



# WILLMAR



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## THOUSANDS GREET LIND.

### Greatest Political Demonstration Ever Held in Kandiyohi County Took Place at Willmar Last Night.

### TWO LARGE HALLS INSUFFICIENT FOR THROGS.

### Threatening Weather and Drizzling Rain Cannot Dampen the Ardor of the Enthusiastic Hosts of Political Reform.

Did the populists rally last night? Well, we should most emphatically say they did. Of course, we had popular weather. That is needed to show the enthusiasm of our people. The republicans can do fairly well in nice weather, but a few raindrops dampen their ardor completely. But Jupiter Pluvius is powerless before genuine populist enthusiasm. The crowd was simply immense.

Governor Lind arrived on the Sioux Falls train and was met at the depot by a vast crowd. The Svea band furnished music for the occasion, and a salute of one hundred guns was fired. Later in the afternoon a reception was held in Bonde hall, where a large number of people shook hands with the governor.

The way-freight from the east brought in a delegation from Litchfield, Grove City, Atwater, and Kandiyohi. They brought with them the splendid Litchfield band, which afterwards led the parade and delighted the audience at the opera house. The freight from the west did not come in until the parade had started, and only a few of them joined the line. Although these delegations numbered nearly 300, they disappeared like a drop in the vast ocean of humanity on our streets.

When the time for the parade came the streets were one mass of people. We were swamped, that is the long and short of it. The 250 torches were grabbed in a minute. Four times that number needed. Five hundred flags were caught up in a few moments, and then the demand was not half supplied. Many fell into line without either torches or flags, but the greater part of the disappointed ones hastened to the opera house to be on hand when the doors opened. When the parade was lined up the ranks were opened and a carriage containing Uncle Sam and Columbia drove through to the head of the procession. This was followed by the governor's carriage, and as Lind passed through the lines he was greeted with deafening cheers.

The procession was the longest and most enthusiastic one ever seen in Willmar. It was one vast river of fire and flags sweeping through the streets. Greek fire illuminated the line of march. Four bands discoursed music at different points in the parade. It was an inspiring sight to the reform forces and one that struck terror to the hearts of the republican office-seekers and shouters. They were simply dumfounded.

At the opera house men had been stationed to reserve places for the marchers, but when the doors were opened the guards were swept off their feet and carried forward with the crowd. They were powerless before that resistless human tidal wave. The committee regret very much that they were unable to keep their promise to the marchers, but they had not counted on any such deluge as that. With the weather we had and the condition of the roads, they figured that they would be fortunate if they could comfortably fill the two halls. As it was, only a small part of the crowd could get in at either place. Preparations had been made to have an open-air meeting in case of fine weather, but it was given up in the afternoon because it was figured that the threatening weather would keep the crowd away. When it was seen that the crowd could not get into the halls, word was sent to one of the speakers to address the people in the street, but just then the rain began to pour down and the plan had to be abandoned.

Governor Lind made a short address at the Bonde hall, and was given an ovation which showed that the scurrilous attacks on him had not diminished his popularity with the voters in this county. He then proceeded to the opera house, where he was given the most enthusiastic reception ever given a public man. Although his vocal organs were badly affected by his long speaking tour, he spoke for about an hour, and discussed the issues as only John Lind

can do. His straightforward, clear, and decisive language and his deep earnestness carried conviction to the hearts of his hearers and strengthened the cause of the reform forces all along the line.

A disappointment awaited the crowd in the fact that neither Daly nor Neary was present. Daly had been billed for Breckenridge on the 30th and for Willmar on the 29th. When word of Lind's coming was received, Daly was asked to get the dates changed, and he told the committee that there was no doubt the change would be made, and that they could advertise it that way. But the Breckenridge committee refused to give up their date. The local and congressional committees made every effort possible but it was unavailing. Neary spoke in Duluth the previous night, and could not make connections to reach here. However, the committee was fortunate in securing Rev. John Johnson, who made a short address in Swedish at the opera house and made the principal speech at the Bonde hall, using the English language at the latter place. He is a powerful orator, clear, logical, and eloquent. We feel sure that those who heard him felt well repaid for having come.

This monster demonstration, under the most unfavorable circumstances, proves that the people's party is stronger and more enthusiastic than ever. The republican politicians have "buried" us time and again. After the Knute Nelson rally they felt sure they had us buried face down, and they were walking around with their faces wreathed in a grin of triumph. That grin disappeared last night. They felt that their own funeral was at hand, and although some of them whistled to keep up their courage, most of them had their faces so lengthened that they could not screw them into the proper shape for whistling. The reform forces have taken new courage from this inspiring gathering and will sweep the county like a whirlwind.

The Svea boys look nobby in their new suits, and they play well. They furnished the music during the day. The Bryan and Lind clubs of Kandiyohi, Spicer, and Mamre turned out in full force and with their usual enthusiasm. Roseland had a splendid representation. That town has about as many genuine, live populists to the square mile as any part of the county. Litchfield has reason to be proud of its band, and the populists of Kandiyohi county owe the Litchfield people a debt of gratitude for bringing that band.

There wasn't a neighborhood in the county that was not represented, and the enthusiasm inspired by this tremendous gathering will reach every nook and corner of Kandiyohi county. Another gang of wild Sulus surrounded the governor's carriage at several points and hurled insults at him. Of course, Lind took no notice of this slum gang. There are no Roosevelt manners about him.

Another far-away town that loomed up in splendid shape was East Lake Lillian. The flies get no chance to roost on the populists down there, and the boys are not pinned to Doc Johnson's coat tails by any means.

The republicans made a great ado about the cheering of the Filipino flag. What do they think about a hoodlum gang that will throw mud at a lady representing the goddess of liberty, wrapped in the flag of our country?

The Norway Lake populists are hummers. Though they had from twenty to twenty-eight miles to come over muddy roads, there were twenty-five of them in line. They were chock full of enthusiasm, and it wasn't of the blind pig variety, either.

The Willmar band also enlivened the march with some excellent music. But the boys were so intent on their playing that they marched straight

on down Litchfield avenue instead of turning on Fourth street, thus breaking the procession in two at the wind-up.

There were no hired paraders in the line last night, as there was in the Knute rally. Three of the men who marched that time were in our lines this time. When asked about this they replied: "That time we were hired; this time we do it because we belong to the party."

The Edwards band is another organization of farmer boys that is getting to the front. It takes a good deal of work for boys living so far apart to get together for enough practice to play so well. It also reflects great credit on their leaders, Hegstrom and Hanson, the instructors of the Svea and Edwards bands respectively, have done excellent work.

The behavior of the hoodlum element of the republican party at the rally last night was a burning shame and disgrace to the city. Bands of young ruffians assaulted participants in the parade with stones and clods of earth. Every transparency was pierced by flying missiles. A lady on the sidewalk was badly hit with a stone. The young lady who represented Columbia was stricken on the cheek. "Uncle Sam" was subjected to many indignities. Some of the disturbers were old enough to know better and the list so far reported looks bad. The high-handed conduct of these fellows simply emphasized the truth of the charges made against certain republicans of Willmar on the minds of the country people, and the former will suffer at the polls.

### TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

The following resolution introduced by Rev. J. O. Lundberg, of Svea, was turned down by the republican county convention at Willmar Sept. 5, 1900:

"Whereas, It is the purpose of the republican party to at all times promote the general welfare and to especially protect the weak, and believing the saloon traffic to be one of the main evils of society, and

"Whereas, The republican party of this county has heretofore repeatedly passed temperance resolutions and thereby committed the party to the cause of sobriety in this county; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this convention again affirm those principles, and pledge its efforts to banish the saloon and the liquor traffic from every town and village in this county, and the nominee of this convention to the state legislature hereby stands pledged to use his best efforts to carry these principles into effect, and that he work and vote for county option.

The following resolution was submitted:

"We recommend that our member of the legislature use all honorable means to further temperance legislation and work and vote for county option."

If the first resolution had passed as introduced, the republican county organization would have repudiated the stand taken by the Willmar whisky ring. Why did it not pass?

At the people's county convention, held Sept. 29, 1900, at Willmar, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"We favor temperance reform, and our candidate for the office of representative, nominated here today, if elected, stands pledged to vote and work for the passage of a county option law, and also to secure the passage of an effective search and seizure act which will enable any law-abiding community to suppress illegal liquor selling without the expense necessary to secure the evidence needed to convict under existing laws, by simply electing men for executive officers who desire to enforce the law."

**\$100 REWARD.**

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### VOTE FOR



MISS INGA S. SIVERTSON for Superintendent of Schools.

## THE FOOT LAKE DUMP

### Is Still a Very Lively Political Issue in This County.

### WHO'LL PAY FOR THE JOB?

Leading Republicans Have Advised the County to Pay for It, in Order to Get It Out of Politics Before Election--The People's Candidates are Pledged to Oppose the Saddling of the Gigantic Piece of Jobbery on to Kandiyohi County--Hundreds of Dollars Have Been Spent by Private Parties in Order to Keep the Road Passable--The Supreme Court Has Held That the Law Under Which the Road was Established is Unconstitutional--Hence There is Legally No Road--If Elected, the People's Candidates for County Commissioners and Representative Will Vote to Have It Remain So--If You are Opposed to Paying Thousands of Dollars of the County's Funds for a Dead Road, and Do Not Want the Same Resuscitated to Drain the County Road and Bridge Fund Perpetually, You Must Vote For the People's Candidates.

The Foot lake dump was one of the greatest schemes ever perpetrated upon an innocent public. The promoters of the same, whose private interests in establishing the road were great, managed to establish the same by deceiving the people and public officials, before whom the petition was brought.

The dump was first filled in 1897. In one short day the following spring the whole road washed out, showing the impracticability in attempting to make an earth dump stand through a quarter of a mile of clear lake. Nothing daunted, the promoters, by making promises to the contractor and by a large private outlay managed to fill the dump again. This time piles were driven along the sides and a double thickness of boards placed on the sides to protect the dump. In October in 1898 the TRIBUNE first published the cut which appears on this page, showing the effect of the waves on the sides of the dump after a hard wind. The TRIBUNE has strenuously opposed this scheme from its inception. In 1898 we predicted that the cost of the dump would finally be demanded from the county, to be paid from the general fund, but this claim was ridiculed by the county gang. Our prediction has proven true. The law which had been juggled through the legislature, under which this road was laid out, was declared unconstitutional as the TRIBUNE had predicted it would be, thus leaving the road without a legal existence.

Samuel Porter, the main legal advisor of the board on this bridge matter, as well as the leading attorney among the republican lawyers of Willmar and who will undoubtedly be relied on for advice if Charles Johnson is elected county attorney, was retained to argue for the dissolution of the injunction against the issuance of bonds, because County Attorney Frye was known to be opposed to the bridge. After the supreme court had declared the law unconstitutional, Mr. Porter made a report to the county commissioners regarding the same and in the same makes this significant recommendation:

"I understand that there are orders still outstanding that have been issued by your honorable body in payment of the construction of the road, and it seems but fair and honest that some way ought to be provided for the purpose of paying the orders so outstanding and unpaid."

It will be noticed that the learned counsel does not say that this money now called for to pay for this iniquitous scheme MUST be paid by the county. He simply voluntarily made the suggestion that it would be fair and honest to do so. "Did the people of Kandiyohi county pay him for that opinion? The people of the county would be glad to be able to escape paying for this dump, particularly as the parties who are responsible for the road have themselves cashed the orders. They raised, or promised to raise, about thousand dollars to assist in getting the dump in shape after it was washed out; they have been spending a large amount of money to keep the road open and passable; they engineered the deal through on the plea that the people who were interested in the road would pay for it. Now the people of the county will make them a present of the whole thing and let them do their own paying. If they don't like it, let them do their own paying. But the people will not thank anybody for saying that fairness and honesty demands that the public go down into its pockets for several thousand dollars to pay for this dead road."

But the above words from a leading republican is not the only straw that shows which way the wind will blow if you elect the republican county commissioners, representative and county attorney. The leading republican boss in the county approached one of the populist commissioners at the July session and asked him if he would not acquiesce in an arrangement to pay for

## \$3,000.00 COUNTY MONEY AT STAKE!

### May Go to Join \$1,489.45 Already Lost, That Has Been Paid By the County for the Bonded Road No. 1 to Date.

### LEADING REPUBLICANS ADVISE PAYMENT. PEOPLE'S CANDIDATES PLEDGED TO OPPOSE IT.



BONDED ROAD NO. 1 of Kandiyohi County.

From a photo taken Oct. 15, 1898.



FOOT LAKE DUMP. Lost Its Title by Supreme Court Decision.

From a photo taken Oct. 27, 1900.

STATEMENT OF THE FOOT LAKE DUMP MATTER.

Order issued and paid by county,	759.25
Order issued and paid by county,	93.90
Amount shown in financial statement,	\$853.15
Samuel Porter, attorney's fees,	250.00
Judgment District Court,	36.30
Costs in Supreme Court,	350.00
Total amount paid out by the county to date,	\$1,489.45
Order issued to Geo. D. Reor, taken up by promoters of the road,	\$3,000.00

that dump then. This boss is one who believes that the dump is impracticable and cannot be maintained permanently, but his object was to get the matter settled so that it would not be in county politics any more. He was willing to have the dump paid for without protest simply to help him re-elect the county gang. And it is also possible that there was some favor promised in order to "restore harmony." The commissioner replied to the republican boss that he would never consent to vote for voluntarily paying those orders obtained in the manner in which they were. That is the position that the people's county convention took when it passed this resolution:

"We are opposed to the county paying a single dollar upon the bonded road No. 1 (Foot lake dump) orders issued with the understanding that the people benefited were to pay for same, unless the courts after a fair trial shall direct that the same must be so paid. The road has now no legal existence, and our candidates for representative and county commissioners stand pledged, if elected, to not allow the same to be saddled upon the county as a perpetual source of annoyance and expense to the taxpayers of the county."

The people's candidates for county commissioners and representative are thus pledged to oppose payment of the dump orders. The republican candidates have said nothing, but their bosses have spoken for them. Remember, therefore, that if you are opposed to the county footing the bill for the dead foot lake dump, vote for Jerry Leary, A. J. Smithson, or Chas. E. Johnson for commissioner, John B. Bosch for representative, P. H. Frye for county attorney, and P. R. Sletten for auditor.

What has the representative to do with the matter? The TRIBUNE will tell you. Nothing short of a legislative act can give a legal existence to the dump and bridge. The township of Willmar will not consent to the laying out of a road to cover it, because they do not wish to become responsible for the cost of maintaining the same, which would use up a big share of their road and bridge fund for many years to come. The Tribune is quite sure that the county will not submit to a perpetual outlay, if the people understand it. Therefore, the only

hope of the schemers is to get a bill through the legislature, legalizing the road and thus foisting it upon the county to take care of. John B. Bosch is pledged not to become a party to such a scheme. The other fellow has said nothing about it, to the knowledge of the TRIBUNE, but he owes his nomination and postoffice to the parties who are interested in the dump.

It will be noticed by the latest picture of the road that the supporting piles are giving way. When the protecting boards become loose, a long continued windstorm or an ice crush in the spring might easily do serious damage to the road, if not entirely obliterate it.

### Strong Words for Sletten.

To the Voters of Kandiyohi County, Minn.: We, the undersigned, would recommend P. R. Sletten, of the town of St. Johns, candidate for county auditor on the people's ticket, as an honest and competent man. He has strong moral convictions and has always been a worker against the liquor element. He has contributed to the local papers appeals to the good judgment of the voters and others to assist to banish the evil from us.

MATTES YOUNGREN, OLE J. PEDERSON, K. T. RYKREN, J. S. ANDREWS, JOHN WICKLUND, J. O. KLOSTER, PETER WICKLUND, HENRY G. HANSON, OLE S. RINGSTAD.

**Abuse Rebuked.**

Dr. Johnson went to Grove City Saturday to speak. He denounced John Lind in his most virulent manner in his speech. When he had exhausted his stock of abusive epithets the republican candidate for representative arose and told the people that he considered John Lind the best governor Minnesota ever had, and the audience cheered him to the echo. Doc must have felt like a counterfeit one cent piece.

**DO NOT FAIL TO VOTE**

For JOHN H. STYLES

For JUDGE OF PROBATE.

### Personal Mention.

Chas. Allen, a representative of the Pioneer Press, was in the city Thursday.

Miss Mary Hazelberg of Granite Falls spent Sunday with Willmar relatives.

J. J. Rykren returned Saturday evening from a trip to Montevideo.

Miss Lina Gjems is home from her trip to Europe.

Jens Larson Stevens is enjoying a visit with Hutchinson relatives.

Dr. F. E. Twitchell spent Sunday in Litchfield.

Mrs. M. H. Curry and son arrived last Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Prof. O. K. Omie left on Monday for St. Paul to undergo treatment for his eyes.

Editor Foland, of the Benson Times, called on the newspaper or fraternity here Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Hall, of Atwater, visited Willmar relatives last week.

Fred Thatcher came up from Menasha, Wis., this week for a visit with old friends.

Mrs. Woodward, of Chicago, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. E. C. Huffman.

Miss Alice Roberts spent last week in the cities.

Miss Hannah Norman, of Minneapolis, is the guest of relatives in Willmar and vicinity.

Mrs. Wise, of Browns Valley, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. P. Blake.

Miss Flora Wise returned on Monday to her home in Browns Valley.

Herman Halvorson made a business trip to St. Cloud on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olof Olson, of St. Paul, were guests of Willmar relatives the past week.

Mrs. James Lambrecht returned to Minneapolis this week from a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. Gjems.

Mrs. S. A. Richardson and Mrs. M. A. Getchell, of Minneapolis, are guests at the home of S. E. Stansberry.

Miss Lena Pritchard, of Woods, Chippewa county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. O. Forsberg.

Miss Mabel Tomlinson arrived here last week from St. Cloud to assume a position in the public schools.

Mrs. J. W. Peterson and Mrs. Michael Wheeler, of Atwater, were visitors in our village last week.

Emil Lundquist of Minneapolis, came up Friday to officiate as groomsmen for his cousin, Aug. Norman.

Messrs. Lewis Moline and Lawrence Rodum and Misses Tilda Larson and Tilda Moline spent Sunday in Svea.

M. J. O'Brien is home from his trip to Alaska. He passed through Willmar last Thursday enroute to Graceville.

Misses Tillie and Louise Blomgren came up from Minneapolis Friday to attend the Norman-Moline wedding.

William and John Wenberg were among the Monday arrivals from New London. They were en route to California, where the former goes for the benefit of his health.

Rev. Strand, of Albert Lea, spent several days the past week with Willmar and Norway Lake relatives. He left on Monday for the cities.

Rev. Father Malloy received a visit last week from Rev. Father Rosengren, of Maryburg, Le Sueur county, and Rev. Father Cunningham, of White Bear.

Mr. Barton, who has been for some time past employed on the Gazette force as city reporter, has resigned his position and gone to the cities. His successor is C. B. Morey.

Among the numerous visitors in attendance at the Lind rally we noticed these newspaper men: Editors Peterson of the Litchfield Independent, Reardon of the Grove City Times, Covell of the Atwater Republican-Press, and Archer of the Kerkhoven Banner.

Geo. F. Thompson of Chokio was in the village the past week renewing old acquaintances. He informs us that he and his brother Charles have disposed of their banking business there to a Waseca party, Charles Thompson and family have removed to Minneapolis.

### Commend Sletten.

EDITOR WILLMAR TRIBUNE: Before the close of the campaign I would, with your permission, Mr. Editor, have a word or two with the voters of Kandiyohi county in regard to our candidate for county auditor, Mr. P. R. Sletten. While I have no serious objection to the present incumbent, as to the management of the office, I will say that Mr. P. R. Sletten would fill the office with no less ability, as he has had the training that would make him a first class auditor. Being a steady attendant of our public schools while a boy, and later attending the well known institution of learning, the Northfield college, and lastly the St. Cloud normal school, from which he graduated with honor, he has acquired a knowledge so much needed in the management of that important office. So gentlemen and fellow citizens, when you go to the polls on Nov. 6, and vote for other good men placed on our ticket, put a strong X after the name of P. R. Sletten.

Sincerely yours,  
K. T. RYKREN.

### Wicklund Recommends Bosch.

To the many republican friends who expressed their intention to vote for me if I had not declined the nomination, I wish to say: Do not hesitate to vote for John B. Bosch, of Holland, for representative, as he is a man that will see to the farmers' interests of this county and of the state, and you will not regret it six months from now, if we elect him to represent us in the next legislature. He is a farmer and knows the wants of farmers. He is a Christian, and therefore I am confident that bribes will not carry him off from duty. I congratulate the county central committee on having appointed such an able and well qualified man as you will find in John B. Bosch. Accept thanks for the faith you all had in me. Respectfully,  
JOHN WICKLUND.

The Gazette in its two column notice of our Anti-Military edition says it contained eight pages of plate matter. Which proves that Sterngucker wrote the comment. A printer would not have made the mistake. The edition was paid for by private subscription.