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FRANK GOURD IS KILLED

S. S. Durham Strikes Him on Head With Club in a Row

INDICTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Durham Claims Self Defense--Affair Took Place at Budde Lake

F. L. Gourd of Clough, better known locally as "Whoopee," died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, due to a blow over the head struck by S. S. Durham, a brother-in-law, the evening before, claimed to be in self-defense.

A party composed of John Tindell of Ft. Hopley, Eber Clark and S. S. Durham of Clough and Louis McCormick of Excelsior were on a fishing trip to Budde lake, and were joined Saturday evening by F. L. Gourd and John Fuller, both of Clough.

It is stated that the men were arguing about different matters when Fuller, who was intoxicated, became engaged in an argument with McCormick, who struck him in the eye while he was lying down, whereupon Gourd interfered. He and McCormick then had an altercation and it is said Gourd held an open knife. Durham came between them and Gourd put the knife away and picked up a club about eight feet long and struck Durham once or twice, the stick breaking. Durham picked up one of the broken pieces and struck Gourd over the left side of the head, he falling in a heap unconscious. He came to a short time after and asked them to send for a doctor. The injured man was taken into the tent and remained unconscious until he died. The reason for not sending for medical aid is, it is said, that they did not think the injury bad and that as Gourd was rather intoxicated, he would come out alright.

Coroner Chance was sent for shortly after his death, and on his arrival there no one spoke of a quarrel, and the doctor was led to believe that death resulted from natural causes as he had prescribed for the dead man some time previous, and returned to the city.

Later in the day, however, he was phoned to go up and investigate the matter more thoroughly, as there had been some trouble at the camp the evening before and that there was a bruise on the man's head. The coroner, sheriff and county attorney with some others went to the Gourd home to which place the body had been removed, and the above version of the affair was given--slightly differing--by Durham and Clark. Durham and McCormick were arrested and brought down the same night, the other witnesses of the tragedy coming down Monday, to appear as witnesses before the grand jury. McCormick was brought down as a witness. Durham will offer a plea of self-defense.

A post mortem on the body was held Monday morning at the Simonet morgue and showed that Gourd was hit about three inches above the ear on the right side of the head, the blow breaking a blood vessel and forming a clot back of and below the left eye. There was no fracture of the skull.

As will be noted in another column, Durham was indicted by the grand jury for manslaughter in the first degree.

Mr. Gourd, who is said to be a full blood Cherokee Indian, was 39 years of age and came to Clough from Oklahoma, about three years ago, and besides his widow, leaves five children, Mrs. R. L. Hall, Stella, Charles, Lee and Harris Gourd. The Durham family also moved to Clough town about the same time from Lake Minnetonka. Mrs. Gourd and Mrs. Durham are sisters.

The remains of the late Mr. Gourd were taken back to the home in Clough and the funeral was held Wednesday at Randall, Rev. W. H. North officiating.

GRAND JURY IS BUSY

Returns Three Indictments--Working on Bank Cases

The grand jury in session at the present term of the district court is one of the busiest that has been in session here for several terms back, and there is every probability that it will not get through this week.

Three indictments have been returned up to the present time; one on Monday against Theodore Martin for murder in the first degree for the killing of his wife on June the 18th, last; another on Wednesday against Charles Vanase on two counts for arson in the third degree for the burning of buildings belonging to Mrs. Root in the town of Ripley on June the 29th last; and the third against Sylvester S. Durham, the same day for manslaughter in the first degree for the killing of F. R. Gourd of Clough town last Sunday.

Theodore Martin appeared before the court Wednesday and pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for Wednesday, September 27. Charles Vanase asked that he be furnished with counsel and F. W. Loyn was appointed as such.

Sylvester S. Durham appeared before the court Wednesday and pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for this term of the district court. The charges preferred by State Bank Examiner Kelsey Chase against O. H. Havill of the First State Bank of Bowls and Stephen, Henry A. and H. J. Schwartz of the Royaltown State Bank, which closed their doors a short time ago, are being investigated by the grand jury and will occupy considerable time as all the records of the banks are being examined.

THE DISTRICT COURT

Session Promises to Be a Long and Interesting One

The September term of the district court convened here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Judge M. D. Taylor presiding, having before it an exceptionally heavy calendar of cases. P. M. Woodward is the court stenographer.

Jacob Posch and Miss Della Brick were appointed by the court as deputy clerks of court and John Kerich as assistant janitor. Frank Verwitanski, Jos. Gross, George Koeler and Eugene Hasiot were appointed deputy sheriffs. John Hammers of Little Falls town was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

Cases set:

Sept. 22, Christina Hanson Bole vs Nels A. Swanson, George McCullough vs Village of Mottay; Sept. 23, Acme Harvesting Machine Co. vs Morrison County Farmers' Exchange, et al., D. M. Cameron and E. F. Shaw vs J. D. Boyd and Ray Boyd, S. P. Brick, adm. Estate of Wm. Gollnik, deceased, vs Frank and Adelaide Mengel; Sept. 25, Marianna Koziol vs Anthony Koziol, A. Hirschman & Co., vs Joe Froelich, Max Mayer vs L. J. Pickett; Sept. 26, Antonia Backowski vs John Velinski, J. K. Martin vs Fred Schwanke, et al., Elizabeth McDaniel Engler vs The Modern Woodmen of America, Kasmas J. Mortenson vs Chas. D. Johnson.

In the case of Claude Waite, in which sentence was suspended at the last term of court, sentence was deferred until the first day of the March 1912 term.

Sarah Ann McGuire was granted a divorce from Thos. H. McGuire.

Joseph E. Hartman was excused from service on the grand jury and Jos. Martineau, C. J. Nelson, Chas. Hedlund and J. R. O'Donnell from the petit jury.

The application of Anton Bermel for naturalization papers was continued to the March term of court.

In the case of S. P. Brick vs. S. Semrau, an appeal case from justice court, the lower court's decision was affirmed and appeal dismissed.

A divorce was granted Lena Bursinger from her husband, Edward Bursinger Tuesday; also to Arminie Patnaud from Joseph Patnaud.

Lyndon A. Smith of the state attorneys' office was appointed assistant county attorney.

Alexander Setterstrom and August Nelson were granted naturalization papers.

The jury returned a verdict for \$5 in favor of plaintiff in the case of Joseph Bursik vs. Edward Cash, an action for services rendered as tenant on the latter's farm.

The decision of the lower court was reversed by the jury and plaintiff granted a judgment for \$32 in the case of Geo. H. Powers vs. The Merchants State bank of Little Falls Wednesday evening, the case having been brought before the court since Tuesday night. The case arose over a commission paid on a sale of a farm.

A special venire of ten jurors was called for Wednesday morning.

The case of The Royaltown Lumber company vs. A. C. Wilson was continued on account of illness of defendant.

The jury affirmed the decision of the lower court, finding Albert Trebiatowski guilty of drunkenness and fining him \$7.50, and dismissed his appeal.

Thos. Bieljewski of Swan River, who was indicted in September 1910 for selling liquor without a license, pleaded guilty to the charge on one count Wednesday and was fined \$100 and costs, a total of \$137.77, which was paid. The other counts were accordingly dropped.

Settlement was made out of court in the cases of E. M. Edborough vs. the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. and Price Jones vs. the same company.

Case of Merchants National Bank of St. Cloud vs. Joseph Froelich is to be tried in St. Cloud by stipulation, ten days notice to be given by either party before taking such action.

A verdict in favor of plaintiffs for \$237.06 was brought in by the jury yesterday afternoon in the case of Dana Brown and W. T. Tourtellotte vs. A. K. Hall which was before the court the greater part of Wednesday and yesterday morning. Plaintiffs sued for \$243 claimed to be due as per contract for hauling deadheads out of the river at Belle Prairie. Defendant claimed that contract had not been completed.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Dismissed--Mary Beckman vs. Theodore Thielens, E. H. Kerkhoff vs. A. F. Schmidt, Chas. Gaking vs. Lydia Gaking, J. August Nilsson vs. Northern Pacific Ry. Co., Kasiah S. Bodwell vs. Northern Pacific Ry. Co., S. Trebby vs. Lucas Kells, State of Minnesota vs. F. W. Lyon, State of Minnesota vs. Fred Joslin.

Continued--Victoria Jaskowich vs. Theodore Rosival, Abraham K. Miller vs. Hannah M. Miller, Albert Argall vs. Alfred McGregor and Mary McGregor, J. C. Hendrickson vs. County of Morrison, Eliza E. Cole vs. Northern Pacific Ry. Co., Christina Hanson Bole vs. Nels A. Swanson, Felix Rocheleau vs. Morrison county, Carl Bolander, et al vs. Morrison county, State of Minnesota vs. John Richter.

No answer was made in the case of the State of Minnesota vs. Royaltown Creamery company, and judgment was accordingly entered for plaintiff.

Claude Hosch, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hosch of this city, was on September 3 united in marriage to Miss Maud Wilson of Lewiston, Mont., according to information received here this week. Mr. Hosch is now in business for himself, taking orders for clothing.

WAS GREATEST EVER

Aeroplane Flights, Attractions, Exhibits of County Fair Were Splendid

The best county fair ever held in the county took place here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week under the auspices of the Morrison County Agricultural Co-operative society, the weather being ideal, attractions the best to be seen anywhere and the exhibits, live-stock, agricultural products and needlework, being exceptionally fine.

Naturally the aeroplane flights by Thos. McGoey, the Grand Forks aviator, were the main attraction and drew thousands of people not alone from the county but from neighboring counties as well. At least one flight was made on each day of the fair, and on Friday, the banner day, two splendid flights were made by McGoey, who handled his machine with marvelous dexterity. He rose to a height of nearly three hundred feet and circled around a course that extended from Oakland cemetery to the hospital in the Friday evening flight, flying at different altitudes at will and with as great speed as any of the larger birds of the air. To those who had already seen aeroplane flights, the work of the Grand Forks bird-man was greatly appreciated as it was better than they had ever seen, while those who saw it for the first time marveled at the feat accomplished. The aeroplane was driven by a 60-horse power engine. It started from the Athletic park ball grounds and gracefully ascended and as gracefully came down to earth again at the starting place. The back end of the park fence for a distance of about sixty feet was removed to give the aviator the use of a little knoll in making the start into the air above. The last flight was made Saturday afternoon despite a rather stiff wind, and the airship rocked considerably but was at all times in complete control of the aviator. The management of the county fair would not hesitate to recommend Kenworthy & McGoey as putting on the best there is in the line of aeroplane flights.

From start to finish the attractions were pulled off without a hitch, and thanks to J. F. McNally, who acted as the society's official announcer, on time as per schedule. As everything took place as advertised on the first day of the fair, monstrous crowds visited Little Falls on the two succeeding days. It was nevertheless an orderly and well-natured crowd as could be seen, there being no wrangling, no fights and consequently no arrests.

The live stock shown at this fair would open the eyes of stock raising counties much older than Morrison, while the fruit, especially the apples, would make the best orchards in this country look to their laurels. The agricultural products excited the admiration of several that came up from southern Minnesota. Not only was there equality to them but quantity as well. The public school manual training exhibits certainly were a surprise for their excellency, while the fine needle and fancy work in the ladies' department showed that is every line of endeavor Morrison county ranks high.

The Mito theatre showed to packed houses in the afternoons and evenings, and the Harrison & Peterson dance hall was crowded with those who wished to tread the light fantastic. There were about 150 couples present at the Saturday evening dance.

So thorough was the work of the county fair committee in charge, especially that of Geo. M. Kiewel and Secretary N. N. Bergheim, to whom most of the work fell, and was performed so willingly, that the fair was devoid of all fault-finding, no knockers being anywhere in evidence.

If it was left to the big crowds that attended the fair, whether the Morrison County Agricultural Co-operative society made good and was worthy of general support, we are quite sure that the conscientious answer would be unambiguously in the affirmative.

BRACKE STORE ROBBED

Clothing, Shoes, and Men's Furnishings Stolen Monday Night

The M. J. Bracke store on First street southeast, which carries a general line of men's furnishings, was burglarized Monday night of clothing, shoes and suit cases amounting to about \$300.

Entrance was gained by knocking out a window pane out of a window in the back end of the store, and evidence is that the robbers spent some time in the store and used considerable deliberation in fitting themselves up with wearing apparel. Oxfords and shoes of various styles and makes had been tried and thrown to one side until at least two pairs of fancy shoes had been decided on and taken away. A grey overcoat valued at \$23, four coats belonging to suits to a \$25 suit (a tailor-made) belonged to a \$25 suit, another blue serge belonging to a \$25 suit, and the two others, cheaper suits, three high priced suit cases and several pair of pants were taken. The tongue of one of the burglar's old shoes was left in the store.

Entrance to the Victor Clothing company store was attempted without success through the back door Saturday night, a screen being out, and on Sunday to the P. F. Hosch tailor shop in the same manner with as little success.

It is thought that the same parties were responsible for the burglary pulled through and those attempted. Two young men, who were about the city Sunday and Monday and who have since disappeared, are suspected of the robbery, having been seen in the alley near the Bracke store earlier in the evening. As one of two railroad velocipeds, left on the side of the tracks just north of the freight depot, was missed Tuesday morning, it is thought that they got away by making use of it and escaped towards Staples. Both were men from 20 to 22 years of age, and one was about 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighed about 100 pounds, wore blue serge suit and grey cowboy hat. The other was slightly shorter, weighed about 140 pounds, wore a grey checked suit and cap. They claimed to hail from Chicago and had been breaking bronchos.

WILL HAVE GOOD ELEVEN

Local High Football Squad Contains Most of Last Years Players

That the high school will this season turn out a first class foot ball eleven is made evident from the probable personnel of the squad for the season of 1911. Besides most of last year's squad, there is an abundance of good timber from the freshman class to fill in with and still have enough for a second team.

Captain Dunphy will be found playing full back, Tanner left half and Grosch right half. Longley will most likely play the left end position. Dieckhoff, who is unable to report at this time owing to nasal trouble, will most likely play right end and a little later in the season. Kay, who is expected back from the west, it is thought, will land left tackle, while Fearing is trying for center. Clark and Hall will try for the quarterback position, the latter not being in shape just at present to report, however. Dumont, Trigstead, Meyers and Bob. Brannen have their eyes on guard positions.

Victor Brannen, the reliable center of the past two seasons, will probably play right tackle.

Practice was commenced at Athletic park the first of the week, and scrimmage work will soon be started.

Games as yet have not been scheduled, although different highs have been communicated with, and have expressed a willingness to play the locals.

POST OFFICE SERVICE

Changes to be Made in Time of Closing of Department.

Changes are to be made in the local postoffice service beginning October 1st in regard to the time of opening and closing for business of the different departments.

The change is a furtherance of the idea put into practice some time ago, by the discontinuance of the window service on Sunday to local patrons, in the interest of shortening working hours for the employes of the office.

The service beginning in October will be as follows:

WEEK DAYS

*1. The general delivery and stamp window will close at 6:30 p. m.

*2. The registry department will close at 6:30 p. m.

*3. Postal savings deposits will be received only between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

4. The hours of the money order department will remain as before, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

5. The lobby will remain open from 6:30 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. as usual.

6. Outgoing night mails will be made up and closed as usual at 8 p. m.

SUNDAYS

1. Lobby will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.

*2. General delivery window will remain closed all day.

Distribution of mail and service to box patrons will be given as heretofore.

(An * marks the changes in the service.)

DIED

Mrs. Anna M. Dow, aged nearly 74 years, who has during the past ten years been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Raymond, passed away yesterday morning at 8:50 o'clock after a brief illness, death being due to an attack of pneumonia.

Heart trouble made her an easy prey to the grim reaper.

Mrs. Dow was born in Calais, Maine, December 30, 1837, where she remained until 18 years of age. She then moved to St. Anthony, now Minneapolis, and in 1872 went to Sauk Rapids, at which place and St. Cloud she resided for a number of years. She moved to this city to reside with her daughter ten years ago.

Deceased is survived by her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Raymond, a son, C. L. Dow of Akeley, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Dow of this city. Mrs. Dow was a member of the local lodge of the Eastern Star and belonged to the Episcopal congregation of St. Cloud.

Funeral services will be held at the Raymond home at 12:15 p. m. Saturday, Rev. Geo. E. Platt officiating, and the remains will be taken on passenger train No. 9 to St. Cloud, where interment will take place in the family lot in the North Star cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Raymond of this city and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dow of Akeley will accompany the remains to the "granite city."

George Paddock, 77, for the past twenty-two years a resident of this county, passed away at 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning at his home in Freedham. Death came suddenly, due to heart failure, he having worked all the preceding day and in fact not being ill until a couple hours previous to his demise.

Mr. Paddock was a native of Chateaugay, N. Y. the date of his birth being August 20, 1834.

Deceased is survived by his widow and four grown-up children. They are Mrs. Crawford Sheldon and Miss Emma and Frances Paddock of Freedham and Mrs. G. H. Shattuck of Utah. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the home, Rev. W. H. North officiating.

IS SEVERELY INJURED

Warren Graham Thrown from Horse and Sustains Internal Injuries

Warren Graham, who has been acting as a relief operator for the Northern Pacific at Gregory station, near which his father, Fremont Graham's farm is located, a few miles south of town, is in a serious condition as the result of an accident which befell him last Monday night.

Mounting a saddled horse Warren left the farm house shortly after 8 o'clock to hunt up a stray cow, and when he failed to return a search was made with the result that he was found prostrate on the ground in an unconscious state at about 11 o'clock, his body being chilled through. In the dark the horse had evidently run into a twisted wire fence and the young man had been thrown to the ground with such force as to stun him. The horse had broken through three of the wires and was found a short distance from the scene of the accident. Warren was taken to the house and medical aid procured.

While all the outward marks to be found on his body was a bruised left leg and no bones were broken, the attending physician believes that his brain and spinal column were injured.

Up to yesterday Warren was unconscious most of the time but now has longer periods of consciousness and has the complete use of his faculties.

W. Leigh Cary, city editor of the St. Cloud Times, returned to St. Cloud Wednesday night to resume his duties, after enjoying a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cary

MARRIED

Two more prominent young people of this city quit the ranks of single blessedness and decided to share life's joys together, Leo Billstein, deputy county auditor and Miss Marie Walman, sister of Dr. J. A. L. Walman, being united in wedlock at the parsonage of the Sacred heart church Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. J. P. Altendorf performing the ceremony.

They were attended by Ben Billstein and Miss Agnes Billstein, brother and sister of the groom.

The bride was gowned in a blue serge suit, with hat to match.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Billstein, Second street southeast. Many beautiful wedding presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Billstein went to Pierz by auto at 2 o'clock that afternoon, at which place they boarded a Soo train for Duluth on a short honeymoon. They are to make their home in the residence formerly occupied by the family of J. H. Greisch on Second street southeast.

The bride, who is a young lady of very pleasing personality, has during the past several years been assistant in her brother's optical parlors. The groom is a native of this city and previous to becoming deputy to County Auditor McNairy was in turn engaged with the Ebert Bros. grocery, Hall & Farnam and the Little Falls Co-operative store, of which latter store he was manager. Both young people have a host of friends who wish them the best of success in married life.

Mitchell Lemieux and Miss Lucy Barendt of this city were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Father Lamotte uniting the couple in wedlock.

The groom is well known here, having for some time been employed at the Giant Grip Horse Shoe factory, going to Oshosh, Wis., when the plant moved to that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemieux left Tuesday on a wedding trip, after which they will make their home at Oshosh.

STAR LECTURE COURSE

Dates for Season 1911-12 Has been Scheduled by Committee

The Star lecture course committee has arranged the course to be given in this city during the season of 1911-1912, and though last season's offerings was of an exceptionally high order, the coming season's course promises to even surpass it.

The schedule starts Tuesday, October 24th with the Lyrioleans; Monday, November 30, Robert Parker Miles; Saturday, December 16, Edwin Brush; Wednesday, Jan. 24, Ralph Parlette; Wednesday, Feb. 14, Bolibar company; Tuesday, April 9, Castle Square Entertainers.

Archie Blake narrowly escaped being run over by a runaway team belonging to L. H. Gendron, grocer, last Friday morning. A passer-by notified him of the on-coming run-away team and he barely had time to jump off his bicycle and run off to one side when the team ran over the bike, damaging it considerably. The team, which had started from in front of the Gendron store, was caught before much damage could be done.

A. A. Fueger has received a letter from his brother, J. M. Fueger, formerly of this city, but now located in Manila in the Philippine Islands, where he holds the position of clerk in the Inspector General's office. Mr. Fueger was married just before leaving for the Islands. He states that the trip was a very pleasant one, taking 27 days. Stops were made at Portland, San Francisco and Honolulu. He is delighted with Manila, and says that the climate is excellent.

WOMEN'S WORK

Premium awards made at fair held by the Morrison County Agricultural Co-operative Society, Little Falls, Sept. 14, 15 and 16, 1911.

The winners not showing addresses are from Little Falls or routes running out of the city.

WOMEN'S WORK

Judges--Mrs. B. X. McNairy, Mrs. Carl Bolander and Mrs. R. Herron.

Embroidery--Miss Grace Hinkle, 1st. Pillow Cases--Miss Grace Hinkle 1st. Annie Wincheski Route 6, 2nd. Knit Lace--Mrs. A. E. Applegate 1st. Knit Lace--Mrs. A. E. Applegate 1st. Lace Work--Oelia Roble 2nd. Handwork--Maylouise Lemieux 1st. Embroidery--Rose Richards 1st and 2nd.

Hand Needle work--Rose Richard 1st and 2nd.

Embroidery--Rose Richard 1st.

Crocheting--Hilda Olson, Route 2, 1st. Mrs. T. M. Thomas 2nd., Miss Cora Dolven, Swanville, 2nd.

Handwork--Mrs. H. E. White 1st and 2nd., Caroline Olson 1st and 2nd., Mrs. I. W. Hinkley 1st.

Colored drawn work--Mrs. I. Hinkley 1st.

Decorated China--Mrs. I. W. Hinkley 1st and 2nd.

Handwork--Miss Lettie Raymond 1st. Mrs. E. F. Shaw 2nd., Mrs. Chas. Jensen 1st., Cora Huff 2nd., Mia. Wm. Ferguson, Royaltown, 1st.

Bakstunberg--Mrs. Dave Johnson 1st. Handwork--Mrs. Annie Anderson 1st. Mrs. J. A. Chelquist, Route 8, 1st.

Embroidery--Mrs. Alice Boynton 1st. Handwork--Mrs. Metzler 1st and 2nd. Embroidery--Mrs. F. G. Carlson 1st., Mrs. V. E. Eckman 2nd.

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