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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Miss Mabel Johnson of Fahlun was in town Saturday.

Jonah Gould has sold his milk business to Wesley Burr.

Miss Tillie Bonde is assisting in the register of deeds office.

FOR RENT--Rooms above telegraph office in Gilger Block. WM. GILGER.

Attorney Sam'l Olson left this week on a business trip to Kansas City, Mo.

Stansberry & Spicer are selling the best low down farm wagon ever sold for \$40.00.

For a large delicious dish of ice cream go to the Farmers' Restaurant on Benson Ave.

FOR SALE--Residence property, one corner lot, 5 room house. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. John Ostlund and Miss Regina Holmgren of Mamre were Willmar visitors Saturday.

Don't fail to hear Rev. Adams next Tuesday evening, at the Presbyterian church.

Prof. Hilleboe and family came from Benson Saturday for a brief visit with friends.

Stansberry & Spicer's line of Buggies and Carriages is the best ever seen west of Minneapolis.

Subject for sermon in the Methodist church next Sunday evening will be: "Repentance Up to Date."

It looks like a city warehouse to see Stansberry & Spicer's Buggy display—and prices just as cheap.

A. Westerlund and Peter Johanson of Kerkhoven transacted business in Willmar Monday afternoon.

Charles Brown, of Big Lake, Minn., called on Willmar friends this week enroute to his home from Raymond.

A nice carriage is no longer a luxury. Stansberry & Spicer offer them in all styles at wonderfully low prices.

Next Monday the tax sale for '98 taxes will commence. From that time the judgments will draw 12 percent interest.

Mrs. J. D. Sprague and daughter, Miss Gertrude Sprague, of Minneapolis, were guests at the home of J. F. Branton this week.

Rev. W. Finch and family of Beaver Creek are visiting at the home of W. W. Knight. The Reverend is on his way to Fergus Falls.

The Ladies' Social Union will meet with Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Cramer on Friday afternoon of this week. All are cordially invited.

Conductor J. P. Deyaney and family have been visiting Willmar relatives and friends this week. They are located at Hutchinson.

Walter Emerson, a former Willmar boy but now of Sauk Centre, is in the village this week in the interest of the Champion machines.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Galliford next Thursday afternoon. All are requested to bring their bibles.

Wm. J. Pinney moved his household goods yesterday from the Frost residence into his home on Litchfield avenue, formerly O'Brien's place.

It is really a treat for one wishing a buggy or carriage to have a stock like Stansberry & Spicer's to select from. Everything in the buggy line.

Mrs. A. C. Skoog has been seriously ill the past week with hemorrhage of the lungs. At this writing we are pleased to state that she is somewhat better.

L. A. Canfield and family have removed here from Bird Island, and are temporarily located in the Olney residence, in the southeast part of the village.

PEOPLES DELEGATE CONVENTION.

EIGHTEEN TOWNS REPRESENTED IN SPITE OF BUSY SEASON.

Ringed Resolutions Adopted and Complete Delegations Elected to Attend State and Congressional Conventions.

The People's Party convention held at the courthouse last Saturday was a large and enthusiastic gathering. It was a presage of victory to see so many turn out in this busy season at a convention held only for electing delegates. There were no rival candidates to stir up interest and see that towns were represented. The people came because they were interested in the great questions that are stirring since the slavery agitation. There were no faint hearts there. Every face carried an impression of hope and determination; hope for a final victory over the anti-liberty party, and determination to back up that hope with work.

The thunderous applause that greeted the mention of Bryan in the resolutions showed that the populists of Kandiyohi are not afraid that they will be "sold out to the democrats." They realize that in union there is strength, and that principles, not party names, is what we have to take into consideration. Lind's name was also vociferously applauded. He is as dear to our people now as when he led us to victory two years ago. The poisoned darts of played-out politicians have not reached that shining mark.

A significant fact was that while two years ago it was found impossible to find a person willing to sacrifice time and money to go to the congressional convention, now there was little trouble in getting fourteen delegates who promised to go to the convention in Fergus Falls. This shows that the people realize that we can elect our candidate this year if we choose a good man, and they are willing to do all they can to secure such a man. If the reform forces are as alert and earnest everywhere as they are in Kandiyohi county we can rout the McHannetals along the whole line.

The following is the secretary's report of the convention:

Convention was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. by V. E. Lawson. P. H. Frye was elected temporary chairman, and A. O. Forsberg temporary secretary. On motion the chair appointed Ed Stanford, J. L. Boudette and Gabriel Stene as committee on credentials.

On motion the chair appointed O. N. Grue, J. B. Bosch, J. S. Anderson, E. E. Lawson and S. E. Stansberry as committee on resolutions.

On motion the chair appointed E. J. Roelofs, John Swenson and E. R. Rasmussen as committee on permanent organization.

On motion the chairman appointed John Martin, V. E. Lawson, O. A. Hedlin, Fred Kragebrink and J. P. Elkjer as committee to report names of persons willing to go as delegates to the state and district conventions.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet again at 1:30 p. m. Convention called to order again at 2 o'clock. After speeches by P. H. Frye and A. O. Forsberg, the following persons entitled to seats as delegates:

Dovre—John Swenson, Olof Soderholm, Lars Arneson. East Lake Lillian—H. A. Lobnitz, 3 votes.

Fahlun—L. J. Boudette, 3 votes. Genessee—Ernest Wilson, John Anderson, A. O. Narverud. Green Lake—J. H. Martin, Anton Sand, L. Z. Thompson, Wm. Olson, James McManus.

Harrison—H. Dahl, Fred Kragebrink, Sr., John Tait, Jr. Holland—J. D. Vandermeir, J. Bo-ch.

Kandiyohi—E. M. Stanford, Nels Norman, Charles Chiberg, George Eubloom, Peter Sherman. Lake Andrew—Gabriel Stene, L. H. Larson, J. Aug. Hedman, F. A. Amundson.

Lake Lillian—J. W. Hanson, 4 votes. Mamre—P. M. Johnson, John Ostlund, Otto Holmgren, Otto Tingvall, Emil Ostlund.

Norway Lake—John Hystad, Ole Ove, N. Gunnufson. New London—P. J. Nilson, S. M. Nilson, John Thompson, J. G. Monson, P. G. Thompson, E. E. Lawson. Roseland—Mathias Sybouts, Martin Lahoda, William Lindquist.

Roseville—J. E. Smithson, F. H. Smithson. St. Johns—J. P. Elkjer, P. R. Sletten.

Whitefield—H. A. Ruud, Ed Rasmussen, N. O. Nelson, Swan Rasmussen. Willmar—O. A. Forsberg, Ole Selin, J. F. Peterson, G. P. Karwand, Peter Freesberg, Chas. Lonn, O. A. Hedlin, V. E. Lawson, Nels Carlson.

Willmar—2d precinct—A. H. Sperry, Peter Bonde, E. Fatchell, P. J. Dale, M. C. Tollefson, A. O. Qvale, Peter Halbon, Mathias Olson.

The committee on permanent organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent. Adopted.

While waiting for the committee on resolutions Mr. L. A. Whitney was called on for a speech. He responded with a short but interesting talk.

The committee on resolutions made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

We the Peoples Party of Kandiyohi Co. in convention assembled do hereby make the following declaration: We reaffirm the great principles of our party as adopted in their St. Louis convention of 1896.

We arraign the present republican administration for having broken faith with the people and departed from the fundamental principles of our government in the following instances:

1. It promised in 1896 to maintain the gold standard, temporarily, while working for bimetallism by international agreement. Instead of that it has done everything in its power to fasten the gold standard permanently on this country. While it-called bimetallism the commission was in Europe, the secretary of the treasury openly declared that this country was in favor of the gold standard permanently thus giving the European powers the impression that the demand had come on a half-hearted foot's errand.

2nd. It has surrendered the right of issuing paper money to the national banks, thus giving to private corporations the power to absolutely control the money volume—enabling them to inflate the money market for speculative boom and afterwards contract the money volume causing a depression in prices and thereby enabling men of wealth to confiscate vast amounts of property.

3rd. It turned a war for liberation, begun by the American people irrespective of parties, into a war of conquest and subjugation. When the war was begun the United States occupied the proudest position of any nation—a disinterested protector of any weak people struggling for liberty. But when this war was turned into a war of conquest the world believed that these high moral purposes proclaimed at its beginning were only a sham. And the monarchies of Europe now say—United States is just like the rest of us.

4th. It has repudiated the Declaration of Independence—denying the basic principle of our government—that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

5th. It has violated the constitution of the United States and our pledges to the people of Porto Rico by the infamous Porto Rican tariff law.

6th. It has violated the principle of self government by forcing on the people of Porto Rico a "carpet bag" system of government by non-residents, whose first interest will be to collect taxes to pay their own salaries.

7th. It has imposed on our country the burden of a vast standing army—the greatest menace to free institutions and the best tool in the hands of plutocracy.

By engaging in the work of conquest and subjugation it has sealed its own lips against uttering even the faintest protest against England's infamous attempt to crush the spirit of liberty in South Africa, and to wipe two sister republics, Transvaal and the Orange Free State, from the earth.

In view of these facts we believe that the coming campaign will be the most important one ever fought in our country. We believe that all who love freedom, all who desire to see popular government survive, all who wish to see the United States restored to the grand and glorious position of the champion of liberty, all who believe in the Declaration of Independence, should disregard minor differences and past party affiliations, and rally around one standard to present a united front against the hosts of oppression, imperialism, militarism, and financial slavery.

As a leader for these united forces of freedom we believe there can be found no grander man than that fearless, honest, intellectual, eloquent champion of the people, William Jennings Bryan.

It is the sense of this convention that exceptional care should be used in the selection of a congressional candidate and we will send a solid delegation to see that the interests of this section are well taken care of and to use their best efforts to secure the right man to redeem the district.

We endorse the able and honest administration of our present governor, John Lind, and point with pride at the many commendable reforms that have been brought about in the various executive departments.

We commend the firm attitude of Commissioners Ringdahl and Knox, of the State Railroad Commission, which has led to a great reduction in railroad rates on grain throughout large sections of the state, and which gives promise to accomplish still more in the reduction of freight rates and curbing discrimination against smaller towns.

And we also commend the uniform and fair grading of grain as has been established.

We denounce the efforts of run politicians in refusing to allow the people of this state to express their will on a more advanced temperance reform measure than the present law governing the liquor traffic. We commend to the consideration of friends of temperance in all parties the cardinal principle of the People's Party, DIRECT LEGISLATION, as a measure by which temperance as well as other reforms may be accomplished.

We cordially invite friends of all parties who believe with us in these important questions to join hands with us and we wish them to the end that popular government may be maintained.

The committee on delegates made the following report:

Congressional—Peter Bonde, Gabriel Stene, O. N. Grue, O. A. Hedlin, O. F. Johnson, V. E. Lawson, S. E. Stansberry, P. H. Frye, N. B. Carlson, James McManus, A. O. Forsberg, John H. Stauffer, C. F. Spencer, A. J. Smithson.

Alternates—E. M. Stanford, J. Emil Nelson, O. S. Reigstad, A. H. Sperry. State—P. H. Frye, L. Z. Thompson, O. A. Hedlin, Samuel Dahl, Gudmund Karward, Gust Monson, A. H. Sperry.

Alternates—L. J. Boudette, V. E. Lawson, Henry Johnson, O. N. Grue, R. W. Stanford, R. E. Sperry.

The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for the above named persons, which was done, and they were declared elected.

Fierce forest fires are raging in Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Several towns have been burnt in the latter two states. In Minnesota railroad traffic has been hampered by the burning of bridges.

AUCTION! The Greatest Opportunity Ever Given the People of Willmar and of the County to Buy Goods at their Own Prices. The entire stock of the Willmar Bazaar will positively be sold at auction, beginning THURSDAY, MAY 10, and continuing Friday, Saturday, and until every dollar's worth of goods has been sold. The reason for this extraordinary sale is that the proprietor will leave town and must dispose of his goods before going. The stock embraces the different lines of goods we have carried; BEDROOM SUITS, CHAIRS, ROCKERS, COUCHES, TABLES, BEDS, SPRINGS, MATTRESSES, CARPETS, BOOK CASES, CUPBOARDS, FOLDING BED, SIDE BOARD, TRUNKS, COOK STOVES, HEATING STOVES, GASOLINE STOVES; also two BICYCLES. Six hundred pair of Shoes, Overshoes, Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Ladies', Men's and Children's, Lace, Embroideries, Ribbons, Flannels, Ginghams, Calicoes, Pants, Hats, Caps, Watches and other jewelry too numerous to mention. Store fixtures, including show cases, store tables, safe, and a 1000 lb. scale. Come early before the stock is broken up too much. SAM NATELSON, of the Willmar Bazaar. OLSON BLOCK, THIRD ST., WILLMAR, MINN. A. C. Crawford, Auctioneer. All my household goods will be sold at auction at the close of this sale, which will be announced next week.

New Creamery. J. Richardson & Co., who have labored so faithfully, and at many times at great expense and loss, to build up the creamery business in this part of the county, have started another creamery building. The new enterprise is to be built on section 14, West Lake Lillian, and is about eleven miles north of Bird Island. A good well has already been secured and the foundation is almost completed. The building is to be 32x42 feet, one story high, with iron roof and iron sides. It is to be of the most improved style and equipped throughout with the best and most modern machinery. They have purchased the ice that was put up there for the creamery that burned out there recently, which is about two miles north of the new site, and the creamery is to be ready to take in milk by the middle of May. Hans Balling is to have charge of the mechanical department and in an interview with a Union representative says they have secured many patrons and are sure of a good run the year around. Under this new deal Mr. Richardson will have a wide country from which to handle milk. The territory will extend from 14 miles north to several miles south of Bird Island. This firm has always treated the farmers fairly and have done more to advance the dairy interest than all other sources combined, and we can truthfully say that the farmers of Lake Lillian are to be congratulated on having secured this firm to erect and operate a creamery in their midst and if the farmers will all take hold they will have no cause for complaint.—Bird Island Union.

The Model Bakery. Traue & Hanson wish to announce to their patrons that they have leased the Jenness building on Pacific avenue, and will occupy the same on Friday of this week. They invite the people of Willmar to call on them in their new location, between Peterson, Larson & Wellin's store and Miss Carlson's Millinery, where they will be ready to furnish the best of everything in the bakery line.

The state railway commission has granted the Gulf and Manitoba railway company permission to increase its capital stock from \$50,000 to \$7,000,000. This seems to indicate that the company means business. The proposed route for the new road is from Duluth, via St. Cloud, Willmar, and Jackson, to Kansas City, where it will make connections with some one of the Gulf roads.

A terrific explosion took place in a coal mine at Scofield, Utah, yesterday. It is believed that over 200 men were killed. 137 bodies had been removed last night. It is supposed that a number of kegs of blasting powder were accidentally ignited. Otos has 2 furnished rooms to rent for gentlemen.

St. Paul Goes Democratic. The Democrats carried St. Paul yesterday for the first time in eight years. Robert A. Smith was elected mayor by about 1,000 plurality. The democratic candidate for treasurer has a plurality of nearly 3,000. The comptroller is in doubt. The democrats elect nine out of the eleven aldermen. The new charter was adopted by an overwhelming majority. The democratic convention in Michigan yesterday endorsed Bryan for president and Charles A. Towne for vice president. The Chicago platform was re-affirmed. John W. Swanson of town of Harvey, Meeker county, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon by a dynamite explosion, and John Johnson was so seriously injured that his recovery is doubtful. Swanson was handling a piece of pipe with some dynamite in it, left by a well-digger. In some way it exploded, mangling his body horribly. Johnson, who was about 15 feet away, had one leg crushed above the knee and was severely cut in several places.

Strikes. The following strikes are reported from yesterday: Five thousand men in the builders' trades in Philadelphia. Seven hundred car repairers in Buffalo. All the union carpenters in Omaha. One thousand builders in Kansas City. One thousand builders in East St. Louis. Six hundred boiler men and molders in Akron. Fifteen hundred bricklayers and assistants in Pittsburg. Three thousand section men and graders on the B. & O. Southwestern R. R. Four hundred wood-workers in Minneapolis. One hundred carriage builders in Milwaukee. Two hundred carpenters in Racine, Wis. Three hundred shipbuilders in Port Huron, Mich. One hundred and fifty corkscreakers in Detroit, Mich. Two hundred molders in Milwaukee. The freight brakemen and conductors on the Montana Central. It is feared the strike will extend to the G. N.

WANTED—A good girl for general house work. Mrs. J. H. Styles. 12-2p. Real Estate, Loans and Insurance. I will loan money at low rate of interest and on favorable terms. Will buy and sell real estate. Insurance written in reliable insurance companies. SOLOMON PORTER, Willmar, Minn.

Table with columns for Marriage Licenses, Real Estate Transfers, and other legal notices. Includes names like Geo. Hopkins to Hannah Boyce, Victor Albin Fleckten to Julia Sand, and various property transactions.

Table titled 'Willmar Market Report' listing prices for various commodities like wheat, oats, barley, and other goods. Includes a note about corrected weekly Tuesday afternoon prices.

Burlington Route. A Map of the United States. A handsome map of the United States, 38 by 48 inches in size, printed in four colors, and mounted on a roller for hanging up, will be sent to any address on receipt of FIFTEEN CENTS. GEO. P. LYMAN, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., ST. PAUL, MINN.

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