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BACK FROM LAND OF 'POSSUM, PAW-PAW AND THE PERSIMMON

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Colcord returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Whiteside county, Ill., and Saline county, Mo.

Inasmuch as the editor of this paper is usually prying into the other fellow's business, we presume that it is only fair to our readers to make a few statements concerning some of the things we did while away.

We spent a couple of days and more money than we cared to in Chicago. The writer was born and reared a hundred miles from Chicago, and has visited that unholy city quite frequently, but never could get much enjoyment out of a sojourn in that burg. We presume that living for more than twenty years out in North Dakota where there's plenty of elbow room and peace and quietude (barring the usual political storms) has forever destroyed any desire we may ever have had for the white lights. The noise, the crowding, the smoke, and the smell of that metropolis got on our nerves until we were glad after two days and a night to leave that city behind.

We must modestly admit that we did attract some attention even among the millions there, particularly among the police, not quite all of whom have yet been murdered. Perhaps it was the big white hat that Jim Huyek sold us. Didn't see another one like it in the entire city.

Attended Rotary luncheon in Chicago. Here is where Rotary was born and the Chicago club has nearly 500 members. Forty visitors that day, from Oklahoma, Iowa, and other states. One of the Chicago Rotarians gave an eloquent address and tried to make everyone think that business is better and the way those fellows down in Chicago "soak" strangers, its no wonder business is good with them.

Had heard so much about Frank Bacon and his play, "Lightning" that we risked a couple of dollars and attended the performance in the Blackstone theatre. Bacon played in "Lightning" for three years in New York City and is now on his 36th week in Chicago. He is sixty years old, doesn't have to make up for his part and was always considered a very ordinary actor until he hit upon this play where he just fits in.

Spent several very enjoyable days at the old home town, Sterling, near which city land was selling for as much as \$500 an acre two or three years ago. Not much land changing hands now, and while many lost all they put into their farms, the farmers who are well-to-do are still holding their property high. Found farming very backward in Illinois, in fact thru-out the middle west. There was considerable corn to plant and scarcely any of it was out of the ground. The soil was so wet that farmers could not get into the fields until late.

Northern Illinois is one of the most beautiful spots on earth, but the man with ordinary means does not have nearly the chance to make money that he has in North Dakota. You simply cannot get fair returns on that high priced land at present prices, no matter how much crop the land will produce.

Enroute to Missouri, we spent a day in Springfield, Ill. Visited the Lincoln home where the Emancipator spent seventeen years of his life while practicing law in Illinois. The house, a plain old-fashioned wooden structure with green blinds, was presented to the state of Illinois by Robert Lincoln, a son of the martyred president, who still lives. A pleasant middle aged woman is in charge of the home and we were the only visitors at the home at the time. The lady is a relative of Lincoln's wife and she appeared to take particular pains to show us about the premises. A class of 56 young men and women have just completed their course in the Marshall high school. Miss Ruth Evans, a niece of the writer, was a member of the class.

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Did you ever visit friends in Missouri? It not, then you have missed much. You cannot possibly meet more hospitable folks. The average Missourian will stop his threshing or any other important work any time to entertain a friend. And talk about good things to eat. Hot biscuits every morning for breakfast, with home cured ham and gravy and eggs fried in the ham grease, with three or four kinds of preserves to make one eat twice too many biscuits. Missouri is no place for a fellow who weighs 230 pounds and wants to get thin, so after a week's sojourn in the land of the 'possum, the

a bold plan to get their release. They planned to steal the body of the martyred president and secreted it, holding the remains until their pals were released. One of them informed the authorities of the bold scheme and officers heavily armed secreted themselves in a room in the monument, opposite the tomb. When the desperadoes arrived and started to saw the bars of the tomb, they were surrounded and placed under arrest.

In the monument are to be found priceless Lincoln relics, including the saddle bags, the compasses and chains used by Lincoln, when he was a surveyor in Illinois. Practically all of the original Lincoln photographs are to be found in the monument and it is surprising to note how many times the president "sat" for his pictures.

Springfield is a remarkably quiet city of not more than 100,000 inhabitants. It reminds one of an overgrown town made up of retired farmers. Nobody seems in a hurry. The old fashioned brick paving is so uneven that autos couldn't run fast if they wanted to, but there doesn't seem to be much occasion for hurrying. The pedestrians cross the streets in a very leisurely manner and the autos halt until the crowds pass, even tho there are no traffic policemen. There are any number of darkies but they haven't acquired the habits of the noisy northern "niggers". The folks in that locality appear to know how to handle the colored people for the best interests of all concerned.

We spent several days in Saline county, Mo., visiting with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Evans, who resided for a short time in Ward county. They own one of the finest 160 acre farms in Saline county where land sold for \$400 an acre during the period of high prices and one actually cannot buy the best farms for much less now. The Missouri farmers are raising hogs in order to get a fair price for their corn. This product sells for around 75 cents a bushel at present, but by feeding it to hogs, the farmer is able to make the corn net him around a dollar a bushel. The season is backward in Missouri. Many farmers will not finish planting corn until the end of the present week.

Saline county is the richest county in Missouri and is credited with being the fourth richest county in the United States. It is the home of the big mule. Wonderful herds of dairy cattle, all breeds and registered Short-horns dot the fields. The winter wheat is heading out, and the clover fields are in blossom. The apple, cherry, peach and pear trees are well loaded with fruit. The blackberries were in blossom. In fact, they were having what the old time Missourian termed their "blackberry winter", a cool period that characterizes that district about the time the blackberries are in bloom. The air was sweet with the perfume of the honey and black locust trees. The sycamores, persimmons, the walnut, maple and oak trees appeared in all their verdure. Never was there a better blue grass year, old timers stated. The mocking birds were singing their prettiest tunes. The roses were all in bloom and there was a wealth of other flowers, all in bloom and earlier than usual, causing some little worry for fear that most of the flowers would be gone before Memorial day.

It seemed that there were more elderly folks than we had ever seen before, a large number of whom still stick to their faithful old family horses and phaetons. Marshall, a beautiful city of 6,000 is the county seat. Marshall prides herself on her beautiful homes and splendid schools. That city has just voted \$199,000 bonds with which to build three new school buildings. A class of 56 young men and women have just completed their course in the Marshall high school. Miss Ruth Evans, a niece of the writer, was a member of the class.

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TWO MEMBERS POLICE FORCE DISMISSED; HAD AUTO ACCIDENT

Following a wild automobile ride at four o'clock Monday morning, which resulted in the knocking down a white way lamp post and damage to the First International Bank building, Patrolmen Bronson and Peoples, occupants of the automobile, have been dismissed from the police force by Police Commissioner Otto Gross, and Patrolman, Emanuel, owner of the car, has been given a three week's vacation.

Bronson and Peoples are said to have been driving rapidly south on Main street and failed to take the turn. The big Hudson Super Six in which they were riding ran up onto the side walk in front of the Citizens

bank, knocking down the white way lamp post. The car served across the street diagonally and came to a halt after it failed to move the First International bank building. The frame of the car struck the bank with terrific force, knocking out a brick or two and the jar broke a plate glass window. The frame of the Hudson was bent and the front axle was sprung. The officers were not injured.

The damage done to the lamp post and the bank building is estimated at \$250.00. The car is being held at a local garage by order of Police Commissioner Gross until the amount is paid.

persimmon and the paw paw, the home of the sweet potato, the sugar cane and the red haw, we hid ourselves to the Northland, with the pleasantest of memories but with a mighty uncomfortable feeling around our waist line, and have again taken up the study of Eugene Christian's "Weight Control for Health, Beauty and Efficiency."

Work of Drilling Oil Well to Proceed June 1

H. S. Johnson, manager of the Des Lacs Western Oil Co., informs the Independent that a car load of new pipe has been received for the 4,000 foot oil well and a new string of tools is on the ground. Two 4,500 foot cables are expected to arrive this week and the work of completing the well will proceed not later than June 1. Mr. Johnson is very optimistic and states that he is quite confident that with the new equipment, the well will be completed within a few months. The present summer ought to determine definitely whether there is oil in paying quantities in the vicinity of Minot or not.

Judge Declares Women Must Cook The Morning Meal

The following news item, published at the request of a Minot man, will no doubt be heralded with delight by a number of Minot men who have been in the habit of cooking their own "ham and" for breakfast for these many years:

New York, May 20.—When a woman marries now days she is honor bound to prepare her husband's breakfast for better or for worse.

This, at least, was the opinion expressed by Supreme Court Justice Benedict in the case of Harry Springer against his wife, Margaret.

"We were married in 1917 and she

hasn't cooked my breakfast more than 20 times," Springer testified. "Cruelty," ruled the court and granted a separation.

Seven Out for Sheriff's Job There are at present seven candidates for the nomination for sheriff of Ward county in the June 28 primaries and it is possible that the eighth candidate will make his announcement.

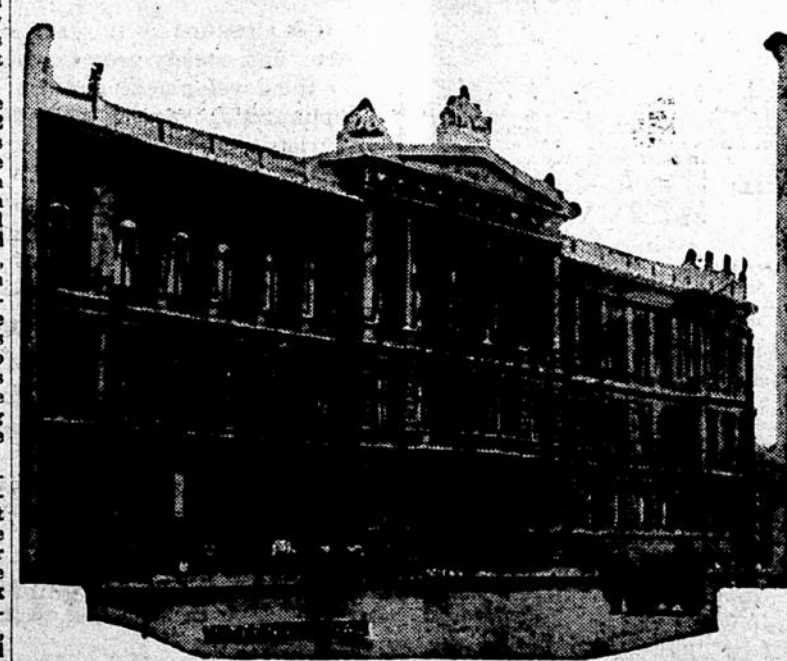
Those who have already announced their candidacy are A. S. Spicher, at present a county commissioner; John J. Niederlof, former sheriff of Ward county and now engaged in the automobile business; Thorwald Hustad, son of Erick Hustad, a pioneer Ward county settler; Clarence Vandenoever and Chester Jacobson, deputy sheriffs of Ward county; Mr. Avery, who is employed in the G. N. round house in Minot; and D. F. Seed, a Minot veterinarian.

Dan Dougherty, former chief of police of the city of Minot, who has been engaged in secret service work for the federal prohibition department, returned to Minot recently, and it is said that he is considering very strongly getting into the very interesting contest.

According to a report from Spokane Wash., Mrs. Catherine McCarty was shot to death one night recently by her husband, Jack McCarty, a drug crazed addict, while in discharge of her duties as waitress at a restaurant, where he went to commit the crime and then killed himself. She was a member of the E. D. Gensinger family, who at one time resided near Granville.

The dream merchant is profiteering in cocaine.

Berlin Tenants Refuse to Vacate



This immense building, the Palais Blucher, long a landmark of Berlin, is the bone of contention in a suit now being conducted in Berlin. An American purchased the site, intending to use the building as Berlin headquarters for a great banking corporation. However, residents of the palais refuse to vacate, despite the American's offer of tenancy in better quarters.

LEMKE ARRESTED, CHARGE OF FORGERY, MAKING FALSE ENTRIES

GEO. A. TOTTEN JR. FACES FORGERY CHARGE

Fargo, May 22.—Geo. A. Totten, Jr. who was freed in the federal court today from a charge of carrying intoxicating liquor, filed against him last summer as the climax of a hot contest between himself and the majority members of the Nonpartisan league executive committee, was rearrested today on a Cass county jury indictment, charging him with forgery.

Mr. Totten was indicted on two counts, forgery of O. A. Kaldor's name, treasurer of the Nonpartisan league executive committee, to a check of \$102, and the cashing of the check.

In the federal court the district attorney moved for the dismissal of the liquor charge, saying that a certain beverage seized from Mr. Totten's car was found not to contain alcohol.

The charge of forgery was accepted by the grand jury on evidence given by Mr. Kaldor, Harry Lashkowitz and Iver Fossum, and it relates to a check that Totten is accused of intercepting and cashing while he was business manager of the Nonpartisan newspaper in Fargo, the check being intended for the campaign fund of the Nonpartisan league.

North Dakota Dairy Record Broken

Grand Forks, N. D.—North Dakota's state records in dairy production for all breeds and classes were broken recently when a seven-year-old Holstein, Lilac Hedge Colantha, Zuhrod 2800579, owned by J. D. Bacon, of Grand Forks, completed a year's record of 25,824.4 pounds of milk containing 871.82 pounds of butter fat, equivalent to 1089.78 pounds of butter.

During the fourth month of her lactation period the cow produced as high as 113 pounds of milk a day under official test, according to J. R. Dice, dairy husbandman at the state Agricultural College. Her milk produced more than 18 pounds of butter in seven days during the last month of her yearly test.

Testra Fobs Mercedes De Kol, another Bacon Holstein, now holds the state record among the senior three year olds. Her complete record shows 18,316.3 pounds of milk containing 614.44 pounds of butter fat equivalent to 768 pounds of butter. A junior two year old on the same farm has a butter fat record to her credit which is large enough to make her a state class leader, although she has completed but eight months of her test. Another seven-year-old member of the herd produced 135.5 pounds of milk in a day and 839 pounds a week under test recently.

Albert Novak Leaves for Old Home in Bohemia

Albert Novak, of the Minot Tailoring Co., left Wednesday for his old home in Bohemia, where he will spend three months. He was accompanied by his brother Frank of Chicago. It has been 21 years since Mr. Novak left Bohemia and he has not been back since. During that time his parents have died, but three brothers still live there. He will visit Paris and cities in Germany, Holland and Switzerland.

Mr. Novak denies the rumor that he is going back to his native land to get a wife, but he states that he does expect to introduce the game of curling in that country if possible. The railway and steamship fare will cost him about \$500 for the round trip, but he figures that he is entitled to one good vacation every 21 years. He will be back in Minot about September 1.

San Francisco Prepares for Shriners

W. H. Reighart, formerly of this city, writing from San Francisco, where he now resides, states that San Francisco is making extensive preparations for entertaining the Shriners in June. He is sure they will succeed as that city has an abundance of good hotels. He hopes to meet many of his old North Dakota friends at that time. He writes that he sees J. W. Rode and Frank Lyman occasionally and Miss Mary McKone, of Minot, spent a recent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reighart.

McFarland President of State High School Conference

Grand Forks, N. D., May 19.—George A. McFarland, Williston, was named president of the state high school conference at its business session late yesterday.

P. S. Berg, Dickinson; L. A. White, Minot; C. L. Love, Mandan; and the chairman of the university conference committee, were named an executive committee which will take active charge of the high school conference activities without in any other way changing its character and events held under its auspices.

A constitution was adopted outlining the plan. Heretofore the high school conference has been directed by men connected with the University of North Dakota.

May Brides Are Scarce

But five marriage licenses have been issued by Judge Wm. Murray during the month of May so far altho there are prospects of the usual number of June brides.

A license was issued for Jesse W. Fast, aged 22, and Florence L. Peterson, 20, both of Minot.

Fargo, May 19.—William Lemke's former attorney general of North Dakota and a member of the executive committee of the National Nonpartisan league, was arrested today on indictment of the Cass county grand jury charging him with embezzlement and the making of false entries.

Embezzlement is charged in connection with the transfer of money from the Bank of North Dakota to the Scandinavian-American Bank of Fargo, the amount being \$216,378.70.

Two other arrests were announced. They were those of George A. Totten, Jr., indicted on two counts for forgery, and Lars Christianson, a director and former officer of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank on the charge that he made a false report to the state bank examiner under the date of Sept. 16, 1920.

Totten is accused of endorsing the name of A. O. Kaldor, treasurer of the state Nonpartisan league executive committee, to a check for \$102.70 and cashed it without proper authority.

Three indictments were returned against Mr. Lemke on the embezzlement charge. He is also accused in two other indictments of embezzlement of two other items of \$3,000 each, involving the transfer of money from the Bank of North Dakota to the Fargo bank. All told Mr. Lemke was named in six of the 35 indictments returned, officials said.

The charges of embezzlement cover all funds that were transferred from the Bank of North Dakota to the Scandinavian-American bank from the date of the formal opening of the Bank of North Dakota in July, 1918, until the closing of the Fargo bank on February 14, 1921.

Lemke Arranges Bond

Mr. Lemke appeared today before the clerk of court of Cass county and made arrangements to give bond of \$6,000 to guarantee his appearance in the district court of Cass county.

The other indictment against Mr. Lemke is that of making a false report.

One thousand dollars for each count was the amount of bond fixed in each case.

What Charges Cover While the Bank of North Dakota had no deposit and had loaned to the Scandinavian bank approximately \$450,000 at the time the Fargo institution was closed the grand jury has accepted for the purpose of its charge only that portion of the amount placed in the Fargo bank during the period of actual existence of the state bank. The additional public money that was in the Fargo bank when it closed was in the main deposited in that institution in the two months period prior to the time the state bank was put in operation. Mr. Lemke is charged with aiding and abetting the transfer of all of that money, which the indictment charges was for the benefit of persons named in the indictments.

Forced Girl to Drink, Charge

Fargo, N. D., May 19.—An auto, moonshine, and girls led to the arrest at Christine, Richland county, of Clarence Qualley, 28, on a charge of transporting and furnishing liquor on May 13, it was announced by Lane Moloney yesterday. Qualley waived examination to the charge and was bound over to district court on \$1,000 bonds.

The complaint against Qualley, the owner of a pool hall at Christine, alleges he and another man took two Christine girls to a point outside of that town. Qualley then produced some moonshine and offered it to the girls. One girl refused and was forced to drink, the officers claim.

Another party came along with a gallon of moonshine and in a short time the girls were intoxicated. They were then taken to a room over the pool hall. After that the girls recollect nothing.

The crime was characterized by Moloney as "the most vicious" ever experienced by him. The girls insist they did not know Qualley had liquor when they joined him.

Sam Carson, Pioneer Tagus Rancher Died Monday

Sam Carson, an early rancher in the Tagus district, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Monday morning. He had been an inmate at the county farm for several years. He informed the superintendent, John A. Sorenson that his wife who died some years ago, was buried in a cemetery west of the Minot Normal school and he asked that his remains be interred beside those of his wife, rather than that the county should bury his body in the potter's field. This request was granted. Carson was past 60 years of age. Altho it was reported that he owned a valuable estate in Iowa besides having his life insured for a large sum, a telegram received from a nephew, I. E. Carson of Walker, Ia., states that he left no property of any kind and asked that the remains may be buried in Minot.

Wealthy Farmer Hangs Self

Hillsboro, N. D.—Sever Ellingrud, aged 35, wealthy farmer, committed suicide by hanging from the barn rafters. Worry over the condition of his wife, who was seriously ill, but who has recovered, is believed to have been the motive.

"Why Not Minot?"