

in 1866. For some years he worked as a farm hand, and clerk in various mercantile establishments, and is well remembered by the older residents of Whitehall and vicinity as a very active and alert employee of H. E. Getts, in his mercantile business in this village. His efficiency as a clerk and servant soon demonstrated his ability to conduct business as owner and master, and it was not long before he became a potent force in the commercial life of Trempealeau county.

After having been for some years in the mercantile business at Independence he heard the call of the west, and from that time up to the time of his death he was interested in more than twenty different commercial and mercantile enterprises in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and other western states.

While he was in business at Independence he married Lena Waller, and in this instance, as in nearly every undertaking of his life, he showed his wonderful judgment in making the proper selection; for Mrs. Larson during 34 years of married life has earned every title of honor and esteem that can be applied to wife and mother.

One of his most remarkable traits was his ability to read men. More than a dozen men whom he started on a business career while they were young and poor, are now comparatively wealthy as a result of his energy and foresight, and it was only in rare instances that he made a mistake in the estimation of his business associates. No one could spend an hour with Mr. Larson without recognizing his intense energy; his keen and almost intuitive analysis of any question or situation presented. Mr. Larson never ventured outside of his chosen field of endeavor, but had he done so, his natural abilities would have made him a formidable rival for the highest honors in any calling or profession he might have chosen. For more than thirty years, always in delicate health, he wrestled with business problems and the question of making his physical strength respond to his ever active mind, and as a sedative to his restless mental faculties, and a stimulus to his lagging physical abilities, he traveled almost constantly.

In pursuance of health and business he visited nearly every state in our country. He crossed the Atlantic ocean 24 times. He exemplified in the highest degree the power of mind over matter. But the most powerful mind and body must alike yield to the universal law of death. About one year ago Mr. Larson began to fail more rapidly than at any previous time in his long struggle with impaired health. He consulted numerous doctors and tried many remedies, but all to no avail. As a last resort he concluded that a trip to the invigorating climate of his native land would bring him the elixir he needed for the restoration of his

health. When he left Whitehall last June his friends saw plainly that he was losing in the battle against man's final foe, but he saw life and renewed strength among the heather, woods and mountains of his beloved "mother land." This vision of his final dream of life, no doubt, gladdened many of his last days. But finally the vision faded, and on the 30th of August, 1912, he died at Christiania, Norway.

At his request his body was brought to this country and laid beside that of his son, Oliver, in the Whitehall cemetery. The funeral was held at the Synod Lutheran church on November 6th, and conducted by Rev. E. B. Christopherson of Pigeon Falls, and was in all respects a worthy tribute to his memory.

His widow, Lena Larson, two sons and three daughters, survive him. His son Lewis is engaged in the mercantile business at Binford, N. Dak.; his son Clarence in the banking and mercantile business at Eleva, this county; Mrs. Martha Lander, lives at Fairdale, N. Dak., where her husband is conducting a general mercantile business; Miss Julia, on account of her health, is staying in Norway; and Miss Amanda lives with her mother in this village. All were present at the funeral. The first born son, Oliver, died March 27th, 1900.

Mr. Larson leaves behind him sons and daughters eminently fitted to successfully carry on the many business enterprises which he established. — Whitehall Times.

9,000 Majority for Young

George M. Young was elected congressman in the second district with a majority of over 9,000 over E. R. Minker, the democratic candidate. Here is the vote by counties as reported by the several county canvassing boards:

County	Young	Minkler
Barnes	1,526	515
Benson	1,085	424
Bottineau	970	496
Burleigh	1,292	349
Dickey	870	646
Eddy	557	259
Emmons	785	451
Foster	512	211
Griggs	461	269
Kidder	481	93
LaMoure	701	332
Logan	493	89
McHenry	1,238	659
McIntosh	714	60
Pierce	587	327
Rollette	644	315
Sheridan	555	96
Stutsman	1,323	719
Wells	968	308
Total	15,762	6,718

For Sale or Trade—Model 41, five passenger Rambler touring car, in good running order, with good tires. Model F, five passenger Buick touring car. Has been overhauled, repainted and fixed up in good shape. — Binford Auto Garage.