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WILL BE A GREAT EVENT

Willmar Will Arrange For A Street Fair and Harvest Home Festival.

TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 26, 27, 28.

Movement Organized and Preliminary Committees Appointed—Willmar Invites the Entire County to Come for a Three Days Visit—And to Bring the Best from Farm, Ranch, Dairy, Poultry, Orchard, Garden, Apiary, Creamery, Household and School for a Grand Exhibition of the Resources of Kandiyohi County—Instructive Lectures and Interesting Entertainments Will Be the Prominent Features—Music, Parades and Sports Will Abound.

Willmar will celebrate the first year of the new century by a genuine effort to entertain, instruct and amuse the people of Kandiyohi County, or as many of them as will come, in a three days' street fair and harvest home festival. Willmar has experienced a remarkable growth during the last few years and is about to assume the dignity of a city. This she has the richness of the surrounding territory to thank for to a large extent, and her citizens now propose to show their appreciation for the staunch support she has received by inviting one and all to partake of her hospitality for three days, and to still further promote the welfare of the county by an exhibition of its resources and a competitive contest in all the various branches of industry which constitute the sources of wealth to the citizens of the county. Her citizens realize that in order to be able to carry out the proposed idea they must secure the hearty co-operation and cordial support of the public-spirited citizens of the county, and this they ask for. Let every wide-awake farmer save the best of his crop, every stock-raiser the best of his herd, the creamerist the dairyman the best of his product, the poultry-raiser the best of his birds, the apiarist the choicest of his honey, the fruit-grower the cream from his orchard, the gardener the finest specimens grown in his garden, the housewife the best products of her skill and ingenuity—to make an exhibit when combined that will in some degree worthily represent the resources of the county. Make ready to come in with the best your farm affords, to stay with us for three days, and the public-spirited citizens of Willmar will strain every nerve to make it worth your while and effort.

At the meeting held last Thursday evening at the Odd Fellows building the preliminary committee reported fair success in the matter of raising funds for a harvest festival and the meeting decided that the festival should be held September 26, 27 and 28. A general organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: President, A. F. Nordin; vice-president, E. C. Wellin; secretary, Wm. T. Markhus; treasurer, Russell Spicer. A committee on invitation was appointed as follows: V. E. Lawson, J. B. Boyd, A. H. Sperry, O. Berkness, I. T. Cramer, Lewis Moline, E. C. Wellin, Chas. H. Johnson, Albert C. Johnson, O. A. Jacobson, P. R. Sletten, J. J. Eckander, J. D. Wolpert, J. G. Jones, M. Jorgenson, L. O. Thorpe, Albert E. Rice, J. T. Otos, Emanuel Christenson and Swan Anderson.

Various suggestions were made and discussed, but it was decided to leave all matters with the officers selected. The preliminary committee reported a subscription amounting to over \$700.00 and volunteered the suggestion that more might be secured. They were detailed to secure as much as possible. The Fourth of July committee reported that it had a balance of \$83 in the treasury, which they proposed to turn into the hands of the harvest festival committee, and it is needless to say that the offer was thankfully accepted.

The officers had a meeting Saturday afternoon, and decided among other things that the official name of the fair shall be the "Willmar Street Fair and Harvest Home Festival." President Nordin was delegated to visit Redwing, where a successful street fair was held last year, in quest of ideas. The president appointed a committee of progressive farmers, one from each township in the county, with A. H. Sperry as chairman, to secure experts in the different lines of agriculture and stock-raising to be present to lecture and demonstrate improved methods during the three days of the fair, also to promote interest in the fair in their respective townships, as follows:

- Arcander, A. H. Gordhamer. Burbank, John S. Andrews. Colfax, N. G. Highstrom. Doves, Magnus Olson. Edwards, Thos. H. Olson. E. Lake Lillian, Chris. Johnson. Fahlin, John Elmquist. Genessee, Andrew Flygare. Green Lake, D. Hagenstein. Harrison, John Feig. Holland, Frank Knox. Irving, D. C. Abbott. Kandiyohi, Jonsa Monson.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A. O. Ahlin Meets Instant Death at Kandiyohi Station.

Last Wednesday morning a terrible accident occurred at Kandiyohi station, in which the victim was A. O. Ahlin, a young man about 18 years of age. Mr. Ahlin was hauling a load of milk to the creamery and in attempting to cross the railroad track failed to see an approaching freight train which was bound for Willmar. When he noticed the train he made a desperate attempt to cross ahead of it but the horses shied just as the wagon got on the track. The momentary delay was fatal. The engine struck the wagon, hurling Ahlin a distance of about 100 feet and fracturing his skull. When he was picked up life was extinct. The wagon was smashed into kindling wood, one wheel being all that was left of it. The horses fared better than the driver and wagon, as they had crossed sufficiently to escape with only a few slight bruises.

The young man was in the employ of Alfred Blomquist, a farmer. He was a nephew of the Blomquist brothers—John, Alfred and Charles, all of whom live in the vicinity of Kandiyohi. He had been in this country some over a year, coming here in the spring of 1900. He leaves an aged father in Sweden.

The funeral took place last Friday afternoon from the Swedish Lutheran Tripolis church, and the last rites were performed by Rev. S. A. Lindholm. The interment was in the Tripolis cemetery.

Fall in With Thieves.

The regular way freight, C. J. Montgomery, which pulled in here last Thursday evening from the west, had its quota of hobo inhabitants in the box cars, and the train hands had a rather lively encounter with some of them. In one of the "side door Pullmans" there had been an especially high old time, and a fellow occupant came out of the deal a little the worse for his association with "Weary Willies." A stabbing affray had taken place and the victim, as far as we can learn, had fallen into the clutches of the wrong gang in his attempt to beat a ride. His cries for help attracted the attention of a brakeman and a passenger on the train, and they succeeded in capturing three of the would-be hold-up artists, the fourth one making good his escape. The victim of the assault exhibited a bad cut in the leg and two in the face. They were shut up in the car and when the train reached DeGraff they were turned over to the authorities at that place.

Occurrences like this are a common thing during the season when laborers are going to and returning from the harvest fields. A number take their chances to secure a free ride and naturally fall in with the element that is laying for an opportunity to separate them from their hard-earned cash.

Kandiyohi.

Aug. 19.—Threshing is in full blast. Wheat averages about 15 bushels per acre. Reports are that it averaged 20 bushels to the acre on Christ Peterson's farm. This is undoubtedly the best yield in this locality. Miss Cora Norman is staying with her sister, Mrs. Albert Isacson. Misses Martha and Tena Enblom went to Grove City Saturday for a few days' visit with friends. Some of our elite attended a surprise party tendered Miss Carrie Nelson at her home in Genessee last Saturday evening. Albert Enblom, accompanied by his sister Annie, drove down from Willmar Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Broman entertained a number of friends Sunday. Miss Lydia Glader was a guest at J. Enblom's place last week. Messrs. Geo. and Albert Enblom visited at J. Barker's home Sunday.

Back from the East.

P. H. Roise took occasion to visit the Eastern markets during his recent visit, and during the present week new goods are arriving at the "Big Store" as the result of his purchases. While in New York City, Mr. Roise was a heavy buyer, and one of the best stocks ever placed before the public will be on exhibition at the store.

Spicer.

Aug. 19.—Shock threshing is finished and the farmers are glad because they got their grain in dry. The Erickson and Bratberg rigs are to begin stack threshing Monday. Hans Kloster left for Minneapolis last Friday, with his trunk well packed. Most of the farmers have commenced plowing, but have to work slowly on account of the heat. A few of our young people are getting ready to return to the different schools to take up their studies after the summer vacation. Our good wishes go with you.

The Charter Commission.

The charter commission held a meeting last Monday evening, and the special committee that has prepared a draft made its report. The commission decided to hold regular meetings every Monday and Friday evening until the labors are ended. Not more than two months remain of the time allotted the commission for its work.

THE SALE OF THE CAPITOL LANDS.

Table with columns: Description, Val. Imp., Renter, Buyer, Price per Acre, Amount Paid Down. Lists various land parcels and their sale details.

This includes cost of improvements, 15 per cent of principal, and interest to June 1, 1902.

Kerkhoven.

Aug. 18.—Mrs. John Olson went to Willmar yesterday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Forsberg. L. Nyman, who transacted business in Willmar, went down Tuesday. C. G. Quale came up from Willmar Monday and went out to the home of his parents in town of Kerkhoven, where he will visit for some time. The Baptist Church Society has bought lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 of block 1 in Berge's first addition to Kerkhoven, and will erect a church building thereon as soon as they can see their way clear to do so. Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Mamre had the misfortune of dislocating her left arm at the wrist joint Tuesday. She was sitting on a low stool. In getting up she lost her balance and fell over backward.

Ringville.

Aug. 19.—Hurray for picnics! Hayling is in full blast. Thomas Iverslie, who is now a resident of Stevens county, has been sojourning here and in Belgrade the past week. He goes back to Chokio Tuesday. Bethans Sewing society meets with Mrs. Ole Wald Wednesday, Aug. 21. A number of Ringville people attended the picnic at Erickson's last Sunday afternoon. They all speak favorably of the picnic as well as the temperance workers of Belgrade. Everybody interested in the welfare of our town should attend the meeting in the town hall next Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. If the combined efforts of the people of Burbank and the surrounding country can give you a good time you will have it then. See program elsewhere. He who spends as he earns is laying out a good road to the poorhouse. Money spent on education, however, if you only use it right. Martin Coyne of Scott county is visiting at Coyne's. Jno. Neer was around selling corn harvesters last Friday. D. S. Christenson has sold his farm for a consideration of \$20 an acre. Ole Anderson did some threshing last week and returns were about as expected—wheat 5 bushels to the acre, oats 29. The old habit of buying things on the promise to pay after threshing is done must be a thing of the past here. Hans Halvorson has invested in a corn harvester. Our young sports had better read the law before they start shooting chickens; otherwise it might prove expensive food and fun. The picnic next Sunday will be for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization for the good of the town as well as for all that have time, opportunity and desire to join in the good work.

Irving.

Aug. 20.—Mr. Van Vorst of New Paynesville passed through here on business some time ago. Knut Halvorson of Eagle Lake was a guest at C. Kullberg's lately. Mrs. Gustave A. Erickson of Willmar called on friends here last Monday. Threshing has begun and the yield seems fair. Frank Wermelin and Hitman Johnson departed for North Dakota recently. Mrs. Aron Olson returned from Mamre last Saturday. Michael Mikkelson is employed near Kerkhoven. Albert Anderson has purchased Mrs. Olson's general merchandise store at the creamery. Mr. and Mrs. A. Olson are entertaining a party of Nebraska. Andrew Larson was a guest at C. Kullberg's lately. Each of them gave half to the amount of the defendants, the Frank Anderson and the Hendrickson.

A New Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swenson were rejoicing over the arrival of a new deputy sheriff, who came to their home yesterday.

DOGS KILL THE FLOCKS.

Curs Have Held High Carnival Among the Sheep on Fahlun Farms.

A couple or more of mischievous curs have been a source of much damage to flocks of sheep in the townships of Fahlun and Whitefield this summer. They would make periodical raids and wantonly kill numbers in each flock they encountered. In such manner John Lindblad has had 10 sheep killed, E. A. Lundgren, 4 killed and 3 injured; Gust Williams, 9 killed and two injured; Louis Norling, 10 killed; Erick Knutson, 2 killed; A. O. Nelson, 2 sheep, and several pigs were killed and injured; S. M. Swenson, several killed and injured. For some time it was thought that the havoc was perpetrated by wolves, although none have been seen in that neighborhood. When the last visitation was made to John Lindblad's flock, he heard the disturbance and hurried to the scene, and made sure that the vicious brutes that killed the sheep were two dogs. One was a large black bulldog and his companion was a black mongrel with yellow spots above the eyes. Mr. Lindblad managed to follow the dogs on horseback and traced them to their respective homes. The owner of the bulldog shot him at once. The mongrel had no one who claimed him, but has been hanging about the place he stayed at for some time. There is a new state law which provides compensation to the stockraiser who suffers loss from depredations of dogs, but none of these parties are able to avail themselves of this, as the supervisors of the town must be notified within two days after the damage is done, and this was not done. Every gun in that vicinity has been loaded with buck shot and many late vigil has been suffered in the hope of securing a shot at the depredating brutes, but unsuccessfully, as they seemed to know when to come and when to stay away.

Priam.

Aug. 19.—Saturday, Aug. 17, was the biggest day for wheat in the history of Priam. The New London Milling Co. elevator alone took in 29 loads summing up between 1300 and 1400 bushels. A good recommendation for their agent, Chas. Dittes. J. A. Kepner's residence is now ready for plastering. Threshing is now in full blast. No less than six rigs could be seen around here one day. Mr. J. C. Boyland left last Friday for a visit with his folks in New Paynesville. From there he goes to Marshall, where the company intends to put up a large brick structure to be used as a creamery. The cream from both Priam and Raymond is being shipped to Marshall. The company has a number of skimming stations along the Sioux Falls road. Miss Nora Johnson of Willmar and Miss Phena Abrahamson of this place spent an enjoyable evening visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Larson. Olof C. Olson of Willmar biked out to Priam Friday evening. John Larson boarded the cars for the county seat Saturday. G. A. Lepold sold a carload of hay Saturday for \$7.75 a ton. Carl Dahlheim and Geo. Weddell are lathing the J. A. Kepner residence. A. J. Larson is at present running the skimming station at Priam. Mrs. Chas. Isaacson visited with Mrs. A. J. Larson Saturday. Mrs. Chas. Dittes returned home Friday. Charles won't have to batch it any longer. What would the world be without women? The Petersons and Andersons threshing rig left the shed Thursday and sped northwest ready for business. Wm. Gratz called on our merchants Friday afternoon. EAGLE EYE.

Flole's Case Dismissed.

Carl Flole, held at the county jail for some days on a serious charge, was released from custody last night, and the case pending against him in Justice Limperich's court has been dismissed on the motion of the county attorney.

No Match for Waseca.

A great deal of interest has been shown in base ball circles in the games between Waseca and Litchfield. After losing the game at Lexington Park the Litchfield team made three more unsuccessful attempts to defeat their opponents, the games being played at Austin, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The following are the scores which gave the Waseca the championship: 8 to 1; 20 to 2; 8 to 5.

Blind Pig Cases.

The blind pig cases from Atwater were up before Justice Ottersen last Monday afternoon. After hearing the evidence of the state's witness, the court then turned over to the next day the district court. Each of them gave half to the amount of the defendants, the Frank Anderson and the Hendrickson.

CAPITOL LAND SALE.

State Lands in Kandiyohi County Become Private Farm Property.

STATE AUDITOR CONDUCTS THE SALE.

Ten Sections of the Finest Farm Lands of the State Sold with Improvements in lots to suit the Lessees.—Prices Ranged from \$12.50 to \$30 per acre, Exclusive of Improvements.—State Auditor Dunn in Many Instances Gave the Speculators the Cold Shoulder.—A Few Bidders were unable to raise the Requisite Cash and the Lands were Re-sold.—Other Buyers related in a few instances and the Lessees took the Land at the Figure sold for.

The six thousand three-hundred and ninety-five acres of land ceded to the State of Minnesota for the purpose of providing a future seat of government in the central portion of the state are now private property and the money therefore goes into the state treasury to be used for general purposes on buildings at the capital. The crowd of prospective buyers and others interested filled the court house hall and were in numbers about three hundred. The sale which was to have opened at two o'clock last Thursday did not begin until nearly three o'clock, and during the delay a good many anxious faces could be seen in the crowd of people who have leased the lands heretofore at the nominal rental of fifty cents an acre and in many cases had made their homes upon the land. Findley State Auditor Dunn and Land Clerk Flynn appeared upon the scene, and the auditor proceeded to explain the terms of sale. These, as our readers have before been informed, were identical with those governing the sale of state school lands, except that the full appraised value of the improvements made upon the land had to be settled for in cash at the time of sale. The amount of the appraised value of the improvements were not publicly known until the moment of sale, and this arrangement added an element of uncertainty to any other prospective buyer outside of the lessee to whom it made no difference as he already owned the improvements. Outside of the cash required for the improvements, the terms were 15 per cent down upon the principal and interest until June 1, 1902, the balance to be paid in forty years with an annual interest of four per cent. The auditor warned anybody against making straw bids, and stated that he wanted to give everybody a fair show as well as do justice to the state. He did not hesitate to declare, however, that the lessees would be given the preference, which resolve he carried out in some cases in an arbitrary fashion, to the discomfiture of outside speculators of the crowd, some being land seekers from the states of Illinois and Iowa. The law under which the land was sold gave the state auditor the power to reject any or all bids at his discretion. He is also permitted under the law to sell in tracts from forty to one hundred and sixty acre lots, and he announced that he would use this privilege to suit the lessees of the land and with reference to the improvements upon the land, as he did not care to sell only one forty with improvements and buildings that might be worthless unless the owner had other land adjoining. In one case he made an exception to the rule and sold five forties in one lot. The first tract sold was the NE 1/4 of Section 10 in East Lake Lillian, which was appraised at \$15 an acre and the improvements at \$610. Victor F. Peterson was the lessee and bid the amount appraised. There were other bids, however, and the amount per acre was rapidly increased by 25-cent increases until \$18 was reached, when the lessee decided that his limit was reached, and John Engesser became the successful bidder. The NW 1/4 went to the lessee, Mr. Franklin Gunner, at \$20. The SW 1/4 brought \$15 an acre and the SE 1/4 \$28. The TRIBUNE has prepared a table published elsewhere giving each tract sold, the appraised value of the improvements, the name of the lessee, the price paid and the successful bidder. The sale of the capitol lands and the few tracts of other state lands yet remaining unsold or delinquent occupied the time so that it became necessary to hold an evening session to finish up the business.

Creamery Business in East Lake Lillian.

John Johnson, the efficient butter-maker at the East Lake Lillian creamery, was among those in attendance at the sale of state lands last Thursday. In a conversation with him we gleaned the following report of the business done at this creamery:

During the month of June 17 cents was paid for butter fat. The average test was 3.02. There was no sinking tank. \$900 was divided among the patrons. In July 180,000 lbs. of milk were received and 86 tubs of butter were shipped. The average test was 4. The creamery is now receiving 25,000 pounds of milk per week.