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## ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure to announce this week that we have secured Victor E. Lawson, of the New London Times, as the manager of Willmar Tribune. It is well understood that we have neither the time, nor the necessary experience to properly tend to all the details connected with a live newspaper. Our recent sickness, by no means over yet, made it imperatively necessary for us to make some arrangement to have the paper tended to at once. Taking all the circumstances into consideration and consulting with our friends and supporters in the enterprise, we have come to the conclusion that Mr. Lawson is the man for the place. His connection with the Tribune will be permanent. Most everybody in this county knows Victor Lawson. We have known him intimately for ten years past, and know that he has business ability of a high order. A new boy he took hold of the New London Times and in the limited field before him made a financial success of it, and has gotten out the brightest and liveliest newspaper in the county. He naturally wanted a wider scope for his energies than New London could offer, and being in sympathy with the spirit of the Tribune and confident of the ultimate success of it in every way, he enters upon his new career with an enthusiasm and energy that means success. The friends of Willmar Tribune may congratulate themselves on his accession to the management of it, and Willmar will find that in Victor Lawson they have got a newspaper man that is hard to beat. As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the Willmar Tribune office will be opened with Mr. Lawson in charge.

[The above was written for last week, and it was the intention to have it published in the last issue of the Tribune, but through an error or oversight of the printers it was left out.—Ed.]

## Death by Burning.

The Litchfield Independent tells of the shocking occurrence in Union Grove, near the border line of Kandiyohi and Meeker counties, as follows:

Last Wednesday occurred a fatal accident in Union Grove resulting in the death of Sally Ann Carpenter, an old widow lady, living alone in a small house on the farm of her grandson, George Carpenter, who also resides on the place, but at some distance from the house occupied by the old lady. The first known of the accident was the discovery that the house occupied by the old lady was on fire. On reaching the place the building was found to be on fire inside, and nothing could be done to save it. After the fire had burned down, the charred remains of the old lady were found at the place where the bed had been, indicating that she must have been burned there. How the accident occurred can only be conjectured, but it is thought that while burning some rubbish outside the house, of which there were evidences, her clothing may have caught fire, after which she managed to get into the house and on the bed, setting that on fire. Deceased was 85 years of age, and a native of New York state. She was remarkably active for a person of her years, and had for many years lived alone, preferring to do so. The funeral took place Friday.

There were a few minutes of intense excitement in the village Sunday afternoon. Some person removed the brake from the automatic fire alarm bell attached to the water tower and the same began to descend, ringing in true fire alarm style. A large number of firemen were attending the Otos funeral, and on hearing the alarm jumped into the rigs and drove at the top speed of the horses to the scene. As there were about thirty teams driven in that manner through the streets the excitement can well be imagined. When all had arrived the alarm was found to be a false one, and all became both angry and pleased to hear it, as a fire would have been very serious during the prevailing high wind. The culprit who started the alarm is yet unknown.

Harold, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Glad, of this city, died last week of stomach troubles. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon from the residence, Rev. Gynild officiating.

County Attorney Nordin went to Glenwood Saturday to attend Probate court.

## The Farmer as a Business Man.

We often hear it said by the business men of town that if the farmer would exercise ordinary prudence and business sagacity he would be all right. And then in the next breath some prosperous farmer will be pointed out as an example of what a man can do on the farm by way of acquiring a fortune. Now we all know there is a good deal in the charge above stated, and every farmer should soak his mind a little, and think hard and long enough to thoroughly understand how this thing really is. For the basic trouble with our farmers to-day is that they have been working and working and doing too little thinking. So some time ago we determined to probe this thing to the bottom and give the Tribune readers the result of our investigation.

Now we know a dozen or more farmers in the northern half of Kandiyohi county that are well to do. Some of them are our intimate friends. We made careful inquiry of some of them as to how they managed their business to make farming so successful. Here is the history of one of these successful ones, and it will apply to others of the same class:

Way back in the seventies, when wheat prices were high he harvested good big crops, and although he had to haul it 25 miles to market, he made some money ahead. This money he put out at interest, 10 or 12 percent at that time. He allowed that money to accumulate interest and kept adding to the principal year by year all he could. In 12 or 15 years of this way of doing business he found himself a rich man. To be sure he had no fine house, nor large barn, nor fine buggy, but he had money on interest, doubling itself every 5 or 6 years. For several years past he has had no need of farming, for his interest will more than keep him. Now this man it is said made his money by farming, but did he? In one sense he did make his start by farming, but in the real true sense he made it more by money loaning than farming.

Now here is another farmer, a friend of ours, he has a splendid farm of three hundred acres. He has a fine house, a large barn, and a lot of choice stock, especially horses. He has all the newest improved farm machinery and his farm is in a very high state of cultivation. If you look inside of the dwelling house you find goodly furnished rooms with organ and pictures, books, etc. Nothing extravagant, yet most everything that an ordinary intelligent family would desire to make home comfortable. Yet this home is not comfortable nor happy. Why? Because there is a mortgage hanging over it, and the occupants realize that some day in the future they may have to evacuate the old home. For twenty-five years this family has been planting down capital in the shape of improvements and ornamentation in the laudable effort to make the home happy and beautiful, but the last few years have blasted all their hopes of former times. Said the head of the family to us: "Of course my condition is really my own fault. Had I stinted my family, put the money on interest instead of into improvements, I would have been all right. But I, fool as I was, supposed that good times would continue. I see now that the progressive wide-awake farmer has no show in this country along side of the miser."

No one will deny that this condition is only too true of too many farmers in Kandiyohi county. But we have now a few questions for the critical business men to answer before they taunt the farmer again for his want of business foresight.

1st. Suppose all the farmers had adopted the policy of the first mentioned farmer, whom you point to as a smart business man—and we admit the truth of your assertion—isn't it more than likely that you would not have been in business here to-day?

2nd. Isn't it true that farmer No. 2, and his like, has been your big customer and enabled you to make your money? Hasn't he bought your carloads of machinery, furniture, dry goods, lumber, etc., etc., been the liberal borrower at the Banks, in fact the main spoke in the wheel of business in this and every other live town? We admit that he has been too liberal for his own good in buying things that he did not absolutely need, but we insist that this very liberality has rebounded to the benefit of the business man in town. Now if the above statement is true, and we believe it cannot be disputed, it behooves the business men to treat farmer

No. 2 with all leniency and more than usual consideration and encouragement rather than in a critical spirit. We are pleased to notice that some of our business men deserve all praise for realizing the truth of this matter. For such this is not written. But some do not seem to understand it as they ought to, and as a consequence an antagonism is engendered between the farmer and the business men of our towns that ought not to exist. The true interest of country and town is identical and reciprocal. Every business man in town should, for his own interest if for no other reason, strive to promote the interest of his customer on whom trade and his business depends. Both should join hand in hand for the promotion of the welfare of our local and sectional interests. Charity begins at home. Now in referring to this matter we do not want to wound anybody's feelings, but simply to state the truth as we see it, and as on mature consideration we believe it is, in order to clear up misunderstandings between different classes of citizens and to promote the harmonious action of all for the best interests of all. We as the editor of an independent newspaper can speak more freely on such matters without reproach, and get a more candid hearing from all parties, we believe, than a strictly partisan organ.

We want this section to prosper, and we want our business men to step to the front to help our farmers that are in financial trouble. By helping them they help themselves.

The history of past ages excites our commiseration when we read about how one nation inflicted barbarities upon another by wars of conquest and plunder. And then we thank God we live in better times, but it is a serious question whether man's inhumanity to man is really any less now than in former ages. True, armies do not now devastate whole regions with materials, fire and sword. The process of devastation has been refined, but we believe it is as cruel, and more so, than ever before. Formerly it was the physical body that was tortured, now it is the soul. Look at the haggard and careworn faces you meet at every corner. You ask them what is the matter and ninety-nine out of every hundred will tell you that times are hard. Yes, times are hard! What a volume of meaning there is in this little phrase. Days of anxiety and worry, loss of appetite and sleepless nights. Times are hard! The bright hopes of cosy homes for declining age of former times are blasted. Despair for the future has taken its place. The savings of a life time have vanished into thin air. The brightest and best of men are wandering around and wondering what to do next. An ever increasing army is marching to the insane asylum or suicides' grave. Is this not devastation with a vengeance?

A few men in Wall street, and Lombard street, money brokers and stock jobbers, men whose God is gold, whose heart is iron, and whose hands are gory with the blood of the brightest and best of modern mankind. The Rothschilds, the Goulds, the Vanderbelts, the Partridges, the soul-killers, reason-destroyers, the black death of modern civilization, more fearful than any monarch of past times, more despotic than any tyrant of history and more cruel and destructive than Alaric, the Goth and Vandal.

Business men ought to be shrewd enough to see where their interests lie. The 15,000 failures of last year should teach them that the road to bankruptcy is growing greater every year. The business men's interests are in common with those of the farmer and laboring man. When these prosper, the business man's day of prosperity is also at hand. The political interests, too, are identical. The farmer and laboring man are on the right side. When will the business man get there?—Dawn.

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O. B. Olson is spending his vacation from the Normal school at St. Cloud, at Willmar.

A. J. Roberts, of the Chippewa Co. Review of Montevideo, is visiting in town, having leased his paper for three months.

We are informed that the drainage bill of the state capital lands is passed. Representative Feig and Senator Thorpe deserve credit for their untiring efforts in getting it through.

## Married.

Mr. Peter Larson to Miss Christine Larson, both of East Lake Lillian, at the office of the Clerk of Court, yesterday.

A. G. Mardin at Spicer is preparing for a big season's run at the lake. He is overhauling his boats and making other preparations to increase his facilities for entertaining and furnishing supplies to his patrons. Mardin is a painstaking and jolly good fellow and we wish him much success in his undertakings.

The local news department of the Tribune which has so far been, sadly neglected owing to the lack of time of the Doctor will hereafter receive more attention. Arrangements are being made for a corps of news correspondents from all parts of the county. We expect to make the Tribune a newspaper in every sense of the word.

Since the article in the Tribune of Mr. Quam's relative to an agricultural experimental station, we are informed that there is a bill before the legislature for establishing the new stations in the northwestern part of the State. Now what is the matter with getting one here? This should not be a partisan political matter. And we can assure our delegation that the Tribune and Populists of Kandiyohi county will duly appreciate any effort they may make to secure it.

## Town Clerks of Kandiyohi Co. and Their Post Offices.

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Lake Lillian	..... J. E. Flynn	Lake Lillian
East Lake Lillian	..... L. P. Over	Lake Lillian
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Norway Lake	..... John J. Week	Aspen
Whitefield	..... A. G. Nelson	Willmar
Willmar	..... E. S. Smithson	Hawick
Willmar	..... A. W. Strand	Pennock
Willmar	..... Sam Osmundson	Willmar

## DIED.

Otos—Hannah, on Friday, April 12, 1895, of lung fever, at an age of about 23 years.

The deceased, who was plucked so ruthlessly in her youth by the grim reaper Death, is of a well known and respected family. Her mother, Mrs. Carrie Otos, passed away but a month ago, (March 5th.) Miss Hannah leaves in life three brothers, K. T. B. T. and J. T. Otos, and two sisters, Mrs. A. P. Quam and Miss Oline Otos, to mourn the departure of a loved sister. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock p. m., the services being conducted in the United Lutheran church by Rev. Gynild.

Birch caught with the half of one ear last week that Victor E. Lawson had bought an interest in Willmar Tribune. Straight away he run around and told that Dr. Johnson had sold out, that his editorial career was ended, etc. Evidently the wish was father of the thought. But Birch is of course way off as usual. No, Dr. Johnson has not sold out, never did, and never will. He simply took a partner, a live wide awake newspaper man to manage and print the Tribune. Instead of selling out and quitting as Birch would have it, this move means hitching up a double team on Willmar Tribune, and a new start for a race in the newspaper business in Willmar. As we have said before we are not here to do up either Birch or Crosby. Willmar Tribune is here to supply the need of an independent newspaper, which neither of them can do. The Litchfield Independent has distanced both of its old party competitors, and there is no reason why Willmar Tribune under proper manage-

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No. 29, Freight, Arr. Dep. 5:00 a. m.  
TRAINS GOING EAST.  
No. 8, Arr. 2:50 p. m., Dep. 3:00 p. m.  
No. 10, Arr. 2:50 p. m., Dep. 3:00 p. m.  
No. 28, Freight, Arr. Dep. 5:00 a. m.  
No. 30, Willmar & Sioux Falls.  
No. 61, Passenger, Arr. Dep. 12:40 p. m.  
No. 63, Freight, Arr. Dep. 2:30 p. m.  
No. 62, Passenger, Arr. Dep. 2:50 p. m.  
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