

WILLMAR TRIBUNE

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FOR CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Willmar Ladies Meet and Organize the Woman's Improvement League.

Last Saturday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. S. B. Qvale, on Litchfield avenue, was organized a society which it is expected will accomplish much for the beautifying of this city, especially her streets.

The plans having been laid before the ladies, and a committee having been assured of hearty support in case of organization, the prime movers started the ball a-rolling and the following officers were elected: Mrs. S. B. Qvale, president; Mrs. G. W. Tyler, vice president; Mrs. Sophia L. Rice, secretary and treasurer.

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A consultation with Supt. Allen resulted in a satisfactory assurance to the ladies that the matter would be laid before the proper officials of the Great Northern. The matter is so feasible that there is not the least doubt of its being successfully carried through. The ladies are all earnest workers and we are sure that their wishes will be heeded by the president of the Great Northern, who has always stood for improvements of whatever nature they may be, of which this is not the least. Being a great center of traveling, Willmar needs an improvement of this kind, if only for the comfort of the railroad's many patrons.

The following named ladies comprise the soliciting committee, which was appointed on Tuesday: Mesdames S. B. Qvale and W. J. Pinney; Mesdames G. W. Tyler and Chas. Hornbeck; Mesdames N. M. Mossberg and W. L. Crosby; Mesdames Alton Crosby and J. M. Spicer.

Teachers' Meeting.

A meeting of the teachers of the county will be held in the Willmar High School building on Saturday, May 24. The session will open at 10:30 a. m. Addresses will be made by C. G. Schultz, assistant state superintendent, and Prof. W. A. Shoemaker, superintendent of the St. Cloud city schools. It is hoped that the meeting will be largely attended by the teachers.

Approaching Wedding.

Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Miss Petria Erickson to Mr. Mr. J. Marsellus Jacobson have been issued. The ceremony takes place at the Norwegian Lutheran Free church on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The reception following the ceremony will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson, Eagle Lake.

Has Invested in Land.

Nels Mikkelsen returned last week from his trip to the Assiniboia country in Canada. He has invested in farm property near Estevan, purchasing three quarter sections eight miles from that city. The land is being put in shape for next season's crop and Mr. Mikkelsen expects to dispose of his Willmar property and remove the family there this summer.

Birthday Anniversary.

Mrs. Charlotta Bergdahl entertained a small company of lady friends last Friday afternoon at her home on south Fifth street. The occasion was the fifty-seventh anniversary of her birthday. The estimable lady was remembered with several mementoes of the occasion and the afternoon was an enjoyable one for the small company present.

Freight Wreck Near Litchfield.

An east-bound fast freight train which passed through Willmar Saturday morning was wrecked about two miles this side of Litchfield on account of a broken flange, causing a delay of several hours in the running of trains. Five cars were derailed, including two filled with shipments of salmon and arsenic, which were badly demoralized. The train was in charge of Conductor Martens, with Pat McLaughlin as engineer. The passenger train from the east, due here at 12:55 p. m., was obliged to wait on the other side of the wreck while the train from Willmar pulled in and passenger were transferred. The train returned at 4:30, leaving for the Sioux Falls line about three hours late. The wrecking train was sent down and the crew had the track cleared so that all trains were running on regular time the following day.

Evangelical Meetings.

A series of meetings will be held in Willmar, at the Presbyterian church, commencing this evening at 8 o'clock and continuing until the 28th inst. They will be conducted by the well-known evangelist, Mr. Chester Birch, of St. Louis, who has traveled as an evangelist since 1882. He is remembered by many people over the continent because of his preaching, singing and cornet playing. He comes endorsed by leading pastors, as well as secular and religious press.

Through recommendation of Gen. Jno. A. Logan, Mr. Birch was relieved from one of the United States bands in order to take up the work of an evangelist.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings. No seasonal methods to embarrass people, whether church members or not. Admission free to all meetings.

Improves Its Service.

The Great Northern has received from the builders a number of its new passenger day coaches for which a large order was placed early in the winter. They are finished inside in mahogany. The "sanitary" scheme of decorations which is plain and at the same time very attractive, is employed.

The peculiar feature of the new coaches is their seating capacity. Each will accommodate eighty-six persons, about twenty-five more than the ordinary day coach. The cars are put for through service and will be in use at once. Dining and sleeping cars of improved design are completed and will be delivered within a few weeks.

Coal Dock Destroyed by Fire.

A fierce fire at Breckenridge last Thursday night destroyed the Great Northern coal dock and the company's oil house, involving a loss of about \$10,000. The heroic work of the firemen saved the destruction of the round house, which was at the time filled with engines. The fire started shortly after ten o'clock and about midnight the fire had cooled off enough to allow the construction of the main track around the ruins for the passing of trains. No. 10 was delayed but little over an hour. It is thought the fire started from a gas-oil engine.

Picnic Association Meets.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Kandiyohi County Woodmen Picnic Association met at the Bonde Hall and arranged for the date of their annual picnic. The date decided upon was June 14, and Green Lake was selected as the scene of festivities. There was not a large delegation present, the only camps represented being Pennock, Spicer and Willmar. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: D. Hagenstjerne, Spicer, president; M. Sorenson, Willmar, vice president; J. J. Henderson, Spicer, secretary and treasurer.

M. McDonald left on Monday for New York city, to which place he goes as lay commissioner for the St. Cloud Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. The Assembly will be in session from May 15 to 27. Rev. T. M. Findley, of Spicer, who is pastor-at-large of this Presbytery, accompanies Mr. McDonald and will represent it as minister commissioner.

There was not a large attendance of the congregations of the Lutheran Free church last Friday afternoon, at the meeting which was called for the purpose of making final arrangements regarding the building of the new church. The unfavorable weather was the cause of the small attendance. An adjournment was taken until Friday, May 23.

Services at the M. E. church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Law of Love;" evening subject, "The Model Husband." A cordial invitation is extended to the public. Strangers always welcome.

JOSEPH HOGG, Pastor.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. May 12—George Snicker to Annie Bertilla Berg. May 12—Axel O. Nilson to Olivia Kullberg. May 12—Ole P. Fuglem to Mall Qvello.

WIN THE FINAL DEBATE.

Two Kandiyohi County Boys Take the Championship of the University.

By their forensic abilities Roy E. Sperry of Willmar, Ralph W. Stanford, late of Kandiyohi but whose parents now reside at Willmar, and a Mr. Grannis, won the final debate at the University last Wednesday evening and thereby secured the Jacobs cup for their class society and the championship of the University for themselves. The two Kandiyohi county boys will complete their course this spring. Their many friends are proud of the record they have made and feel confident that they will fill places in the legal profession with credit to themselves and honor to the fraternity. The Minnesota Daily of May 8 gives these particulars of the final debate:

"By the unanimous vote of the judges the Law Literary society won the final inter-society debate last night and thereby gain the honor of winning the Jacobs' cup. About three hundred people listened to the speakers. Prof. White presided. The judges were Hon. Weedman Munro, Judge F. C. Brooks and Hon. C. M. Ferguson. The question as read was: Resolved that U. S. senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

KANDIYOHI COUNTY BOYS WIN THE CUP.



ROY E. SPERRY.



RALPH W. STANFORD.

These gentlemen were on the team which won the final debate at the University last Wednesday evening.

Messrs. Sperry Grannis, and Stanford of the Law Literary Society, supported the affirmative, while Thelen, Smythe and Wiley upheld the negative. Both sides of the argument were well presented and victory was not assured until the close of the debate. The burden of proof rested with the affirmative. They, by the preponderance of evidence and logical argument finally wrested victory from their doughty opponents.

Both teams are to be congratulated upon their masterful presentation of the points involved, and we need have no fear of having a dearth of material next year for our inter-collegiate debates—at least while these men are in college.

The Minneapolis Tribune said:

"The victory gives to them possession of the Jacobs cup for the next year and the title of debating champions of the university. The law team were especially strong in delivery and in driving home their arguments. They were all pupils of Prof. N. H. Bartlett during the past year, and this fact may be one of the reasons for advancement in this line of work by the law society, as heretofore the laws have had no training in the way of debate and oratory."

Organize a Macabees' Nive.

May Hive of the Macabees of the Macabees was organized here last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. W. Ferguson, with a charter membership of 25. The Hive was organized by Mrs. Anna M. Welch, of St. Paul, state commander, as a result of the work of Mrs. Della M. Armstrong, state deputy. The following are the officers: Mrs. Mary C. Paulson, past commander; Mrs. Amanda Cramer, commander; Mrs. Minnie Larson, lieutenant commander; Mrs. Louise Ferguson, record keeper; Mrs. Julia Gorwell, finance keeper; Mrs. Laura B. German, chaplain; Mrs. Elizabeth Stovns, sergeant; Mrs. Kate Kaskell, mistress at arms; Mrs. Sarah Crowley, sentinel; Mrs. Emma Lindner, picket.

After the election of officers an adjournment was taken for a meeting at the Bonde hall, in the evening, where the new organization held a business session, followed by the serving of refreshments. Three candidates have been initiated into the mysteries of the order, and it is expected that a big class will go in at the meeting to be held the 20th inst. Regular meetings will be held fortnightly, on the same Tuesday evenings as the Knights of the Macabees meet.

O. R. Rustad, Aug. Hodman, and H. A. Halvorson, all of Lake Andrew town, and Halvor Hande, of Arcader, are among the emigrants to the Canadian country, having gone to Langenburg, Assiniboia, to locate on lands and cast their lots among the new settlers there. Litchfield papers are announcing the fact that that city will celebrate the glorious Fourth this year. Special trains will be run from neighboring points, including Willmar. J. R. Watson, formerly of this city, is now employed as engineer inspector for the Great Northern, at Kallspeil, Mont.

List of Jurors Drawn.

The following jurors were drawn May 9, for the next term of court. The grand jurors will meet on Monday, June 23 at 2 o'clock p. m. The petit jurors will meet the following day at 10 o'clock a. m.

GRAND JURORS.

- O. R. Bjerkness, Whitefield; Wm. N. Peterson, Colfax; C. L. Anderson, Atwater; M. Linman, Fahlun; J. H. Carlin, Green Lake; O. N. Bengtson, Roseland; Ole E. Erickson, Lake Lillian; Leonard Larson, Colfax; Peter Berglund, Harrison; R. C. Rasmussen, St. Johns; William Larson, Lake Andrew; Charles Danielson, Genessee; Frank Harris, Irving; John J. Peterson, Norway Lake; Erick Dahlberg, Colfax; John G. Flann, Lake Lillian; Jacob Jacobson, Arcander; Gunder Pederson, Maubre; A. O. Qvale, Willmar; Wm. Ryff, Harrison; Nils Hjort, Lake Elizabeth; A. Espaliden, Norway Lake; Peter Hagen, Irving.

PETIT JURORS.

- A. J. Larson, St. Johns.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC.

Pioneers of the County to Meet June 17. Excursion to Duluth the 21st.

Arrangements are in progress for the annual meeting of the Kandiyohi County Old Settlers' Association, which is to be held at Spicer on Tuesday, June 17. The full program has not yet been prepared, but it is safe to say that there will undoubtedly be plenty of entertainment provided for all who attend. Speakers will be engaged for the occasion and there will be amusements of various kinds. As Green Lake has this year been chosen for the site of the picnic, there will undoubtedly be a very large attendance, many outsiders being attracted there on account of the famous resort. President A. H. Sperry informs us that there will be a meeting of the executive committee the first of June to make final arrangements for both the picnic and the excursion to Duluth. The committee has arranged for a special train of ten coaches to leave here in the morning of June 21 for Duluth, returning on Sunday evening, which will give a pleasure trip of two days. The fare will be \$2.50 for the round trip. The sale of tickets will be limited, so as to allow only fifty passengers for each car and thus avoid a crowded condition and provide comfort for the excursionists. It is expected that the train will leave Willmar Saturday morning at 7 o'clock and returning leave Duluth about 4 or 5 o'clock Sunday evening. The committee on picnic is composed of P. H. Parsons, Oliver Larson and Harold Swenson. There will be reduced rates to Spicer for the occasion.

Death of Peter Olson.

Peter O. Olson, who has made his home for a number of years with Andrew Anderson, residing a mile east of this city, died last Thursday morning of consumption, aged 72 years. He was a bachelor and leaves no relatives. A nephew from North Dakota, Mr. Swan Olson, had been here for the past three weeks attending him. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Anderson home, and the remains were brought to city for interment in Fairview cemetery.

Real Estate Transfers.

- KANDIYOHI. May 18.—Albert Anderson to Aug. Anderson, Martha Bakken, Pauline Barnstad, Olavus Anderson, Beata Thompson, Carloline Anderson and Nicoline Anderson, und. 1-7 of 1st sec. 8, n w 1/2, sec. 9, n w 1/2, sec. 17, probate decree. May 3.—Ernest H. Elfrstrom to Joseph Magnuson, 1 a. in n w 1/2, sec. 23, \$100. May 12.—Vinej congregation to Ed. ward Patchell, part n w 1/2, sec. 14, \$4,000. ST. JOHNS. May 2.—C. C. Birkeland to John Swenson, Jr., n w 1/2, s w 1/2, n e 1/2, sec. 36, w. d. \$1,836. May 2.—John Swenson to H. E. Crawford, n w 1/2, n e 1/2, s w 1/2, sec. 36, n e 1/2, sec. 35, \$5,075. May 7.—Henry Howell to John Swenson, Jr., n e 1/2, sec. 25, \$650. GREEN LAKE. May 10.—Jens Hanson to Mrs. Inger Jacobson, n w 1/2, sec. 22, \$50. DOVRE. May 3.—John E. Ottersness to Christen Ottersness, s w 1/2, sec. 27, q. c. d. part s e 1/2, part s w 1/2, sec. 27, q. c. d. Christen Ottersness to John E. Ottersness, n w 1/2, sec. 27, part s e 1/2, part s w 1/2, n e 1/2, sec. 28, q. c. d. NEW LONDON. May 5.—Levi Truesdell to Margaret King, s e 1/2, n e 1/2, \$1,500. May 7.—Christina Edberg to Wm. Olson, lot 6 of lot 2, sec. 23, \$100. May 12.—Anders Olson to Hugh E. H. Campbell, n l 1/3 of lot 3, exc. r. o. w., sec. 34, \$300. LAKE ANDREW. May 9.—John E. Carlson to Erick Holsten, s w 1/2, sec. 27, \$380. COLFAX. May 9.—Ole A. Boe to H. E. Ekren, s l 1/2 of lot 7, sec. 31, \$1,000. VILLAGE OF ATWATER. May 8.—John A. Isaacson to S. P. M. Peterson, lots 4, 5 and 6, blk. 2, S. A. T. Co., und. \$1,400. VILLAGE OF KANDIYOHI. May 7.—Daniel A. Murray to Chas. U. Peterson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, blk. 14, \$100. VILLAGE OF NEW LONDON. April 29.—Louis Larson to Ole Strand, lot 6, blk. 9 (L. A. and Sperry's Add.) \$250. Chas. E. Sperry to Ole Strand, lot 8, blk. 9 (L. A. & Sperry Add.) \$20. Ole Strand to John Pederson, lots 6, 7 and 8, blk. 9 (L. A. & Sperry Add.) \$450. May 6.—M. O. Flesland to Louise A. Newman, lot 6, blk 6 (L. A. & S. Add.) \$100. Louis Larson to M. O. and O. O. Flesland, lots 8 and 9, (L. A. & S. Add.) \$75. M. O. and O. O. Flesland to Louise A. Newman, lots 8 and 9, blk. 6, \$100. Ole O. Flesland to Louise A. Newman, lot 5, blk. 6 (L. A. & S. Add.) \$100. Chas. E. Sperry to S. J. Anderson, lot 10, blk. 5 (L. A. & S. Add.) \$35. VILLAGE OF PENNOCK. May 5.—St. P. M. & M. R. Co. to Nils Wall, lot 21, blk. 4, trustee deed, \$35. May 12.—John Ostlund to Gustaf Holmgren, lots 1, 2 and 3, blk 3, \$100. EDWARDS. May 7.—Art Korhof to Geo. A. Robinson and Wm. A. Atkinson, net, sec. 8, \$485. May 10.—Carl Henning to Jacob Runck, s w 1/2, s w 1/2, sec. 31, \$2,840.

A Terrible Calamity.

One of the greatest calamities of modern times has befallen the city of St. Pierre on the island of Martinique, one of the Lesser Antilles. A terrible volcanic eruption accompanied by earthquake shocks buried the city in ashes and burning lava. The ships in the harbor were lifted up by an immense tidal wave and then dashed to pieces on the bottom of the harbor. Only a few of the inhabitants of the city and the people on board the ships were saved. It is figured that at least forty thousand persons perished in the catastrophe. From some of the neighboring islands came reports of earthquakes and volcanic activity that threaten further catastrophes. The entire group of islands is of volcanic origin, and the inhabitants or all of them are greatly alarmed.

To Put on Through Service.

We learn that owing to the heavy transfer of passengers and baggage at this point of late for towns between here and Browns Valley, the Great Northern is thinking of running the train through to Browns Valley as formerly and make a stub run between here and Watertown. We think this would give better satisfaction all around. Later on, if the traffic on the Watertown branch picks up considerably the company may feel justified in putting on a through coach to take care of same.—Benson Monitor.

Seminary Students Debate.

The class in elocution at the Willmar Seminary, conducted by Prof. Solum, gave an entertainment Saturday evening consisting of recitations and music, besides a debate, which proved quite interesting. The question for discussion was: "Resolved, that the Students of the Willmar Seminary Should Send Resolutions of Sympathy to the Boers in South Africa, now Struggling for their Political Liberty." The debaters for the affirmative side were Ludvig Dale, O. A. Fodness and Miss Sorenson; negative, A. Gleim, M. A. Sandager and Miss Huslie. The question was well handled by the respective speakers, but the affirmative side got the best of the argument and consequently carried off the honors.

DECIDED UPON THE DATES.

Willmar Street Fair Directors Meet and Arrange for the Big Event.

The board of directors for the Willmar street fair held their meeting in the Spicer Land Co's office last evening. President Thorpe of the board presided. After a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the acceptance of the same, the resignation of P. P. Eddy as a member of the board was considered. Mr. Eddy was obliged to resign on account of lack of time to attend meetings and to properly attend to his duties as member of such board. M. T. Sandbo was elected to fill the vacancy. The matter as to the advisability of when to hold the fair resulted in the selection of the 17th, 18th and 19th of September as the dates. It was agreed upon that exhibits would be received the 16th and not later than noon on the 17th. The position of secretary involving a large amount of work and extra time, it was agreed upon that he be compensated with a salary of \$100, and that he hire his own help. Upon motion the president appointed a committee of three to act as finance committee and solicit funds, the same to act as such till after the fair. The following were appointed: E. C. Wellin, H. S. Peterson, and O. A. Jacobson. A motion was also carried to the effect that they be instructed to raise \$1200 before June 15, so as to warrant the board sufficient funds to arrange for the event. The chair appointed Messrs. Markhus and Russell Spicer as committee to revise the premium list. Having attended to all matters that were brought up before this meeting the board took an adjournment until June 16, when they will meet at the same place for further arrangements.

Sves.

May 13.—Some people think that the weather man gives us too much of the good rain, but we believe what we have had so far has been needed. Oscar Westerber is the happy possessor of a fine two-seated carriage. Our merchant, J. Ed Nelson, is this week having a spring clearance sale, beginning yesterday and continuing the entire week. David Steward of Roseland has again entered the employ of Peter Anderson. Mr. Steward held the same position last summer. It is said that confirmation exercises will be held in the church next Sunday forenoon, May 18. A class of sixteen members will be confirmed. The Y. L. S. S. met at Aleck Westerber's last Friday afternoon. Hans Anderson has given his barn a new coat of paint. Mrs. J. Wahlstrand Jr. of Willmar has been visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood. Elmer Johnson will work for S. M. Swenson during the coming summer. W. E. Skoglund has been assisting Gust Hanson fencing a couple of days this week. Erick Hegstrom was inspecting some of the telephone lines in different parts of the county last week. Work has now begun on the new lines around here. This vicinity will soon be one continuous net of telephone wires. Email Nelson and Peter and Nels Anderson have accepted positions with the Minnesota Central Telephone Co. and have left for some northern point, where the company is building new lines. Henry Larson made an overland trip to the county seat last Sunday, per his natural transportation means. Just what was the attraction that led Henry to trot so happily along we will not mention yet. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson are now located at their new home in Roseland. We all wish them much luck and happiness there. Our buttermaker, L. M. Sorenson, was the victim of a hold-up while going home from Willmar one evening a few days ago, but as he was not the one the hoboes were laying for, no harm was done him. The party which the hold-up gang was after luckily escaped. A picnic will be held at the old picnic grounds Wednesday, May 23, under the auspices of the Y. L. S. S. Mrs. Norling, who was stricken with paralysis about a year ago, is said to be slowly improving. No farmers around here have been obliged to reseed any grain on account of damage done by the wind storms this spring. Some of our young men will leave for the state of Washington to inspect land in the near future. The remains of Halvor Halvorson were laid to rest in the Mission Friends cemetery here last Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Halvorson was highly respected by all who knew him. Rev. J. O. Lundberg performed the last sad rites. The afflicted family has the sincere sympathy of the people around here. Edgar and Axel Lindblad had a thrilling experience some days ago while on a pleasure drive. When only a short distance from home the horse became frightened and started off in uncontrollable speed. In turning a sharp bend, both were sent sailing from the cart. They found the cart a few rods away, but the horse was not found before they reached home. The only damage done was a broken harness. Lars Korval and family, of Lake Lillian, expect to leave soon for Machias, Wash., where they will locate. A married daughter resides there.