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KILLED IN R. R. YARDS

DAVID GALLAGHER BADLY MANGLED BY GREAT NORTHERN ENGINE.

Christmas morning David Gallagher was killed in the Great Northern yards in the western part of the city, being badly mangled and burned.

Mr. Gallagher was an employe of the company in the capacity of night coach cleaner. He had finished his work and turned in his time at six o'clock and had started for home. He was found shortly after seven o'clock by engineer Williams near the coal shutes. The head and chest were badly crushed, one arm was cut off and the clothing badly scorched and burned.

It is thought that he had been dragged or rolled for probably a couple of hundred feet. No one saw the accident, and it is probable that he was on his way home, when he in some manner got in the way of the engine and was run down.

Mr. Gallagher came here with his family from Dundas, Minn., to which place the remains were shipped Monday afternoon for interment.

Deceased leaves to mourn his demise, his wife and three grown sons, as well as two daughters and one son, children of his wife who have been making their home with them.

AT DEAF SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS WAS MADE MERRY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT TENDING.

Supt. and Mrs. Bangs, assisted by the other members of the faculty of the State School for the Deaf made the occasion a very joyous one for the pupils who were at this institution. On Christmas eve a fine large

Christmas tree was trimmed up in the center of the large dining room, which was illuminated by colored electric lights and loaded with little gifts for the pupils. At the base were placed bags of candy, fruit, nuts, etc.

At midnight Santa Claus visited the rooms and filled stockings with candy, nuts, etc.

The day was spent most joyfully by the little folks, and in the evening a Christmas party was given them at which various games were played and all enjoyed the day to the fullest extent.

THE SPIRIT OF X-MAS

APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED IN DEVILS LAKE

Christmas day was appropriately observed in Devils Lake. The exercises at the various churches were carried out as per the programs appearing in the Inter-Ocean last week. Many hearts were made glad by the bright, happy faces of the youngsters as they enthusiastically entered into the programs.

The stores in Devils Lake were opened for a few hours in the morning on Saturday and remained closed the balance of the day.

Besides the church exercises there was roller skating in the rink both afternoon and evening, and a matinee in the afternoon as well as a show in the evening at the Grand. For this occasion the management had secured "The Texas Ranger," which gave general satisfaction. The performance in the afternoon was not largely attended, but the evening performance was played to a packed house.

SALVATION ARMY. Barracks corner Fourth street and Farrington avenue.

Captain and Mrs. Kimball in charge. Services every evening except Monday at 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday school at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Services at jail Sunday morning at 9:30.

TIMBER CO. ORGANIZED

FARGO CAPITALISTS PURCHASE VAST TIMBER TRACT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Timber Investment company with a capital stock of \$1,500,000 was incorporated at Blamark, October 23rd, 1909. This company was organized for the purpose of buying and developing some large timber properties on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The company has recently acquired seventy-four sections, containing 47,360 acres of first-class timber lying in one solid body on the northwestern part of the island. This property was carefully inspected last summer by G. M. Hopp, secretary of the company, who was accompanied by a party of timber cruisers and experts. They guarantee it to yield at least 30,000 feet of merchantable timber to the acre, making in all approximately 1,500,000,000 feet of timber to be found on the Pacific coast.

The timber consists of fir, cedar, spruce, hemlock and white larch or silver fir and is selling at Vancouver at the present time for from \$11 to \$15 per thousand feet. The cost of delivering these logs to the saw mills of British Columbia is \$6.50 per thousand feet; so on the most conservative estimate the profit to the company will be over \$6,000,000. Timber, however, is increasing in value more rapidly than any other public commodity, so by holding this property for a few years the company expects to realize a profit of several times that amount.

In view of the fact that the Canadian government has recently withdrawn from the public the privilege of acquiring government timber properties, the officers of the Timber Investment Company consider themselves particularly fortunate in obtaining at a great bargain this immensely valuable tract.

Among the officers and stockholders of this company are men who have stood for a great deal in the development of North Dakota and the northwest. Among others are E. A. Wilson, A. L. Wall, M. A. Baldwin, and G. M. Hopp of Fargo, L. K. Torbet and H. G. Ohs of Chicago, L. L. Hillman of Seattle, C. A. Thurston of Glendive, Montana, and E. B. Clark of Miles City, Montana.

to large efforts for the protection of game.

Secretary Sheppard of Grand Forks states that the club has but a small fund which can be made available for this purpose, but it will interest the sportsmen in the valley in assisting in the work. He issues the following:

Appeal to Farmers.

To all the farmers finding prairie chickens suffering for want of food as a result of the recent sleet storm, are requested to communicate at once giving particulars, to J. C. Sheppard, secretary, North Dakota Field Trials club, Grand Forks, N. D.—Ex.

PASSION PLAY SUN. P. M.

BIG MEETING AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE 9:00 P. M. SUN-DAY

Sunday evening will see the reproduction of the great Oberammergau Passion Play at the Grand Opera house in this city. Through the urgent demands of a large number of people of the city the management have arranged to have this great picture film sent to Devils Lake for that night and the scenes of the Passion Play will be explained by one of the pastors of the city. The time of the Passion Play has been arranged so as to not interfere with church services, nine o'clock being set for the opening of the evening's entertainment. This film is brought to this city under big expense and the management will spare no effort in giving its patrons a memorable evening. Not only will the Passion Play be shown but the Norden Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Onsum of this city, who soon leaves for Europe, will sing at least five concert numbers. This local organization is known throughout this section of the state and their appearance will bring forth a host of admirers. Devils Lake is to be congratulated upon having a place in the city suitable for holding a meeting as Sunday night's meeting promises to be and the efforts of the management of the opera house in bringing this attraction to the city as well as arranging for the appearance of the Norden Chorus will be appreciated by all.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT S. A.

SALVATION ARMY MAKES MANY HEARTS GLAD TUESDAY EVENING.

Tuesday evening the Salvation army barracks in this city was the scene of a very joyous Christmas when a large tree was arranged for the little ones of their congregation.

Those in attendance included many of the poor children of the city and their little hearts were made glad by the pleasing program rendered by the Sunday school children, and the gifts presented to them. Every little one present was given some gift and a treat of candy and apples, while many of them were the recipients of clothing, shoes, etc., given by the army.

Captain and Mrs. Kimball spared no effort to make everything as enjoyable as possible for those in attendance. The people of the city were solicited for funds for the occasion and the funds thus raised were used for the poorer classes of the city who were in need of just such present as were given them.

The program was a very pleasing part of the program especially the number given by five little tots was received with much enthusiasm. Besides the exercises held Tuesday there were three Christmas baskets taken out Friday evening and presented to families who would have had a very sad Christmas were it not for the thoughtfulness of these good people who are doing much for the poorer classes of Devils Lake.

N. D. E. A. MEETING

IN SESSION AT MINOT THIS WEEK WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Prof. Godward went to Minot Monday to attend the meeting of the North

Dakota Educational association, of which he is a member of a committee of seven appointed to make a report on the Adjustment of Educational Work in North Dakota with reference to the needs of the times. The committee consisted of X. X. Schmidt, W. M. Kern, D. E. Willard, T. A. Hillyer, W. A. Godward, B. A. Wallace, P. G. Knowlton. This report deals with the revision of the methods used by the public schools of North Dakota, with a view to revising and re-arranging them so as to get the greatest possible degree of efficiency out of the course adopted. The report which will be discussed at some length at the meeting of the association is in pamphlet form and was in the hands of the members prior to the opening of the convention. The various branches of the course were assigned as follows: Introduction to Educational Aims—Prof. Schmidt. Physical Education—Pres. Kern. Vocational Education—Prof. Schmidt. Culture and Discipline—Supt. Godward. Civic and Moral Education—Pres. Hillyer. Religion in the Elementary School—Prof. Knowlton. Introduction to Course of Study Recommendations—Supt. Wallace. The Course in Arithmetic—Prof. Schmidt. The Course in Reading—Prof. Knowlton. The Course in Language—Supt. Wallace. The Course in History—Pres. Hillyer. Social Studies other than History—Contributed by Prof. Gillette. The Course in Geography, Nature-Study and Agriculture—Supt. Godward. Manual Training and Domestic Science in the Elementary School—Pres. Kern. Preparation of Teachers—Pres. Hillyer. Improvement of Teachers already in the Service—Pres. Kern. Supervision—Supt. Wallace.

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AID PRAIRIE CHICKENS

FIELDS TRIAL CLUB LEND THEIR EFFORTS TO SAVE BIRDS.

The North Dakota Fields Trial club will lend its active assistance to an effort to save the prairie chickens, which, with other birds which winter in this section are starving as a result of the heavy rain and sleet storm of two weeks ago over a large section of the Red River valley.

The sleet and rain which froze as it fell, covered the ground to a depth of half an inch or more, and tree and shrubbery as well, making it impossible for the birds and prairie chickens to secure their food from the usual sources. Many have died as a result and large numbers are flocking to farm barnyards for subsistence. Some farmers are taking care of them so far as they can by scattering grain where they may find it.

A farmer living near Grafton reports that a large number of prairie chickens are flocking to a field of standing grain on his farm and threaten its annihilation. State game warden, Smith, being appealed to, notified the farmer to let the chickens have all the corn they wanted and in cases so serious as this, the game and fish commission would pay a reasonable bill for the grain destroyed.

Many other farmers are going to considerable expense in the way of food for prairie chickens and the State Field Trials club will endeavor to assist in bearing the expense, rather than have it fall on the farmers, with a view

JOY TURNED TO GRIEF

CHRISTMAS SEASON FOR MINTO ONE OF MOURNING FOR DEATH OF MAYOR F. C. PLANT

Death, entering a home which had been filled the evening before with every joy of the Christmas season and through which the sounds of merry making had rung for many hours, removed at 2 o'clock Christmas morning F. C. Plant, mayor of Minot. The bursting of a blood vessel in his head while sleeping caused death within fifteen minutes.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mayor Plant cast gloom over the entire city and the joyous Christmas season was changed into a time of mourning. So sad were the circumstances surrounding the taking away of Minto's honored citizen that the news was received by its residents as a terrible and painful shock.

Christmas eve had been spent in the plant home just as it was observed in thousands of other homes in the state. Merry making had reigned supreme and all had thoroughly enjoyed the fun. Then came the hour for retiring, and at 2 o'clock in the morning, just a few hours after the fun had subsided, the household was awakened to the knowledge that the father and husband was suffering. Fifteen minutes later his body was lifeless, the angel of death carrying away the spirit of life.

Mr. Plant was the local agent of the Robertson Lumber company, holding the position the past ten years. He had been a resident of Minto over twenty-five years and was very well known throughout that section. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Minto.

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