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**PEER STROMME ANSWERS SUMMONS**  
Prominent Norwegian-American Writer and Lecturer Passes Away at Madison, Wis.

On September 15, 1856, there was born at Winchester, Wisconsin, a child who was destined to make the Norwegian people better understood, better loved and respected. Peer Stromme's parents had immigrated from Telemarken eight years previously and were among the first settlers in Wisconsin. At an early age Peer was sent to Luther College, graduating from there he went to Concordia Seminary, after which he was ordained into the ministry and served two pastorates in Minnesota. At this time a professorship in the St. Olaf College was offered him and he taught mathematics, Latin, English and History in that school for a couple years. In 1895 the Presidency of the academy at Mt. Horeb, Wis., was offered and which he accepted. He then branched out into the literary field, having at times been connected with the Norden, Chicago, Superior (Wis.) Posten, Amerika, Madison, Wis., Minneapolis Times and Politiken of Minneapolis, was also editor of Vor Tid. In North Dakota he is best known by his writings in the Normanden, and by two novels of which he was the author. For several years past he has been in failing health, but continued to travel and write. He was also a popular lecturer, having covered much of the Northwest on speaking and lecturing tours. After his return to the States from a European trip during the early part of the war, while on a lecturing tour he visited Mohall and spoke to a large audience at the Woodman hall, during the lecture Mr. Stromme suffered a physical collapse, necessitating the attendance of the late Dr. Halliday. This was the beginning of his illness from which he never recovered and which eventually caused his death.

His works and writings will leave a path beautifully strewn with kind deeds and spiritual ministrations, for he was a well beloved man, not only by his Norwegian friends, but by all peoples with whom he associated himself. He has been a great factor in cementing love and friendship between men and principalities. Peer Stromme was a cousin of Nels Iverson of Mohall. Peer Stromme was a man to whom the following lines are well befitting. These stanzas are copied from Olaf Lysnes' Select Readings & Recitations:

It matters little where I was born  
Or if my parents were rich or poor;  
Whether they shrank from the cold world's scorn,  
Or walked in the pride of wealth secure;  
But whether I live an honest man,  
And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,  
I tell you, my brother, as plain as I can,  
It matters much!

It matters little how long I stay  
In a world of sorrow, sin and care;  
Whether in youth I am called away,  
Or live till my bones and pate are bare;  
But whether I do the best I can  
To soften the weight of adversity's touch  
On the faded cheek of my fellowman,  
It matters much!

It matters little where be my grave,  
On the land or on the sea,  
By putting brook or death stormy wave,  
It matters little or naught to me;  
But whether or not the Angel of Death comes,  
And marks my brow with his loving touch,  
As one that shall wear the victor's crown,  
Mohall, N. D., Sept. 15, 1921.  
M. O. Hall

**THINKS "FATTY'S" TROUBLES ARE DUE TO AN ACCIDENT**

J. E. Newman of Los Angeles, Cal., traveling representative of an eastern shoe manufacturer, was in the city Friday, going on to Kenmare Saturday for a few days shooting with friends in the Gooseneck, returning to Minot Tuesday to finish his business with the Samuelson shoe store. Mr. Newman, who is a neighbor of Fatty Arbuckle, says that "Fatty" owns two handsome residences at Los Angeles, having constructed one two years ago which he has not occupied as yet owing to the fact that Uncle Sam will not permit his moving his private stock from the old residence to the new. Speaking of the recent San Francisco tragedy, Mr. Newman says that he can never believe that "Fatty" ever intentionally injured the movie actress but ascribes the injury to accident pure and simple. He says that anyone knowing "Fatty" intimately would know that it is ridiculous to think of his resorting to crime to accomplish his ends.

**Mrs. Drysdale Home From Outing**  
Mrs. Drysdale of the P. C. Hamre Furniture Co., returned last week from her summer's outing spent at Fort Benton, Mont., near which point Mrs. Drysdale is in company with Mrs. Greeley of Fort Benton, a former resident of Ward county, spent six weeks at Lake McDonald in Glacier National park where the Greeleys maintain a hunting lodge. The three sons of Mrs. Greeley were also in the party which hunted and fished at this delightful resort. Speaking of crops in the vicinity of Fort Benton, Mrs. Drysdale states that her wheat averaged around 15 bushels per acre but that many fields in that section went as high as 55 to 60 bushels per acre. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ames of Lyons, Kan., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Drysdale at their home on South Main street, arriving Friday by motor enroute home from a tour of Yellowstone park.

**Predicts Flood in Spring**  
John Maloney, who enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a weather prophet, informs The Independent that we have more moisture in the soil now than at any time since 1902. As we had a terrible flood in Minot the spring following he predicts a flood period this coming spring. We will now have an opportunity to observe the truthfulness of his prediction and perhaps Minot may yet show proper honor to a worthy prophet.

**Logging Ward County Highways**  
W. E. Holbein and wife and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitcomb of Bismarck are in the city for a few days while Messrs. Holbein and Whitcomb are logging the highways of this district for the North Dakota Good Roads bureau. Mr. Whitcomb is a civil engineer connected with the bureau.

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