

stitution lands so that townsites may be sold without the usual five, ten, fifteen and twenty year provision of the constitution. In a state growing as rapidly as North Dakota is at present, and with new towns being established along new lines of road, it is frequently the case that lands desired for townsites are school lands, and title to them can not be given out right when a sale is made. Only small tracts of land are necessary, but failure to obtain them may prevent the development of new towns. The new constitutional provision will permit the sale outright of such lands, under the other provisions of the constitution with regard to advertising and public sale. Another amendment proposes to increase the number of supreme court justices to five, the members of the supreme bench have, in the past few years, found it necessary to put in long and steady hours to dispose of the always increasing work of the bench. An increase to five justices would expediate the work and hasten decisions, which would be of course to the interest and advantage of all litigants. A third amendment proposes to permit the investment of the school funds of the state in the bonds of other states, and in bonds of municipalities and drainage corporations in the state. The funds of the state are increasing rapidly and there is need for a wider field of investment. All of the state bonds that are purchasable to net a fair rate of interest have been purchased by the state, all school bonds are taken as offered and still there are funds remaining uninvested. Naturally it is to the advantage of the state to invest all its funds and receive the interest on the investment, for the support of the schools in the state. The broader the field of safe investment, the more the interest to be received and the lighter school tax will be paid directly by the people.—Transcript.

FIRE AT LARIMORE

Two men, Henry Krause and Frank Codett, of Crookston, Minn., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed Kelly's livery barn, together with all its contents, consisting of thirty-one horses, two cows, two surreys, one bus, 7 single buggies, five pole buggies, one phaeton and two automobiles.

The fire was first discovered by two Great Northern switchmen but was well under way at that time and in but a few minutes the barn was a mass of flames which soon spread to the blacksmith shop owned by J. W. Smith. The shop contained a car load of plows which were destroyed.

The bodies of the two men were so badly burned that the features were entirely unrecognizable and the hands and feet were entirely burned off. J. W. Krause, a brother of the dead man, arrived here Tuesday morning from Crookston and identified a watch and pocket knife as having been the property of his brother and a ring as one that was owned by Frank Codett.

Coroner McDonald of Grand

Forks, empaneled a jury which rendered a verdict of death by burning and recommended the locating of James Hogge, a colored bootblack, who had been in the habit of sleeping in the bus in the barn and of whom nothing since has been seen.

One of the automobiles was owned by H. L. Shillinglaw, of Marriam Park, Minn., and was being used as livery. It was valued at \$6,000 and was insured for \$3,000, the other was the property of Postmaster C. E. Ward, of Ada, Minn., who had purchased it just a week, before the fire. In company with his wife and son he was on an automobile trip to Minot to visit with a brother. His machine was valued at \$1,000, and was not insured. Both autos had been left in the livery barn for safe keeping.

J. H. Keenan's black stallion "Nig" was in the barn and burned as was also a team owned by J. T. Murphy, McCanna.

Mr. Kelly places his loss at \$8,000 with but \$1,900 insurance. The loss to Mr. Smith will probably be \$1,500 with no insurance.

Krause and Codett had put up a team in the barn to be taken care of over night and it is presumed that they went into the hay loft to sleep where they met with an untimely end.

Mr. Kelly has already laid plans for the rebuilding of the barn which will be 56 by 100 feet.

Later—Since the above report the remains of the negro were found in the ruins, removing any suspicion that he was the author of the fire.—McVillage Journal.

The Cooperstown Courier recognizes our privilege of supporting our own choice of candidates, and with reference to our recent article favoring Mason Knapp for sheriff, in which we stated that we would like more recognition for this end of the county, the Courier says that it does not see where the TIMES argument holds good—then offers the same kind of argument for the other candidate on the grounds that he is from the east side of the county. With most of the county offices being supplied with men from the county seat, the Courier plays the role of distributor for the rest of the county. Well, Editor Trubshaw admits that our candidate is a good man—and he is a good man and will appreciate your support at the coming election. We are not jealous but would like to call attention to the fact that Cooperstown now has most of the offices—and as Mr. Jones is now in business there his election would only add one more from that town to the list of officers. We want to see the matter more evenly divided and will appreciate the cooperation of the voters in aiding us to that end. Vote for Mason Knapp for sheriff. We intend to explain more fully our reason for asking this in a later issue.

Just Two Occasions.

"You always appear to be worried about your housekeeping," remarked the sympathetic friend.

"But, really," replied the housekeeper, there are only two occasions when I am really worried. One is when I haven't a servant and the other is when I have."