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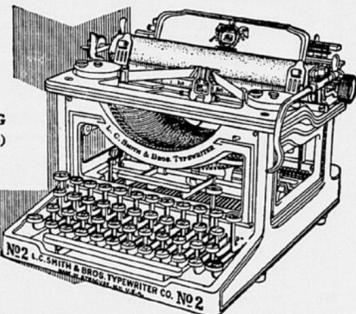
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### JUDGE TEMPLETON HAS JUST DECIDED A PECULIAR CASE—BARTLETT AFFAIR.

PAID HIS NOTE BY CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED—BANK BROKE AND NOTE UNPAID.

The Peoples' Bank Sent Check to Minneapolis Bank and Had It Placed to Their Credit—Bank Then Failed and Action Was Brought Against the Receiver.

Lakota, N. D., Aug. 25.—A decision has just been handed down by Judge Templeton at Grand Forks, N. D., in the case of Simon Schmid of Bartlett, N. D., against the Receiver of the defunct Peoples' State Bank of Lakota for the plaintiff in the full amount involved, which was \$312. The facts in the case were rather peculiar and the matter somewhat complicated. It seems that about a year before the bank failed Mr. Schmid borrowed this amount of money and signed a note for the same which he thought was due to the Peoples' State Bank when in fact the note ran to the Bank of Peoria, who were really making the loan through the Peoples' Bank. When the note was due shortly before the failure of the Peoples' State bank, Mr. Schmid sent them a check for the amount of the note and interest and it afterwards turned out that instead of paying the note the Peoples' State bank sent the check to the Security Bank of Minneapolis and had it placed to their credit there. Then the bank failed and Mr. Schmid found that his check had been cashed and the note unpaid. He then brought action against the Receiver and the Receiver, which has just been rendered in his favor makes a judgment for the full amount due him a lien on certain collateral paper that was returned to the Receiver from the Security Bank of Minneapolis and this will result in that amount being paid instead of the few cents on the dollar, which is all that will be paid on the general claims against the defunct bank.

### MORE COMPLETE REPORTS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS UNDER LATER LEGISLATION.

Results are being obtained by the state board of health and the state vital statistic bureau under the operation of the new law governing the work of collecting such statistics and no better proof of that fact is to be found than in the figures that have been compiled by Secretary J. Grassick. Since the law became operative on July 1, 1907, there has been a constant increase in the births and deaths shown in the reports, denoting that the figures are more complete in every respect and that the report is more valuable.

In the four years the number of births that have been reported is doubled, while the same condition holds true of the report of deaths.

On births, the first year, from July 1, 1907 to July 1, 1908, there were a total of 5,046 reported; the next year saw an increase to 7,540; the next year found 7,908, while the year ending July 1, this year, brought a total of 10,438 birth reports.

The reports on deaths for the same period is equally interesting. It shows 1,721 deaths for the first year; 4,029 for the second year; 4,189 for the third year, and 3,571 for the last year.

Another striking condition is the fact that births have outnumbered deaths in the last period nearly three to one. In the two previous years the births were about two to one as against deaths.

### NEW GUN HAS BEEN DEvised BY THE NAVAL DEPARTMENT TO DO THAT BUSINESS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The naval department has a new special gun to destroy aeroplanes. The tests so far have been very successful.

### WERE FRIGHTENED AWAY AND SECURED ONLY TWELVE DOLLARS IN MONEY.

Rogers, N. D., Aug. 25.—Yeggmen made an effort to blow the vault of the First State bank of this village about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, but secured only \$12. They were frightened away before reaching the inner compartments of the safe.

The telephone operator noticed something wrong with the wires and found all but one running into the office had been cut. She alarmed Ward Pickett, a butcher, who got his rifle and began firing into the bank building, causing the Yeggmen to fly. Other people soon came with rifles but in the darkness no attempt was made to follow the bandits.

It was found that two men were in the bank. They blew open the outer door of the safe and secured \$12 in a small compartment and had the inner door of the vault scaped ready for blowing when disturbed.

There were four men outside, evidently stationed as guards. A sheriff's posse is scouring the country. There is little clue of the criminals.

This village is located in Barnes county at the junction of the Soo and Northern Pacific railroads.

This is the first attempt to rob a bank in the state during the present year.

### DISCOVERED PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HERETOFORE SEEN A WHITE MAN.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 25.—Vladimir Steffanson, the former University of North Dakota man who has been at the head of an Arctic exploring expedition, has finally been heard from, Associated Press dispatches carrying the information today that his expedition had discovered a race of people who had never before beheld a white man or an Indian.

Steffanson sends this information in a letter, the letter being received today. He heads the American museums scientific expedition and left in April, 1908. The discovery of this heretofore unknown race was made in the Arctic regions of northern Canadian territory.

### HIS WIFE ALSO INJURED WHEN HORSES RAN DOWN STEEP EMBANKMENT.

Minot, N. D., Aug. 25.—Major and Mrs. J. S. Murphy were injured in an accident near the ball park today when a team driven by A. P. Scofield ran down a steep embankment, throwing a party of five out. Mrs. Murphy, who is postmistress, sustained a fractured wrist, and Mr. Murphy a deep gash above the eye.

### GATHERING AT FARGO WHERE PLANS WERE FORMULATED FOR CAMPAIGN.

THE AFFAIR CONSISTED OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER MATTERS.

D. V. Brennan of This City and Secretary Traynor of the Organization Were Present at the Love Feast—Executive Committee is Organized—Plans for Campaign.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 25.—For the purpose of perfecting the organization of the executive committee of the North Dakota branch of the national republican league, seven members of that body assembled at the Gardner hotel today and elected officers to serve until next January and to discuss ways and means of carrying out the next political campaign.

The executive committee is composed of one member from each judicial district in the state, and aside from the seven members who were present at today's session, there were proxies for four others, so that eleven votes were cast in all. Officers were chosen to serve until January, 1912, when another meeting will be held and new officers elected. The officers elected to head the committee today are:

Chairman—Harry M. Tucker, Courtenay.

Secretary—Fred Traynor, Devils Lake.

Treasurer—H. N. Johnson, Lankin.

Mr. Tucker represents the fifth judicial district and will head the committee until next January. Mr. Traynor is also chairman of the general committee of the North Dakota progressive republican league, and Mr. Johnson is treasurer of that body also, so that both of these men will serve the league in a dual capacity.

The general committee of the North Dakota branch of the National progressive republican league is headed by Judge G. A. Hanson of Fargo, who is chairman, and who attended the sessions at the Gardner hotel today.

Another meeting of the committee is being held this afternoon, as at the conclusion of this morning's session, only the officers were elected and the perfecting of the organization has been started.

The question of extending the county league organizations will be taken up in all probability, as that is one of the important features and problems to be considered at this meeting.

Members present from out of the city were J. M. Hanley, Mandan; Editor Conrad, the Mandan News; Judge W. S. Lauder, Wahpeton; Victor Wardrop, Leeds; Judge Liles, Minnekaukun; D. V. Brennan, Devils Lake; Fred Traynor, Devils Lake; John Keegan, Beach; O. H. Bueck, Sen. A. T. Krabel, Clifford; H. K. Pennington, Minn.; George M. Young, Valley City; Andrew L. Miller, Bismarck; Harry M. Tucker, Courtenay; Ralph Ward, Garrison; A. B. Cox, Valley City; Frank E. Packard, Valley City; Sen. E. L. Garden, Souris.

### M. A. BRANNON WILL GO TO CHICAGO FOR SPECIAL COURSE PRIOR TO TAKING POSSESSION.

Dean-elect M. A. Brannon of the college of liberal arts at the University of North Dakota, who has been here during the summer left today for Chicago, thence to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and again back to Chicago, where he will spend the coming year at the University of Chicago. In 1912 he assumes charge of the college of liberal arts.

Dean-elect Brannon will be accompanied by his two children, and they will spend the year with an aunt in Ft. Wayne.

Important research work will be taken up during the coming year by Dean Brannon, and he will spend the entire school year at the institution. Advance research work in plant morphology is to receive his attention.

He expects to give special attention to original research work on problems which are being worked out in this city at the present time, and which are liable to come up in the future, but better equipping himself to meet with those questions. Plant breeding will also receive attention from him during the year.

Dean-elect Brannon has been very successful this season in charge of the biological station at the university at Devils Lake, material results having been achieved in the work of demonstrating the possibilities of stocking the big lake with fish.

### WILLISTON MAN TALKS ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA EXHIBIT AT ST. PAUL.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 25.—John Bruegger of Williston, vice president of the Northwestern Development league is enthusiastic about North Dakota and the Northwestern land products show and says North Dakot will have a fine exhibit.

### TWENTY-FIVE PASSENGERS KILLED IN FATAL WRECK—TRAIN WENT THROUGH BRIDGE.

Manchester, N. Y., Aug. 25.—In an accident that occurred on the New York Central this afternoon a few miles from this city, twenty-five were killed and a large number injured. The train crashed through a bridge and the passengers were helpless. Doctors were rushed to the scene and the injured are being brought to this city to be cared for.

### JOHN PLATH, LIVING NEAR MOFFIT, DRANK LIQUID AND RESISTED ALL AID.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 25.—Fulfilling threats to take his own life, John Plath, a prominent farmer living near Moffit, a few miles from here, committed suicide today by taking strychnine. He resisted all efforts to render him aid, saying he would "swing a knife into the person that interfered."

### A MAN WITH A LARGE PACKAGE WRAPPED IN BLANKET JUMPED ONTO TRAIN.

Paris, France, Aug. 25.—A man with a large package wrapped in a blanket was seen to jump on the Belgium express at the famous painting, "Mona Lisa" that was recently stolen is now supposed to be hiding somewhere in Belgium.

### TAKE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT AT THE DULUTH PURE FOOD CONVENTION—WILSON OUT.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 25.—As expected the Wilson news was burned to death on a brush pile in the main street of Duluth at 5 o'clock this evening. Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Sheriff Farris, who attempted to rescue the negro from the crowd, were overpowered and locked in the courthouse.

## CONFIDENCE MAN IS BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

### Tells a Plausible Story About His Wife Being Sick in Idaho and That His Confidence in Watchman Sullivan was Brought About Due to the Fact That He was Intoxicated

The hearing of J. O. McGuire, of Princeton, Mo., who was arrested Wednesday night on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and who since arrest has given evidence of being a crook and confidence man, due to several things found in his possession, was held this afternoon before Judge Juergens. The man waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court under \$300 bonds.

States Attorney Duell appeared for the prosecution and Attorney J. J. Samson for the defendant. The only arguments brought up were not particularly on the charge, but rather to show the man's standing in Princeton, in order that reasonable bonds could be fixed.

McGuire was put on the stand and stated that he was married and had one child. He said he was on his way to Idaho to see his wife, who was not expected to live. He was in the restaurant business at Princeton and gave the references of several men who could be looked up with reference to his standing in his particular community. He had wired for money at Princeton and the telegram received here also stated that his house burned up at Princeton since he started out. He admitted that he was intoxicated and that he might have said things that he would not otherwise have said,

when he was talking with Watchman Sullivan of Grand Forks, employed by the Great Northern.

Andy Sullivan, who was next put on the stand, stated that several times during the ride from Grand Forks to this city, McGuire tried to arrange a poker game, saying that Sullivan could sit on his right side and cut the cards and he had a device which would do the business on the green guys he proposed to get into the game. He further suggested that the device for cutting cards was the latest thing out and was worth \$40. Mr. Sullivan also said that McGuire questioned him about disposing of the silk which he thought could be peddled in Minot for at least fifty cents a yard. He asked Sullivan if he was acquainted in Minot. McGuire said he "pinched the silk in Kansas City."

Considerable discussion arose over the word "pinched" as to whether that word should be allied with stealing. McGuire said he never stole the silk, but had secured it at Des Moines, Iowa, and was taking it to his wife. He got it from a fellow making balloon ascensions at Des Moines.

Relative to the card device McGuire said that he got it by loaning a fellow some money on it, but that he never could use it and had no intention of using it, although he could attribute no reason for carrying it to Idaho with

him on his mission to the bedside of his sick wife.

Watchman Sullivan admitted that he led McGuire by falsifying to him and Attorney Samson stated that probably McGuire was doing the same thing when he was telling all the news of the device and silk to Sullivan.

In arguing the case relative to the amount of bonds to be fixed Attorney Samson brought out the fact that it was a time when crooks were traveling through the country and McGuire had been the unfortunate man. He brought up the matter of references and said that if a man could get substantial business men back of him that it was enough evidence to show that he was not a crook.

States Attorney Duell stated that whatever the man might be at home it was evident that he could get references for the character, yet this would not mean that when he got away from home that he was respectable and was not working schemes and devices to swindle his fellow man.

States Attorney Duell stated that messages to McGuire's home, but no further delay was thought necessary by Judge Juergens and he bound McGuire over to the district court on \$300 bonds, which will be furnished according to the statement made by McGuire, as he follows will continue on his way to Idaho to his wife and then return here for trial.

### WOMAN AT DICKINSON IS KILLED—AUTO WAS DRIVEN BY A YOUNG GIRL.

WHEELS OF MACHINE PASSED OVER THE HEAD AND BRINGS DEATH ALMOST INSTANTLY.

The Victim Has Been a Resident of Dickinson for a Number of Years and Was Prominently Known Over North Dakota—She Passed Away in an Hour.

World Special State Service: Dickinson, N. D., Aug. 26.—Mrs. M. H. Linsley was run over Friday evening at 8 o'clock by a Ford car and died an hour later. The car was driven by Ethel Peck, aged 17. The deceased was hit while on a street crossing and both wheels passed over the base of the skull. She was the wife of Milton Linsley, to whom she was married in Mandan in 1886, coming to Dickinson a year later, where they have since lived. There are no children.

### FARGO MAN WOULD BE SECRETARY OF THE EAGLES AND WILL TRY FOR POSITION.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 26.—A. M. Knight state secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, left last night for the twin cities to take up the matter of the grand aerie meeting which will be held in California in the near future. Mr. Knight is one of the strong candidates for grand secretary and he is backed by every aerie in North Dakota as well as by those in at least fifteen to eighteen other states.

The office in addition to being one of great honor in fraternalism pays a fairly good salary and as Mr. Knight has been one of the hardest working members of the order in the northwest he has no opposition from this section. There is only one other strong candidate against him.

Politics plays a very important part in the work of most of the conventions of the larger secret societies and the Eagles is no exception. The members of Fargo aerie would be very much pleased to see Mr. Knight, who is their secretary as well as being the same officer for the state aerie, selected to the grand aerie. He expects to return home in a few days.

### FATHER'S BODY POUNDED BADLY WHILE SLEEPING LITTLE ONE.

Dawson, N. D., Aug. 26.—Stripping his clothing from his own body and wrapping it about the body of his baby, saving the child from injury but having the flesh stripped from his own bones and mashed and pounded into a raw condition under the terrific fall of hail stones, was the experience of Wm. Wheatley, residing six miles north of the city, when he was caught in a field by a storm. Warned of the approach of the hail storm, but not soon enough to gain shelter, his thoughts were for the safety of his baby, and the little one was wrapped in his clothes, while his own back broke the fall of the missiles of ice. The baby he held under his body in such a manner as to further protect from the beating stones, and the little one escaped without a hurt.

### THREE ARRESTED AT AMBROSE—PAY FINE FOR OFFENSE IN JUSTICE COURT.

Ambrose, N. D., Aug. 26.—Game Warden O. S. Lee is doing a landoffice business in the vicinity of Ambrose in arresting sooner. Three have pleaded guilty before Justice A. W. Almos and received fines. The first party arrested was made up of John Hilland, Joseph McGowan and James McGowan, from Calgan, a post office southwest of Ambrose. They were taken before Justice Almos. Hilland and McGowan pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each and costs.

### REALTY TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds:

C. A. Dodge and wife to Paul Larson, war deed, lot 3, block 10, Orr's Addition to Devils Lake. Consideration \$225.00.

Elsie M. Powell and husband to Charles W. Harris, war deed, lots 8, 9 and 10, block 116, Devils Lake. Consideration \$1,900.00.

James McClory to George McClory, war deed, S. 1/2 N. W. 14 and lots 3 and 4, section 2, township 155, range 62. Consideration \$1.00.

Frank M. Smith and wife to Ross M. Decknadel, war deed, all of section 11, township 155, range 62. Consideration \$1.00.

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