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July 4th.

'Twas a Glorious Day at Willmar.

Big Crowds, Good Program, Lots of Enthusiasm.

Willmar does not often celebrate the Fourth, but when she does, it is on a grand scale.

Thus last Thursday, as the gray dawn in the east came stealing on, the guns and omnipresent fire-cracker began to roar. Young America was in his element, and the day being fine, was enjoyed by all.

Early in the day teams by the hundreds streamed in from every point of the compass, and the trains unloaded big crowds, so by ten o'clock the streets were thronged by thousands of people from the remotest towns of the county and from outside towns.

It also at that time became apparent that the business men of Willmar were preparing a grand industrial parade. They had caught the genuine 4th of July enthusiasm, and when the parade swung into line and float after float wheeled by, it proved no trifling affair. About thirty rigs, fixed out in every conceivable manner, manned with people with varied costumes, exhibited well almost every phase of our extensive business interests.

Headed by the Benson Cornet Band followed in regular order the float representing the states, the industrial parade, city, and county officials and speaker of the day, G. A. R. mounted, the Norway Lake Cornet Band, Willmar Fire Department, bicycle riders, etc. The procession started from the Court House square and marched through the principal streets to the Park, where the exercises of the day came off.

Ex. Lieut. Gov. Rice, the President of the Day, opened the program at the park in his usual happy manner. Alderman Cramer spoke for the Council. Next followed Hon. C. M. King, the orator of the day, with an excellent address. Dr. Johnson spoke shortly at the close, as the representative of the press.

In the afternoon the various games and races came off.

The ball game was the attraction of the crowd for a couple of hours. The official score of the game will be found on the third page of this issue. It was a pretty spirited contest, ably conducted on both sides. We are pleased to notice that the Benson boys were so well pleased with their visit here notwithstanding their defeat in the game. They are a noble lot of athletes.

We will also say that the Benson Band entertained us in great shape. The committee made no mistake in engaging them.

The Norway Lake Band also deserve thanks for their good services. Their white summer dress made a showy appearance, and the excellence of their music was really more than could be expected from a country band.

The fire-works in the evening were enjoyed by a large and appreciative concourse of people.

Only one accident of a serious nature marred the pleasure of the day—the fall of Wm. Sperry caused by the breaking of one of the Fire Co. ladders. The escape of Mr. Sperry from serious injury or instant death was almost miraculous. He sustained a bad bruise of his left shoulder especially, besides other minor contusions. He will no doubt recover in a couple of weeks.

Altogether the celebration was a grand success. Various rumors about small pox circulated in the country a couple of days before probably kept some away. Still we had a large crowd and everybody felt that they had spent a profitable and pleasant celebration, and the people of

Willmar feel well pleased with so eminent a success of their efforts.

What Benson People Thought of the Celebration.

(From the Swift Co. Monitor.)

Benson was well represented at Willmar yesterday. Nearly 100 persons went down on the early morning freight, taking advantage of the accommodations offered by the company in putting on an extra coach. In addition to these, a large number took the afternoon train and others went Wednesday.

The band played a couple of selections at the depot before starting and also livened up matters at Murdock and Kerkhoven by getting out and playing. Arriving at Willmar shortly before nine, the company broke ranks and scattered, amusing themselves until the procession formed at ten o'clock.

The procession was quite an extensive affair. It was headed by the Benson cornet band and then in order came the regulation float with little girls representing the different states, an industrial parade, city and county officials and the orator of the day in carriages, members of the G. A. R., Norway Lake cornet band, bicycle riders, the "horribles," followed by citizens in carriages. The industrial display was first-class, showing great enterprise and ingenuity on the part of the business houses that entered. After parading through the principal streets, a halt was made at the city park. Here the addresses were given and the bands dispensed music.

We have not the space nor the time to give a detailed writeup of the day's program. Benson people have perhaps more interest in the ball game than in the other features. A short racing program was given at the fair grounds and then the ball game commenced.

The Faithful Workers.

Altogether the celebration on the Fourth was a great success. This was chiefly due to the efficiency and push of the committee on arrangement, consisting of the following gentlemen: John Williams, chairman; Geo. H. Otterness, Louis Moine, H. S. Wakeman, F. C. Hardy, H. S. Peterson and S. E. Stansberry. John Olson, though not on the committee, was one of the first and most efficient movers in the undertaking and hence deserves honorable mention in this connection. Ex. Lieut. Gov. Rice was also usefully employed during the month of June by writing to all the prominent speakers of the State. But the demand for 4th of July speakers was so great this year, that nearly every prominent man of his acquaintance was pledged many weeks ahead. Willmar has demonstrated that she can celebrate, do you see?

The Floats.

The following is a list of the business men represented in the industrial parade, as near as we can learn:

- S. A. Rasmuson, Blacksmithy.
- J. Lindner, Cigar Factory.
- Sam Osmundson, Pianos and Organs.
- Burr & Johnson, General Dealers.
- Doble Bros., Livery.
- Andreen & Larson, Paint shop.
- J. Lundquist & Co., Stoves.
- Peter Bonde, Willmar Flour & Feed.
- F. W. Kraes, Drugs and Groceries.
- J. D. Wolpert, Gent's Furnishings, Boots and Shoes.
- Manning & Co., Gen'l Mdse.
- Rodlan & Johnson, Advertising Cards.
- C. G. Wennerlund, Watches, Clocks, etc.
- C. J. Jorgenson, Harness Shop.
- Ohsberg, Peterson & Co., Hardware.

ware. I. C. Olson, House Furnishings. G. A. Carlson, Photographer. Lawrence & Sperry, Boat Builders.

Gudmund P. Karwand, Pony Deering Binder. A. Larson, Farm Supplies. Williams & Davies, Gen'l Merchandise.

E. P. Sundfors, Flour & Feed. Dehlbon, Johnson & Co., Willmar Brick Yard.

Johnson, Fridlund & Moine, Gen'l Merchandise. Willmar Novelty Wood Works.

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The float containing the small girls representing the different states was tastily arranged, and presented a beautiful sight. John Williams was the manager of the float.

Cushman Rice won the first prize in the bicycle race and Robert Otterness the 2nd. Minor Boyd won the first prize in the 12 mile bicycle race. Robert Otterness won first money in the sprinting contest.

Mr. Kjosvold of Granite Falls visited with friends in town over the Fourth.

Frank Linderholm, of Belgrade, was in the City last Friday transacting business.

Prof. Fink, of New London, is now down to survey the big ditch below Lake Lillian.

Quite a number of our young people drove out to and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Phil. Haley last Saturday evening. A very pleasant and sociable time is reported.

Lawrence & Sperry launched the yacht that they are building for F. G. Handy last Saturday on Naean Lake. The boat is a dandy, and is a credit to Willmar enterprise, and especially to the skill of the builders. Anyone wanting boats of any description should not fail to see Lawrence & Sperry. They are experts in boat building.

Hendrick Larson, an old and well known resident of Lake Andrew, died last Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. Mr. Larson has been ailing for nearly 2 years with chronic cystitis. Friday he was taken sick again and passed away as above stated. He was about 65 years old. He was born in Norway, lived about 10 years in Rice county and in town of Lake Andrew about 18 years. He leaves a wife and 11 children; three girls and eight boys. Annie, the oldest girl, is married and lives in Minneapolis, the rest of them are here close to home. Mr. Larson was a hard worker and a good citizen, and will be missed all around. He will be buried Wednesday, tomorrow, at the Synod church at Norway Lake. The bereaved family has the sympathy of all.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the legal voters of the Independent District of Willmar (No. 47) for the purpose of electing two members of the Board of Education to serve three years in place of F. G. Handy and S. S. Glarum whose terms expire, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held in the Willmar High School room Saturday, July 20th at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. SOPHIA L. RICE, Clerk, Board of Education.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

- WILLMAR, MINN., July 2nd 1895.
- Miss Gunda Amunson.
- Mrs. Niroline Anderson.
- Mr. Willie Hayslett.
- Mrs. Bessie Harrigan.
- Miss Thilda Johnson.
- Care of J. O. Stanghel.
- Miss Ida Nelson.
- Mrs. O. B. Sorenson.
- S. E. STANSBERRY, P. M.

FORSBERG HEARD FROM.

He Relates His Experiences While a Victim of the Small-pox Scare.

As I have of late gained considerable unsolicited notoriety, a few words to the public may perhaps not be out of place. I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the village authorities of Willmar and others for the kind treatment received during my exile or quarantine for the supposed attack of varioloid. I will say that I was provided with all modern conveniences for camping out and my castle was situated in a beautiful grove on a peninsula the shores of which are washed by the waters of Foot Lake. I was provided with a companion who acted as nurse, chief cook, steward, waiter, dish-washer and maid of all work, which offices he filled to my entire satisfaction. Our larder was well supplied by a special police appointed for the purpose of attending our wants and necessities. And as I did not spend a day but was feeling quite well all the time, I occupied my time with angling for the finny tribe, but as my catch most generally consisted of a thorny tribe, known as bullheads, I would return them to the place from whence they came, and catch them over and over again. At other times I would read the papers and watch my growing notoriety. Under these circumstances we ought to have been happy, had we only had a few more visitors for company's sake. The only inhabitants of our grove were a lot of small birds of different species whose commingled song would help to break the monotony; and now and then a poor, straggling member of the floating population (otherwise known as tramps) would stray up along the lake shore in search of prey, ignorant of the threatening danger awaiting him. Then my attendant would jump onto him with the ferocity of a bully of a pot gang, and solemnly pronounce his death warrant if he dared approach within the sacred precincts of our abode. At the mere mention of the word, "Small Pox" they would strike a bee-line for pastures new, and some would not even dare to turn around but would back away some distance before doing so for fear the contagion should catch them unawares in the back when they could not see it. A small pox sign is an effective scare-crow for tramps and other vermin. A sign in plain print is all that is necessary, whether the case of the victim of misplaced confidence has been diagnosed by a doctor standing outside and looking in through a closed window cuts no figure.

But now that precaution has been taken and the patient properly "crucified" or "exiled" and well smoked and fumed for the welfare of the rest of humanity, we ought all to be happy. It is nevertheless unfortunate for both the victim and the public that the symptoms of varioloid or chicken-pox and those of varioloid should be so much identical and obscured as not to be distinguishable one from the other, even by close examination by two reputable physicians and a third looking in through a closed window. But I have nevertheless the right to express my doubts as to the correctness of the diagnosis of my case, and the consequences have already proven, as the opportunities for transmitting it to others were indeed plenty had the disease been the extremely contagious varioloid, and other cases would have developed long ere this. Thanking you one and all for the kindness and patience you have shown throughout this dramatic farce, wherein I was unfortunately made to play the unenviable part of star actor, I remain, Yours Truly, J. C. FORSBERG.

See Olson & Otos if you desire a loan on Village Property.

FREE SILVER CONVENTION?

It has been suggested to the Editor of Willmar Tribune by other editors that all free silver editors of the State have a convention or meeting to talk over matters and things pertaining to united action on the silver question irrespective of party affiliations. We are in favor of this move, emphatically so. Are you ready for the question Brethren? If so, say yes, and your humble servant will do anything in his power to bring this about. If no better place can be suggested we offer Willmar as the place to meet. It is central to the State, has good railroad connection, and will fill the bill in every particular. What do you say, Brethren?

The Republican league should have adopted a ringing resolution on the ratio business.—Willmar Argus.

We wonder what kind of a "ratio business" the Argus is in favor of?

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carlson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Little, (all of West Superior) are visiting with relatives in town of Dove. Messrs. Carlson made our city a visit last Saturday and we understand they are thinking of locating here in the future.

Farmer's Attention!

We have opened up in the Olson store building at SPICER an exchange store, where we will exchange Flour, Bran and Shorts for Wheat, giving just as much as either the Atwater or Willmar mills. We will also keep on hand at all times Flour, Rye Meal, Corn Meal, Graham, Bran, Shorts and Ground Feed for sale. Every pound of Flour warranted, and satisfaction guaranteed. Bring along your grists and give us a trial.

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No. 38, Freight.	Dep. 6:00 a. m.
No. 38, " "	Dep. 8:50 p. m.
WILLMAR DIVISION.	
No. 11, Arrives.	8:50 p. m.
No. 12, Leaves.	5:30 a. m.

WILLMAR & SIOUX FALLS.

Nod. Passenger. Dep. 12:10 p. m. No. 43, Freight. Dep. 3:00 p. m. No. 64, Freight. Arr. 2:50 p. m. No. 64, Freight. Arr. 7:30 p. m.

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