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FARMERS' PHONE LINE

Residents of Lake Andrew and Dove Propose to Talk Over Wires Belonging to a New Organization

The time is rapidly approaching when Kandiyohi county will be fully equipped with telephone service as any section of the state, at least that is the present intention. A number of rural telephone companies have been organized and all are apparently well satisfied with their investment. Others are being talked of and the work of organization will soon be accomplished.

The latest organization in the way of telephone lines was effected last Saturday, when farmers of the townships of Lake Andrew and Dove met and organized what will be known as the Lake Andrew and Dove Telephone Line. These towns were well represented at a meeting held in the school house in Dist. No. 25, Lake Andrew.

The officers of the organization are: K. T. Rykken, president; Gabriel Stene, vice president; Peter Skoglund, secretary; L. Nelson, treasurer; L. H. Larson, Nels Quam and G. A. Peterson, trustees. A meeting of the trustees will be held today to arrange for the necessary material for construction work and it is proposed to begin the building of the line early the coming summer.

At present there are 30 stockholders in the company. There will be about 30 miles of wire strung, which will include a line from New London to Norway Lake, with a branch to the Jackson farm. Another line will be strung from L. H. Larson's place to Willmar, which will be a direct line and will connect with the Minnesota Central line here.

The Library Benefit.

As a result of last Friday evening's benefit supper, some over \$185 was the amount received to go toward the purchasing of books for the new library. There was a constant stream of people during the supper hours and the numerous waiters were all kept busy throughout the evening. The Monday Afternoon Club ladies had put forth their best efforts to make the affair a success and all the arrangements were carried out in a manner that entitled them to considerable credit. The tables were heavily laden with the best of eatables and decorations of out flowers lent much to their neat appearance.

After satisfying their appetites at the Bonde hall, patrons of the supper visited the library building, and many of them, who were there for the first time, did not hesitate to express their admiration of the neat appearance of the rooms.

During the afternoon there were about 200 books donated to the library, which in addition to the 900 new books on hand will serve as a good starter for the reading public. The first issue of books was made on the following day, when during the afternoon 157 books were taken out by patrons. Miss Frost, the librarian, experienced a busy time attending to the wants of callers.

The library and reading room are open every day in the week from 1:30 to 9:00 p. m.

BISHOP VISITS PARISH

Confirmation Services and Institution of Rev. Gates as Rector of St. Luke's Church.

An important event in the Episcopal church circles of this city were the services last Monday evening which marked the instituting of the present incumbent as rector of St. Luke's church and also the confirmation of his first class in Willmar.

The impressive and beautiful services were conducted by the bishop of the diocese, the Right Reverend Samuel Cook Edsall, D. D., in the presence of a congregation that tested the seating capacity of the church. The bishop was assisted in the services by Rev. C. R. Taylor, rector of the Trinity church at Litchfield.

The service of instituting Rev. Horatio Gates as rector of the church occurred the first part of the evening and the solemn service was followed by that of the administering of the rite of confirmation to a class of ten young people. The class presented to the bishop comprised the following: Walter Richard Minton, John Laurence Johnson, Charles Thomas Couling, Amy Evaline Valine, Florence Minnie Couling, Henry Andrew Pederson, John Edward Paulson, Harold Earl Ramsett, Rudolph Leonard Nordstrom, Albert Ephraim Nordstrom.

Bishop Edsall preached a most excellent confirmation sermon, a discourse that was teeming with good, sound logic. He also took occasion to offer words of congratulation to the members upon the improved appearance of the church edifice.

After the services an informal reception was held in the choir room, and many of those present embraced the opportunity to meet the bishop.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A Good Attendance and an Interesting Session at Saturday's Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Kandiyohi County Women's Institute was held last Saturday afternoon at the Odd Fellows' Hall. About twenty-five members were present. Owing to the illness of the president, Mrs. Knox, the vice president, Mrs. E. M. Stanford, presided at the meeting.

In response to roll call many practical suggestions were given, also interesting current topics. While it is not obligatory that the members report in this way it adds much to the interest of the meetings.

Miss Florence Porter sang a solo, which was appreciated, as Miss Porter's solos always are. Mrs. Thomas Olson read an excellent article on "Making Friends and Keeping Them." Little Ruth Sanderson recited "How to Cook." After learning the ways of cooking in Babylon, we feel sure that each one present wished the methods used in Grown-up Land were as simple and pleasurable.

The questions submitted at the January meeting were satisfactorily answered by a committee appointed for that purpose. Questions were handed in to be answered at the next meeting. The program committee for March will be Mrs. Andrew Larson, Mrs. P. J. Haley and Mrs. Chas. Smith.

Miss Blanche Maddock, state organizer, has written the secretary that she has organized many institutes throughout the state. We are glad to know success is being met with, as each institute formed will strengthen the others. It is probable that Miss Maddock will come to Willmar in March and deliver an address before the meeting. Committees have been appointed to arrange for her coming. It is hoped that in case Miss Maddock is able to visit Willmar, she will be greeted by a large number from country and town.

Sup't. O. C. Gregg has ordered the sending of fifty copies of a bulletin on bread-making to be distributed among the members. This bulletin is issued by the U. S. Government from the Agricultural Department at Washington.

Bulletins will soon be received that are sent out by our state department.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christ Birkeland the 17th ult., and the family of Fred Schwartz a son is reported as arriving on the 19th ult.

Death of Victor Nelson.

After an illness of two years with consumption, Victor Nelson passed away Sunday morning at 6:10, at his home in this city. The end came peacefully.

The patient sufferer was brought home from Las Vegas, N. M., about two weeks ago, when accompanied by his wife he had gone from Colorado to try the climate of that state as a last resort. They left Willmar about two months ago and spent the first six weeks at Denver. The first two weeks spent in Colorado seemed to be beneficial to the patient, but a change for the worse soon set in and he failed gradually. Last summer several months were spent among the pines at Cass Lake, but the dread disease had taken too strong a hold and the change of climate served only to prolong life.

Deceased was 34 years of age the 23rd of last December. He leaves a widow and three small children to mourn the death of husband and father.

The funeral took place on Monday. Services were held at the family residence at 12:30. Rev. Peterson of the Swedish Lutheran church officiating. The remains were taken to the town of Kandiyohi for burial in the Tripoli cemetery, where the last sad rites were conducted.

Among the out-of-town relatives in attendance at the funeral were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson and daughter, of Cambridge; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Miss Alice Nelson, of Swan River; Henry Nelson, of Hibbing.

Besides his parents, deceased is survived by four sisters and two brothers.

Death of a Pioneer Lady.

Mrs. Christine Nygaard, wife of John Nygaard Sr., was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning, and on Monday at 10:30 a. m. the final summons came, and the aged lady breathed her last in the presence of the family.

The immediate cause of death was thought to be the bursting of a blood vessel. Deceased had been suffering from a complication of stomach troubles, but the disease was not of such a nature as to prevent her from being about, and she had been quite active up to the time of the sudden attack.

Mrs. Nygaard had reached the age of 70 years and 5 months, and for the last 37 years had been a resident of Kandiyohi county, so was one of the early pioneers here. She was born in Sweden, Norway, and 38 years ago came to America. The last eleven years of her residence in this county have been spent in Willmar, the present home of the aged couple.

Deceased leaves besides her husband four sons, who will deeply mourn the death of an affectionate wife and mother. They are: J. B. Nygaard, residing at Eagle Lake; E. T. Nygaard, of West Superior, Wis.; John and Chris, both residents of this city.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. from the family residence in Fourth ward. Rev. E. Gynild of the Lutheran Free church will conduct the services. The remains will be taken to the Eagle Lake cemetery for interment in the family lot, and funeral services will be held in the church at that place at 1 o'clock.

SYNOD CONFERENCE

Meeting of Central Minn. Luther College Club at Appleton-- Willmar Next Year.

A conference of the clergymen of the Willmar and the Minnesota Valley districts of the Lutheran Synod church was held at Appleton last week, the sessions closing Thursday morning. In connection with this conference there was a meeting of the Central Minnesota Luther College Club, and among the many who were present at these meetings were several from Willmar and other parts of Kandiyohi county--clergymen and members of the Club. This latter organization met Monday afternoon at the Synod church in that city, the occasion being the tenth anniversary. In the evening the visitors were tendered a banquet at the St. James hotel under the auspices of the Men's society, an Appleton organization consisting of members of the Lutheran Synod church. The Kandiyohi county contingent speaks very highly of the affair, all the sessions during the conference being of a very interesting and profitable nature. The minister's conference began on Tuesday and finished its work Thursday forenoon.

Among the many visitors present at the gathering and who enjoyed the banquet on Monday night were the following from Kandiyohi county: Rev. O. E. Heimdahl, Prof. Henry Solum, Senator L. O. Thorpe and Mr. M. O. Thorpe, of Willmar; Rev. O. Estrom and J. O. Estrom, of New London; Rev. D. C. Jordahl, of Norway Lake. Accompanying the delegation from this county were Rev. T. O. Toiv, of Belgrade, and Rev. N. J. Njus, of Grove City.

The election of officers of the College Club resulted in the re-election of Rev. Jordahl as president and Rev. Heimdahl as secretary. A commendable object of the Club is the assisting of young men through Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. One student from this vicinity has received these benefits and another is at present being helped in a similar way. The Club is very active in the interest of the college.

Willmar has been selected as the next meeting place of the ministerial conference as well as the Luther College Club. The invitation to meet here next February has been accepted and the local members of the Club will take an active part in the plans for the entertainment of visitors. The Appleton Tribune of last Wednesday says in part:

DIED IN WASHINGTON

Lewis Nelson Meets Death as Result of Saw Mill Accident at Whatcom, Wash.

The sad news has reached here of the death of Lewis T. Nelson, which occurred at a hospital in Whatcom, Wash., Friday, Feb. 19. A letter under date of Feb. 23, written by a brother of the deceased, Ole T. Nelson, has been received at this office and gives the particulars of the sad affair.

Death was due to injuries received on Feb. 11 at one of the saw mills near Whatcom, where deceased was employed. He was crushed under a log and was hurt internally. The victim was obliged to undergo an operation and lived almost a week, but death came to end his sufferings, the injuries being of too serious a nature for the physicians to save him.

Mr. Nelson commenced to work for the saw mill company the middle of June and worked there steadily until the time of the accident. He was 20 years, 7 months and 6 days of age at the time of his death.

When the end came all the members of the family were present except a brother, Albert, who is at Gold Run, Y. T., Canada.

The funeral was held on Sunday, Feb. 21, from the Lutheran Free church. Rev. Moen conducted the services in Norwegian and Rev. E. A. Erickson spoke in English. Besides the singing by the regular church choir there was a song by five little girls, members of the Sunday School, of which deceased was a teacher. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. From the Young People's Society, of which he was secretary, there was a design of the Beautiful Gates Ajar and from his fellow employees a broken wheel. During his short residence here he had many friends and many were present at the funeral to pay their last respects to one whom they had learned to love.

Deceased is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, and the following brothers and sisters: Albert J., of Gold Run, Yukon Territory, Canada; Julius A., of Seneca, Wash.; Ole T., of Whatcom; Sena P., of Seattle, Wash.; and Bertha, of Whatcom.

Lewis T. Nelson was a former Kandiyohi county boy, being born in the town of St. Johns, where the family resided for many years, until their removal to Washington. Lewis spent much of his time in Willmar, where he was employed and where for a time he attended school at the Willmar Seminary. It was only last year that he left for his new home in Washington. He was a young man who made many friends by his good and upright character and will be greatly mourned by all with whom he associated.

PENNOCK PENCILINGS

March 1.

G. C. Haug has opened his meat market for business again.

J. H. Erickson, of Willmar, visited at his farm in Murre on Sunday.

Emil Ostlund is spending a week at New London visiting his brother John.

Aug. Norman, of Willmar, was on his way on Wednesday looking after business.

Ex-Chief of Police Englestad, of Willmar, gave us a pleasant call last Wednesday.

Adolph Norman came down Saturday night and went out to F. N. Anderson's to spend Sunday.

Richard Lundin went back to Willmar after a week's stay at home. He is attending Willmar Seminary, and was called home as his father was laid up a few days from grip.

Five new 'phones have been put in by the Pennock & Murre Telephone Co. The new numbers are as follows: F. J. Lindgren, C. F. Ekstrom, O. P. Ekstrom and Gust Danielson.

G. C. Haug loaded two carloads of hogs Monday. He intends to ship another car of cattle this week. Martin Pederson came down Saturday night to assist in buying up stock.

Enjoyed Country Hospitality.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Frye, who reside a couple of miles east of the city, was the scene last Thursday evening of a most enjoyable gathering. The occasion was an oyster supper served by the members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church and the affair was participated in by a large number of members as well as some of their friends. Three sleighs drove out from here in the early evening and enjoyed the hospitality of the Frye home until a late hour. Some over eight dollars was realized from the supper, which will go towards helping swell the society's treasury. It is probable that the young people will have another similar affair before the snow leaves us, in which event a still larger crowd promises to take advantage of the good sleighing.

Lutheran Bethel Church.

Services next Sunday evening... The week-day services will be held on Friday evening this week instead of Thursday evening... Mesdames Lewis Johnson and Andrew Nelson will serve coffee next Wednesday afternoon at the Bonde hall and all friends of the society are invited... The Young Peoples society meets this evening at the vestry room of the church.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Osterholm will deliver the seventh sermon on the subject of "The Kingdom of God" and in the evening he will speak on "Christian Home Relations." The latter will be the sixth sermon on texts from the Epistle to the Ephesians. These series of sermons are causing quite an awakening of interest in religious work and more thorough Bible study.

Per Nelson, after serving many months' time in our county jail, was released from custody last Thursday, and the list of county boarders is now reduced to eight. Nelson was given transportation to Tyler, Minn., where he goes to spend the remainder of the winter with a sister.

Willmar friends will sympathize with the family of Rev. Nelson, formerly pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church here, in the death of their youngest son, Gotfrid, which occurred at their home at Dalbo, Minn., Saturday, Feb. 20.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Swedish M. E. church will give a Coffee social at the home of Wm. Peterson on Fourth street, opposite the High School, on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. All are welcome.

On account of the work of mural decorating which is now in progress at St. Luke's church, there will be no services next Sunday. Services will be resumed on Sunday, March 13, as usual.

Additional county news on fifth page.

NEW TIME CARD.

The new time card of the Great Northern went into effect Sunday morning. The following are the changes effecting the train service at this point:

No. 3, the Puget Sound Express, which formerly arrived here in the evening at 9:30, now arrives at 9, just half an hour earlier. No. 9, the night passenger bound for Winipeg, arrives fifteen minutes earlier than on the old schedule--11:05. No. 10, the morning train from the west, arrives at 4 instead of 3:35, and No. 42, which makes connections with No. 10, arrives from Sioux City at 3:50 instead of 3:30. No. 41, the night passenger for Sioux City, now leaves here at 11:25 instead of 11:40.

G. B. Berkness has succeeded T. O. Kiland as one of the stockholders in the Willmar Milling Co., and is at work giving his personal attention to the interests of the business. Mr. Kiland has gone to Wittenberg, Wis., where he will probably engage in other business.

The New Bakery.

O. Sandven, late of Minneapolis, has opened a bakery in the Rubie building on Litchfield avenue, opposite the electric light plant, and is already reporting a good business. Mr. Sandven will call his establishment "The New Bakery." As yet he is conducting it on a small scale, but as the business increases he expects to add the necessary equipment and secure more help for a successful competition in the bakery business in this city. Mr. Sandven is a brother of A. O. Sandven, of the Golden Rule, and was at one time employed in the Johnson bakery in this city.

The annual convention of the Northern Minnesota Teachers' Association will be held at the Normal School building in St. Cloud March 25 and 26. It is expected that among those in attendance will be several instructors from this county.

COUNTY NEWS RELATED BY TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENTS

Swes. Feb 29.

Miss Emma Williamson is sick with a bad cold.

Oscar Lundberg is preparing to move over on his farm in Fahlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nordstrom visited at L. P. Felt's in Fahlan Sunday.

John Peterson of Willmar has been staying with his cousin, August Johnson, for some time.

Sivert Paulson, who is now staying in Roseland, was a welcome visitor in this locality Saturday and Sunday.

Ed. Seastedt moved over to Lake Lillian Friday. Gust Williamson is now making preparations to move over on his own farm.

Swan Nelson has purchased the old Willmar farm, from its former owner, L. O. Thorpe. The farm consists of 115 acres; consideration \$7,000.

The auction sale in this locality, so far, have not been very successful, which accounts for the severe winter we had, as fodder is getting scarce.

The young people of the Baptist church have organized a young people's society. They meet every Monday evening. We wish you success in your noble work.

C. L. Englund will have his auction March 5, and not March 15, as we accidentally stated last week. Now, Mr. Englund, we got the right date, and there has been no damage done.

The exceptionally fine weather the past few days has been very welcome. It has inspired us all with new life and energy, after having been freezing, froze and frozen, for so long a time.

Peter Bloomgren was the victim of a "surprise" last Sunday evening. A large crowd was in attendance and a good time is reported. He was presented with a handsome purse of hard cash.

A couple of our nicest couples drove in to Willmar Saturday evening, where they attended a basket social at the home of A. Johnson. They report a splendid time. One of the boys feels very happy because he had better luck this time, than at the previous social he attended.

The Svea Literary Society met last Wednesday evening. Quite a number were in attendance and an interesting program was given. At their next meeting they will debate the question: "Resolved: The Labor has done more good for the world than Capital." It will no doubt be interesting, as the chief speakers are "dandies." Their next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9.

The band boys are planning to reorganize the band. They will meet Wednesday evening, to see what arrangements can be made. About two years ago this organization was disbanded, as the leader and several other members left this locality, but

we see no reason why with a little practice it could not again be restored to its once so brilliant standard--the best in the county.

An entertainment and basket social will be given in the school house in Dist. No. 55, Saturday evening March 19, under the auspices of the S. L. S. The young people are doing their best to get up an interesting program, and we do not doubt succeed. Ladies, get your baskets ready, and boys, listen if your pockets jingle. Remember the date and place. Everybody is very cordially invited.

Some of the staunch republican papers say that the trusts have been "hit hard," but we think it would not hurt if the Standard Oil Co. would be "hit" a little harder. During the past three years kerosene has been advanced from 54 cents to 134 cents, while paraffine candles have been advanced from 64 cents to 134 cents a pound. By increasing the price of oil one cent a gallon and candles one cent a pound, said company adds \$11,000,000 to its income. This does not effect the capitalists, or city people, very much as they don't use much of either, but very largely effects the farmers. Still we often hear the expression that kerosene was cheaper, because the Standard Oil Co. had monopolized its output.

Our storekeeper has ordered five national cream separators. So we have three separator agents in our town now.

P. A. Anderson, of Atwater, has sold apples for \$1.00 a bushel and quite a few have taken advantage of the sale and say they get bargains.

H. Sandholt, representative for the E. W. Ward Creamery Supply House of St. Paul, and J. G. Hoglund of Orwotona, representing Hilar and Mers Buttery Color Co., called at our creamery Friday.

We learn from the Atwater Press that the saloon question is coming up next Tuesday for voting, and we out-of-town people are urging Atwater hard to vote as God wants you to, and that is, vote out saloons. We had expected that Atwater's only paper would have taken a firm stand against the saloons.

Prism.

It appears as though Jack Frost has taken a few days lay-off.

John Tyngson gave a party to a few of his friends Saturday evening.

John Swenson shipped two carloads of baled hay to Minneapolis last week.

A Mr. Elmer from Chicago is holding religious services in this vicinity.

Ed Johnson and Eyan Erickson travel for business at the county seat Saturday.

Nels Pearson's have had a severe attack of lagrippe, but at this writing they are very much improved.

Joe Herman and family came up from Colorado Saturday with the intention of permanently locating here.

Mrs. Martin Rosman and children came up from Raymond Saturday to spend Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Max Hintz.

Martin Raoh has returned from the pinneries. Mart went to stay a little longer at Prism. We hope their wish will be granted as a depot is very badly needed at this point.

Mr. Scotton of Willmar held religious services in the church last Sunday. The day proved to be one of the nicest we have had for a long time which resulted in a large turnout. After the service a Sunday School was duly organized. The following officers were elected: F. L. Thompson, superintendent; Mrs. G. W. King, assistant superintendent; Miss Mary Hanson, secretary; R. C. Bonham, treasurer.

Miss Ellen Naas, organist. We hope that each individual will do his part in maintaining the organization. Sunday School will hereafter be held every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. to which all are cordially invited.

Spicer. Mar. 1.

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H. C. Westby transacted business at Willmar Thursday.

John Magnuson and family visited at E. Hoyer's Sunday.

Mrs. A. Samuelson has been spending a few days with Willmar friends.

Bennie Hendrickson made his usual weekly call at Nest Lake last Sunday.

A. O. Hildahl of Willmar visited at the O. T. Olson residence a few days last week.

McManus Bros. have rented the Norwegian Lutheran parsonage for one year.

G. Heinz returned to his home at Maynard Monday after a few days' visit with friends at this place.

A Segerstrom of Willmar was in our town last week and silver plated silver ware. He was kept very busy.

A deal was closed last week where by McManus Bros. purchased the hardware store from Thorson & Larson.

Mary Olson went to New London last Friday to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. L. Larson, who is reported very ill.

A number of friends sprung a pleasant surprise on their friend Tilda Pladsen last Thursday evening and all report a good time.

J. J. Henderson is busy hauling stone for his new residence. Mr. Henderson has decided to become a citizen of our burgh as before stated.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jacobson left for New London the first part of the week, where Mr. Jacobson has taken a position with the New London Milling Co.

Nels Lungstrom of Minneapolis visited his father a few days last week. He intended to depart for Japan, where he will open a barber shop. He left for San Francisco last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hagenstine were very pleasantly surprised last Friday evening by a host of friends. It is needless to say they enjoyed themselves, for Mr. and Mrs. Hagenstine are royal entertainers.

Last week Wm. Olson sold lots 7 and 8, block 22, to G. B. Dohy, on which he intends to build a billiard hall. He will erect a building 20x40 ft. He also sold lot 6, block 20, to J. Albert Anderson. He will move his building from the west side of the tract on to his lot south of the meat market.

Additional county news on fifth page.

A Fine Attraction.

The clever romantic actor, William Owen, will present his new romantic drama, "When Louis XI was King," at the Willmar Opera House on Tuesday evening, March 8.

Mr. Owen has constructed this play from Sir Walter Scott's novel, "Quentin Durward," and appears himself as the bonny Scotch knight Durward. The theme of the piece is a novel one, and the plot entirely new to the stage. There is a fine heart interest in each act, while the locale of the play teems with the romance and picturesque of the Fifteenth Century days of chivalry with which it abounds.

The great variety of characters, the noble lords and ladies, bold knights in armor bright, forest outlaws, monks and priests, Scottish Life Guardsmen in kilts and tartans, gypsies and Flemish burgers constitute a brilliant ever-changing pageant of color and life. The action is said to be rapid, the dialogue crisp and clean and the climaxes strong.

Will Occupy Bonde Block.

O. E. Hoff, the Zumbrota druggist who was in this city some time ago looking up a location for a drug store, has leased the quarters in the Bonde block at present occupied by Anderson Bros., jewelers, and will remove here shortly. Anderson Bros. have leased the quarters vacated by the Willmar postoffice, which are now being handsomely fitted up for them, and will occupy their new location at an early date.

Co. Treasurer Norlin and his force of deputies have experienced a very busy time of late attending to personal property tax collections. The time of payment expired Monday and still there are many who will have to pay the extra sum which attaches as a penalty.

A husky young painter came to the home of Charles Cowan a short time after 12, noon Monday, February 29. Mother and child are doing well. The babe is handicapped in the fact that he cannot have birthday celebrations oftener than once in four years.

The next and last attraction of the series of entertainments in the lecture course will be the Columbian Male Quartette. This famous organization will be in Willmar Saturday, March 12. Further particulars next week.

The Ladies Parish Guild will meet with Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck on Thursday afternoon of this week, March 3, at 2 o'clock.

Pleasant Time in Lake Lillian.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Blomgren of Lake Lillian were pleasantly surprised by a large number of friends last Sunday afternoon. In behalf of the gathered company Mr. A. O. Forsberg in a short speech extended the greetings of the visitors and presented the host and hostess with a set of dishes and a sum of money. After several speeches and recitations, lunch was served by the ladies. The afternoon and evening was spent in listening to some more speeches and music. Another lunch was served in the evening, after which the guests left, all voting the affair a decided success.

Five sleighs of our people enjoyed the sleighride and "Leap Year" social given on Monday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. church. An excellent supper was served at the home of H. E. Crawford and all who participated in the evening's affair report a very enjoyable time. Some over \$14 was the amount of the receipts, which will be used for purchasing song books for the church.

John Anderson, a brother of Anderson Bros., jewelers, of this city, left last Friday for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend a couple of months in the hope that the baths will prove beneficial to his rheumatism. Several other Willmar gentlemen are planning to join him in the near future.

Clerk of Court Ramsett issued a marriage license Feb. 23 to John Meyer and Antje Meyer. The applicants were made one on the 25th at Clara City, where the knot was tied by Rev. M. Haferman.

Rev. H. C. Buell was in Litchfield last week in attendance at a meeting of the committee on Home Missions of the St. Cloud Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wallin entertained a company of about twenty at supper last Saturday evening.

Mr. Stenberg called at Willmar Monday.

J. G. Peterson was the butter hauler Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. And. Johnson, of Atwater, Sunday here.

S. Stenberg sold two yearling colts to Frank Mattson Friday.

The creamery had a carload of wood hauled home Saturday.

Remember the election next Tuesday that is given in the Dist. No. 38.

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We have now turned a leaf in the calendar and our weather man has turned his weather wheel.

Ang. Broman and Wm. Johnson, his renter, were at Hoplake, Meeker county, after sawdust Tuesday for the creamery.

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A. O. Hildahl of Willmar visited at the O. T. Olson residence a few days last week.

McManus Bros. have rented the Norwegian Lutheran parsonage for one year.

G. Heinz returned to his home at Maynard Monday after a few days' visit with friends at this place.

A Segerstrom of Willmar was in our town last week and silver plated silver ware. He was kept very busy.

A deal was closed last week where by McManus Bros. purchased the hardware store from Thorson & Larson.

Mary Olson went to New London last Friday to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs. L. Larson, who is reported very ill.

A number of friends sprung a pleasant surprise on their friend Tilda Pladsen last Thursday evening and all report a good time.

J. J. Henderson is busy hauling stone for his new residence. Mr. Henderson has decided to become a citizen of our burgh as before stated.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jacobson left for New London the first part of the week, where Mr. Jacobson has taken a position with the New London Milling Co.

Nels Lungstrom of Minneapolis visited his father a few days last week. He intended to depart for Japan, where he will open a barber shop. He left for San Francisco last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hagenstine were very pleasantly surprised last Friday evening by a host of friends. It is needless to say they enjoyed themselves, for Mr. and Mrs. Hagenstine are royal entertainers.

Last week Wm. Olson sold lots 7 and 8, block 22, to G. B. Dohy, on which he intends to build a billiard hall. He will erect a building 20x40 ft. He also sold lot 6, block 20, to J. Albert Anderson. He will move his building from the west side of the tract on to his lot south of the meat market.

Additional county news on fifth page.

Three wolf bounties were paid out at the county auditor's office Monday upon proper proofs that G. W. Bengtson had exterminated the life of one of the pesky animals in Colfax and F. L. Gustafson two of them in Colfax and Lake Andrew towns. One of the latter was a large timber wolf and was well worth the ten dollars, the amount of bounty.

Attorney J. M. Downs says "It's a boy." The new arrival made his appearance last Monday and the "smoking" editor enjoyed a good cigar in honor of the advent of the son and heir. The only regret is that the new member of the family will not enjoy a birthday anniversary until the next leap year.

Prof. S. J. Rognlie left last night for Caladonia, N. D., after a pleasant visit here with old time friends. Mr. Rognlie will spend a visit there with his folks before removing from Edmond to Minot, N. D., where he expects to locate in the near future.

William Owen is booked for an engagement at the Willmar Opera House next Tuesday evening, presenting his new romantic drama, "When Louis XI was King." As heretofore his principal support is J. W. McConnell.