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## OPEN RIVER MENACE TO SKATERS; WATER OPEN UNDER THE BRIDGES

### Many Narrow Escapes From Drowning in Last Few Days by Skaters---Barney Gray Breaks Through Ice at High Line.

That all is not smooth skating on the Sheyenne river this fall has been demonstrated in the past few days by a series of accidents, and narrow escapes from drowning by young men and boys who have gone through air holes, broken through thin ice, or unwittingly skated into unfrozen water under the various bridges.

The most serious accident and the narrowest escape so far reported occurred Sunday evening about ten o'clock when Barney Gray, member of the firm of A. H. Gray and Son, broke through the ice at the high line bridge north of the city, and but for his courage and determination would probably have been drowned.

Mr. Gray was skating with a number of companions near the High line when the others returned to town, walking, he decided to skate to one of the lower bridges, where he had left his shoes, the skates being attached to the shoes he wore at the time.

The others had hardly departed, and he started on his return trip, when the ice he was skating on gave way, and he was plunged into the water. In falling, he struck the far edge of the broken ice, severely cutting his lips and face. For a few minutes it seemed impossible to get clear of the water, for as fast as his weight was put on the ice it broke under him.

Finally reaching thicker ice, he gained his footing, and was able to return to town where his wounds were dressed, several stitches being taken. Under the bridge on East Main Street, there is an open hole extending almost the length of the bridge, into which several skaters have been precipitated, and were only rescued by a narrow margin.

**The Ice Was Thin.**  
J. C. Caughlin, a travelling man who makes his headquarters here, was also

caught by the lure of the glistening ice, and plumbed the depths of the river at the boat landing near the power house.

Mr. Caughlin visited the river a few days ago, to watch the merry skaters gambling on the ice, and desiring to test its smoothness, unwarily stepped from the landing onto the river. An instant later he emerged from the mud and water of the stream and commenced to remount the landing. He decided it was too cold for a soaked spectator to watch the proceedings.

With the exception that the ice is thin in places, the skating has not been better in years. The water froze when the air was quiet, and in many places the river is like glass.

## Sheyenne Hose Company Elects Officers

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
A meeting of the Sheyenne Hose Company was held last night and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Elmer Boyd, captain, Jack Laird, 1st lieutenant, Casper Winkler 2nd lieutenant, J. J. Grest, secretary, Walter Coop treasurer.

The matter of fire prevention was taken up and discussed at some length. The company will make an inspection of the business buildings so as to suggest improvements in lowering fire risk and at the same time familiarize themselves with the interior arrangements so that in case of fire they will know the arrangements of the building and other facts that will assist in gaining admission to the seat of the trouble. Captain Elmer Boyd is very much interested in fire fighting and fire prevention and will give a considerable attention to the matter during the coming year.

## MARRIED AT WIMBLETON

At St. Boniface church on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock occurred the marriage of Gertrude Darkenwald of Wimbledon and John Scheidt of Courtenay, Rev. Father McGough officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Scheidt, a sister of the groom, and Gilbert Darkenwald, a brother of the bride acted as the best man. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Darkenwald residing five miles east of town where a large number of guests joined in celebrating the merry event. The nuptial couple departed in the evening for a trip east taking the train at Leal. They will return in a week or ten days and make their home at Courtenay.

## Local Men Arrested On Serious Charge

Late yesterday afternoon warrants were issued for the arrest of two of the prominent business men of Valley City charged with a statutory offense against Bertha Boneen, daughter of William Boneen, living on the east side of Valley City.

Both men furnished bonds, in the sum of \$2,000 each, in the court of I. J. Moe, and will have their preliminary hearing next Tuesday.

The arrest is the culmination of rumors regarding relations, alleged between the two men and the girl, which have extended over a period of several weeks, but which many thought would be dropped.

About an hour after the warrant was sworn out Tuesday, the father of the girl left the city with his family, and drove by wagon to Ollaska. Neighbors who saw them leave the city notified the state attorney, and when Northern Pacific train No. 8 reached that place, and the family were about to board it, the deputy sheriff stepped off and placed the girl under arrest.

This morning, according to States Attorney Englert, the girl explained that they were going to their former home in South Dakota, by way of Fargo. Later the father stated that they had intended to go only as far as Fargo, and explained they did not go from Valley City for fear it might be thought they were leaving for good.

## MURDERER WAS TAKEN FROM JAIL AND HANGED BY MOB, AT WILLISTON

Ross, N. D., Dec. 15.—Two unique features of the fire at Ross were told by a Minot man who witnessed the fire. While a great portion of the town was burning a man played on a piano, which had been saved from the hotel and was standing on the sidewalk. He was playing ragtime and a number of his companions were standing around singing. He played until the fire was nearly extinguished. The only thing saved from the drug store was a bottle of whiskey. The druggist took the bottle out into the street and addressing the volunteer firemen, said: Boys this is some old stuff from Virginia. It's the only thing I saved. Have one on me." And they did, right out in the middle of the street.

Mr. and Miss Martindale of Bathgate are registered at the Rudolf Hotel having come here to spend several days with their sister Hannah Martindale who is ill at the Riverside hospital. Miss Martindale expects to leave in a day or so for her home while her brother will remain a while longer.

## County Commissioners Name Clerk of Court

### HARRY OLSBY APPOINTED TO SERVE UNEXPIRED TERM—TAKES OFFICE TOMORROW

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
The Board of County Commissioners held a special session this afternoon to name a successor to C. H. Olsby, deceased, and appointed Harry Olsby clerk of court, to serve out the unexpired term.

The vote was practically unanimous there being only one Commissioner not voting for Mr. Olsby.

Mr. Olsby is an efficient young man. For the past three years has held the position as Deputy Clerk of Court, and is well versed in the duties of the office. During the past summer he has been working with E. H. Mason.

Mr. Olsby filed his application for bond this afternoon, and will take office tomorrow.

## Body Dragged Mile Behind Automobile---Riddled With Bullets---Sheriff Powerless---Second Lynching in State Within a Year.

### VICTIM FOUGHT DESPERATELY BUT IN VAIN

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
Authorities today are searching for clues to the identity of members of an organized gang of automobile lynchers who early yesterday morning hung Cleve Culbertson to a railroad bridge near Williston and then riddled his body with bullets.

Culbertson was in the county jail at Williston, under sentence of life for the murder of Mrs. D. T. Dillon, said to have been his former wife and her second husband and 12-year-old daughter near Ray last October. He received his sentence Monday.

About 2 a. m. Tuesday several automobile loads of men, supposedly from the vicinity of Ray, attacked the jail. Leaving their automobiles a few blocks from the central part of town the lynchers, all heavily armed, took possession of the telephone station, the fire headquarters and the power house.

A detachment formed to storm the jail. A trusty on night duty was covered by a revolver in the hands of others hunted through the jail corridors, discovered a heavy iron crowbar and smashed an overhead window to the murderer's cell.

The victim was hauled out of his cell through the window and half dragged, half carried through the streets to the waiting automobiles. It is said that he resisted and that a bullet was fired into his body before the vehicles were reached.

With Culbertson in one of the autos the procession drove out of town to a bridge over the Little Muddy and the slayer of three was hung to the trestle work of the bridge. After strangulation was complete it is said the vigi-

lance committee fired a volley of shots into the swinging body to make sure of their work.

Forty minutes later the coroner, district attorney and sheriff arrived and took down the body. At that time no trace remained of the midnight lynchers. The road leading to the bridge is a main traveled one and it was impossible to follow the automobile tracks.

After cutting down the body the brain of the murdered man was removed and examined by the coroner and pronounced normal.

The lynching was reported to Governor Hanna yesterday and the executive declared that he would lend all the assistance in his power to the county authorities in their search for the guilty parties and would insist that their prosecution be pressed with vigor. If necessary he declared the attorney general would be called in the case.

### MARRIED AT FARGO.

Married at Fargo, N. D., Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, Mabel Deming eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Deming to J. Potter of Chicago, Ill.

The bride is a well known member of Valley City society, having been born in this city and educated in the local schools.

The groom has been a resident of Fargo for some time, and is connected with the Flanders Automobile Co. The young couple left this afternoon on No. 4 for Chicago where they will make their future home.

Earl Monterie arrived this morning from Blair, Minn., to spend the Xmas vacation with his parents.

# The First National Bank

## Of Valley City, North Dakota

### Takes this opportunity to extend to all its Patrons and Friends

## Christmas Greetings

### Wishing all A Merry Christmas And A Prosperous New Year