

A Trip Through the County

BY THE EDITOR.

VIII. Green Lake--(Continued).

Hon. O. N. Grue is clerk of School District No. 60--the Embertson school house. We found the ex-senator in his usual good spirits and well stocked with information. He has been secretary of the Dovre & Mamre Insurance company since its organization and we secured notes from the records of the same for the county history. We were detained at Senator Grue's pleasant home by a fresh outburst from the clouds and were hospitably entertained over night. Mrs. Grue is a true Swedish lady. Five children--a son and four daughters, well-bred and intelligent--bless the home. Nels Olsen Grue, the father of the ex-senator, resides with him. The elder Mr. Grue is a veteran of the Ninth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted at Carver in 1862. The Grues came to the county in 1869 and settled in Dovre. The son later purchased land in Green Lake, northeast of Eagle Lake, and now has a fine farm of 320 acres. There is a fine flowing well upon the place. Talking about freak wells, Senator Grue stated that he formerly possessed a flowing well that would invariably cease to flow for 24 hours when the wind changed to the northwest. After that lapse of time the flow would begin, even if the wind continued to blow from that direction. No satisfactory explanation of this phenomenon has ever been secured. Provision for fine future orchards has been made on the place, hundreds of apple trees having been planted.

This country around Eagle Lake and Green Lake attracted some of the very first settlers of the county and quite a few were here before the outbreak, as the old settlers' history will show. After the outbreak but very few of the first settlers returned to reside upon their claims. The new settlement took place in '67, '68 and '69. The old house now used at Erick Olson's place for a blacksmith shop was known as "Sju-pojka-huset"--the house of the seven boys--from the fact that seven bachelors lived in the same during the winter of '68-'69. Three of the boys still remain single, confirmed bachelors.

Our visit to Green Lake has twice been interrupted by disagreeable weather. We visited the village of Spicer last Monday. We secured notes from the records of School District No. 26, the Spicer school. Oscar Orred is the clerk. The district is a comparatively new one, being organized in 1890. The original District No. 26 was abolished in 1878, no school having been held in the same for two years. That district embraced what is now District No. 98 and some adjoining territory. Whatever school that was held in that district was taught at Green Lake village, at the mill.

The village of Spicer has an ideal location on the southwest shore of Green Lake. The platted portion of the village touches north line of Green Lake township. Its business enterprises include two elevators--Cargill Bros., John Tait, Jr., agent, and Duluth Elevator Co., William Peterson, agent; three general stores, Nelson Orred, post master, Chris Jacobson and O. C. Farman, proprietors; a hardware, furniture and harness establishment by Elmer Thorson and O. C. Larson; confectionery and tobacco,

by A. G. Mardin; a meat market, by Charles Nordgren; two hotels, Lake View House and Green Lake House, by A. Samuelson and P. H. Parsons, respectively; a livery stable, by Geo. Wilson and P. H. Downs; watchmaker and jeweler, Andrew Lundquist; feed mill, by Erick Anderson; smithy, by William Nelson; two temperance saloons, by Otto Ronning and Chas. Benson; lumber yard, by George Holt; a boat works, also owned by George Holt. This latter institution employs two or three men in the busy season and some fine craft have been built there. The fame of Green Lake as a summer resort makes Spicer particularly lively during the lake season. It is to be regretted that the village was so platted as to make private property of practically the whole lake front of the town, thus restraining the public from free access to the lake.

Our artist attempted to take some views, including one of the schoolhouse with a group of the teachers and children.

We paid a visit to the Rev. J. S. Halverson to secure more complete notes regarding the churches of the Hauge's Synod, located in the north part of the county.

We had interesting interviews with Messrs. P. H. Parsons and James Hart, both among the first settlers of the county. Forty-four years ago Mr. Parsons conducted a hotel on the other side of the lake, at the old town-site of Irving. The lake was first known on that side as Carcellan Lake. The hotel building, built there by the townsie company, was perhaps the largest building erected in the county before the outbreak. It was burned by the Indians. Where the village of Spicer now stands the townsie of Columbia was laid out away back in the fifties. Its promoters dreamed of a future great city, to become the capital if not the metropolis of the state. The building of the St. Paul & Pacific railway so far south was the death blow to the first attempt of building a city here.

We had intended to continue our work in this vicinity and into the township of Harrison, but the persistent rains drove us to our home, where we will remain until there has been a decided change for the better in the weather and condition of roads.

In the first installment of this article, we mentioned the loss by wolves of a valuable ewe, the property of J. J. Henderson. A lapse of mind caused us to write Merino instead of Shropshire in mentioning the breed of the animal.

Green Lake is one of the most important townships of the county. It has a larger population than any other township not counting incorporated villages. It always casts a heavy vote in the elections. The population is mixed, the communities of Norwegian and Irish nationalities constituting the main portion of the same. The surface of the township includes about two square miles of the lake the name of which it bears. The larger portion of Eagle Lake lies in this town. There are several smaller lakes. The St. Cloud & Willmar branch of the Great Northern, enters the town from the south in the southwest corner in Sec. 30 and runs north-easterly leaving the town in Sec. 4, at a point about in the center of the

north line. Besides the station at Spicer, there is a flag station near Eagle Lake called Grue, where the mail is delivered to the postoffice by that name and where the train stops for passengers on signal. There has been some attempts made to have a sidetrack built at Grue, the company having agreed to lay the track if right-of-way was furnished, but this has not been agreed to as yet. V. E. L.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of The Board of County Commissioners of Kandiyohi County at the Special Session.

County Auditors Office, Kandiyohi County, Minn.

Oct. 5, 1903.

The Board of County Commissioners of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, met at 2 o'clock p. m. on above mentioned date pursuant to call. All members present.

Petition of John Carlson to be set off from school district No. 11, Swift County, to school district No. 15 in Kandiyohi County, which was set for hearing at this session, was taken up, but owing to the fact that Mr. Carlson had not furnished proof that notices in the matter had been posted as required by law, the petition was upon motion rejected.

Application of Henry Burman for an auctioneers license was presented, read and considered, and on motion the same was granted.

On motion a recess was taken until 8:30 o'clock a. m. Oct. 6, 1903.

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The Board proceeded to audit bills on file, and the following were allowed in amounts set forth:

Table listing various bills and amounts, including items like 'J. S. Robbins, coal', 'Peterson & Wellin, supplies for jail', 'E. S. Frost, chemical examination of body of Nicholas E. Anderson', etc.

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Kandiyohi County, Minn. Attest: LEWIS JOHNSON, County Auditor and Ex-officio Clerk of Board.

Library Board Meeting.

A meeting of the library board was held on Tuesday afternoon at the office of President Tallman, and many matters were attended to regarding the new library building which is now in course of construction. Olson & Skoolheim, the building contractors, were allowed \$3,000 as part payment on their contract and the architect's bill was allowed in full. The above was paid out of the amount received by City Treasurer Ramsset from Mr. Carnegie a short time ago, a check for \$3,500 having been remitted. Contractor Andrew Bjorsell was appointed to have supervision of the construction work on the building. The necessary racks for holding the books were purchased at a cost of \$250, the number of volumes which they will hold being three thousand, and they are so constructed that they can be added to as the occasion demands.

The balance of Mr. Carnegie's gift will be received as the work progresses. It is expected that the building will be completed by December 15. Much delay has been caused up to the present time both on account of unfavorable weather and necessary changes in building material.

Great Northern Promotions.

The promotion of two former Willmarites in the service of the Great Northern, who are now located at Grand Forks, comes as a pleasant piece of news to their friends in this city. Geo. H. Pletch now holds the position at that place vacated by A. M. Deverell, who succeeds M. Welch here as chief dispatcher, and C. H. Zealand is promoted to first trick as operator.

Mr. Welch, whose resignation as chief dispatcher here was effective the first of the month, may take a similar position on the Rock Island railway, in the service of which several other well-known railroad men here have entered. He has been spending the present week at Duluth with his brother, and later will probably leave on a trip to Colorado.

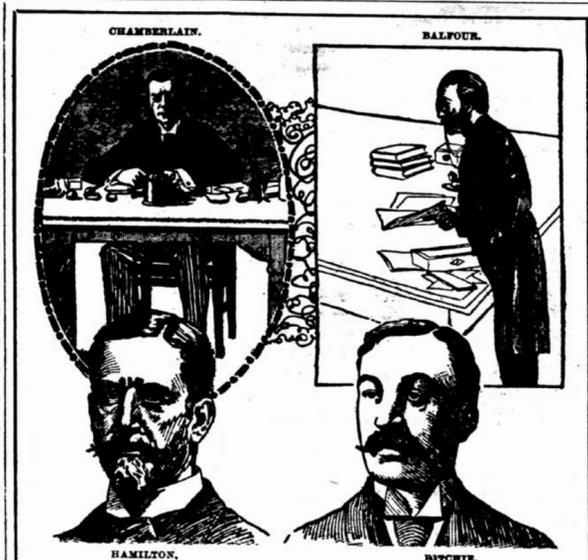
Confirmation Services Tomorrow.

Confirmation services will be held at the Norwegian Synod church tomorrow morning, when a class of eighteen young men and women will be admitted into membership in the congregation and will receive their first communion. The services will be conducted by the regular pastor, Rev. Heimdahl. The class includes nine young ladies and nine young men as follows:

- Some excitement was caused in the railroad yards here Thursday evening by the derailment of five box cars, while being switched on one of the sidetracks. The track was somewhat torn up for several yards, but was put in shape in short order by the working crew after the cars were again put on the track. The noise caused by the heavy cars leaving the tracks and being dragged over the ties attracted quite a number of our people down to the scene of the accident, who feared that a more serious accident had taken place. The exact cause of the accident could not be ascertained, but it was thought to be due to a misplaced switch.

Jumped the Track.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Backlund of Kandiyohi last Sunday evening.



THE RECENT BRITISH CABINET CRISIS. Joseph Chamberlain, who recently resigned the secretaryship of state for the colonies, doubtless expected when his example was followed by such powerful members of the British cabinet as Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, and Charles Thomson Ritchie, chancellor of the exchequer, that Premier Arthur Balfour would find it necessary to make an appeal to the voters on the question of tariff on food products. But Balfour did nothing of the kind. He found good men for the vacant positions, even going to the length of appointing as his chancellor of the exchequer Mr. Chamberlain's son Austen, who had been postmaster general.

"AN EXPENSIV INSTITOOSHUN"

Jimminy Crickets Takes a Fall-out with the Decrees of Fashion.

I hev bin thinking for sum time of organizing a sosyetty for fityng the moast ekspensiv institooshun we hev to support in this land. It aint the army or the navy. It aint the trusts. It's fashun. Yessir, that what dus moar to keep the grait majorritty of the peepel poor than ennything els yu kin nam.

I happend to think of this when I saw a stoarkeeper advertize a lot of shoos for sail at 98 cents a pare.



Them shoos hed bin sold sum time befoar fer ez hie ez too er three dollars. Thar haddent bin no fier to damaige them; they waz simply owt of fashun. Ez fer ez keeping the feet warm and kumfertabel they waz ez good ez they waz when they soald fer twice or three times what was askd fer them now. I sez to myself, hoo is loosing awl thet money? Kin the stoarkeeper afford to do it? Not much. It waz the fellers hoo bawt thet kind of shoos when they waz in stile thet payd fer the loss on theas shoos. The stoarkeeper new he wood very likely be kawl with sum of them shoos in stock when the stile chaingd, and he hed to figger on thet in fiksing the furst prise.

We hev pinted tose, skwair tose, round tose, flat tose, box tose, hye heels, lo heels, brawd heels, narro heels, heels stikking owt behind and heels plaid halfwais under the foot. And fer evry chaing it talks milyyuns of dollars to git stillish shoos on purty near sity milyyun pare of feat. And so it gose with everything we ware. It aint the wimnen aloan hoo sakrifize on the awlter of this idel. Do yu remember the Pannama hat kraze last year? Lots of fellers hed to starv themselves in order to git a fity dollar hat to cover 25 cents wurth of branes. And it waznt a purty hat eather. But the prize and looks kut no figger. Stile waz awl thet waz konsidderd.

Tawk about this being a frea kuntry, when we dassnt go down town with an awlmoast new hat, just be-kaws sumone sumwhere, wheos naim eaven we do not no, bez decided that the brim of the hat must be half an inch wider than it is on ows. We brag of ovr liberty in the moast hysownding praizes, but we meakly jam ovr poor feet into shoos thet hev no moar regard for the shaip of ovr feet than the trusts hev for the rites of the peepel. We hoast of ovr relijus freamdom, but thar ar mity few wimnen thet dair go to church unless they hev a hat thet iz maid akkording to the latest law of this absoloot monark, fashun. I hev herd a stump speaker defy the hull wurld; but I notised thet while he waz doing it he wear the latest stile of choaker koller, thet kempeld him to tilt hiz hed backward so hiz noas pinted to the flag of freamdom waving ower hiz hed. It waz the oonly way he kood git room fer hiz loer jaw to wag.

Yessir, we need a new deklarashun of independens, inklooding not oonly the rite to life, liberty and the persoot of happyness but awlso the rite to ware ovr kloaths ez long ez they ar in good kondishun, insted of hevving to tellephoon down town evry morning to no if ovr kloaths ar still in stile so we dair to shoas owselves on the streets with them. Sposing fer a chaing thet we kwit tawking about ovr ability to whip the enterly wurld, and see if we hev kurrikj enuff to sass ovr tailors, shoomakers and milliners, making them sell us what we want insted of letting them boss us around ez if they waz krownd kings or kweans. Thet wood giv us moar prosperrity than the Dingley tariff, the goald standard and the trusts kin giv us.

JIMMINNY CRICKETS.

Former Willmarite Weds.

The following item taken from the Minneapolis Journal will be of interest to a number of Willmarites, who will remember the groom as a resident of this city in his boyhood years, when his father conducted the old Spottswood House located on the site where the Central Hotel stands: The announcement of the marriage of Miss Lenita Josephine Bonner and Dr. Edwin W. Spottswood, which took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edwin L. Bonner, in Missoula, will interest Minneapolis people. Mr. Spottswood formerly resided in the city and is a brother of W. C. Spottswood. He is in charge of the Northern Pacific hospital at Missoula. The service was witnessed by only a small group of friends, and was read by Rev. Charles H. Linley. An orchestra furnished the bridal music. Miss Besie Bonner was maid of honor and wore white organdie trimmed with white valenciennes lace. The bride was in white chiffon over taffeta. A subburst of diamonds was caught in the lace at her throat and her flowers were bride roses. A reception for which several hundred invitations were issued followed. Dr. Spottswood and his bride left for a western trip and on their return they will make their home in Missoula.

Mamrelund Church.

The members of the Mamrelund Swedish Lutheran church take pardonable pride in their church edifice since the recent improvements were completed on the same. The cost of building the vestry room was defrayed by the elder male members, the ladies' society paid for placing a heating apparatus under the church, and the active young people's society have borne the expense of frescoing the interior, which has been most artistically done. A mission meeting will be held during the last part of this month in this and the Bethel church at Willmar, which will be attended by all the pastors of the West Pacific District, who will address the meetings. Members of the village council for 1899 have received a communication from Mayor Quale inviting them to a meeting with Accountant Donaldson at the city clerk's office this morning at ten o'clock when the matter of the accountant's report for that year will be discussed. The mayor adds that Mr. Donaldson is willing to take up any matters concerning his report with any of our citizens.



MEN WHO ARE TRYING TO BORROW \$35,000,000 FOR CUBA. General Mario Menocal is offering the assistance of Gonzalo de Quesada, Cuban minister to the United States, in his efforts to float in this country a loan of \$35,000,000 for the government of Cuba. The money is needed to pay off the balance due the army of liberation. General Menocal is one of a committee of three appointed by the Cuban congress, but he and Mr. Quesada, who is ex-officio a member of the commission, are the men most actively engaged in the negotiations.