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BIG CROWDS ATTEND

The Opening Day of Street Fair Draws Big Crowds in Spite of Threatening Weather.

Gov. Van Sant Makes a Speech in His Usual Happy Style.

The Willmar street fair and harvest festival was opened, according to program yesterday.

A great many farmers drove into the city and before noon a considerable crowd had assembled on the "Midway," as Litchfield avenue, between 4th and 5th streets, is called during the fair.

The decorations were not all completed nor the displays all arranged when the first crowds began to assemble; by noon, however, nearly everything was in readiness.

At 11 o'clock the parade formed on Becker avenue and Fifth street, facing east. From this point the procession marched to Third street, then north to Pacific avenue, along Pacific avenue to Sixth street, then south to Becker avenue, then east to Third street, back to Litchfield avenue and then west through the fair street.

- The formation was as follows:
- Peter Bonde, Marshal of the Day.
- City Police.
- Willmar Citizens Band.
- Gov. Van Sant and L. O. Thorpe in carriage.
- Street Fair Committee.
- City Council.
- Chief of Fire Company.
- Fire Engine.
- Hose Cart.
- Hook and Ladder Company.
- Renix Brothers, Comedians.
- Floats and Banners.
- Automobiles.
- Citizens in Carriages.
- Bicycle Riders.
- Motor Cycles.

A strong wind was blowing and those who carried banners were at times compelled to put forth their best muscular efforts to keep their feet.

Immediately after the parade the crowd began to gather around the speakers stand to listen to Gov. Van Sant's speech. On the stand with the distinguished visitor were L. O. Thorpe, E. C. Wellin, Russell Spicer, and Mayor Tyler. At the rear of the platform were the Renix Brothers, musicians and comedians.

After being happily introduced by Senator Thorpe the Governor spoke in substance as follows:

"Since I have been governor of Minnesota I have on every occasion said nice things about our state; but I can't say anything very flattering today about our weather. If you will excuse me I will keep my hat on, and I will do the same for you."

"You have not come here to listen to speeches and I am not going to detain you with any extended remarks. You have come to have a good time, to get acquainted with each other, to renew old friendships and to exchange mutual congratulations on the noble work you have done in transforming

system which gives every man an opportunity of registering his honest convictions. You may vote as you please and no one needs to know except yourself and your God. I have done my duty and leave my record to you. I have one advantage over the other candidates because I am already in office. As I look into your intelligent and cheerful faces I know what



T. J. MEIGHEN, People's Party Candidate for Governor, will speak at the street fair Friday.

I think of you; in November when the votes are counted I will know what you think of me.

"I want to congratulate your street fair committee on the enterprise it has shown. They have invited the successful contestants at the late primaries to come here and address you; but that you may have an opportunity of seeing them.

"I believe the people of this country love their rulers. As an example of this I simply cite the fact that, regardless of party, the citizens of this great republic honor, love and respect their president, Theodore Roosevelt. He is firm, vigorous and honest and under his rule the highest financier of Wall Street has no greater influence in shaping legislation than the poorest farmer of Kandiyohi county.

"I believe there is a court in this country supreme than the supreme court, and that is the tribunal of public opinion, if abuses spring up and if there are wrongs to be righted, this highest court in the land will in the end set all things right.

therefore, that I would like to be governor two years more.

"In the early days when I was a boy working on the farm people to the south of us had an idea that Minnesota could show nothing but snow drifts; they nicknamed people from this state "snowshovelers." Now nobody talks that way, but Minnesota is recognized everywhere as one of the greatest states in the Union. You sturdy farmers have not only brought our fertile soil under cultivation and built up beautiful homes, but it seems that in some mysterious way you have even tempered the rigors of our climate. We used to think that nothing but wheat could be raised here. Any country that raises wheat only will always be poor. Now our state boasts of 700 creameries, and this industry alone brought into the pockets of the farmers last year over sixteen millions of dollars. Minnesota farmers raised last season over 40,000,000 bushels of corn. All but 4,000,000 of this was fed to our own stock, which means millions of dollars in profit. Only one tenth was exported. We even raise fruits now. Why, at some of these fairs I have seen apples that would make your mouth water.

lazy city neighbor, who sleeps much later than you do. You now have carpeted parlors and hardwood stoves. (Laughter.) "We haven't any coal now, but we are going to get it soon. I believe



Late in fixing up his booth.

the American people are intelligent enough and independent enough to devise some plan whereby they can obtain the coal which nature has stored away for their use.

"Be contented with your lot. The man who owns a farm in Minnesota is fortunate. If you have one hold on to it. If you haven't buy one as soon as you can, for land will never be cheaper in Minnesota than it is today.

"I like to have these opportunities of meeting the people. I can better advise the legislature as to future legislation after mingling with the farmers. Besides it is a pleasure to me to get away from St. Paul. During the twenty-four hours I have been here no one has asked me for an office."

He closed by paying tribute to the ladies. He said that the farmers daughter now had just as pretty a hat and is just as nicely dressed as her city cousin. The women had done just as much to build up this county as the men. He referred to the fact that a woman had designed our flag and that although the five pointed star was not in harmony with the wishes of Washington he had wisdom and prudence enough to let her have her way. He was brave enough to fight the whole English nation, but did not have the courage to oppose the wishes of a woman.

The Governor was glad to see the feminine sex so well represented in the crowd and wanted them to see to it that they had fully as good a time as the men.



Even the ladies' most ardent admirers are deluged with showers of confetti.

AMONG THE EXHIBITORS.

A Visit Through the Fair Street and a Brief Mention of the Contents of the Different Booths.

A stroll among the booths along Litchfield avenue will convince the fair visitor that Willmar's business men are not lacking in taste or in enterprise. Some of the displays are artistic and nearly all give evidence of the fact that our merchants are up-to-date in selecting the wares which they offer to the public.

Let us take a walk through the fair district. Passing through the arch near Fourth street and keeping to the right of Litchfield avenue we first encounter the booth of Berkness, Peterson & Co., the front of which is covered with oil-cloth in imitation of marble. Tastily arranged on the inside is a display of ladies' cloaks, boas and muffs; towels, table covers and dress goods serve as decorations.

The New Store occupies the next booth. The background of the decorations is yellow or orange colored cheese cloth. This is set off with arches adorned with delicate strips and puffs of white cloth. Men's suits, ladies' cloaks and dress goods are

Selin, millinery." "Carlson Bros. & Frost" appears prominently on the booth which the stroller next encounters. Wall paper of different patterns cover the inside. Glassware, crockery, lamps, paints, patent medicines and fancy soaps are exhibited.

The Rodlun Shoe & Clothing Company's booth is not completed at the time of going to press. The interior, however, is becomingly adorned with large lithographs and with tri colored bunting. Tomorrow the exhibits will be moved in.

The Republican Gazette's booth contains a desk and a concert phonograph. The walls are covered with copies of the paper. Two county maps and two photographs representing Willmar in early days are exhibited.

The next booth is labeled "Republican Headquarters." Within are campaign lithographs of McKinley, Roosevelt, Logan, Sheridan, Lincoln and Garfield. Daily papers and candidate's cards are kept to regale the intellectual appetite of the casual visitor.

Baklund & Jansrud's booth is not yet completed, but already there is a

to show what can be done by the Christenson Cutlery Company.

Jorgenson & Swenson come next. The walls of their booth are covered with blankets, furs and robes. On the floor are trunks and satchels. Harnesses and whips are hung up for inspection.

It has been observed that young men are prone to linger where A. E.



PETER BONDE, Member of Street Fair Committee.

Mossberg, druggist, advertises his goods. The walls are blue and white, set off with patriotic bunting. An array of patent medicines and druggist's sundries is seen on rows of shelves. Miss Vera Mossberg is in charge.

An air of coziness and comfort pervades the booth occupied by A. Peterson, furniture dealer. The walls, floor and ceiling are covered with carpets, rugs and art squares. A leather couch, arm chairs and pretty pictures meet the visitor's eye.

Decorated with various colored wall papers and with dainty Japanese napkins, Elfstrom & Company's place has an attractive appearance. Pretty shells, trumpets, conetti and various knickknacks are here sold to visitors who are bent on having a good time.

O. A. Jacobson, painter and paper hanger, had an idea of his own. Dividing his space in two, he arranged one part as a dining room and the other as a parlor, the division being made with draperies of olive green. The extensive display of paints is in charge of Robert McIntosh.

Next comes the booth of the Willmar Seminary and Business College. The walls are covered with plain paper and the ceiling with red, white and blue. Samples of penmanship and of merchandise used by students in the business department are exhibited.

The Golden Rule Store, Boyd & Crawford proprietors, is represented in the next division. Wall paper of various kinds adorns the walls and red, white and blue bunting is abundant. Dress goods, ladies' ready made garments and shoes are displayed.

A booth occupied by the Willmar Hardware Co. is divided in two parts. One side is fitted up as a kitchen with a large range and cooking utensils. On the other side is a fine deer's head around which are arranged fire arms of ancient and modern manufacture.

The last but not the least on this side of the street is the exhibit of P. H. Roise & Co. The walls are covered with green cloth brightened with



O. A. JACOBSON, Member of Street Fair Committee.

delicate touches of white. A large variety of ladies' dress goods, furs and cloaks is shown. On a table is a pyramid built of cans and packages of Home Brand Groceries. On the west is a huge sign reading "Headquarters Silks and Dress Goods," and on the south another which reads, "Cloaks, Clothing and Shoes."

While we are on this end of the street let us watch Lionel Legare on his spiral tower. His performance is really wonderful. Not only does he roll up and down this tower on a wooden globe, but he is exceedingly clever as a juggler and acrobat. Breaking glass balls with a rifle while standing on his head and shooting off a bow and arrow with his feet while in the same position are perhaps his most striking acts.

Walking back through the Midway, but turning our eyes to the other side of the street, we first encounter Peter-

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E. C. WELLIN, Member of Street Fair Committee.

this country from a howling wilderness into a great agricultural region that blossoms like the rose.

"Best of all you are enjoying here a representative government. You do not have to bow the knee to kings or hereditary rulers, but you elect your own official servants. I do not come to talk politics, but you know that I have been governor for two years and it rests with you to say whether you like my way of doing things--if you don't you can smash me at the polls in November.

"The other candidates for the same office will be here to address you during their stay and you are free to express your preference; for, thank heaven, we have an Australian ballot



RUSSELL SPICER, Member of Street Fair Committee.

"As I look down upon this throng I am cheered by the upturned faces of a happy and contented people. You are better fed, better clothed, better educated and better provided for in every way than any farmers ever were before. As I travel from one place to another I am more and more impressed with the growing greatness of this fair state. You cannot wonder,

Result of Primary Election in Kandiyohi County

In all Cases of Contests on the Republican Ticket, Sept. 16, 1902

CANDIDATES	Arden	Barabank	Colfax	Dovre	Edwards	East Lake Lillian	Falun	Genesee	Green Lake	Harrison	Holland	Ivring	Lake Andrew	Lake Elizabeth	Lake Lillian	Maple	New London	Norway Lake	Roseville	St. Johns	Whitehead	Willmar township	City of Willmar 1st Ward	City of Willmar 2nd Ward	City of Willmar 3rd Ward	City of Willmar 4th Ward	City of Willmar 5th Ward	Total										
For Candidate for Congress:																																						
M. J. DOWLING	4	2	7	3	8	7	5	4	10	8	7	4	3	9	0	5	2	1	12	4	5	11	12	13	25	5	14	15	1	9	25	15	10	29	474			
A. J. VOLSTEAD	45	4	16	27	9	2	23	7	31	2	1	12	45	15	11	4	16	25	12	2	9	12	20	13	37	56	77	39	12	564								
E. T. YOUNG	31	4	21	9	31	12	9	21	23	51	5	12	38	39	16	26	35	41	7	4	13	24	18	73	126	85	40	43	885									
For Representative:																																						
N. L. ERICSON	7	1	7	9	73	4	14	12	16	18	20	6	29	5	11	13	16	25	7	21	6	9	23	12	32	57	48	34	22	557								
P. A. GANDRUD	71	9	34	28	45	13	18	24	38	38	21	21	58	48	20	19	21	41	59	8	9	25	30	14	70	93	97	44	58	1074								
For Treasurer:																																						
ALFRED HOLMGREN	15	1	7	2	5	1	0	6	5	12	3	9	8	6	5	4	34	8	9	4	6	15	11	4	10	21	35	10	11	267								
W. L. NORIN	57	7	36	29	20	17	34	23	47	37	25	26	78	45	28	12	61	50	22	10	20	36	17	86	127	103	67	56	1334									
M. W. THOM	2	2	2	7	97	2	2	8	7	9	20	2	5	1	2	0	0	2	3	8	0	3	12	7	18	31	23	6	13	273								
For Sheriff:																																						
OLE LUNDQUIST	31	2	15	10	58	7	12	7	12	9	18	1	33	17	4	9	26	19	24	10	8	11	5	9	62	99	102	37	12	669								
J. O. MALMBERG	13	0	3	4	10	9	9	20	27	38	0	21	3	14	21	5	5	10	9	0	0	5	0	0	6	20	11	1	69	332								
SWAN NELSON	11	0	1	1	35	3	1	2	2	5	21	4	2	6	0	0	4	2	11	5	1	9	33	3	5	6	5	2	182									
GEO. H. STEPHENS	9	0	8	17	2	12	8	12	8	4	1	146	3	10	18	3	37	7	18	0	5	23	10	16	55	42	30	1	322									
TERJE K. STALLAND	24	7	18	17	2	0	2	1	8	0	4	1	10	14	1	0	5	4	12	0	0	9	2	11	32	14	20	12	2	232								
For Surveyor:																																						
JOHN S. DAY	17	8	27	23	122	9	26	26	49	35	37	21	62	35	24	20	28	39	44	27	9	25	42	22	70	94	106	55	32	1183								
BENJ. F. JENNESS	53	0	11	16	1	10	11	9	10	22	9	7	31	19	10	12	12	30	18	6	5	13	18	7	46	74	60	30	46	596								