

AIR RIFLE PROVES A DANGEROUS WEAPON

Twice in a Day Same Gun Spreads Terror. Victims More Scared Than Hurt.

It has been generally assumed that air rifles are in no way dangerous and that no harm can be done with them. For that reason, probably, people have become more or less careless in handling them and girls even have not hesitated to use them with impunity where they would not think of touching a shotgun or a revolver.

However, that air rifles are somewhat dangerous and certainly treacherous, was demonstrated in our city last Saturday. While Miss Hilda Alwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alwin of the town of Cottonwood who is in the employ of Mrs. Fred Peuser was using an air rifle belonging to the family to shoot sparrows with the gun accidentally went off and the discharged bullet lodged in the girl's left index finger, inflicting a painful, although not serious wound. She immediately went to a local physician, who extracted the bullet and dressed the wound, and the young lady is able to attend to her daily duties.

An accident of this magnitude should have been sufficient for one air rifle, but it proved otherwise in this case. This same air rifle in the hands of Lester Peuser did some more damage. While he was trying to demonstrate to Benny Williams, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, that the blamed thing wasn't loaded, there was an explosion and the bullet from the air rifle lodged in Benny's neck, plowing through the flesh near the surface of the skin for an inch and a half. The little fellow never winced until he felt the blood streaming down his neck and then he got scared and rushed home crying. He was immediately taken to a physician who concluded that it would be better to allow the bullet to remain where it had lodged than to try and cut it out and so he simply dressed the wound. The boy is going to school again, so he has not suffered very much injury as a result of the accident. These incidents ought to remind us forcibly that it pays to be very careful even in handling weapons that are considered harmless.

Ft. Ridgely Defender Dead.

Dennis O'Shea, prominent in the early history of this part of the State, died at his home on the bottom road within a few miles of Ft. Ridgely Saturday. Death was due to cancer with which ailment he had been a patient sufferer for months. The deceased was born in Ireland more than eighty years ago and has lived in Nicollet County for more than 50 years, having homesteaded the farm now owned by Geo. Dummer and prior to that time having served in the regular army. For the past 20 years the deceased lived on a farm in the bottom road where he died.

Dennis O'Shea distinguished himself in the defense of Ft. Ridgely during the Indian Massacre in August 1862. He was one of the gunners and remained cool thruout the engagement and performed his duties bravely, without faltering at any time. His heart was always in the right place and he enjoyed the good-will of all his neighbors. He knew not the art of amassing wealth and was generally more or less in straitened circumstances, but was always ready and willing to help those more needy than himself.

Mr. O'Shea was considered an authority on the early events of this section of the state and Prof. Folwell of the State University who is writing a history of Minnesota visited him a few years ago to obtain some information which no one else seemed able to supply.

The deceased is survived by his widow, whose maiden name was Mary Wiley, one son and three daughters. The funeral was held at Ft. Ridgely yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the local cemetery.

Former New Ulmite to Locate Here.

Hugo Schleuder who has been in the jewelry and optical business at Springfield for fully 15 years has disposed of his business interests there and has decided to locate in New Ulm. He has purchased the balance of the Toberer jewelry stock and will close this out within the next few months. He expects to open up in his new quarters some time in August. He will pay special attention to his steadily growing optical business.

Supreme Court Decisions

The half hundred or more "dry" towns in the state and those persons active in an extension of the dry zone received a blow Friday in the supreme court ruling that the right to require a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors and the right to prohibit their sale extended only where the sales were less than five gallons. Manufacturers and wholesalers are exempt. The ruling was made in the case of the state of Minnesota ex rel Hogan, respondent, versus P. J. Sullivan, chief of police of the city of East Grand Forks. Hogan, who is the agent for a brewery, sells in case lots, and was arrested for failing to take out a license required under the city ordinance.

Hogan sought aid of the courts under a writ of mandamus and by direction of the court was released from custody. The state supreme court affirms the action of the lower court in directing Hogan's release. The syllabus reads as follows:

Section 135, chapter 8, Laws 1895, giving the city councils the power to license and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, construed with reference to the whole legislation of the state dealing with the subject of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors and the uniform practical construction thereof, and held that it does not apply to exclusively wholesale dealers selling in quantities of five gallons or more.

Another Supreme Court decision of interest here was handed down in the case of Herman Mueller vs. the Supervisors of the Town of Courland the past week. Herman Mueller had petitioned the Town Supervisors of Courland for a cartway across his brother's farm. The supervisors refused to lay out the cartway and upon appeal to the District Court of Nicollet County, the jury decided that Mueller was entitled to the cartway. The case was carried to the Supreme Court, which, in sustaining the lower court, says:

The requirement of R. L. 1905, that an appeal is taken from the decision of a town board in the matter of laying out a road, etc., a copy of the notice of the appeal shall be filed with the town clerk of each town through which the road involved runs, is jurisdictional; but since no provision is made as to how such filing must be given, the appellant, when jurisdiction of an appeal is challenged for lack of such filing, may show the same by extraneous evidence.

The order of receiving the proofs in such cases rests in the sound discretion of the court, and there was no abuse of such discretion in receiving such proofs on the trial to the jury.

Evidence to the effect that a copy of the notice was delivered to the town clerk at his home in the town whereof he was clerk and that he placed it with the other papers in the case, where it remained until the said papers were delivered to his successor, held sufficient to sustain the district court's finding that such copy was in fact filed, though it was not indorsed by the town clerk as having been filed.

Upon an appeal to the district court from the refusal of a town board to lay out a public cartway, the determination of the damages incident to the establishment of such way is not involved; and where the determination of the town board is reserved it will be for such board, under the verdict and the judgment entered thereon, to



Mr. and Mrs. John Hauenstien, Sr., who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding

assess the damages and open the way. The fact that a proposed public cartway is solely for the purpose of furnishing ingress to and egress from the premises of a single land owner, and is to be located entirely over and upon the premises of another, is not so conclusive of the private and against the public character of such way, as necessarily to render the taking of the property necessary for such way a taking of private property for private use.

Evidence considered and held, following Minneapolis vs. Hartland, 85 Minn. 76, not so indisputably conclusive against the verdict of the jury, ordering a cartway to be laid out, as to justify this court in disturbing such verdict.

Wedding Bells.

Miss Celia Tauer and Henry Forstner of Madella were married at Holy Trinity Church by Father Wagner at 8 a.m. Tuesday. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the close friends and relatives of the contracting parties at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tauer, on South Washington Street.

The wedding was a very pretty affair. The bride was gowned in white crepe de chine trimmed with real lace. She wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and sweet peas. Her sister, Miss Clara Tauer, attended her as bridesmaid. She was dressed in an embroidered blue silk and carried pink carnations. The groom was attended by his brother, Theodore Forstner. The young couple left in the afternoon for a short honey-moon trip in the groom's auto. They will make their home in Madella where Mr. Forstner conducts a garage. The good wishes of a host of friends will accompany them as both are highly esteemed by all who know them.

Another pretty wedding of Tuesday was the marriage of Miss Anna Laue to Frank Kienlen of Fort Ridgely.

Father Schlinkert spoke the words that made them man and wife at the Catholic Church in this city at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The bride wore white chiffon over white silk and carried a prayer book. Her maid of honor was Miss Louise Stollmann and her bridesmaid was Miss Erna Williams. Their gowns were pink and white voile, one made over white, the other over pink and Miss Stollmann carried pink sweet peas and Miss Williams bouquet was of white daisies. The best man was Edwin Laue, a brother of the bride. He came down from the University to be present. A reception to the intimate friends was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Laue on North Minnesota Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Kienlen will begin housekeeping on the farm of the groom in Ridgely. All who know them wish them every happiness and success in life.

"The Rivals."

The Senior Class of the New Ulm High have been working very hard on the play they will present at Turner Theatre Friday evening, May 3rd, 1912. They have succeeded in doing very well with their parts, and now that their professional coach is with them the work will forge ahead on definite lines to the time of production.

Briefly, the plot of the play is as follows: Sir Anthony Absolute and Mrs. Malaprop have agreed upon a marriage between Miss Lydia Languish, a niece of Mrs. Malaprop, and Sir Anthony's son, Capt. Absolute. The young people, however, have ideas of their own on the subject of marriage. Miss Languish is of a most romantic disposition. She has already met Sir Anthony's son, not as Capt. Absolute but when he was passing as Ensign Beverley. Beverley learns to understand the girl's disposition and dares not tell her he has deceived her by pretending to be a poor man and they fall deeply in love

with each other and plan an elopement. Meantime Sir Anthony informs his son that he must marry the lady chosen for him and Mrs. Malaprop imparts similar information to her niece. There is rebellion on the part of the young people until young Absolute accidentally learns his father is trying to force him to marry the very girl he has planned the elopement with. He then simulates submission to his father's will and the affair goes on smoothly until Miss Languish learns her beloved Beverly has deceived her and the lover is utterly distraught by her sending him from her because he is Captain Absolute and there is to be no romantic elopement. Meantime the other characters in the play have their own distressing troubles. There is Sir Lucius O'Trigger who also loves Lydia while Mrs. Malaprop thinks Sir Lucius is her suitor. Mr. Acres, a country squire, aspires to the hand of Lydia and there is a three-cornered duel between the rivals. Another love-mitten couple, Falkland and his Julia, occupy a share of the attention by the sorrows and difficulties of their courtship and there are four servants who manage to help make a mess of their masters' and mistresses' affairs. Lucy, the maid, is especially good at her endeavors in the line of playing the various suitors off against each other to her own pecuniary gain. There is something happening every moment of the play and the spectator holds his breath for fear the complications will pile up until a happy denouement is impossible. But fortunately all ends as it should and the audience can be sure of going home in a "married and lived happy ever after" frame of mind.

The Characters.

Sir Anthony Absolute... Peter Scherer
Mrs. Malaprop... Alma Schmidt
Julia... Wanda Gag
Lydia Languish... Viola Goetch
Capt. Absolute... Stanley Koehler
Falkland... Joseph Groebner
Acres... Carl Hein
David... Ezra Durbahn
Thomas... Walter Durbahn
Fag... Vera Mueller
Lucy... Vera Mueller
Sir Lucius O'Trigger... Herbert Dittbenner

COBDEN BUSINESS MEN SUFFER FIRE LOSSES

Two Buildings With Mercantile and Liquor Stocks Entirely Destroyed.

The village of Cobden had a struggle last week Monday to escape being wiped out of existence when a fire started in one of the business houses and made considerable headway before it was discovered. The origin of the fire is unknown and probably will remain so as the fire was so advanced when noticed that there was no time to investigate and the building in which it started was entirely destroyed.

It was about 4:30 in the morning when the fire was discovered in the store of Hentges & Co. The fire rapidly spread to the Klein building adjoining the store, and occupied a saloon and the Klein family who lived upstairs. They managed to escape with a few articles of wearing apparel but nothing more and nothing was saved from the Hentges store. There was a strong wind blowing and it took great effort on the part of the villagers to prevent the destruction of the lumber yard and hardware store nearby.

The store building was owned by the Cobden State Bank and was insured for \$1500. Mr. Hentges figures that he loses about \$1500. to \$2500. on his stock above an insurance of \$2500 Mr. Klein carried an insurance of \$5900 on building, saloon fixtures and household furniture and says he is out from two to three thousand more. The Steinke-Seidl Lumber Company have a small loss.

The Klein saloon was the only one in the village and the fire left the town dry.

Bad Gang is Arrested.

Minnesota citizens who in the course of the past year have received letters from the gang operating the so called "Spanish Swindle" will be interested to hear that a collection of fellows who has been attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of the unsuspecting public, have been arrested in Spain. The game has been in operation for the past twenty years, according to all accounts, and is known in some places as the "Madrid Swindle."

One of the men taken into custody during the raid at Balboa was the ring leader of the gang who has secured international fame among the police records as "the Spanish Prisoner." This title was given him because the letters sent out by him and his agents apparently were written from some Spanish prison.

Each letter was written apparently in a Spanish prison and told at lengths of the imprisonment of the writer who was heir to millions in gold if he could secure his release. The writer appealed to addresses that if he would forward a certain sum of money to him to buy his release from prison he would show his appreciation by dividing his fortune, which he named, immediately upon his release from prison. Sometimes the person who received the letter was made to believe that the prisoner was a distant relative and that money for his release must be sent promptly or he would not survive prison horrors and the fortune would be lost. This appeal in many cases brought prompt monetary results from the victim and the swindlers have made a nice living by appealing to the human love of wealth. Every little while some new victims made a holler but until recently none of the gang were caught and others may still be at large.

Preferential Primary for Democrats.

The local members of the Democratic County Committee and some of the prominent members of the party assembled at the Turner Hall Club rooms Saturday evening to fix the place of the County Convention which is to elect delegates to the Duluth Convention and to fix the date for the primaries. It was decided to hold the County Convention at Sleepy Eye, Wednesday May 29th at 2:30 o'clock p. m. and Chairman Fred Pfander will issue the call as soon as he is advised that this meets with the approval of the Sleepy Eye Democracy. The caucuses will be held at the usual polling places Monday evening, May 27th between 8 and 9 o'clock. Provision will be made on the ballots so that the voters can express their choice for candidate of President of the United States.

A DRAMATIC EVENT!

The Senior Class of the New Ulm High School
Will Present

"THE RIVALS"

A Comedy in Four Acts.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 3rd

— AT —

TURNER THEATRE

Under Direction of Miss Heimerdinger. Admission—25c, 50c and 75c.
Seats Reserved at Pioneer Drug Store Without Extra Charge.