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GUS GLOOM ARRESTED AND CONVICTED; EXECUTION SATURDAY

Gus Gloom, who has been hanging around Minot off and on for the last year or so, was captured the other night, and after due trial, he has been sentenced to be executed.

The execution will take place at the corner of Main St. and First Avenue S. at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 12, in the presence of thousands who will be in the city that day to attend the big Dollar Sales.

He will be marched up thru the streets by a firing squad headed by Wm. Gettleman. The victim's coffin, a pine affair, but plenty good enough for him, will be exhibited in the parade. After the fatal command of "Fire" is given, the execution duly performed, a rope will be placed around the body and it will be towed to its burial place.

The parade that will lead Gus to his place of execution will be a big one. It will be headed by the Drum Corps, a brass band and the Boy Scouts.

Gus Gloom has no place in Minot. He has never paid any taxes. He has bought no good clothes and instead of buying food has sponged off from others or else what he did buy he got "on tick" and beat the merchant out of his money. He has always been preaching hard times. The government has always been rotten as far as Gus Gloom is concerned. He has talked hard times so long and so loud that he never had time to get out and earn anything. Once he did work for half a day at top notch wages, but he was so prosperous when he got his money that he spent his entire fortune in riotous living. He has never had a good word to say for the businessmen of Minot. He always advised others to send out town for their needs. He always said one could live for half the money in Minneapolis or Seattle, but we noticed that Old Gus Gloom was contented to stick around Minot and live off the few pals he had. Old Gus always predicted poor crops. He hit it once and then cried: "I told you so". He tried to discourage our farmers. Said this country was once inhabited by the Indians and gophers and he guessed we'd all have to hike out and give the soil back to them.

Nearly everybody will be glad to learn that Gus Gloom is going to be executed. With Gus out of the way, the sun will shine brightly. People will smile again. Everyone will be friends as in the days of yore and we'll all pull together for a better land to live in and a bigger better Minot.

MINOT WINS NORTHWEST BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By WALLACE McCONNEL of Normal Class in Journalism.

The championship of the Seventh basketball district was decided Saturday night when Minot defeated Harvey 16-14.

The drawings took place Friday morning at nine o'clock and at 10:30 the first game started. Stanley played Williston high in the opening game of the tournament, and lost 20-17. Stanley led at the close of the first half 12-8, but fell down in the last half. The Williston team staged a rally in the last half and won out 20 to 17.

At 11:30 Berthold defeated Rugby 17-12 in a slow and uninteresting game. The first half found Rugby in the lead 3-1. In the second half both teams speeded up and Berthold pulled a victory out of the fire 17-12. The first game Friday afternoon was between the fast Bottineau quint and Granville. Bottineau had a veteran team and easily eliminated Granville 31-17. C. Craig starred for Bottineau.

STAGE ALL SET FOR BIG DOLLAR DAY SALES SATURDAY, MCH. 12

The stage is all set for the big Dollar Day Sales to be held by scores of Minot merchants, Saturday March 12. Practically every store in Minot is offering some great dollar bargains for that day. It is surprising what one can actually get for a dollar. Other merchants who did not have anything that could be sold at a dollar, are offering excellent values in their lines, the discounts being the greatest since before the war.

The Minot newspapers carry a large number of these interesting advertisements this week. Look them over, carefully, for it will pay you. The display windows are carrying attractive Dollar Day signs this week. Of course, the Minot merchants are after your money, but they are after it so earnestly that they have slashed the prices in two and three and four and even more than that in some cases. We'll venture to say on a great many of these Dollar Day Specials, the merchants are actually losing money. We all want to wake things up a bit. Business has been good, but it can be made better.

A committee from the Town Criers is investigating the bargains offered for this day and we, unto any merchant who should indulge in any but

At three o'clock the Minot team locked horns with Towner. This game was a walkaway for Minot, the first half ended 16-0. After the first ten minutes Lowe and Carney, Minot's star players, were removed from the game to save them for the following games. The final score found Minot winners, 29-7.

Harvey and Omenee met in the last game of the afternoon. This was expected to be a battle royal but Harvey outclassed their opponents, winning easily 35-10. Wolden of Harvey starred, making ten field goals.

Friday evening at eight o'clock Williston met Drake. Williston had played a hard game in the morning, so had a hard time disposing of the Drakeites 16 to 14. Bergen, center for Williston high was prominent.

The final game of the opening day's drawings was played by Bottineau against Berthold. Bottineau had an easy time disposing of Berthold, Bottineau leading at the close of the first half 11 to 2 and won at the close of the game 19-11.

Saturday morning the semi-finals were played. Minot met Bottineau in a hard fought game, Minot winning 17-7. During the entire game, the Minot defense held the fast Bottineau team to two field goals. Three foul throws were made by Odegaard of Bottineau.

Williston met Harvey in the last semi-final game. It was a battle from start to finish, neither team leading by more than four or five points at any time. Greenwood and Wolden starred for the winners. Harvey won out after forty minutes of continuous fighting 29 to 19.

The final and deciding game of the tournament between Minot and Harvey was played at 8:15 P. M., before a packed gymnasium.

The Minot team, during the first half, played a wonderful game, and led 12 to 4. The defense this period of the Minot five was spectacular. Harvey was able to score only one field goal this period. Near the close of this half, Lowe, captain and star performer for the Minot team sprained an ankle, which slowed him up a great deal. This was largely responsible for the close call which the Minot tossers received.

The last half the Harvey team broke through the Minot defense and scored ten points while Minot was able to score only two baskets.

The game ended 16 to 14 with Minot High School the district champions.

The Normal School orchestra played during the sessions of play, Friday and Saturday. Saturday night, after the final game President Clarke of the Normal presented the banner to the Minot team. Louis Lowe, captain of the winning team, accepted the award in a fitting speech. The Minot team carried their captain out on their shoulders.

The high school orchestra furnished dance music for the social hour which took place following the presentation of the banner.

The games were taken care of by Mr. Wm. Lowe of Kenmare and Mr. George Murphy of Carrington in a satisfactory manner.

The officials picked an All-District team, following the final game as follows: Forwards, Wolden, Harvey; Carney, Minot. Center, Lowe, Minot. Guards, Fischer and Greenwood of Harvey. Second Team: Forwards, Riley and Craig of Bottineau. Center, Bergen of Williston. Guards, Johns of Minot and Wolbert of Williston.

HOG SALE RECORD
Jamestown, N. D., March 7.—A new state average for swine sales this year was established by the F. M. Mills Poland China sale at Edgeley, N. D., when Mills sold 30 head of bred sows and gilts for an average of \$92.50 each.

Senator Baker Fought Hard for Normal Appropriation

B. F. Baker, of Glenburn, Senator from Renville county, was in Minot Monday enroute home from Bismarck. Mr. Baker, whose daughter, Miss Mildred Baker, attends the Minot Normal school, fought hard for the \$100,000 appropriation for the west wing of the main building, which finally passed both the Senate and the House, assuring the school that the much needed addition will be built. Senator Baker received the following letter from Wm. F. Clarke, acting President of the Minot Normal: "Senator B. F. Baker:—Dear Mr. Baker:—I am informed that it was largely through your efforts that the Senate passed the bill appropriating money to build the west wing of the Minot Normal. Permit me, on behalf of both students and faculty, to thank you, for your good work. We all appreciate how badly this addition to our equipment is needed."

Rev. P. W. Erickson in Minot Ten Years

Ten years ago Sunday Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preached his first sermon in Minot. On each anniversary since, the popular Dominie has preached from the same text he used on his first appearance in Minot but he denies the rumor that he has preached the same sermon on these occasions. That Minot has changed much during the period of Mr. Erickson's residence here may be noted for this circumstance. At the Presbyterian Sunday school, Mr. Erickson asked all those who had been in the school on his first appearance in Minot to stand up. Out of several hundred there, only seven or eight responded.

A. Anderson, who left for Seattle, Wash., about a month ago, writes that he has taken up his old work for the Sea Missions, which he followed for years in Philadelphia.

DO NOT INVEST IN FLORIDA LANDS WARNS A. A. ROBINSON

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Robinson, after spending two months at West Palm Beach, Fla., returned Tuesday. While they enjoyed themselves in the south thoroughly, with not a sick day since they left, they have returned better satisfied with North Dakota than ever. Enroute home they visited eight days in St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Nashville, Chicago, Minneapolis, and spent a day at Chickamauga Park, near Cincinnati, visiting the battleground of Lookout Mountain. They traveled an entire day thru the Tennessee mountains. Mr. Robinson says the farmers do a little farming on the side of the hills, but that is a mighty desolate looking country.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson bathed in the ocean each day while in Florida, except six. Mr. Robinson taught his wife how to swim and after that had a hard time keeping her out of the water. Mr. Robinson would not want to live in Florida. He says one seldom sees a bird, for there is little for them to eat. There are a few hawks and eagles. The soil is mostly white sand. A little grass grows on the lawns when fertilized, but its coarse variety that we pull out of our lawns. Don't invest in Florida land is his advice to all. You will have to pay twice what it is

worth and then before you get anything out of it, you will have to spend \$10 an acre each year for fertilizer. The growers of oranges, grapefruit, etc., are not making much money. It's a nice place to spend a couple of months in the winter. The summers are not very hot, about 85 degrees, but the sand becomes disagreeable. The coconuts are now ripe in Florida and the greatest crop of grapefruit in the history of the state was harvested. One could drive to an orchard and buy a whole auto load of grapefruit for a song.

The people who go to Florida usually have money, so hard times are not felt particularly. There are many elegant homes, some costing \$200,000.00, the millionaires who own them spending only 2 months a year in them. There is a hotel in Palm Beach that cost 1 1/2 million dollars, that is open only two months in the year. They charge from \$15 to \$75 a day a room in that hotel.

West Palm Beach has a normal population of 6,000, but the tourists swell it to 25,000 in winter. Money is tight in the east, fully as tight as in North Dakota, only our state has good advertising. The cotton growers of the south are in a sad plight and the corn crop in Tennessee was a failure last year.

SWALSTEAD ADDS PIANOS MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS

Minot Agent for Brunswick Phonograph Will Make Complete Department Complete Music Store.

Hart Swalstead, Minot jeweler, whose business as agent for the Brunswick phonograph and records required the addition of a phonograph department to his Main street store, announced that the phonograph department will be made a complete music store in which pianos, music rolls, sheet music, and a full line of musical instruments will be carried in addition to the Brunswick machines and Brunswick records.

Mr. Swalstead stated that he will sell the line of pianos manufactured by the Baldwin Piano Co., of Cincinnati. The makes of this firm include the Baldwin, Ellington, Hamilton, Monarch, Howard and the Manual player piano. J. M. Wylie, of Grand Forks, state representative for the Baldwin Piano Co. was in Minot Saturday and arranged with Mr. Swalstead for early delivery of pianos. Both men expressed themselves as being highly satisfied with the prospects of business in Minot.

Mr. Swalstead intends to cater to the needs of those who own player pianos and will carry a complete line of Mel-o-Dee player piano rolls. His line of instruments, he advises, will include violins, mandolins, cornets, saxophones, etc. The Brunswick machine and records, will, he states, be continued as before.

Free Trips to Chicago For North Dakota Boys and Girls

An agreement has just been completed by Orla A. Barton, State Club Leader, and Armour's Bureau of Agricultural Research and Economics, which again provides for free trips to Chicago and the International Live Stock Exposition for the Champion Pig and Corn club members of the State.

The winners will be selected by the State Club Leader, and three members of the State College staff, who will pass on the records of the various club members. The winners will be announced about three weeks before the trip is to be made. The only requirements are that the winner must take the trip and then prepare a brief story of his or her experience at the stock show.

While in Chicago the winners will have a very interesting week's tour outlined, consisting of a day and evening at the stock show, trips through

the packing plant, the financial district, museums, department stores, parks, industrial works, and movies, entertainments, cats and everything that goes to make a good time. That these trips are well worth working for is proven by the numerous "Thank You" letters received from the 475 club members from 25 different states and Canada. This includes Orla Barton, State Leader and James Marks, Regent, N. D.

Any North Dakota boy or girl can enter this contest by getting in touch with their county club leader, county agent, or by writing to the state club leader direct.

The purpose of this company in offering these prizes is to stimulate the interest of the farm boys and girls in live stock production by giving them the opportunity for study at the greatest live stock show and center in the world.

Last Sad Rites Over Remains of Pioneer Merchant

Impressive funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock over the remains of E. Ellison, pioneer merchant, whose death occurred March 2. The services were held in the First Lutheran church which was completely filled by friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect for a man who had taken such a prominent part in the development of our community for the past two decades.

The floral tributes were beautiful and profuse. Appropriate songs were rendered by the First Lutheran choir, to the accompaniment of the pipe organ that Mr. Ellison has installed in the church some years ago as a memorial to his deceased sons, Edward and Wilhelm.

Rev. T. F. Gullixson, pastor of the church, who was probably Mr. Ellison's closest friend outside of his family, delivered a very eloquent eulogy. Members of the Minot Abraham Lincoln G. A. R. Post, of which Mr. Ellison was Commander at the time of his death, attended the obsequies in a body. The remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery, beside those of Mrs. Ellison, who died recently, and those of two sons. The pall bearers were Martin Jacobson, Knute Hagen, Gunder Reishus, Julius Fauchald, John Strommen and Aksel Bratsberg.

Ole Sampson Buried at Carpio
Ole, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Sampson, died at the home of his parents at Carpio and the funeral was held in Carpio Feb. 25. Tuberculosis caused his death. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

MARSHALL O. TOLLEFSON DIES OF HEART ATTACK IN HOSPITAL

Legislators Return from Bismarck
Senator Walter Bond, Representative A. B. Carlson, Francis J. Murphy, counsel for the House investigating committee and E. B. McCutcheon, investigator for the committee, returned from Bismarck Sunday. Representative B. B. Mouck spent two days at Jamestown before returning and Representatives Andrew Johnson of Douglas and J. H. Burns of Surrey returned to their homes Saturday. Mr. Johnson was a member of the house investigating committee and all of the members from the 29th acquitted themselves in a manner entirely satisfactory to their constituents.

While the session was very stormy at times, and not a great deal of constructive legislation possible, the Independents and Nonpartisans from this section of the state were well understood on the appropriation for the Minot Normal school, securing an appropriation of \$524,000.00, including \$100,000.00 for the much needed west wing and \$10,000 for the purchase of additional grounds.

Attorney Murphy appeared the very picture of health, despite what he had gone thru during the "rough house" or "rough senate" rather, Friday night. Those who expected to see him with blackened eyes, bruises and abrasions, were surprised, for he never looked better in his life. Mr. Murphy treats the affair as the choicest bit of comedy ever pulled off by a dignified Senator anywhere.

E. B. McCutcheon left for Minnesota early in the week to resume his work in fighting the league. While he had been supposed to appear before the Senate Friday night, he could not be located. "They might be able to locate two Irishmen, but they couldn't find a Scotchman," he proudly declared.

Normal Orchestra Makes Big Hit

The Normal School Orchestra under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Amy Simpson, head of the Music department, furnished music for every session of play during the District Basketball tournament, held on the Normal floor last week. Their playing aroused much favorable comment from both local and out of town visitors. This is the first year that the Normal has had an orchestra, and its playing and the work done by Mrs. Simpson in its training are greatly appreciated.

Either the entire orchestra or sections of it have played at nearly every home basketball game at the Minot Normal this year, and were particularly noticeable last Thursday night when the Normal won the State Championship from Valley City.

The orchestra again furnished the music on Tuesday of this week, playing for the Normal-Legion game at the High School Auditorium. The following is the personnel of the orchestra: Violins, Veronic Wieniecke, Emily Martin, Joe Linha, Marion Fuller, Dorothy King; cello, Gladys Wyman, Blanche Wyman; saxophone, Geo. E. Mueller; clarinet, Ted Greenwood; bass, Walter Haldi; drums, Gordon Davy; piano, Edna Balerud.

How Rasmussen "Earned" His First Dollars

S. J. Rasmussen of this city recalls how he earned his first dollar in America. He had just come from Norway, a young fellow, green as to American ways, and got a job with a dubious tailoring concern in Chicago. He was to get a dollar for two days' work. He worked two days and on the morning of the third went for his dollar. The place had been closed by the sheriff. "I earned by first dollar that way," he said, "but I didn't collect it."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dahle of Carpio, were in the city Friday to attend the funeral of their old friend, E. Ellison.

Marshall O. Tollefson, aged 38, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital at 12:55 o'clock Monday from heart trouble.

Mr. Tollefson, who had been addicted to the use of strong drink, was taken in charge by officials about a week prior to his death, in hopes that he might be assisted in overcoming his seemingly insatiable appetite for the liquor, at times. He was given the freedom of the station and appeared to be getting along nicely until Sunday evening at 7:10 o'clock, when he was eating supper. He asked Desk Sergeant Dave Hall for a sharp knife, stating that his steak was tough. Mr. Hall gave him the best knife he could find, a rather dull affair with a short blade. It appears then that Tollefson stabbed himself in the chest three times with the knife, but the injuries he inflicted were not serious, as the blade struck the rib each time. He then cut a small gash across the larynx but it appears this was not dangerous. He did suffer considerable loss of blood however, as the exterior jugular vein had been cut. He was taken to the hospital where physicians stated he positively would have recovered, but he had had considerable trouble with his heart and he passed away following an attack.

He ate egg nog and toast for breakfast and conversed freely with his wife during the night, asking her about the affairs at home, expecting to be out in a day or two.

Mr. Tollefson had resided in Minot since 1903. He had attended college at Decorah, Iowa, and possessed an excellent education. He had been employed in banks at Souris, Ray and Williston with his brother, L. O. Tollefson, well known former North Dakota banker and during his residence in Minot had been engaged mainly in the real estate business. He was an honest, good hearted fellow and while he had one failing which he had tried so hard many times to overcome, he had never intentionally harmed another living soul, while he had done a great many favors for others. His death is regretted by a great many friends who realized his very best intentions and who had hoped that he might eventually win his great fight. It is not for us to judge another's failings. We should remember the good qualities and good intentions of the man who tried perhaps harder than any one of us.

He is survived by a noble wife and four splendid children who have the sincerest sympathy of a host of friends. His brother, L. O. Tollefson, resides in Spokane, Wash., where he is connected with the Home Lumber Co. His mother, one brother and a sister reside at the old home, Mabel, Minn.

Steel Door Broke from Tagus Bank to Minot

The big steel door to the vault in the Jourgren Olson bank at Blaisdell, which was blown and robbed by yeggs last week, was shipped to Minot Tuesday for repairs. No trace of the robbers has been found. An examination of the bank has led the authorities to believe that the robbers entered the vault by digging away the masonry from around the vault and after entering the vault thru the aperture, opened the door, placed the nitroglycerine at the safe inside the vault, lighted the fuse and then closed the door.

TOWNER MAN DECORATED

Towner, N. D., March 7. — A. M. Giesler, Towner merchant, has just received two medals from the war department for special services rendered in the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection, 1898 and 1899. He served as a captain during the World war.

BERTHOLD POTATO GROWERS TO INCREASE THEIR ACREAGE

W. J. McHughes, cashier of the State Bank of Berthold, was a Minot visitor Wednesday. Mr. McHughes states that there is an immense lot of potatoes in Berthold and vicinity without a very good market for the product this spring. Last spring whenever a car was shipped the returns would come right back, many a car bringing \$2400.00 or better. A Berthold grower shipped seven cars to Minneapolis in February and has not yet received any returns. There was no market in Minneapolis, so he shipped them to Kansas City. The Berthold potatoes last year mostly went west, but the banks in the west are unable to handle them this year, except they may be shipped to the banks, and sold for what they may bring and Certificates of Deposit placed to their credit in those banks, payable in the fall. The returns so far have been very disappointing and unsatisfactory. The demand for the red potatoes, sold mainly for seed in the south, is about over. Last spring the demand for the white variety remained good until May. The Berthold warehouse is full of potatoes and very few have been shipped out.

The Berthold growers are not discouraged and are planning on putting

in a bigger acreage this year than ever. They have plenty of good seed and realize that the condition will be better in the fall. Thousands of acres of potatoes land in the vicinity of Berthold will be sown to wheat and with the increased yield, the growers are going to make up a good deal of their loss on their potatoes. It cost them \$40 an acre for seed potatoes last year and they paid up around 15 cents a bushel in the fall for picking them.

Des Lacs Legion to Stage Good Wrestling Bout

The American Legion Post at Des Lacs will put on a big entertainment Thursday night, March 17. McGinnis, champion Minot wrestler will meet Smith Taylor, superintendent of the Des Lacs schools, who is no novice in the art of wrestling. McGinnis, has thrown all local aspirants and the match March 17 at Des Lacs will be good. Taylor was instructor in athletics at the University of North Dakota and he remained with Caddo, famous wrestler for 37 minutes at Camp Dodge. There will be several good preliminaries. The wrestling bouts will be followed by a supper and a dance.