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TORNADO DESTROYS QUARTERS

Thursday's Twister Worst Since Record Hereabouts—One Fatal, Two Injured and Immense Property Loss

The storm which swept thru Ward county from end to end on Thursday of last week proved to be a regular "twister" as violent and destructive as the storms so frequently pass thru the middle western states. Conservative estimates as to the damage at fully a quarter of a million dollars. So far as we can learn but one death and two seriously injured comprise the only human toll exacted. Mrs. Anthony Botz whose death occurred a few moments after the storm had swept their home from the face of the earth, Mr. Botz, who is still in a serious condition at St. Joseph's hospital, and Elbridge Whitte, living on the old Ramsey farm southeast of Genoa, who was injured when a cook stove or other heavy article of household furnishing fell upon him as the storm up-ended the house where he and a brother had taken refuge when the storm struck their farm are the only personal injuries sustained by our people. There were a number of hair-breadth escapes, however. Herman Abrahamson, a Sawyer farmer saw the storm approaching and drove his team to the barn and started to unhitch just as the tornado struck. Had he driven to the place where it was customary for him to stop his team, man and team would most certainly have been destroyed. As it was the spiral shaped cloud passed so close that he was picked-off his feet by the suction.

Just a few shreds are left scattered about the coulee to mark the spot where once stood the comfortable, tho' humble domicile of the Botz family in Mann's coulee. A few sections of the floor piled about the barnyard are all the parts left of sufficient size to identify. Splinters of wood, pieces of furniture and many of the treasured keep-sakes of the parents and children are strewn over the hillside and thru the adjoining coulees for a distance of fully a mile. A party of sight-seers visiting the scene the morning after picked up a case containing two of Mrs. Botz's rings, sad reminders of joyous days. The case was picked up about twenty rods from where the house had stood. The remains of what was once a comfortable wicker rocking chair was picked up in a coulee three quarters of a mile away. A baby carriage, the family sewing machine and various other household utensils were seen scattered about the farm. A Ford touring car which stood in a cement floored garage near the house was thrown a distance of 80 feet, the top broken-off, the windshield smashed, the steering wheel torn away and the cushions ripped. Nothing of any value whatever remains, worthy of mention, of the Botz home in Mann Coulee.

As the storm swept onward it struck the William Klein farm buildings wrecking the barn and moving the house fully five feet from the foundation. A granary was lifted from its foundation and another large barn, just constructed last fall was lifted from its foundation and moved a distance of about six feet.

J. F. Ahman of St. Henry's township, 26 miles northwest was in the city Saturday and gave the Independent a graphic account of the storm as it passed thru his section. Here the Welton Engelhart barn and two well-ribs in operation there were completely riddled and the farm house badly damaged. Seven horses standing harnessed in their stalls were buried in the debris and by the prompt work of a corps of workers with the assistance of a gas tractor the horses were rescued with no greater injury than a few cuts and bruises. At the Matt Phillips farm the upper and back portions of a fine barn were torn away and an older structure entirely demolished. Several other buildings were also destroyed or damaged. Mrs. Miller's barn lies a complete wreck. Joe Kloosterman's barn and out-buildings were blown down. On the Ed Kloosterman farm, his barn was moved from its foundation and a machine shed and other buildings damaged. Clem Kloosterman, another of the brothers, suffered probably the greatest loss of any in the St. Henry's district. Here the storm was angriest. Shrubs, trees, fences, fence posts, barn, house, granary and other buildings were swept away. Fortunately there was no family residing here or the loss of life in Thursday's storm would certainly have been greater. At the Chas. Hill farm all the buildings except the house were carried away. Here a horse was so badly injured by flying timbers that it was necessary to kill the animal. The barn and chicken-coop were taken and every window on the storm side of the house blown in. On the Louis Oliver farm a horse was found dead in the pasture, having been killed outright by flying timbers. From St. Henry's the storm took an irregular course south by southeast, passing just above the city to land in Mann's coulee, at the Botz home.

The St. Henry people are very grateful to Joe Williamson, driver of an oil-tank for the Standard Oil Co., who had just reached the Englund

farm when the storm struck. Joe, with his truck helped the farmers in their work of releasing horses and cattle from wrecked barns and other structures in which they had taken refuge. After completing its work of destruction at the Botz farm it leaped across the Mouse valley and resumed its fiendish work beyond. Lying in its path were the fine farm buildings Herman Abrahamson, some of the farm structures in this section North Dakota. Here an enormous barn 80 by 86 was wrecked and many other buildings damaged. Fortunately the house was spared as it lay a few feet out of the storm's course. Abrahamson owns several farms and three were in the path of Thursday's tornado. On one of these damages of fully \$6,000 were suffered and on the third farm the loss was over \$10,000. At the Lawrence Grindberg farm all the buildings were wrecked, the top of the house being carried away. He placed his loss at \$2,000. The Trumann Wissler farm, the house is built bungalow style with overhanging gable. The gable was torn away and the shingling on one side peeled off as smoothly and in as perfect alignment as the effected by workmen. The house was twisted out of shape, a granary with garage containing an automobile, was picked up and deposited in a slough 40 rods away, the entire collection a mass of scrambled junk. The damage here was placed at \$10,000. The Tom Hystad farm home and fine barn, acknowledged among the best in North Dakota are left a complete wreck. Hystad's loss is placed at \$20,000. Here it was that two cows and a horse were found in an adjoining pasture dead in the field, their sides having been pierced by flying splinters from the demolished buildings.

Across the road from the Wissler place was a large slough full of water from the recent rains. The storm swept the water out of the slough and sprinkled it about the farms beyond. The Wissler family had taken refuge in a grove about twenty rods from the house and they were almost drowned as mud and water were sprinkled over them, their faces being unrecognizable. A school house colored white against a green background of teeming meadows, is now smeared over with the muddy waters of the slough near by. This building was also moved from its foundation. Another freak seen at the Wissler farm is where a section of the barn roof was lifted intact and driven edgewise into the slough. Just how much damage was done as the storm went on we have not learned. The damage in Ward county and in the vicinity of Minot is of sufficient magnitude to convince the Independent today one of the best citizens, in every respect that the Wonder city has produced. Coming here years ago he was first associated with Guy Frank in the ownership of a store conducted at the present site of the hardware and furniture store. Later he was associated with his brother Maurice, now a resident of Norway, in the ownership and management of the New York Department store. The two purchasing the interests of P. P. Lee, now of Bellingham, Washington, at that time the leading merchant of Minot. As time went on Julius bot the interest of his brother, later forming a corporation now known as the New York Department store. Marvin Solien and Mr. Fauchald's son, Melvin being associated with him as principal stockholders. Melvin Fauchald is also associated with his father in the ownership of the New York Hardware & Furniture store. Matt Ringen and Melvin Fauchald being identified with the ownership of this establishment. While Mr. Fauchald probably would resent the idea of deserting Minot as a permanent place of residence, yet it is believed that what with life in New York and his intention to make periodical visits to his home land, Norway, that to all intents and purposes Minot may say good-bye to the Fauchald family.

Miss Marie Fauchald, a nurse in training at Portland, Oregon, will complete her term of service this fall and will then undoubtedly join the family in New York. Mr. Fauchald and two of the younger boys left Wednesday. Melvin Fauchald and wife will remain in the city and another son, has decided to remain for a time at least.

The beautiful Fauchald residence on First street S. E. will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Skadeland.

Sheriff and Mrs. A. P. Scofield who have been touring Glacier park for the past ten days are expected home today.

Dr. N. B. Livingston, Minot Dentist Orders Plane—Leaves to Take Course in Flying. Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Livingston, and son Junior, of the Union dental parlors, leave Friday of this week for the Minnesota lakes, stopping for a few days probably at Yellow Lake Wisconsin, and from there going on to Duluth where they will place their auto aboard a boat and proceed to Detroit or Cleveland. Their intentions are to spend at least three weeks touring New York and Ohio. At Yellow Lake the Livingstons have been accustomed to spend the greater portion of their vacation which always comes during the entire month of August. At their cottage on Yellow Lake they are always joined by Livingston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrow of Minneapolis. During this vacation Dr. Livingston will take a course of training as an air pilot, his intention being to obtain his license in time for sailing his aeroplane recently ordered from the Curtis people. It is barely possible that the doctor's plane will not arrive in time for use this fall, but will be on hand first thing in the spring when Minot people will enjoy the novelty of a professional man maintaining a plane merely for pleasure purposes.

Mchall Lady Surprised on Birthday Mrs. C. A. Conklin of Mohall, who has been sick for some time was surprised on her birthday, the 28th, by a crowd of Minot people, who drove up to the farm, taking their dinner and supper along. Three carloads of folks drove in about nine thirty and unloaded their lunches, baggage and wraps before she knew what had happened. Those who went were T. C. Conklin, E. M. Eisele, Mrs. J. E. Whittey and children, Mrs. J. S. Hackett and daughters, H. E. Conklin and family, Miss Gertrude Putnam, C. L. Grover, H. O. Aaberg. A very enjoyable time was spent. After dinner the bunch went to the creek, and cheated the ducks out of their after dinner swim.

Minot Men in Auto Mix-Up Bud Halvorson and Bing England, Minot men, while motoring on the King's Highway near Moorhead, Minnesota, collided with a machine, driven by a Fargo lady and the latter's machine was wrecked, the engine being driven back a distance of three feet into the interior of the car. The young men fortunately escaped with simply a few bruises.

JULIUS FAUCHALD AND FAMILY MOVE TO NEW YORK

Well Known Business Man Will Take Up New Residence on Atlantic Coast.

Julius Fauchald, veteran business-man, leaves this week for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he will take up his residence. Mrs. Fauchald and daughters have preceded Mr. Fauchald, in order to get their new home in readiness for the arrival of their household goods. This move of the Fauchald family was prompted by several reasons, primarily owing to the fact that Mrs. Fauchald's health is always better when near the sea shore particularly at that point of the Atlantic coast. A secondary consideration is the fact that Miss Nora Fauchald who is a pupil of Walter Damrosch of New York wished her parents to reside near the scene of her studies and the activities of her student life. Mr. Fauchald in spite of his large mercantile interests in this city has not taken an active part in the conduct of the same for several years. He felt that he had done his share and now the burden could rest upon younger and more active shoulders, we say younger advisedly, for despite 33 years active business in the city Julius Fauchald is still as sprightly as any of his sons. The management of his two stores, the New York Department and the New York Hardware & Furniture store he has delegated to others, Marvin Solien who has been associated with Mr. Fauchald for the past fifteen years will continue the head of the Department store while Matthew Ringen will continue to supervise the destinies of the Hardware and Furniture store. During the years Mr. Fauchald has been identified with the business interests of the city he has ever been found ready and willing to co-operate in any laudable or worthy undertaking having to do with the future growth and development of the city in view and he is considered today one of the best citizens, in every respect that the Wonder city has produced. Coming here years ago he was first associated with Guy Frank in the ownership of a store conducted at the present site of the hardware and furniture store. Later he was associated with his brother Maurice, now a resident of Norway, in the ownership and management of the New York Department store. The two purchasing the interests of P. P. Lee, now of Bellingham, Washington, at that time the leading merchant of Minot. As time went on Julius bot the interest of his brother, later forming a corporation now known as the New York Department store. Marvin Solien and Mr. Fauchald's son, Melvin being associated with him as principal stockholders. Melvin Fauchald is also associated with his father in the ownership of the New York Hardware & Furniture store. Matt Ringen and Melvin Fauchald being identified with the ownership of this establishment. While Mr. Fauchald probably would resent the idea of deserting Minot as a permanent place of residence, yet it is believed that what with life in New York and his intention to make periodical visits to his home land, Norway, that to all intents and purposes Minot may say good-bye to the Fauchald family.

FLYING "U" STAMPEDE OPENS MONDAY

Immense Number of Notable Montanans, Cow Boys, Broncs, Cow Girls, Wild Horses and Texas Steers

The Flying "U" Stampede, which comes to the city from Montana next week promises to be one of the biggest events held in this section during the last 20 years. Already many of the principals have arrived in the city and a display of their trappings may be seen in the windows of the Magic City Billiard hall. Minot will present a scene reminding old-timers of territorial days when cow boys and cow girls, gay and festive in brave trappings swarmed to the city for the Stampede which opens at the Ball Park Monday. We have it upon good authority that many of the old ranchmen of Montana will be here to see the fun and swap reminiscences with Dakotans they used to know back in the wild and woolly times when red liquor, six-shooters and lusty shouts made nights hideous for the peaceful settlers up here along the Mouse. Great preparations are being made to entertain the biggest crowds ever seen in the city. The Glasgow ball team will play the fast Minot bunch each afternoon during the Stampede and those who witnessed past contests between these opponents know the meaning of this announcement. Long George Francis, owner of the Flying "U", riding his \$5,000 saddle horse, bearing a \$1,000 saddle, will be one of the many features of interest. It would take a volume to contain the complete list of famous actors who will participate in the Stampede, not to mention several cow-boys who are bound to attract fully as large a share of the public notice. The Stampede will run for three days and every man woman and child in northwest North Dakota should make it a point to attend at least one of these days.

BARN DANCE AT SELK FARM SATURDAY NIGHT

Young People From Minot and Adjoining Towns Find Selk Farm Mecca for Amusement.

The Selk barn is one of the biggest in northwestern North Dakota and has one of the best dance floors in the state. The dancing space is 36x136, and the crowd is increasing each Saturday night, coming from Minot, Burlington, Foxholm, Donnybrook, Kenmare, Greene, Tolley, Gran, Mohall, Mansford, Glenburn and other towns, and from the entire countryside. The floor is kept in excellent condition and the best of order is maintained. The place is electric lighted. To those from Minot who wish to attend the following road directions are given: Go due north on the Lynch road to where the road runs between two elevators at Truro, then due west to the barn, which can be seen for miles at night, a big electric light being kept lighted at the gable of the barn. Refreshments and lunch are served cafeteria style. Music is furnished by a five-piece Minot orchestra.

Grand Hotel Barber Shop Opens

Landlord Danielson of the Grand Hotel is to be congratulated upon his taste and business acumen in installing one of the handsomest barber equipments in the basement of his hotel to be found in this or any other city of the state. The handsome fixtures consisting of white enameled chairs and beautiful plate glass mirrors set in flecked marble with exquisite lavatories connected with each chair, gives the new shop a setting at once, rich and luxurious. Messrs. Hecht and Howard, two accomplished tonsorial artists are in charge, having taken a long term lease of the shop. Both are experts in their line. Will Hecht is well known in the city being formerly connected with the old Ar-

DRIVE HAS STARTED TO INITIATE LAWS

Ten Thousand Signatures Necessary by Tomorrow Evening in Order to Get Measures Before the Voters

Fargo, N. D., July 27.—Five laws will be proposed for enactment by the people in the November election, initiatory petitions carrying the laws being placed in circulation throughout the state today. Ten thousand signatures must be obtained by Friday evening, July 30, to accomplish the initiation of the proposed laws. The revised initiatory program for the following laws:

A law providing for regular examinations of the Bank of North Dakota and other state institutions.

A law giving county, city, village, township and school boards the right to handle their own money through local banks if they so desire. Leaves it compulsory to deposit all moneys belonging to all state institutions and the state proper in the Bank of North Dakota.

A law ordering the Bank of North-Dakota to not make loans on land except to actual farmers residing in North Dakota.

A law that will permit the publication of private notices in local papers. All county legal notices and official publications of all kinds to continue to be published in the county official paper, chosen at an election.

A law placing all strictly educational matters under the direct supervision of the superintendent of public instruction, taking these powers from the board of administration.

Should the five proposed laws be approved by the people they would become operative 30 days after the election, on December 2, next.

AMERICAN LEGION HOLD CONVENTION HERE AUG. 25-26

The state convention of the American Legion will be held in this city August 25 and 26. It is expected that between 1,500 and 2,000 delegates will be here. In view of the fact that it will be a great problem to house the visitors, the members of the local post are planning to entertain the guests in their homes. Other citizens will also gladly cooperate with the Legion in entertaining the delegates. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has been invited to attend the meeting and there are hopes that he may be here. At this time Riverside park will be dedicated as the new Roosevelt park in memory of the late Theodore Roosevelt. A number of bands will accompany the delegates to the convention.

Restrictions Withdrawn

The State Minimum Wage commission has withdrawn, temporarily at least, the restrictions recently promulgated regarding the employment of female labor after the hour of 6:30 p. m. and as a consequence this renders void the previously announced statement of the closing of Minot stores at that hour beginning Saturday, July 31. Some of the stores, however, will stand by their former decision to close at 6:30 owing to the fact that the early closing will give their employes more recreation and a chance for a breathing spell during the heated period, resuming the nine or ten o'clock closing the last of August or the first of September.

Peeping Tom in Park Section

Some low-down, white livered, pernicious degenerate is making a general nuisance of himself in the western section of the city, peeping at the windows of the residents, frightening the women and children and otherwise causing consternation in the households of Northwest residents. The scoundrel stands a good chance of carrying a goodly supply of buck-shot away in his anatomy for several of the men folks are laying for him, one with a pump gun and the other with a sawed-off shot gun, loaded to the muzzle with shot, shell and nitro.

Pageant Cancelled

The Y. W. C. A. Pageant "The Vision of the Blue Crusaders" was cancelled. The production was scheduled to be presented Tuesday evening, at the Normal school grounds, but owing to certain unlooked for circumstances which arose a performance is not deemed advisable. It is to be regretted that the pageant could not be produced, as it is a very beautiful affair. Nothing definite has been given out for publication, but it is reported that a performance may be arranged at some future time.

Bryan Ranch Visited

An echo of last Thursday's storm reaches us thru the medium of Chas. Backes, Muskego township farmer who came to the city Wednesday to do some trading. Mr. Backes informs the Independent that one of the school houses in Muskego township was wrecked and two large barns on the Bryan ranch up the Mouse also wrecked by the twister. Mr. Backes has already commenced harvesting his rye and will start cutting wheat next Monday or Tuesday.

GEORGE VALKER BUYS WARDROBE BLOCK

Minot Florist Buys Main Street Business Block from Benson Drug Co.

George E. Valker, prominent florist and seedman, purchased the Wardrobe block of the Benson Drug Co., on Thursday of last week. The building was recently purchased by the Benson Drug Co., from the Nash estate and is one of the finest business locations on Main street. Just what Mr. Valker's intentions are with regard to this property we are unable to learn. It is altogether probable that the building will be remodeled and extended out to the alley at the rear and the main floor used by the Valker-Christenson Co., to house the floral shop and seed business. The consideration is not given but it is understood that a handsome bonus above the sum paid for the property by the Benson Drug Co. was received.

Is Colcord Veracious or Voracious?

We have been rather uneasy of late considering that Editor Colcord will have considerable trouble explaining to his friends some of the statements he has made concerning the size of the fish he caught, and expected to catch, also the catch of certain other Minot people now angling at the Minnesota lakes. In the assertions of Carl Danielson, of the Grand hotel may be taken as correct it would seem that Colcord's efforts have been fruitless insofar as the establishment of a record is concerned. Mr. Danielson avers that he was born in Minnesota and for 30 years resided in the vicinity where the Minot people are fishing and he states without fear of successful contradiction and upon his honor as a gentlemanly fisherman that he never knew a fish to be caught in those waters less than six feet in length and weighing at least 146 pounds. If his statements are true, and we are led to believe that as a Rotarian he is a man of truth and veracity, friend Colcord's claim to special honors, either for himself, Bacon or members of the cloth, may be taken as groundless, immaterial irrelative and beyond the point. What we wish to learn is just what does Colcord expect to catch in Minnesota? We must admit the probable location of a "yellow boy" in the stove wood.

Brave But Cheerful

Mrs. F. L. Hartlieb who lives 18 miles south of the city was in town Wednesday with another load of vegetables. This makes two trips she has made to Minot this week. On Monday her load brot some \$21.00 and today's totaled over \$18.00. Mrs. Hartlieb is fortunate in having the assistance of a family of willing young people who turn to with a vim and help the mother wonderfully. Mrs. Hartlieb was left a widow last fall when Mr. Hartlieb's death deprived the family of the husband and father. With eleven children, some of whom were children by a former husband and five of the children by her husband, she is left to bring them up. This she is bravely doing and her success as a gardener is but one of the many interests by which she is making a good living for her little family, educating them and developing them along the lines of thrift and usefulness. One of the larger boys of her family died eight weeks following the death of the father last fall. She is a bright cheerful little woman and a visit with her is a guaranteed cure for the "blues".

Barbers Raise Rates

A new schedule of rates will be charged by Minot barbers on and after Monday, August 2. According to the new classification, shaves will cost 35c and hair cuts 65c as against 25c and 50c for similar service in the past. A bath fortunately still continues at the old price, 35c. These rates are not arbitrary with Minot tonsorial, specialists alone, but are really due to the increased price of barber supplies. The prices are peculiar alike to eastern and western cities. Barber supply houses have formed what in practice is really a trust, the various houses having, it is alleged, formed a pool of their interests in so far as prices are concerned and the boost was a natural result.

Officers Raid Gambling Joint.

A gambling joint in the basement of a Central avenue meat market was raided Tuesday morning. The officers found a quantity of banging paraphernalia and other indications which lead to the supposition that their information respecting the character of the place was correct.

Small Blaze in Northwest Minot.

An incipient blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Loberg 509 Fifth avenue N. W. at an early hour Tuesday morning called out the department but the chemical succeeded in handling the situation without very much loss.



A monument to the beloved tiger of France, former Premier Clemenceau will be unveiled at Vendee, the "home town" of the great patriot. It is the work of Sicard, noted sculptor, and shows Clemenceau in the trenches surrounded by his poilus.