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## FILED THEIR ANSWER

**Ex-City Clerk Osmundson and Bondsmen Barnstad and Ekander File Answers in Suit Brought by City.**

Samuel Osmundson, Ole Barnstad and A. J. Ekander have filed their answers in the suit brought by the city against them to recover the funds alleged to have been diverted by Osmundson as city clerk. We give below the full texts of the answers.

OSMUNDSON'S ANSWER.

The defendant Osmundson for his answer to the complaint of plaintiff herein denies each and every allegation thereof except that the plaintiff is a municipal corporation: that this defendant was its recorder from April 25, 1898, to March 22, 1902, and that he paid over to the treasurer of plaintiff in the year beginning April 25, 1898, $16,334.68 and that he gave bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as such recorder.

For a second and further answer to the complaint of plaintiff herein, the defendant Osmundson alleges that in March, 1902, the plaintiff claimed that he was owing it a considerable amount of money; that said claim was made on the ground that he had not paid over to the treasurer all moneys received by him; that said claim was untrue and unjust: that nevertheless in settlement thereof defendant tendered to plaintiff as and for full satisfaction of all its claims against him the sum of $1,500, which sum was accepted and received by plaintiff as full satisfaction of all its claims against this defendant and plaintiff has ever since kept, retained and applied to its own use the said sum of $1,500.

Wherefore defendant prays that he be hence dismissed together with his costs and disbursements herein incurred. SAMUEL OSMUNDSON.

ANSWER OF BARNSTAD AND EKANDER.

The defendants A. J. Ekander and Ole Barnstad for their separate answer to the complaint of plaintiff herein deny each and every allegation of said complaint except as hereinafter specifically admitted, qualified or denied.

The said defendants admit the incorporation of the village of Willmar and of the city of Willmar as alleged and that the defendant Osmundson was the village recorder of said Willmar from the 27th day of April, 1898 to the 12th day of April, 1901, and he was such officer by virtue of appointment by the village council af said village and not otherwise.

The said defendants further admit that plaintiff owned and operated an electric light plant and a water plant as alleged in its complaint: also that the village treasurer was the legal custodian of its moneys and paid out the same only upon orders properly drawn therefor.

Further answering, defendants allege that it was not the duty of said recorder to collects the moneys or any of them due to said village, nor to collect the accounts or any of them due to the said village from any person or persons whatsoever but only to receive such moneys as should be actually paid him for and in behalf of said plaintiff.

The defendants allege and admit that on the 27th day of April, 1898, they as sureties entered into a bond in the sum of $1,000 conditioned as follows: "The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounded Samuel Osmundson was on the 25th day of April, 1898, duly elected village recorder in and for the village of Willmar, in said county, for the term of one year and is about to enter upon the duties of said office, now therefore if the said Samuel Osmundson shall, will and does faithfully discharge all his official duties as such village recorder in and for said village, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect." That the said Osmundson did faithfully discharge all his official duties as such village recorder during the year referred to in said bond and particularly did pay over to the treasurer of said village the sum of $16,334.68, the same being the entire amount of moneys of all kinds received by him during said year for or in behalf of said plaintiff.

Further answering, the said defendants allege and admit that on April 24, 1899, defendant Osmundson was duly appointed village recorder of plaintiff for the term of one year and that on the 8th day of May, 1899, they as sureties executed a bond identical with the bond heretofore set out except as to date of appointment of said Osmundson, and they allege that during the time said bond was in force the defendant Osmundson did faithfully discharge all his official duties as such recorder and did pay over to the village of Willmar all moneys received by him as such recorder.

(The same answer is made as to the years of 1900 and 1901.)

That all and singular the appointments of said defendant Osmundson as village recorder in and for the village of Willmar were for the exact term of one year and no longer. That no other condition was contained in any of said bonds except as hereinbefore stated and said defendants specifically deny that said Osmundson as such recorder or otherwise converted to his own use any sum or sums whatever of the money of said plaintiff or in any sum or amount whatever.

That if the books of plaintiff whether kept by defendant Osmundson or otherwise, show any failure on his part at any time or in any amount to pay over to the treasurer of plaintiff any sum of money received by him or coming into his hands as such recorder then said books and the entries therein are erroneous, misleading and incorrect and they are false and untrue in every such particular.

For a further and second defense to the complaint of plaintiff herein defendants A. J. Ekander and Ole Barnstad allege that in the month of March, 1902, the books and accounts of plaintiff on their face showed an indebtedness on the part of defendant Osmundson to plaintiff on account of moneys charged up to him as such recorder and not paid over to the treasurer of plaintiff village; that the said shortage was due to defendant Osmundson charging himself with uncollected accounts, material bought for and used by the electric light plant and with many other items and matters for which no cash was received but which were treated in such accounts as cash received by said recorder; that plaintiff then demanded a settlement of said apparent shortage and the said defendant Osmundson tendered to the plaintiff in full satisfaction of such shortage, and the plaintiff received and accepted and was paid in full satisfaction of such apparent shortage the sum of $1 500, which sum the said village has ever since retained and long since applied to its own use, although no part of the same was due to said village but all of it was paid because of the mistakes and erroneous entries and false charges made upon the books of plaintiff against said defendant Osmundson.

Wherefore defendants pray that they be hence dismissed with their costs and disbursements incurred in this action. GEORGE MULLER, LYNDON A. SMITH, Attorneys for Defendants.

Attorneys Smith and Muller filed the papers containing the above answers with City Attorney Olson last Friday. As before stated, Attorney Olson will be assisted by Hon. E. T. Young, of Appleton, in appearing for the city. There is a possibility that J. W. Arctander, of Minneapolis, will be retained by Mr. Osmundson in fighting the case. The attorneys for the plaintiff are very confident that they will win the suit in spite of all the legal talent that may be arrayed against them. Developments will be anxiously awaited and the case promises to be one of the most interesting to be heard at the January term of court.

## TAMPERED WITH MAIL

**Three Little Morris Girls Take Mail From Postoffice Boxes and Secure Money.**

It was learned by the city authorities the first of the week that three little girls who have been in the habit of making the postoffice lobby a lounging place, had been making a systematic theft of mail from such of the lock boxes as they were able to get into, and also from the night drop box attached to the front door. In getting mail from the latter place they would visit the postoffice early in the morning, and while the clerk was working in the back part of the office they would take the mail from the box. It is reported that they had learned the combinations to some of the boxes, and in one instance they secured a letter containing five dollars, and at another time one containing one dollar. This money they spent. When the mail began to be missed, the marshal started an investigation with the result that the work of the girls was discovered.

The oldest of the three is about twelve years, and it would seem that they knew that they were engaged in an unlawful practice. It is not probable that the local authorities will take any measure against them, but the postoffice department has been notified, and undoubtedly the federal authorities will take some action in regard to their misdeeds, for it is a very serious matter to in any way meddle with the U. S. mail.—Morris Sun, 17th inst.

## PENNOCK PENCILINGS

BY O. F. JOHNSON.

Dec 22.

Willie Erickson visited with Oman's Sunday.

Services were held by Rev. Forsberg on Sunday night.

Frank Norman went to Willmar Monday to call on friends.

Rev. Philips of Atwater will hold services at the Presbyterian church tonight.

Miss Betsy Forstrom returned to Willmar Monday after a brief stay at Alfred Holmgren's of Mamre.

Rev. Finley accompanied by Mr. Masterson was around getting subscriptions for the Presbyterian church last week.

Pete Greenfield, Otis Sather, David and Esther Ostlund and Carrie Greenfield drove to Ostlund's on a visit Sunday afternoon.

A Christmas tree festival will be held at St. Johns church in the evening Christmas day, and second day Christmas at Mamre church

Victor Knutson of the Willmar High School is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Magnuson. He leaves today for Svea where he will spend Xmas.

Alfred Holmgren's little daughter returned last Saturday in company with her mother. She has had an operation performed on a tumor of the ear.

Peter Soedberg has rented L. Uhrus' horseshoeing shop and will continue his old trade. Mr. Soedberg has been in the horseshoeing business in Sweden for 22 years. He came to this country two years ago this coming spring. A year ago this summer he was employed in Ekander's shop at Willmar, where he learned American methods and later with Mr. Uhrus of Pennock, his brother-in-law. He holds a highgrade diploma in horseshoeing from The Stockholm Agricultural Society.

Misses Margaret and Emma Walsh left on Sunday evening for the Pacific coast, where they will enjoy a visit over the holidays. They will spend Christmas with relatives at Harrington, Wash., and before returning will spend some time at Spokane and other points in the western country.

The Great Northern announces holiday rates on the Willmar & Sioux Falls line as follows: On the 24th and 25th inst and on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 tickets will be sold at one and one-third fare. They will be good for return not later than Jan. 4.

The week following Christmas there will be evangelistic services every evening at the Swedish Mission church. Regular services will be held next Sunday at the usual hours. The meetings will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. N. Osterholm.

The Page-Lindquist Co. will have a great Pre Inventory sale, beginning Jan. 1. Lists of bargains next week.

**Popular Couple Wed.**

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Monday evening, when Miss Mae Emeretta Parkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Parkins, was united in marriage to Mr. Mark Parks. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry C. Buell in the presence of about forty guests. At 8:30, the appointed time for the wedding service, the bridal party descended the stairs and entered the parlor, where the strains of the Lohengrin Bridal Chorus were sounded from the organ by Miss Janet Ives. The ceremony took place near the bay window, where decorations of Christmas greens in addition to palms and potted plants made a very pretty background. The bride was attended by Miss Nellie Craswell, of Sioux City, Ia., and Frank Rothwell, of St. Paul, served as groomsman.

The bride was attired in a costume of tan French voile with trimmings of pale blue taffeta and ecru lace. She carried a shower bouquet of Roman hyacinths. The bridesmaid's gown was of pearl gray wool challie and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

After the showering of congratulations upon the happy couple, a wedding supper was served and the guests partook of a bountiful feast.

The rooms were very prettily decorated in red and green, suggestive of the holiday season. Streamers in the Christmas colors were suspended from the chandelier to the corners of the dining room table. Cut flowers and holly lent much to the pretty appearance of the rooms.

A fine collection of wedding gifts was left by the guests as a token of the high esteem in which the bridal pair is held.

The bride is well and favorably known in this city, having grown to womanhood here. The groom is a popular employe of the Great Northern and is a gentleman spoken of highly by all his associates. Their many friends will extend to them best wishes for a happy union.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks leave today on a wedding trip to St. Paul, where they will spend the holidays. They will be at home after Jan. 15, in rooms in the Wiggins residence on west Pacific avenue.

Rev. A. H. Tebbets, of Minneapolis, assistant superintendent of the Childrens Home Society and also associate editor of the "Home Finder," the organ of that well known and benevolent society, was in the city last week on one of his periodical visits. Mr. Tebbets, as usual, presented his work before the different church congregations at the Sunday services and later interviewed our regular contributors to the charitable work in which he is engaged. Willmar people are doing nicely in helping the work of the Children's Home Society and upon each visit here Rev. Tebbets is remembered with a generous donation.

Rev. T. F. Findley, of Spicer, and Rev. Dr. R. N. Adams of Minneapolis, were in the city last week to confer on matters regarding church work at Long Prairie. Rev. Findley is the pastor at large of the St. Cloud Presbytery and Dr. Adams is the State Synodical S. S. Missionary. Rev. Findley had just returned from a trip to Nebraska, where he had attended the funeral of a brother, who has been in the missionary work among the Indians for the past sixteen years. He had been laboring among the Winnebago Indians on the reservation just across the line from Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Albee, old time residents of Willmar, but now located at Tacoma, Wash., were guests the latter part of last week at the home of Geo. Thomas. After a brief visit with Willmar friends they left on Saturday afternoon for the cities, from where they return to the coast via the N. P. railway. Mr. Albee was at one time mayor of this city, at which time he was in the employ of the Great Northern at this point. Many years have passed since then, and Mr. Albee noticed many changes since his residence here. He is now division superintendent of the Northern Pacific.

The city schools closed last Friday for the holiday vacation. Appropriate exercises were held in most of the grades. The members of the High School also showed their capability as entertainers and presented "The Birds' Christmas Carol." The poor were not forgotten and the real Christmas spirit prevailed in some of the schools. Baskets of toys and food were donated by the pupils to those who were in need. The teachers have left for their respective homes and they as well as the pupils will enjoy a holiday vacation until Jan. 4.

Mrs. Chas. Oram and Mrs. C. F. Spencer represented the local Degree of Honor lodge at the annual district convention held in Morris last Wednesday evening Mrs. Spencer was among the visiting delegates who furnished papers. Her subject was: "The Education of Our Posterity." Mrs. Oram, who is one of the grand lodge officers, left from Morris for Sauk Center, to be present at the initiation of a class in that city the following evening.

W. W. P. McConnell, state dairy and food commissioner will hold a dairy meeting at Atwater on Thursday Jan 7. Mr. McConnell will have the assistance of another man, probably A. W Trow. The subject to be discussed is "Economical Feeding of Dairy Cows." This will be an interesting meeting and of much value to the farmers It is probable that two meetings will be held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon.

Reports were received here recently to the effect that Passenger Brakeman Hicks was the victim of an accident while on his run out of Yankton. Fortunately the injuries were not of a serious nature and Mr. Hicks was disabled from work for only a short period.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Ella N. Sorenson to Mr. S. P. Rasmuson, which will occur at the Odd Fellows Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29 The ceremony is to take place at 8:30 and will be witnessed by about 70 guests.

Mrs. N. B. Carlson was called to Benson last Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her father.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE COMING

**The Traveling State School of Agriculture Will Be in Willmar January 15 and 16.**

The farmers institute which will be held at the courthouse at Willmar, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, will be one of the most interesting meetings of the kind ever held in the county. Supt. O. C. Gregg promises a series of very interesting lectures on farm and household topics, by a strong corps of experts. An interesting evening session will be held. Musical numbers will be provided to intersperse the talks. Let all who possibly can, old and young, prepare to come and attend both days sessions. The following have been appointed as local committees upon attendance from each township, and will be asked to do what they can to promote an attendance at the institute from their different localities:

Mamre—J. P. Larson, O. O. Bergstrom, Alfred Holmgren.

Dovre—A. J. Anderson, C. C. Birkeland, Jalmar Larson, Ole Peterson.

Green Lake—J. H, Carlin, Jacob Kloster, F. O. Swanson, Arne Embertson.

Harrison—John Feig, Samuel Dahl, Adam Tait, Jr.

Gennessee—John S. Anderson, Martin Olson, T. L. Saugmyhr, F. C. Peterson.

Kandiyohi—P. H. Frye, John Wicklund, Peter Burns, C. A. Berg, A. O. Grangaard.

Willmar Township—P. J. Haley, A. O. Qvale, A. J. Abbott, Albert J. Nelson.

St. Johns—Fred Boetcher, R. J. Somerville, C. J. Berglund and H. Hanson.

Edwards—A. B. Thorson, George Morrow, John H. Stoll.

Whitefield—Henry Eddy, A. O. Nelson, William McKenzie, Bengt Carlson.

Fahlun—L. P. Felt, C. A. Broman, Ole Granquist.

Lake Elizabeth—Chas. E. Johnson, Solomon Stenberg, P. W. Fredrickson.

East Lake Lillian—Christopher Johnson, Hemming Anderson, H. Anderson Lobnitz.

Lake Lillian—A. M. Hedin, John G. Flann, Andrew Anderson, Fred Suesens, Johannes Johnson.

Roseland—William Lindquist, S. Dykema, Nels Bengtson.

Holland—Henry Roelofs, C. Noteboom, Aug. Falk.

An institute is to be held at New London upon the same days. Hence no committee for the Willmar institute are appointed in the two northern tiers of towns.

## A PASTOR'S FAREWELL

**Rev. Larson Addresses Willmar Congregation on Sunday for Last Time—Successor is Rev. Hall.**

Last Sunday morning and evening, at the Swedish Baptist church, Rev. Robert Larson spoke to congregations that taxed the capacity of that splendid edifice. It was the last time that this popular pastor would occupy the Willmar pulpit and practically all the members as well as many of their friends were present to hear his last addresses.

In the morning Rev. Larson delivered his farewell sermon. He spoke from the text found in 2 Cor. 7:16—"I rejoice, therefore, that I have confidence in you in all things." The sermon was a masterly effort, such as the esteemed pastor has had the reputation of presenting to his congregations on many previous occasions. The words spoken were most fitting for a shepherd who was about to take leave of the flock which he had cared for during the three and a half years of his pastorate.

In the evening at 6:15 the young people's meeting was held, instead of on Monday as usual, when Rev. Larson also gave a farewell talk to the young members of his congregation. Rev. Larson departed on Monday for Chicago, where he goes to join his wife. They will spend Christmas in that city, leaving after the holidays for their new home in Meriden, Conn., where Rev. Larson assumes his new charge.

The Swedish Baptist society has elected a successor to Rev. Larson in the person of Rev. A. G. Hall, of Chicago. The call was issued Nov. 27 and on Monday of this week a letter of acceptance was received. The new pastor will be here February 12 or possibly the 7th.

Rev. Hall is at present pastor of the First Swedish Baptist church of Chicago. He is not a stranger to Willmar people, having been a former pastor some sixteen years ago.

**Again Changes Hands.**

Last Friday the deal was closed whereby Thos. E. Murphy becomes the sole owner and proprietor of the old Marlow House property now known as the Park Hotel. D. N. Tallman was the owner of this well-known piece of real estate property and the deal was consummated at a consideration of $3,000.

The Park Hotel has been conducted by A. T. Sandbo for the past seven months as a lodging house. This week Mr. Sandbo disposed of the furniture and fixtures to Mr. Murphy, who now takes possession of the place and will continue the business. The new proprietor will no doubt enjoy the same good patronage which has been accorded the place while under the charge of Mr. Sandbo. Mr. Murphy is an accommodating landlord, and his past experience at the Merchants Hotel in the position of clerk comes him well in hand for the management of the Park Hotel hostelry.

Mr. Murphy is succeeded as night clerk at the Merchants by W. W. McMicking, late of New Paynesville.

Hans Seland was "a good one," is the almost unanimous verdict passed on him by those who had the pleasure to listen to his lecture last Friday evening at the Seminary Hall. That he came up to expectations is saying the least, for judging by the hearty laughter occasionally indulged in by the audience his stories were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

On Thursday evening the faculty of the Seminary gave a reception for the students. At eight o'clock the students gathered at the Chapel where a program was rendered. After the program refreshments were served in the adjoining room and a good time enjoyed till a late hour.

The Masons and Eastern Star will install their newly-elected officers Saturday evening of this week. Supper will be served after the ceremonies. Visiting members of the order in the city are invited to be present.

If it is true that so much liquor is being sold in Willmar as the saloon sympathizers would have us believe why is it that twenty-five of those very "sympathizers" got their Christmas supply from Atwater? Echo, why?

## BURIAL AT EAST SALEM

**Funeral of O. H. Bergstrom Held Tuesday of Last Week and Remains Interred in East Salem Cemetery at Mamre.**

We are indebted to our Mamre correspondent for the following account of the funeral of O. H. Bergstrom, which was received at this office on Wednesday, too late for last week's issue:

The funeral of O. Hernfrid Bergstrom, whose tragic and mysterious death has cast a gloom over the whole community, took place yesterday. Relatives and friends gathered at the home of the dead man's father, O. O. Bergstrom, in Mamre at 12 o'clock, when a short talk was given by Rev. N. Frykman.

At one o'clock the funeral procession started from the Bergstrom home for the East Salem church in Mamre. Arriving there the body was taken into the church, where Rev. Frykman gave the final sermon over what was only a week ago—a life full of hope and virtue. Afterwards a last opportunity was given to see the corpse. The last farewell of the wife, parents, brothers and sisters was heartrending to witness. Many wreaths of beautiful flowers covered the coffin. The interment was at the East Salem cemetery.

Outside relatives who were present at the funeral were: Oscar Bergstrom of Minneapolis, a brother; Mr. and Mrs. James Larson of Benson, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. Elward Ostlund of Willmar, brother-in-law and sister; and Mr. and Mrs. John Holmgren of Kerkhoven, brother-in-law and sister.

**Local and Personal.**

Mrs. C. J. Frandell, of Minneapolis, was a guest of the Misses Hier the latter part of last week.

Mrs Sarah Banks and little niece, Geraldine Haley, returned last week from a visit in the cities.

J. B. Boyd is assisting in the work at the store of Berkness, Peterson & Co. during the holiday season.

A son and heir made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Norman last Saturday evening.

Mrs. James T. Carruthers spent several days the past week with relatives and friends in Minneapolis.

Philip Green, of Minneapolis, enjoyed a visit of several days here with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Green.

Johnnie and Ethel Styles left yesterday to spend the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Wm. McKinney, in Minneapolis.

Mrs. G. A. Bruce returned to her home in St. Paul last Friday, after a visit in this city as the guest of Mrs. A. N. Lewis.

Bob and Eva McGinley at the Opera House Friday evening. Prices for the entire lower floor, 35c. Gallery 25c.

"The Christ of History" will be the theme of the discourse by Rev. Cummins at the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

Willian Frost and the Misses Frost are all home from the cities to enjoy their holiday vacation with the other members of the family.

You will not regret it, if you come and see Bob and Eva McGinley, the Chicago vaudeville stars, Friday evening at the Opera House.

Mrs. E. Smith, of Lidgerwood, N. D., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Green, and expects to remain throughout the holidays.

Roy Carlson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Swan Carlson, gave a birthday party to a company of little friends last Monday afternoon.

Miss Florence R. Porter returned home last Friday evening from Minneapolis, where she had been for over a month in the interest of her art work.

Miss Sarah Booth has gone to San Jacinto, Cal., to join her father and to make her future home in that state She left here on Tuesday of last week.

Victor E. Nelson and family left on Friday for Denver, Colorado, to spend some time in that state in the hope of benefiting Mr. Nelson's health.

Fire escapes are being placed on the Willmar buildings which were ordered some time ago to install this necessary equipment for the safety of the lodgers.

H. S. Peterson is the happy father of a daughter which arrived at his home last Friday evening. Of course his friends have enjoyed a good smoke in honor of the new arrival.

**University Thespians Coming.**

Willmar people will be interested in knowing that another entertainment is to be provided for them by State University talent. The third event to be furnished by students of this well-known and popular institution will be in the dramatic line, and judging by the success which attended the other two engagements, which were along the concert line, the coming engagement ought to be a decided success.

During the Christmas holidays the University Dramatic Club, of which George Tyler of this city is now a member, will make the second of its yearly tours to towns throughout the state. This custom was inaugurated last year and the success of the first venture was more than sufficient to warrant the plans being carried out again this year. The club has arranged for its appearance in Willmar on Saturday evening, Jan. 2, when it will occupy the boards at the opera house. The fact that a Willmar boy appears in a leading role lends interest to the affair and the young man's friends will anxiously await the coming of the club.

The party, which will include the director and business manager and a chaperone, will leave Minneapolis Dec. 28 for Rochester, for an engagement there that evening. They will then play successively in Winona, Red Wing, Owatonna Litchfield and Willmar. In each of these cities there are many University alumni, which makes it certain that the trip will be very pleasant in a social way for the college Thespians. The play which will be presented by the young people is entitled "One Night Only," an exceedingly clever and appropriate comedy, translated from the German by Baker. The cast includes five male and four female characters and it is said that several of these do character work that is way above the usual attempts of amateurs.

The cast is as follows: Professor Valentian Posket, George Tyler; Arthur Vale, M. D., his son-in-law, Dana Easton; Jack Courtley alias Harkins, Max Ricker; Lord Courtley, Paul Magnuson; Marcus Brutus Snap, Cyrus S Brown; Mrs. Letitia Posket, Cornelia Hollinshead; Marjorie Vale, Alice Bean; Paula, the youngest, Mildred Hunter; Susan, a servant, Florence Hoffiin.

**The Last Sad Rites.**

The funeral services over the remains of Nels M. Mossberg were held last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, from the family residence on East Litchfield avenue. Rev. Horatio Gates read a brief service according to the ritual of the Episcopal church Music was furnished by a quartette composed of Mrs. Cairns, Miss Kennedy, and Messrs. Otos and Otterness. The casket was heavily laden with floral tributes from the many friends of the departed citizen. The following gentlemen served as pall-bearers: Judge Qvale, Sam'l Garver, Wm. Gilger, M. Jorgenson, W. J. Pinney and Judge Nordin. A brief burial service was held at the grave and all that was earthly of a man who had always proved himself a good friend and neighbor was consigned to its last resting place at Fairview cemetery.

**Appropriated Water for Skating Pond.**

The opening of a hydrant at the east end of Litchfield avenue last Sunday night by some mischievous boys resulted in the loss of about 1500 barrels of the city supply of water from the large tank. The loss was discovered by the night engineer at the electric light and water plant, who after laboring in vain to secure a sufficient supply of water for the boiler, directed his attention to the tank. The receptacle was found empty, and had a fire broken out in the city at the time the situation would have been a very serious one. At this writing the police are making investigations with good prospects of causing the arrest of the guilty parties and giving the boys at least a severe reprimand for their conduct. It is said that a strong desire for a skating pond prompted the deed.

## OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Willmar Church Societies Offer Opportunities for a Due Observance of the Great Holiday.**

Tomorrow evening (Christmas eve) the Presbyterian Sunday School will have its Christmas tree entertainment. A program of songs and recitations will be given. There will be a "Brownies' Bridge" and Santa Claus has promised to visit the children and take part in the exercises of the evening.

On Christmas evening the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will observe the holiday with a Christmas tree and concert, at eight o'clock, to which the members invite all their friends. No services will be held during the day. The present interesting series of Sunday sermons appropriate to the Christmas season will be continued the coming four Sundays.

At St. Luke's Episcopal church all the services appropriate to the holiday season will be held. On Christmas Day there will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. At 10:45 there will be morning prayer, Holy Communion and an address by the pastor. The children's Christmas tree festival will be at 4:30 p. m. on Saturday. On the following Sunday the services will be as follows: Morning prayer and sermon at 10:45. Subject of sermon, "Some Suggestions of the Christmas-tide." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Subject, "Opportunity, What is It?"

At St. Mary's Catholic church there will be mass on Christmas Day at nine o'clock. Special music will be rendered and a full Christmas service will be held. Rev. Father Malloy will also conduct mass at St. Patricks' church in Kandiyohi at eleven o'clock.

The Norwegian Lutheran Synod church will hold the customary annual service on Christmas Day at 10:30 a. m. The Sunday School Christmas tree festival will be held on Saturday evening, when a program will be carried out by the members. Special music will be rendered by a choir. The program will include an address by Scriver Thorpe, who is a theological student of the Lutheran Seminary at Hamline. Rev. Heimdahl, the pastor, will catechise the children.

At the Lutheran Free church there will be appropriate services on Christmas Day at 10:30 a. m. On Saturday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock, the younger members will enjoy a Christmas tree festival, when the Sunday School will render a program of songs and recitations. Student Fosager of Augsberg Seminary, Minneapolis, will be present to deliver an address.

The Swedish Mission society has arranged for the customary early morning service on Christmas Day. It will be held at 5:45. In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be the Christmas tree entertainment for the Sunday School. Special music is being arranged for. Mrs. Herbert Johnson, assisted by Miss Alma Mikkelson, who has been studying in the cities, will contribute toward the musical program.

The pretty custom of observing Christmas Day with a praise service in the early morning hours will also be carried out at the Swedish Baptist church. The "jul-otte" services will be held at six o'clock. In the evening the Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas tree festival and an appropriate program will be rendered.

There will be Christmas Day services at the Swedish Lutheran Bethel church at 10:30 a. m. The Children's Christmas festival will be held in the evening at seven o'clock. Regular services on Sunday evening. At the Mamrelund church there will be early "jul-otte" services on Christmas Day, and the children's Christmas tree festival will occur Saturday evening. Regular services Sunday morning.

At the Swedish M. E. church there will be no Christmas services, but evangelistic services are being planned for to be held later in the season.

No Christmas services are announced for the Separatist church.

## IN THEIR NEW ADDITION

**An Enterprising Firm Now Nicely Located in Additional Quarters in Bonde Annex.**

When the firm Johnson, Fridlund & Moline, now Johnson, Moline & Co., moved into the Bonde block in the fall of 1898 it was felt that they had secured ample room for their business It was, however, not long before the business of the "New Store" had increased to such proportions that the quarters became cramped. At the request of the firm, therefore, Mr. Bonde last summer began the erection of an addition to the main building, which is now completed and occupied by the firm. The addition faces Litchfield avenue. It is a solid brick building. The ground floor covers a space 25x65 feet with a covered and enclosed driveway 10x65 feet. The second floor is 35x65 feet. There is also a full basement under the building. The work was done by Olson & Skoolheim, and cost about $5,500.

The main floor of the addition is occupied by the grocery department It gives ample space for handling the large business of the firm in this line, and is a pleasant, well lighted room. Besides the large glass front there is a large skylight on the roof, with a big opening in the second floor, flooding every part of the room with light. In the back part of the building is a storeroom 15x25 feet. The basements contain the furnace and vegetable storeroom.

The space around the light well in the second story will be used as saleroom for men's clothing, and the back part will be used as a storeroom. An elevator will connect the three floors. The portion over the driveway and fifteen feet in the front part of the addition are the only portions of the new building that will not be occupied by the firm. The front part will make a suite of three rooms. The hallway portion will be partly devoted to an extension of the kitchen in connection with the lodge and diningrooms.

The bookkeeper's office has also been moved into the new room. The old room will be used for the dry goods, cloak, hats and caps, boys' clothing and shoe departments. This will give the firm room to display their goods with the best effects. Exclusive of the basements, the firm will have a floor space of over 6,500 square feet.

**Spicer Will Incorporate.**

The necessary steps have been taken by Spicer residents to incorporate as a village. On Monday Wm. Olson, the hustling real estate agent of that place, was in Willmar and filed a petition with the county auditor to be acted upon at the first meeting of the county commissioners in January. The petition for incorporating bears the signatures of forty Spicer residents. The place has 202 inhabitants, according to a late census taken by Mr. Olson. The legal requirement for incorporating is a population of 175. There have been enough inhabitants in Spicer for some years to incorporate, but the present move is the first one made with this end in view.

With the prospects quite favorable for a banking institution and other business enterprises which are at present being talked of, Spicer ought to in the course of time become quite a flourishing community.

**Entertained Lady Friends.**

A delightful reception was given by the Misses Rains at their home on east Litchfield avenue, last Wednesday afternoon, the affair being one of the prettiest social functions given during the present season. Some over one hundred guests responded to the invitations issued and during the receiving hours, which were from four to six o'clock, they enjoyed the hospitality of the Rains home.

Mesdames S. B. Qvale, Alton Crosby and D N. Tallman assisted in receiving the guests. From a prettily arranged table dainty refreshments were served by Mesdames G. U. Barck and Fred Brown and Miss Mabel Porter. Mrs. G. W. Tyler and Misses Marie Pinney and Gertrude Palm also assisted in the reception of the guests.

The house decorations were in the Christmas colors. In addition to festoonings of red and green the rooms were decorated with cut flowers

Among the guests were the following from Raymond: Mesdames Spencer and N. L. Ericson, C. E. Fouts, A. H. Rosenquist, J. H. Van Dyke, and Miss Ella McMahon.

## AUTHORITIES MAKE RAIDS

**Keepers of Willmar Joints Are Taken in by the Strong Arms of the Law and Will Now Have to Explain Matters.**

Just as the curtain went up at the opera house last Saturday evening for the first scene in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" there was another curtain rising in another part of the city over scenes in a drama that might suitably be termed "One Night in a Bar Room" The finale was that Ben Waterman, who has so often appeared in temperance dramas in this city, and who it seems has not yet made his farewell appearance before a Willmar audience, was a guest of Sheriff Lundquist over Sunday at Hotel de Kandiyohi. It may be interesting to know that the king of blind-piggers who left the city some months ago for a change of scenes in Minneapolis returned to his more familiar quarters the first part of December and took up his residence in the second story of the old Norlander building, where he has been at home for the last ten days to about six or eight of his most intimate friends. This was the playhouse where last Saturday evening's play was enacted.

The fact of the matter is that the sheriff and police made a raid upon Waterman's place and succeeded in landing their man as the result of a very clever piece of detective work on the part of Chief of Police Bonde. Armed with papers by which he could make an arrest under the search and seizure law Sheriff Lundquist visited the place, accompanied by Policemen Bonde and Stevens. Ben was not at home and the city was skirmished by the two policemen while the sheriff stood guard at the entrance to the abode of the much wanted individual.

Finally Ben put in his appearance and on his coming the papers were immediately served upon him by the waiting sheriff. He made a strong resistance when nabbed by the authorities and it was necessary to bring him down the stairs in a rather forcible manner. The curtain dropped on the last scene when he was landed safely in the county jail to await a preliminary hearing on Monday.

In the meantime the premises were taken possession of by the police and a search resulted in the finding of two cases of beer add eleven quart bottles of whiskey. The latter had just been received that same evening. Not only liquor was found at the place, but also would-be consumers of the stuff were in hiding. As the place was about to be locked up a well-known resident of the city who had found a place of refuge under the bed made his appearance and presented a plea for his release. The accommodating officers soon cleared the place and it was placed under lock and key. There will be no merry Christmas gathering there by the six or eight habitues of Ben's lodgings.

Monday's scene was in justice court, where Waterman was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Otterness at 10:30 a. m. He pleaded not guilty and a change of venue was taken to Judge Cramer's court. The hearing was set for 2:30 the same day. Assistant Co. Attorney Olson appeared for the state and Geo. Muller for the defendant. The hearing resulted in the case being set for next Monday at 8 o'clock p. m. Waterman was released from further custody upon furnishing bail in the sum of $100 for his appearance.

Things have "been doing" ever since Saturday night in police circles, for yesterday the old Andrew Klevjer place on Third street was visited and a search of the building resulted in the finding of enough evidence to cause the arrest of Albert Berg, who has been conducting the place. Mr. Berg is the renter of this building and has been conducting what was supposed to be a confectionery stand. Yesterday afternoon the authorities "swooped" down upon the place and found two half gallon jugs of alcohol secreted upstairs, and in a box of rubbish in a back room on the same floor were hidden half gallon jugs of whiskey and wine. As these were quite frosty on the exterior it looked as if they had been recently imported from the outside.

Mr. Klevjer, the owner of the building, is said to conduct two saloons at Atwater, and makes frequent visits to Willmar to look up his interests here. It is stated upon good authority that the police had made several visits to the place to watch proceedings, but had not met with a cordial welcome and had even been threatened. The owner had said that he did not care to have the police come "unless called upon." Chief of Police Bonde, however, made his final visit Monday afternoon and the owner of the building forthwith went to the office of the county attorney to seek legal advice as to what course to take in order to put a stop to those frequent calls of the chief, which were now sadly interfering with business. The amusing feature of the affair came at this time, for during his absence the sheriff was called and with the aid of the police a raid was made. Imagine the surprise of the owner upon his return to find the place in charge of the sheriff and the leaser of the building under arrest.

Berg was brought before Judge Otterness at four o'clock. He entered a plea of not guilty and bail was furnished in the sum of $150 for his appearance next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, when the case will be tried.

**Tallman Buys More Stock.**

Ten head of fine Perchon horses, all full blooded stock, were received in this city last Wednesday by D. N. Tallman. The horses were shipped here from Lafayette, Ind., as a result of his visit there, when he made the purchase of the stock that will be added to that already placed on his farm east of the city. The animals arrived in charge of Chris. Freese, who accompanied Mr. Tallman on his trip to Indiana.

A short time ago 38 head of fine Hereford cattle were placed on the farm, and the proprietor will now show what can be done in the cattle raising business.

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