

FOUND GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD

Gildre, Randall and Miller, the Two Last Named Kensal Men, Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Defraud With the Use of the U. S. Mails--Stay of Proceedings For Thirty Days Granted.

Fargo, N. D. June 29.—After being out twenty-nine hours, the jury in the case of the United States vs. Gildre, Randall and Miller, insurance promoters of the State Mutual Hall Insurance Co., at Hankinson, returned at 10 p. m. Saturday evening with a verdict of guilty on the first count of the indictment, and not guilty to three other counts. The indictment returned against these defendants was composed of four counts, the first being a charge of conspiracy to commit fraud against the United States; second, third and fourth, was mailing a letter in the U. S. mails with intent to put into execution a conspiracy to defraud. The penalty as prescribed by law for the offense of which they stand convicted is as follows, from the U. S. revised statutes No. 5440 and contained in section 1504 of the postal laws and regulations:

"If two or more persons conspire to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the U. S. in any manner for any purpose, and one or more of such parties do any act to effect the object of such conspiracy, all the parties to such conspiracy shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10,000 fine, or to imprisonment for not more than two years or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court."

In the verdict the jury recommended A. M. Gildre, one of the defendants, to the mercy of the court, finding all to be guilty as above reported.

In discharging the jury Judge Amidon thanked the members, expressing his appreciation of the faithful,

impartial and intelligent manner, in which they had performed their work and commending the diligent attention which had been paid to the proceeding of the case. They were then dismissed and allowed to go to their homes.

It is understood that the jury stood 10 to 2 in favor of the verdict as announced, and the delay was caused in bringing the two reluctant ones into the way of thinking. The verdict is said to be a very fair one.

At the request of the attorneys for the defense, Judge Amidon granted a stay of proceedings of thirty days, in which a bill of exception may be prepared.

In view of their conviction, Judge Amidon said it would not be wise in the line of his judicial duties to allow the defendants their liberty on the present small bonds which had been given and named the sum of \$6,000 as bond for P. W. Miller, and the sum of \$3,000 each for A. G. Randall and A. M. Gildre. These amounts the men were not able to furnish at the late hour of their being convicted, in default of which they were remanded to the custody of the United States marshal for the time being. It is understood that the sums can be raised in Richland county by tomorrow night, and the men released from custody. They were attended by a deputy and spent the night at one of the hotels in the city.

In their operations it is said North Dakota farmers lost to the extent of \$90,000.

BUSINESS MEN ACCEPT BAD MONEY

VALLE CITY MERCHANTS ACCEPTED SOME BAD MONEY.

Four men were arrested in Valley City Sunday charged with passing counterfeit money. They were of the hobo type and were in camp when arrested. They had succeeded in passing over \$100 on Valley City business men. The bills were issued originally by the State Bank of Brunswick, N. J.

At a hearing before United States Commissioner Montgomery, in Fargo the men gave their names as J. B. Bates, Thomas Elliott, Leonard King and Joe Kobar. After examining the paper passed and consulting with Attorney Engerud, Commissioner Montgomery decided that there had been no offense committed against the government, and dismissed the men. Elliott was immediately arrested on a warrant charging him with forgery in the second degree by state authorities and he will be taken to Barnes county for trial.

The federal authorities are of the opinion that the "queer" passed is the money of the green goods man, and that it was sent to the state to some party who bit on the game and then decided to pass it. The men arrested still decline to state where they secured the stuff.

RELEASED.

The three promoters of the defunct State Mutual Hall Insurance Co. of Hankinson, N. D., who were found guilty of conspiracy with intent to defraud by the U. S. circuit court, were released Monday from custody by the giving of bonds that were named by the court. The amount necessary for P. W. Miller was \$6,000 and was put up by W. G. Tubbs of Kensal, N. D., and C. G. Nickells of Fargo. Those of Randall and Gildre, fixed at \$3,000 each, were given by W. G. Tubbs of Kensal and W. C. Miller of St. Paul. The latter is the father of Miller, the defendant, and came up from the city on this errand.

The men have all left Fargo, going to their homes: Randall to Kensal, Gildre to Minneapolis and Miller to St. Paul.

STRANGE COMBINATION.

Writing of a drive in the woods in the Turtle Mountain reservation, Bishop Mann says: "There we

found a curious reminder that stark and uncouth paganism still exists in our land and day. We saw in the thickets a sort of scanty tepees of bare poles, within which was a rude figure made of a bit of log and some cloth and painted with the semblance of a face. Around it hung various gaudy rags, and piteous to behold—a baby's little shoe. It was evidently a votive offering in memory of a dead child. And, cheap as were most of its components, a heavy string of sleigh bells wound about the idol showed that the poor people had given of their best. It was a strange combination of ancient superstition and modern conditions—his shoe made in a New England factory hung up in a North Dakota wood to honor and appease some sort or phase of Mitchee-Manitou.

EFFECTS OF MANDAN BOOZE.

Bismarck Tribune: Several soldiers who were returning from Mandan Sunday afternoon are reported to have attempted to cut off the queue of a Chinaman who was among the passengers. They succeeded in slicing off a piece of the hirsute adornment before a brakeman came through the car and forced them to desist.

Several young fellows from this city boarded a freight train from Mandan to come to this city Sunday. Several of them were put off at the west end of the bridge, claiming that the brakeman on the train bulled guns on them as they were standing beside the train. At the east end of the bridge there was another fracas and a brakeman pulled a gun and shot Albert Mousso, the ball grazing the skin of his arm, inflicting a slight wound.

PROFITABLE JOKE.

Not long ago a prominent merchant in a neighboring town received a letter from a large distilling firm asking for a list of names of citizens who might be interested in the literature issued by the firm setting forth the merits of a new brand of whiskey and promising him a commission on all sales. The merchant being somewhat of a practical joker himself, made out a list of the prominent prohibitionists of the place and forwarded it. He forgot all about the matter until about a month later when it was called to his attention by a letter from the firm of distillers inclosing a draft for \$16.50, with thanks for the list which had been found peculiarly remunerative.

While intoxicated Anton Holt stole a horse at Minot.

AN UNDIGESTED (AND INDIGESTIBLE) SECURITY.



—New York Herald.

STATE MILITIA ENCAMPMENT

MILITIA BOYS ARE KEPT BUSY AT DEVILS LAKE.

Devis Lake, June 30.—The special from Jamestown bearing A. K. H. G. and M., from Bismarck, Dickinson, Jamestown, Valley City and Ellendale, and the band and Battery A from Lisbon reached Oberon when the sun was at meridian height and the toilsome march of 13 miles to Fort Totten was immediately commenced under Col. A. P. Peake. After reaching Fort Totten the troops crossed Devils Lake on the Minnie H and the Kook Island, and the fresh breezes revived the tired men after their weary climb over the hills.

The day was exceedingly hot, the fine dust filled the air and the soft-yielding sand furnished a very poor footing for the infantry. These circumstances combined to make the march of the columns very fatiguing but the men stood it well and arrived at camp fairly fresh and quite cheerful, though very dirty and reasonably hungry.

This practice march reminded Eighth corps veterans of many a weary "hike" in far away Luzon and started a flow of stories of most wonderful achievements for the benefit of the "rookies", who were entertained far into the night with stories of charges, marches, captures and miraculous escapes—which never happened and never will.

Whatever of novelty there might have been in the life of the soldier in going into camp has now worn off. A few days diverse experience such as the men have had have sufficed to give the men a taste of what army life is. They have discovered that it is not even under the most favorable circumstances, a life where much time is passed in doing nothing but that it is a most strenuous life.

The Eighth corps fellows like to see Sergeant "Bi" Hotchkiss wearing shoulder straps.

There are rumors of lots of kicks against marching back and some say a return march will finish the militia career. Half way over the water supply gave out and sloughs had to be drawn on until a supply was sent back from Ft. Totten. It was 8 p. m. before the marchers struck camp and 11 before the tents were up and the men dropped off to sleep on the bare ground—the first comes took all the straw—and in fact most everything not nailed down, but we are now settling down to comfort.

BAD REPUTATION.

LaMoure Chronicle: LaMoure was at the mercy of a gang of drunken hoodlums Wednesday evening who masqueraded as soldiers in uniforms of blue. They insulted ladies on the streets, cut and slashed screen doors, smashed windows and cursed and raved up and down the streets until three o'clock in the morning when the Valley train pulled the maudlin defenders of our glorious country out of town. The officers of the two military organizations are certainly subject to severe censure for having failed to take any steps to maintain order and protect property. They knew that a good many of their men were under the influence of liquor when they reached the city, and could easily have anticipated results. The local authorities felt that they could not cope with the rowdies, but the officers in command could have detailed a squad to maintain a rea-

sonable degree of order and decorum. The Chronicle entertains a high regard for soldiers, and is glad to see them enjoy themselves on the occasion of their annual outing. But it should not be forgotten that the private citizen has some rights in the premises: that the malicious destruction of property is not to be condoned—even at the hands of soldiers, and that it should not be incongruous for a soldier to be something of a gentleman.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

Don't fail to see the 1-2 mile exhibition feat at the fair grounds July 4th between John Severn's horse, Harpooner, and Harry Past's horse, Albina, with records of 2:20 and 2:10. Everybody invited to participate in the parade on July 4th. Send your names to George Kurtz and have him place you in the line.

The people of Jamestown should all turn out and make this the biggest parade ever seen.

The 100 yards foot race is worthy of some good runners. There is some talk of an outside man coming in—so boys, rub up. Get yourselves in shape to capture the prize.

GOT A WARRANT.

Gertie Merrill appeared in Justice Pearson's office Monday evening and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Walt Dietzman, who, she claimed, stole \$99.75 from her trunk in a room in the Alto Brown resort. The robbery was reported to the police Sunday by Pharoah Ferguson, but so far the police have not been able to locate Dietzman. Diligent search was made for him in the city Sunday by Officer Russell but it is believed he is now many miles away. The complainant alleges that Dietzman broke open the trunk which was locked.

CAMP MEETING OVER.

The session of the state camp meeting of the Free Methodist church is over and the visitors have returned to their homes. The camp meeting was very successful and there were many converts made. The last two nights of the meetings were unusually interesting and satisfactory. Nearly all present were affected and the meetings were not concluded until a late hour.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Mandan Times: A warrant was issued this week on complaint of States Attorney Campbell for the arrest of a young man who has been acting as a guard at the reform school. The crime charged is rape and the victim is one of the girl inmates of the school. The affair has been kept as quiet as possible. The accused formerly lived at Fargo.

RETURNING HOME.

Several Indian children were in Jamestown this morning on their way home to the Turtle Mountain reservation. They had been attending school at Pierre, S. D. The children did not possess many of the characteristics of the Indian and many of them would easily pass for white children.

WITTMER-HERMANN.

Judge Bigelow married Miss Sophia Wittmer of Medina and Charles Hermann of Sykeston at the court house Tuesday. They will leave on the morning train for Sykeston.

A hotel is being built on the gold fields of Kidder county. The rush continues.

WELLS ACCUSED DEAD BROTHER

Sherman Wells Claims That His Brother Killed Frank Carr at Forman Last November and That He Buried the Body Behind a Stable--Interesting Trial Before Judge Giaspell at Ellendale

Ellendale, N. D., June 30.—Before the state rested its case in the Wells murder trial the skull of the murdered man was presented in court. Sheriff Jones of Sargent county testified to seeing Sherman Wells bank the barn the morning after the disappearance of Carr at the particular spot where the body was found. Only about seven or eight feet of the entire barn was banked and that was where the body was concealed.

The bloody undershirt made a sensation in court and evidence was introduced to show that it was discovered beneath an elevator and that it belonged to and was worn by young Wells, the defendant.

FOUND EASY MARKS IN WELLS CO. WELLS COUNTY FARMERS VICTIMIZED BY LIGHTNING ROD SWINDLER.

Fessenden News: August Affeldt has been up against a lightning rod swindler and wants to advertise the swindlers, in order that others may be on their guard. Last week a smooth fellow came along and offered to put rods on August's barn free of charge, and would charge for nothing but the points. He was to take out the work in board. August signed a contract and next day along came some fellows and put up the rods. When they got through the contract was sprung on him and he was compelled to dig up \$150 on account thereof. The price was 75c. per foot for all the points but the number of feet which figured up were a caution. In order that they be given an opportunity to work others, the first man insisted that Mr. Affeldt tell no one that he offered to put the rods in for what his board amounted to. This covered up his crookedness, apparently, until he could work others. Mr. Affeldt wishes to notify others over the state to beware of the scheme. Quite a number of well-to-do farmers in Wells county were duped by these swindlers. They always pick their men and aim to get notes which will not have to be discounted.

STATE CROP REPORT.

Bismarck, June 30.—The past has been another dry week, with the exception of showers in portions of the Missouri valley and lower Red river valley, ranging from a trace to half an inch. Over the rest of the state quite a serious drouth prevails, and crops of all kinds, except flax are suffering by lack of moisture. This condition is almost general, although some few sections report that crops in their respective localities are doing well, but they cannot go much longer without rain. Some fields are now entirely destroyed, and in some parts of the Red river valley fields are being plowed up.

Wheat is fast going backward; fields are turning yellow and in many instances the stools are dying out, leaving a very thin stand, while weeds are growing very fast. Early wheat is beginning to head out with very short straw, generally not over a foot high, and with such short straw, it is expected that the heads will be short. Had it not been for the continued cool weather that has prevailed this spring, but little of the wheat crop would now be left: its salvation has been the cool and cloudy weather.

Oats are not doing well; the straw is short, and fields are suffering for rain. Barley is heading out in all parts, with very short straw and the stand is generally poor. Early flax is doing the best of any crop and is generally reported in a very good condition, but that sown late has not come up, as a rule, and where it is up, is a very thin, uneven stand, and quite weedy. Corn continues backward; it needs warmer weather and has, like the rest of the crop, suffered from lack of moisture. It is considerably behind the season.

Hy promises to be a very poor crop, in fact no good reports are received from any section. In the wes-

Olaf Enger of Forman who met the defendant in Minneapolis when the latter was being brought back from Michigan, swore that in private conversation and in answer to questions put by him, that Wells said "I think I am up against it and will have to hang for it. Oh, you will know all after the trial."

The defense was outlined by Attorney W. E. Purcell, who put the murder of Carr entirely upon John Wells, who was killed in jumping upon a train at Forman. Sherman Wells, the defendant, admits burying the body, but says his brother did the killing. He disclaims all knowledge of the bloody shirt.

tern part the grass is fast drying up; is very thin and short, and will be a light crop, while in the eastern part, both tame and wild grasses are very poor.

STUTSMAN.

Eldridge—Crops are being hurt by the drouth; late sown flax is not up; light shower, not heavy enough to do any good. Pingree—Early thick grain is suffering; stools are dying and there is a tendency to run up; rain must come soon or the crop will be greatly injured. Courtenay—Unless we get rain very soon, great damage will be done crops; some fields are suffering now.

LIFE THREATENED BY NEIGHBORS.

TOM NOGOSEK'S LIFE THREATENED BY JEALOUS NEIGHBORS.

Thomas Nogosek was in Jamestown Wednesday to seek legal advice regarding letters he had received recently threatening his life. Mr. Nogosek is a well-to-do farmer and resides north of Jamestown.

He has had some trouble with some of his neighbors.

While he is not absolutely certain as to the author of the letter he thinks he can locate the party. Since the threats were made Mr. Nogosek has been very careful and has not given his enemies a chance to waylay him after dark. He has taken precautions to defend himself and will give anyone attacking him a warm reception.

Efforts will be made to ascertain the author of the threatening letters and he will probably be given the punishment, so richly merited in his case.

HORSE RACES FOR FOURTH OF JULY

PROGRAM OF RACES FOR FOURTH OF JULY.

The following horse races will occur on the 4th of July on the fair grounds race track, commencing at 1 p. m., sharp: Half mile trotting, best two out of three heats, 1st prize \$20, 2nd \$15.

Half mile running, best two out of three heats, 1st prize \$10, 2nd \$5.

Half mile pony race, one heat. 1st \$10, 2nd \$5.

There will be no entrance fee charged and the races will be free to all. Races open to all horses except those with records.

Owing to the committee appointed being unable to act the following committee on races has been appointed: J. E. Herbert, A. J. Smith, Bert Fellows.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Jamestown, N. D., for the week ending June 27 1903:

Bert Barrett (3), E. C. Bruton, Nes Erickson, John Gielow, Ed. Hines, Anton Holt, Peter Karr, M. J. O'Meara, Francis Pogney, M. S. Rukeyser (2), Mrs. M. Ward.

These letters will be held 21 days after which they will be sent to the dead letter office. In calling for these letters always say advertised and give date of this list.

Chas. L. Mitchell P. M.