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FIRE DETROYS FOUR SALOONS THREATENS SECTION OF MOORHEAD BUSINESS DISTRICT

**Estimated Loss of at Least \$25,000---Flames
Discovered in a Pool Room Spread So Quick-
ly That No Time Is Given for the
Saving of Property.**

Moorhead, May 29.—In the opinion of members of the Moorhead and Fargo fire departments, who co-operated last night in fighting a very nasty fire in the city across the river, the absence of a southwest wind alone saved the Minnesota city from having at least a large section of its business district wiped out by the flames. While the fire was confined to the one block in which it originated, where now only heaps of ashes and a lone standing chimney marks the location of the big wooden structure, it was a hard fight for the firemen to keep its destructive force within bounds.

After it was generally supposed and was in fact true that the flames were under control, the hoarse summons of the fire whistle again set everyone's pulse leaping with excitement in the belief that the fire had broken out afresh. All sorts of rumors were quickly afloat, but the second alarm was sent in because of a burning barn, which again painted the heavens with red. The barn belonged to L. Lewis near the courthouse.

Fire which started in the Lund poolroom in Moorhead about 9 o'clock last evening totally destroyed the Hamm block located on the south bridge and the stock and fixtures of four saloons.

The places burned out are: Rustad & Rustad, Anton Larson, Ed. Smith and Akeson & Peterson, besides the Lund Poolhall. The total damage to building, stock and fixtures was estimated last night at \$25,000.

Rustad & Rustad are the heaviest losers, they estimating their loss at about \$9,000, fairly well covered by loss at about \$1,500 and the other two places lost about the same on their stock and fixtures.

Ed Smith had let his insurance run out during the controversy between the Loyal liberty league and the council concerning, who were to remain in the business, or who were not and neglected to renew it afterwards. The other two carried insurance.

After the fire was discovered its progress was very rapid no one being able to save a thing, but barely being able to make their escape. The structure was entirely a frame one and burned like tinder, the explosions of the liquors in stock adding to the fierceness of the blaze as it progressed from room to room.

The heat was terrific and but for the fact that the wind blew towards the river and away from the adjoining blocks, the damage would have been vastly increased. As it was the fire department had hard work confining the flames to this block, the frame building across the alley catching fire several times from the heat.

Streams of water were kept playing on the Dwight M. Baldwin mill across First avenue from the burning block and at times the heat was so great that it was almost impossible for the firemen to keep up their position with the line of hose.

The destroyed building was owned by the Hamm Brewing company of St. Paul, and owing to the lateness of the hour the company could not be communicated with and its estimate of the loss on the building obtained. It was estimated by local parties last night that the building was worth about \$10,000. This was reported to be will covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known, no one in the block being able to give any definite idea of how it started except that it started in the Lund pool hall. This room was located in the middle of the building and when the men in the Rustad saloon, which is located in the west end of the block discovered that the building was on fire it was burning so hard that they had time only to run out in order to escape suffocation from the smoke.

All the proprietors of this saloon were able to do was to lock the safe, take some change from one of the cash registers and run for their lives.

None of the other proprietors were able to save anything from their places of business, everything in the building being consumed by the flames. The fire department of Moorhead responded in quick order, but it was soon seen that the fire was beyond control as far as the Hamm block was

concerned, and a call was sent in to the Fargo department for help. One hose company from this city was sent over and remained until the fire was under control. Streams of water were kept playing on the Northern Pacific railroad bridge just in the rear of the burning structure, and at several times the piles of the bridge were seen to be smoking from the heat.

Thousands of people and hundreds of automobiles thropped N. P. avenue from Broadway to the South bridge in Moorhead at 11 o'clock last night. The majority of the people were returning from the fire and a few belated ones were going to it. The steady stream of automobiles and the crowds were continually avoiding collisions by narrow margins, due to the fact that the street lights in Moorhead were all out.

In one case an automobile just grazed a pedestrian who was crossing the street near the North bridge. Without doubt Moorhead last night had more visitors than have been in the city for some time.

Drivers Must Signal Automobiles

When persons are enjoying a drive in North Dakota and have to pass an automobile on the road, if their horses are skittish and they want the machine and its engine stopped, only the driver must give the signal to the chauffeur, according to the decision handed down by the supreme court. Otherwise, if an accident occurs, the chauffeur may not be liable for damages.

In a case in Foster county, John Messer, was awarded a verdict of \$800 against Henry Bruening. Bruening was motoring and had to pass Mr. and Mrs. Messer, who were driving. Mrs. Messer signaled for the auto to stop. Bruening stopping his car to the right of the road. Messer, however, drove across the road in front of the car to the left side and into an open field. The buggy was damaged and Messer more or less injured. He sued for damages and was awarded \$800.

The supreme court holds that the driver of the horse should have signaled the auto driver. There would then have been no confusion.

Good Situations For North Dakotans

**CONGRESSMEN FROM THIS STATE
LAND IMPORTANT COMMITTEES
TEES IN HOUSE.**

Washington, June 4.—North Dakota's congressmen all have good places on the committees of the house. Each one of the three representatives was made a member of one of the most desirable committees.

H. T. Helgesen from the First district draws the much coveted committee on agriculture and is also a member of the committee on expenditures in the postoffice department.

George M. Young from the Second district will serve on the committee on insular affairs and the committee on claims, both good committees, and the committee on insular affairs will probably be an unusually active one during this administration, because of the proposal to grant independence to the Philippines.

P. D. Norton of the Third district will serve upon the committee on Indian affairs and on railways and canals. The Indian affairs committee is an excellent one.

Miss Hazel Nielson and Miss Georgia Valley will leave tomorrow afternoon for an extended trip east. They will be joined at Minneapolis by their cousin, Miss Mabelle Grewcox, of Brainerd. The young women will spend several days at Chicago, Washington, and Philadelphia enroute to New Haven, Conn., where they will attend the graduating exercises of Yale College of their cousin, Clinton Spurr. The 1st of July they will enter Columbia University at New York City, where they will take up special work.

Stolen Horses Are Located in N. D.

New England, N. D., May 28.—Twenty-one stolen horses have been located in this section of North Dakota by Sheriff Doten of Hettinger county and Deputy Sheriff Davis of Harding county, in the last few days.

New England, which has gained quite a reputation as a horse market for this part of the state, has been victimized lately by numerous horse thieves and suspicious characters dealing in western horses brought here for sale.

This spring a certain man conducting a stable and who simply gave the name of "Slim" imported what he claimed were Montana horses which he disposed of to excellent advantage among the farmers of this vicinity. Slim would go away for a week or more, ostensibly for the purpose of buying Montana horses. Generally he would return without his animals, but in a few days a herd of horses would arrive in the city which he would always claim as the bunch he had just been away to buy.

It now develops that these horses were not from Montana but the property of South Dakota ranchers. An underground system of rustlers is known now to exist throughout this whole country. It is difficult to locate these fellows. One gang will start with a bunch of horses and run them out of the country to the next outfit, and so on, making profitable sales whenever possible and dividing the spoils. The owners and innocent purchasers have to pay the price.

"Slim" has been away for some time, and it is probable his countenance will not be a familiar one around here again. Deputy Sheriff Davis of Harding county, S. D. claims that fifty-four horses were stolen recently from that section. The local men who purchased the horses in good faith, are assisting in rounding up the animals and reimbursing the farmers who are without teams this year.

"PRINCESS BONNIE'S" DEBUT HAILED WITH GREAT DELIGHT

**Remarkable Success of Amateur Production Last
Evening Subject of Much Comment---
Will Be Given Again.**

Swaying rhythmically to the rippling, dancing waltzes, or prouetting about the stage in complicated manoeuvres and dances, accompanied by the stirring strains of a military march or pulsating Spanish dance, the members of the chorus and cast of "Princess Bonnie" sang and danced themselves straight into the hearts of an audience which almost taxed the capacity of the Normal auditorium Monday evening.

The Mikado, and other light opera productions given in Valley City had led those familiar with the cast of principals to expect a production of unusual excellence, and they were not disappointed. Monday evening's production was probably the most popular in tunelessness, well drilled chorus and principals, costuming and general effectiveness of any amateur production ever given in Valley City.

A large part of the credit for the successful production must be given to Mr. L. P. Hyde, who, in addition to carrying the leading role carried the added responsibility of the training of the chorus and principals. The fact that the opera has been produced in a little more than three weeks from the time of the first rehearsal makes Mr. Hyde's success all the more pronounced. As Shrimps, champion canoeist and Jack of all trades, he successfully carried the leading role, making the most of the comedy parts, and apparently winning the appreciation of the audience.

A gay old sea dog was Captain Tarpaulin of the fishing smack "Nancy" as represented by Clarence Henry. Mr. Henry has a splendid voice for the part, and his proficiency on the High C's showed long acquaintance with an aquatic life. Mr. Henry has proven himself a valuable addition to the dramatic talent of the Normal school, and never has this been better proven than in his depiction of Bonnie's uncle.

As a follower of Isaac Walton, Roy Stirling, champion fly fisherman of North America, Alonzo Morsbach may be lacking in some respects, but as a bartone his ability could not be questioned. "My Bonnie, My Queen," and "Love Is Like a Gentle Flower," brought out the best in Mr. Morsbach's voice, and resulted in repeated encores.

Says M'Carthy Left \$30,000

Chicago, May 29.—Luther McCarty, champion white heavyweight killed in the ring at Calgary, Saturday left an estate valued at about \$30,000 according to Attorney V. R. Lovell of Fargo, N. D., who is in Chicago in the interest of Mrs. McCarty, widow of the dead fighter. Mr. Lovell declared last night that McCarty, before leaving for Calgary, exhibited three check books to a friend here, one of them on a Pittsburgh banking institution and the other two on Philadelphia banks. McCarty also is said to have declared at that time that he was worth \$65,000, but Mr. Lovell asserted that McCarty must have been stretching the facts some.

As near as I can estimate from the fights that Luther had on the coast and in the east and his work on the stage, he earned close to \$100,000 in the last eighteen months," said the attorney. "I understand that he was under contract to McCarty and that his manager received in the neighborhood of 33 1-3 per cent of this amount. Luther spent considerable of this money traveling around and living easy, so I figure that there is about \$30,000 left.

"This money belongs to Mrs. McCarty and the fatherless daughter that she has been caring for in Fargo, N. D. for the last two years, and I don't think there will be any counter claims made by McCarty's parents. We don't anticipate any trouble from this source, although as far as we know there has never been a will made by the deceased."

The baseball season for the Lincoln school boys closed Thursday morning when they won a game from the Ritchie team with a score of 14 to 3. The Lincoln boys have played five games this spring, winning four and losing one with the close score of 13 to 14. Their total number of runs amount to 68 while those of their opponents number 23.

HAGGART CONSTRUCTION COM- PANY BEGAN WORK YESTERDAY ON BIG SEWER CONTRACT

**New Machine Digging Ditch in Which Pipe Will
Be Laid---Work Will Be Rushed From
Now Until Completed.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Work of testing out the big new machine which will dig the big sewer ditch was started Monday and actual work is now fairly under way. The ditch was started where it intersects with the river southwest of the Normal school and pipes will be laid toward town. The pipe is being laid 18 foot below the surface where they are now operating and in many places will be even deeper than that. The

amount of money that may be expended at this time is \$50,000 according to a court ruling. The Haggart Construction Company have an enviable reputation for speed and efficiency in work of this kind and the city officers in charge of the matter are confident that there will not be any unnecessary delay and that the sewer will be turned over to the city within the time specified.

Posey Sentenced to Year and Half in Pen

Fargo, June 4.—At 2.45 yesterday afternoon, Judge Youmans of the United States federal court, sentenced James Posey to one year and six months in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and a fine of \$400, the amount charged in the complaint, for embezzling money that came into his hands as United States commissioner.

The attorney for the defense asked the court to be lenient with the prisoner in view of the fact that his office was the only means of livelihood and that he is needed at home to attend to his family just now.

The prisoner showed no emotion when the sentence was passed. He will be immediately taken to Fort Leavenworth.

Freight Wreck Near Spiritwood

A wreck of several freight cars a short distance east of Spiritwood occurred Monday night, which delayed N. P. passenger trains on the Fargo division for over 14 hours. As bad luck would have it one of the wrecked cars happened to be a steam shovel which required a great deal of work from the wrecking crew to replace on the track. Both Nos. 5 and 3 were delayed until the wreck was cleared. No. 5 remained all night at the Spiritwood siding. No. 2 and No. 8, which was two hours late, went east over the Valley line. Heavy timbers from a western lumber shipment slipped from a car and were the cause of derailing the cars. It was necessary to extend the track around the wreck. No one was hurt.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

J. E. Liljedahl, Pastor.
Confirmation and communion services will be held at the Synod Lutheran church next Sunday morning beginning at 10 o'clock. The following will be confirmed: Elsa Danielson, Emma Faust, Agnes Edin, Hilda Edin, Clara Dahl, Hilma Ojson, Laura Hedstrum, Selma Carlson, Ernest Johnson, Andrew Benson, Carl Olson, Charles Olson. There will also be a reception of new members. Both the English and Swedish languages will be used, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

At the school election held yesterday there were thirty votes cast in all. Rev. J. F. L. Bohnhoff received 28 votes for the three year term, and Darby O'Malley 22 votes for the one year term.

Baseball game Valley City vs. Jamestown, Sunday and Monday, June 8 and 9. 6-3:tf

assumed a graceful dignity which quite carried away her audience.

Miss Broomall, who had charge of the dances in the opera is deserving of credit for her work in the training of the principals and for her own efforts last evening, and Mr. H. E. Goodsell, who had charge of the music, was rewarded with excellent results.

"PRINCESS BONNIE" TO BE RE- PEATED.

While it is contrary to policy for the Normal school to repeat any of its attractions, and while it may never occur again the many requests to repeat the light opera will be granted and the production will again be presented on Friday evening of this week. The price of admission will be popular, 50c for general admission and 25c for students and children.

Arrest Father for Failure to Send Children to School

Bowman, N. D., June 3.—Charged with failing to send his children to school, John Idler of Sunset Butte was placed under arrest by the provisions of the state school age law. He pleaded guilty, but sentence was suspended under his promise to keep the children in school. There are two children, a boy 12, and a girl, 14 who are working for neighbors, who will be sent to school as a result of the prosecution. Investigation by the school officials showed that a girl, 17 years old, could neither read nor write. Neither of the children of school age had passed the second grade yet.

Festival Closes With Fine Symphony Concert

**MINNEAPOLIS ORCHESTRA EX-
CEEDS HIGHEST EXPECTA-
TIONS IN YESTERDAY'S
PROGRAMS.**

The Fifth Annual Spring Musical Festival is now a matter of pleasant history, and no one with a knowledge of what is best in music, will offer adverse criticism. From every standpoint it has exceeded the high anticipations that patrons of former festivals have had reason to harbor. From the very beginning there was attached to the festival a pleasantness and a tone of sterling quality that reached its epitome in last night's concert given by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, conducted by that master of conductors, Emil Oberholfer.

Many people who had purchased admissions for the afternoon concert took first opportunity to be present again for the evening concert, and when the last number had ended felt that they had heard all that human endeavor could perfect. It thus becomes a most difficult matter for fair comment. Beethoven's sixth symphony as heard yesterday afternoon, not only showed the composer's rank, undisputed among the really great, but showed his contribution to the ages when interpreted by an artist organization. And an artist organization it was; every part in its proper place; every part responsive to the call of the conductor. The large audience fairly forgot itself, and in the first movement, wandered in mind and emotion to the fresh country, teeming with Nature at her best. From there Mr. Oberholfer escorted his assemblage to the side of the babbling brook, with all its refreshing purity. From the brook the party wandered to Beethoven's village festival. There was merry-making, with all the humor at the disposal of the oboes. But the merry-makers were overtaken by storm in the fourth movement of the great Symphony. Thunders of the basses, shrills of the piccolos were followed by the calm of the fifth movement, "The Shepherd's Hymn," and there was thanksgiving after the storm.

Here the audience returned again to their places only, however, for time sufficient to give the orchestra and its conductor the applause it had won, before Cornelius van Vliet showed the wondrous possibilities of the cello in Van Goens' "Song Without Words" and Poppers' "Tarantella." As a cellist he is without a peer. Perfectly unaffected, he was of as much interest to the audience personally as were his rare interpretations. They say that some people cannot appreciate

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