

## GRATIAS WINS MATCH.

The widely advertised and much talked-of handicap wrestling match was pulled off here on Friday night, June 21st. The conditions of this match were that the "Saxon Demon" was to throw five men in one hour for a side bet of \$300 and gate receipts. The five men were to be J. J. Daily of Valley City, Young Bolero of Buffalo, Lars Ronderstedt of Thief River Falls, Minn., Nels Halvorson of Binford and N. Beauregard of Tolna. All the men except Bolero were on hand and as a result of his failure to be present, it was necessary to either reduce the time for the four men or else to put one of the men on for two falls. The latter alternative was adopted and James J. Daily, ex-champion of the state and one of the very best men present went on the mat for the first and fourth falls. As a preliminary attraction a boxing match was arranged between Torger Rogie more favorably known as "Invincible Torger" and Joseph Seidlinger or "The Desperate Dutchman." A. J. Melgard was chosen as referee and the two pugilists at the sound of the gong sprang from their corners, shook hands and immediately began the contest. The Dutchman led off with a wild throw to the jaw which spent its force in the air outside foul line. Torger swung for head but was blocked and received a jolt in neck. Torger leads for head and receives a deadening blow about a foot over his left ear. The gong sounds with the first round a draw. In the second the Dutchman swings heavily on body and Torger sends a left upper-cut to nose drawing first blood. This interest Seidlinger to some extent in the match and he tries for neck with heavy right-hand swing but is blocked and lands with left on the outskirts of stomach. Round closes with both men short of wind and with odds in favor of the Dutchman. The third round was short, the men coming from their corners with considerable regard for each other when they finally met and the war was on. Both sparred for openings for about a minute when the Dutchman made a wild over throw to his opponent's wind bag, knocking the wind out of his magazine and landing him up against the back-stop. As it was previously agreed that there were to be no knock-out blows the referee gave the decision to Invincible Torger on a foul and the match was at an end.

An intermission of a few minutes then ensued during which preparations were made for the wrestling match. Fred G. Lewis was selected as referee for the match and everything being in readiness except the fifth man, an explanation of the circumstances was made and the referee called "Time." The first round was between James J. Daily and the Saxon Demon, which was a very good exhibition and proved a hard struggle. Both men are very clever and after trying several holds on his man Saxon Demon secured a waist and arm hold and put his man down, the time of this round being 7 minutes.

Ronderstedt took the Demon for the second round and for a few minutes defended himself nicely, being in various positions upon the mat and at critical periods breaking his adversary's hold to save himself from the fall. It took only a short time for the Demon to throw his man to the mat and after a few minutes work secured the toe-hold, and the Thief River man was obliged to give in or go over, he choosing the former alternative. At this a number in the audience protested, claiming the toe hold was not fair and the cry of "Rotten" "rotten" was heard from different parts of the room. However, the referee very readily gave the fall to the Demon, the toe-hold being perfectly legitimate and in

quite general use at the present time. This round lasted 5 minutes.

After the usual resting period the third round starts with Beauregard of Tolna, but he was not in very good condition, and, altho he defended himself well for a time, going to the mat early in the round, yet he was easily conquered by the big man and went "down" in 5 minutes. Had he been in good condition this round would probably have lasted longer, but when Gratias tackled him and got a hammer-lock on him, the stuff was off.

The fourth round proved to be the longest of any to this time, Daily going on for the second time during the contest and putting up a remarkable exhibition. This round was a good one and many times brought forth loud cheers from the audience, the Valley City man doing some handsome stunts in breaking holds and getting away from the champion. So many in the audience seemed to oppose the champion for some reason or other, that whenever one of his opponents would do a clever stunt the crowd would yell frantically with wild enthusiasm. Daily is a well built man and is also well scienced which makes a round between him and Gratias one of great interest. The round lasted 12 minutes, the champion finally putting his man down with a pivot hold after a most handsome exhibition in which Daily with his feet over the champion's shoulder and nothing but his head to save him from the fall showed marvelous endurance in the muscles of the neck. This was an exceedingly interesting round and the crowd was intensely interested.

The fifth and final round was then awaited with considerable anxiety, Halvorson the local giant being the next to defend himself against the big man who holds the championship of not only North Dakota but of the Northwest as well. The battle is on and both men are working hard. The Demon repeatedly endeavors to throw his man to the mat but the husky Nels being pretty active lands right side up with care and the crowd nearly raises the roof with the loudness of their applause. Nevertheless the Saxon Demon is apparently too much for any wrestler he has been matched with here yet and, altho Halvorson is a pretty worker and does some good stunts in addition to being strong and powerful and of great endurance which accounts for this round lasting longer than any of the others, yet the Demon proved himself equal to the task before him and after 17 minutes and 30 seconds of hard but pretty wrestling he put his man down with an arse-cissor and elbow bolt and the contest was at an end with Gratias the victor and twenty-three and a half minutes of his hour left, he putting all five men down one at a time in 46 minutes and 30 seconds actual time.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at Fargo, N. D.

June 17, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Gust J. Peterson of Binford N. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final five years proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 24649 made Apr 24th, 1901, for the North East quarter of Section 34, Township 48 N., Range 61 W., and that said proof will be made before Gunder Frigaard, Clerk of District Court, at Cooperstown N. D., Aug 3, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:

Adolph Carlson	of Mose	N. D.
Carl Asmus	of Mose	N. D.
Henry Asmus	of Mose	N. D.
Andrew Erickson	of Binford	N. D.
	C. C. Schuyler,	Register.