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KILLED BY INDIANS IN DAKOTA.

Nels Johnson of Lake Lillian Meets His Death at the Hands of an Indian Near Park River, N. D.

The daily papers of Monday contained accounts of the shooting by Indians near Park River, N. D., of Nels Johnson, whose home was given as Willmar, Minn. An investigation discloses the fact that the man killed was Nels Johnson, son of Mrs. Soren Johnson, who resides in the town of Lake Lillian. He had been up in that country among other harvest hands and the sad news of his tragic death reached his relatives in the southern part of the county early in the week. The particulars of the unfortunate occurrence are best given in the following special to the Minneapolis Times.

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 28.—A desperate battle was fought at Park River this afternoon between a band of Indian horse traders and a number of harvest hands. Nels Johnson, one of the latter, was shot and instantly killed in the fight that occurred on the outskirts of this village.

After the killing of Johnson and the defeat of the harvest hands, the Indians donned their war paint. They threw out pickets from their camp along the roadside, and several persons driving along the road were fired on by the hostile reds, and only escaped by whipping up their horses or hurrying outside the range of the attacking rifles.

A band of ten Indians, with their squaws and papooses, camped on the outskirts of Park River Saturday afternoon.

This afternoon the camp was visited by a number of harvest hands, who brought a quantity of liquor with them and of which the Indians drank freely.

Both the Indians and harvesters were armed. A fight ensued, and the battle began.

After the killing of Johnson, a citizens' posse, heavily armed, threw a double guard about the Indians' camp.

Another battle less disastrous in its results, but in which many shows were exchanged, took place before the Indians were subdued and surrendered to the posse, which greatly outnumbered the braves.

The greatest excitement prevailed here. All of the Indians are in jail, and threats are made of lynching.

The Indians refuse to talk. They are angry, and their only answers to the questions of the officials is a grunt in their native tongue.

The Indians including men, women and children, numbered twenty. They outnumbered the harvest hands. The women and larger children took a hand in the battle with the harvest hands and again with the posse of citizens.

Nothing is known of the Indians now in jail, and little is known of Johnson, the dead man. His companions say his home is in Willmar, Minn.

An inquest is being held tonight. Crowds are coming from neighboring sections, and the Indians are being closely guarded.

A later dispatch to the St. Paul Globe gives the following particulars regarding the inquest:

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 29.—At the inquest to ascertain the cause of the death of Nels Johnson, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Johnson was shot by Martin, an Indian, while the latter was defending his wife and family from indecent advances.

The testimony tended to show that Johnson was the aggressor. Witnesses stated that he had gone to the Indian camp with the avowed purpose of having fun with the Indians; that he was intoxicated, and had whiskey with him, and that he had acted in a boisterous manner toward the women of Martin's family, Martin warned and threatened, but without result, and shot as a last resource.

In response to a message announcing the tragic death, a brother of the dead man left for Dakota on Monday. The remains were shipped to the old home in Lake Lillian for burial, and passed through Willmar this morning.

The sad ending of a life in this manner will be a hard blow to the relatives, and to the widowed mother especially the sad news comes as a burden hard to bear. The family has the sympathy of the entire community in this terrible affliction.

Mamre.

Sept. 30.—Fred Fredrickson was on the sick list last week. Samuel Sandberg, who was here in attendance at his brother's wedding, returned to Minneapolis Monday. Miss Hilma Johnson came home from Minneapolis last week. Another wedding will soon occur in Mamre. Rev. N. Frykman returned home from a trip to Canada last week. Emil Lovfven has bought the old Freeman farm and has moved onto it. He has sold his farm in town of Woods. Miss Peterson of Boston, Mass., is visiting with friends here. Miss Martha Holmgren gave a party to a number of friends last Thursday evening.

NEWSBOY.

Married in St. Paul. Cards have been received this week announcing the marriage of Miss Helen Erikson and Mr. Elvin J. Strom, former residents of the southern part of this county, but now residing in St. Paul. The marriage occurs today at the home of J. A. Grantvalley, 285 Lafont St., St. Paul. Both young people are held in high esteem by their many friends, and the best wishes of their Kandiyohi county acquaintances go with them to their new home.

Roseland.

Sept. 28.—The weather last week was rather wet, but still we could hear the whistle of the threshing engines every morning. People are so anxious to get their threshing done that they pay no attention to the weather unless there is a regular down-pour of rain. It looks now as if the threshing would not be finished before Christmas. Albert Spobodyn sold his farm in Roseland some time ago and went to Pine county, where he bought a farm of 320 acres. He then came back to Roseland and bought back his old farm at an advance of \$700. Albert Kveck and family of Olivia visited at the home of J. J. Siuka lately. A big dance was given in Whitefield lately. The Strofeld Bros. of Roseland furnished the music. Mr. Williams, of Raymond, has moved to Roseland and is doing a good deal of building on his farm. J. Strafelida is doing the carpenter work. Lahoda Bros. are threshing for Mr. Skalak. The result of the hailstorm last summer can be seen from the fact that it took one day's steady threshing to pound out 200 bushels of grain. George Ceronolek has gone to Roseland to attend the high school during the winter. Joe Shumpus started work on the county ditch last week. O. N. Bengtson was hunting in this vicinity the other day.

Lake Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson called at John Norine's Monday. Mrs. Stenberg returned from Chicago Tuesday, where she has been visiting a month, and reports a very good time spent with old friends. Albert Olson's little boy was taken sick Friday; it looked like diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bjur had a little girl born last week. Everything is O. K. C. G. Erickson called on relatives at Kandiyohi Thursday. Henry Hjort went to Minneapolis for repairs for his threshing rig. Jonas Norines' family spent Sunday at Felt's in Fahlun. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Johnson of Atwater were guests at George Bowman's Sunday. Mrs. Albert Wicklund left for Minneapolis Tuesday where she will spend a month visiting relatives. Leander Camal and sister from Whitefield called on friends here Sunday. Andrew Norine and Bertha La Salle called on friends in Kandiyohi and Fahlun Sunday. Anton A. Larson and family left for Washington the first of last week. Our creamery expects a shipment of butter-tubs to come this week. Peter Westling is again running the Fahlun-Lake Elizabeth threshing engine. The owners of the 'phones are somewhat gratified as there has been four 'phones taken off the line, as they claim, it was entirely over loaded.

Contract Awarded. The contract for the superstructure work on the new Ruble Block was awarded last Friday to Contractor J. H. Olson. The building completed will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000. It will be 50x85; two stories high, with full basement. The very best pressed brick will be used in its construction, and trimmings will be of cut stone. An elegant plate front will be put in. The lower floor will be arranged with an archway between the two apartments, so that it can be used for single or double store purposes. The upper floor will be divided up into office rooms. A modern heating plant will be installed, in keeping with the rest of the modern conveniences which are promised. It will be a very neat and substantial building throughout, and will compare favorably with other new brick business blocks which adorn our city.

New Furniture Store. As has been often predicted, the city will not remain much longer without the customary competition in the furniture business. Arrangements are in progress for the opening of a large furniture store in the G. W. Johnson building, corner of Fifth street and Benson avenue, which will be conducted by Fred W. Segerstrom & Co. Mr. Segerstrom, who is a successful music dealer, has had this move in contemplation for some time and will in connection with the furniture business continue his business in musical merchandise, which he will remove to the new location. Associated with him in the new enterprise are several other business men of the city. The business will be incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. The new corporation expects to be ready to open for business about the first of November.

A Successful Year. Last Sunday marked the close of the year for Rev. Hogg's pastorate of the M. E. church in this city, and the hope is generally expressed that it was not the last time he preached a sermon here as the pastor in charge. The popular sentiment of the community is that Rev. Hogg is a pastor whose work here proves that the congregation can ill afford to lose him, and it is to be hoped that the conference which is now in session at Morris will return him to this charge for at least another year. During Rev. Hogg's pastorate here the membership of the church has increased from eight members to forty, and the society is now among the most flourishing in the city. Many improvements have been made to the church property and the society is now practically out of debt as a result of the united efforts of a hard-working pastor and his congregation. There is a possibility of Rev. Hogg being transferred to the Litchfield M. E. church if he is not returned here.

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The old Lawrence residence on Litchfield avenue, which was recently purchased by the Swedish Lutheran society, has been disposed of to Mrs. Berglund, and is being removed onto her lots at the south end of Becker avenue.

Prinsburg.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Phifer was gladdened by the arrival of a baby boy. Mother and child doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. C. Noteboom visited with Mrs. J. Huisinga Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Weiberg dined last week for a visit in Fillmore county. Mr. Schuvel from Greenleaf, who has been visiting here, has returned home. Miss Blanche Clark pleasantly surprised some of our friends last Monday, by again teaching in the Van Akeren school. We are all glad to welcome Miss Clark back in our midst, and wish her success in her school work. Arnold Plowman has bought the house on Mr. Portinga's farm and will move it onto his lot in Prinsburg, which begins to look a little like setting up the firm of Plowman & Co. Potatoes are being sold here for twenty cents per bushel.

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STATE C. E. CONVENTION.

Endeavorers to Meet in St. Paul Oct. 16-19.—Plans Made for Pleasant and Profitable Time.

Word reaches us from St. Paul that plans for the state convention of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, to be held in that city Oct. 16-19, have been definitely formed. The state executive committee have arranged for a program of unusual interest and helpfulness, and the St. Paul City Union, who will act as hosts to the visiting Endeavorers from throughout the state, have their entertainment plans well in hand; so that those Endeavorers who are planning to attend the 1902 convention may thus early assure themselves that a very pleasant and profitable time is in store for them.

Clarence E. Eberman, field secretary of the United Society, will be present throughout the three days session of the convention, and will make several addresses. Said Secretary John Willis Bier on a recent visit to Minneapolis, "Eberman is the best man you could possibly have at a state convention."

Other widely known and inspiring speakers on the list are, Wm. Parsons, international field secretary of Christian Endeavor; Rev. A. J. Frost, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Rev. John M. Fulton, of St. Paul; President Cyrus Northrup, of the State University; and a score of Minnesota workers and state officers, who will conduct helpful workers' conferences, junior rallies, missionary concerts, and the like. A trained convention chorus of 100 voices will lead the singing, and excellent special music will be provided.

The St. Paul Union will tender their guests an evening reception, and will also give them a 25 mile trolley ride, visiting Lake Como, the Indian Mounds and Fort Snelling, and other points of interest and beauty.

Altogether, it seems certain that this year's convention will surpass in interest and profit those of all previous years. A large representation of visiting delegates will make the session a grand success, and this it is confidently believed will be forthcoming. A railroad rate of at least one fare and a third will be made from all points throughout the state, and return, for this convention.

Martin Stalland and family left last Saturday for Chicago, where they will make their home during the winter. Mr. Stalland goes there to resume his studies at the Northwestern University, where he enters upon his second year in the dental course. He is succeeded in his position as railway mail clerk on the Willmar-Hannah run by W. A. Campbell.

Miss Belle Gibson returned on Monday to her home in Atwater. J. J. Ekander, the tailor, interviewed his Raymond customers on Monday. Rev. L. G. Almen, of Balaton, visited here last Thursday with his daughter, Miss Tora Almen.

A large force of Willmar workmen is at work in Raymond on the new buildings being erected there. Miss Lizzie McCarthy, of Graceville, has taken a position in the Minnesota Central telephone office.

Dr. Harold Frost spent last Friday in Montevideo, where he had been called on professional business. H. E. Finseth made a trip to the cities last week on business connected with the cold storage plant in this city.

Mrs. Frank Lindberg's mother and brother are recent arrivals here, and will make their home with her on South Fifth street.

The family of A. H. Soderling is now occupying the Mrs. B. W. Sperry residence on Fourth street, into which they removed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith have gone to California to spend several weeks with relatives. They will spend some time at Los Angeles and vicinity.

The Seminary opened yesterday for the fall term, and the familiar faces of both faculty and a number of the old students are again seen in our city.

Charles S. Johnson left last week for Gray, Wash., to join the other Willmar parties who are interested in the lumbering business at that point.

Miss Agnes Arneson, teacher in the public schools of Benson, spent Saturday and Sunday here as the guest of her friend, Miss Camilla Wennekerlund.

Capt. Cushman A. Rice left last Saturday for Puerto Principe, Cuba, where he will remain for some time attending to his business interests at that point.

Miss Josephine Qvande returned last Monday night to her home at Thief River Falls, after several weeks visit here at the home of her uncle, S. S. Glarum.

W. H. Hanecorn, manager of the Minneapolis Bankrupt Mercantile Co., left last Saturday on a trip to Sandness, in the interest of his business at that place.

Miss Mary V. Haley, who was engaged to teach in Dist. No. 64, town of Lake Lillian, has been elected to teach in the Clontarf schools, and left last Saturday for that place.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Frost and little son spent Sunday with Litchfield friends. From there they went to St. Paul to remain for a time as the guest of the Dr. E. S. Frost family.

Miss Anna Edeken, of Milaca, arrived here last Saturday from New London, and on Sunday went to Lake Lillian, where she commenced a term of school this week in district No. 83.

A large number of guesses have already been registered in the bean guessing contest at the Willmar Hardware Store. The prize, a \$45.00 sewing machine, is certainly worth trying for.

Messrs. Holt and Finseth have assumed charge of the Willmar creamery property, which they recently purchased. They will conduct the old creamery until the new cold storage plant is finished.

There was a large turnout at the home of Rev. G. Peterson last Thursday afternoon on the occasion of the Swedish Lutheran ladies' coffee. C. A. Baklund took a group picture of the gathering on the lawn.

Letters from Spokane, Wash., state that our former townsman, A. A. Sperry, is slowly improving in health, so much improved in fact that he has walked several blocks of his own accord.—New London Times.

Lars I. Akre, of Luverne, was the purchaser last Saturday of the M. O. Thorpe farm in the town of Whitefield, located on section 5, consisting of 80 acres, of wild land. Consideration \$2,369. The deal was made through the local agency of the Manus Land Co., successors to the Southern Minnesota Valley Land Co.

The past week has been a busy one for M. J. Boyd, the new proprietor of the Willmar Steam Laundry. The work of overhauling the old machinery and removing it to its new location occupied all of last week, and this week it is expected that the new quarters will be in such shape that operations can be resumed.

Arne Nelson is again a student at the University, and will spend the year in the study of medicine.

Fahlun.

Andrew Nordstrom took a trip to Willmar Friday. George Holtnes left on Monday for Minneapolis to seek employment. N. E. Nelson and family spent Sunday at John Mattson's. Elmer Johnson and sister Esther of Willmar visited in this vicinity recently. John G. Dahlize has gone to St. Paul where he has accepted a position in a Great Northern R. R. office. School opened in district No. 39, last Monday with Miss Cora Peterson as teacher. Nels W. Nelson, the genial clerk for J. Ed. Nelson of Svea, made his usual visit here Sunday a week ago. Miss Alma Mattson returned Saturday from Willmar after a week's stay. She intends to leave for the twin cities at an early date. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wahlstrand, Jr., of Willmar spent the latter part of last week as guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Granquist. Burdick, Clara and Esther Johnson drove over to Gustaf Bloomgren's in Lake Lillian Sunday afternoon. Lewis Norine, who is employed at A. W. Linderholm's at Kandiyohi learning harness making, made a call at his home Sunday. Some of our farmers marketed hogs at Kandiyohi Monday. They were purchased by Knute Baklund. MAGG.

Attends M. E. Conference. Rev. Joseph Hogg is in Morris this week, in attendance at the annual session of the Northern Minnesota Conference of the M. E. church, which opened its sessions yesterday. This Conference includes almost three-fourths of the state of Minnesota, and will bring about one hundred and thirty ministers to that city. Bishop E. G. Andrews will preside, and on Sunday morning he will preach the annual sermon. Among others who will make addresses are Dr. Homer C. Stuntz of New York, Dr. Robert Forbes of Duluth and Dr. M. C. B. Mason (colored), who will speak on the work for the negro race. The ministerial appointments for the different charges will be announced the first of next week.

Lecture. Knut Johnson, of Grant county, will lecture at the Lutheran Free Church on Thursday, Oct. 9, 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m. Go and hear him. He is an interesting and convincing speaker. He is traveling in the interests of the Minnesota Total Abstinence Society. Admission free.

Arrangements are in progress for another change in the management of the Marlow House. Mr. P. G. Johnson is contemplating removing with his family back to the old home on Fifth street.

Miss Glenn Wilkinson, who has for some time been employed in the office of D. N. Tallman, has resigned her position there and left last week for a visit in the cities and at her old home in Albert Lea.

Rev. R. Larson is expected to return from Chicago in time to occupy his usual place in the Swedish Baptist church next Sunday. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

President James J. Hill of the Great Northern passed through Willmar last Friday evening in his special car. He was returning to St. Paul from Elbow Lake, where he had been addressing the farmers at the Grant county fair.

Peter Henderson and family have removed here from Spicer, and are occupying the old P. H. Parsons place in the First ward. The Parsons family will make their future home in Alexandria, where Mr. Parsons has been employed for some time.

Mrs. J. J. Moulton, who had been spending the latter part of the summer with Willmar and Glenwood relatives and friends, returned last Thursday to Chicago. Mrs. Moulton is planning to spend the next summer season abroad, when she will visit her old home in Norway.

F. L. Searle has been spending the past week with his family here. Mr. Searle has of late been in the employ of the Burlington road at St. Paul, but expects to take a position soon as foreman of a switching crew in the N. P. yards at Jamestown, N. D. His family will remain here through the winter.

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The ceremony took place outside on the lawn at 2 o'clock in the presence of relatives and about 150 guests, the bridal party standing between two rows of palm trees, which presented a very pleasing appearance.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Julia Anderson, as maid of honor; and her sister, Miss Agnes Anderson, and the groom's sister, Miss Selma Sandberg, as bridesmaids. The bride looked charming in a white dress and she carried white roses. The bridesmaids also carried roses.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Sam Sandberg, as best man, while Messrs. David Anderson and Martin Sandberg acted as groomsmen. The groom wore a Prince Albert style suit of the conventional black color. The groomsmen also wore black suits. After receiving the congratulations of their relatives and friends, the bridal party, followed by the guests repaired to a big table, where they did ample justice to the bountiful dinner spread before them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg were the recipients of a large number of nice presents, and quite a good sum in cash.

Both the bride and groom are well known and popular young people of Mamre, having lived there nearly all their lives. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sandberg, old, respected citizens of town of Mamre, and the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson, are some of the oldest residents of Mamre.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg leave Wednesday of this week for Minneapolis where they will make their future home. Mr. Sandberg is engaged in the mercantile business there. May their life together be a voyage of happiness and prosperity is the wish of their many friends. Those who attended the wedding from outside points were: Miss Julia Anderson, Messrs. William Johnson, Sam E. Sandberg and Estias Sandberg, of Minneapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Forsberg, of Willmar. A GUEST.

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Svea.

Sept. 30.—Kid is not quite dead yet, although he failed to show up last week. The chilly mornings, dead leaves falling and birds leaving for the South, all remind us that winter is drawing near. A large number of people visited at O. Granquist's Sunday. Some of our farmers marketed cattle in Willmar Monday. Albin Swenson is again canvassing, taking orders for clothing, and is meeting with good success. Miss Annie Carlson, who has been in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Swenson this summer, has returned to her home in Whitefield. Mrs. N. L. Winblad of Willmar visited relatives here a few days the past week. The school in district 55 opened last Monday, with A. O. Nelson, Peoples candidate for representative, as teacher. Mr. Nelson has taught in this district for a number of years, and his work as instructor is highly spoken of. He is a straight temperance man, and we are sure no better person can be found to represent this county. So we recommend every righteous man to vote for him. This locality was largely represented at the street fair all three days, and everybody joins in pronouncing it a grand event. Miss Hattie Nelson of Willmar called on friends here week before last. A representative of the Gazette was around one day last week. But he had to go home with the understanding that he had no show here. Emil Nelson is back in Svea again after having been at work on the Minnesota Central Telephone Co.'s line this summer. The Gazette says the "republicans are now thoroughly organized" to fight the pops. Oh, but isn't it uncivilized that they shall start fighting people whom they so many times pronounced dead? John Wahlstrand and Ole Dahlstrom of Willmar were hunting in this locality a few days last week. Miss Mary Granquist, who is staying in Willmar, visited with her folks here a few days last week. G. W. Johnson has returned to the twin cities after a couple of months' stay at home. It is with a heavy heart and a sad feeling that Kid this week announces that he is now on account of change in circumstances obliged to discontinue reporting. During the three years and a half which he has been scribbling for the TRIBUNE he has derived much amusement therefrom, and has especially enjoyed the chats or "tussocks," which he has had with numerous reporters. Kid earnestly hopes you will not forget him, as he will be with you as regularly as before, though he will remain silent. Parting brings sorrow, and I feel sad to leave you, but I must bow and bid you all, dear friends, adieu. Your affectionate KID MCHIEE.

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