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TWO THIEVES CAUGHT IN ACT OF ROBBING PIONEER STORE

Owing to the watchfulness of Patrolman G. D. Peoples, two strangers, giving their names as Claude McFarland and R. J. McBride, were arrested at the Pioneer store, owned by Peterson & Muus, on North Main street at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Peoples, in making the rounds of the alley, noticed that some one had entered the Pioneer store thru the basement door. He called to a man walking up the Soo track to notify the police station while he guarded the store and Patrolman Bronson soon appeared. The two men were seen in the store and learning that they had been detected, they ran to the front of the store attempting to get out of the front door. Peoples saw their heads sticking over a counter and fired his revolver several times thru the rear door. One of the bullets went thru a seat in front of the counter and passed thru the counter as well, but did not hit either man. The fellow then ran into the basement where they were arrested. They were taken to the police station. In a gunny sack they had a key hole saw, a brace and bit and an iron bar. One had a flash light, but neither was armed with a gun. The men had taken nothing out of the store, but when discovered they were over in the corner near the safe. They refuse to talk much, but admit that they arrived from Kansas shortly before Christmas. They say they know nothing of the Wilser robbery, so evidently more than one gang is at work.

Oscar Webb, colored, who owns several houses in the southwestern part of the city, conferred with the men at the city jail, where they were taken. The men had been occupying Webb's dance hall and say another man had given them permission to use it.

In Webb's dance hall, police Wednesday morning found two boxes of cheap dishes which had been stolen out of J. B. Reed's warehouse when it was robbed Saturday night. These men, no doubt, were implicated in this robbery.

Thieves on Christmas eve broke into the warehouse of the Gamble Robinson Co. and stole more than \$400 worth of tobacco and cigars.

The Simmons Seed Co. lost \$15 when thieves Tuesday night broke into the office and ransacked the safe. The checks in the safe were not touched.

The Minot Farmers Grain Association office was broken into Tuesday night, but nothing was taken.

The Northwest Grocery store was robbed of groceries, candy, cigars and other merchandise to the value of \$40 the same night. The thieves piled off the lock.

The robbery of the J. B. Reed Warehouse No. 1, located on the G. N. right of way occurred Saturday night. The thieves entered the place by prying off the lock of the front door. They must have carted the stuff off on a dory for the loot included three bundles of valuable rugs, owned by an eastern concern, two barrels of cut glass, one hoghead of handpainted chinaware, a double barrel shotgun and several boxes of dishes, the total value reaching several hundred dollars.

Jurors Drawn for January Court

The following is the list of jurors drawn for the special January 1922 term of district court which will convene January 3, 1922, at 10 a. m. and the jury will report January 4, 1922, at 2 P. M.:

Fred Almy, Minot.
Nils Lund, Carpio.
G. E. Urdahl, Berthold, Route 1.
H. J. Rogers, Benedict.
H. E. Christensen, Sawyer.
George Bauman, Ryder.
Olof Odlund, Velva.
E. H. Gross, Kenmare.
H. E. Miller, Minot.
H. L. Shuttlesworth, Surrey.
J. B. Jensen, Makoti.
Ole Enckson, Makoti.
Edward M. Hanson, Donnybrook, Route 1.
G. O. Gilbertson, Douglas.
Cecil A. Birch, Berthold.
A. H. Peterson, Minot.
J. O. Runnberg, Carpio, Route 3.
Wm. Cordes, Douglas, Route 1.
A. V. Benton, Berthold.
Peter Peterson, Douglas.
Tom Feehan, Minot.
Selmer Hanson, Plaza, Route 2.
Mont Darling, Berthold, Route 1.
Fenn Baker, Berthold, Route 1.
Thos. Nomeland, Makoti.
W. H. Gettle, Ryder, Route 2.
Ole Stalberg, Kenmare.
R. H. Emerson, Minot.
E. O. Hulberg, Minot, Route 3.
Andrew Loden, Oyler, Route 3.
Alva Pessley, Max, Route 3.
E. N. Jorgenson, Kenmare, Route 1.
J. S. Bjelland, Carpio.
Nils Neverost, Makoti, Route 2.
Joe Erickson, Donnybrook, Route 2.
Jens K. Kristensen, Kenmare, Route 1.
H. E. Roberts, Burlington, Route 2.
A. F. Muzzy, Sawyer.
John Bohm, Douglas, Route 4.

"Old John" Patient in Minot Hospital

Velva Journal: Word has reached the city that "Old John" Solberg, for many years a familiar character on the streets of Velva, has recently been moved from the Ward county poor farm to a Minot hospital and is in a pitiable condition as a result of a paralytic stroke. A movement has been started to send the patient a holiday greeting from Velva in the form of a box of Christmas goodies.

Fred P. Mann of Devils Lake Addressed Rotarians

Fred P. Mann, former president of the North Dakota Retail Merchants Association, and a member of the Devils Lake Rotary club, accepted an invitation of the Minot Rotary to address them on Better Business at the luncheon held Tuesday evening at the Association of Commerce rooms. There were a number of guests.

Mr. Mann is proprietor of one of the largest retail stores in North Dakota, doing a business of approximately half a million dollars annually. He spends upwards of \$12,000.00 annually for advertising and urges the merchants not to curtail their advertising expenditures the coming year. Mr. Mann urged a closer co-operation between the businessmen and the farmers and suggested that the Rotarians occasionally invite the farmers to attend their luncheons. Speaking of present business conditions, he admitted they were anything but gratifying, but predicts an early revival of business. He pointed out that North Dakota would be quicker to recover than many of the states because our people are not so heavily involved. He urges that the Golden Rule be applied to business both as regards the merchant's relations with the public and the employees.

John Morrell, manager of the Northern Produce Co., who employed from 30 to 70 people at the Minot plant, gave a valuable address on the relations between the employer and the employee. His company impresses upon the employees the importance of courtesy for all with whom they deal.

Special musical numbers were rendered by Otto Ellison and Lafe Flaten. J. H. Colton sang a solo and Ed Shirley surprised all with the manner in which he rendered an Irish song. Some good Scotch stories were told by Dr. A. D. McCannell. Governor R. A. Nestos, former member of the club was made an honorary member. Dr. A. M. Hardaway was chairman of the evening.

Stewart-Powell Nuptials

The marriage of Dewey W. Powell and Miss Marguerite L. Stewart occurred at one o'clock this afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. P. W. Erickson officiating. The couple were attended by John Jamieson and Miss Bessie Wilson and the bride's mother, Mrs. Belle Stewart, was also present at the wedding. The happy couple left for a short honeymoon after which they will return to this city to reside until spring.

The bride was charmingly gowned in a navy blue Canton crepe creation, with beads and wore a corsage bouquet of pink tea roses.

The bride has resided in Minot for a number of years, graduating from the Minot high school in 1917. She is at present employed as stenographer with the Minot Association of Commerce, holding a similar position for years with the Minot Auto Co. She will retain her position with the Minot Association of Commerce for the present. She is one of the most popular members of Minot's younger set.

Mr. Powell is connected with the Farm Bureau Federation at Huron, S. D., and has done some very effective work for the South Dakota Sheep and Wool Growers Association. He is a very capable young man with a bright future in his profession.

N. D. Dairymen to Convene in Minot in March

The North Dakota Buttermakers and Dairymen's Association will hold a convention in Minot March 7, 8 and 9.

The program will include lectures on the care of cattle, cream in all of its branches, the best feeding methods for stock, and many other subjects by some of the biggest dairymen in North Dakota and Minnesota, including some of the experts from the dairy department of the Minnesota and North Dakota Universities. Fully two hundred delegates will attend the convention. The aim of the association is to get as many farmers as possible interested in dairying. There will be miniature silos on display.

A banquet is to be served on the evening of March 8. There will probably be reduced rates for those desiring to attend the convention.

John W. Morrell, manager of the Northern Produce Co., of Minot is president of the association, and Major E. S. Person of Minot is the treasurer. Robert Flint, the dairy commissioner, is secretary.

"Win" Mitchell Has Resigned

Bismarck, Dec. 26.—"Win" Mitchell of the Department of the State Bank Examiner, this morning tendered his resignation as office deputy, the resignation to take effect January 1. Mr. Mitchell terminates his association with that office to accept the duties as business manager of the Lignite Industries corporation.

The Lignite Industries corporation is incorporated for one million dollars and has but recently completed its organization and perfected a program for North Dakota. For the present its central offices will be located in Bismarck. The holdings of the company in this state, cover the coal reservation at Richardson, New Salem, Glen Ullin, and Minot, and the output of its operation will include briquettes and chemical by-products.

Potato Growers Air Grievances at Meeting

A large number of potato growers from the Berthold, Lone Tree, Des Lacs, Burlington, Foxholm and Minot districts, attended a very important meeting at the Association of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon, called to discuss the unsatisfactory results from marketing potatoes from the last season's crop.

G. E. Waterman was elected chairman and John Huseby secretary.

H. L. Finke of Berthold was present, representing growers of his district who have shipped 13 cars on consignment to the Valley Potato Co. of Moorhead, with instructions to sell. Two cars were reported sold, but it appears that all the others are reported in storage all the way from Moorhead to Kansas City, and altho they were shipped early in October, mainly, the company has not given the shippers a satisfactory explanation for the delay. Some of the potatoes shipped on the same date, with straw in the bottoms of the cars and straw around the sides, were received O. K. at some points, while at others they were reported frosted.

Wm. Matzdorf, H. L. Finke, M. P. Brye, R. Laudenschlager, Joe Makens, Anton Elstons, John Lewis, Clarence Hettinger, K. T. Olson and C. L. Stevenson are the Berthold growers complaining. K. T. Olson reports receiving only 30 cents a bushel net on one car he shipped to Marshalltown, Iowa. The commission firm charged him commission for selling 30 bushels reported short.

C. L. Stevenson shipped a car of potatoes to Des Moines, Iowa. They struck a poor market. Another commission firm offered to handle them and charged him \$128 to sell the car, with an additional charge of \$70, besides he had to pay \$4.00 a day to sell them.

John McIsaacs of Lone Tree has not received drafts on two cars he sold, the potatoes netting him only 34 cents a bushel. The buyer saw the potatoes in the field and pronounced them prime stock.

G. E. Waterman shipped a car to Peter Fox & Sons which was reported 4,000 pounds short. He was charged \$268 freight and \$288 expenses on the car. The potatoes netted him 18 cents a bushel.

Representatives of the Soo and the G. N. at Minot attended the meeting and informed the growers that they could secure memorandums of the receipts for their cars turned over to the consignee. It was stated that the G. N. Agent at Lone Tree is likewise agent for Peter Fox & Sons.

One of the growers expressed the opinion that some of the commission houses may have sold the potatoes and may be using the money to finance other deals.

John Gruber, secretary of the Foxholm Potato Growers Ass'n, stated that six cars were shipped to the Minnesota Potato Exchange early in October on which no returns had been received. He has received the inspection returns only, to he and J. J. O'Leary have written them repeatedly. On the potatoes the Foxholm growers received drafts for, the potatoes netted them from 70 cents down to 30 cents.

John Huseby, county agent, said he had boosted the Minnesota Potato Exchange and recommended that concern to the Foxholm association. "This comes back as an awful slap at us," he said. He also stated that most of the Makoti growers were satisfied with their dealing with the Minnesota Exchange and the Granville growers who sold to them out of the field early

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FOUR MEMBERS OF FAMILY INJURED IN CROSSING ACCIDENT

Berthold, N. D. Dec. 24.

Special to The Independent:—Death trap crossing, two blocks west of the depot, on the Great Northern railway, reaped its harvest again about five o'clock last evening. This time it was Ole Hagen, his wife, son and daughter, the entire family.

After attending the holiday exercises of the public schools in this city, Mr. Hagen with his family in an enclosed cutter, drove to the railroad crossing, halted for an engine pulling a coach to pass and then not thinking that two engines with trains would be following so closely, attempted to drive across the track, when No. 221, known as the "Dinky" ran into the Hagen rig.

Mr. Hagen was injured internally. Mrs. Hagen suffered an injured hip and bruises about the body and little Eleanor, aged 9, suffered fatal injuries which caused her death in St. Josephs hospital at Minot, Saturday at 5:30 o'clock p. m. An arm and a leg had been torn off and her head was badly cut. Little Robert Hagen suffered a broken leg just above the ankle.

The train stopped and the unfortunate people were placed in the baggage car and carried back to the depot, where the Berthold physician was summoned. A local train was hurriedly made up and the victims taken to the hospital at Minot.

Mr. Hagen and his wife are recovering rapidly and the son, Robert, is getting along as well as could be expected. They are all out of danger. Mr. Hagen was able to leave his bed at the hospital Saturday.

Eleanor's brief life of nine years was full of tragedy. When she was

County Purchases Flatland Property

The county commissioners Wednesday afternoon passed a resolution providing for the purchase of the Flatland house and lot on Fourth St. S. E. for \$5,500.00 to be used as a detention hospital. The building is a large frame structure consisting of ten rooms and faces the east. It is located in the same block as St. Joseph's hospital and the Sisters of the hospital are said to be willing to operate the detention hospital. The county expects to turn the property over to the city of Minot as soon as the city is financially able to take it. The county will then pay the city its share for the care of the county patients. The transaction was handled thru the Helling Land agency.

Transportation Tax Repealed Jan. 1

The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railway company announced that on January 1st, 1922 the Transportation tax on freight, passenger, baggage and sleeping cars, will be repealed.

On prepaid freight shipments shipped prior to midnight of December 31st, 1921, the war tax will apply.

On collect freight shipments where the transportation service is completed on or after January 1st, 1922, with charges to be collected at destination, the tax will not apply.

In adjusting overcharges on freight, carriers will not make any refunds or adjustments of tax on or after January 1st, 1922. It will be required that the claim for refund of tax must be filed with the United States Treasury Department on Form 46, with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue within four years from the time tax was paid, claim being barred by the Statute of Limitation if received after such time.

This means a saving of eight per cent on passenger fares and sleeping car berths, and three per cent on freight rates, a very material reduction. The fare from Minot to Minneapolis at present is \$18.08 but after Jan. 1 it will be \$16.74.

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FIRE DAMAGES STOCK OF A. D. BROWNSTEIN EARLY TUESDAY

Professor Ladd's "Financial Experts"

Langdon Republican: According to a Washington dispatch to the Fargo Courier-News, our "Senator" Ladd gave a delightful little dinner the other day to a number of "finance students." Among those present who made speeches were the following: Melvin D. Hildreth, of Fargo; B. H. Lieu, China; Dr. Sayeda, Japan; Mrs. Hulst, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Colin Har-York, Oklahoma; C. C. Daniels, New York; Dr. Templeton, North Carolina; Mrs. Norman Dimstead, Kentucky; and Chas. Edward Russell.

Talk about a gathering of intellectual giants! Phew!

But didn't the senator overlook a few of his old pals, some of the rank and file here in North Dakota, who helped him to gain his present exalted position? As "students of finance," we'll eat the senator's old hat if Jack Hastings, Thomas Allen Box, A. C. Townley, Job Wells Brinton, H. J. Hagen, Prof. Roylance, and a few others that are more or less familiar to North Dakotans, can't give those guys from Japan and China cards and spades and beat them to a frazzle.

But the senator undoubtedly imagines he is earning his salary by entertaining every radical of any prominence from any where in the wide world. But it is a cinch that while he is doing that he isn't doing any harm, even if he isn't doing them any good.

And what a great time they do have when these comrades get together in a sort of "uplift" or "up-heaval" society!

And what they won't do to the financial question, outside of getting hold of all they can of it, will be a lot.

Some three hundred Minot families received aid the day before Christmas thru the good offices of the Elks, Salvation Army, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and the various other Minot organizations and more fortunate citizens. In practically every case, this help was urgently needed and this is not the only assistance that will be necessary to see some of our people through until they can secure employment in the spring.

This condition can be ascribed principally to unemployment, though lack of thrift is undoubtedly to blame for some of this poverty. One home which the writer visited was scrupulously neat and clean. The mother had the rooms in good order and there was a cheery fire. The kiddies were neatly dressed and had clean faces. Little house needed the assistance which was given. Such a woman is certain to come out all right. She is willing to help herself and the opportunity will not be long in presenting itself.

Let us describe another home visited. We knocked at the front door. A big strong man called out in a gruff voice: "Go round to the back door." We did. The kitchen was indescribably filthy. The youngsters all had dirty faces. A load of coal had been dumped into the middle of the kitchen floor, handy to the stove. The man of the house might have been employed scouring the faces of his young hopefuls, but instead he sat toasting his shins by the sitting room fire. He probably needed help but the chances are that when he was getting good wages, he spent the money he ought to have been saving for a rainy day on movies and graphophones.

In practically every case however, those who delivered the Christmas boxes were thanked. One big strong woman, however, who had telephoned her own name to the committee, not only failed to offer any thanks, but began snooping into the box at once to see what had been sent her. "I want you to take a box over to my son, who lives close to the grocery store," she said.

Some people will forever be poor because they simply will not help themselves. Others, and we might say, the most of those receiving aid, are in but temporary needy circumstances.

At one home a little babe had been born the night before. The proud father said he hadn't had any sleep for 48 hours, but he was happy and his wife and little one were getting along fine. There wasn't any nurse. Dad was the nurse, cook and general housekeeper. Three little children were happy and one called out gladly: "We got a little baby at our house."

It doesn't take riches to make happiness. We stopped at a little cottage to make inquiry for a place where a package was to be delivered. The mother was bustling around preparing for Christmas eve. Three little children were smiling. The home was neat, warm and cheerful. A little Christmas tree sat on top of the sewing machine, all decorated for the evening. Daddy would be home from work in an hour and his happy family were awaiting his arrival with expectancy.

Hundreds of homes were made happy on Christmas day by the delivery of these Christmas boxes. Those who contributed to this cause may have the assurance that not a cent's worth of merchandise went where it was not badly needed and those in charge sincerely hope that no one deserving was overlooked.

D. Davis, prominent Lansford farmer, was in the city Tuesday.

Fire early Tuesday morning did considerable damage to the stock of furs of the A. D. Brownstein Co., in the Parker block, East Central avenue. The fire is believed to have been caused by a son of Mr. Brownstein who visited the store at 11 o'clock the night before and pressed his coat with the electric flatiron. He states that he does not know whether or not he turned off the electricity and it is very probable that he did not.

The fire had been smoldering for some time before it was noticed and the first that anyone knew that there was a fire in the place was when one of the front windows was blown out by the smoke.

The fire department responded promptly, but had a hard time to get back into the rear of the room where the fire originated, on account of the dense smoke. The fire ladders were compelled to creep into the room on their hands and knees and finally put the fire out with water.

The damage is considerable. Mr. Brownstein had a large stock of valuable furs and besides, there were many valuable furs in storage or in a state of repair. Mr. Brownstein announces that the owners will be reimbursed fully.

Mr. Brownstein was visiting friends in Devils Lake at the time, but hurried home. He gave the fire department a substantial check in appreciation of their good work.

The loss to both the store and building is covered by insurance. Much of the stock in the front of the building was not damaged badly except from smoke and water. The insurance adjusters are now at work and it is expected that the store will be reopened later.

The damage to the building is not great, as the structure is fireproof. It will have to be re-painted and re-decorated on the interior.

Norbert D. Gorman Weds Roberta Stewart

Norbert D. Gorman and Roberta Stewart were united in marriage at the Presbyterian church at nine thirty o'clock this morning by the Rev. P. W. Erickson. The couple were attended by George E. Valke and Miss Laurel Alpstag, sister of the bride. The wedding was a quiet affair, attended only by the relatives and a few close friends of the couple and immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman left by automobile for Fargo where they will make their home.

Mr. Gorman was for several years Ward county agricultural agent, and is at present, Assistant State Leader of agricultural agents. Mr. Gorman is also an instructor for county agents at the State Agricultural College. He is one of North Dakota's most prominent agricultural experts and has already done an immense amount of good for the farmers of our state. His future cannot help but be very bright.

Mrs. Gorman is the daughter of Fred Alpstag, 310 First St. S. E. She has resided in Minot for the past five years. She attended school at Grand Forks and Langdon and is an accomplished and cultured young woman.

Curlers are in Action

The Minot curlers have begun their schedule games this week, and some good games are reported. Major McCannell's rink spilled all the dope Monday night by trimming Dr. Kernmott and his "champeens". The following is the personnel of each rink:

- Brewer, Violette, Graham, Kernmott, skip.
- Novak, Davy, Piper, J. R. Pence, skip.
- Cooper, Taylor, Brittin, A. D. McCannell, skip.
- Rutten, Schimanski, Wallace, Mulroy, skip.
- R. F. Mills, C. B. Mills Winters, Kennard, skip.
- Powell, Tompkins, Frahm, R. W. Pence, skip.
- Sandberg, Hamilton, Sweet, Smallwood, skip.
- Van Duzee, Foley, Hardaway, Aurland, skip.
- Erenfelt, Martineau, Lang, Hartl, skip.
- McGrath, Smart, Dunnell, Jones, skip.
- Dahl, Roach, McGee, Barron, skip.
- Holker, Shaw, Dan Lambert, Bradford, skip.
- Howard, Wilson, Robinson, skip.
- Trego, McGuihan, White, F. B. Lambert, skip.
- Youngman, See, Campbell, Perry, skip.
- Roie Davies, Huss, Davis, skip.
- Greer, Colcord, Cox, Heger, skip.
- Vallley, Williamson, Williamson, A. J. McCannell, skip.
- Bond, Goss, Gross, Upton, skip.
- Fisher, Ross, Porter, Violette, skip.

241 Marriage Licenses During 1921

According to the record of Judge Wm. Murray, 241 marriage licenses were issued out of his office during 1921. The month of December, usually very active for Cupid, has been unusually quiet matrimonially.

Carpio Woman to Insane Asylum

Mrs. John Bjelland of Carpio, was taken to the state hospital for the insane Wednesday after spending two days in the county jail. She was in the asylum before and her condition is regarded as very serious.