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## BANDITS BLOW STANDARD OIL CO.'S FILLING STATION SAFE

At two o'clock Monday morning the safe in the Valley Street filling station of the Standard Oil Co., was blown open with a charge of black powder. C. G. Lantz, who is now in the regular army and home on a furlough, heard the explosion and notified the police. Captain W. S. Brown, together with Patrolmen Lilly and Bronson drove down past the filling station and met Lantz who stated that he saw three men go down the Soo tracks. The officers immediately drove down Fourth avenue south to Ninth street where three men were just crossing Fourth avenue near the new concrete bridge. Officers Bronson and Lilly got out of the car and ordered the three men to halt and get their hands up in the air. Captain Brown stopped the car and went to assist the officers. One of the men seemed to have a kind of a fit which the officers took for a stall to get a gun from some place on his person. The officers told him to get his hands all the way up which he did right quick. An old single action forty-five calibre Colt was taken from him. In the hand of one of the other men was found seventy-eight dollars and thirty-two cents wrapped up in a handkerchief. The three men were walked up to the police station and given their names as John T. Redmond, Manson Anderson and a fifteen year old boy by the name of Leonard Koivu.

The men were arraigned before Police Magistrate Lynch Wednesday and waived preliminary hearing. Redmond and Anderson were bound over to the next term of district court and their bonds were fixed at \$5,000 each. The boy, Koivu, will be taken before Juvenile Commissioner C. B. Davis, and will perhaps be sent to the reform school at Mandan.

All three will probably plead guilty as they have confessed the crime to the police.

C. E. Colcord, County Auditor, and J. D. Taylor, Deputy, and the County Treasurer of Kenville County were in the city on Tuesday of this week on business. They made the Independent office a pleasant call.

Miss Hazel Spencer of the Home Demonstration department of the Agricultural College was here two days, Thursday and Friday, of last week putting on poultry culling demonstrations under the auspices of the Ward Co. Farm Bureau.

Owing to a very limited amount of time only three demonstrations were held. One at the Wm. Weidling farm, one at the J. H. Cover farm and one at E. A. Madson's of Burlington. Miss Spencer said that she handled about 6,500 hens last year and culled out about 2,000 of them as being worthless for anything but meat. She said the average farm flocks would as a rule cull out about one-third. She also gave some valuable advice in regard to feeding for egg production, common poultry diseases, and proper housing.

The meetings were very well attended and all who were in attendance showed a splendid amount of interest in the work and expressed a feeling of confidence in themselves in being able to cull their own flocks. Martin Jacobson expressed the feeling of most of us when he said that what he learned would be cheap at \$25.

### Obituary

Ole Engbretson was born in 1871 in Norway and died at Sawyer, N. D., July 17, 1921. Aged 49 years, 7 months, 15 days.

At the age of four years he came to America with his parents, locating in Minnesota and afterwards in South Dakota.

He began his business life as an operator for the Great Northern Railway, which vocation he followed for twelve years. During this time he and his wife homesteaded at Lemmon, S. D. This homestead became the town site for Lemmon. After leaving Lemmon he engaged in the banking business in North Dakota. First at Butteville and later at Voltaire and Sawyer. At the time of his death he was president of the Voltaire and Sawyer banks.

He was married to Miss Blanche Cherrier at Langdon, N. D., May 1st, 1897. To this union two children were born. The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Engbretson was always very congenial and he especially enjoyed his home.

He was baptized in infancy by the Lutheran Church and was always active in financially supporting church work in every community in which he lived. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Minot, N. D. The lodge had charge of the funeral services which were held in the Congregational church at Sawyer. The sermon being preached by Rev. A. J. Spaeth.

Mr. Engbretson had a large place in the business and social life of his community, and will be greatly missed by all. He was marked for his integrity of character and high business ideals and the friendship he formed in his local community.

He leaves to mourn his death an aged father and mother, his wife and two sons, three sisters and four brothers. The sympathy of the entire community is tendered to the bereaved.

Rev. Gallagher conducted the service at the grave. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery. The Elks Lodge furnished music at the church.

### BASEBALL

Minot split the five game series with the Calgary Blacksox the last week end. Each won two games and the Saturday game was a tie, 7-7, called on account of darkness at the end of the 9th.

Hightower won his first game easily and Fritz from Devils Lake lost the second game thru hits mixed up with several errors. In this game Giffin had the little finger on his right hand broken and Moore caught the remainder of the game.

The third game, Saturday, was a wild and wooly one and the game was nobody's almost clear thru the entire game as it was never safe for either side. The visitors tied it up in the last inning when it started with the score 7-6 for the locals. Shirley was pitching only at times and their scores came with hits mostly. The visitors used three pitchers thru the game.

Sunday the fans were given a regular game in which Hightower was the "whole show" as they could not hit him. Only two hits were registered off him. Warner caught the game and got away good. Moore pulled off a bit of highway robbery when he caught a sure hit up against the fence with one hand when he was running. It was one very seldom seen. The score ended 3-0 for the locals. One of the largest crowds of the year was there and were treated to a regular game.

The visitors had an off-date and so a fifth game was played Monday evening which game they carried off 5-1. Morris had no support at all and with a few hard hits including a home-run with one on after the side should have been retired, made the five runs. The locals were not hitting so could make very little as far as runs could be counted. Lapan hit, was sacrificed second and scored on a hit by Hennessey. This was all for the locals.

Minot plays Bismarck at Bismarck Friday, Saturday and Sunday this week end and the next week Leeds plays three games here and the following week Bismarck plays three games in a return series. They are loaded for the games with Minot as they stand on the short end of six games to the tune of 5 to 1, winning one game at the last time in Bismarck. Some new men will doubtless be with the locals and so we can hope for good results.

Minot won an easy game from a pick team from the reservation Tuesday at the Ryder celebration to the tune of 12 to 6. Ross, a newcomer, started the game for the locals and held out until after the 7th and gave way to Shirley after passing the first two men up with the score 7 to 5. Shirley went thru from there on and the locals scored 5 more runs.

Kelly, an old timer, caught his first game for Minot and he just arrived in time to go over in the auto, caught a good game and should he keep up with the bat as he did in this game the batting strength of the locals is very much helped as he got three regular hits in the four times up.

A card received from Editor Colcord, who with his good wife, is somewhere in the wild fastnesses of Montana, asserts that Glen drove to Glendive, a distance of 275 miles the first day. We suggest that the Auto Club prefer impeachment charges against this man. First, because his machine can't go that fast and secondly because Colcord was never known to drive a car much faster than a walk, and thirdly, on general principles—any man who would tell such prevaricated, equivocal and incredible tales should be relegated from the club anyhow.

**State Selling Lumber At Loss**

**DISPOSING OF SUPPLY AT GRAND FORKS; TRYING TO WORK OUT COSTS**

Grand Forks, N. D., July 20.—The North Dakota Home Building association is disposing of its supply of lumber in Grand Forks to a local retail lumber dealer at a loss to the state of about 25 percent of the cost.

John B. Adams, manager of the Home Building association, has been in Grand Forks several days to complete the deal. About three carloads of material are involved, the loss being about \$1,500 on this quantity.

Mr. Adams said while here that the state had about \$72,000 worth of material on hand at different points in the state gathered under the policy of assembling large stores that was adopted, when the association was launched. Mr. Adams asserted it is the present policy of the association to buy only as required and that stock on hand will be reduced to the minimum.

Mr. Adams laid responsibility for the heavy purchase of material to B. F. Pollard, former purchasing agent of the association. Mr. Pollard has been absent from the state for many months.

Mr. Adams said that the association officials have been engaged in trying to distribute costs to the various building projects. During the building process the department was without an adequate cost system, and there has been no way of telling how much each individual project cost. Mr. Adams said the work of distributing the cost is about complete.

## Soldier Unable to Get Bonus Money

Bismarck, N. D., July 20.—Bjorn P. Skjold of Mountain, N. D., has been trying for several weeks to collect his soldier's bonus money from the State of North Dakota.

The bonus claim of \$425 was allowed, certified for payment and the state treasurer's books show that a check for \$425 was issued for payment to the Bank of North Dakota, June 15, in return for a warrant presented by the state bank, to whom it had come for collection.

On July 14, 1921, one month after the check was issued, the former serviceman addressed a letter to the state treasurer stating that he had been unable to collect the bonus and asking for assistance.

In all its public statements the Bank of North Dakota has maintained that soldiers' bonus claims have been and were being paid promptly. The former serviceman's letter said:

"On the third day of June I received a warrant from your office No. 265321 the amount of \$425, same being in payment of my bonus claim for service in the army.

"As you will see by the letter which I am enclosing, this was sent to the bank and it seems that this letter explains pretty well how the matter stands."

Investigation disclosed that the young man had sent the warrant for collection thru a bank in his home city, which in turn sent it to its correspondent bank and from there the warrant went direct to the Bank of North Dakota. It developed that on June 9 the correspondent bank had forwarded the item direct to the Bank of North Dakota for collection, had repeatedly written and wired the Bank of North Dakota regarding it.

But though the check had been issued and there were sufficient funds shown in the soldiers bonus account to pay the former serviceman, the Bank of North Dakota had been unable to do so, and had merely held the state's check against funds deposited with it. The soldier still unpaid July 14, a month and a half after he had received his warrant.

### Return From Glacier Park

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rusley and Mr. and Mrs. John Kauffman returned home after a delightful two weeks outing spent in Glacier park, at an early hour Tuesday morning. They made the trip by auto camping out wherever night of fancy dictated. They left here two weeks ago Sunday for a vacation at the double wedding celebration at the C. D. Lambert home in Nedrose township, north of Surrey. They found excellent roads, generally speaking, and completed the trip without mishap. All of them are loud in their praise of the grandeur of the Park where upon several occasions they were obliged to wear overcoats the weather was so cold. Mr. and Mrs. Rusley have taken apartments in the Tompkins block while Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman will make their home with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lambert, for the present.

### Break Into Doctor's Offices

Thieves broke into the offices of Dr. Knapp in the Tompkins Block Sunday evening and helped themselves to several articles of value. They were evidently in search of cocaine or other opiates. No clue has been found as yet to the perpetrators.

### HOT SUN CHECKS

Hot weather flies and mosquitoes retard the growth of farm animals and lessen milk production. Even though such animals may be kept during July and August on good pasture they do not gain. January and February are also trying months. There may be plenty of feed then, but often there is not enough shelter to keep livestock comfortable.

"The best protection from the heat," says W. H. Peters, of the animal husbandry division at University Farm, "is a wooded pasture. There are many farms in Minnesota, however, upon which no trees are growing in fields best adapted for use as pastures. On such farms no investment will pay better than construction of a cheap shed that will afford shade for stock during the heat of the day. In such a shed cattle and horses will collect and the switching tails will provide protection in large degree from flies in the day time and from mosquitoes during the late evening.

"Cows that are milking heavily, as well as young calves, either beef or dairy, will do best thru the summer months if they are kept in a well ventilated and darkened barn during the day time and are turned out to pasture at night.

"There are, of course, many preparations on the market which will abate the fly nuisance for a short time after being applied. These can be used on milk cows at milking time and also on cattle that are being fitted for show. The offer is temporary, however, and the treatment of large groups of cattle or horses running in pasture is not practicable. A shaded place, however cheaply it may be constructed, is the most efficient and economical method of combating flies and mosquitoes in pastures lacking natural shade. Such a shed also affords protection from the rays of the sun and will help to keep up gains during hot weather."—University Press, Minn.

### Card of Thanks

We use this means to thank our kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during the long illness and death of our dear wife and mother. Also all those who sent flowers.

T. E. Fenton and Family.

## Courts Asked to Stop Delivery of Lemke House; Law Violated

Bismarck, N. D., July 20.—Notice of the commencement of an action to restrain the state industrial commission and the home builders association from delivering a residence and garage to William Lemke, attorney general, in Fargo, was placed in the hands of the sheriff of Burleigh county for service Saturday night. J. W. Brinton is the plaintiff.

During the pendency of the suit in which the state homebuilders law will be tested, the plaintiff asks that a temporary restraining order issue.

The suit is directed against Governor Frazier, Commissioner of Agriculture Hagan and Attorney General Lemke as members of the industrial commission; John B. Adams, manager of the homebuilders association, and William Lemke individually. The defendants are notified that on 10 a. m., July 25, in the district court of Burleigh county the plaintiff will move for the restraining order.

Brinton, who brings the action as a taxpayer, asserts the homebuilders act is being violated in the building of the Lemke house in Fargo, which he says is of the approximate value of \$25,000. His attorneys are Fisk, Murphy and Nash of Minot, with John F. Sullivan, of Mandan and Arthur LeSueur, of St. Paul, of counsel.

### Violation of Law Charged

The complaint says in part: "That pursuant to the provisions of chapter 150, laws of 1919, and chapter 151, laws of 191, of the State of North Dakota, the said State of North Dakota engaged in the enterprise of providing homes for residents of the State of North Dakota, and in furtherance of such enterprise established a business system operated by the State of North Dakota under the name of the Home Builders' association of North Dakota, that pursuant to said chapter 150, the industrial commission, consisting of the governor, the commissioner of agriculture and labor, and the attorney general of the said state, was authorized to manage and control the Home Builders' association, to look after and maintain its place of business, and acquire by purchase, lease or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, all requisite property and property rights, and to construct, repair and remodel buildings and to appoint a manager of such home builders association and such subordinate officers and employees as it might judge expedient; that the intent and purpose of said act was to promote home building and the ownership of homes in the State of North Dakota by persons of small means; that pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of said act the said home builders association and the officers thereof were expressly limited and restricted in the building or purchasing of homes to the sum of \$5,000, that is to say, that the said act specifically provides that no homes shall be built or purchased and sold at a price to exceed \$5,000, except in a case of a farm home, in which case the selling price shall not exceed \$10,000.

"That notwithstanding the express provisions of said act the defendants, wholly disregarding the same, and in contravention of the provisions thereof, have entered into a contract with the said William Lemke to purchase, construct and build for the said William Lemke, a home in the City of Fargo, for an excess of the said limitation of \$5,000; to-wit: of the value of approximately \$25,000, which said property is more specifically described as lots 1, 24 and 25, in block PP, Erskine's addition to the City of Fargo, according to the certified plat thereof, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county of Cass State of North Dakota the title to which property is in the name of the State of North Dakota doing business as the Home Builders' association of North Dakota."

"If anyone having deposits in closed banks will write the undersigned, giving name and address, name and location of bank, and amount of deposit, he will learn something to his advantage."—C. A. Weaver, 407 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minn. 7-21-18

### BEMIDJI KIWANIANS CELEBRATE JULY 30

Fresh pike steaks fried in sizzling butter are among the inducements held out to the members of the local Kiwanis Club by the Kiwanians at Bemidji, Minn., whose charter presentation is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 30th. The visitors are to be entertained during the early part of the day by automobile and steamer rides and late in the afternoon will be guests at a fish fry served in the woods near Birchmont, the new summer resort on Lake Bemidji. A whole program of surprises has been prepared in connection with the feast. In the evening the Juvenile Band of Bemidji, an organization of seventy-five boys, will give a concert at Birchmont, followed by an informal dance will complete the evening. The roads are said to be in excellent condition and many of the local Kiwanians plan to make the trip by auto. The Bemidji club was organized last January, but postponed their Charter Presentation until this month when the summer attractions were at their height. Attorney H. L. Huffman is president of the Bemidji Club and H. Z. Mitchell, editor of the Bemidji Sentinel, is secretary.

## MINOT MEN ON CROP SURVEY; ENCOUNTER TORNADO; HAIL

### Mrs. T. E. Fenton Passes Away

On 3:20 Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. T. E. Fenton passed away at 519 First street N. E., from tuberculosis. She has been ill since September and has been confined to her bed for the past ten months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren, now deceased, of Stanley, N. D. She was born in New York, coming west with her parents who located at Mayville later on moving to Stanley. She was the mother of three children, William, deceased, five years ago, Mrs. Roy Nelson and daughter Julia, who resides with her parents. She also leaves four brothers and four sisters, Mrs. O. M. Moquist, Minneapolis, Mrs. F. Bailey, Buffalo, N. D. Mrs. John McQueen, Berthold; Mrs. F. Miley, Beach, California; E. G. Warren, Denver, Colo.; Squaw Warren, Stanley; James Warren, Winnipeg, Man.; Bert Warren of Guyser, Montana.

The funeral services were held from the Hamre undertaking parlors this morning at 10 a. m. Rev. C. L. Clifford, pastor of the First M. E. Church officiating. Interment was in Rosehill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton have resided in the city for the past twelve years and have a wide circle of friends who sympathize deeply with the bereaved family.

### T. R. HIGHWAY OPENS JULY 25

Duluth, Minn., July 17.—Announcement that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is expected to start the first big social automobile tour over the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway from Duluth to Glacier National Park, July 25th, has resulted in many additional entries for this motor event. More than a hundred automobiles are counted on when the caravan leaves the Zenith City on a nine days' trip across Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. The tour will end August 2 at Glacier Park Hotel, Glacier National Park, Montana.

This is the first big tour to be run over any section of the Great Memorial Highway which extends across the Northern portion of the United States from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon. Baggage trucks and service trucks carrying mechanics and tire experts will accompany the tour for the convenience of the travelers. Every city along the route is making extensive arrangements to entertain the tourists. Indians of the Glacier National Park will mass on the Montana prairie as a reception committee. The Redskins will scatter buckskin confetti over the last lap of the motorists' journey as a welcoming omen. This early custom of the Blackfeet tribe, indulged in whenever they welcomed friendly mounted Indians, now is mechanized as applicable to automobilists and the practice is peculiarly fitting since it will serve the double purpose of showing the way to the motorists as well as spreading the welcoming sign of this tribe.

A. W. Tracy, General Secretary of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway Association, says the initial tour over the Roosevelt Highway bids fair to excel in many respects any automobile tour ever taken through the Northwest.

H. A. Kluever and Charlie Fuller, directors of the Burlington Potato Growers Ass'n passed thru the city Monday enroute to Minnesota points where they will examine the construction of the different potato warehouses in that section in order that the Burlington growers may have the benefit of the experience of other districts in the potato growing industry.

### Wind Does Damage in Richland County

Wahpeton, N. D., July 18.—Five persons were injured and considerable damage done to buildings and crops by a terrific wind and rain-storm which swept across Richland county about 8 p. m. Saturday.

The injured were five of the Louis Kurtz family of eight, whose home in Galchutt, eight miles west of here, was blown away by the storm. A relief train was sent out from Breckenridge and the five injured brought to the St. Francis hospital.

### MANY TOWN AND FARM BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED DURING STORM

The Minot Community Band will give another of their popular concerts at Riverside Park Sunday afternoon. The concert will begin promptly at 5 o'clock and continue two hours. This is the second of a series of five concerts which will be given by the organization during the heated term. Concerts will be given every two weeks. The Minot Community Band is one of the finest musical organizations that has ever represented the city and their Sunday afternoon concerts are awaited with lively interest by the music lovers of the city and surrounding territory, many driving to the parks from considerable distances in order to enjoy these Sunday afternoon treats.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson are visiting at Havre, Mont., having made the trip by auto last week. They will be absent some time.

### E. A. Shirley, local grocer and C. D. See of the Minot Sash & Door Co., have been making a crop survey of the northwestern section of the state.

Mr. Shirley returned Sunday and Mr. See, in company with Mrs. See, who joined her husband last Sunday, at Wolf Point, is continuing the trip with her husband. They are expected back Saturday. Messrs. Shirley and See took the "TR" trail to Berthold and drove thru to Kenmare. From there they proceeded west thru Crosby and Ambrose to just as a tornado struck that place on Tuesday of last week. Immense barns and farm buildings strewn the path of the storm and the hail which followed destroyed the crops completely. No loss of life is reported. This storm covered an area of perhaps six miles wide and twenty long. From Kenmare they plowed their way thru mud to Williston, going thru the Bonetrail district. Everywhere from Berthold they had found splendid crops. Although many districts showed damage from hail it was estimated by competent observers that the loss would be but 3 per cent. From Williston they proceeded to Culbertson, Plentywood, Colby, and Medicine Lake Montana, finding the crops in Montana even better than on the Dakota side of the line. Their itinerary led them on to Opeheim, Glendana and Glasgow, the crops all along being wonderful. At Glasgow they met Fred Ernst, former Minot business man in charge of the Glasgow Flour Mill Co. Mr. Ernst likes Glasgow and is slated over the prospects for a splendid fall business. Coming east from Glasgow they reached Wolf Point, contesting every foot of the way with the Montana gumbo, a variety of mud that has qualities surpassing LePage's glue. Here Mr. Shirley was obliged to return home on urgent business and Mrs. See joined her husband. The Sees turned south from Wolf Point intending to cover the Richer district after which they will cover McKenzie county before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stukaloff who left for Compton, California, the first of July write from their new home that they like the country immensely. They are but 4 miles from Long Beach and frequently go down to the beach for the surf bathing. Independent readers will recollect Mrs. Stukaloff when we mention the fact that her maiden name was Bunschoen and some months ago the Independent contained an article detailing the experiences of this young lady and a companion who toured the western states unattended. Her recent marriage to Mr. Stukaloff is the result of a romantic courtship with a young Californian while on this trip. The young man came here and claimed the maid whose courage and charm had won his affections when on this tour.

### Auction Sale and Dance

The South Prairie Community Club will hold an auction sale and dance at their new Community House Friday evening. The articles auctioned will consist of fancy goods and hand work, made by the maids and matrons of that community and will be in charge of Col. Geo. State. A dance will follow with Quigley's orchestra playing.

### BENEDICT ITEMS

Roy Golly left Tuesday for Van Hook where he will work during harvest and threshing. M. E. Coder will have charge of his dray business during his absence.

Reinholt Bros. of Sawyer returned to business here Monday.

Ed Schultz of Minot is in town this week and is repainting his store building.

Mrs. Alec Harchenko enjoyed a visit from her mother who lives in Dodgen, last week.

F. P. Galle and Roy Golly autoed to Velva Monday evening and attended Masonic Lodge.

The S. N. Miller and E. Rosensweig families returned Sunday from a two weeks outing spent at Lake Metigoshe and Rock Lake, Canada. They report a fine time.

Several from Benedict community went to Velva Monday expecting to hear Gov. Frazier speak but were disappointed.

Frank and Phoebe Fix spent Sunday with their parents near Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Walstead and children autoed from Alexandria, Minn., last week and are visiting Mrs. Walstead's sister, Mrs. Hannah Ness. They will also visit a sister at Parhall before returning to their home.

Alec Harchenko spent several days of last week at Carrington where his sister, Miss Katherine Harchenko, underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is improving nicely at the present writing.

Arthur Hudson and family left Saturday for a two weeks' trip thru Minnesota. They will visit relatives at Valley City enroute and enjoy several days among the lakes of Minnesota before going to Duluth, where they will visit relatives. M. E. Coder will carry the mail during the absence of the Hudson family.

Among those from Benedict who attended the Luther College concert at Velva were: Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Sherry, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lillehaugen, H. O. Sethre and Frank Fix.