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When the citizens of Devils Lake can be induced to work in unison there is scarcely anything they cannot accomplish. This is proven by the splendid victory for this city in securing the permanent location of the Chautauqua Assembly at this point. At a very enthusiastic meeting held at the court house it was decided to secure the location at any cost—and that this was not talk, was shown by the fact that twenty three hundred dollars of paid up stock in the new corporation was subscribed in fifteen minutes. Besides this Captain Herman offered to donate three thousand dollars worth of land provided the association would put in ten thousand dollars worth of improvements in two years and the Great Northern agreed to contribute twenty-five hundred in cash if the assembly is permanently located here. Messrs. Kelly and Hovis, who were appointed a committee at Fargo on the 30th were thus able to make such advantageous propositions to the Chautauqua management that the other competitors were practically out of the race. Detroit Lake was the most dangerous competitor but its backers could not offer a bonus of fifteen hundred dollars, while Devils Lake practically offers a bonus of eight thousand, five hundred dollars. Add to this its natural advantages and there was only one thing left for the committee to do and that was done. They decided in favor of Devils Lake. Since the meeting on Thursday the subscription for paid up stock has reached nearly thirty-eight hundred dollars, nearly one thousand more than guaranteed. It is hoped to raise this to five thousand before the subscription closes. Devils Lake is to have two directors. Great credit is due to those who have had this in charge and especially to Messrs. Juergens, Fisher and Higboe, to whose energy and push the generous contribution from the Great Northern is largely due, and to Mayor Kelly, who so valiantly championed our cause before the committee.

FINAL STEP IS TAKEN IN ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 4.—Application has been made to the secretary of state for a charter for the Times-Herald Publishing Co. of Grand Forks, N. D. The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to print and publish newspapers, books, stationery and to deal in newspaper plants and in all kinds of printing. The main office of the corporation is Grand Forks, N. D. The number of directors is eleven, and the following gentlemen are named to act in the capacity until their successors are chosen: J. D. Bacon, F. L. Goodman, R. B. Griffith, Owen Young, A. I. Hunter, Oliver S. Hanson, H. M. Wheeler, Leslie Stinson, James Dinnie, all of Grand Forks; George Olson, Grafton; Martin Jacobson, Minot. The capital stock is \$225,000, divided into shares of \$100 each.

This is the organization which has recently taken over the Grand Forks Times and Herald offices.

WHITES AND NEGROES FIGHT NEAR DURAND—CAUSE IS NOT CLEAR AS YET.

Durand, Oklahoma, Sept. 4.—In a pitched battle near here today between five white men and five negroes, Horace Gribble, a white farmer, was instantly killed. The fight took place early this morning. The white men claim that they were fired upon as they were passing the house of Daniels, a colored man, while the negroes aver that a stick of dynamite was thrown at the house by the white men.

GAME WARDEN DENIES BISBEE STORY REGARDING USE OF FISH NETS AT LAKE.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 4.—E. H. Stenvick, state game warden, in an interview here today denies the story that appeared in the Bisbee Gazette recently claiming that he had used fish nets in one of the Turtle Mountain lakes.

PLANS NEW FLIGHT.

New York, Sept. 4.—Following the announcement by Harry N. Atwood, the aviator, in Boston today that he would attempt the transatlantic aeroplane flight, a message was received from him tonight outlining his route.

"I shall leave the Pacific coast for New York city via aeroplane Sept. 15," the message reads. "I shall probably go by way of Los Angeles and the southern route to Kansas City and thence to Chicago, Buffalo, Albany and New York."

GRIEF AT DEATH OF WIFE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION OF CLAUDE M'KAY.

Bowman, N. D., Sept. 5.—Grief over the accidental death of his wife in a kerosene explosion last spring caused Claude McKay, a homesteader residing near this city, to take his own life. While members of the family with which he has been staying were absent from home, he secured a twelve gauge shot gun, lying down on the bed himself and sending the double charge into his breast.

A baby boy was born to Editor and Mrs. M. H. Brennan.

On Saturday last, C. S. Taylor, accompanied by I. N. Walker, D. J. Wright, Jos. Robinson, Chas. Henley, Herbert Jenks, Chas. E. Taylor, Wm. Hurst and D. W. Pinkerton of this city went to Minot to institute an Odd Fellows lodge, which was christened Minot Lodge No. 45. The new lodge starts in with five charter members and nine initiates.

Judge P. J. McClory came over from Fort Totten yesterday.

E. J. Chamberlain left yesterday to attend the reciprocity convention.

States Attorney Cowan is building a fence around his residence on Third St.

Peter Regan has seven hundred acres of wheat in the shock. He estimates the average yield at not less than twenty bushels and says that no elevator will be given an opportunity to buy it for anything less than No. 1 Hard.

The new brick building will be built on the foundation laid for the Masonic Temple. Merchant Moen informs us he will rent the rear forty feet.

Crary will soon have a hotel that would grace any town in the country.

The transformation of the old Merchants National Bank building into a drug store to be occupied by Mr. Bennett meets with approval.

There was a little frost in the city on Tuesday but little if any damage was done.

Dr. Davenport's farm fourteen miles south of Lakota was struck by hail last Saturday night. About forty acres are a total loss and the balance is injured. Ramsey county has been fortunate this year, not having suffered a dollar's worth.

UPHAM BANKER WILL MAKE A FORTUNE ON THE SALE OF HIS CROP THIS YEAR.

Upham, N. D., Sept. 5.—Jake Nelson, the Upham banker, is looking forth to his potato crop, which it is believed will be the most successful ever raised in that section. Mr. Nelson is interested in a quarter section of potatoes, and is known in this section as the "potato king." A warehouse is being erected here to care for the yield of 25,000 bushels which is expected. Mr. Nelson is cashier of the Upham State bank and is one of the most promising young men in Western North Dakota.

SHELL WAS STUCK AND GARRISON YOUTH TRIED TO EXTRACT IT.

Garrison, N. D., Sept. 5.—Clarence Swanson, aged 10 years, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Swanson of Emmet, accidentally shot himself with a 22 calibre rifle, while he and two of his playmates were out shooting gophers. It seems that a shell was stuck in the rifle and while endeavoring to extract it, it was discharged, the bullet entering his abdomen. The boy died while being taken home.

BELIEVED THAT IT WILL MEAN SUCCESS TO McHENRY COUNTY FARMERS.

Towner, N. D., Sept. 5.—Alfalfa is the future hope for McHenry county farmers from every indication. It has been raised successfully this year and the country tributary to Towner, south of the city which includes 100 quarter sections will be turned over entirely for this purpose during the next year. The flax crop is good in this locality, but only a portion of McHenry will get a fair crop, although many believe that the crops in general will excel that of last year. The hail struck a portion of McHenry and did some damage.

WITH REFERENCE TO STENVICK MATTER AND FISHING AT GRAVEL LAKE.

J. L. Killion of Fargo, who is secretary of the Fargo Bond & Trust company and who was formerly a member of the game and fish board of the state and also an editor at Towner, N. D., was in the city today enroute west to enjoy the festivities of the opening of the hunting season. With reference to the incident of Chief Game Warden Stenvick and other members of the game board fishing at Gravel Lake, Mr. Killion stated that while there was no law against fishing in Gravel Lake, still it is generally understood that the lake was closed and the former game and fish board which established the hatchery instructed game wardens accordingly, the result being that everyone assisted in the work and helped the board. He did not consider it proper that members of the board should have fished in Gravel Lake, although no law was violated.

CONFERENCE OF PENAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTION HEADS AT BISMARCK.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 5.—There will be a meeting of the superintendents of all the penal and benevolent institutions of the state at the headquarters of the state board of control in the state house on Friday, Sept. 15. The meeting is for the purpose of a conference and to estimate the needs of the institutions for the winter. Secretary F. L. Brandt is busy sending out schedules to the trade with the view of securing samples and to invite bids on supplies needed at the state institutions. It is the duty of the board of control to purchase all supplies needed. The task set for Secretary Brandt and his clerical force is no small one.

DEFENDANT IN WIFE MURDER TELLS STORY OF TURNPIKE TRAGEDY.

DESCRIBES WILD RIDE TO OWEN HOME AFTER PRETTY WIFE HAD BEEN SHOT.

Aged Father Heard Son Relate Story of His Relations With Binford Girl—Prosecution Wishes Wife's Clothes Which Were Burned, Were Present—Will Continue Questioning Today.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Sept. 5.—Through six weary hours in the stuffy little court room Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife, battled for his life today. The night interrupted the vigorous cross examination by the commonwealth, Judge Watson ending the ordeal by adjourning court to an earlier hour tomorrow when Prosecutor L. O. Wadsworth will continue his rapid fire of questions.

The prisoner, always cool and collected, unfolded the sordid details of



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his relations with Beulah Binford, the 17-year-old girl, for whom the prosecution claims Beattie killed his bride of a year. He told not only of his relations with Beulah Binford before his marriage and subsequently but he told a gruesome story of the attack by the highwayman, the wild ride to the Owen home at a speed of 55 miles an hour with the lifeless, blood-covered body of his wife on the seat of the motor car beside him.

Beattie, by request of the prosecution, donned the blood-stained coat he wore the night of the murder and attempted to explain why the blood-spots did not appear on certain parts of the garment if his wife was reclined against him in the way he described.



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The clothes of the dead woman had been burned just before the arrest of Beattie and as more than once there was occasion to refer to them, Prosecutor Wendenburg exclaimed:

"I wish to God we had them here." The accused man sat in an arm chair, his head often resting on one hand while with the other he rubbed a knotted handkerchief over his pale and perspiring face. In the bar sat his brother Douglas and his white haired father, the latter at times covering his face with a fan as some particularly objectionable details were given by the witness.

GERMANY AND FRANCE HAVING NOTHING BETWEEN THEM—OFFICIALS TALK.

Berlin, Germany, Sept. 5.—That there is no possibility of war between France and Germany over Morocco was the substance of a conversation between the German foreign minister and special ambassador of President Taft to unveiling of Von Steuben monument.

GASA, A FARMER IS DEAD AS A RESULT OF A QUARREL OVER SOME LAND DEALS.

CLAIMS THAT HE SHOT GASA IN SELF DEFENSE AT INQUEST TODAY.

The Two Had Been in Several Deals Together and the Shooting Last Night Resulted After An Impossibility of Arranging a Satisfactory Settlement.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 5.—Gus Johnson shot and killed a farmer by the name of Gasa at Rice Lake last night about 10 o'clock, following a quarrel over a land deal which the two had made. Johnson and Gasa were neighbors and had been in several deals together and were unable to reach a settlement. Johnson went to Gasa's house for this purpose and following the quarrel, which was very heated, he pulled his revolver and shot.

Johnson was arrested immediately and the coroner's inquest is being held today. Johnson claims that he killed his neighbor in self defense.

NO LAW AGAINST FISHING IN GRAVEL LAKE WITH A LINE—WRITES LETTER.

Chief Game Warden E. H. Stenvick of Minot takes exception to the article in The World copied from the Bisbee Gazette, with reference to his violation of the law in fishing in Gravel Lake, and in a letter to The World has the following to say:

"There is no law against fishing in Gravel Lake with a line, and so far as fishing with a seine—which would be unlawful—neither the Board nor myself did use a seine. The particular time referred to in your article, two members of the Board did fish with a hook and line, also a half dozen others who were not members of the Board nor game wardens, but no seine was used by any one of them."

MAN WHO STOLE MONEY ORDER BLANKS IS CAUGHT IN ST. PAUL AFTER USING GOODS.

FORGED POSTMASTER'S NAME TO ORDERS IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS AND SENT THEM EAST.

Clever Work on Part of Thief Almost Escaped Notice—Chicago Firm First Got Wise to Stunt and Made Their Report—Man Cannot Be Remembered During His Stay Here.

DESCRIPTION OF MAN.
The following description was received today by Postmaster Daeley:
The man under arrest is stockily built, roughly dressed, and with a red face, smooth shaven, dark serge suit, black soft felt hat, light blue shirt, black shoes with part of upper cut away, apparently on account of bunions, about 5 feet 8 inches, about 185 pounds, between 35 and 40 years of age, a hard drinker. He claims to have worked in North Dakota in the hay fields and at the time of arrest was going by the name of John McCann.

Charged with robbing the local post-office of money order blanks and forging Postmaster Daeley's name to a number of them, Charles Ferguson, alias J. J. McCann, is now being held in St. Paul by the government authorities. The message was received here early this morning by The World and Postmaster Daeley received his first information from this source. No clue can be secured here as to who the man was, where he stayed or whether in fact it was the same man who stole the money order blanks that used them.

The dispatch received is as follows: St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 4.—Charged with forging money orders to the extent of \$1,385.50, Charles Ferguson, alias John J. McCann, was arrested at Mankato, after a long chase participated in by Postoffice Inspectors A. E. Germer, W. J. Marles and P. V. Postle.

Ferguson, it is alleged, stole 150 money orders from the Devils Lake, North Dakota postoffice Aug. 21, and has since been filling them out in sums of from \$25 to the maximum of \$100, and forwarding them as payment on jewelry orders to be filled by mail. When he was arrested all but twenty of the blanks were found in his room at the hotel, according to the authorities.

The names of the firms in whose favor seventeen of the money orders were made out were discovered. It is said, money orders were sent to Tiffany, N. Y., for \$400; to Loftus Bros. Co., Chicago, \$200; Howard Watch company, Boston, \$100; and in various amounts to other firms, involving \$1,385.50.

According to the inspectors, Ferguson, using St. Paul as a base, operated in the following manner:
He had a special money order stamp made, which was found in his hotel, and after writing the name of the postmaster at Devils Lake, R. Daeley, he stamped the order and forwarded it to one of the jewelry firms, directing them to send the jewelry to St. Paul. He then went to Mankato and ordered all mail forwarded to him there. All the

mail found had the St. Paul postmark.

When Loftus Bros. Co., received their money order for \$200 they turned them into the bank but later became suspicious and called up the postmaster. The postmaster had been notified of the theft and at once identified the orders. Inspector Germer came at once to St. Paul, saw the postmark on the letter and found Ferguson had ordered his mail forwarded to Mankato. In company with W. J. Marles, detailed by Rush D. Simmons, chief postal inspector for this division, he went to Mankato, where they found Ferguson and brought him back to the hotel where the blank money orders and other matters were found.

The inspectors believe the five money orders not accounted for were made out in small amounts and cashed in the Twin Cities. Just how much jewelry Ferguson has already received, if any, or how many of the orders have been cashed, the inspectors declare they do not know. They expect several packages containing jewelry at the St. Paul office in a few days, addressed to McCann. He had received at Mankato several letters from different firms thanking him for his orders and declaring the goods would be shipped in a few days.

ROBBERS HAULED 600 POUND SAFE INTO THE COUNTRY—GOT ABOUT \$33.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 5.—Robbers entered the postoffice at Kragenes, Minn., eight miles north of Moorhead, Sunday night, took the 600 pound safe out of the office and hauled it two miles into the country, where they cracked it at their leisure.

For all this trouble and work and after exposing themselves to the possibility of a long term in prison, the bandits secured between \$33 and \$34 in cash as the total amount of their loot. Of the money stolen \$31 was from the postal money order fund and between \$2 and \$3 was in the stamp fund. There was no general postal funds in the safe.

QUESTION IS BEING DISCUSSED AS TIME FOR HIS PAROLE IS DRAWING NEAR.

Rugby, N. D., Sept. 5.—As the time for the parole of Andy Jones, the defaulting banker of this city, who has been in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, draws near, the people here begin to wonder whether he will return to Rugby or go to some other field. It is understood that Jones is still interested in some mines in New Mexico and that he will walk the straight and narrow in that clime looking after his interests there after his release from prison.

SHELDON CHILD VICTIM OF SUD-DEN AND FATAL ATTACK IN CHEWING HERB.

Sheldon, N. D., Sept. 5.—That her death was caused by eating some poisonous herb while she was engaged in herding the cattle home from a nearby pasture, is the belief of physicians in connection with the sudden death of Emma Goltz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Goltz of this city. She had been engaged in playing with several girl companions just a few minutes previous to the time she went to get the cattle, but was suddenly seized with convulsions from which her death occurred within an hour.

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Replaced Maturing Policy With New Contract

Mason City, Ia., October 9, 1909.—(Editor The Life Insurance Educator Monthly)—I was twenty-six years of age when I took out a \$1,000 policy on the twenty-five-year plan. When the time was up I drew out my money and invested \$800 of it in land and in seven years I sold the land for \$2,400. The day the first policy matured I took out an other on the same plan for \$1,000, due in fifteen year, and last August that was paid to me. I consider life insurance one of the very best means for a young man to lay up something for old age and I wish that I was younger, so that I might take out another policy. Stephen G. Nelson.

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