

LARGE CLASSES GRADUATED

Annual Commencement Exercises Mark the Close of Another Successful Year in Willmar Schools.

Another school year has closed and Willmar's institutions of learning again contribute largely to the list of graduates who now go out to either pursue still higher courses or at once enter upon the practical field of life.

Last Friday evening at the opera house the Willmar High School had its twenty-first commencement, and the exercises were witnessed by an audience that filled the play house from pit to gallery. Long before the hour arrived for the opening of the program practically every seat had been taken. The same painstaking care had been exercised to make the scene as effective as on previous occasions and the decorations compared quite favorably with those of past years. Palms and cut flowers at either end of the stage and a very pretty foreground along the entire length of the stage of entwined bunting in the class colors, cardinal and myrtle, looked very pretty. In addition to this not a little was added to the decorations by the suspending of the class motto overhead, "Do Ye Necte Thyge," also done in the class colors.

The class of fourteen occupied seats on one side of the stage, while on the other side were seated the speaker of the evening, Rev. G. L. Morrill, Rev. J. P. McCullough, City Superintendent of Schools Tanning and the board of education. In the back part were the members of the High School Chorus.

THE CLASS.

Latin Scientific Course—Lydia Marie Wolberg, Edith Eliza Tait, Amy Jorgenson, Alice Smith, Leonora Pauline Boyd, Marion Hanscom.

English Scientific Course—Edwin Godfred Carlson, Walter Baldwin Crosby, Walter Alfred Selvig, Horton Wesley Burr, Albert Swenson, Olga Amanda Wolberg, Mattie Alena Lien, Nellie Stansberry.

PROGRAM.

Song.....Sing On, Sweet Bird Girls' Chorus.
Invocation.....Rev. J. P. McCullough
Address.....Jason and the Golden Fleece Rev. G. L. Morrill.
Vocal Solo.....Aria from Samson and Delilah—Saint-Saens Mrs. Robert L. Knebel, Miss Stella Egberg, Accompanist.
Presentation of Diplomas by Dr. Christian Johnson, President Board of Education.
Song.....Doan Ye Cry, Ma Honey High School Chorus.
Benediction.....Rev. J. P. McCullough

The program throughout was greatly enjoyed. The singing by the choruses showed good results of Miss Frahm's work as supervisor in music. Mrs. Knebel was obliged to respond to an encore. Before the presentation of diplomas, Supt. Tanning took occasion to make a few appropriate remarks in presenting the class to the board, in which he referred to the brief time he had been permitted to work with the class, and at the same time he paid the graduates a high compliment. Dr. Johnson entertained the audience with a brief address in defense of the High School system, as a supplement to his presentation of diplomas.

"JASON AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE."
Rev. G. L. Morrill of the Peoples church, Minneapolis, addressed the graduating class on the above subject. The talk was a very interesting one and the address was made in that style which only Rev. Morrill alone can give. It abounded in wit, humor and pathos, and was a most welcome sample of that reverend gentleman's eloquence.

He had just returned from Kentucky, and put his audience in good humor by a dark story which he brought back, telling of a Baptist minister in heaven. He complimented his hearers on their representative appearance by comparing them to the flower garden which Aunt Viny showed Lovey Mary.

As to science and religion, there was no conflict, for the author of geology was the author of Genesis. The speaker compared science and religion to two mighty rivers which were united, not in angry flood to destroy but to flow forth with majestic volume to enrich and bless the world.

Mr. Morrill gave a full account of the mythological story which was the subject of his address, after which he proceeded to make a parallel and practical comparison. Jason started for the golden fleece and was subjected to dangers and difficulties by sea and land, by men and fearful creatures. He was aided by good companions in the persons of the Argonauts, the old woman and the lovely young Medea. He secured the golden fleece and returned home to enjoy his victory and spend his days in peace.

The young graduates were modern Jasons. The golden fleece they sought was knowledge, most valuable for its beautiful, buying, believing and beneficent characteristics. The dangers to be encountered were not so much the

vulgar vices of gambling, drinking and swearing as possible misadventures of companionship, and the inclination to lumber up the mind with a lot of learning which was impracticable and unmindful of the living issues of the present. The safeguard helps which the students had were a sense of honor, a high ambition and a moral influence which the public school stood for in what it was and did.

The golden attainment is now in their possession and they went out to go to school, where events were teachers, happy helpfulness their graduation and character their diploma.

The speaker believed the present was the best hour of all time, America the land to lead the world, and these graduates with their strength of body, mind and soul the people to unite with others in everything that made for true man and womanhood.

Perhaps the largest crowd that ever assembled at the Seminary was the one that turned out Monday evening to witness the exercises at that popular institution of learning. When the commencement program opened the chapel was filled to the doors and standing room was at a premium. Many were unable to get inside, and those who were not fortunate enough to be on time had to meet with disappointment. The audience included not only Willmar people but also many friends and former graduates from a distance, who upon these occasions meet and exchange greetings.

Very artistic work had been done in the way of decorations and the Seminary Hall never looked more beautiful. Thirty-one diplomas were conferred, the following being

THE GRADUATES.

Modern Language Course—Ella J. M. Boyd, Estella H. Gilger, Martin O. Retrum, Ellen G. Syse.

Teachers' Course—Ella J. M. Boyd, Estella H. Gilger, Anna M. Loftnes, Nels J. Nelson, Alma H. Ottersness, G. Mathilda Ramstad, Emma Ramstad, Ellen G. Syse, Mary O. Swenson, Edith B. Thorpe.

Penmanship Course—Adolph Mohler, Commercial Course—Victor Bergquist, Louis T. Collin, Carl H. Ellingson, Henry Flynn, Henry A. Gabbert, Charles O. Hedlund, Harold W. Johnson, Ole T. Klovestad, Clarence Kjeidson, Adolph Mohler, Harry T. Nelson, Edward L. Quam, Anton O. Saterbak, Martin N. Sandager, Fred C. Wick, John F. Wehn.

The program opened with the invocation by Rev. Solum, followed by the hymn, "The Lord's My Shepherd," sung by the audience. The rest of the program follows:

The American Indian.....G. Mathilda Ramstad
Our Trees and Flowers.....Estella H. Gilger
Overture.....Some Elements of Progress.....Anna M. Loftnes
Mohammed.....Martin O. Retrum
Song.....Quartette
A Study of Patrologem.....Ellen G. Syse
Minnesota.....Edith B. Thorpe
Overture.....Band
Presentation of Diplomas.....Doxology.
Benediction.

The orations delivered by the graduates were all creditable and showed careful preparation. The musical part of the program was highly commented upon. The band overtures were fine and the singing by the quartette was a very pleasing feature. The quartette was composed of Mrs. P. C. Tanning, Miss Marie Ralison, Profs. Omlie and Hansson.

Principal Solum in well chosen remarks presented the large class in waiting for diplomas, and President Thorpe in behalf of the board of trustees neatly performed the duties of his office. Senator Thorpe made a very pleasing address bearing upon the work of the school. The exercises closed with the singing of the doxology and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Solum. Thus closed what had been a most happy occasion for all, and the curtain was dropped on the scenes of another successful school year in the history of the Willmar Seminary.

Mrs. Cecelia Gondret, of Jamestown, N. Y., has been the guest of Willmar friends this week. During her visit here Mrs. Gondret has been favoring some of our churches with a number of vocal selections. Sunday morning and evening she sang at the American M. E. church and also at the Swedish Methodist church the same evening. Monday evening she sang before the Swedish Methodist congregation at Tripolis and last evening appeared again at the Swedish Methodist church in this city. Tomorrow and Thursday she sings at the W. C. T. U. convention in Litchfield. Next Monday night she will sing at the Swedish Baptist church here.

The five-year-old son of Peter Bartelson died last Sunday morning of scarlet fever. Funeral services were conducted Monday morning. Rev. Hogg of M. E. church officiating, and the remains were interred in Fairview cemetery.

The No-License Policy AND THE Costs of the District Court

THE one remaining cry of the sympathizers of the legalized saloon has been that enforcing the law against the illegal vendors of intoxicating liquors is a hardship to the taxpayer of the county. Every time a few witnesses are subpoenaed to appear before a justice or a pigger is given his just deserts and sent to jail the whole saloon sympathizing crowd cry out, "What an awful expense to the county!" When the last grand jury conscientiously did its duty of inquiring into the doings of the law-breaking gang that was then protected by the city administration of Willmar, so great a hue and cry was raised about the "expense to the county" that many well-meaning citizens were misled into the belief that the thorough work done by that grand jury had entailed an extraordinary expense upon the county. What are the facts? The Tribune has waited until the bills for boarding prisoners were in before presenting them. Cut this out and be prepared to meet the next misinformed person who whines of the expense of putting down the liquor evil:

Expenses of January Term of Court, 1903, After One Year of No-License Policy in City of Willmar (Poorly Enforced as it was) Including Costs of all Criminal Actions:

Witness fees before grand and petit juries.....	\$ 198 60
Grand jury fees.....	351 00
Boarding prisoners.....	327 95
Medicine and doctor for prisoners.....	49 90
Total.....	\$ 917 45
Petit jury fees.....	350 00
Grand Total.....	\$ 1,267 45
Fines and costs of those convicted of "pigging" paid into county treasury.....	528 00
Net cost of term to county.....	\$ 739 45

HOW LONG AGO IS IT SINCE A JANUARY TERM OF COURT COST THE COUNTY LESS THAN THE ABOVE? Let some license advocate answer.

By way of comparison we give the costs of the preceding January term:

Expenses of January Term of the District Court, 1902, After One Year of the License Policy in the City of Willmar, Including Costs of All Criminal Actions:

Witness fees before grand and petit juries.....	\$ 261 66
Boarding prisoners.....	394 44
Medicine, doctor and supplies for prisoners.....	54 10
Grand jury fees.....	245 60
Total.....	\$ 956 10
Petit jury fees.....	970 00
Total cost of term to county.....	\$ 1,926 10

In spite of such conclusive figures, showing the absurdity of the claim, an organized effort is being made to make the people of the county believe that the work of the last grand jury cost the county thousands of dollars. This is done in the hope that members of the next grand jury can be frightened into throwing out and refusing to consider such cases.

A certain leading blind-pigger, whose place was cleaned out by the officers the other day, had the nerve to approach a county commissioner and accost him with a remark in substance as follows: "Isn't it about time that the County Board puts a stop to the terrible drain on the taxpayers caused by these wholesale prosecutions?" Unless he receives encouragement and help from somewhere this pigger sees the finish of his business. That is what he is worrying about, not the burdens of the taxpayer. The back of the law-defying whiskey gang of Willmar has been broken. Two weeks of active work by the efficient police force of the new city administration has unearthed evidence sufficient, if necessary, to keep the guilty parties in hot water during the remainder of their natural lives. If they attempt to continue the law provided for pig landlords will no doubt be invoked as the other has been.

At no time since the question of the control of the liquor evil became an issue have the prospects for a clean county and county seat been brighter than at the present moment.

Trustees of Seminary Meet.

A meeting was held by the board of trustees of the Willmar Seminary yesterday at the Hall. The following board was elected for the coming year: Rev. N. Giere, Rev. Chr. Pederson, Rev. T. O. Tolo, L. O. Thorpe, O. Jorgen Olson, Jos. Estrem, M. O. Thorpe. The board elected the following officers: President, L. O. Thorpe; vice-president, Jos. Estrem; secretary, O. Jorgen Olson; treasurer, M. O. Thorpe. For assisting in collecting contributions for the Seminary Rev. Jordahl, Rev. N. Giere and Rev. Aasen were elected.

Promises to Reform.

The case of the State of Minnesota against Ike Emerson on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor without license came up before Justice Ottersness Monday forenoon at ten o'clock. Emerson pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined fifty dollars and costs, amounting in all to \$59 15. He paid the fine and entered into a solemn compact nevermore to sell any intoxicating liquor in any form without license. This is one case in which the "dreadful drain on the county for prosecuting blind piggers" was paid by the guilty party.

Rev. R. Larson, N. L. Winblad, O. Ahlstrom and O. H. Ekdahl returned the first part of the week from Minneapolis, where they had been in attendance at the state conference of Sw. Baptists.

Death in St. Johns.

Ole Borson died very suddenly at the home of his son, Anton Olson, in town of St. Johns last Friday evening. The old gentleman appeared to be in his usual health at suppertime. One hour later he had a stroke of paralysis and expired almost immediately. He had reached the ripe old age of 83 years. The funeral took place Monday from the Lutheran Free church at St. Johns, Rev. Gynild officiating, and the interment was made in the Lutheran Free church cemetery west of Willmar.

The First Monthly Fair Day.

There was a fair attendance of farmers in the city last Saturday on the occasion of the first monthly fair day. No auction sales were held, but a number of articles were sold at private sales. Some live stock was brought in and disposed of and altogether the affair was as much of a success as could be expected under the circumstances. The next fair day comes on July 4th, so it is probable that nothing will be doing in this line until the first Saturday in August.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Albert Hegstrom and Miss Hulda Wilhelmina Lundberg. The wedding will take place at Svea church on Thursday, June 18, at ten o'clock p. m. Following the ceremony there will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Lundberg.

Suffocated in Shorts Bin.

On last Monday Harry Braden, an employe in the L. L. Nerlein mill at Eden Valley, was suffocated in a shorts bin. No one witnessed the accident but the supposition is that he went into the bin by way of a ladder to poke the shorts down and missed his hold with the above result.

It is claimed that there is a door one story above where by the use of a stick he could have started the shorts without any danger. But his time to die had probably come and it may have been so ordained. He leaves a wife and three children, one only an infant being born last Saturday. The deceased carried a life insurance policy with the Modern Woodmen for \$1,000. He was well liked and respected by all who knew him and in his death the company lose a most valuable man.—Belgrade Tribune.

Epworth League Convention.

The Tribune is in receipt of the program for the ninth annual convention of the Litchfield District Epworth League, which is to be held at Ortonville, June 19, 20 and 21. Among the clergymen who will be in attendance and take part in the program is Rev. Joseph Hogg, who will represent the Epworth League of the Willmar M. E. church. He will open a discussion on a paper, "Methods of Bible Study," which will be presented by Prof. J. S. Willmarth, of Alexandria, at the afternoon session on the second day. A very interesting program has been arranged, and among the prominent speakers will be Bishop Isaac W. Joyce. Among the pleasant excursions planned for the entertainment of delegates is an excursion on Big Stone lake.

C. E. Convention.

The Christian Endeavor convention for the Meeker-Kandiyohi district will be held one week earlier than previously announced in the local papers. The convention will be held at Greenleaf next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14. Several from this city are planning to attend and the prospects are that there will be a good attendance from all parts of the district. An excellent program has been arranged. Among the speakers are Rev. H. C. Buell of the First Presbyterian church of Willmar, who is on the program for Friday. Other members of the Willmar society who are on the program and will contribute papers are Miss Emma Haines and G. E. Johnson.

Flag Day Proclaimed.

Governor Van Sant has issued his annual flag day proclamation. It is as follows:

"Pursuant to a commendable custom established in some of the states of the union, and believing that the same should be universal throughout our country, I hereby designate Monday, June 15, 1903, as flag day and heartily recommend that said day be observed by all citizens in such exercises and ceremonies as may be in keeping with the spirit of the day. I suggest that all schools of the state observe said day in patriotic nature and that all citizens throughout the state decorate their homes and places of business with the Stars and Stripes.

Seminary Alumni Meet.

The Alumni meeting of the Willmar graduates last night was a great success. A business meeting was held in the chapel at 8:30. The following officers were elected: President, P. Hong; vice president, Stella Gilger; secretary, Ella Boyd; treasurer, Prof. Jansrud. After the business meeting the members enjoyed themselves in the business hall until 11 o'clock when a banquet was served at the hall. Everybody reports a good time and they left after the reunion for their different duties, much inspired and wishing each other success in the coming year.

Threshermen Will Organize.

A county organization of threshermen, which will include practically all owners of threshing rigs in the county, is soon to be organized in this city. The county has been canvassed for the past couple of weeks by Messrs. Webster and Kruger, who are soliciting members for a branch organization of the National Threshermen's Protective Association. They have been assisted in the work of soliciting members by M. O. Sletten. The headquarters of the Association are at Chicago.

Nelson-Hanson.

A wedding was solemnized in Grove City yesterday, in which the contracting parties were Miss Gertrude Nelson, of that place, and Mr. E. L. Hanson, of St. Paul. The wedding took place at high noon and was witnessed by only immediate friends and relatives. The bride is quite well known in Willmar and her friends here will extend congratulations to the bridal pair.

OLD SETTLERS TUESDAY

Willmar Will Welcome All Visitors and a Good Time May Be Assured.

Next Tuesday will be the annual meeting of the Kandiyohi County Old Settlers' Association, and the different committees are busy preparing for the entertainment of the city's guests. The program as published will be carried out and all who come to Willmar can spend the day profitably.

At a joint meeting of the Commercial Club and the executive committee of the Old Settlers' Association, held on Monday, further arrangements regarding the banquet were made. Mrs. James Sanderson was appointed as chairman of a general committee of ladies to have charge of the work and was empowered to appoint the necessary sub-committees to assist in looking after the details.

The banquet will be exclusively for the members of the Association and all who expect to become members on that day. The qualifications are a thirty years' residence in the county and the payment of a membership fee of \$1.00.

The Association asks the hearty cooperation of everybody to make the meeting a grand success, and invites all old settlers especially to attend.

May Organize Saturday.

At the meeting of the blacksmiths called recently for the purpose of organizing a horseshoers' union there was a very small attendance, and it was decided to make another attempt at organization at a meeting to be held Saturday evening of this week. Only eight were present out of the total number of blacksmiths in the county, which is about twenty. It is expected that practically all will be present at the meeting this week, which will be held in the engine house. The promoters state that it is the purpose to maintain an independent organization for a time, but later on an organization will be effected under the state union. The blacksmiths feel that they are justified in taking this move for the purpose of adjusting rates on work. The increased cost of materials and also of labor does not warrant them in maintaining the old schedule of prices.

Death again Visits the Wigdahl Family.

Andrea Wigdahl, daughter of Mrs. C. Wigdahl of this city, passed to her eternal rest last Sunday morning, at the age of twenty-two years. The cause of death was consumption, from which she had been suffering for a long time. The funeral takes place this afternoon, starting from the house to the Lutheran Free church, where services will be conducted by Rev. Gynild. The remains will be interred in the cemetery of that church. Coming so close to the death of the husband and father, this is a sad blow to the Wigdahl family, and the whole community will sympathize sincerely with them in their affliction.

St. Cloud Normal Graduates.

This is commencement week at the St. Cloud Normal. In the list of graduates are the names of three from Kandiyohi county—Miss Mildred Lorraine Dennis, of Atwater, Miss Olive Leonora Stansberry, of Willmar, and Miss Julia Sonstegard, of Ringville. The first two are in the Elementary Graduate course and the latter finishes her work in the elementary course. There are eighty-eight students in all who will receive diplomas. The graduating exercises will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m. at the Davidson opera house, and Pres. Cyrus Nordhrop will deliver the address.

A Busy Week.

County Superintendent Dobbyn and assistants have been busy the past week marking and preparing the papers written at the recent examinations to be sent in to the state high school board. There was a total of 137 pupils who took the examinations at the four points in the county—70 at Willmar, 46 at Kandiyohi, 11 at Harrison and 10 at Spicer. The pupils did quite well as a whole. The papers were sent in to the state board on Saturday for their final markings, and it is expected that the returns will be known some time in August.

Will Go to Firemen's Convention.

At the meeting of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, held Friday evening, Nels P. Nelson and Andrew M. Olson were elected delegates to attend the firemen's state convention at Brainerd this week. Other members of the local fire department who are in attendance are Chief Jonas Lundquist, M. D. Manning and Samuel Fargo, the latter being an alternate delegate who goes in place of Ben Benson.