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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
—OF THE—  
County Superintendent of Schools

**KANDIYOHI COUNTY, MINN.**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANDIYOHI COUNTY—

I herewith submit my second annual report relating to the schools of this county.

**SOME COMPARISONS.**

A general comparison of totals in my annual report to the state department, for the school year ending July 31, 1920, with the totals in my annual report to the same department for the school year just closed, show a most gratifying improvement in nearly every department of our school administration.

**INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.**

The following figures are taken from my report for the school year ending July 31, 1920:

Number of pupils entitled to apportionment	1014
Number of pupils actually in apportionment	904
Average attendance, in days, of each pupil	114
Number of teachers employed	24
Average monthly salary of female teachers	\$40.00
Value of school houses and sites	\$4125.00
Average rate of special tax, in mills	11.96

**RATE OF SPECIAL TAX BY DISTRICTS, IN MILLS.**

New London	11.7
Atwater	12.79
Willmar	10.37

**COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

I have taken the following figures from my annual report for the school year ending July 31, 1920:

Number of pupils entitled to apportionment	2576
Number of pupils actually in apportionment	602
Average attendance, in days, per pupil	68
Average number of months of school	6.2
Number of male teachers employed	82
Average monthly wages of same	\$35.40
Number of female teachers employed	87
Average monthly wages of same	\$29.80
Aggregate indebtedness, in mills	5.38
Aggregate indebtedness of districts	\$714.00
Paid for teachers' wages	\$2198.00
Total cash on hand at close of year	12183.00
Amount received from apportionment	8457.00
Amount received from special tax	18195.00

**TEXT BOOKS.**

The free text-book system continues to grow in popularity in this county. But thirteen schools adhere to the system where each pupil provides his own books. Seventeen schools buy the text-books and sell them to the pupils at cost. I do not favor this system. In the first place the average cost of the books to each pupil is a little more than is the average cost where the books are furnished free. But the principal objection is to be found in the fact that the school boards upon whom devolves the duty of buying the books do not, as a rule, keep a supply upon hand, so that when extra books are wanted they are usually not to be had without sending to Chicago for them, which many times is not done, or if so, not until after considerable delay. Therefore, the object of the free text-book idea, which is to keep the necessary books constantly in the pupil's hands, is defeated. In the state generally, I believe the sentiment is growing in favor of making the free text-book law compulsory.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Our people in general and our school officers in particular should make a systematic effort to improve the school grounds, which should never contain less than one acre, and should always be well fenced, either with boards or with woven wire, but never with barbed wire. In my annual report to the state superintendent I said in part: "The improvement of our rural school grounds should have our most earnest consideration. No consistent effort for improvement in this direction has ever been made in this state, except by means of Arbor Day exercises at school because (speaking for my own county) without an exception, these attempts at tree-planting have been complete failures. It is not our duty to encourage efforts which are sure to fail. Teachers and pupils can do no more than dig a small hole in the prairie sod and put into it a sprig which they hope may some day be a tree. They cannot be present to attend the tender shoot during the heated summer months which follow. But our western groves are not, and cannot be made that way. Our school officers are the proper persons to undertake this work. We must try to induce them to do so. The first step in the work should be to fence the school lot, so that teams may not be driven upon it, or that stock running at large may not destroy the young trees. The soil should be thoroughly prepared and the trees planted and cared for in a systematic manner. Nothing would help in this work more than for the state to offer a small cash bounty for a period of years to districts which would provide a

school lot of not less than a certain area and maintain upon it not less than a given number of trees."

Of our 103 school houses, 18 stand in natural groves, about twelve are surrounded with planted groves, while the remaining 75 stand upon the bleak prairie with to relieve the eye or cast a shadow or stem the wintry blast. District Nos. 17, 38, 48 and 61 deserve much credit for the splendid planted groves which adorn their respective school lots. The clerk of District No. 61 reports about 1000 planted trees upon his school grounds.

**TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.**

The new law regulating the issuing of teachers' certificates, which went into effect one year ago, has given quite general satisfaction in this county as well as throughout the state. Whatever dissatisfaction it may have caused will undoubtedly be removed when the law is better understood, and after a few changes are made in its application. In taking upon the responsibility for the standings to be found upon nearly all teachers' certificates in the state of Minnesota, the Department of Public Instruction has undertaken a task of no small proportions, and when we take into consideration the fact that this duty was suddenly thrust upon the department without time to thoroughly prepare for it and with an insufficient appropriation to carry it into effect, the wonder is that not more mistakes have been made.

I take this occasion to say that it is a pleasure to work with our teachers as a body, and for our people generally, both of whom take every opportunity offered to make the labors of the superintendent less arduous, and to give inspiration for renewed efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. F. FISK, Co. Supt. Schools.  
Willmar, Minn., August 31, 1920.



**MCKINLEY SOM PROFET.**

Att man i sitt parti till kunna gå långt utom passande gränser är allmänt bekant. Men att en så framstående person som biskop Fowler af Methodistkyrkan skulle kunna utnämna McKinley till en guds profet var mera än man kunnat vänta. I en predikan hällen för en kort tid sedan finns vi bland annat dess ord:

"Endast få ejllar hafva insigt nog att igenkänna en levande profet."

\* Hvarje profet måste passa för sin tid och sin omgivning. För att finna vår profet måste vi finna händernas riktning, då skola vi ledigt finna den hand som böjer historiens ström. Denna hand finns vi i hitya buset. President McKinley passar möjlighvis icke i de gamla profeteras kläder, men han passer i riktningen af tidens händelser. Han står så bland världskrafterna att han när resultatet i civilisation. Sjuk när i undervattenströmmarna nedom partikampen på ytan, ned i den stora golfströmmen som sapor genom tidernas haf bärande folken till högre breddgrader, tag fatt på de moraliska krafter som der utveckla världens öden, och du skall finna att detta påstående är icke politik utan religion—guds religion som alltid går i den rätta riktningen."

Det är häpnadsväckande att en tjänare af Fridesfursten skulle våga framkomma med dessa hädliga ord. Om vi ej funnit talet återgiftet i en republikansk tidning skulle vi kunnat oss bjuda att tro att någon illasinnad person uppdatat det för att skada McKinley. Men när republikanerna brukar det som kampanjmaterial måste vi taga det för allvar. Vi hafva några frågor som vi önska besvarade innan vi äro villiga att erkänna McKinley som en profet.

Var McKinley profet när han sade att våldsam annektering var enligt våra moraliska lagar ett brottligt angripande, eller var han profet när han våldsam annekterade Filippinerna?

Var McKinley en profet när han förklarade att det var vår klara pligt att ge Porto Ricos folk frihand med resten af Förrenta Staterna, eller var det när han bröt mot sin klara plikt och hjälpte till att påslå dem skatter stridande mot grundlagen och McKinley's ord och löften?

Var McKinley en profet när han tillstod att slafveri och mångfifte på Suluöarna, i strid med såväl den borgliga som den moraliska lagen inom vårt land.

Var McKinley en profet när han tillstod att öppnandet af krogar inom alla regementen af Förrenta Staternas arme?

Ar det McKinleys profetiska kall som ger honom rättighet att regera med en makt som ingen borgelig lag gett honom?

Länge fram i sitt lat vidrör biskopen föraktligt den obekänghet som amerikanska nationen visat för att inblandas sig med andra nationers affärer, och tillägger:

"Men en dag antände spaniorerna en mina under oss. Då var dansen öppnad. Komme hvad som helst, komme hela Europa, vi måste slåss till slutet. Vi gingo upp i luften och kommo ned allstades—för att stanna. Detta sände oss ut på det arbete försynen gifvit oss; detta gjorde oss till missionärer. Vi hafva en kolstation i Manila; vi äro färdiga att hjälpa Kina. Gud har utvidgat oss; vi kunna ej hjälpa det."

McKinley och hans anhängare är icke de förste som i försynens namn begär otvivelaktigt mot enskilda personers eller hela folkalag. Men vi hoppas att den tiden är kommen då folket ej kan vilseledas genom påståendet att Kristi lära behöfver svärdets hjälp att tränga till menniskornas hjertan. Kom ihåg att samma lära predikades i hans tid. "Mitt rike är icke af denna världen." "Den som tager till svärd han skall med svärd förgås." Finner du här något stöd för utbredandet af kristendomen medelst bajonettpetars?

OLA VÄRMLÄNING.

**NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**Gleaned from Neighboring Exchanges, Personal or Otherwise.**

Miss May Lester has been engaged to teach school in district 41 during the coming school year. Miss Nellie Rosenquist departed Monday for Raymond where she is engaged to teach school. The Misses Olive Stansberry of Willmar and Anna Flynn of Litchfield were guests of Miss Mildred Dennis Thursday. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swan of Harrison died Monday forenoon after a short illness. The funeral was held Wednesday. Dr. Gibson had a run-away Monday which might have resulted seriously. As he was driving north of town the horse became frightened at his dog, and whirling around it started toward town. As the Doctor was afraid it would run into the ditch he headed it for the fence, but the horse gave another sudden turn, upsetting the cart and throwing the Doctor out head first. The horse then tore loose from the cart and after running a short distance, stopped and was easily recaptured. The harness was badly broken and the cart also. The Doctor escaped with a few slight bruises.—Atwater Republican Press.

**L. M. Landing and family, of Glenwood, passed through town last week on their way to Yellow Medicine county, Mr. Landing's old home. He has just severed his connection with the Deering people to devote his whole time on an interest computing machine which he has just got patented. Mr. Landing was at one time commercial and penmanship instructor in the Willmar Seminary, and he had not forgotten one of his old school pupils, so he made a pleasant call on us.—Chippewa County Herald.**

The Irving creamery distributed over \$3,000 among its patrons for the month of July. Miss Walberg has returned from Valparaiso, Ind., where she has been attending a normal school the past summer. Miss Rhoda Swenson left yesterday for the cities, where she will attend the state university this winter. The residence property of Chas. Norgren has been purchased by Wm. S. Johnson. We understand that Mr. Johnson expects to move into the same as soon as it is vacated. Mr. Norgren has a position as wheat buyer at a station out in South Dakota, but his family will remain in New London over the winter.

**F. F. Nelson, wife and baby, of Willmar, drove over to New London Sunday and spent the day visiting with M. F. Lundquist and family. They returned Monday morning. The Roscoe Abbott, of Irving, and Miss Laura A. Neese, of St. Cloud, were married in the latter city one day last week. They will reside at St. Cloud.**

**Alex. Gamble, formerly of the Willmar Argus, was a caller at this office Saturday. He was on his way to Glenwood. He reports that the Great Northern has put in a number of new ties between Willmar and here, but that they are as far apart as the old ones, thus making walking inconvenient. James Wilson, Sr., of Spicer, was quite severely hurt on one of his legs, one day last week, while working with the special crew at the Long Lake bridge. The cable for the plow on the gravel train slipped across the car in such a way that it sent a stone whizzing through the air, striking Mr. Wilson, who was standing down on the side of the dump, on the leg. The stone barely missed E. J. Polkey's head.—New London Times.**

**Al. Thelsen, a former Breckenridge boy, returned recently from the Klondike country, where he has been for the past three years. Mrs. Ed. Huffman came up from Willmar Sunday for a visit with Mr. Huffman. They will move here if they can get a house.—Breckenridge Telegram.**

**John Beck is now with us again after having spent the summer in North Dakota. N. W. Nelson is enjoying a visit from his cousin, Wm. Nelson of Willmar. Miss Emma Sandler of South Dakota, is at present visiting relatives here. Miss Carrie Faulk has returned from the state fair. J. A. Lindblad is in St. Paul receiving medical aid. We hope he will return hale and hearty. Edwin Moline of Willmar, is at present visiting with his brother, Erick. Art Johnson has returned to Minneapolis after a lengthy visit with relatives here. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nelson, died last Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Svea cemetery last Sunday afternoon. Miss Lina Johnson of Roseland, is visiting at Anders Johnson's. Rev. J. O. Lundberg left for Canada last Wednesday, where he will assist in missionary work. He expects to be absent about two months. Svea feels proud of her butter-maker, Mr. Sorenson, whose butter was scored 93 at the state fair, which shows that he is on to his business. The Raymond mud battery made another great (?) blowout last week. That must certainly be what caused the sudden unusual change in the atmosphere the latter part of the week. The Dr. Rectors German Medicine Show Co. which was stationed here during the past week, drew a large attendance every evening. A large number of prizes were awarded. M. Swenson became the lucky winner of a four sack. Miss Hilda Rasmusson won the prize as the lady champion nail driver. Miss Josie Nelson won by direct vote of the audience the prize for being the most popular young lady. The prize won was a very beautiful set of silverware valued at \$15.00. We are in receipt of a beautiful Bryan calendar presented by the TRIBUNE, for which please accept our thanks. It is indeed very**

handsome, and is admired by all. A. G. Bornstedt and company of Lake Lillian, attended the show here Friday evening. Wonder how soon the republican party will declare in favor of the Boxers. It would not be surprising at all to hear that McKinley had sent troops to assist them. It would simply be a great republican act. They have given us an 85 per cent citizen in Porto Rico and we are wondering what next they would give us.

KID MCCHRE.

**KANDIYOHI.** Sept. 10.

Mr. Lewis Norman spent a few days in the cities last week. Miss Nellie Mattson began teaching in district 38 last Monday. Mrs. P. E. Lundquist entertained a number of her lady friends Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. Enblom returned from their visit in the cities Sunday evening. Miss Adeline Hander of Chatfield, Minn., stopped off here for a couple of days visit with friends, being on her way to Browns Valley, where she is engaged to teach the coming year. Mrs. P. Norman visited with her daughter, Mrs. H. Brown, last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bloomquist Sundayed at J. Bengtson's. Miss Amelia Jones has been spending a few days with her brother, George. C. E. Morine of Willmar, visited relatives in this locality last week. A. Gustafson made a pleasant call at J. Enblom's Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smullen made a trip to Willmar, Friday afternoon. Miss Mary Bengtson of Atwater, spent last week at her home here.

**FANLUN.** Sept. 10.

The Misses Clara Johnson and Teckla Wallstrand drove to Willmar Friday. Mrs. E. A. Wahloquist and children spent a couple of days at Chas. Johnson's during her husband's absence. Mrs. Carl Anderson, of Willmar, visited her relatives here last week. Miss Cora Boudette called on the Misses Alice and Mabel Johnson, Thursday afternoon. Miss Esther Johnson, of Willmar, is spending a couple of weeks with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Broman Sundayed at Elias Johnson's. Mr. L. J. Boudette attended the People's party convention at St. Paul. Misses Esther Johnson and Amy Olson of Willmar, called on relatives and friends here and at Lake Elizabeth last week, to bid good-bye before the latter's removal to St. Paul. Elias Johnson and son Junior drove over to Priam Sunday. Miss Amelia Jones is spending a couple of weeks with her brother George at Kandiyohi. The Misses Almada Johnson and Alice Klint returned Monday from the fair. We are sorry to hear the banging of guns on Sunday. Sunday is the day to be blessed with Heavenly peace and rest. Rev. E. A. Wahloquist, pastor of the Swedish Methodist church for the past five years, will deliver his farewell address at the church Sunday evening, September 16, at 7 o'clock. Come and hear him.

**GREEN LAKE.** Sept. 12.

P. Lawler and wife attended the fair last week. Mrs. Jas. Blake, of Long Lake bridge, and Miss Nora O'Hara, of Willmar, visited M. Kell's last week. P. Normile transacted business in Willmar Saturday. E. Stanford finished threshing Friday. Mrs. Mary Larkins shipped her household goods to Graceville Friday. Mrs. Larkins intends to make her home there. A number of our towns people attended the fair and convention last week. Geo. Tompson will finish a well for Mr. Johnson south of Kandiyohi this week. Frank Downs drove to Graceville Friday. Miss Lydia Norman, of Kandiyohi, commenced a seven months term of school in district 78 last Monday. Prostration from heat was reported here last week.

**IRVING.** Sept. 10.

Miss Emberton of Grue is teaching in district 92 this fall. Mr. Ed. C. Larson and his son Samuel left for Cass county the 6th. We have learned that John Anderson is a candidate for the nomination of sheriff on the People's ticket. Among those in attendance at the state fair were Messrs. Danilsen, Van Vorst, Hagen, Emerson, Anderson and E. J. Larson. Mr. Gilbert Pederson will rent the farm bought from Hanson by Miss Syvertson. Hanson will locate in one of our neighboring villages. It is very plain who Stergucker is. It is a shame to see a man leave the path of honor and justice and enter upon the evil task of hurrying the destruction of our dear land. IGNORAMUS.

**Advertised Letters.** Sept. 10, 1920.

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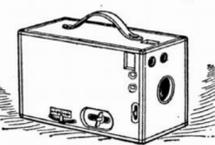
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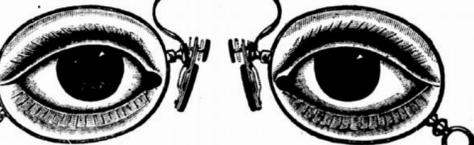
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