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IDENTIFIED CULBERTSON

CANADIAN FARMER IDENTIFIES CULBERTSON—WORKED ON HIS FARM

C. H. Buck, a farmer who lived near Wilcox, was in the city the latter part of last week looking for a man who stole a horse and rig from him, and upon hearing of the Culbertson case and the description of the suspected man called at the jail to see him. Upon being interviewed later Mr. Buck stated that Culbertson was the same man who worked for him on his farm near Wilcox all last summer. While there he went by the name of Roy Walker. Buck claims that on October 11th, while he was away from home Walker attempted to assault his wife and then threatened to kill her if she told before he left the country. He then went out, took a horse and buggy belonging to his employer and started south. After going a short distance he met a neighbor and probably thinking that the neighbor would tell about seeing him, he turned and drove back to the farm. He stopped there for a short time, took a Winchester rifle, and then drove north. He made a circuit however turning south and landed in Plentywood, Mont., where he sold the horse and buggy for twenty-five dollars and the robe for five dollars, getting a check for the horse and buggy and cash for the robe. From Plentywood he has been traced to Crosby and then south to the time he was captured.

Mr. Buck states that upon reaching home and being notified by his wife about Walker taking the horse and buggy, he notified the mounted police and they started north looking for Walker but did not discover that he had swung south until too late to intercept him before crossing the line. Culbertson's father, who lives in Evanston, Wyoming, was in the city Friday and called at the county jail to see his son. The son broke down upon seeing his father but claimed during the entire interview that he was innocent of the murder charge. His father stated that he did not understand the boys actions during the past year and a half. All up to about a year and a half ago he stated that his son was one of the best boys and men in the country but that suddenly he went to pieces, so to speak and left home. The father left money here for council and we understand Attorney Spencer will have charge of the defense during the trial.

NORMAL GRANTS MANY DIPLOMAS

VALLEY CITY SCHOOL HAS ISSUED 1,200 SHEEP SKINS IN PAST TWENTY YEARS

Valley City, N. D., Nov. 22.—That nearly 1,200 diplomas have been granted by the normal school during the past twenty years is seen from the new directory just issued by the Alumni association from which interesting statistics have been gathered. While practically all of these graduates have spent some years in the teaching profession, 588 are today actively engaged in that profession. Of these 503 are now teaching in North Dakota, and the remaining number are representing the normal school in Minnesota (20), Montana (18), Washington (10), Idaho (12), California (4), South Dakota (2), Wisconsin (3), Iowa (3), Utah (1), Wyoming (1), Illinois (1), Colorado (1), New Mexico (2), Michigan (1), Canada (1), South Africa (1), and the Philippine Islands (1).

Of the total number of graduates 237 have married and thirteen are deceased. Thirty-six are enrolled at various institutions of higher learning, of which fourteen are pursuing the advanced course at the normal school.

Miss Nellie W. Farnsworth, head of the domestic science department, addressed the attendance at the Sanborn corn show on Saturday, returning home Saturday evening.

A simple, yet impressive memorial exercise was conducted during the general exercises on Tuesday in honor of the memory of the late Blanche Fridt, a former student and later an instructor in the normal school, who, last August, was lost in the wreck of the ill-fated steamship State of California off the coast of Alaska. Former classmates, students and instructors delivered addresses as well as citizens of Valley City, where Miss Fridt had made her home up to the last two years.

Two calls for teachers have this week come to the office of the location bureau from the upper peninsula of Michigan. Five other calls for teachers from communities nearer by have also been recorded by the bureau during the past few days.

A new scientific and a unique chicken house has been constructed at the normal school for demonstration and observation purposes in connection with the agricultural classes. The building has the straw and muslin ventilating system, and is said to be especially suited to the North Dakota climate.

NOTICE

Valley Grove Farm cream bottles not accepted without label after Nov. 30th. W. A. Palmer. 23. 1tp.

YOUNG MARE SETS FAST PACE

DECORAH HAS ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING IN THE COUNTRY

We were down to the fair grounds last Saturday morning while M. T. Gratten was exercising his stallion "Ledallor" and Charley Wells had the two year old mare belonging to Ole Gilbertson on the track, and they both showed some lively bursts of speed. In one heat the little mare made the mile in 2:27, the last half in 1:11 with ease, or a 2:22 gait, and it kept "Ledallor" busy to equal her speed. Mr. Gratten says that this little mare is today the most promising pacer in the country and he is more than confident that she will make a mark before she is many years older. She was foaled in April, 1911, and was brought to Decorah and given into Mr. Wells' care in May of this year. She was not broken and never had a harness on her until the 27th of May. For a horse that has not been broken four months to show a gait of less than 2:20, as she has done, is considered something remarkable. She is a daughter of "General Luther," owned by Mr. Erick Kather of Williston, N. D.—Decorah (la.) Republican.

THE ENLARGED HOMESTEAD LAW

SECRETARY LANE SAYS LEGAL STATEMENTS NOT NECESSARY—JUST LETTER

In an interview just given out, Secretary Lane calls attention to the fact that there appears to be considerable misunderstanding among western homesteaders as to the procedure necessary in order that enlarged homestead designations may be made. The Secretary states that only the simplest and most direct action by the settler is required, and that it is wholly unnecessary for him to incur the charges now made by attorneys who draw up formal petitions that are in fact no more effective than the homesteader's own letter would be. On this account a brief statement of the essential facts relative to the enlarged homestead law is timely.

No definite form of petition is required, but each application should be limited as far as possible to the specific tract desired for entry and should contain a description, by section, township, and range, of the applicant's original homestead entry and the date of this entry, as well as a description, also by legal subdivisions, of the land desired for additional entry. Information as to the possibility of irrigating the land should also be furnished and should include the distance and direction of the nearest stream or existing or proposed irrigation canal, the elevation of the lowest point of the land above such source of water supply, the depth at which water can be reached by wells sunk on the land, and all available information concerning attempts to obtain water by this method. The general character of the land, both of the homesteader's original entry (if he has made one) and of the land desired for additional entry, should also be described, to aid the Survey in reaching a decision as to its nonirrigability.

This information should be embodied in a letter sent to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. A formal petition drawn up by a notary or an attorney is not at all necessary, and will not result in any earlier consideration of the matter than will be given if the applicant writes personally. Action will be taken on every request as promptly as is consistent with a proper regard to other requests that are pending, and the applicant will be promptly notified when a final decision has been reached.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

List of letters and cards advertised at Williston, N. D., for the week ending November 22, 1913:

Anderson, Eveline; Alexson, Alfred; Bauser, Joe; Croy, Harry; Edwards, Harry; Erdman, A. Mrs.; Elstad, Adolph; Evans, Earl; Hall, Louisa, Mrs.; Hygerson, Mr.; Johnson, Leva, (2); Jorgenson, Nels; Martin, Wm.; Mathewson, Hans.; Nilson, Nanna; Norlin, A. Mrs.; Short, Paul; Stack, Paul; Ulvestad, Andres.

ORGANIZE NEW LOAN COMPANY

NEW LOAN COMPANY ORGANIZED WITH CAPITAL OF \$25,000.—BERGMAN SECRETARY

A new loan company has been organized in this city, the new company absorbing the F. P. Bergman & Co., loan company and the Citizens Farm and Loan Company. The officers of the new company are: E. J. N. Weiser of Fargo, president; C. H. Davidson Jr., and James H. Cooper, vice presidents; F. P. Bergman, secretary. Mr. Bergman will be in charge of the office here and will without doubt be as successful in the management of this loan company as he was in his own.

MEETINGS FOR THE FARMERS

DATES HAVE BEEN SET FOR SEVERAL MEETINGS OF THE FARMERS

The following agricultural meetings will be held in Williams County during the fall and winter, conducted by the Better Farming Ass'n., and Extension Department of the N. D. Agricultural College:

Howard, December 4-5, 1913. Squires, December 11-12, 1913. Cottonwood Lake, December 18-19, 1913.

McGregor, December 17, 1913. Angie, January 9-10, 1914. Williston, February 3-7, 1914.

Arrangements are under way for a one day meeting at Hofflund P. O. on Jan. 7th, 1914. This will be announced definitely in the next issue if it is decided to hold it.

The short course at Williston will be held the week of February 3rd in the court room. This will last four and a half days. A number of the best speakers obtainable will be present to conduct this short course in agriculture.

At all these meetings, work will begin at ten-thirty in the morning and sessions will close at four-thirty to five P. M.

No subjects will be discussed that are not strictly practical to all farmers in our county. The man who is in debt and has no available capital will be given first consideration in all discussions and methods and crops that he cannot use will not be discussed. Special consideration will be given to the man with some means, as to his problems, outside of the regular sessions.

Remember the first date. Howard on December 4th and 5th. Bring the entire family. It is up to YOU to help make these meetings a success.

Farmers Institutes will be held in Williams county at Ray and Tioga. The dates have not been announced yet but will be some time in January. Plan to be present at these institutes and help make them a success.

ROBBED AND LEFT FOR DEAD

HOLD UP MAN SHOOTS MAN NEAR MONDAK AND ROBS HIM OF SAVINGS

A holdup artist got busy across the river from Mondak last Friday evening and after shooting Harry L. Britzius in the shoulder and robbing him of \$130 made his getaway. Britzius had been working at Fairview all summer and after drawing his savings had started down the valley for Mondak. He visited for some time with friends and it was about 10:30 when he started for the ferry crossing to go to town. As he was going along through the timber some one stepped out from the bushes and ordered him to throw up his hands and almost immediately fired at him, the bullet lodging in his right shoulder joint. When he regained consciousness he found that he had been robbed of his savings amounting to \$130. He was taken to Sidney where according to reports he is getting along nicely. It is reported that a man by the name of Lester McGrath has been arrested and taken to Glendive to answer to the charge of the highway robbery.

EXPECT ANOTHER POLICE SCANDAL

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN SECURES CONFESSION REGARDING NEW SWINDLE

New York, Nov. 23.—A former police captain and two other high officials of the police department are named in a statement made at the district attorney's office by Al Cohen, former city detective, regarding a wire tapping game.

Cohen said he collected money for the police captain from wire tapping swindlers and the captain told him the cash was going "higher up" at the district attorney's office.

It was said that Cohen had given details of a scheme by which Simon Jones of Pittsburgh, was lured to New York and swindled out of \$20,000.

Cohen said he arranged it so things would be all right "down town."

District Attorney Whitman ranks Cohen's confession in importance with the disclosure of Patrolman Fox, who gave information resulting in the police graft scandal first brought to public attention by the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler.

Cohen's statement, it is said, corresponds with the confessions of several principals in the wire tapping swindle, who said they had divided their winnings with the police officers to gain protection. He gave the names of men who acted as agents for the swindlers, as he was a go-between for the police.

MINE OPENED

The A. C. Miller mine 12 miles north of Williston is now open. Good roads out of mine. Coal at mine at \$2.00 per ton. A. C. Miller. 23-1f. Adv.

LITIGATION HAS TREBLED IN YEAR

SURE INDICATION OF STATE'S PROSPERITY IN AMOUNT OF CASES IN SUPREME COURT

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 22.—Litigation is said to be a certain index of the financial condition of a community. If this is true, North Dakota is enjoying a boom. Within the past six months appeals to the supreme court have increased by leaps and bounds. The records of Clerk of Court Hoskins have doubled and trebled and yet the cases continue to increase. There are pending at the present hour in the supreme court of North Dakota 178 cases, all of which are new or as new as cases before the supreme court can be.

With twelve cases on the present calendar to be argued between now and December 1, the most of them are very voluminous, the briefs running as high as 2,500 pages in a single case.

Mr. Hoskins is authority for the statement that this mighty increase in litigation is a sure indication that the state is prosperous. When times are easy and men have plenty of money they are much more apt to stand most ceremoniously on their rights and go to court on unimportant matters which they would not think of doing in hard times.

It is said that the attorneys of Peter Shauntz and the other Mandan piggers will appeal to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus. Judge Neussle denied the petitions for a writ in the Morton county district court and it is said that an appeal will be made to the supreme court. If this is done, a temporary writ will doubtless issue, pending a hearing on the merits. The piggers have already been in jail ten days and will have to remain there until the case gets to the supreme court, in any event. If a temporary writ issues he will have to remain in jail until the hearing and then only goes free if a permanent writ issues.

FLAX TABLES CAN'T BE USED

RAILROAD COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER AGAINST THE FLAX TABLES

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 22.—The railroad commission has just issued an order which will in effect put out of business the flax tables commonly used in grain elevators of the state and against which a great deal of complaint has been made by farmers because of the manifest unfairness and injustice to the seller worked through most of these tables. It has been the universal custom to test flax on the request of the seller, but instead of taking the exact proportion of dockage per bushel indicated by the test, the tables have been referred to as giving the correct standard with the result of general loss to the farmer through the incorrectness of the tables. Following is the new rule:

"Rule 26. In computing the number of pounds of dirt or foreign matter in small grain, no table shall be used which justifies taking a greater number of pounds of dockage than the percentage arrived at in the test will warrant."

WEAK HATCHES CAUSED WRECK

SCORES OF SAILORS DIE IN WRECK CAUSED BY WEAK HATCHES

Duluth, Nov. 21.—That many of the wrecks that took place in the recent disaster of the great lakes were due to weak hatches is the statement made by Capt. John Monaghan, United States inspector of hulls.

"The hatches are too low," he said, "they are too nearly flush with the deck and heavy seas weaken them so that they cannot hold. They should have a combing at least two and a half feet high onto which the hatch could be fastened with security. Under existing circumstances there is not an ore boat on the lakes which has hatches which fasten securely and therefore there is not a boat that is safe in a gale more than usual proportions. A wind like that of a week ago Sunday throws many tons of water on the deck every few seconds. The hatches cannot stand the weight, and that is the beginning of the end."

"This fact is recognized, but as it would cost a great deal of money to remodel the hatches of the boats already built, enough pressure has been brought to bear to prevent action forcing the change."

He told of years of efforts to work a change in the system of hatches. He said that after the steamer D. M. Clemson sank with her entire crew, he went to Washington and presented the matter to the supervising inspectors, but failed to get any satisfactory action taken.

Mr. E. E. Cripe left yesterday on No. 2 for Goshen, Indiana, where he expects to spend the winter.

CAN KILL ONLY ANTLERED DEER

WHEN DEER SEASON OPENS AGAIN ONLY THOSE WITH HORNS MAY BE SHOT

While deer hunting is under the ban in North Dakota for three years many of the flickertail shooters have been after the big game in Minnesota and Montana. Some have returned after successful hunts.

The shooters of this state have been watching the results of the laws in states that have prohibited shooting anything except male deer. In the measure making a closed season for deer in this state for three years it was also provided that when the open season did begin only antlered deer could be killed. This was done to compel hunters to be more careful and safeguard human lives. By having to wait till they could see the antlers, the shooters are not so likely to shoot at every moving object in the brush and kill other hunters.

Returns show a great improvement in New York State, where a law prohibiting the killing of all but antlered bucks was passed. The season just closed with two human victims as compared to nineteen last year.

JUSTICE FISK NOT CANDIDATE

DECLARES HIS POSITION ON THE U. S. SENATORSHIP IN LETTER—THREE REASONS

Grand Forks Times: Justice Charles J. Fisk of the supreme court, formerly judge of the district court of Grand Forks, is not nor ever has been a prospective candidate for the United States senate, and he makes his position clear in the following letter to The Times-Herald:

"Sometime ago there appeared in The Herald or Times, and perhaps both, an article evidently inspired by some friend, mentioning my name as a possible likely candidate for U. S. senator next year. The article came to my notice while I was absent from the state and I did not treat it seriously nor did I deem it necessary in order to prevent my friends from being misled, to make a public statement refusing it. However, the article has been quite generally copied or commented upon in the press of the state, and occasionally I learn that some friend is still treating the article seriously, although I have at all times emphatically expressed myself to the contrary.

"Now, while of course, I appreciate the honor of having my name mentioned in connection with this high office, I wish my friends to know that I never was, am not now, and never expect to be a candidate for the senate, and furthermore, so long as I occupy a judicial office I shall not consent to become a candidate for this or any other political office. As to the U. S. senatorship there are reasons too numerous to mention why I could not possibly consider it, even if my election would be assured. Hence, I write asking that you kindly give this letter space in your valuable newspapers in order that the public, and especially my friends, may not be further misled regarding my attitude in the matter. C. A. Fisk."

MARMON FARMERS CLUB

A farmers club to be known as the Farmers Club of Marmon Heights was organized Saturday, November the 22nd. Guy Smith was elected president; T. C. Dussell vice president and J. U. Silker, secretary.

The next meeting of the club will be held in Blacktail Township school house. All farmers and families in the neighborhood are invited to attend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Olive Halvorson celebrated her fourteenth birthday on Monday evening. About thirty of her school mates were present and for a few hours various games were introduced and a jolly time was had by all. An elaborate lunch was served. The guests departed wishing the hostess many more such happy birthdays.

CRIME TO SIGN LIQUOR PETITION

ARKANSAS LODGE OF MASONS DECLARES IT AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE ORDER

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 22.—The Arkansas Masonic grand lodge today adopted a resolution making it a Masonic offense for any member of the order to sign a petition granting a saloon license, or to circulate such petition.

The recent state law makes a petition signed by a majority of the White adults of a community requisite to the issuance of a saloon license.

MERCHANT'S LUNCH

A long felt want now being filled at Hogan's is a 25c Merchant's Lunch. Served from 11:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Try it for lunch tomorrow. 20-1f. Adv.

Fred McNary of Buford was seen on our streets Thursday.

WANT PARDON BOARD TO MEET

McBAIN CASE RAISES INDIGNATION AT FESSENDEN—WANT PARDON

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 24.—The state pardon board probably will hold an emergency meeting early next week to try and undo the travesty of justice that branded William McBain, 20, a criminal for seeking to shield the honor of his child bride, Margaret McBain, 16.

Seldom has a town ever been aroused over a criminal case as is Fessenden over what its citizens term the flagrant injustice visited upon the boy McBain and his pathetic little girl wife.

A prominent citizen of Fessenden wired a member of the state pardon board that every resident of the city would move to Bismarck on the day of the pardon board meeting if their presence would help to free the broken boy husband.

Hundreds Sign Petition

Petitions were circulated and signed by hundreds of citizens demanding that McBain be accorded justice. State officials were sent to investigate the case thoroughly and the special meeting of the pardon board was called as a result of their efforts.

Indignation against District Juvenile Officer Blake, who preferred the charges against McBain is at fever heat in Fessenden.

McBain met and fell in love with the girl who afterwards became his wife in Saskatoon, Canada, two years ago. Late last summer, her parents refusing to consent to the marriage, claiming that the daughter was too young, the two eloped and went to Fessenden. There McBain's relatives refused to sanction the marriage on the ground that he was too young. The two lovers then went to Moorhead, Minn., but were refused a marriage license there.

In despair McBain, it is said, secured drugs to avert the disgrace that was threatening his wife. A few weeks later the pair went to Crookston, Minn., where a license was obtained and they were married last October. After the wedding McBain and his wife made their home with Henry McBain, the husband's brother. Their happiness was short lived. Blake heard of the case and swore out a warrant for the boy husband's arrest.

Couple is Separated Wednesday last, with the sheriff of (Continued on page 12)

BATTLE RAGING SOUTH OF JAUERZ

TEN THOUSAND MEN IN 15 MILE BATTLE LINE—FEDERALS REPULSED

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 25.—Villas' forces drove back the federal forces all along the rebel front. The rebels fell back a considerable distance south of Juarez. Fierce fighting continued throughout the afternoon.

It is reported between 10,000 and 12,000 men are engaged in the battle. Colonel Porfirio Talamantes, one of the rebel leaders, was killed.

El Paso, Nov. 25.—Federal troops resumed fighting today in an attempt to capture Juarez from the constitutionalists under Francisco Villa. Today's battle opened with heavy cannonading, indicating the federals expected to break the rebels' line with heavy guns.

Appearance of federals in the vicinity of the race track indicated they had worked their way around the rebel outposts during the night.

The sound of battle is plain but the fighting is not close enough for bullets or shells to fall either in Juarez or El Paso.

It is reported the rebels are driving the federals back under heavy fire.

Hotels are Cleared All hotels in Juarez were cleared by the rebels for use as hospitals. Many of the wounded are lying on the field, as it is impossible while the fight continues to bring them into Juarez.

Four Troops on Patrol

A machine gun platoon and troop C, Thirteenth United States cavalry, under Captain John Leads, was rushed from Columbus, New Mexico, to reinforce the border patrol. Four troops of cavalry already are actively on patrol duty.

Slept In Rain

Sleeping on arms under a downpour of rain after a night of victorious fighting against the federal army. 7,000 rebel troops under Francisco Villa rested this morning a few miles south of Juarez preparatory to renewing the battle.

Would Hang Leaders

The rebels declared they were anxious to capture the federal general, Jose Inez Salazar, with his leaders, so that they could be hanged from telegraph poles in Juarez.

Stretched in a semi-circle for fifteen miles, the rebel troops present a formidable battle line.

Formidable Battle Line

All Americans and foreigners were ordered out of Juarez and under military escort were conducted to the International bridge into El Paso.