

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Briefly Related.

Miss Lina Paulson is spending the week with Benson and Morris friends.

Mrs. Eva Norman has been visiting this week at her old home in Mamre. The Willmar post-office presents a much improved appearance in its new coat of wall paper.

Miss Edith Peterson left on Saturday for Morris, after an extended stay with relatives here.

Mrs. D. N. Tallman will entertain the ladies of the Monday Afternoon Club at her home this afternoon.

Mrs. Spencer Ericson returned to Raymond Saturday, after several days' visit with Willmar friends.

Misses Lena Henning and Bertha Connick, of Raymond, were the guests of Miss Lillian Johnson over Sunday.

Miss Ella Haines, who is teaching school in Louriston, Chippewa county, spent Sunday at her home in this city.

Arthur Brass and Rudolph Spletter left last Thursday for Jefferson, Iowa, where they open their new cigar factory.

John Strand, who has charge of the Raymond store for the Jones Clothing Co., spent Sunday here with his family.

Miss Anna Rannestad, stenographer for the law firm of Otterness & Downs, spent a couple of days this week with Benson friends.

Rev. H. C. Buell was a visitor at Donnelly last Thursday and Friday, where he assisted in the organization of a new Presbyterian church.

Olof Kjolraug, formerly of this city but who is now in the drug business at Vining, Minn., spent Sunday and Monday with old Willmar friends.

Mrs. L. J. Boudette was called to her old home at Watertown, S. D., last Saturday by a message announcing her mother's serious illness.

Arthur Harris has taken a position with the Minnesota Central Telephone Co., and on Monday commenced to serve in the capacity of collector for the local telephone exchange.

City Clerk Otos and wife are now occupying rooms at the Peter Bonde home in the First ward, having removed from the Otos residence, which will be occupied by its new owner next week.

Rev. T. M. Findley, pastor at large of the St. Cloud Presbytery, gave an interesting address at the First Presbyterian church last Sunday morning on home mission work, its needs and prospects.

Herbert L. Cope, the humorist, will be with us on the evening of Nov. 4. This is the first entertainment of the series to be given in this city under the management of the Columbian Lyceum Bureau of St. Paul.

The Ladies' Parish Guild will serve coffee at the home of Mrs. G. W. Johnson tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, from three to six o'clock. All are most cordially invited. The ladies are requested to meet at two o'clock for sewing.

D. W. Flanders returned on Monday to his home in Minneapolis, after spending several days here with his brother-in-law, John C. Berg. The two enjoyed a hunting trip in the Grass Lake country south of Willmar and Mr. Flanders carried back with him a nice brace of ducks.

Several of our foot ball enthusiasts are planning to attend the Minnesota-Michigan football game, which will be played on Northrop field next Saturday afternoon. Minneapolis will be the mecca for a large number who desire to witness the great battle between the Minnesota and Michigan boys.

The replevin suit against certain Willmar parties, which was instituted by Edward G. Metzger of St. Paul, has been indefinitely postponed. Metzger failed to put in an appearance here last Saturday, the reason given being that his wife was taken down with an illness that required an operation.

Only three days remain for the payment of real estate taxes before the penalty of 10 per cent attaches. The penalty attaches Nov. 1 on taxes on which a half payment has already been made, and if property owners care to effect this saving there are but a few days remaining in which to make good the payment at the county treasurer's office.

Lawrence Thorpe left on Monday for a brief visit at New London. From there he goes to Estevan, Assa., Canada, where he will remain for some time and assist in the work of the Eureka Brick Co., in which his father is interested. Lawrence has finished the fall work on the farm near this city which he has been conducting and now expects to devote his time in the interest of the above company.

Bergstrom-Stjernlof Nuptials.

A pleasant social event was the marriage of Oscar E. Bergstrom and Agnes Wilhelmina Stjernlof, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stjernlof, in town of Mamre last Saturday. The ceremony was performed at high noon by Rev. N. Frykman of the East Salem church, and was witnessed by over 100 relatives and intimate friends.

The bridal procession started from the house and met the minister on the lawn, where the nuptial knot was tied.

Misses Ruth Stjernlof and Mabel Bergstrom were the bridesmaids, and Messrs. William Bergstrom and Edwin Stjernlof did the honors as groomsmen. The bride was dressed in a handsome white silk gown and wore roses and a wreath of smilax.

After the ceremony a bountiful wedding dinner was served in a large tent erected for that purpose, and to say that all the guests did full justice to the many good things served is only saying a little. Refreshments were also served throughout the afternoon.

Towards evening the older people left for their homes, but the younger generation stayed and enjoyed themselves in the evening, playing games. The bridal couple received many useful and pretty wedding presents, and many cash donations, which will come handy when they go to house-keeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bergstrom will spend the first two weeks of their honeymoon with relatives in town of Mamre; after that they will leave for Minneapolis and make their future home. That their wedded life may be one full of sunshine and prosperity is the wish of their many friends.

Those from outside points who were present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Larson of Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ostlund of Willmar, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Holmgren and Mr. and Mrs. John Holmgren and children of Kerkhove.

"All Aboard for Spookville."

A round trip to "Spookville" for 25 cents, and at the same time making stops at such big cities as Boston, Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Portland, Yokohama and Paris, where refreshments will be furnished, is offered by the Christian Endeavor society.

The excursion trains will leave on Friday evening from the Union depot—Nelson's music store on Benson avenue, the first train leaving at 7:30. Popular conductors will be in charge of the trains and travelers will be given the best of accommodations. All trains will leave on schedule time, so do not miss your train. The second section of the early train leaves a few minutes after the first.

The following rules will be strictly adhered to:

Full rates will be charged for all passengers. No half fare permits.

Travelers are strictly forbidden to take any baggage with them.

If passengers become unruly, the railroad policemen will forthwith eject them, so put on your best behavior.

Above all, be on hand promptly. You will be well treated while waiting at the station for your train.

At Spookville the celebrated palmist, Madam La Blanch, whose reputation for revealing the past, present and future, is quite extended, will be consulted and all the usual pranks of Halloween will be indulged in.

Arrangements have been made for a very enjoyable excursion, and the prospects are that traffic on the C. E. Railway will be very heavy next Friday evening. All are cordially invited to take advantage of the reduced rates and join the Endeavorers on this trip.

Joint Educational Meeting.

A joint meeting of teachers and school officers in the northern part of Kandiyohi and the southwestern part of Stearns county will be held at Belgrade next Saturday. The following is the program for the day:

10.00 A. M.
School Decorations—Inside and Outside. Miss Mary J. Miller
School Supplies and Libraries. Miss Ina E. Platts
Relations of the Country and Village Schools. Mr. Andrew Jardine.
RECESS TIL 1:30.

How to Keep Pupils Busy in Schools of Many Classes. Miss Edith Kemp
Importance of Language and Grammar Teaching. Mr. Hendershot
Business Session.
School Board Meeting 1:30.
General Discussion of Topics of Interest Connected with the Schools.

St. Agnes' Guild of St. Luke's church will give a Halloween social next Saturday evening at the Rectory. An entertainment appropriate to the occasion will be given and refreshments will be served for 10 cents. A cordial invitation is extended by the Guild to everybody to come and join in the fun.

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

Members of Minnesota Central Telephone Crew Were Guests in Burning Hotel at Redwood Falls.

Jonah Gould, Robert Gyler, Albert and Theodore Torkelson, who are employed as line men for the Minnesota Central Telephone Co., had a narrow escape from losing their lives in the fire at Redwood Falls last Thursday morning which completely destroyed the Hotel Francois, the leading hotel in that city. They were among the fifty or sixty guests that were routed out between two and three o'clock that morning, many of them barely escaping in their night clothes.

The fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered and it was only through the heroic work of the proprietor and his clerks that many lives were rescued from the dense smoke or the fierce flames. The timely calling of all the guests prevented what would have been one of the worst holocausts in the history of hotel fires.

The Willmar gentlemen occupied a large room on the third floor, and when aroused from their slumbers had barely time to seize their wearing apparel and were obliged to dress in the street. Gyler, the foreman of the crew, was a loser of a \$50 gold watch, while Albert Torkelson lost a pocket book containing about \$10 in cash. The gentlemen, however, consider themselves fortunate that they escaped with their lives. They had no sooner left the burning building when it collapsed. The smoke at the time of the escape of the hotel guests was very dense and it was a miracle that all escaped as they did. Many thrilling escapes are reported. A gentleman who had a room in the Houghmaster block, which adjoins the hotel building, was aroused when the entire structure was enveloped with flames, and when he got outside fell exhausted. The guests lost nearly all their valuables. A stiff wind was blowing at the time and was responsible for the quick destruction.

The buildings destroyed were the Hotel Francois, a three-story brick building, valued at \$30,000, and the Houghmaster building, a two-story business block, valued at \$12,000. Several other buildings were damaged. The total loss is \$125,000, with something over \$50,000 insurance. The hotel furnishings, owned by Joseph Fountain, and valued at \$4,000, were a total loss. They were insured for \$25,000. There was \$15,000 insurance on the hotel and \$8,500 on the Houghmaster block. On the first floor of part of the hotel block the dry goods firm of Francois & Schmah had a stock worth \$35,000, which was insured for \$8,000. Aune & Thune, clothiers, occupied the first floor of the Houghmaster block, with a \$35,000 stock, which was destroyed. It was insured for \$15,000. The second floor was given over to offices. Dr. Corpron lost \$2,500; Dr. H. J. Henze, \$1,500; Dr. H. E. Schlegel, \$800. None of them carried insurance.

The Minnesota Central Telephone Co. of this city was among those who suffered losses. Part of the company's lines go past the hotel, the main lead being there. President Tallman estimates the loss at between \$300 and \$400.

The Mission Meeting.

The mission meeting is in progress at the Swedish Lutheran Bethel church. Rev. Collin of New London opened the same last night. Rev. Schoberg of Atwater preaches this morning. This afternoon there will be a general discussion on the subject of "Justification." This evening Rev. Lundgren of Benson will preach. Tomorrow (Thursday) morning communion will be celebrated, when Rev. O. Hallberg will preach. The meetings at Mamre Monday and Tuesday were well attended. A mission offering amounted to \$24. The harvest festival netted the ladies society a handsome sum.

Joseph T. Johnson, of the TRIBUNE force, left last Saturday evening for Maynard, to spend a week's vacation at his home near that place. Mr. Johnson will serve as best man at a double wedding which takes place at his home this evening, both a brother and sister being among the contracting parties. They are Alfred Johnson, who will be united in marriage to Miss Ida Anderson, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Johnson, who will be united to Mr. Andrew Nelson.

Axel H. Brown, who has of late been in the employ of the New London Milling Co. as collector, has bought a half interest in the Anderson Land Co. of this city. The deal was closed Monday. Mr. Brown has resigned his former position and will hereafter assist A. A. Anderson in personally conducting the affairs of the company in which he now has a half interest.

August Norman, of the "New Store," made a business trip to the cities yesterday.

High School Notes.

A literary and dramatic society will be organized among the students in a short time.

The nice weather is used to good advantage by the students in their athletic activities, and all desire that it will continue for a month or two.

The tennis association has been actively at work the past week. The officials of the Swedish Methodist church have kindly granted permission to play on the vacant church grounds. A fine court has been laid out, and arrangements are being made for a tournament to be played for the championship of the Willmar schools. There are many good players among both the teachers and the students, and great interest is manifested in the outcome of the contest.

The basket ball team won their second victory over the Seminary aggregation last Saturday on the grounds of the latter. The score was not quite so one sided as in the first game, the score of the two games being 35 to 5, and 15 to 9. This was undoubtedly due to the fact that four members in the Seminary team in last Saturday's game were former students of the High school and crack players in the organization of that institution, where they gained "years of experience" in playing the game. Taking this into consideration our boys have every reason to be proud over their record.

The members of the foot ball squad, and others desiring a more "manly" sport, are indulging in the pastime of bucking each other on the gridiron. The boys are practicing daily and with a little more training, ought to be able to make an effective showing against the neighboring teams. The line-up of the team, as far as can be determined at the present time, will be: Adams, right end; Fridlund, right tackle; Gilbertson, right guard; Knutson, center; Princell, left end; E. Johnson, left tackle; Martin, left guard; Lindner, right half back; Lien, left half back; Rigg, quarter back; Carlson, captain and full back. Prof. Tonnig is the manager.

Around the County.

Irving has a case of smallpox. Pay the last half of the real estate taxes by Saturday of this week.

The Dassel wreck cost the railway company \$25,000 in damages paid, it is said.

Chicken Lake, with 1,500 acres of marshy land in Meeker county, is to be drained.

Oscar Hallquist, of the Norway Lake creamery, entered the butter scoring contest at St. James last week.

Carl H. Hammarberg, buttermaker at the Irving creamery, scored 95 at the buttermakers' convention at St. James.

State President Scovell of the W. C. T. U. spoke at Raymond Thursday evening and at New London Friday evening last.

A Dassel boy went on a bum last week, spent \$200, and was so badly stung by remorse on sobering up that he attempted to drown himself.

Lars Halverson, the Willmar inventor, was at Litchfield Friday, and gave some of the business men a whirl on his newly constructed automobile.

If you have anything to trade, rent or sell, try THE TRIBUNE want column. The paper is read by at least ten thousand people in the county twice a week.

Oscar Anderson, who has worked his fathers' farm located between Nest and George lakes, advertises a sale in this issue. He will locate at New London.

The elderly couple married at Bemidji, Joseph Mickelson and bride, arrived at their home a week ago and were duly serenaded. The groom is said to be 74 years old.

An attempt was made to rob the bank at Holloway last Wednesday. The robbers chiselled through the brick walls of the vault and made unsuccessful attempts to blow open the safe.

The Monday Afternoon Club held its meeting this week at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck. There was a large attendance and a very interesting meeting was held. The next session of the club will be with Mrs. W. Burr, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Burdick, on Monday, Nov. 9.

Inspector Bergstrom had a rather peculiar experience Sunday night. While driving home his horses were suddenly frightened and started of on a dead gallop. The phenomena was he neither saw nor heard anything. He says he never was so frightened before.

Editor Berghuls, of the Clara City Herald, and wife were among those who witnessed "The Convict's Daughter" at the opera house here Saturday evening.

PRETTY WEDDING AT SVEA

Martin W. Blomquist of Willmar is Happily United to Miss Ida C. Granquist of Fahlun.

One of the prettiest church weddings solemnized in this county was that which took place at the Svea Lutheran church last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, and which was witnessed by nearly two hundred people. The contracting parties were Miss Ida C. Granquist, of the town of Fahlun, and Mr. Martin C. Blomquist, the well-known agent here for the Northwestern Elevator Co. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. O. Lundberg.

At the appointed time for the beautiful and impressive Lutheran wedding service the strains of the large pipe organ burst forth, announcing the arrival of the bridal party. Prof. Albert Hegstrom, of this city, presided at the organ and played as a processional "March Nuptial" by Biederman. The bridal party entered as follows: First came the ring bearer and flower girl, both dressed in white. They were little Fridolph Blomquist and Myrtle Johnson. The former carried the ring on a handsome pillow and little Myrtle carried a basket of carnations. Then followed the maid of honor, Miss Christine Granquist, who was prettily attired in pale blue silk tulle with all-over cream lace trimming. She carried pink carnations. The bridesmaids and groomsmen then preceded the bride and groom. They were Misses Mary Granquist, Clara Blomquist, Clara Lindblad and Josie Rehn; Mr. Oliver Blomquist, who was best man, and Messrs. Theodore Granquist, Charles Johnson and Emil Bjornberg.

The bride was charmingly gowned in white crepe de chine, trimmed with chiffon and applique. She wore bride's roses and also carried a large bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids were attired as follows: Misses Granquist and Blomquist wore white French lawn and Misses Lindblad and Rehn were gowned in tan silk tissue over blue. All four wore pink roses.

While the wedding service was being read Prof. Hegstrom softly played Beethoven's "Andante." "Processional March" was rendered as a recessional as the wedding party and guests left the church.

The reception which followed the ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Granquist, in the town of Fahlun. Here the bridal party received the guests, numbering about 175, and the happy couple were showered with the customary congratulations as they stood underneath a floral bell of carnations and smilax. The rooms were prettily decorated with cut flowers, greens and smilax.

A bountiful wedding dinner was served at four o'clock and the remainder of the afternoon and evening was spent in a delightfully social way. The guests included a large number from Willmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Blomquist were the recipients of many handsome and valuable gifts. Among them were cash presentations to the amount of about ninety dollars.

Among the relatives from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Hedberg of North Dakota; Mrs. C. G. Velander, Albin Velander, Mrs. Henry Wendell, Mrs. Alfred Dahl and daughter Mabel, all of Duluth.

The bride and groom will make their home in this city. They will go into housekeeping in rooms at the Swan Anderson residence on east Trot street. The many friends of this highly esteemed couple will extend to them best wishes for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

The City Council.

Monday night a petition from J. P. Madison for extending Litchfield avenue west was referred to street committee. Another petition from A. H. Sperry for crossing and culvert on his side was similarly disposed of.

The tax levy was fixed at \$18,250, which includes \$3,000 sinking fund and \$1,000 for the library.

The fire department committee was instructed to secure plans for a hose drying tower.

The few bills were allowed;

J. J. Ekander left on Monday for Duluth, where he goes to look up his real estate interests in that vicinity. Mr. Ekander has a quarter section of land located about sixty miles north of Duluth and will spend some time there making necessary improvements. He was accompanied by Nels Olson and Alec Larson, who go there for the purpose of looking up the lands in that vicinity with a view of making investments.

The ladies society of the Swedish Lutheran Bethel church meet with Mrs. Swan Carlson Friday afternoon.

A Novel Plan.

The First Presbyterian Sabbath School has inaugurated a movement to increase its membership which is rather unique in church circles and at the same time will be quite an incentive for the young members to do some very active work. The school has been apportioned into two divisions, one to be known as the "blues" and the other the "reds," and some lively competition in the soliciting of new members is expected. The side making the smallest showing by the end of the year is required to furnish a banquet for its opponents. Strict orders have been given not to solicit members from among other Sabbath Schools, the work to be confined only to those who are not attending any Sabbath School in the city. Badges in the form of buttons have been furnished the opposing sides and the members are known by the colors they wear.

There are many children in the city who have no regular Sunday School membership, and the efforts to secure these for the religious training offered them every Sunday ought to be very commendable.

Escaped Again.

B. F. Miller was again arrested last week under the old law and the hearing was set for Saturday before Justice Otterness. A change of venue was taken to Justice Cramer, who discharged the prisoner after hearing the evidence. The hearing took place at the city hall Saturday afternoon. Sam Porter appeared for the defendant and the county attorney for the state. F. Clark, a detective, testified that he entered Miller's place Sept. 24 in company with Joseph Broberg and purchased some drinks of whiskey, paying 85 cents for the same. Joseph Broberg appeared and testified in behalf of Miller. His testimony coincided with that of the detective in every particular, except that Broberg was positive that on this particular occasion Miller was not in the room and the liquor was purchased from Victor Nelson. Justice Cramer decided that there was no probable cause for binding the accused over to the grand jury and the prisoner was discharged.

The Willmar Lecture Course.

The committee announces that the lecture course will consist of the following attractions: Herbert L. Cope, humorist and entertainer, who will be with us on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, Ferguson's Dixie Jubilee Singers, the Columbian Male Quartette, Lou J. Beauchamp, the humorous philosopher, lecturer, traveler and writer, and John P. D. John, also a noted lecturer. The dates of the four last named entertainments can not be announced at this writing. They are all entertainments of the highest order and will be given at the Willmar opera house.

Tickets for the full course are \$1.50. Prices for single entertainments are as follows: Parquet, 50 cents; parquet circle, 35 cents, and gallery 25 cents.

Third Street Business Change.

A change in the Olson & Newman feed store firm was effected this week. Mr. Newman retires from the business and is succeeded by Messrs. Arnold and G. A. Erickson. The new firm name will be known as Erickson & Co. G. A. Erickson, who is the well-known farm implement man, will still personally conduct that line of business, while Arnold Erickson and Mr. Olson will devote their time to the interests of the feed business. Mr. Newman returns to his Lake Andrew farm home, where he will remain for a time.

Messrs. Erickson are not new in this line of business, being former proprietors of the same flour and feed store. They are progressive business men and will no doubt succeed in securing their old-time patronage.

On Their Wedding Trip.

Leonard Sandberg and bride arrived here Saturday evening from St. Paul, and are spending the week with Mr. Sandberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sandberg, on south Fifth street. Leonard, who is well known in this city, was united in marriage last Thursday in St. Paul to Miss Helen Johnson. He is at present employed as switchman in the Great Northern yards at St. Paul. During his residence in Willmar he was employed as fireman on the Willmar division. The groom's friends in this city will be glad to extend congratulations.

L. S. Berg, who is now located at Valley City, N. D., was in Willmar over Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knut Berg. Mr. Berg is doing soliciting work in the interest of the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which formerly had its headquarters at Grand Forks, but was recently removed to Valley City. His brother, Chas. E. Berg, is the well-known secretary of the company.