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Willmar's Population in 1895.

A Gain of Over 40 Per Cent Since Last Census.

A special telegram to the TRIBUNE as we go to press states that the recent count of the people of Willmar village and township gave the combined territory a population of 3049, and the Town alone, 509, which leaves the population of the village at 2540. The census of 1890 gave Willmar a population of 1825; hence the increase during the last five years has been 715—over forty per cent. This is a flattering gain and indicates that Willmar is rapidly getting to the front as the metropolis of her part of the state. We have the territory and the business. A good long steady pull, a pull all together, and the percent of increase will be still higher during the next five years. While we will not say that the above figures are official, the sender of the message undoubtedly knew what he was about and the above figures will be found to be a pretty close guess.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The next Teachers' Examinations for Kandiyohi county will be held as follows:

Willmar, Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31; New London, Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3; Atwater, September 5 and 6.

The examination in Temperance Hygiene will be given at 1:30 p. m. on the second day at each place.

Come prepared with lead pencil, rubber eraser, and no scratch book.

The examination will open at 9 a. m. each day. Be prompt, as the rules laid down by the State Department of Public Instruction must be closely followed.

B. S. COVELL, Co. Supt.

Office Co. Supt., Willmar, Minn., Aug. 1, 1895.

Tented City.

The educational feature has been made a prominent element in the success of the fair which is given annually under the auspices of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, on the grounds at Hamline, midway between St. Paul and Minneapolis. This feature will be quite as prominent this year, as usual. The lecturers in the Farmer's Institute course will, as in previous years, deliver lectures in Institute hall, on the grounds, and arrangements have been made for an unlimited number of tents for those who desire to camp on the grounds during the weeks of the fair, or from Sept. 9th to 14th, inclusive. These tents will accommodate six persons, and may be had without cost by application to Dr. J. C. Curryer, who may be addressed at Hamline. Season admission tickets may be had for \$2, covering admission to the grounds during all the week. Meals may be had on the grounds at a reasonable price.

The Great Northern Specialty company made their appearance at the rink last Friday evening as announced. The negro singing and repartee was good and created much amusement. The company has some most excellent voices, the deep bass being especially worthy of notice. The music loving portion of the audience would have preferred to hear a few more of the impressive selections but the largest portion were bent on having fun and the "oons" did not disappoint them. At the close of the performance and singing, Mr. LaGrave, the manager, ordered the lights put out and with the aid of his powerful calcium lights threw a succession of views onto the screen, which for originality and interest excel anything we have seen in that line before. They were views of points of interest along the Great Northern system of transportation from Buffalo to Seattle, and from there to Alaska. It is a great advertisement of the picturesque scenery along the G. N. line.

John Nygren, son of Olof Nygren of Dove, returned to Minneapolis last Saturday after a few weeks vacation at his home. He is a compositor with Perry, the Printer.

PULLMAN AND THE STRIKE.

Rev. Wm. H. Carwardine, the eloquent divine from Pullman, lectured last Saturday evening at the rink and was greeted by the smallest audience which he has yet addressed. In as much as he came to Willmar in response to a request of Mr. Debs, and as his work is heartily endorsed by the bishop of his church—the Methodist Episcopal—it was indeed remarkable that only a two-score audience should congregate to hear his most interesting address, and it cannot be explained in any way except that the affair was not sufficiently advertised. Rev. Carwardine dealt with his subject in a masterly manner. He gave a sketch of the "model" town of Pullman, model only in some respects. Gave out a number of facts regarding the system of rents, etc. As an illustration may be mentioned the "Greenstone" church, the only church edifice in the whole town, which had never until last year been used because Mr. Pullman wanted \$300 each month in rent; the "model" parsonage has never been occupied by a clergyman because no clergyman's salary would ever suffice to pay the rent. He also stated that the Y. M. C. A. work had to be discontinued because the expenses of the small room they occupied in the Arcade building—amounting to over \$40 per month—would not be reduced by Mr. Pullman because of his "principle," although urged to do so from different quarters. Rev. Carwardine's church occupies a room in the "Casino" at an expense of over \$500.00 per annum. The speaker reviewed the grievances of the men and it was the facts regarding these that had impelled him to go out and lecture, as he had become aware of that the outside world did not know the true state of affairs. He told how the wages of the laborers had been reduced with the rents not reduced, etc.; how the men had been rebuffed by Mr. Pullman when they came to him in their troubles; how the men had become discouraged by the successful strike on the Great Northern and organized; how they appealed to Debs for assistance; how Debs cautioned them not to strike if they could avoid it but promised their assistance if it should come to the worst; how the strike was precipitated, and the events developing therefrom; how the strikers were blamed for violence done by lawless mobs of which they formed no part; how the principle they struck for was as dear to the men and even more vital than those which impelled the Revolutionary fathers in their great strike in 1776; how Mr. Pullman was appealed to, not only by the strikers, but by the city government, the state government and even from Washington; how he remained obdurate and continued to enjoy himself at the seashore; how afterwards the strikers, when given their discharges, were given certificates of good character written on sheets of paper watermarked in such manner as to convey to any railway manager to whom the man might come that he was a striker, and thus that his weary search for work would be useless.

After his vivid and impressive rehearsal of the events and conditions of the Pullman struggle, Mr. Carwardine talked of the lessons to be learned from the strike. Time and space will not permit us to make any more comments, but will conclude with saying that none could hear the lecture without greatly profiting by it. We believe we are safe in saying that should Mr. Carwardine ever come again he would have a larger audience.

Rev. Carwardine spent Sunday at Willmar, preaching in the Presbyterian church in the forenoon and in the evening at the M. E. church. He lectured at St. Cloud last night, from whence he makes the return trip to his home.

Wheat in Meeker Co. is turning out from 25 to 45 bushels per acre.

L. S. Covell, of Kerkhoven, a brother of our genial Superintendent, was a caller in the City last Saturday.

Editor Lawson, of the New London Times, and sister, Doraspent Sunday with friends and relatives in town.

S. Anderson, one of our leading jewelry dealers, with family, went to Fergus Falls Saturday for a two weeks vacation.

Supt. Covell went to the Cities Sunday to attend a Co. Superintendent's convention which convenes at the capitol this week.

A report from Burbank states that the large barn and windmill on Dehbm's farm has been consumed by fire. Partly covered by insurance.

The population of Litchfield by the census of 1895 is 2044. 1890 the population was 1899. The increase during the past five years is therefore only 145.

T. H. Burr, who recently moved to this city from Harrison, Kandiyohi county, has rented the north room of the Forster building and in about two weeks will open a fruit and confectionery store.—Litchfield Review.

Willmar Markets.
Wheat—54 cents.
Oats—25 cents.
Corn—40 cents.
Barley—30 cents.
Flax—90 cents.
Potatoes—about 30 cents.
Eggs—9 cents.
Butter—9 to 10 cents.

Marriage licenses were granted to the following at the court house yesterday: Albert M. Greenfield and Helena B. Larson, both of St. Johns. Charles Thompson and Mrs. Christina Christoferson, both of Colfax. The latter couple was married by Justice Ramset immediately.

A new Presbyterian church is now assured for Atwater. Four hundred dollars has been subscribed by parties at Diamond Lake and Harrison while the village have raised some \$500 more, this with further assistance from the Board of Election of this denomination will give the project success with doubt.—Atwater Republican.

It is next Monday evening that the Ke-Echo quartet from Rock Island, Ill., give their concert at the Swedish Lutheran church at this place. Don't miss this opportunity of hearing splendid vocal talent. There will no doubt be a large attendance from the country and from neighboring points. Tickets for sale at door at 25 cents. Doors open at 8 p. m. Don't miss it.

Mikkelsen & Skoog opened their new meat market in the old Rose building last Saturday. They have fitted up their shop in fine style and are determined to get their share of business if first-class service can get it. We are personally acquainted with Mr. Mikkelsen from New London and will say that he has staying qualities and will give the meat business here the stimulus of a good healthy competition. Success to the new firm.

E. M. Tonsley, Deputy Head Consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, says that Willmar is soon to be honored by the greatest event in the history of Modern Woodmen of America, by the initiation of a class of 50 or 75 new members. A team of 15 from Flour City Camp No. 630, Minneapolis, will be here to exemplify the ceremonial work. The team is composed of many of the most prominent men interested in the milling industry. Several head officers will be present, among the number being Hon. Benj. D. Smith, of Mankato, director; Head Physician, C. A. McCollom, of Minneapolis; State Deputy W. H. Dawson of Slayton, Minn.; and last but not least, Head Consul of the Order, Hon. Wm. A. Northcott, of Greenville, Ill. There will be reduced railroad fare. The initiation will take place in the early part of September.

A DESTRUCTIVE STORM

Swept Over this County Last Friday Afternoon.

A Sad Fatality Occurred in Northern Part of the County near Kerkhoven—Great Damage Done to Property.

An ugly cloud swept over Willmar about four o'clock Friday afternoon. It was nearly dark. The wind blew a hurricane, followed by a drenching rain and hail. The storm was accompanied by violent electrical convulsions. The loss in the county from the destruction wrought by the storm will aggregate into thousands of dollars. New reports of damage done are continually coming in. The grain stacks in the larger share of the county are nearly all tumbled down and scattered over the fields. The windmills left standing are exceptions; many buildings are blown down; many settings of wheat are burned; many head horses and cattle are killed; and great damage was done to the corn crop. Many people took refuge in their cellars, expecting a cyclone and from appearances in several places one would judge that some twisters did accompany the blow.

At Andreas Nybakken's place, 6 miles north of Kerkhoven, Nils Oslund was killed by lightning and afterwards was partially burned. The lightning struck the barn and the same caught fire and burned down with a great deal of hay. Two horses were killed by the bolt. Otto Nybakken was also struck and lamed. Our Kerkhoven correspondent writes as follows regarding this sad occurrence: "It is with grief that we chronicle the sad fate which met Nels Oslund Friday. While engaged in putting in a team of horses in Nybakken's stable, lightning struck, killing him and the horses and set fire to the stable, burning his body beyond recognition. The charred remains of the unfortunate man were buried Sunday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the grief stricken widow and children."

Lightning struck in several places in town: Lars Halvorson had a narrow escape from being killed in his shop, the band stand was struck, and other bolts descended without doing much damage. The water gauge caught 2.20 inches of water. Halvor Shipstead had a narrow escape. He took refuge in a granary 3 miles south of Willmar during the storm and the building was blown to pieces over his head. He luckily escaped all bodily injury.

Phil. Haley lost two grain stacks by lightning. Mr. Falk of Fahlun, 4 stacks, Mr. Lindman of same town, 5 stacks.

An employee of Anton Sand at Grue had a narrow escape from death. He was riding one horse and holding another when the lightning struck and killed both horses. The man was stunned but recovered.

A. P. Almquist's new large barn in Lake Andrew was totally demolished. A horse standing near by was hit and sustained a broken leg.

3 head of cattle were killed at Lake Andrew, the property of John Lundin.

A horse was killed at Ringville, the property of Amund, Amundson.

The barn of Hans P. Rasmussen near Pennock was demolished.

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.

JOHNSON & PINNEY, Props. New London Roller Mills.

Mossberg's Wonderful Healer is absolutely the only remedy on the market guaranteed to cure barb wire cuts and sores of all kinds on horses and other animals. Heals without leaving a scar. Try it.

See Olson & Otos if you desire a loan on farm property.

Old papers for sale at this office.

WILLMAR VS. BRAINERD.

Brainerd—4 0 0 1 1 0 0 3 6—15
Willmar—0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Considerable interest was manifested in the game yesterday and there was a large crowd present. The game was a better one than the score indicates. A few errors at critical times cost our boys a better standing. They had hardly hoped to win the game but they had expected to hold down the score in better shape. The Brainerd boys are all husky heavy-weight men and our boys were markedly slender and light in comparison. Our boys are also weak in their batting propensities. They have the right stuff in them for a crack nine but practice is the one thing necessary to make perfect and Willmar so seldom has a chance to bat a good pitcher that they might as well be said that they have had no practice at all in that line. Steps must be taken to lease and enclose a ball ground. Then the boys will have no trouble in getting all the games they want by clubs who are willing to play for a percentage of the receipts. Horr, who pitched for Willmar, struck out six men, while Howe for Brainerd puzzled eight. Col. Vadnaus of Kandiyohi umpired after the 3rd inning.

THE PICNIC AT SPICER.

To-morrow the A. O. U. W. and the D. of H. will have their great picnic at Green Lake in honor of a visit of their Grand Lodge officers. From present indications, there will be a large attendance. A special train will leave Willmar for Spicer at 9:30 a. m. sharp returning in the evening. The train is not intended simply to carry the lodge picnickers but also to accommodate the general public as there will be a sort of a general outing as well. There will be a basket picnic at Mardin's pavilion for A. O. U. W. and D. of H. members and their families exclusively. Grand Master of Workman Lodge and other Grand Lodge officers will be present; also Grand Chief of Honor, Mrs. Daily. There is an elaborate program of music and speech-making etc., etc. Of course all A. O. U. W. and D. of H. will be there. There will be a grand time.

There was a bad cutting affair at the Exchange Hotel Sunday night. A brakeman named Hubbard was cut by another brakeman by the name of Roots. We understand that the latter was somewhat intoxicated and attempted to come into the room of the former and go to bed with him. In attempting to put him out of the room, Mr. Hubbard received an ugly gash across his stomach. The examination occurs this morning before Justice Otterness.

Raymond and Town of Fahlun base ball nines played a hotly contested game at Raymond Sunday. The score standing 23 to 17 in favor of Raymond. The game was witnessed by a large crowd, among which were some of Willmar's lovers of sport.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the Willmar Seminary in another column. Those wishing to attend school will do well to inquire into the advantages of this institution of learning.

The Clara City boys and Holland nine played a game of ball a week ago Sunday that ended in a fight, and we are told that arrests will follow.

Several Benson people were in town yesterday and seemed to be pleased with the result of the ball game.

A great deal of local matter, as well as correspondence and comment, was crowded out this week.

Congressman Eddy came over to Willmar yesterday in time to witness the ball game.

COME AND TRY US.

SEND FOR THE Twelfth Annual Catalogue of THE Willmar Seminary

In addition to the courses which have been offered heretofore, the Seminary has this year added four new courses, as follows: ADVANCED ENGLISH & TEACHERS' COURSE, SCIENTIFIC COURSE, CLASSICAL COURSE, & COMPLETE MUSIC COURSE

Expenses of attending low. Tuition per term of 12 weeks, \$10. Arrangements have been made to establish a boarding club which will furnish board at cost. Good furnished rooms at 25 to 50 cents per week. Fall term begins Oct. 1st, 1895. Catalogue gives full information.

STERLING SILVER INLAID SPOONS.

WARRANTED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

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THE IMPROVED Elgin WIND MILL

SECTIONAL STEEL MILL ON THE MARKET.

Guaranteed Against Cyclones. W. A. SPERRY.

NEW LONDON CARDING MILL

is now running in charge of CARL O. ARNE, An expert Carding Mill operator.

He guarantees satisfaction. Send your wool to this mill. A. Larson & Co. at Willmar take in wool for this mill.

HILBERT'S STOLEN SWEETS

Best Perfume in the market. Sold only by Carlson Bros. & Frost.

HAMPEN BROS., BELGRADE, MINN.

GROCERIES AND DRY GOODS.

We will always pay the highest market price for BUTTER and EGGS, and sell our goods as CHEAP as any in town.

COME AND TRY US.

New London Roller Mills

Johnson & Pinney, Proprietors. New London, Minn.

We are now in shape to take care of all our patrons

We have a sufficient supply of flour and mill stuff on hand to do exchange work. Feed ground at all times Every pound of Flour Guaranteed.