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OLD SETTLERS' BANQUET

The Commercial Club Will Do The Honors by Tendering the Old Settlers a Big Dinner.

A meeting of the Commercial Club was held last Friday evening for the purpose of making arrangements to properly entertain the old settlers at their annual re-union, which is to be held in this city on the 16th of June. It was agreed that the sum of \$250 be raised for a banquet and the following committee was appointed to look after the matter: C. A. Birch, John Williams, S. B. Qvale, J. A. Hedlin. This committee will work in conjunction with the executive committee of the Old Settlers' Association. The banquet will in all probability be held in the Bonde Hall and it is planned to have this big feast of good things at the dinner hour. The Commercial Club can be relied upon to see that the old settlers have a repast that will not be lacking in essential features to make it one of the biggest successes of the kind ever undertaken here.

Only three weeks remain in which to prepare for this meeting, and if it is to be the success that it is desired to be all citizens will have to unite and prepare in extending the glad hand of welcome to our guests. The prospects are that Willmar will be visited by one of the largest crowds that were ever gathered here and special efforts should be made by everybody having the welfare of the city at heart to display the truest kind of hospitality. Not only will all the old settlers of the county be here on that day, but there will be quite a number from distant points, who will be attracted by the excellent program which the committee has prepared. Besides the regular program there will be added many features in the way of games and different kinds of sport which will help to amuse the crowd throughout the day. It is anticipated that this sixth annual re-union will be the banner one in point of attendance and no pains should be spared in making it a complete success in every respect.

Private citizens can assist much by making their homes attractive looking and by decorating as far as possible. Let the outside world know that we have an enterprising lot of people here. All efforts to make a good impression upon the visitors will not be in vain and will tend to show that Willmar is still very much alive. Many of those who will be gathered here upon this occasion have in all probability not visited the city for a great many years, and it will be a pleasant surprise to them to see the improved condition of things.

During the forenoon the Association will convene at the court house, where the business meeting will take place. From two o'clock until four the city park will be the scene of entertainment for the many visitors, who will be treated to a program that will well repay them for coming here. The principal address will be delivered by Hon. Moses E. Clapp.

All lovers of baseball will have an opportunity to see a good exhibition of this game, which will take place at Athletic Park at four o'clock. It is expected that the contesting clubs will be Atwater and Willmar, and the two nines will be carefully selected with a view to give the best of playing from amateurs.

Arrangements will be made for entertainment during the evening for those who desire to remain.

A Fine Office Building.

Work on the new office building for the New London Milling Company is progressing nicely, and when everything is completed Manager Pinney will have one of the neatest offices in the city, as well as one of the most convenient. The building is 24x36, and the interior arrangement is such that plenty of room will be provided for the office force as well as making allowance for a good-sized private office for Mr. Pinney. There is a basement for a heating plant and the building will be fitted with all necessary plumbing. A large vault will also be of service for the big business of this concern. As an evidence of the patriotic feeling of the inhabitants of this building, a flag staff will also occupy a prominent place, and it is announced that the stars and stripes will be unfurled on Decoration Day. Suffice it to say that the new quarters will be a great improvement over the present office, and the work of the office is anxiously looking forward to the completion of the building.

Horse-shoers Will Organize.

A meeting will be held at the engine house on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock which will have for its object the organization of a horse-shoers' association. All blacksmiths in the city who are interested are requested to be present.

WOULD WRECK THE TRAIN

Young Man Places Dynamite on Track—Wanted to See a Wreck—Timely Discovery by Section Men.

The following dispatch to the St. Cloud papers shows how near to being blown into eternity travelers were on the Willmar & St. Cloud line a short time ago:
Milaca, May 18.—Lemuel Randall of Foreston, Minn., was arrested on Sunday. He stole fifty pounds of dynamite from the Foreston station and placed ten pounds on the track a mile west of that place, intending to blow up the Willmar passenger train on Wednesday last. Section men found the explosive and removed it.
The boy is 18 years old and has confessed. He says he wanted to see a wreck, as he had never seen one before.

In Honor of the Soldier Dead.

The special memorial service at the First Presbyterian church last Sunday morning was quite largely attended by friends of the men who wore the blue. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and the national colors. The resident members of Col. Heg Post, G. A. R., were present in a body and occupied seats in front. They were E. M. Stanford, A. E. Rice, M. D. Manning, Aug. Anderson, J. B. Boyd, A. H. Sperry, Thos. Olson, Irvin Roberts, M. Jorgenson, C. Hennings and Sam'l Patton.

"Our Indebtedness to the Past and How We May Pay It" was the subject of the sermon which was preached by the Rev. H. C. Buell. It was a masterly effort, and the old soldiers who had assembled in honor of their fallen comrades were deeply touched by the words which meant so much to them as well as to the wives and families of the veterans. Again was the interesting story told of sacrifice and devotion to duty, which through four long years of bitter strife had finally resulted in a united country. Nor was reference wanting to those whose lives were forfeited to the cause, to those who sleep in unknown graves, or to the mothers, widows and orphans of the martyrs who had flinched not in the valley of death.

The music was furnished by the full choir, Messrs. Otos and Otterness, Mrs. Knebel and Miss Esberg, with Mrs. F. G. Handy as accompanist. Mrs. Knebel again delighted her hearers with vocal selections. The closing hymn was "America," which was sung with much spirit by both the choir and congregation.

A very pretty little ceremony took place as the veterans entered the church and marched up the aisle. Little Ruth Sanderson was stationed at the entrance, and as the veterans passed carried greetings to them by handing them a bouquet of flowers tied in red, white and blue ribbon.

State Aid Good Thing for Teachers.

The state high school board has adopted a resolution which requires graded schools to pay their principals larger salaries or go without the state aid of \$550 a year. The resolution reads: "After the year ending July 31, 1903, state graded schools in order to receive aid as such must pay their graded teachers not less than \$40 a month." This resolution will require many schools to advance the salaries of their principals. The amounts to be added vary from \$45 to \$135 a year. The state high school board, to which applications for aid for high schools and graded schools are submitted, has never heretofore made any requirement with reference to the salary of the teachers. It is believed that the new law will elevate the standard of instruction and few schools will refuse to increase the salaries.—Glencoe Enterprise.

Death at Nest Lake.

It becomes our sad duty this week to give news of the unexpected death of Mrs. Ole Johnson of Nest Lake which took place last Tuesday night at eleven o'clock after about a week's illness from pneumonia. Her death was indeed a hard blow to the husband who is now left alone with four motherless children, 3 boys and a girl, the oldest 12 and the youngest 5 years.

Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Inga Peterson, was born in Jerfö, Sweden, Oct. 29th, 1864; came to America at the age of eighteen; and was married Oct. 9, 1886, to Ole Johnson at Lincoln Co., this state, in which county they lived until three years ago, when they moved to this place.

The deceased was a quiet, noble Christian lady who had during her comparatively short stay here won the esteem of all. She also leaves, beside husband and children, several brothers, sisters and other relatives at different points.

The funeral takes place to-morrow (Friday) at 3 p. m. from the Swedish Lutheran church of which congregation she was a devoted member.—New London Times.

MAYOR QVALE'S PROCLAMATION

Asks that All Business be Suspended in Willmar on Saturday and that Memorial Day be Fittingly Observed.

"CHEERS FOR THE LIVING, TEARS FOR THE DEAD."

The State and Nation have by legislation designated May 30 of each year a memorial day. It is a day dedicated to the American soldier, the faithful warrior, the dauntless hero, who when the honor of his country was at stake, when national insult was to be avenged, drew his ready sword in defense of all her rights and in defiance of all her boasting enemies, that we might live beneath a flag that protects every citizen beneath its folds, and made this the grandest and best government on earth. Let us not forget that to the American soldier we owe the liberty we now enjoy; let us inscribe it upon tablets of memory, and in the light of morn and noon and dewy eve; and no matter whether living or dead remember that his deeds yet speak eloquently in the midst of us. Let us then on this day show our gratitude to the American soldier, living or dead, for his self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of liberty and observe as a legal holiday Saturday, May 30. Let us observe the day fittingly and in a manner becoming the citizens of Willmar. I would ask that the flags be placed at half mast, and that all stores, mercantile houses, offices, mills and factories be closed and all business suspended in the city of Willmar on that day.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Willmar the 27th day of May, 1903.

Attest: J. T. Oros, City Clerk. S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

May Have Monthly Fair.

The outlook is good for holding the first monthly fair day in Willmar on June 6. This is the statement made by J. B. Boyd, of the mercantile firm of Boyd, Crawford & Co., who is one of the most active business men in getting the enterprise started. When the matter of holding these fairs was first brought up it was suggested that they will be held on the last Saturday of the month, but Mr. Boyd informs us that they will be held on the first Saturday instead. The matter has been talked of now to a considerable extent among our merchants and they are ready to take the proper steps. We understand that farmers are planning to bring in articles to be auctioned off and Mr. Boyd will attend to this duty. When these affairs are once started there is no doubt of them being a permanent thing. Let everybody come together and find a common market for their wares. Inducements will be thrown out to the country people to make a visit to Willmar on these days and it will be to the interest of the bargain seekers to take advantage.

Big Event in Pythian Circles.

Last Monday evening will long be remembered by the Knights of Pythias of Willmar and vicinity. The occasion was the conferring of the rank of Knight upon a class of eight neophytes and the event was celebrated with all due ceremony. Grand Chancellor Robertson was present from Minneapolis to witness the ceremonies and large delegations were also here from the neighboring towns. Morris lodge was represented by 14 knights, Litchfield by a delegation of about 25, and there was also a fair sized delegation from Dassel. Altogether there were about 50 visiting knights. A big representation had been expected from Benson, but they were unable to be present. The Morris lodge conferred the work of the evening and the team work was said to be excellent.

A banquet was served in the dining hall after the ceremonies and nearly one hundred knights graced the festive board. The banquet was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church and a most sumptuous repast was spread. Speeches by the visiting knights and others were given and merriment reigned supreme throughout the evening. It was early in the morning when adjournment was taken, and the event will always be referred to as a most memorable one in Pythian circles.

Canada Land Sold.

The Scandinavian Colonization Co., closed the deal this week for the sale of a whole section of land to an Illinois party. The land disposed of is located near Dundurn, Assinibois, Canada, the sale being made by And. Nordlof, the company's agent at that point. The company is well pleased with the prospects as reported by its Canadian agency and the indications are that there will be several other buyers from Illinois.

The illustrated lecture on "The Land of the Midnight Sun," given at the opera house last Thursday evening, was a big treat for the large audience that witnessed it. Prof. Særvold's views of Norway were exceptionally fine. The Young People's Society of the Synod church cleared nearly \$40.

According to a decision made by Postmaster General Payne, rural free delivery letter carriers can take a holiday on Memorial Day.

Our Nation's Sabbath.

Memorial Day is our nation's Sabbath, when a thankful people meets in the sanctuary of the cemetery to deck the graves of the heroes who died that the nation might have more abundant life, and to consecrate themselves in a loyalty to preserve this government. It would be well if business could be suspended half, if not all of Memorial Day, and then, instead of being given up to sport, be spent in pious and patriotic contemplation. The union and prosperity we enjoy to-day was secured at the greatest possible cost of privation and suffering. The only debt we can never pay is the debt we owe our union soldiers. Our tree of liberty, whose leaves are for the healing of Cuba and the Philippines, has its roots in the graves of our soldier dead. They were men unmoved by thoughts of glory, plunder or conquest willing to preserve freedom at the sacrifice of wife, child and home. For dead comrades there should be flowers and tears, while for the living veterans we should offer love and bread. Too much can never be said or written of the great Lincoln and Grant, but too little attention has been paid the rank and file of the army who made their victories possible.—Rev. G. L. Morrill.

Willmar Scores a Victory.

The following is the report of the Willmar-Litchfield ball game of last Saturday as seen by a member of the local high school team:

The Willmar High school baseball team took sweet revenge on the Litchfield High school team last Saturday at Litchfield, defeating them by the score of 8 to 6. The "boom-a-lackas" were in the lead from the start, discouraging the "halla-ba-loos," by running in three scores in the first inning and cinching the game. Glarum pitched a fine game for the locals, keeping the hits well scattered and allowing but one run in an inning. Miller twirled for Litchfield and did quite well, but his support was yellow at times. Each had about the same number of strike-outs to their credit, but the "farmer boy from Willmar" got their best man three times in "suction." The locals did most of their run-getting in the first and third innings, when the game was won by bunting hits. Prof. Rice umpired the game. Score by innings:

Willmar...3 0 3 0 1 0 1 0 0-8
Litchfield...1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0-6
Batteries—Glarum and E. Carlson; Miller and Robertson. As each team has a game to its credit another game will be played in Litchfield the week after school, when the locals will also go against the Howard Lake High School, which had defeated Litchfield twice.

G. A. Commencement.

Invitations for the commencement exercises of the Gustavus Adolphus college at St. Peter have been received here this week from Albert Hagstrom of Svea, who is a member of this year's graduating class. This is commencement week at that noted institution and the commencement exercises will be held tomorrow.

P. H. Parsons has resigned his position in the Great Northern depot at this point and will go to northern Minnesota, where he has a claim, as soon as a man is sent here to relieve him. He expects to be relieved this week.—Alexandria Citizen.

Mr. Parsons arrived here this week and will spend a few days visiting relatives in the county. He informs us that his new home will be near Roosevelt, Beltrami county.

LIBRARY CONTRACT IS LET

Olson & Skoolheim are the Successful Bidders for the Construction of Library Building.

The contract for the \$10,000 Carnegie free library building was awarded last Monday to Olson & Skoolheim of this city. There were three bids in all, the other bidders being Andrew Bjorsell of Willmar and W. C. Batchelor of Minneapolis. It is announced that work will be commenced on the new building at an early date.

At a meeting of the library board held last Thursday, samples of brick were submitted by the committee that had been in the cities to make selections at the plant of the Twin City Brick Co. The board decided to use hydraulic pressed brick in the construction, with trimmings of Kettle River stone. The plans call for a very neat building, and when completed it will be a credit to the city. Messrs. Schick & Roth, of Lacrosse, Wis., are the architects. The Tribune hopes to be able to publish a cut of the building as soon as the necessary alterations from the original plans are made.

At Thursday's meeting Miss Edith Frost was chosen as the librarian. Miss Frost will take a special course in library training and fit herself for the work here in time to enter upon her new duties when the building is opened.

Lutheran Bethel Church.

At the confirmation services held last Sunday morning the capacity of the church building proved entirely inadequate for the many people who came to witness the same, and a large number were turned away for lack of room. The church was prettily decorated with greens and early spring flowers as well as potted plants. The class of twelve—the girls dressed in white and the boys in black, came in from the parsonage with the pastor, and took their seats in front. After a brief address by the pastor an interesting catechization took place. Finally the vows were spoken and the young people were confirmed in the faith of the church. Bibles and certificates were distributed to the members of the class. In the evening communion services were held. Besides the youthful members just confirmed, five new members were received into the church, viz: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sjoquist, A. J. Kent, Nels Lind and Magnus Lindquist. A choir sang several selections during the day, which added to the interest of the occasion, and many a home within the church will long cherish the memory of this impressive occasion. It was announced that no services will be held at the Willmar church next Sunday, as confirmation services will then be celebrated at Mamre.

Messengers Get a Raise.

An increase in wages of 12 1/2 per cent has been granted Great Northern express messengers, dating back to March 1. The advance was a surprise to the men, who had made no claims. When the times were hard the messenger wages were reduced and by gradual advances had been brought nearly to the old schedule. The big advance just secured by their superintendent gives the men higher wages than they ever have had. This advance came in directly as a result of the new agreement between the road and the trainmen. The officials held that the expressmen were in the same class and therefore were entitled to a relatively high compensation.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Young Ladies' Reading Club was pleasantly entertained last Friday evening by Miss Isabelle Chase, at the home of Mrs. L. A. Vik. The guests numbered about twenty, several lady friends of the club being present. The occasion was a "Swap" party, every member of the club being requested to bring something to trade off, and afforded much enjoyment. Various amusements served in contributing towards a most delightful evening. Elegant refreshments were served.

Invitations have been issued for a large dancing party to be given in the Bonde Hall next Monday evening by the following gentlemen: Ferd E. Danielson, Chas. H. Johnson, Lewis Moline, Fred Wm. Powell, Henry Rice, James C. Walsh, Michael Welch and Otto F. Wessnerlund. Cafarelli's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music and the affair will undoubtedly be one of the pleasantest parties of the season. About one hundred invitations have been issued.

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening, A. J. Ekander was appointed a member of the water and light commission to succeed M. D. Manning, resigned.

IN HONOR OF H. S. SENIORS

Reception by Juniors at Merchants Hotel Last Friday Evening a Most Delightful Function.

The parlors of the Merchants Hotel was the scene of the annual Junior-Senior reception last Friday evening. The halls and parlors were artistically draped and decorated in the Senior class colors, cardinal and myrtle. Red carnations were used in profusion with a background of palms and ferns.

The guests were received at the doors by Misses Hattie Johnson, Clara Moss, Mary Glad and Mr. Ludvig Glarum.

When all had assembled, they repaired to the dining room, where delightful refreshment were served. The tables presented a very attractive appearance, decorations being white roses, red carnations and ferns.

Supt. Tønning acted as toastmaster and Albert Gilbertson toasted "The Senior Class," which Horton Burr responded to in a toast for "The Junior Class." Miss Mary Glad toasted "The Senior Boys," and Walter Crosby "The Senior Girls." Edwin Carlson gave "The Past" and Amy Jorgenson "The Future."

The tables were arranged in the form of a rectangle, with one end open. At the head sat the toastmaster and those who responded to the toasts. The places of the guests were designated by pretty souvenir programs containing their names, all of which were artistically hand-painted.

After the dainties prepared had been disposed of and the enjoyable program at the festal board had been listened to, the company returned to the parlors. Music and recitations furnished amusement the remainder of the evening. The program follows:
Piano Solo.....Clara Moss
Vocal Solo.....Ludvig Glarum
Recitation—Selected.....
Piano Duet.....Minnie Thompson
Ida Lorentzen and Grace Ramsett
Vocal Solo.....Lillie Noren
Recitation.....Anna Ferring
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Tønning
Selection.....Mandolin Club
Mandolins, Horton Burr and Miss Nora Boyd; violin, Amy Jorgenson; piano, Miss Frann.

The guests of the evening included the members of the High school faculty.

While pleasure thus reigned supreme within, the angry elements reigned supreme without, but when the storm had abated the guests bade farewell. The Senior class members took with them the hearty good will and best wishes of their underclassmates, and the evening will long be remembered by all.

How Is This for Patriotism?

Colonel Heg Post, G. A. R. has decided to hold no public exercises on Memorial Day. Indifference on the part of citizens to share in the burden of incidental expenses is assigned as the reason.—Correspondence from Willmar to the Minneapolis Journal.

What do you think of that, Old Soldiers? "Indifference on the part of citizens to share in the burden of incidental expenses." Is not that a poor excuse? The business men of Willmar cannot plead poverty; neither can the majority of the citizens. The U. S. census of 1900 gives Willmar a population of 3409 inhabitants. Suppose each man in that city give 25 cents for the necessary expenses, that surely would not impoverish them. Patriotism must be at a low ebb in Willmar when money enough cannot be raised to purchase a few flags and flowers to decorate the graves of those who gave the best years of their lives to save this great nation of ours from disunion and slavery. The G. A. R. post of Willmar should take this matter in their own hands, to decorate what graves they can with the means they have, thus shaming if possible those unpatriotic citizens of that locality. Comrades, show those citizens that if you are small in number you are great in "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" to that grand army of your Comrades who have answered the last roll call.—Murdock Voice.

It has always been the custom for the G. A. R. Post to arrange for celebrating Memorial Day. As far as we know, the Post has never asked for financial aid, at least it did not do so this year. If such a request had been made there is no doubt but what our citizens would have been patriotic enough to raise the required sum.

Rev. G. Peterson of the Swedish Lutheran church will conduct confirmation services at Mamre next Sunday, when the following class will be confirmed: Selma Smith, Lilly Larsson, Anna Swenson, Augusta Carlberg Erik Erikson, Adolph Berglund, Oscar Smith, Gordon Olsson, Jacob Floren, Rudolph Larson, John Larson. The communion service will be held immediately after the confirmation.