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## REDMOND, SAFE BLOWER, SAYS WAY TO LIBERTY AT CO. JAIL

John T. Redmond, one of the three men who blew the safe of the Standard Oil filling station at the junction of Valley street and Fourth avenue S. E., made his escape from the Ward county jail at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was not missed until 6:30 when Jailer McCartney went to round up the jailbirds for breakfast.

Redmond in some manner became possessor of a saw with which he sawed off the one-inch bars of his cell, which is located on the second floor in the southeast corner of the jail, and bent it sufficiently to permit him to escape. He either dropped to the ground below or one of the other prisoners may have held a blanket out of the window, pulling the blanket in again after he had made his get-away.

Three other prisoners occupied the cell with Redmond. Two of them are Manson Anderson and a 15-year-old boy, Leonard Koivu, who were with Redmond when he blew the Standard Oil safe on the morning of July 18. The other cellmate was Shirley, better known as "Shep," who is having his hearing on the charge of stealing a Ford car at Martin, N. D., the morning that one of the bank robbers was killed east of Minot. Shirley, who has a criminal record, told the sheriff that Redmond bound and gagged him so that he could not give the alarm when Redmond made his escape. "Shep" probably expects no one to believe the yarn.

The night before Redmond escaped a prisoner occupying a cell on the first floor told Jailer McCartney that he heard someone sawing the bars in a cell above and warned McCartney to be on the lookout. The jailer went to the second floor and looked around, but could not see where the bars had been sawed. During Monday afternoon the prisoners on the second floor sang loudly, no doubt with the idea of drowning the noise of Redmond, who was at work with the saw.

Just how Redmond got his saw is not known. It is possible that "Shep" slipped it to him, as "Shep" had been taken out of the jail, down town to the office of John Lynch, where his hearing was in progress, and it is hardly possible that he may have secured the saw from some friend of Redmond's. This is merely a supposition, however. Redmond is described as follows: Age 22 years, height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, hair dark brown, eyes blue, face thin, lantern jawed, nose straight, mouth medium, two large upper teeth, complexion fair, nationality Irish and Indian, weight 145 pounds, shoes 7 1/2-8, hat 7 1/8. Wore blue shirt, dark brown suit, brown fedora hat.

Redmond is said to be a two-gun man and a desperate fellow.

It will be remembered that the men secured about \$70 from the Standard Oil station. When arrested by Officers Brown, Lily and Bronson near the Eastwood park Ninth avenue avenue bridge, the officers recovered \$78.32, which one of the men carried in a handkerchief. The other money must have been cached somewhere and it is possible on getting his freedom that Redmond secured this money. Officers are searching for him. He may have gotten away from the city, the only train he could have made his escape on was No. 4 eastbound G. N. train, which leaves at 6 a. m. Sheriff Scofield offers a reward of \$50 for his arrest.

Redmond had waived examination at his hearing and was being held to district court under \$5,000. A good long term in the penitentiary was staring him in the face.

Six women at Mandan are serving on a mixed jury, the first of its kind in western North Dakota.

## Farmer-Legislator Makes Success With Guernseys

An Independent representative called at the splendid dairy farm of B. B. Mouck Monday. The farm lies in the valley four miles west of the city and is ideal for dairy purposes. The Mouse river flows thru it and the farm buildings are well protected with beautiful trees. Mr. Mouck has several acres of large native trees on his farm and just now the wild grapes are ripe. Several years ago Mr. Mouck started breeding registered Guernsey cattle and he has built up an especially fine herd. He is milking twelve cows at present.

While many a farmer is complaining of a poor wheat crop, Mr. Mouck raised some especially nice corn and has an abundance of feed.

Mr. Mouck served the 29th district in the legislature during the legislative session. He gave a mighty good account of himself as he went to Bismarck wearing no political yoke and was free to vote according to the dictates of his own unbiased views. The Independent does not know whether Mr. Mouck would care to serve another term, but ventures the prediction that he could be re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

## People Demand a Clean-Up

"The Bank of North Dakota is one of the best agencies in the state for the success of the recall campaign. The funds which have been tied up from time to time and the hundreds of checks which have been registered during the past few months all carry their special convincing message to people of sound judgement and great influence in the various districts.

"Also, it becomes plainer to the voters every day that a general clean-up of administrative affairs in Bismarck is necessary for the rehabilitation of the state and the restoration of credit and confidence. The Independent army is on a victorious march, and I don't think my friend J. F. O'Connor was too optimistic when he, in a recent interview, prophesied an Independent victory in the November election by a 25,000 majority.

## Minot Schools Will Open Sept. 12

The Minot schools will open Monday, Sept. 12. Supt. White who is touring Yellowstone Park with Mrs. White and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, will return in about a week. John Howard, Superintendent of Music in the schools, who is touring the middle western states on a Chautauqua circuit, will be back about Sept. 1. John H. Colton, principal, is spending the summer in Minot and the other instructors will return in due time.

The schools will be more crowded than usual this year. Last year some of the grades were housed in the new High School building.

## Gov. Frazier Returns From the West

Governor Frazier has returned from a ten days' trip through the west. He spoke at Sandpoint, Ida., Tacoma, Yakima, Prosser and Bellingham, Wash., and returned by way of the Canadian Pacific. He spoke before the state grange meeting at Tacoma. Fruit growers in the west have good crops and expect good prices on account of the damage done by cold weather last spring to the eastern fruit crops, he states.

## Rev. J. R. Michaelson, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church has returned from his vacation spent at Erickson, Min. He accompanied his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Michaelson of Lansford on the trip.

## HIRAM A. RYGMYR, PROMINENT FARMER, DIED MONDAY

Hiram A. Rygmyr, well known farmer, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Monday morning at 4 o'clock after an illness of only four days. He had been employed on the A. W. May farm southwest of the city during the summer and became ill suddenly on Thursday. He was brought to the hospital where his condition grew more serious. Death was caused by meningitis.

The deceased was born at Forest City, Ia., Dec. 19, 1880, and he was 41 years old at the time of his death. He accompanied his father, H. P. Rygmyr, to Ward county 19 years ago, the family residing on a homestead near Drady. His father returned to Iowa some years ago and passed away about seven years ago. His mother died 25 years ago.

Mr. Rygmyr farmed in Ward county for years, selling his holdings here a year ago and moving to Spokane where he invested in a home. He did not like the west and returned during the past winter.

He was married to Miss Minnie Hauge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hauge, pioneer settlers of Ward county, and is survived by his wife and three children, Chester, 6; Helen, 4; and May, 2. He leaves the following brothers and sisters: Bert Rygmyr of

Drady; Caddie Rygmyr of Walnut Grove, Minn.; Mrs. Oro Teaminson of Norwich; Mrs. Lulu Aarot of Minot; Mrs. Etta Haines of Bismarck; Mrs. Clara Rollefson of Forest City, Ia.; and a half brother, George Rygmyr of Minot and a half sister, Miss Gladys Rygmyr of Forest City, Ia.

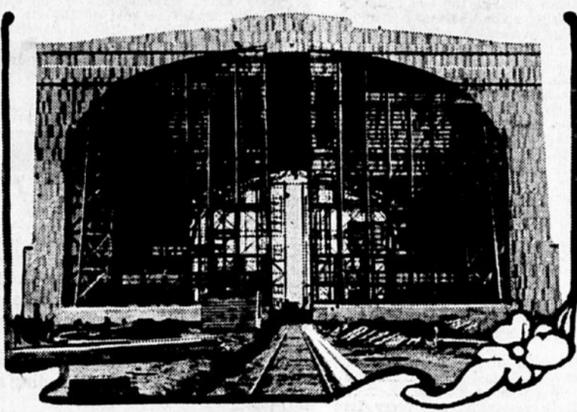
Arrangements are being made to hold the funeral from the Drady church, where burial will take place. The relatives have been notified and the time of the funeral will depend upon the date of their arrival.

Mr. Rygmyr carried an insurance policy for \$4,000 in favor of his family. He was a hard working, honest farmer and leaves a host of friends.

## Potato Diggers By the Carload

The Farmers Implement & Supply Co. received a shipment of 30 potato digging machines one day this week. Another shipment is expected soon. This firm has also disposed of several corn binders so far this season. Twenty years ago such machinery would have had few purchasers but with the advance in farming methods and the rotation of crops now practised by our farmers to say nothing of any number of farms using binders to harvest their fields of corn they are indispensable.

## Hangar for Great U. S. Dirigible



Latest photograph of the huge steel hangar being completed at Lakehurst, N. J., for the U. S. navy, to house the British-made United States dirigible, which will fly here soon. The great structure is 800 feet long, 340 feet wide and 207 feet high. Machine shops are being constructed near the hangar, which will be used more for repair and construction work than for storage.

## WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A FAIR GROUND

The County Commissioners are getting busy and have appointed a Committee of three of the County Commissioners to take the County Surveyor and go over the three proposed sites, for the purpose of finding out what each site will cost for buildings, a race track and to put up the necessary buildings and for the building of roads to each site.

The west site while the ground lays fairly good there is no trees on it neither does the river touch it, and there is no roads running direct to it there will only be one way to get to this site and that is over the G. N. viaduct and if they make any other road to this site they will have to follow the "TR" trail out west of Minot then build an under way crossing under the G. N. tracks then they will have to build a 300 foot bridge across Mouse river and also a crossing over the Soo tracks, in order to have any shade at all near this site there will have to be another bridge built across Mouse river so the people can get over into Oak Park.

Both sites east of town are nearer in than the west site, the closest one east of town is just a quarter of a mile east of Riverside Park and we think this is a nice piece of land for a fair ground and there can be plenty of trees had on this site for any one, there is being a dam built below Minot and when that is completed they can run motor boats right by this land and people can go to and from the city on the boat and get off right on the land as the river touches this land, this site is also right on the "TR" trail and we think this will be a big advertising for our fair as every one touring through the country will go on this trail, it is only a short distance to have a track put in from the G. N. R. R. any time they want a stub run on the fair ground, we farmers believe more in a place for our Exhibit to show our Produce and Livestock than we do in just a place for a race track, there is good roads already to this site and they can go to and from this site without meeting cars as they can go on one road and back on another as both roads are very good.

We notice that the Bottineau and Mountrail county fairs were very well attended this year and farmers come for many miles and all seemed to be well satisfied with the Exhibits and Stock shown there, and if these counties can have good fairs we are sure that we can have a real fair at Minot as we have a much larger county to draw from.

We also think that it should be considered about getting the right sites through the fact if it is close in so a lot of people can walk out or at least get there very cheaply this will surely make the gate receipts much larger and that is what we must have to keep up the fair is good gate receipts and close in should be quite an object and should be considered when they pick a site.

A few dollars an acre should not make so much difference if they get a fair ground well located and just what they want as they will never buy but one fair ground and it will be used for all time to come.

## Bugenhagen Products To Be Made in Minnesota

Geo. A. Bugenhagen, architect-inventor, has returned from Albany, Minn., where he has made arrangements with the Albany Wood Products Co. of that city to manufacture on a good sized scale, all the various things which he has invented. He will save 500 miles freight on material in and manufactured goods out, in this manner. The articles to be manufactured for Mr. Bugenhagen include the Pal Nursery chair, Pal swings, Pal child's folding chair, Senior and Junior folding chairs, folding lunch chair, Kiddie Kage and Kiddie Crib.

## Minot Man Killed Huge Black Snake

H. Aamot killed a huge black snake which measures 5 feet and 8 inches in the grass near the Max Johnson fuel office on East Central avenue this morning. A carnival company which showed in Minot in July lost a man and Aamot came to his rescue. Black snakes are not native to this locality.

## PARKER DAIRY SALE SEPT. 8

Local Hotel Man Decides to Sell Fine Herd of Jerseys and Other Stock.

The H. C. Parker auction sale at the Parker farm east of the city on Thursday, September 8, promises to be one of the most attractive sales from the viewpoint of the stockmen ever held in this district. The Parker herd of Jersey cattle have long been known as the finest lot of dairy cows in the northwest, the proprietor, Clarence H. Parker, having spared no expense in the development of a milking strain that is a wonder to all who are interested in the Jersey strain. In addition to the Jersey cows there are three Jersey bulls, the herd bull, sired by Salvator out of Selma one of the finest dams ever imported into the United States. Besides the cattle offered there will be sold 75 head of Duroc-Jersey pigs, the major part of the herd consisting of spring pigs. These are out of the herd boar which was purchased from a Portal breeder, his sire costing the Canadian breeder the tidy sum of \$3,400. A large quantity of farming machinery, including a silage machine, will also be sold and some few items of household furniture.

Mr. Parker, who is proprietor of the Leland-Parker hotel, has leased his ranch to J. E. Ellsberry of Towan, a former Minot dairyman. On account of his inability to secure a superintendent who would carry out his policies with reference to the conduct of the farm Mr. Parker decided to give up his farm for a few years. Mr. Ellsberry is one of the best known dairymen in the state and is famed as a breeder of fine Holsteins. His herd at the present time consists of 75 animals. These will all be brought to the Parker farm and the place conducted on a still more extensive scale than ever. Mr. Parker was indeed fortunate to secure a lessee of Mr. Ellsberry's calibre and Minot will welcome the return of the Ellsberys to this community again.

The Independent advises its readers to remember the date and make it a point to attend this auction as it will surely be memorable from the high class stock offered for sale there.

## Witham and Cummings Form Partnership

Messrs. H. Witham and George Cummings have formed a partnership and will engage in the roofing and cornice business on an extensive scale. Mr. Witham has been engaged in this line of work for years, having been associated with G. L. Gross. Mr. Cummings is well known throughout the city and needs no introduction to Minot people. The new firm have rented the repair shop on Second avenue N. W. just at the rear of the new Congregational church building. Both men are expert repair men and already have contracts that will necessitate an increase in their mechanical force at an early date. In addition to their regular work they will handle and install a line of furnaces, being the western representatives of one of the leading makes of furnaces on the market.

## Y. W. C. A. Secretary Back From Vacation

Miss Ethel Crocker, secretary of the Minot Y. W. C. A., has returned from a month's vacation spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Crocker at Bass Lake, near Spooner, Wis. Miss Crocker, who is an expert with the rod and reel, caught many fine specimens of black bass. She spent two weeks at Lake Geneva, Ind., at the Town and Country Conference of the Y. W. C. A. Three hundred delegates were present. Miss Crocker being the only North Dakota delegate. Her parents and her sisters, Anah and Nettie, accompanied Miss Crocker to Minot, remaining for a short visit, making the journey by auto.

## Winters Buys New Lines

Harry L. Winters, local jeweler, writes from New York City: "Have been here for a week buying. Have bought some entirely new lines, prices on a great many things are much cheaper than they will be later due to the fact that they are trying to keep factories going part time at least. Business has been quiet, although things are picking up now."

## E. J. M'GRATH SUCCEEDS JOS. BELANGER AS SOO LINE AGENT

### North Dakota's Prettiest Flower Garden

The writer enjoyed an hour in Judge Lewis' flower garden on the South Hill Tuesday afternoon. Nearly everybody has a hobby, and Judge Lewis' hobby most certainly is growing flowers. He has an almost endless variety of the brilliant colored flowers and the height of the blooming season is now on. Altho Mr. Lewis specializes in gladiolas, having 1200 of these plants, many of them of the choicest and most expensive varieties, many of his other flowers are nearly as interesting. He has been growing flowers on quite an extensive scale since 1915 and each year experiments with four or five new varieties, scarcely known to this section. He spends practically all of his spare time working in his flower garden and among his beautiful trees. He has successfully grown maple, ash, birch, weeping mountain ash, and the evergreens, besides many other more or less common to this section of the state.

The Judge is always pleased to have his friends call and view the results of his labor and planning and it will be worth your while to take a stroll thru the very prettiest flower garden in all North Dakota.

### Minot Woman Receives Memorial Plaque from King George

Mrs. H. L. Chatfield of this city has received a Memorial Plaque from King George of England, in honor of her son, Ernest Roy Chatfield, who went to France with the Edmonton, Alta., Infantry, and was killed in action in October, 1916, while fighting around Arras.

Accompanying the Plaque is the following note, from the King, written on the King's private stationery, with the King's monogram embossed thereon:

"Buckingham Palace. "I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War. "George R. I."

The Plaque is of bronze with the name of Ernest Roy Chatfield stamped thereon with the Goddess of Liberty holding in her hand the wreath of honor. Standing beside the Goddess is the British lion. The words "He died for freedom and honor" appear on the Plaque.

Ernest Roy Chatfield was a brother of Atty. Mark M. Chatfield and was the first man who fell in the World war who was directly related to any of Minot's citizens.

### The One and Only

E. A. Shirley and family returned from a fortnight's outing at Albert Lea and Wadena, Minn., Friday. In discussing their trip Ed says the Minnesota lakes are swarming with fish and fishermen this season. This in itself, while not so remarkable were astounded to learn from his own lips that Ed, who is reputed one of the greatest fishermen in the west, did not catch a single fish. We consider this acknowledgement on his part one that firmly fixes Ed's status as a truthful man. Enroute thru Grand Forks Mr. Shirley had occasion to purchase a few necessities, he went into a department store and in buying six items in the grocery line he was waited upon by four clerks. Ed has concluded to stick to his present system where one clerk stays by a customer until his order is filled.

### Woman Killed Near Bismarck

Mrs. Alice Rafferty of Mandan was killed in an auto accident east of Bismarck Tuesday night of last week when the machine turned turtle. J. M. Thomas, who was under the influence of liquor, was driving the car. Thomas has been arrested for transporting liquor.

## MINOT COUNTRY CLUB WILL INCORPORATE FOR \$50,000.00

DuVall Stock Will Be Closed Out The stock of the DuVall Trunk and Bag Co., on First Ave. S. E. in the Waverly hotel block, will be closed out as soon as possible. A representative from Minneapolis is here in charge of the sale. The stock will be auctioned off each afternoon and evening until it is entirely disposed of and goods will be sold at special discounts at private sale at other hours during the day. The stock includes leather goods of the highest quality to be found in the state. The late Mr. DuVall always took particular pride in the quality of his stock and those who secure anything from his stock may rest assured that they are getting the very best. This will afford a fine opportunity to buy anything that you may need in the line at a great reduction.

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E. J. McGrath, assistant Soo agent in Minneapolis, has arrived to relieve Jos. G. Belanger, who has been the Soo agent at Minot for the past twelve years. Auditor E. H. Kennedy is here checking Mr. Belanger out and Mr. McGrath is now in charge of the Minot station.

Mr. McGrath is a pleasing gentleman and has done excellent service for the Soo company. He will undoubtedly fill the Minot position very acceptably.

It is with regret on the part of Mr. Belanger's Minot friends that he severs his service with the company. He has held the position in Minot for a longer period than all of his seven predecessors combined. He has been engaged in railroad work for 26 years and has been with the Soo for 17 years. He has been traveling freight agent, transportation inspector, traffic freight agent and train dispatcher, giving The Soo the very best of service in each capacity. He is not in a position to make known his future plans but hopes to remain in Minot.

Altho Mr. McGrath has been in Minot but a few days, he states that he is very favorably impressed with our city and her people. In company with Gerry W. H. Hawes, general agent, and Frank L. Thompson, traveling freight agent, both of Minneapolis, who are spending a few days with Mr. McGrath, the gentlemen visited the Minot parks Tuesday and declared that they were very agreeably surprised at their beauty.

Mr. McGrath reports that a daily freight service has already been established east and west of Minot on the local freight, which formerly ran only every other day.

### Mr. and Mrs. Clapp Back from Month's Outing

C. A. Clapp of the J. C. Penney Co. accompanied by Mrs. Clapp and Mrs. Homer G. Collins, of Topeka, their daughter, returned from a four weeks outing spent principally at Park Rapids, Minnesota, where they occupied a cottage at Long Lake, adjoining the summer residence of Rev. P. W. Erickson. Mr. Clapp informs the Independent that the fishing this season has been the best ever known at the Minnesota lakes. Bass, especially, are biting good this year. On the last day of their stay at the lake, in company with a Mr. Shear, an old time resident of that district, they were bass fishing when Mr. Shear got a strike that would have given him the state championship had he been fortunate to land a fine bass which they estimated would have weighed fully nine pounds. Getting tangled in the tackle alongside the boat, he got away. Were it not for C. A.'s undoubted veracity, we would be inclined to doubt his statements but as it is, we are frank in vouching for its truthfulness.

### Pioneer Barber Returns

Will Smith, who some 22 years ago was connected with the Micky McFadden barber shop in this city has returned to Minot and is now employed at the Frank Rose shop in the Grams block. At the time of his former employment in the city, Minot was but a small frontier village and the McFadden shop was the only one in town. Otto Waitz, whose death occurred recently in Arizona was also employed at the McFadden shop at the time Mr. Smith worked there.

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