

A DISASTROUS FIRE

Two West Side Residences Totally Destroyed Early Sunday Evening

The houses of Hans Halesch and Kaute Todahl, located on the West side on Second avenue northwest, were totally destroyed by fire Sunday night at about nine o'clock. The house of Hans Halesch took fire first, presumably starting in a lean-to used as a kitchen, but was not noticed until it had gained much headway. The house of Todahl was quite close and was also soon in flames. The general alarm was sent in a considerable time after the fire was discovered and when the firemen arrived, both of the houses were doomed.

A good deal of the household goods from the first floor were saved from both of the places.

There are several houses in a row at this place, and quite near together, and the department did good work in keeping the fire from spreading.

The houses which was owned by Mr. Halesch was an eight-room, two-story frame, and the other residence fire-room frame house. The loss being estimated at about \$1,000 on each house, each being insured for \$500, with companies represented by Gerald W. Massey and N. N. Begehme respectively. There was also \$500 insurance on the Halesch furniture and \$300 on the household goods of Mr. Todahl.

SAUNDERS IS ADVANCED.

Deputy Game Warden J. P. Saunders of Brainerd will on the 15th of next month take a position with the state fisheries department, to which he has been transferred. During the past eight years Mr. Saunders has served as deputy game warden for this district in a most successful manner, and has been of great service to the fish and game commission in the gathering of fish spawn, and in fish culture in general. His field of usefulness has been enlarged and there is no doubt but what he will prove as efficient in his new work as he has been as deputy game warden.

George Rardin of Brainerd succeeds Mr. Saunders as deputy game warden.

CELEBRATE THEIR ANNUAL.

The annual feast and pow wow of the Red Men was held on last Friday evening. The attendance was large, there being about 250 people present. After a short session of the lodge, progressive cinch was indulged in for some time. The head prizes were won by Mrs. Wood and Mat Zerwas, and the foot prizes by Mrs. T. W. Shannon and Ed. Nelson. Dancing was afterwards the program of the evening, which lasted until three a. m., snapper being served at 12:30. This, no doubt, was one of the largest gatherings that will be held this year, and a most enjoyable time was passed.

BE PLEASANT.

Be pleasant even if the other fellow does not reciprocate. It won't hurt him or make you less dignified. Try it until it becomes a habit and you will find that it helps a lot. Insure good health and a cheerful disposition by the daily use of golden grain belt beer. This delicious beverage is an ideal food drink—pure, wholesome and nourishing. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by E. S. Tanner, Little Falls.

A CROP THAT COUNTS.

Princeton Union: Station agent Rice's estimate of the number of cars of potatoes which would be shipped from this point during the month of January was not far off the mark. He placed the number at 300 and 297 was the aggregate.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Mero visited in Minneapolis Sunday, the guests of relatives of the doctor.

Harry Hamm had as his guest Sunday, his uncle, W. O. Mueser, who is steward at the St. Cloud reformatory.

The wedding of Ernest Duclos and Miss Julia Hanson of Elbow Lake took place last Friday at Glenwood. Mr. Duclos is a son of O. Duclos of the Brickyards.

St. Cloud Times: The hosts of friends of W. C. Lacrone, of Fairbault, who for many years has represented the Pioneer Press Printing Co., in the sale of blanks, blank books, country record books, etc., will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at his home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Buckman entertained a large number of friends at their home on fourth street and First avenue southeast Thursday evening of last week. Progressive 500 was the pastime, after which fine refreshments were served. The valentine idea was carried out in the decorations and in serving the refreshments.

Prof. R. B. Millard of the local business college has been working hard of late speaking before school meetings, looking up positions for his students and the like, and his efforts are showing good results. Students are enrolling at the business college right along and the registration is well on its way to one hundred and fifty.

Fully a hundred skaters and spectators crowded the West side hall last Friday evening and either took part in, or witnessed the gorgeous masquerade which was held there that evening. Costumes of almost every shade, mode and color were worn by the roller-skaters. The costume of James Lund of the West hotel, that of an old maid, took first prize.

Mrs. N. J. McGregor, who is making her home with her son, Duncan McGregor, proprietor of the Merchant's hotel in St. Cloud, is critically ill, and it is expected that she will die at any moment. Relatives from Montana and North Dakota were called to St. Cloud on account of her serious condition and arrived there the latter part of last week. Mrs. McGregor is 75 years of age.

CASE BROUGHT AGAINST PLAINTIFF

The case of George Foldinski vs. Jake Mrozak was tried before Justice Gerrits Thursday afternoon of last week, and judgment for \$38 and costs for witnesses, \$2.24, was rendered in favor of the defendant, and the costs of the action, \$10.00, was assessed to the plaintiff.

In this case Foldinski sued for \$21.75 which he alleged the defendant owed him on a bridge contract for \$39.50 which was let to the defendant and himself by the town of Swan River, and which they filled in 1906-07.

Mrozak brought counter claims in the sum of \$54.25, which he claimed was due him for merchandise, cash and other considerations.

SOUTH ELM DALE

Feb. 4.—John Soles and family moved on their farm from St. Paul last week.

Balch Orapetz returned from the Twin Cities Tuesday.

Andrew Ondon and Hudoba visited at John Zelenski's Sunday.

Frank Voychnik and John Burns visited at Albert Peka's last week.

Mike Macey, while returning home from his brother's, lost his bicycle saddle.

Bob Sergeant visited at Flenburg Sunday.

Anton Jendro returned from Sentinel-Butte, where he purchased a music store.

The South Elm Dale checker players had their annual contest Sunday night.

Arthur Thomas, while loading up wood last week, lost an ax-handle.

Prince Nelson is ill this week.

Anton Jendro visited at Pierz Sunday.

Henry Bungelson, while breaking up his broncho, lost his blankets and hurt his foot.

Joe Kogie and Paul Peka were in Bowling Saturday.

While returning from Royalton Friday the wind blew the buggy top off of Joe Kracho's rig.

Tom Wistrach is going to open up his barber shop for business about March 1st.

Frank Pudic visited at John Kuka's Sunday.

Bob Sergeant and John Bogeye visited at Albert Peka's Sunday.

John Sobieck and Frank Jendro were at Bowling Sunday, where they intend to start a pool room.

Thomas Wistrich visited at Arthur Thomas's Sunday.

Paul Sobieck was around buying onion seeds. He intends to raise a big crop next fall.

Frank Monka lost his pipe while out hunting Saturday.

Joe Sollars and John Bills are going to build a big theatre at Bawue.

John Peka and Steve Adams helped Geo. Asklar move his house to Flenburg Friday.

Jake Kuka made a flying trip to Edinburg Friday afternoon.

Bob Sergeant purchased a team of horses for \$800.

TWO RIVERS

Feb. 18.—Rev. A. J. Gospekar, who was visiting his brothers in North Dakota for a week, returned last Saturday. It must be bad country for he came home with a bad cold in the head so that he can't hardly talk.

Skating is fine right in the village of North Prairie and all the boys and girls are enjoying skating very much.

Paul Gammaroth, who is attending the business college at Little Falls, was visiting his mother here Sunday.

Dr. Watkins of Royalton was a caller at John Juek's, who is seriously ill, Wednesday.

Aint it too bad that the saloon at North Prairie is closed up? The boys can't go and buy.

Joe Klein had bad luck last week. He was crossing the Mississippi river and his horses broke through and he almost lost them.

Mr. Wiener is busy sawing logs now, but it is too bad that the snow is all gone as the people can't bring in any more logs.

Frank Mangel bought stack of clover hay from Mrs. Droskowiak and was busy hauling it last week.

Miss Sebon Wallgoraki was attending church last Sunday and after service her father took her to Swan River, where she is teaching school.

DIED.—The six-year-old daughter of Philip Jurek died of diphtheria. His wife and another child are seriously ill.

PLATTE

Feb. 15.—Novack & Hoffman are busy sawing lumber.

Mrs. Frank Novack was a caller at Pierz Saturday.

The two young married couples took a wedding trip. The Platte band played when they started for the north.

Miss Elsie Melburn visited at St. Kamienah's Saturday.

A dance was given at Vince Pilarski's and all report a good time.

Walter A. Wagner had bad luck with his horse. He broke the tugs and the horse ran away.

Fran Sagorsky was kicked by F. W. Wagner's horse last week.

CORN SYRUP IS THE CORRECT NAME.

Washington, Feb. 14.—An important question in the administration of the pure food law was settled today in a decision made public by Secretaries Wilson, Courtelyon and Straus. It bears upon the labelling of syrup.

The decision follows: "We have given careful consideration to the labelling of the thick viscous syrup obtained by the incomplete hydrolysis of the starch of corn and composed essentially of dextrose, maltose and sucrose. In our opinion it is lawful to label this syrup as 'corn syrup,' and if to the corn syrup there is added a small percentage of refined syrup the mixture, in our judgment, is not misbranded if labelled 'corn syrup with cane flavor.'

Mrs. Harmon C. Brown and little son, who have been visiting in Superior, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, returned home Saturday.

George E. Lum, president of the Northwestern Milling Co., returned Saturday from a business trip to points in the east.

THEY WON FAST GAME

Local High School Basketball Team Defeats Aitkin by Score of 23 to 11

By the 'skidoo' score of 23 to 11 the local high school basketball team defeated the Aitkin high school quintet in a fast and much appreciated game at the local opera house last Friday evening.

Even at the practice just before the game it could be seen that a very lively game would take place. All of the local quintet seemed to be able to make baskets with considerable precision, and O'Shea made baskets with as apparent ease as though he were throwing pebbles in the ocean. The Aitkin quintet looked to be about as fast, and they were of heavier weight than the locals, but their basket throwing did not come up to that of the locals, and in the game this proved their greatest weakness.

The game had barely started when Aitkin dozed over its first mite, in the form of a free throw, to Little Falls, it being a forgone conclusion that whenever O'Shea attempted one of these they would be made and recorded. And O'Shea did make it as he did during the entire game, with the exception of a couple instances. The playing during the first half was fast. Aitkin showing some very good team work, but Little Falls had them on the basket throwing proposition, and the half ended 12 to 4 in favor of Little Falls.

During the second half the playing was even faster and Aitkin profited more out of any chances given them. But these happily were kept down to a minimum, nevertheless Aitkin made 7 points in this half.

While the Little Falls team never doubted for an instance the outcome of the game, they were not foolish enough to do any loose playing, but worked their hardest, and scored 11 points in this half, thus winning the game by a score of 23 to 11.

The features of the game was a field basket by Stoll for the locals. While three or four feet back of center he sent the ball flying through the air and into the basket.

O'Shea, besides throwing baskets with great accuracy, did some of the fastest playing on the floor—he seemed to be everywhere he was—although he had a man half again his weight in opposition to him, his ability to get the ball and place it in the basket was wonderful.

His eagerness to get the ball in a few cases temporarily embarrassed some of the spectators, out it was understood that the boys were playing basketball so all was well.

Had it been some very good playing also, and in fact all of the boys played a very good game.

With more team work there is no reason whatever for the boys being beat by any quintet in their class, and they certainly have a good chance to make a perfect record.

The attendance was large.

Brainerd defeated Royalton by a score of 28 to 7 at Brainerd last Saturday evening in what is said to have been a fast game, and now wants a game with Little Falls. Brainerd has a pretty fast team as it beat Royalton by many more points than did the St. Cloud normal team. Consequently a game with Brainerd would be sure to be an exceptionally fast one.

DULCE

Feb. 15.—Frank Sterr was in town Sunday.

Wm. Polinsky was at Ramey Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Israelson called at J. Polinsky's Wednesday.

Lewis Larson and Conrad Iverson were at Ramey Monday.

The dance at F. X. Sterr's Saturday evening was well attended.

Mr. Larson sold a team for \$300.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fleck, on January 31st, a baby boy.

Mr. A. Israelson and niece, Miss Mable Israelson from Broton, are here visiting relatives.

Lars and Gust Talberg have returned home from a trip to Canada, where they have been filing on homesteads. They are delighted with the country. Miss Carrie Sterr, who has been out at Rices, visited with her cousin, returned last Monday. She said she walked all the way, which made a 25 mile tramp.

The wedding of Andrew A. Israelson and Miss Anna Polinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Polinsky of this place, was solemnized at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, February 4th.

The bride was gowned in silver gray broadcloth, and was attended by Miss Laura Larson, who was dressed in dark gray broadcloth. William Polinsky acted as best man.

After the ceremony the bride party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where covers were laid for about thirty friends and relatives, to an excellent wedding dinner. The wedding presents were many and beautiful. The groom is an industrious young man of exemplary habits. The bride is one of our estimable young ladies. Both young people have made a host of friends who wish them every blessing in their wedded life.—In Onamia Breeze.

HUFF

Feb. 13.—It is reported that Dean Nutter has smallpox.

Not much hauling being done on account of bad roads.

G. and A. C. Oby went to Mille Lac last week to haul lumber and prepare for building when spring opens.

J. R. Stephenson got a hand badly hurt while shoeing a horse. The hand is doing well and no blood poison has developed.

We hear nothing of town meeting yet, but it will come we expect.

Mrs. David Ireland is getting well so we hear.

John Brown has not recovered from his hurt in a run-away in November. Our blacksmith, Mr. Stephenson, shod seven horses Monday, notwithstanding his sore hand.

J. W. Gish has been confined to his house ever since the middle of December and is yet very weak, but hopes to be better when spring opens.

East Darling

Feb. 17.—Adolph Johnson, who died last Tuesday, was born in the Province of Bohus Län, Sweden, June 24th, 1860, and came to Washington county, Minn., at the age of ten years. He later, in company with his brothers, Chas. and Ole, came to Darling, where he resided at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Ellen Hermanson, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hermanson five years ago last November. He had gone to Phoenix, Arizona, he having the dreaded disease of consumption, but without receiving much benefit, and returned home last summer. He had been bed-ridden for some months, and was glad to die, his last words being "I am going to Jesus." He was 58 years and seven months old, and leaves a wife and a four-year-old daughter, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Gustafson of this place being one, and the two brothers mentioned above, who reside in Seattle, a large circle of friends. The funeral was held from the Swedish Lutheran church last Saturday morning, Rev. John Nordstrom of Scandia Valley officiating. The funeral was largely attended by the friends of the family, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved.

August Blomquist has received a reply from the Northern Pacific in regard to riding on freight trains and they say that it is too dangerous to allow.

The East Darling young ladies society will meet the last Saturday of this month with Miss Florence Cunningham at Darling depot at two o'clock p. m. All invited to come.

West Darling

Feb. 18.—The house of August Blomquist was nearly destroyed by fire last Friday morning. There had been some roast in the oven and the stove got so hot that the meat took fire. The dog made such a disturbance that it brought the trouble to Mr. Blomquist's notice. He went into the kitchen which was full of smoke and opened the stove door, when the flames shot out, striking him in the face, and caught on the wall-paper and immediately ate its way up the stairs. By prompt action with a pail of milk and a pail of water the fire was extinguished, but not before Mr. Blomquist had a hand badly burned. The loss was small. It is lucky that the fire did not make greater headway as the insurance of the house and furniture is small.

The hair price of Grumble Corner is not to rule the air, but Happy Corner too.

The ladies sewing society will meet the last Thursday in this month at Mrs. A. Hedin's place at Oakwood farm, at two o'clock in the afternoon. All are requested to turn out.

The West Darling young ladies society will meet at Golden Valley the last Saturday in this month with Miss Annie Thigstad, at two o'clock p. m.

BRICKYARD

Feb. 18.—Little Pierre Norman passed away at 9 o'clock Sunday morning at the age of 9 years after a long illness from consumption. The family have the sympathy of the community.

Olaf Gray has purchased a new piano.

Mr. Larson has taken off the quarantine and they are all able to be out again.

Rev. Farrell preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday. The sick are getting better.

Willie Manbeck is sick with the grip and Mrs. Chambers is on Route No. 1 this week.

The ladies' aid was well attended considering the weather, and the old officers were re-elected for another year.

Frank Foster returned home Monday from Scanlon, where he has been employed in the sawmill. In March Mr. and Mrs. Foster will remove to Cass Lake, where Mr. Foster will be a sawyer in one of the large mills at that place.

RECIPE MIXED OFTEN

Druggists Praise This Simple Home Mixture

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle, one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion; one ounce Compound Kargon; three ounces Compound Syrup Sarasparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

The mixture, writes one authority in a leading Philadelphia newspaper, has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A New York druggist who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers last October stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

The druggists in this neighborhood say they can supply the ingredients, which are easily mixed at time. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known, and certainly none more harmless simple to use.

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HORSE SHOE CO. MEETS

C. A. Sprandel Elected Vice-President of Giant Grip—Detailed Report Wanted

The stockholders of the Giant Grip Horse Shoe company held a meeting Monday afternoon at the offices of the company. At this meeting the report of the auditing committee, which had been appointed to audit the books of the company at a previous meeting, were received and looked over. Some details had been left out, however, which the stockholders wished to know, so it was decided to have E. A. Storck audit the books of the company and make a detailed report to be presented at the next meeting of the stockholders.

A directors adjourned meeting was later held at which the following officers were present: President R. A. Strom, Little Falls; Secretary S. S. Jones, Frazer; Treasurer John Kohler, Frazer.

The resignation of J. K. Martin as director was accepted, and C. A. Sprandel succeeded him as director and then was elected as vice-president of the company.

Frederick Claydon, Wadena, a director of the company, was also in attendance.

A DELAYED VALENTINE PARTY.

A large number of the young people of this city were present at a party given Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ebert at their home in the Brickman block, which was given in honor of Miss Lou Staples of Duluth.

Although it was not St. Valentine's day, the entertainment had been planned for that evening, so the valentine idea was carried out in the decorations, games and in the serving of refreshments.

The young men had to play the part of cupid in choosing their partners, and this was done by shooting arrows at red hearts on the reverse side of which the name of one of the young ladies was written. The name on the heart which had been pierced with the young man's arrow, was then read and the young lady became his partner during the entire evening.

Many games suited to the occasion were played, after which, at the close of the evening, delicious refreshments were served. All enjoyed a very pleasant time.

LINCOLN

Feb. 18.—Jake Hanson and son, Willie, were Little Falls visitors last Thursday.

Rev. Nordstrom held services in Darling Sunday.

H. Cottingham was a business visitor in Little Falls last Tuesday.

Traveling Auditor McLowen of the N. P. Ry. Co. was a business visitor in the village last Saturday.

Hildur Eklund, who has been visiting his parents, returned to Little Falls last Saturday.

Mrs. I. Frank and daughter, who have spent the past two weeks in Coaling, because of the illness of Mrs. Frank's son, James, returned last Sunday.

C. L. Gantz was a Staples visitor last Saturday.

Louis Randall of Ft. Ripley, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in this village.

Misses Nannie and Mary Brenegar, who took in the dance here last Saturday night, returned to Motley Sunday.

Mrs. Martin and son of Staples visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Randall.

Alfred Hanson, who spent several days visiting relatives and friends in this village and vicinity returned to Little Falls last Monday.

Gus Anderson, Peter Nordlund and Misses Pearl Nordlund and Mayne Hedlund of Coaling were in the village to take in the dance last Saturday night.

Delmar Enke was up from Little Falls to spend Sunday.

M. Enke was a Little Falls visitor

last Friday.

Frank Morel and father-in-law Mr. Frazer, are reported very sick.

A. O. Holt was a business visitor in Little Falls last Monday.

E. R. Tuttle left last Tuesday for a few days' visit in Motley.

The dance given in the M. W. A. hall last Saturday was largely attended, and everybody reported a good time.

C. L. Gantz was in St. Cloud last Tuesday to attend a meeting of the order of Railroad Telegraphers. The meeting was held to consider the proposed reduction in wages and other important questions, and those who attended were benefited by the information given.

Miss Christina Nelson left Tuesday for Ft. Ripley for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Tindell.

SULLIVAN LAKE

Feb. 8 to 15.—Miss Alice Cook was a Lane caller Sunday morning.

Ola Christianson drove to Brainerd Sunday and expects to return on Tuesday.

Masters Hiff and Edwin Wallmark, with Peter Zvk, were at Peter Adkins Sunday to see about having some sawing done at the mill.

Mr. Knowles visited with C. E. Look Sunday evening.

Mr. Munkland came back from Royalton Thursday last. His sister has much improved in health.

Mr. Knowles visited with Wm. Lynn the first of the week.

Some people from the Falls are camping in the old Cook house on Squaw point.

Master Hiff Wallmark was a Lake caller Thursday.

Raymond Sims was visiting old friends Thursday. Glad to see you home again Ray.

E. Christianson is expected home from Hoffman soon, where he has been for some time under the care of a physician, for catarrh of the head and throat. He is much better.

Mr. Knowles and Miss Edna Lynn visited at D. W. Sims' Wednesday evening.

Ola Christianson and sister visited at A. W. Cook's Thursday evening.

Ola Christianson and sister visited at Mrs. Ford's Friday last.

T. S. Look, who has been sick several days, is able to be out again.

Messrs. Asplin and Haslan will go to Royalton Saturday and thence north to work.

Messrs. Asplin and Haslan were the guests of S. Taylor Friday night.

AUSLAND

Feb. 18.—A. C. Stroming went to Fort Ripley on business last Tuesday.

F. J. Page, who has been sick for some time, is up and around again.

Jerry Dorosier is hauling logs for Frank Berloff from his place to the sawmill nowadays.

Herman Alguer, Otto Citrowaki and Grover Edeburu returned from Northome, where they have been at work for some time, last Thursday.

Florence and Minnie Otto came down from Northome for a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alguer.