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## MOTHER AND DAUGHTERS KILLED AND SON LOST-- BURIED IN REFUSE PILE

Worst Crime in the History of Rensselaer County, New York, is Unearthed.

Bodies Were Found Badly Mutilated in Rear of Stables at Defretsville.

Italian Who is Missing is Believed to be Responsible for the Crime.

Special to The World:

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The worst crime in the history of Rensselaer county was unearthed here last night, when the bodies of Mrs. Mary A. Moner, and those of her two daughters, Edith, 22 years old, and Blanche, 6 years old, residents of Defretsville, near here, were found in a refuse pile at the rear of a cow stable.

The bodies of those found were horribly mutilated, having received a frightful beating at the hands of unknown persons and then carried to the dump pile and buried in the refuse.

The three-year-old son, Arthur Moner, is also missing and it is suspected that he was also killed, a search now being made for the body in the vicinity where those of his mother and sisters were found.

The family was last seen Monday. An Italian is suspected of the crime, who is also missing and is now being sought by the police.

## THE RUSSIAN TREATY WITH U. S. ENDING

HOUSE PASSED THE SULZER RESOLUTION—NOW UP TO THE SENATE.

Special to The World:

Washington, Dec. 14.—The House passed the Sulzer resolution ending the Russian treaty because of discrimination against Jews. If the treaty passes the senate it will end all foreign trade with Russia as far as the United States is concerned.

## TWO HUNDRED MARINES OFF; WILL PROTEST

PASSED THROUGH ENROUTE TO PEKIN TO HELP AMERICAN LEGATION.

Special to The World:

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—Two hundred marines, enroute to Pekin to protect the American legation, went through St. Paul last night.

## FIVE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY

MRS. F. S. RANKIN OF THIS CITY IS MEMBER OF UNIQUE GROUP.

Mrs. M. S. Rankin and her son of this city are members of a group representing five generations. The photograph of this group is now at the Gilbertson furniture store being framed. It is a frequent occurrence to find four generations but in very few instances are there five.

Mrs. Johnson, the oldest of the group, is living at Emmons, Minnesota, and her age is 97. She is perfectly hale and hearty and has promise of reaching the hundred year mark. Her daughter, Mrs. Vedwick, is 68 years old and lives at Lake Mills, Iowa, with the granddaughter, Mrs. Farmer, who is 45 years of age. The great granddaughter, Mrs. M. B. Rankin, resides in this city. She is 24 years of age and her son, Sylvanus, the great great grandson, is five.

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## M'LAIN COOPER IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER--VERDICT IS BROUGHT IN

SCHOOL TAXES HALF OF TOTAL

Report of Abstract of Taxes Completed By County Auditor.

The report taken from the 1911 abstract of the tax list is now completed by County Auditor Bice. The school taxes for Ramsey county are about half of the total taxes for the year 1911.

The following figures are of vital interest and the tax payers appreciate the information:

Value of land exclusive of structures and improvements ..... \$5,580,297  
Value of structures and improvements ..... 270,583

No. of acres of land exclusive of city lots ..... 740,416  
Average value per acre ..... \$4.81

Value of town and city lots ..... \$445,570  
Value of structures on town and city lots ..... 596,414

Value of all taxable personal property ..... \$2,449,739  
Total assessed value of Ramsey county ..... \$7,322,603

Total amount of state taxes levied ..... \$24,884.74  
Total amount of taxes levied for school purposes ..... \$147,718.97

Total amount of taxes levied for county purposes ..... \$68,067.11  
Total amount of taxes levied for township purposes ..... \$49,197.15

Total amount of taxes levied for all other purposes ..... \$22,406.94  
Total amount of taxes levied in county ..... \$312,294.91

WORST NOT AFTER JOB.  
Fargo, N. D., Dec. 14.—According to a statement made by President Worst of the North Dakota Agricultural college, he has not given the matter of being secretary of agriculture any thought.

C. B. Waldron of Fargo had business here today.

## SURPRISE OVER NORTH DAKOTA

THOSE WHO FOLLOWED THE CASE CLOSELY DID NOT EXPECT SUCH RESULT.

THE JURY QUIT LAST NIGHT

VERDICT WAS READ IN THROGGED COURT ROOM AT 9 THIS MORNING.

Jury Was Out for Thirty-One and a Half Hours, the Vote Being 8 to 4 Until the Final Decision Was Reached—Celebrated Case Before the People Twenty-Four Days.

World Special State Service:  
Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 14.—The jury in the McLain Cooper trial which had been before the public for the past twenty-four days, in which Cooper was charged with the murder of Frank Ross at Hillsboro, came to a sudden termination at 10:30 o'clock last night, the verdict of not guilty being read before a thronged court room at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The result of the great case has caused somewhat of a surprise here and elsewhere over the state, the jury hanging for thirty-one and a half hours on a vote of 8 to 4 for acquittal.

POE WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE

Returns to Williston From Penitentiary and Will Try to Straighten Matters.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 14.—W. T. Poe, formerly city auditor of Williston, who was arrested for irregularities in his official work, and who has served about three years of a ten-year sentence to the penitentiary, appeared before the state board of pardons at Bismarck last week and made a statement of facts, which, it is said, will clear up the mystery surrounding the case. Incidentally he mentioned the names of several prominent men here as being connected with the affair.

While little credence has been given his alleged story of a conspiracy, still the fact that he was granted what was said to be a "conditional" pardon and came to Williston, has stirred much interest. While nothing has been given out by the authorities regarding the matter, it is the general supposition that he is here to make good his assertions.

Poe, after serving several months as city auditor, was arrested, and, after a futile attempt to escape into the bad lands, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months for irregularities in office, including the peculation of a large amount of city funds, and was sentenced to ten years in prison. There were several features of the affair that were never cleared up to the satisfaction of the public, but which give promise of coming out now.

SHERIFF VERY LOW.  
Medora, N. D., Dec. 14.—Sheriff Henry Will is dangerously ill with typhoid fever. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

WOLVES AT NEW ROCKFORD.  
New Rockford, N. D., Dec. 14.—According to residents near the city there are an amount of wolves in this vicinity and they are exceptionally bold.

## FRIGHTFUL MURDER IN WHICH HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE MUTILATED

Negroes are Held for the Double Tragedy at Shelby, North Carolina.

Baby Was Covered With Blood Stains Sleeping on Its Mother's Breast But Unharmed.

Man Was Wealthy and Held Chatties on Negroes' Crops is the Supposed Cause.

Special to The World:

SHELBY, N. C., Dec. 14.—With her one month old baby covered with blood stains but unharmed, sleeping on her breast, Mrs. John Dixon was found dead at her home yesterday afternoon by neighbors.

A few minutes later the body of her husband, mutilated beyond recognition was found in the barn a hundred yards from the house. Nearby was an axe which showed conclusively that it had been used by the murderer.

Officials have arrested negro tenants of the Dixon property, charging double murder. Those arrested tell conflicting stories of their whereabouts at the time the frightful tragedy is supposed to have taken place.

Dixon is a wealthy man and has been married about a year. He had a handsome country home. The murder is supposed to have resulted from the fact that he held chatties on the negroes' crops.

## SOO RAILROAD READY TO START

WILL COMMENCE WORK IN THE SPRING—SETTLEMENTS ARE MADE.

From direct information comes the report that the Soo line is making settlements with some of the property holders along the proposed right-of-way, necessary to get into this city.

It is understood that a satisfactory settlement has been reached between the road officials and the holders of the hospital property.

Each day brings more reports that sound encouraging and the fact is now settled that Devils Lake is to have another road. A local man who recently returned from a trip to the cities met one of the officials and in conversation with him learned that the preparations are definite. The official is said to have stated that nothing would keep them from entering the city as soon as warm weather will permit.

TREADWELL TO KANSAS.  
S. Treadwell, the Rock Lake editor who was recently freed from a charge of shooting two men, was a passenger to the city today from Canoe, where he has been the past two years, since the shooting occurred. Mr. Treadwell informed the World that he was leaving the country and was on his way to Kansas City where he would spend the winter with a son, having disposed of his Rock Lake interests. Although some thing, he says he is glad to be around again and rather hates to leave a good country, but thinks he would prefer being near his family. He published a fine paper at the Little Tower county town and the state newspaper boys will miss his bright paper.

STATES ATTORNEY RESIGNS.  
Stanton, N. D., Dec. 14.—H. L. Van Benschoten, states attorney of Mercer county, has tendered his resignation. Attorney Berry has been appointed.

Men Who Were Killed on Pennsylvania Line Were Laid to Rest.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 14.—Funerals of J. M. Uhlman and T. R. Bond, the Williston men killed in the wreck of an express train at Manor, Pa., will be held in this city today, the remains being shipped here from the scene of the wreck.

Mr. Uhlman was a very well known ranch and stock man in this section of the state, having extensive holdings in McKensie county. Mr. Bond was the foreman of his ranch, and was also his son-in-law.

They had gone to Europe last September after marketing a large number of cattle in Chicago. They had purchased the thoroughbred horses in France and had intended bringing the entire number to this city. They were due here today had not the accident happened.

Mr. Uhlman formerly resided in Wisconsin, but has been in North Dakota twenty years.

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## VESSY DENIES HE WILL QUIT GOVERNMENT

SENDS A TELEGRAM TO SIOUX CITY JOURNAL AND DENIES THE REPORT.

Special to The World:  
Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Governor Robert Vessy of South Dakota sends a telegram from the Western Governor's Special to the Sioux City Journal and denies the report that he will resign next January or any other time.

IT WILL RIGHT ITSELF WHEN TURNED OVER

NEW MULTIPLANE WAS TESTED IN KANSAS AND PROVES ITS WORTH.

Special to The World:  
Atkinson, Kans., Dec. 14.—A multiplane model aeroplane, invented by F. H. Jacobson of Kansas City, has been tested out here and automatically rights itself when turned over.

ICE CREW READY TO START WORK

GREAT NORTHERN WORKERS WILL BEGIN AT SWEETWATER LAKE AT ONCE.

The Great northern ice crew, headed by Contractor H. G. Hanson, who has had the job ever since the ice house here was built, arrived in the city today and will start tomorrow hauling ice from Sweetwater lake to this city, where it will be put up for summer use. The crew consists of twelve men besides the driver.

The cutter started to work this morning on the lake and although the ice is but thirteen inches thick, Mr. Hanson contends that at this thickness it is easier handled with less danger to the men, a better job of packing can be done and therefore the ice will keep much better and longer.

It is figured that it will take some time to fill the houses and do a thorough job of packing it away. Other ice men will start in the near future at putting up ice.

## NINE FARMERS JOIN

ONE MAN SECURED NINE FARMERS YESTERDAY FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE COMMERCIAL CLUB. THE WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A FEW SHORT HOURS AT STARKWEATHER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL JANUARY 1. MORE FARMERS ARE COMING IN, SAID DR. F. J. PIERCE, WHO IS ONE OF THE COMMITTEEMEN. THE BEST PLACE TO SPEND A LEISURE HOUR WHEN IN THE CITY IS THE COMMERCIAL CLUB. FARMERS, FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE STARKWEATHER BOYS. WHO IS NEXT?

## F. H. GRAVEL HAS ANOTHER

MAN WHO REPRESENTED DULUTH CHANGED HIS POSITION RECENTLY.

F. X. Gravel of Duluth, a former traveling man of this locality and the member of the Duluth commercial club who represented that body at the Lake Region banquet, has resigned his position as general sales manager for one house and accepted the same position with another Duluth concern. The Duluth Herald has the following to say of the change:

Frank X. Gravel, for eight years general salesman for F. A. Patrick & Co., will become sales manager for Stone-Ordean-Wells company the latter part of this month. His resignation, to take effect December 23, has been tendered F. A. Patrick & Co.

Before taking his present position. Mr. Gravel was a traveling salesman and also a department manager and buyer for Stone-Ordean-Wells company. He is well equipped for the duties of his new position, as he has been both buyer and seller and knows the merchandise game from start to finish. In his new position he will have charge of the traveling force of the house.

Mr. Gravel was one of the pioneer traveling salesmen in the northwest and is credited with having a larger acquaintance among the merchants of this part of the country than any other man. He has been a consistent worker for Duluth and is known and esteemed by thousands.

Mr. Gravel is prominent in the councils of the United Commercial Travelers, having held the highest office for this grand jurisdiction, and has been a member of the supreme council of the order for the last seven years. He is also a prominent and active member of the Elks.

## FIFTY NINE ARE DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

BODIES OF FORTY-NINE MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION TAKEN OUT AT MIDNIGHT.

THIRTY STILL UNACQUAINTED

JOHN DUFF WHO STRAYED FROM GANG WAS ONE TO BE FOUND ALIVE.

Special to The World:  
BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 4.—Fifty-nine miners are known to be dead in the Cross Mountain mine explosion near here. At midnight forty-nine bodies had been taken out. One was John Duff, one of two men who strayed from the gang Monday night. He was rescued alive. It is thought that about thirty men are still unaccounted for.

The young people in the city are anxious for some one to get a move on them and start that long talked of skating rink. Many lovers of the sport have been anxiously awaiting the time when they could strap the nickel to their feet and out the figure eight in the ice. This sort of amusement is the best for winter and some move in this line will no doubt be taken.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY TRACK TO BE SOLD SOON

FAMOUS HORSE RACE TRACK TO BE TURNED INTO SUBURBAN PROPERTY.

Special to The World:  
New York, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Sheepshead Bay race track will be sold and made into suburban property.

FIFTY-THREE SUNDAYS.

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