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Probate No. 36-2025-PR-00026
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE NORTHEAST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT,
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NORTH DAKOTA**
In the Matter of the Estate of Richard
P. Schwab, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate. All people who have claims
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Kent Schwab as Personal Representa-
tive of the Estate or filed with the
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Dated 5/21/2025
Kent Schwab,
Personal Representative
1901 14th Street W,
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701-351-2713
First Publication June 17, 2025.

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Datebooks

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extensive coverage to the occasion. It was an opportunity to show off the city to out-of-towners. The weather was exceptional. It was a perfect week for visitors flocking to Fargo.

The Masonic Temple was lit up for the occasion with 2,000 electric lights. The newspaper reported that thousands of people came to view the spectacle. That number was expected to increase as more lights were added, to be topped with organizations' lighted emblems.

Some of the events were official in nature. Fifty Masons were elevated to the fourteenth degree of the Consistory. The newspaper reported that the ceremony included a performance by a very impressive choir made up of thirty-second degree Masons. Further degrees were scheduled to be completed throughout the week.

Unofficial events included a picnic in Oak Grove park attended by hundreds of Masons with their wives, families, and friends. Special activities were planned for the children, and the Grand Knights Templar Ball was expected to be the highlight of the week.

The Masons were not the only ones descending on



Fargo. Businessmen from Duluth were arriving as well. This would be their last stop as they made a tour of North Dakota by train. The businessmen hoped to drum up interest in what Duluth had to offer. They were giving out souvenirs and promotional materials. They planned a parade headed by a band.

It all made for a week of excitement and spectacle in Fargo on this first week of June in 1913.

Dakota Datebook written by Carole Butcher

DAKOTA DATEBOOK: Buying Absaraka

June 4: As rural populations have dwindled in the 21st century, reports of entire towns for sale have tempted people with utopian ideas and deep pockets. In the past five years, the towns of Swett and Scenic, South Dakota were both up for sale for a few hundred thousand dollars each. In 2013, the lone resident of Buford, Wyoming sold the town for just under a million dollars.

On this date in 1917, the Bismarck Tribune reported that two pieces of property had recently changed hands. George W. Humphrey had traveled through Absaraka, North Dakota, and he liked the town so much he made a deal to trade his farm near Pingree, North Dakota for the entire town, all land and buildings included.

Absaraka had been established along the Great Northern railroad in 1882, Eben Chaffee developed the town to support the workers and business operations of his bonanza farm. Chaffee's Amenia and Sharon Land Company put up houses, an elevator, and commercial buildings. Unfortunately, by the time Humphrey offered to trade for the town, the largest of the bonanza farms were shrinking, and the small towns that had benefited from the bonanza days were feeling the impact.

George Humphrey's utopian fantasies of buying an entire town and ruling it like Czar Nicholas, as the Tribune article speculated,

failed to come together. The Cass County Register of Deeds has no record of Absaraka transferring to Mr. Humphreys.

However, for most of the early 20th century, there actually had been a single majority owner of the town. William Staples founded Absaraka's first general store in the late 1890s, but by 1912 he had expanded to also own the elevator, lumber yard, and coal business. When Staples retired, most of his assets were sold to Nils Nilson, who added more businesses and buildings, including a blacksmith shop and one of the first automobile dealerships in North Dakota.

Today, although much smaller than when Staples or Nilson owned the town, Absaraka is still on the map, a handful of houses along the railroad tracks in central Cass County.

Dakota Datebook written by Derek Dahlsad

DAKOTA DATEBOOK: First Train to Bismarck

June 5: In 1853, the army completed a survey to assess the possibility of running a railroad across what was to become North Dakota. The results showed that there was no serious obstacle. Congress chartered the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1864, giving it a land grant of 50 million acres. The railroad enlisted Philadelphia

banker Jay Cooke to assist with financing. He raised an initial \$5 million. After that, the Northern Pacific could build the railroad only as fast as Cooke could raise money.

The Northern Pacific faced serious financial difficulties. The company's accounting methods were so poor that it was impossible to determine the cost per mile to build the railroad. The officials spent money recklessly, often faster than Cooke could raise it. Cooke advanced money from his own bank so the railroad construction could continue. It seemed that progress was made in spite of the company rather than because of it.

On this date in 1873, the first Northern Pacific train finally pulled into Bismarck. The Northern Pacific was a significant factor in Bismarck's development, and the small settlement grew into a thriving city. The original Northern Pacific building was a plain wooden building that would be destroyed by fire in 1898. A new depot was completed in 1901. The prominent architectural firm of Reed and Allan designed a Spanish Revival building. It was a rather surprising choice for the Northern Plains. The Bismarck Weekly Tribune hailed the design and said the building was the finest depot in the entire Northern

Pacific system. The Commercial Club of Bismarck boasted that the depot was noted for its beauty, and was one of the notable sights in the city. Everyone agreed that Bismarck could be justifiably proud of the new edifice.

In 1916, the depot serviced 24 passenger trains daily. But passenger train travel declined by the 1950s. The Northern Pacific merged with four other lines to become the Burlington Northern, and passenger traffic was discontinued. In 1977, the Bismarck depot was entered into the National Registry of Historic Places. For a time, it was used by Amtrak, but the last passenger train pulled out of Bismarck in 2009. Today, the old depot is undergoing renovations, and will operate as a commercial property while still preserving its historic features.

Dakota Datebook written by Carole Butcher

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