

BOY BURNED BY HOBOES

**Kenneth McKenzie of Aneta the
Victim of an Awful Crime
Last Week.**

Aneta Panorama: On Saturday evening, Oct. 19th, Kenneth McKenzie, youngest son of Simon McKenzie of this city, met with a misfortune which proved to be very serious.

The following story was told by Kenneth McKenzie to States Attorney M. A. Shirley, on Monday afternoon before taken to St. John's hospital at Fargo for treatment:

Kenneth was delivering packages between 8:30 and 9 o'clock and was on his way through the park with some meat which was to be left at the homes of Mr. Norskog and Mr. Podness. Upon entering the park, Kenneth noticed two men standing at the tables in the south side of the park, but thinking nothing of it the boy walked on with the meat in one hand and a lantern in the other. He noticed that the men were following at quite a distance behind him, but stopped when he reached the other side of the park. Kenneth delivered his packages and started for home. When he entered the park at the northwest corner he again noticed the same men among the willows on the north side, a short distance from the northwest corner. This time they also followed him, keeping the same distance between him and them as before. When the southeast corner was reached, the boy intended to go straight from there to the Banner Merc. Co., but when attempting to cut across, one man stepped from behind him and pointed south, indicating that he should go farther that way. Kenneth had no idea that the men intended to harm him in any way and having an idea that his dog, Teddy, was around the house of Adam Miller, he started to walk down the sidewalk towards that house. He reached the house in safety and after walking north of the building and whistling for his dog, he walked on toward home. But the men who had been following him evidently intended that he should not return home that night, for as soon as he was out of the yard, they ran out from a corner by the fence and chased him down the road going south. He was still carrying his lantern and running fast, intending to run around Gunderson's field and past the church, and from thence home. But one of the men caught him and one pointed to a fence post near by and said, "tie him," but the other one shook his head. The boy realized then, for the first time that the men had evil intentions and broke away from them, but only got a short distance from them when he tripped and fell. The men were upon him in an instant. One man snatched his lantern. The other held Kenneth down with his knees on his shoulders and when Kenneth struggled to get free, the man also held his arms down with his hands. Kenneth then felt something cold being poured over him by the man who took the lantern. After doing this he went away from him, a few feet, and when he returned, a lighted match was applied and in an instant the boy was in flames. As soon as the deed was done, the men took to their heels and Kenneth jumped to his feet and ran, screaming and calling for help. He