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CHONNARD'S ENDING

Outbursts of Tears Tell of Sorrow for Deed

Red-eyed, with perceptible nervousness and with occasional outbursts of tears, William Chonnard, who shot and killed his common-law wife in Cass Lake, last January, awaits the arrival of the 30th day of August, when he will forfeit his life in expiation of the terrible crime which he committed, says a dispatch to the Minneapolis Tribune.

Every effort has been made to save Chonnard's neck, but, despite almost superhuman labors on the part of his relations to stay the sentence of the court, the warrant calling for his execution on the 30th day of August has been signed by Gov. Van Sant, forwarded to Sheriff Hardy of Walker and the document has been read to the prisoner.

The crime of which Chonnard will pay the extreme penalty on the 30th instant was committed on the night of Jan. 26th last, in Cass Lake, when he fired three shots from a revolver into the body of his companion and wife, Dora Chonnard.

The shooting was not instantly fatal and Chonnard was arrested and confined in the village lockup at Cass Lake until after the death of the woman, which occurred in Duluth hospital two nights after the shooting.

Chonnard was arraigned before a local justice of the peace who bound him over to the grand jury of the district court to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree. He was given a fair and impartial trial at the spring term of district court for Cass county, the grand jury having returned an indictment against Chonnard for murder in the first degree.

Judge M. A. Spooner, formerly of Minneapolis, filed the judicial chair.

The prosecution brought out clearly the fact that Chonnard had threatened on many occasions to beat his wife, and also that the murder was deliberately premeditated. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and Judge Spooner sentenced the prisoner to be hanged within three months from the day of the conclusion of the trial, which was April 29. The board of pardons was appealed to, but declined to interfere, and Gov. Van Sant set the date of Chonnard's execution on Aug. 30, and signed the death warrant immediately.

When the death sentence was read to Chonnard, he showed some emotion, but was otherwise quite calm, and assured Sheriff Hardy that he would "be ready."

He has been a great student of the Bible of late and still maintains that he was drunk, on the night of the shooting, that he did not know what he was doing. He is one of those characters who are of a moody, uncommunicative disposition, and has that expressionless countenance, that denotes but little feeling. His relatives have done everything in their power to save him, and rumor has it that one member of the family (a sister) has exhausted all her financial means in attempts to have his life spared without success.

NOTICE.

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Agram will meet on the first day of Sept. at 10 o'clock a. m., 1904, at Math Thommes' place, to receive bids to build stone piers for bridge across Platte river according to plans shown at meeting. Plans may also be seen at the above named places of residence. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

John P. Langer, Chairman.
John J. Kippley.
Math Thommes.

UPSALA STAR ROUTE DISCONTINUED.

Royalton Banner: Star route service that has been in operation between here and Upsala via Elm Dale for the past twenty-five years was discontinued Saturday, Aug. 13, on account of the R. F. D. service that has been established from Royalton out to that country. Carrier No. 4 is now carrying a closed pouch to Elm Dale. For the present Upsala will be served from Burtrum. There is considerable dissatisfaction over the change as mail is not delivered as promptly as by way of Royalton. All star routes have now been discontinued and closed pouches are carried to Buckman, Dixville, Opole and Elm Dale by R. F. D. carriers. The change means quite a saving for Uncle Sam.

Miss Mable Heath entertained Friday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Mabyne McCarthy of St. Cloud.

THE COUNTY VALUATION ASSESSMENT AS REVISED BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

The county auditor has forwarded to the state auditor the abstract of the real and personal valuation of Morrison county as revised by the county board of equalization. Although it had been expected that the figures would show an increase, and that therefore the state board would not feel like raising the valuation, the figures in the abstract are \$1,327,985 less than the total returned by the state board of equalization last year. The total last year was \$5,508,947, and the total of the abstract is \$4,278,962. The figures are:

| REAL PROPERTY. | |
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| Valuation as returned by assessors | \$3,109,356 |
| Valuation returned by the board of equalization | 3,109,358 |
| Amount of increase | 82,872 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY. | |
| Valuation as returned by the assessors | 1,052,624 |
| Valuation as returned by board of equalization | 1,086,784 |
| Amount of increase | 34,050 |
| TOTALS | |
| Total valuation of real and personal property as returned by the assessors | 4,162,040 |
| Total valuation as returned by the board of equalization | 4,278,962 |
| Total increase | 116,922 |

LOOKING FOR MURDERER.

Local officers have received postal cards containing a description of James ("Shorty") Wesley, wanted at Bemidji on suspicion of complicity in the murder of N. O. Dahl and his daughter, Miss Agot Dahl. Wesley is described as about 5 feet 6 inches high, weight 155 to 160 pounds, light hair, sallow complexion, blue eyes, prominent nose, clean shaven, short neck, birth mark of maple leaf on shoulder, scars on back of head, bowlegged, very profane of speech, a laborer by occupation.

BERG'S STORE BURGLARIZED.

Some time Tuesday night a burglar got into J. W. Berg's store through a back door. In the morning the cash register was found on the floor, with about \$35 gone. Four revolvers were also missing, two Iver Johnson make, 32 and 38 calibre, and two Harrington & Richardson, 32 and 38 calibre. It is possible the robber was not an outsider.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BEHALF OF WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The following program will be given under the direction of the ladies of the W. R. C. Saturday evening, August 27th, at 8 o'clock, at the First Baptist church, after which refreshments consisting of cake and coffee will be served at the G. A. R. hall:

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| Piano solo | Earlie Brandon |
| Recitation | Laura Moine |
| Recitation | Albia Richard |
| Recitation | Hannah Leon |
| Vocal solo | Mabyne McCarthy |
| Recitation | Emma Balsinger |
| Recitation | Bessie Brandon |
| Recitation | Bessie Richard |
| Vocal solo | Rose Bourassa |
| Recitation | Lucy Kelly |
| Recitation | Frances Fortier |
| Recitation | Bessie Rothwell |
| Piano solo | Mae Graham |
| Recitation | Carrie Ferrel |
| Recitation | May Tomety |
| Vocal solo | Frances Somers |
| Recitation | Emily Broder |
| Recitation | Emma Balsinger |

Admission 25 cents.

It has been suggested that there be a wedding as one of the features of the street fair, bride and groom to be married in full view of the public, the business men to contribute articles to give the lucky pair a start in life. Don't all speak at once.

The Men's society of the Swedish Lutheran church will have an entertainment in the church on the West side tonight, at 8 o'clock. A good program, including speeches. Coffee and ice cream will be served. All are welcome.

Jas. W. Joslin has bought from John Viktor the two west stores in the Viktor block, occupied by the Golden Rule store and Pantzke & John's store. The consideration is \$10,500 and included in the deal at a valuation of \$7,000 is a farm which Mr. Joslin transfers to Mr. Viktor and which is described as follows: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18, and the east half of the northwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of section 24, township 39, range 32.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Sumner left for Minneapolis Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Sumner's mother, Mrs. J. J. Buchanan.

EXCHANGE BUYS SEAT

Farmers Secure Seat on Minneapolis Grain Board

Affairs in the Minnesota Farmers' Exchange movement are progressing at a rapid rate and the corporation formed by that name from the present indications threatens to do an enormous amount of business this fall. Already a seat upon the Minneapolis grain exchange has been purchased and terminal elevator facilities arranged for, says the Crookston Journal. The farmers throughout the state are loyal to the movement and it is quite likely that a great deal of fall wheat will go direct to the Farmers' Exchange elevators. Elias Steenerson, who attended the meeting of the exchange in Minneapolis Saturday and arrived home Sunday morning, had the following to say upon the exchange movement:

"I returned Sunday morning from Minneapolis where on Saturday I attended a directors' meeting of the Minnesota Farmers' Exchange. We arranged for an office, terminal elevator and a membership on the board of trade and are now in a position to handle all kinds of grain to the best advantage. Prospects for the exchange are very bright. While in Minneapolis we received a car of wheat from St. Peter which went No. 1 Northern with only one-half pound dockage and sold for \$1.20, certainly a very good beginning for the exchange. If anyone has grain to ship they can do no better than to ship it to the exchange. Address all communications to J. S. McDonald, Secretary Minnesota Farmers' Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn.

Arrangements will also be made for a meeting of the stockholders in the near future to enable the corporation to rearrange the board of directors so as to permit the North Dakota farmers' elevators to get a share of the representatives on the board, it being thought best to give at least three of the directors to the Dakota people.

"Business is beginning to come in fast and the heaviest job from now on will be to increase the facilities to keep pace with the movement which will be a hummer."

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thorpe, Aug. 22d, a daughter.

Wednesday of next week is the last day for filing.

The Floto shows, an animal show with a few circus features will appear in Little Falls Wednesday Sept. 7th.

Father Lamothe and Father Altendorf attended this week the retreat for the priests of the diocese of St. Cloud, held at St. John's Abbey. The retreat occurs every two years.

The ladies of the W. R. C. will give an entertainment and serve refreshments at the Baptist church Saturday evening, August 27. All are cordially invited. Tickets 25 cents.

Jacob Kaiser of Swan River was in the city Monday. The rust injured his wheat to some extent, but he says his corn looks fine, and the potato crop will be good.

MARRIED.

George Traek and Miss Celia Krause of Royalton were married by Justice Sheldon in this city Tuesday afternoon.

Charles Berry and Miss Pearl Allen were married by Judge Shaw Wednesday afternoon. They will live at Randall.

Miss Rose Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stewart of Swan River, and John Kennedy of Little Falls, were married at the Catholic church at Royalton Monday morning by Father ——. Miss Kate Stewart, a sister of the bride, and Chas. Stewart a brother, attended the young couple, and Miss Lizzie Kennedy, a sister of the groom, and Joseph Carson, were lady and gentleman of honor. After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where there was a grand wedding celebration. In the evening a dance in honor of the young couple was given at the M. W. A. hall at Elmdale in the evening. The young people received a large number of beautiful gifts. There were many friends and relatives present. Among those from Little Falls were Mr. and Mrs. A. V. McCarthy, Alex McDonald, Miss Kate Booth, John Stewart and Sandy Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will reside in Little Falls, having taken a house on Second street south. They have the best wishes of many friends for a long and happy married life.

DIED.

Journal Press 22: Clarence L. Dow, of Melrose, the well known Great Northern conductor, was in the city today on his way home from a sad errand. The little baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dow died Friday at Melrose, aged 11 months, and was taken to St. Joseph Sunday for burial.

Chas. Lange died at his home in the town of Belle Prairie Sunday, aged 45 years, after a long illness with cancer of the bowels. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary Lange, but no children. Mr. Lange came here in 1900. The funeral was held from the home Wednesday afternoon, and the remains interred in Oakland.

Joseph W. Harris, formerly of this city, died Tuesday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Satterlee, at Crookston. He was aged 47 years.

Of late years Mr. Harris has been farming in Crow Wing county. He has been ill for a long time, and was taken from the Brainerd hospital to his sister's home to spend his last days. The deceased leaves a little daughter, aged 10 years, who has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee. His aged mother lives in Minneapolis and he has several brothers and sisters. The remains were brought to this city Wednesday accompanied by Rev. Satterlee, and the funeral took place from the Methodist church yesterday afternoon. Interment being in Oakland cemetery. Mrs. Harris died several years ago.

The deceased was a man of laborious habits, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of those who knew him.

Mrs. Katharine Dominik of St. Cloud, sister of Mrs. S. P. Brick of this city, died at her home in St. Cloud Friday evening. Mrs. Dominik was a highly respected lady. The St. Cloud Journal-Press says of the funeral, which took place Monday morning:

The funeral of the late Mrs. Katharine L. Dominik, wife of Julius Dominik, the former city treasurer, took place this morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and was attended by a very large congregation of friends, including a number from out of the city. The services were solemn and impressive, and the music by the choir and a quartette very touching. A large cortege followed the remains to their last rest in Calvary cemetery, where brief services, with music, were held at the grave, and all that is mortal of one who in life was greatly beloved, was laid away to await the glorious awakening.

St. Cloud Journal Press: Entered into paradise, in the seventeenth year of her age, at the family residence in this city, in the early morning of Sunday, August 21, 1904, Lydia Jane Nichols Warner, daughter of the Rev. Cyrus Nichols, a pioneer missionary of the Presbyterian church, and wife of Henry A. Warner.

The funeral will take place from St. John's church, Tuesday morning at 9:30, the interment being at Little Falls.

Deceased was born in Philadelphia, Mo., September 24, 1884. When two months old the family moved to Racine, Wis., where she lived nearly sixty years. She was married to Henry A. Warner on April 7, 1899, and five children were born to them, four of whom, with the husband, survive her; namely, Henry A. Warner, Jr., Frederic E. Warner and Mrs. C. H. Brown, all of Little Falls, and Lucy M. Warner of St. Cloud. In 1897 the family removed to St. Cloud, to be near her children, to whom she was devotedly attached. Her life was particularly happy, founded by a devoted husband and loving children, and being the first called home of a family of eight brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Warner was confirmed April 7, 1873, by Bishop Whitehouse. She has since been a most devout member of the Episcopal church, and never turned a deaf ear to the call to divine worship.

"Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Mrs. Warner had visited relatives in this city several times. She was a very highly respected Christian lady, prominent in all good work, and much beloved. The family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Ezra Raymond died at his home, two and a half miles east of the city, Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, after a long illness, aged 79 years, 5 months and 13 days. The deceased has been a sufferer with cancer of the face for about a year and a half.

Mr. Raymond was a native of Can-

WAS A GRUESOME FIND

Unknown Dead Man Found in Pest House Wednesday

The badly decomposed body of an unknown man was found in the pest house south of the city Wednesday afternoon. The body was in such a condition that identification was impossible.

The building is owned by Mrs. Phillinda Crampton, and her daughters discovered the body. No patient had been there since March, and in April Mrs. Crampton had the building boarded up. Few people went near the place, as was natural, and Mrs. Crampton's daughters saw the body through the window of the back room, which was the room used for patients.

Coroner Chance was notified and went to the house about six o'clock, as soon as notified. He got in through the window, the front door being locked. Deputy Sheriff Ferrell and Chief of Police Touillotte also went down. The body was on a cot, the shoes and stockings being off and on the floor, and a hat was in one corner. The man was lying on his back, in a natural position, with one arm lifted near his head. Decomposition was so far advanced that the internal organs could not be distinguished, and it was impossible to ascertain whether death had been caused by wounds, internal or external. The skull showed no mark of violence. The clothing was better than that generally worn by tramps, the trousers were dark and the coat bluish. The scanty hair was reddish gray. The age of the man was about fifty years. In the clothing was found an advertising card of a Duluth accident insurance company. There was no writing on it, and nothing in the clothes by which the body might be identified. Coroner Chance decided an inquest was unnecessary and directed Simonet Bros. to bury the body, which was interred in Oakland.

"There are many" theories as to how the man came to his end, but the facts are not likely to be ever known. The coroner thinks the body is that of someone who was in the habit of going to the house, and that an attack of heart failure came on him while alone. The body must have been in the place for three or four months, judging from its condition. Other theories are that the man might have been murdered, and another that while present with companions in the house he died, and the companions fled without notifying the authorities, through fear of being accused of killing the man. It does not seem as if the man could belong to this neighborhood, as no one has been missed, and anyone living here and knowing the character of the building, would hardly want to go in it.

The matter is a mystery, and is likely to remain so.

ada. Going to Vermont with his father's family, he afterward moved to Wisconsin, living there for many years. In September, 1884, Mr. Raymond moved to Little Falls with his family, and settled in the town of Little Falls. Besides the aged wife, with whom he lived for thirty-eight years, the deceased leaves five children—Itildi M., and Joseph of Little Falls town; W. E. Raymond of Twin Brooks, S. D.; Geo. H. Raymond, of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. G. W. Follett, of Genesee, Idaho. A brother, E. L. Raymond, lives east of Little Falls, and another brother, C. F. Raymond, in this city. Two sisters are in the West, Mrs. Jas. Hobson of Genesee, Idaho, and Mrs. Ezra Beaulieu, of Pullman, Wash.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the French Catholic church.

Mr. Raymond bore his great sufferings with fortitude. He was a respected citizen of his community. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

LITTLE FALLS MAN LUCKY.

Henry Green of this city was one of the lucky men who drew the right to take a claim on the Devils Lake reservation. He is one of about 600, and the only one from this county. W. S. Deits of Staples also got a chance to take a claim.

F. A. Boyer, who has filed for the democratic nomination for superintendent of schools, decided to withdraw, and Theo. Ortman of Buh has filed for the nomination. Mr. Ortman has had many years experience as a teacher.

N. W. Chance has filed for the republican nomination for coroner.

JUST A FEW.

We are sorry to see Brother Fuller get bad tempered, or, to use up-to-date nomenclature, Wheatie. That display on the part of George may have been in poor taste, and it's heart wrenching to see old, near and dear friends fall out, but such sorrows come and should be borne with fortitude. Two hearts that beat as one, etc. Two bad.

The knockers will be expected to borrow Chas. Brannen's anvil for a starter. Of course Charley will make the sparks fly. "Shoe" fly, we mean.

They do say Barome Doucette is giving Bob Tedford an uneasy half hour, and maybe more. There ought to be some way of hiding the Ft. Ripley and Little Elk bridges until the scrap is over. They remind the people of too much.

The great political breakfast food—Buck-Wheat. Indigestible for some republican stomachs, but with the proper syrup goes down.

They say Uncle Nate inquired of the republican IT why this thunsness about Lyon. Brother F. replied that Frank was the strongest man, there-upon Uncle wanted to know what Fuller had been feeding him. It is possible Uncle wanted to secure some of the strengthener for the rest of the republican ticket.

This is a tough thing to say, but here it goes: Some of the fellows filing for office will get an official job when the indemnity land settlers get their deeds under Roosevelt's administration.

The genial smile of Geo. Lafond is not likely to be in evidence around republican headquarters this fall.

The Transcript is now praising John Lind. We haven't always agreed with Lind, but this is the last straw.

Geo. Lafond, one of the candidates for the republican nomination for auditor, has the following remarks on the back of his announcement cards:

I filed for the nomination.
I want the nomination.
I want it from the people.
I don't want a Fuller nomination, I had one once that fixed me.
My filing gave him one of his periodical cigarette fits, upset his arrangements with the democrats and one or two interested republicans to let the present auditor have his office by default. After I had filed he saw to it that someone run to beat me for the nomination. He has promised him the support of the "Push." I respectfully ask the support of the people.

People are at liberty to believe as little or as much of this as they please. No republican candidate can defeat Auditor Butler. The interesting thing about this, however, is that two such good friends, as Brother Fuller and George, should have a falling out.

Henry Bentfeld has filed for the democratic nomination for sheriff.

Luther Snow of Rail Prairie has filed for the republican nomination for commissioner in the district now represented by Commissioner Sullivan.

Martin Wisnawac and Mrs. Annie Pietrowski, to whom a marriage license was issued Saturday, have both reached the age of three score and ten. Not exactly a case of love's young dream.

Jas. Joslin was in the city Tuesday. He recently returned from Hope, N. D., and will teach school in Rail Prairie again this fall. He has taught there three years with the approbation of parents and pupils.

Commissioner Sullivan has filed for the democratic nomination for county commissioner in the Kandall district. It was understood Mr. Sullivan would file, but not sure as to what party would be asked to give him the nomination.

Luke Casey, who has been advertised by the Swanville News and the Little Falls Transcript as having become a republican after always having been a democrat, told a Little Falls man on Monday that the statements published about him were false; that while he might vote for one or two local republicans for personal reasons, he would support Parker and Davis and considered himself a democrat. Next.