice Co.

Kelley sold his entire stock of ice, trucks and considerable other equipment, but retains the immense ice house, which he has leased to the new concern.

It is probable that the price of ice will be advanced slightly by the new concern, in keeping with other commodities, but the management of the People's Ice Co. informs the Independent that the customers of Minot will be treated fairly, both as regards price and service. They have plenty of equipment and stock and say that much of the overhead expense and cost of delivery can be cut down.

Minot uses about 15,000 tons of ice annually.

When Mr. Kelley started in the ice business in 1888, he did so for the convenience of what few people lived in the village of Minot at the time. He filled a small ice house that stood on the former location of the "Tin Roof" and turned the business over to a man, offering him all the money he could get for the ice. There was only one butcher shop and a saloon or two in the village that used ice and the demand was so small that the fellow didn't make enough money to warrant his staying with the business, so he gave it up. He didn't have a dray, so delivered the ice around town with a wheel barrow. The people didn't use much ice 32 years ago. It has only been in the last 20 years that people got into the habit of using refrigerators very extensively. The good old fashioned cellars were sufficient for the needs of the people of those days.

As the city became larger, Kelley enlarged his plant until he built up one of the largest and best in the west. He has always treated the people well. Many a poor man or woman who could not afford to buy ice can thank big hearted Ed Kelley for their summer's supply. During the war when the boys were away Ed was out from the boys were away late at night working like a Trojan to meet the demands for his ice.

Mr. Kelley's many old time friends will be glad to learn that he will not leave the city. He is interested in a number of farms in this vicinity, owns valuable Minot business property and will remain here to look after his interests. He owns a fine farm just two miles northwest of Minot and he offers ground free to anyone who will agree to plant corn and potatoes, and keep the soil free from weeds.

Minot Artists Please in "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway"

The musical comedy, "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway", staged at the high school auditorium by local artists under the direction of Mr. Trousdale, assisted by Jerry Houck, was pronounced one of the best attractions of the kind ever given by local talent in this city. The play was produced under the auspices of Minot Lodge 1089, B. P. O. Elks, and large crowds enjoyed the performance both Friday and Saturday nights, with a matinee for the children Saturday afternoon.

There were about forty people in the cast. The music was furnished by the Elks' own orchestra.

Mrs. F. A. Brugman as Mary Jane Jenkins was delightful, both in her singing and acting. Mrs. Brugman's work was exceedingly clever.

Mrs. Wm. Gettleman as Mrs. David Deane, who has social ambitions and Mrs. Ben Bradford as Flora Dora Deane, the daughter, were good.

Miss Genevieve Vandenoever, who has appeared in this city in a number of previous attractions, was a "scream" as Mrs. Purdy, who grieved over the death of "poor Mr. Castleman".

Wm. Gettleman, as the butler and Winter Baker as the deep dyed villain were exceptionally clever.

Wm. McHugh appeared in rube make-up with a song between acts.

Minot Town and Country Club May Purchase New Site

An enthusiastic meeting of the Minot Town and Country Club was held at the Association of Commerce rooms last evening.

Plans were made to play golf on the grounds occupied by the club for the present and the following committee was appointed to locate a new site and provide methods of financing the purchase of grounds and improvements:

E. M. Graham, chairman; Ben Brad-

ford, A. D. McCannel, H. M. Wilson and Lee Piper.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with the Minot Rotary Club, Association of Commerce and Park Board to provide for establishing a park system in the coulees in the southern part of the city and for opening the Ward street road out over the south hill, enabling the farmers to haul larger loads out from the city, the proposed road being the easiest grade out of the city.

Easter Sunday at the First Lutheran Church

At 9 a. m. a special service in the Norwegian language.

The regular morning service in the English language at 10:30. Sermon theme: "The Vacant Grave, It's Power in the History of Souls". Anthem "Hosanna" Granier-Adams.

At 12 noon, the regular Sunday school hour, a service of Easter songs by the children and young folks.

At 8 P. M. (Note the change in time) a song service led by the Chorus and Male Quartette. Sermon theme: "The Vacant Grave" A Beaconing Hope."

Coming Events

April 7—Annual De Molay Commandery Ball at Masonic Temple.

April 7—University of North Dakota Girls at Grand Theatre.

April 9—Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, high school auditorium.

Easter Sunday, April 4—Special Easter services at the various Minot churches.

Easter Sunday, April 4.—Annual Knights Templar Easter service, 3 P. M., at Arcade Theatre, sermon by Rev. D. J. Gallagher, Rector All Saints Episcopal church.

Merry Makers Coming April 7

The Merry Makers, a company of young ladies from the North Dakota State University, will appear at the Grand Theatre on the night of April 7.

They will give a high class musical entertainment, both vocal and instrumental. They are touring the entire state and are doing it not to make money, but to advertise the school. An admission of only 50 cents will be charged.

Miss Esther I. Sather Dies

Miss Esther I. Sather, who was employed as waitress at the Great Northern Lunch room in this city for the past thirteen months, passed away March 29th from Brights Disease. The remains were shipped to the old home, Franklin, Minn., where her father resides. The mother passed away two weeks ago. Miss Sather was 20 years, 11 months and 16 days old.

NEW ICE CREAM AND BUTTER PLANT FOR THE MAGIC CITY

Sorenson Dairy Product Co. Leases Gram Building on Third St. N. E. to Make Ice Cream Under New Process

The Sorenson Dairy Product Co., have made arrangements to lease the present Dakota Bakery on Third streets N. E. and will engage in the manufacture of dairy products particularly ice cream and butter. As rapidly as the present occupants of the building, Gram Brothers vacate portions of the building the new firm will install their machinery adding additional equipment as fast as space will permit. C. H. Sorenson of New Rockford is the principal stockholder and manager of the concern and from all reports Sorenson is not only experienced in the management but is acknowledged to be one of the best butter and ice cream makers in the country, having been identified with some of the leading concerns of this kind in the Twin Cities and in Wisconsin.

His butter will go out under the trade name of Meadow Gold Butter, and the ice cream will be known as Delicious, both very appetizing and appropriate designations. Mr. Sorenson is a Dane by birth and from boyhood has been engaged in this particular line of work. In the manufacture of ice cream an entirely new method—new at least to this section, will be used. A machine costing over \$1800 will be used, which pasteurizes and homogenizes the cream under 3000 pounds of pressure, insuring a product of the very highest quality. This method is entirely different from what is known as emulsifying and is said to produce a product much superior both in quality and grain.

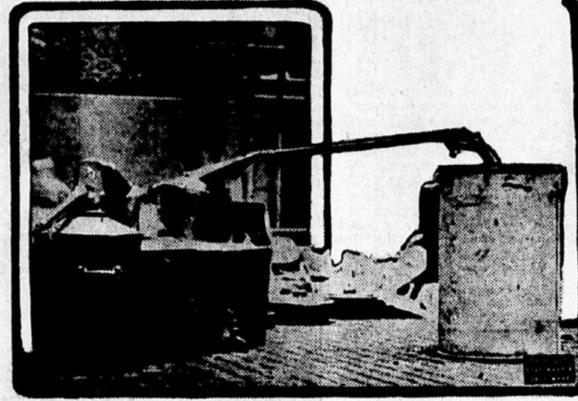
The Sorenson Dairy Product Co. expect to have their plant in operation by April 15 and sooner if possible.

Judge Murray Made Masonic Furniture

Judge Wm. Murray is an old time cabinet maker and a good one. Thirty years ago he made the three stands and the altar that are still used in the Masonic lodge in Minot. The Judge didn't have much of a work room, so did the work in a little car roof shack that stood for years across the track north of the G. N. station.

Preston Hallman has purchased the Walter Bangs residence on the South Hill.

HOME-MADE STILL DESTROYED



Some of the many home-made whisky stills that were destroyed at New York customs house.

FRANK W. LEET DIED SUDDENLY THURSDAY

Frank W. Leet, well known citizen, passed away from a heart attack in this city last Thursday afternoon. The remains were shipped to the old home, Freeport, Ill., for burial.

Mr. Leet, who was born at Elizabeth, Ill., 64 years ago, was married in 1877 to Miss Carrie Dacklar of Freeport, Ill. She and five of the seven children born to them survive. They are Mrs. J. A. Deas of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Fred C. Jones and Mrs. Alfred H. Kiser, both of Scooby, Mon-

tana, Miss Katherine Leet of this city, and son, Lalon Z. Leet of Norma, N. D.

Until fifteen years ago, Mr. Leet was engaged in business at Freeport, Ill., when he came west and farmed near Kenmare, N. D., until seven years ago when the family moved to this city. They reside at 8 Second avenue S. W. and have a large circle of friends who will sympathize with them in their bereavement.

BLACK-HAND MAN LODGED IN JAIL

Aroused Denhoff, N. D. By Threatening Letters to Bank Cashier—Ends Reign of Terror.

Bismarck, N. D., April 1.—Harry Gray is securely locked in the county jail at McClusky; a black-hand mystery has been solved and the citizens of Denhoff, Sheridan county, have put away their shotguns and weapons of defense and are again sleeping peacefully of nights.

The arrest of Gray was the culmination of a reign of terror which had the people of Denhoff literally under arms for six days.

On March 19 a letter was found lying on a flat-topped rock at the side of a road just outside the town limits of Denhoff. It was addressed to Ed Wahl, cashier of the First State bank of Denhoff, and advised him to take \$2,500 in currency to a certain place a mile and a half from the town, leave it and go his way. "If you know what is good for you, you better follow these instructions," the letter read.

Wahl reported to States Attorney Frank Temple, who appealed to Attorney General William Langer for a special investigator. The night following the appearance of the first letter another missive was found stuck to the outer window of a pool hall with

chewing gum. This also was addressed to Ed Wahl.

In this letter the demands were the same but a new place was cited as the rendezvous where the banker should meet the blackhanders. "If you don't meet us and come through with the money there will be a funeral." Signed "Z. C."

With the appearance of this letter the people of Denhoff became interested. When a third letter was found stuck on a drug store window on Monday, March 22, Denhoff armed itself. Couched in stronger language the letter read: "This is the third and last warning. We mean business this time. If you don't bring the money now you will never have a chance to bring it. It is up to you whether you think more of your life than you do of \$2,500. Signed again by "Z. C."

Wahl recruited friends and unlimbered his artillery. On Tuesday night, March 23, three men, all armed, were in the Wahl home with him talking over the affair when there came a rap at the door.

Visions of bombs, etc., and the rap wasn't answered.

Nevertheless it was Gray. He left the house, walked down the street and met a Denhoff man saying, "Here's a letter for Ed Wahl, I wish you'd give it to him."

The letter was delivered shortly afterward. It read:

"We are giving you one more chance. We are sending you this warning by a man who you know well and with whom we are not very well acquainted. You will give him \$2,500 in currency. You will not attempt to follow him as

both of you will be watched from the time he receives the money until it is turned over to us. And we are well prepared for trouble. If you do not do this there will be a double funeral. We mean business," said the same "Z. C."

Then the detective from the attorney general's office appeared on the scene. Samples of Gray's handwriting were secured and there was enough resemblance to cause the expert to see a similarity. Denhoff folks suspicioned Gray. The detective expressed his intention of going out to Gray's farm four miles from the town.

He called on Gray, entered the house and quickly spotted Gray's guns, a high powered Savage rifle and a smaller caliber Winchester. The operator stepped between Gray and the guns and there ensued a few remarks about the weather; questions as to what made Gray act so nervous, and finally a point blank question: "You know something about this Ed Wahl business, don't you?"

Gray started to edge around the detective but the latter had his hand in his overcoat pocket and Gray obeyed the orders to go back and sit down. There was a brief parley and Gray told about having been held up on the road by four masked men and ordered to deliver the letter to Wahl. He told about having been kicked severely by the men after they had knocked him down and given him "a sample of what you may get."

Admits Gumming Letters.

Langer's detective ordered the man to strip off his clothes. There was not a mark or bruise on him. Under pressure Gray admitted that he had also gummed the various missives to the windows of business places in the city.

The detective went through the clothes Gray had been wearing and there found another letter addressed to Wahl and Gray together.

"How long have you been planning this black-hand game? As a matter of fact you got the idea last January, didn't you?"

Gray looked blankly at the question. "How did you know?"

He will be taken into court within a few days to plead to charges of attempted extortion and threatening to kill.

Gray is in jail, the detective is off investigating another case for the attorney general's office, the civilian guard has been taken off of the Wahl home and bank. Denhoff has put its guns away until the hunting season, and everything is again serene.

"CHICKEN PETE" JOHNSON FOUND DEAD AT HOME

Well known Minot Character Had Been Dead Evidently For More Than a Week—Lived Alone in Dugout.

"Chicken Pete" Johnson, a local character, was found dead on his bed at his home in a dug-out on the South Hill Saturday morning by L. T. Stromsford, who had gone to his place to borrow a wheelbarrow. Johnson had evidently been dead for about a week, as neighbors had not seen him around since the big blizzard. The Minot police department was notified and the body taken to a morgue, and later buried in this city.

Johnson had lived alone at the place for a number of years and he received his nickname from the fact that chicken raising was his main business. He had spent most of the winter at the poor farm, but returned a day or two before the storm, borrowed a few dollars from W. S. Shaw and started up housekeeping again.

Johnson was seen by Mrs. John Stoudt, Sunday, March 14. He had gone over to the Stoudt home and Mrs. Stoudt was surprised to see him as she knew he had been at the poor farm. He said that he felt fine and wanted to get back home.

From letters found in the home, the police learn that the man has relatives at Nyack, N. Y., a sister in Norway and other relatives in Sweden.

LEAGUE AGENT GETS WARDENSHIP OF PEN

Bismarck, N. D., April 1.—Thomas Hennessy of Bottineau, sheriff of Bottineau county, has been appointed warden of the state penitentiary, succeeding Charles McDonald, resigned. He will assume his new duties soon.

Mr. Hennessy has been an active league organizer for some time, acting in the capacity of league agent in county conventions in the northwest section of the state recently. He is secretary of the Bottineau Courant Publishing company, a league paper.

Rabbit Financier Under Arrest.

C. W. Birs was arrested at Fargo charged with violating the North Dakota Blue Sky law. Birs organized an immense corporation for the purpose of operating rabbit farms and promised investors 200 per cent upwards on their money. Birs claims the company's financial operations so far amount to \$19,000.00 and says that he has made no extravagant claims.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dopp of Wildrose, Wis., are visiting at the home of their daughters, Mrs. Albert Lowe and Mrs. Wm. Smart.

THOUSANDS ATTEND FATHERS AND SONS BANQUET TUESDAY

Boys of Minot Shown the Time of Their Lives Tuesday Night—Entertainment and First Aid Demonstration.

More than a thousand men and boys of Minot attended the second annual Fathers and Sons banquet at the high school auditorium Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Minot Rotary Club. The affair was considered even more successful than the one held a year ago.

Promptly at six o'clock, fathers and their sons or men who had borrowed some other man's son, could be seen headed for the school building where an appetizing box supper was served by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. Each box contained enough food for two. Young ladies distributed the cups of excellent hot coffee, the service being fine.

Just prior to serving the supper, the high school orchestra under the direction of Prof. Howard, played a selection and the blessing was asked by Rev. C. L. Clifford.

Following the supper, an interesting musical program was rendered. John Quigley, Jr., Minot's boy soprano, sang a delightful number. Wm. Oesch of the high school orchestra, played a cornet solo. Frederick Vollmer of the Junior high school, played a couple of violin solos, the young man displaying rare ability. A cornet-trombone duet by Will Oesch and Gerald Duppler pleased so well that the lads were compelled to respond to a number of encores.

An octette from the Boys' Glee Club sang a number of selections and did so well they were called back again and again.

Will E. Holbein and Carl Danielson were in charge of the Community singing, using special song sheets.

One of the best numbers was a stunt arranged by Otto Ellison and Lafe Flaten, who appeared disguised as a couple of old codgers, dragged themselves onto the stage and played a number of violin-saxophone duets.

Capt. Ferro, of the Red Cross, who made a trip from Minneapolis especially for this meeting, spent nearly an hour demonstrating first aid work. This was one of the best demonstrations of its kind ever given in Minot. The Captain explained that prior to educational work done along this line, there was an average of 10,000 drownings annually in the United States, but this has been cut down to between five and seven thousand. His advice to boys and girls is to learn how to swim. His advice to parents is to not discourage them. To the Captain's way of thinking, a drowning person is temporarily insane. The average body in the water weighs between five and ten pounds, but if one throws his arms up out of the water, ten or fifteen pounds weight is added. A canoe overturned will support from five to six persons if they don't try to make an island out of it.

The Captain advised one attempting to save a drowning person to get behind him, to avoid the death grip. He demonstrated how such a grip may be easily broken, by always breaking against the thumbs of the drowning person. The record for restoring drowning persons stands at 35 minutes in the water. The person's life was saved within 25 minutes after he was taken from the water. You can't waste a lot of time after getting a person out of the water. Do not roll the body over a barrel and do not place the victim on his back. Place him on his stomach with one arm under his head and the other outstretched. With the hands, press hard against the small of his back producing artificial respiration. The breathing and heart action have already stopped, but this artificial respiration may start them again. But a little water gets into the lungs of a drowning person, not more than two or three teaspoonfuls, the water that comes from the patient's mouth, being that taken into the stomach, no pulmonary is necessary.

Following this demonstration, an interesting moving picture was shown, giving the boys an insight into how to make money and improve their character at the same time.

Prof. John Howard to Remain Another Year

The Minot schools are signing contracts with teachers for another year. It will be good news to the many friends of John Howard, who is in charge of the music in the Minot school, to learn that he has decided to remain next year. Mr. Howard is not only doing big things for the school in a musical way, but he has been very willing to assist in programs outside.

The ladies' aid of the Presbyterian church will hold an apron and food sale in the church basement, Saturday, April 3rd. Hot lunch will be served from 11:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Mrs. Murray will have a Tea Table and serve Scotch delicacies.

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