

TORNING TOWNSHIP COMES TO THE FRONT

Will Have two new School Houses--Farmers Will Thresh Mostly From the Shock--Crops Look well--Hundreds of Tons of hay put up.

Torning, after a few weeks of rest has come to life. The crops were never so good as this season and the farmers are in good spirits. That blue feeling has left them and they have formulated plans for great improvements the coming fall. Amund Stakston is building a large granary. He has a very large crop which will yield exceedingly well. By the way, the farmers generally will thresh from the shock instead of from the stack as in former years, as they realize that there is so much grain that they would never get it stacked with the present help. The Torning farmers are planning on breaking out all their farms the coming year, as they have the horse flesh and will have the feed, something which they have not had since coming to North Dak. Torning is in the heart of the great grain belt of North Dakota and is the only township in Ward county that can boast of two foot soil. The Torning farmers now are not afraid to show their horses without blankets on.

Torning will show up two new school houses between now and next spring as everyone is interested in educational affairs. The residents of Torning realize that the wealth of a township does not lie entirely with the number of acres, cattle, horses or sheep, but look ahead to the welfare of their posterity. The sites of the school houses have not been selected but it is safe to say that there will be one in the west half and another in the east half. There are seven quarters proved up in the east half, a very good showing.

Amund Stakston's mother arrived about a week ago from Norway and will make her home here. She is nearly 72 years old and will file on a quarter of land soon. She is now making her home with Mrs. Mikkilson and this winter will keep house for her grand son, John Stakston. Mr. Stakston had not seen his mother for 23 years.

John Stakston will extend an addition on his house and barn. A granary will soon loom up. It is rumored that John will soon secure a bird for his cage, though this the young man emphatically denies.

Sever Larsen, the popular rancher, had 100 acres of slough which without ditching would have yielded little or no hay, so wet was the season. His neighbors turned out recently and assisted him to ditch the slough, and thus he was able to secure about 65 loads of choice hay. So well pleased was he with the result of their generosity, that Saturday night he gave a big dancing party to 100 friends. The dance was given on a large platform built for the occasion, with room for four sets. The dancing floor was brilliantly illuminated with lanterns and lamps. The music was excellent. A big supper was served, and later a lunch. This was without question the greatest social event ever held in the township. Among the many guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Stakston, Mr. and Mrs. Mikkilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Larson, John, Albert, Siegner and Mabel Stakston, Bernt Larson and Louis Larson, of South Prairie, Berget Brothers and family and Jacob Dycig and wife. The Torning reporter was

present and enjoyed Mr. Larson's hospitality.

The same evening a leap year party was given by Mrs. Mary Ludsberg at the home of Nels Eidahl, ten couples being present. All had an enjoyable time. Lunch was served at midnight and the dance lasted till morning. The dancers tripped the light fantastic to music furnished by the Torning string band. The music was the best of the season. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eidahl, Andrew Larson and Mrs. Daniels and children, Mr. Olson, Mr. Peterson, Bert Ludsberg, the Torning reporter and others.

Miss Georgina Nixon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clyde Kelley at Mohall.

G. P. Russell makes three trips a week from Torning to the Minot creamery with cream. Among the patrons of the creamery are Bernt Larson with 19 cows, Mr. Russell with 19 cows, Chas. Rogers 12 cows, L. Mikkilson 5 cows, A. Stakston 7 cows and others. He carries cream on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. All speak well of the treatment of the Minot creamery. It is a great benefit for the township in saving so much labor for the women.

H. P. Pygmy who came here three years ago, will take nearly 3,000 bushels of grain from his quarter this year besides a good deal of hay. He is a hustler and a shrewd farmer. We wish there were more like him.

Geo. Nixon will put up considerable hay from 2 1/2 sections of land.

Bob Evans says he will have enough hay to winter one horse at least. He has up now 100 tons and is only a little more than half through.

Suspicious things are happening over around Bob Evans' country mansion. He bought Mr. Stakston's steel range and has dug a cellar. He will build an addition to his house and plaster the same. He will put up a barn for his skins.

Dennis J. Carty, the shrewd bachelor gardener is showing the people of Torning what will grow in the way of vegetables. He has five acres of cabbage, potatoes, onions etc., and while the gophers did some damage, he will still have enough left to keep the wolf from the door for many a day. If anyone wants a lesson in gardening, it will pay them to gaze on Dennis' truck patch. It is a sight good for sore eyes.

A number of Minot hunters who have been out slaughtering the ducks out of season had better look up the game laws. We have the proof of those guilty and know their names. We will not hesitate in soaking the screws to them if they persist in such work.

A tree agent, evidently out more for land business, than in the interest of his company, took considerable pains to inquire if there were any claims open for contest in Torning, the other day. The residents of this township are capable of looking after all the land filed on by careless homesteaders.

The Torning items hereafter will appear more regularly.

No rust in our fields of grain as in the eastern part of the state. We have no mustard to amount to anything in the township.

THE BODY OF WILLIAM GRAHAM WAS FOUND

Joe. Brunell and a Neighbor While Duck Hunting Sunday Discovered the Dead Body of the Lausford Man.

The body of Wm. Graham, the Lausford man, who is supposed to have murdered his wife six weeks ago last Friday night, was found in a slough four miles west and two miles south of his farm Sunday morning by Joseph Brunell and a neighbor who were out hunting ducks. The body was lying in about a foot of water and was badly decomposed. The men left the body lie as they found it, and at once notified Dr. Crockat, the coroner. Dr. Crockat deputized a Glenburn physician, Chas. Graham, the New York store employe, was notified and he left early Monday morning for Glenburn to notify his physician. An inquest was held that day.

The Independent has believed right along that the body of William Graham would be found in some slough. There is scarcely a question but that he murdered his wife in a fit of insanity and then wandered to the slough and ended his own life perhaps by shooting. The water was perhaps quite a little deeper, when he ended his life, and it may be that he drowned himself.

STORY OF THE CRIME. The wife of William Graham was found dead in an upstairs room by two of her children, upon their return from a dance at 2 o'clock in the morning. A bullet hole through her head told of a terrible foul murder. Her husband was missing, but as no horses were gone, it was concluded that he walked away. No one saw him after he left the house, and after a few days search, the neighbors concluded that the man had either gotten out of the country or that some day his body would be found. The latter supposition proved to be true.

VERDICT OF THE JURY. The inquest was held and the jury decided that the man came to his death, perhaps from gun shot wound at his own hands altho the body was so badly decomposed that no bullet wound was apparent. The gun was found near the body.

In District Court. The case of R. H. Grams vs the Soo Co., was dismissed. Grams asked for a site along the track at Bowbells for an elevator and was refused it. His case was dismissed because his pleadings were not right.

The case of the State vs. D. J. Forbes, charged with forgery, resulted in the acquittal of Forbes. He was accused of forging a lease of the Smith Kenmare Dry Coal Co., to Pete Nelson.

John Smith brought suit against John Moe and John Scott for damages done to his grain last year by fire. Smith hired the latter to thresh his grain and their engine set fire to it and he lost 700 bushels of grain. The case was not decided at the time of going to press.


The case of R. C. Sanborn vs. B. E. Stewart was settled. Fred A. Fleck, of Kenmare, was tried for impersonating an officer. He pretended that he was an officer at Kenmare and took possession of some horses, it was claimed.

Hospital Notes.

Geo. Hosteushley, a nine year old Russian boy, was brought to the hospital from Anamoose, ill of rheumatism.

M. H. Pishel was brought down from Burlington Tuesday ill of typhoid fever.

Mr. Iverson, the man who was arrested and brought from Kenmare two weeks ago supposed to be insane, and who later was found to be suffering from typhoid fever and placed in the hospital, recovered to such an extent Monday that he was able to return to his old home at



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Around the State.

Mohall is erecting a cage for refractory hoboes.

Walhalla's local telephone exchange is in operation.

Buffalo had a \$40,000 fire last week which was partly covered by insurance.

The county fair at Leeds proved to be a success far beyond the expectations of the managers.

North Dakota has four state tickets in the field, republican, democratic, socialism and prohibition.

Chas. Hatfield, of Lansford, plead guilty to pigging and was sentenced to 90 days in jail and pay a fine of \$200. He gets the "hard labor" sentence.

The various lumber yards at Westhope have been selling a great amount of lumber the past few weeks on account of the farmers having to build granaries to store this season's crop in.

Ed. Crouch was sentenced to 60 days hard labor for escaping from custody from Sheriff Stewart at Willow City last winter. He is ordered to be kept at work on the court house grounds or rented to the town and set to work with a ball and chain to his feet if necessary. Good idea.

A Granville Romance.

E. C. Corey drove to Minot recently from Granville with the woman whom he married 25 years ago, and later secured a divorce, and that day the two were remarried by Judge Murray. The couple were married in 1879 in Wisconsin and moved to North Dakota where they took up land. They had several differences and decided to live apart. They secured a divorce and both were married to other parties. The woman's second husband died in 1902 and seven years ago Mr. Corey's second wife died. He moved to Granville and being lonely hunted up his first love. He found her an old woman living near Kensal, N. D., and drove down and soon they decided to live the remainder of their days together. Corey has become quite wealthy and is one of the best farmers in McHenry county.

S. L. Gowin of Springdale Ark. arrived to visit his son near Glenburn. He is in the fruit business in Arkansas, having 320 acres. The fruit consists of peaches, strawberries, and Ben Davis apples. The strawberries this year paid him \$60 per acre.

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Northwest Prairie.

Lena Bonness is staying with her brother.

The rain last Monday was badly needed for the late grain.

Albert Marshall is haying in full blast.

Albert Bettin was out courting last Sunday. Albert has a fine new buggy and girls know it.

The dance at Henry Marshall's was well attended. All had a fine time. Jennie Nelson is holding down his claim. That's right Jennie.

Nels M. Nelson went to Chicago with some cattle last week. Nels

LOCAL

Miss Lucile Weiland returned from a three weeks' visit with friends in Harvey.

The Burlington base ball team better known as the hayseeds beat the stars 20 to 5 at Burlington last Sunday.

The Rev. W. C. Hunter will preach at Summer's at 11 a. m. and at Burlington at 3 p. m. Sabbath, August 14. All are welcome.

The Methodists [dedicated churches at Overholt and Omemece recently. The services were in charge of Presiding Elder Moore. We understand that the same denomination is erecting churches costing from \$2500 to \$6000 at