

Barnes County Woman Reaches Century Mark

It may be interesting to know that here in Barnes county we have a centenarian. Mrs. Anna Thompson Howde, who resides about three miles south of Kathryn, will pass her one hundredth birthday Dec. 22. She was born in Telemarken, Norway, Dec. 22, 1816. Fifty-one years, or a little better than one-half of her life, was spent there. In 1867 she emigrated to the United States, and settled at Rushford, Minn., where she lived until 1881, when she moved up here. Since then she has made her home with her daughter, and son, Julia and Thom. Thompson, the latter being one of the first to take a homestead in the Sheyenne Valley, in that neighborhood.

While she has been endowed with and has enjoyed a remarkably strong constitution, it has stood her well, for in this long life she has experienced and endured more hardships than could any woman of ordinary health and strength endure and still survive. While the youngest of her 11 children was six months old, her husband died. Left alone with this flock and dependent mainly upon her own labor for their support, it takes no great stretch of imagination to realize that hers could not be a life of ease. As the years passed and her children grew older and were able to help, the burden perhaps grew less. Two of the oldest children having come to this country a few years ahead, helped to bring her and the family over here.

"Great-Grandma," as she is commonly known in the neighborhood, has, until recent years, been up and around. She has always been a great reader of newspapers and interested in current events and up to six years ago, she was able to read without the aid of glasses. During the last few years, however, she has mostly stayed in bed, but has always been able to take care of herself. Her mental faculties are still almost unimpaired. She can remember well things that happened in earlier years, but as is usual in old age, events of recent date are soon forgotten.

Among the living of her direct descendants are seven children; 32 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, in all 80. Most of these live in her neighborhood and around Rushford, Minn.

LITCHVILLE MAN TO WED NORMAL GRADUATE

Bismarck Tribune: Mr. and Mrs. Duncan J. McGillis, of the Van Horn hotel, announce the approaching marriage of their youngest daughter, Miss Mary Isabelle, to Dr. Harold Tyner Perry, of Litchville. Their marriage will be an even of Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the home of the bride-elect's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Wallace, of Avenue B, and the hour is set for high noon. Only the immediate families will be guests. Miss McGillis is one of the best known of the younger society girls of the Capital City and enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the state. She is also well known in educational circles, having taught successfully for a year and one-half in the Litchville schools. They will reside in Litchville, where Dr. Perry has a wide dental practice. Miss McGillis will arrive home Saturday from Litchville to complete her wedding arrangements.

K. OF P. DOINGS

The Rank of Knight will be exemplified this evening, 17 candidates have solved the mysteries of the ranks of Page and Esquire and tonight will venture to the end of the road of Pythian Knighthood. Chancellor Commander Victor Swanson will have the full team in readiness and the Hearing K. of P. orchestra will furnish the music during the work. Chef Metcalf will serve his pre-Xmas lunch and things will be doing at their Castle hall this evening. The Knights of Pythias will again give their New Year's ball and the committees are hard at work getting everything ready for this pleasant annual event. Dr. Hunt, the Pythian chorus instructor asks that all K. of P. singers be at the hall this evening at 7:30 sharp as they will have their first rehearsal of the Xmas carols to be sung at the Municipal Christmas tree.

NORTH DAKOTA IS NATION'S LEADER AS HOME OWNER

Bismarck, Dec. 19.—Rate Expert Edlie of the railroad commission in a recent delve into census statistics discovered the gratifying fact that North Dakota leads all other states in the union in the proportion of home-owners, which is 80 per cent. In other words, only one North Dakota family out of five lives in rented property. In Minnesota the percentage of home-owners is 63.5; in Montana only 56.6 per cent of the people own their homes; in South Dakota the proportion is 71.2 per cent, while in the United States as a whole the proportion is 46.5 per cent.

MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

The municipal Christmas tree was set in place today and for the next couple of days the electricians will be busy wiring it and getting all in readiness for the exercises to be held Christmas Eve. The municipal committee headed by Alderman Engen is hard at work arranging the detail of the meeting and if weather conditions are not too severe a large gathering is looked for. The people of Valley City have the proper Christmas spirit and will set an example for the rest of the state in expressing "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."

C. F. Luessen, of the Fulton market, returned to the city Monday morning from St. Paul, where he went with two carloads of stock for the St. Paul market.

Halliday Attorney Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement

Bismarck, Dec. 20.—Attorney George Purchase, of Halliday, today pleaded guilty to embezzlement before his trial got under way. He is charged with misappropriating \$2,000 entrusted to him by a client. He is due to be sentenced Jan. 16, the penalty being from one to six years imprisonment.

EIGHT YEARS' TRAINING NEEDED BY GUARD, SCOTT'S ASTOUNDING DECLARATION

Washington, Dec. 19.—The national guard mobilized on the Mexican border would have required nearly eight years of intensive training to prepare it to meet trained troops, Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, declared today in continuing to urge a universal military service system before the senate military committee.

"Fortunately the Mexicans were untrained troops," he said, "and our purpose to protect the border was accomplished by the mere presence of our men without firing a shot. We never contemplated sending the national guard over the border until they were trained, although we sat up until 2 or 3 o'clock every morning at the war department expecting a message saying the fight was on.

"We feel that the national guard would have destroyed themselves in marching had they been sent through that hard country."

General Scott said there were 20,000 Carranza troops around the Pershing expedition and 14,000 more opposite Douglas, where great American interests are located. These were with great cliffs wind-worn into fantastic caves and castles, and the ruined homes and remains of a prehistoric race. These ruins extend several hundred yards along the north wall of the canyon and are now under the care of the U. S. government. Also near Flagstaff are the famous Montezuma castle, Montezuma well and others, numerous caves of unknown extent, bottomless pits, into which the flood waters pour and are lost. Others are filled with ice that never melt. Some of the most interesting volcanic evidences in the world are near Flagstaff, the Burnt Mountains, Red Mountain, the lava beds, Sunset Crater, which is said to have been in action 400 years ago, and last, but not least, the San Francisco peaks, which consist of several huge peaks forming the cone of a long-extinct crater.

We also visited Meteorite mountain, a huge hole, somewhat resembling a crater, 600 feet deep, and 4,900 feet in diameter, a rim rising 120 feet above the plain, which scientists agree was caused by a meteor, as evidenced by many tons of meteoric iron found on the plains surrounding. We have some very interesting pictures of this wonder.

After spending Sunday in Flagstaff, we moved on to Ash Fork, just a small town of no importance. Our next day was from Ash Fork to Kingman. The country around Ash Fork is very desolate. The first town west of Ash Fork is Seligman, where we changed to Western time. We spent the next night in Kingman, a thriving little town at the head of Mojave desert.

From Kingman we started for Needles, Cal. This route is across the Mojave desert, with no signs of civilization, the only vegetation being sage brush and cactus. It being 74 miles across this great desert it was a day that shall never be forgotten. Words cannot express our experience. Owing to a general cloudburst, the road was washed to nothing but deep ditches from six inches to two and one half feet deep, and nothing on earth but a Ford would withstand such punishment. Finally we reached the Colorado river and crossed over into God's country, but not into civilization, for there were still 160 miles of desert roads. Another half hour brought us into Needles, Cal. This seemed like dropping over into Paradise, for we now were in the semi-tropical zone and were welcomed into Needles by long, rows of stately palm trees and other beautiful plants and flowers. It seemed to us like going out of darkness into sunlight.

Just west of Needles we found a camping place built for tourists. Here trees had been planted and water piped from the railroad, an ideal place to camp. Being all in from the long desert ride we took advantage of this convenience. During the night we were entertained by a pack of wolves, reminding us somewhat of L. W. Hubbard and his slide trombone and Valley City's male quartet.

The following day we reached Barstow. Here we found a hot spring enclosed with a house of stone and an ideal camping ground. Here we spent a pleasant night, being entertained by another pack of desert roamers. The next morning found us on our way at the break of day, being anxious to reach our destination. Near evening we reached the Cajon pass. Our hearts lighted up with joy, for here we were over the desert and had reached the wonderful roads of California, 20 feet wide and all just like ice. I advanced the gas lever on old Lizzie about 25 notches and you should have seen her "kick." Barney Oldfield would have been ashamed of himself had he been there, telegraph poles appeared as slats on a fence. It was here we caught a glimpse of real California, surrounded as we were by orange groves, blooming roses and perpetual sunshine. We could look back and see snow on the mountain range which bordered the desert we had just crossed. My good wife seemed to be ten years younger and I felt kind of frisky myself. Glory, what a relief to know our journey was nearly ended! Well, we reached San Bernardino, a

JACK WORLEY TELLS OF TRIP TO PACIFIC COAST IN FORD

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desolate, there being only one station between and no railroads the entire distance, the resources being cactus, rattlesnakes, tarantulas and "Oh, you san." We finally reached Springerville, Ari. The sight of civilization sure did look good to us. We stopped there long enough to take on gas and oil and pushed on to St. Johns. We spent the night there and most of the next day. Some one during the night had changed the wires on our machine and with the aid of the best mechanic in the burg it took us six hours to locate the trouble. Believing the said mechanic was responsible for the change I gave him one dollar for six hours' labor. He took it like a dose of salts and said nothing, so I guess he was the guilty party. Business seemed to be at a standstill and evidently he was trying to strum it up a bit.

Getting a late start from St. Johns we only reached Holbrook, Ari. In addition to a late start we spent several hours in the petrified forest. This was a wonderful sight. Trees from 12 inches to six feet in diameter and 150 feet long are now solid rock and very beautiful in color. The forest contains about 10,000 acres and is extremely interesting. Holbrook had nothing of interest for tourists, so with an early start we pulled for Flagstaff, the skylight city of Arizona. It has an altitude of 7,000 feet and lies at the foot of the majestic San Francisco peaks, elevation 14,000 feet, surrounded by the largest unbroken pine forest in the world and with a population of 2,500. It is the center of the lumbering interests of Arizona, having two large saw mills cutting 100,000 feet of lumber daily, all three mills having their own railroad systems with engines and other equipment, and having in all about 150 miles of track. Besides lumbering, live stock plays an important part in this vicinity. Some of the largest cattle and sheep owners in the country today have their homes here. To the north by excellent automobile road is the Grand Canyon of Arizona, earth's scenic wonder. The following are a few points of interest: The Hopi and Navajo Indian reservations; the Painted Desert; the Natural Bridges of Utah, largest in the world; the finest prehistoric ruins on the continent; Oak creek, a 2,000 foot canyon; Walnut canyon, rimmed with great cliffs wind-worn into fantastic caves and castles, and the ruined homes and remains of a prehistoric race. These ruins extend several hundred yards along the north wall of the canyon and are now under the care of the U. S. government. Also near Flagstaff are the famous Montezuma castle, Montezuma well and others, numerous caves of unknown extent, bottomless pits, into which the flood waters pour and are lost. Others are filled with ice that never melt. Some of the most interesting volcanic evidences in the world are near Flagstaff, the Burnt Mountains, Red Mountain, the lava beds, Sunset Crater, which is said to have been in action 400 years ago, and last, but not least, the San Francisco peaks, which consist of several huge peaks forming the cone of a long-extinct crater.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

With our stock as fresh as the New Year, and our service as prompt and dependable as it is possible to make it, we wish our customers and friends a Happy Holiday Season, with thanks for their loyalty. May good cheer and many blessings be yours.

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real honest-to-God city, just booming like Big Berthas in Europe. Here we camped right in a beautiful orange grove, for camping now was a real pleasure, as sweet, juicy, sun-kissed oranges that we picked ourselves were on the bill of fare for breakfast and beautiful California flowers decorated our table. After breakfast I felt like a bottle of catsup, for big, delicious, ripe tomatoes were only a cent and one-half per pound.

Another hours' drive and we were in Riverside, a beautiful little city in the center of the orange and lemon district. Since our arrival here we have been seeing things. Have visited Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and all the other neighboring cities of any importance. As words cannot express the wonderful beauty of California, we will not take up any more of your valuable space.

With best wishes to all interested, we remain,
Jack and Elizabeth Worley.

WASHINGTON U CERTAINLY IS CHAMPION OF SOMETHING

By United Press.
New York, Dec. 20.—While the University of Pittsburgh, Colgate, Brown, the Army and several other football teams are having hot discussions in the east regarding who's who in the football world, way out west in the state of Washington there's a football team which is discreetly keeping still and resting meanwhile on the glorious record of not having lost a football game in the last nine years. While the football laurels are being passed around it certainly would be the proper thing to hand a leaf or so to Coach Gilmour Dobie and his University of Washington eleven. The record at Washington all goes to Dobie's credit. There isn't a solitary western football fan who wants to take an iota of credit from Dobie and there isn't a one who believes the team and not Dobie is responsible for the record.

Washington has not stacked up against the heavy, well-coached elevens of the east, but Dobie's men have defeated the best on the Pacific coast and in the mountain states every year, some of them twice in a season. That is worth something when it is considered that the Oregon Aggies were generally accepted as one of the country's strongest teams a couple of years ago. Dobie has coached football 12 years without a defeat. His teams have scored 1,662 points against 111 scored by opponents. Since 1908, when Dobie went to the University of Washington, his teams have rolled up 1,245 points against 100 by their adversaries. Washington has played 44 regularly scheduled games in that period, winning 42 and playing scoreless ties with Oregon Agricultural college and with Oregon university.

Dobie's record stands as the most imposing in American football annals. It would do the eastern elevens credit to do homage to such a football team while they rest from their own squabbles.

COURTENAY WILL VOTE ON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

Courtenay, Dec. 19.—Courtenay will hold a special election for the purpose of floating bonds for a village-owned electric light plant. This action was decided upon at a special meeting of the village board and business men who met last week to discuss the matter. The tax payers presented a petition asking for a municipal plant. There is some opposition to the plan and a spirited fight is anticipated.

The wedding of Reinhardt Grulke and Miss Lizzie Scharf, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scharf, took place Monday at the home of Rev. Leucker. Frank and Ella Scharf, were witnesses. The happy couple are now spending the honeymoon with relatives in Alexandria, Minn.

Alfred Berg is in quarantine at his farm home for smallpox. The attack is very light.

Among the other carloads of munitions of war which almost daily pass through here was noticed recently two carloads of cigarets, sometimes designated as "coffin nails." The appropriateness of the shipment was remarked by some.

W. B. Stohman, of Dazey, was among those registered at the Valley Hotel Tuesday.

Mrs. William Coop and daughter, Miss Myrtle, have returned to the city from Chicago, where Miss Coop is a student at the Art Institute, and will spend the holidays here.

PRETTY WEDDING LAST SATURDAY AT LISBON

Lisbon, Dec. 18.—Clare W. Parker and Miss Bessie M. Walker were married at high noon on Saturday, Dec. 16. Only the immediate relatives were present. While the wedding was a very quiet one. It was beautiful in all its appointments. Rev. Albert Martyr, of Holy Trinity church, officiated, using the ring service of the Episcopal church.

The bride was very charming in a lovely satin gown trimmed with pearl garnitures, and wore a veil. She carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies-of-the-valley. A very sumptuous wedding dinner was served after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Parker will give a large reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker on their return to Lisbon.

MADMAN WITH KNIFE AND HAMMER IS CAPTURED

Wyndmere, Dec. 16.—Confronted by a madman armed with a knife and hammer, Arthur Holstrom, night engineer in charge of the Wyndmere electric plant, was last night driven into a corner of the engine-room, where he heard James Kelly, the intruder, calmly announce "I will kill you."

Seized a moment later by another mood, Kelly, who had broken into the plant through a side door, declared he would let Holstrom live to "hold him as a witness." A moment later Holstrom succeeded in making a dash for liberty.

Returning with three men, Holstrom and his companions rushed at the madman, overpowered and disarmed him only after a fierce struggle. None were injured.

COMMANDERY ELECTS OFFICERS

A meeting of St. Elmo Commandery was held Monday evening and officers were elected for the ensuing year. They are as follows:
Eminent Commander—A. S. Sigurdson.
Generalissimo—L. S. B. Ritchie.
Captain General—D. S. Ritchie.
Prelate—L. G. Moultrie.
Treasurer—John Holmes.
Recorder—O. H. de S. Irgens.
Senior Warden—C. E. Spicer.
Junior Warden—R. T. Healy.

The new officers will be installed shortly. The next meeting of the commandery will be the Christmas observance at 10 a. m. on Christmas day.

HERE FOR WEDDING

Mrs. F. W. Kulewatz and Mrs. Spillman, of Jamestown, were arrivals in the city Tuesday morning to attend the Lavery-Herring wedding Wednesday. They are visiting at the Lavery home, on Tenth avenue.

Father Killed, Mother Abandons Little Son; Couldn't Support Him

Bismarck, Dec. 19.—Abandoned on the coldest night of the year, in an apple box left on the back porch of the George Will residence, when thermometers in the city were registering 30 below, was the fate of a three weeks' old infant boy last night.

A sharp knock on the kitchen door caused Mr. Will to leave the sitting room in his home. As he opened the door a gurgle came from an infant swathed in two large blankets, two dresses, two hoods and other garments to protect it from the coldest wave of the year.

Pausing outside of the Will residence were Mrs. Helen Ward, 21 years old, mother of the infant, and Mrs. Margaret Garman, 35 years old, a sister. A soft glow in the little hall-way of the home caused them to abandon the child at this particular place. They waited outside until a light was turned on in the kitchen, and when baby was taken inside, a dash was made for the downtown district. The child was safe.

Two hours after the desertion, in a local hotel, Night Captain Chris Martinson of the police force, and Officer John Huber made the arrest of the two women as they were about to retire for the night. To the night captain the confession was made. The two women were taken to the county jail.

"I couldn't go to work and have a baby to care for," was the explanation the mother gave in her cell in the county jail this morning. "I tried to board him out, but no one paid any attention to the baby or myself." As she spoke she tried to stifle her tears with a damp handkerchief, but is was to no avail.

According to the story told to officials at the jail, the father of the child, John Ward, was killed while riding a broncho near Dickinson about six months ago. He was employed as foreman on a farm six miles north of that city.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ernest A. Martell, Pastor.
Services next Sunday morning at 10:30. No services in the evening. Early Christmas matins (Jultotta) at 6 Christmas morning. Children's program in Hobart at 2 p. m. Children's program in Valley City at 7. A welcome is extended to all who wish to worship with us.

What better way of living up to the full meaning of Christmas Time?

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals to seal your Christmas mail and packages and help the fight against tuberculosis in your community. One cent.

