



LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs. Henry Johnson spent Sunday with Atwater friends. Mrs. G. E. Qvale and son, Master Maurice, spent Sunday at Montevideo. Isak Botnen returned from Page, N. D., Saturday, where he had spent the summer. Carl Struxness, of Milan, was the guest of Willmar friends the first part of the week. Miss Tillie Tait of Diamond Lake was the guest of Miss Josie Nelson a few days last week. Miss Margaret Kjos left for Atwater Monday, after a short visit with the family of Knut Kjos. A son was born to Mr and Mrs Emil Linn Saturday. Congratulations and cigars, please. Miss Louise Moline left for Minneapolis Thursday after one week's visit at her home in this city. Lars Urdahl and Syvert Neland left for Cottonwood Saturday for a short visit with relatives. David Patten of Pipestone, was in the city yesterday looking after some of his farming interests here. Miss Christine Botnen arrived here from Minneapolis Sunday evening for an extended visit at her home. Miss Mabel Porter left for her home at Atwater Saturday, after a few days visit with the family of Mrs. Louise Porter. Mrs. Anna Nelson returned to Duluth Friday after a month's visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. F. Connelly. Jonas Monson and Halvor Blomquist left for Minneapolis Friday for a week's visit with friends and relatives. A basket social will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 16, in the school of home in Dist. No. 100, town of St. Johns. Miss Louise Wilcox, of Stillwater, left for Benson Thursday after a few days' visit with her sister, Miss Minnie Wilcox. Dr. Nielson, the well-known Lake Lillian resident, was in the city last Wednesday on his way home from a trip to Duluth. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wical of town of Woods, Chippewa Co., visited at the home of A. O. Furberg from Sunday till Wednesday. Hans Peterson and daughter Hannah, of Litchfield, were the guests of the family of D. Elvquist and Emil Mattson the latter part of last week.

BLACK BAY MEETING

Stockholders Hear Reports, Subscribe for Additional Stock and Elect Directors. The third annual meeting of stockholders of the Black Bay Mining company was held at Bonde hall Monday evening, Dec. 5. Between 40 and 50 stockholders were present. After president Karward had called the meeting to order Secretary Carlson read the minutes of the previous meeting and his annual report, showing receipts and disbursements during the year. J. T. Oros, speaking for the auditing committee, reported that the books, accounts and vouchers of the company had been found correct. Peter Freeberg, who spent last summer at the mine as foreman of the crew, gave an interesting account of work done on the property and with the aid of a chart explained the geological formations of the locality. The sinking of shafts and the work done with the diamond drill demonstrated that the amygdaloid rock formation extended to a depth ranging from 100 to 150 feet, that this surface rock all contained copper ore and that beneath it was a bed of sandstone. This amygdaloid surface rock was the result of volcanic action and if the bed of ore lies in the sandstone through which it had escaped could be found to reach the mother lode. The break through the substratum of sandstone could be found only by drilling through the surface rock at various places until its location could be determined. The cost of drilling with the diamond drill was approximately \$2 per foot. The work had to be discontinued last fall because the company lacked funds. In the notices of the annual meeting the officers of the company had suggested that in order to raise funds to proceed with the work each stockholder subscribe for additional shares to the amount of \$5 or more. There are over 700 shareholders and if each would subscribe \$5 it would enable the company to continue the work of drilling. This proposition was discussed at the meeting Monday evening and nearly all those present subscribed amounts ranging from \$5 to \$25 for shares at 35 cents per share. Certain Duluth parties, whose names were not divulged, had communicated with a local business man requesting him to ascertain whether the company would be willing to sell its properties for \$100,000 in cash. This question was brought up at the meeting, but as no direct proposition had been made no action could be taken other than to direct the officers to call a special meeting for the consideration of such a proposition should it be made. Judging by expressions some stockholders would favor the consideration of such a proposition, while others asserted that they would not sell at a dollar a share. A board of eleven directors for the ensuing year was then elected, as follows: G. P. Karward, N. B. Carlson, F. G. Handy, Peter Freeberg, A. J. Evander, Irvin Roberts, A. C. Crawford, John T. Oros, H. E. Crawford, Walter De La Hunt, Lewis Johnson. The second attraction of the Citizens Lecture Course, the Chicago Lyceum Ladies' Quartette, will occupy the boards at the opera house next Tuesday evening. The management takes much pleasure in introducing these talented singers to a Willmar audience. Wherever they have been, they have been highly complimented, both on their solo and ensemble work. The program will be of the popular class, adopting just enough of the heavier selections to give strength and variety. The quartette is carefully coached each season for their concert tour by one of Chicago's best professional teachers. This gives finish and polish to the platform appearance and adds to the effectiveness of the ensemble work. Willmar has two aspirants for the deputy oil inspectorship for this district: the persons of A. H. Brown and Swan Larson. The appointment is in the hands of the newly elected governor, Mr. Johnson, and the aspirants have been circulating petitions among their friends asking them to place their signatures on the same. The position, which averages about \$225 a year, has been held by Henry Stenson during the past four years. The deer or man hunting season is over and the number of fatal accidents is appalling. Evidently a number of the hunters had never seen a deer before, for they shot at shadows, trees, dogs, people and even railway handcars, in some instances with remarkable success. Some of the Russo-Jap war articles in the latest papers are headed "The Japs are Taking the Offensive." According to dispatches from the seat of war they are taking everything else, too.

Shall the City's Case Be Tried?

A proposition came before the last meeting of the city council, we are told, to instruct the city attorney to drop the case against Samuel Osmundson, former city clerk, on account of the shortage in the city's accounts. This case is due to be tried at the coming session of the district court. It is argued that the city cannot recover anything further from Osmundson, and that the costs involved in the trial will be money wasted. An attempt was made to have the matter acted upon at once, but objection being made the matter was deferred until next meeting of the council. There are many citizens who believe that such a policy would be a mistaken idea of economy. There are also old members of the council, innocent of any wrongdoing, that would like to see a matter pushed and probed to the bottom. This is not from any particular personal feelings of vindictiveness against the old clerk, but simply that as much light should be shed upon the matter as possible. They feel that there is a vital principle at stake, involving the good name of many citizens, and perhaps the future welfare of the city. The prudent pilot does not seek to cover up and hide the shoals upon which vessels have been wrecked—he marks them so that in the future they may be avoided. By all means let the matter be aired in court. Give the late clerk a chance to prove his innocence if he is innocent, and account for the shortage. The public has felt for a long time that there is something about this matter that has not yet been brought out. To get a clear view of the case drop now, while undoubtedly the most advantageous for the officers charged with the city affairs, would end the matter and these would always remain the doubt, and uncertainty that now exists in regard to the financial affairs of the former regime. V. E. L.

High School Notes

The monthly report cards were given out yesterday. School will close Friday before Christmas for the regular Christmas vacation. A Senior class meeting was held last night. Among other things they decided to get class pins. A literary program will be given by the first division of the literary society next Friday afternoon. The debate which was announced for last Friday evening had to be postponed. If it is not postponed again it will come off Friday evening. Prof. Toming had charge of Miss Anderson's room, the eighth grade, last Monday. Miss Anderson returned from Minneapolis yesterday morning where she had attended the wedding of a friend. The high school will now have a male quartette. It is composed of Max Lewis, 1st tenor; Fred Haines, 2nd tenor; Maurice Jenness, 1st bass; and Eddie Rodun, 2nd bass. Prof. J. Harold Powers is instructor. An informal discussion was conducted in the second year English class last week as to the advisability of having a single long session of school instead of two as is now customary. The discussing abilities among some of the Sophomores proved a surprise to many and especially to the teacher, Miss Lillian. Hansson-Mohn Nuptials. On Tuesday forenoon, Dec. 6, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Carrie Hansson, of Atwater, occurred the wedding of Miss Hattie Hansson to Rev. Christopher Mohn, of Lake Lillian. The ceremony was performed at eleven o'clock in the presence of only immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom. Rev. Steen of the United Lutheran church reading the marriage service. The bridal pair was unattended. After the congratulations were showered upon the happy couple, a wedding dinner was served, to which the small company did ample justice. Rev. and Mrs. Mohn left today for a wedding tour. After a visit with friends in the cities they will go to Lakeville, Minn., where the groom's parents reside, after which they will visit with the bride's sister, Mrs. B. E. Andersson, at Elbow Lake. The bride is an estimable young lady, possessing all the qualities it requires to make a true woman. She has taught several terms of school in the county, and was a successful teacher. It can truly be said that her friends are limited only by her acquaintance. The groom is a popular clergyman of Lake Lillian and highly respected. The happy couple received many useful as well as beautiful presents. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson of Roseville, a sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hansson and Walter Hanson of Lake Lillian, brothers of the bride, also Miss Alice Olson from Renville, a cousin of the bride. A GUEST.

In Municipal Court.

The following cases came up for trial at a regular term of municipal court yesterday before Judge Muller. 1. Andrew Peterson, plaintiff, vs. Noble Schagel, defendant. Motion for judgment on pleadings. Cases 3 and 4 dismissed. 2. George Robbins, plaintiff, vs. Frank McGuire, defendant. Motion for judgment on pleadings. Cases 3 and 4 dismissed. 3. Lars Norlander and J. J. Quanten, plaintiffs, vs. Harv Larson, defendant, Her Ellingson, garnisher. Garnishes discharged and judgment against defendant. 4. O. H. Westberg, plaintiff, vs. J. M. Burns, defendant. Settled. 5. Nels H. Anderson, plaintiff, vs. Anna Swenson, defendant. Continued to a special term of court Dec 20 at 2 p. m. 6. Peter A. Wedahl, plaintiff, vs. Andrew Wise, defendant. Settled and dismissed. 7. S. E. Stansberry Implement Co., plaintiff, vs. Spencer Erickson, defendant. Continued to a special term of court Dec 20, at 10 a. m. 8. Hub Creamery Co., plaintiff, vs. G. V. Larson, defendant. Continued by consent to next general term of court. 9. Willmar Hardware Co., plaintiff, vs. Ole Nelson, defendant, Gust Peterson, garnisher. Settled. The criminal calendar contained only one case, that of State of Minnesota vs. Peter Freeberg, Amos Lien being the complaining witness. The charge preferred was assault and battery, committed on the evening of November 19 at the confectionery store of Peter Heimdahl. Co. Attorney Johnson appeared for the state. Mr. Freeberg pleaded his own case and he did it in a manner that would have done credit to a clever and experienced lawyer. When the state had introduced all its evidence Mr. Freeberg asked that the case be dismissed and the defendant discharged the state having failed to produce evidence enough to make out a case. The motion was denied, however, whereupon Freeberg called the witnesses for the defense. When two of these had been examined Co. Atty. Johnson moved that the case be dismissed and the motion was granted. This is the third law suit growing out of a trivial "Hallowe'en" affair and the county has been put to quite an expense adjusting matters that might just as well have been settled out of court. The Ladies Aid society of the Synod church will be entertained Thursday (tomorrow) afternoon by Mesdames Jorgen Olson and M. T. Sandbo at the church parlors. Light refreshments will be served. This will be the first meeting held in the basement of the new church and there will no doubt be a very large attendance.

Seminary Items

The attendance is now over 100 and more students are continually coming in. Prof. Hilleboe went to Sacred Heart Friday, to deliver an address at a meeting of the Synod young people's society there. One section of the elocution class had a spirited debate yesterday. The question discussed was: "Resolved, That a high license is the best means of promulgating temperance." The Osego society will give its next entertainment Saturday evening, Dec. 17. After the literary program refreshments will be served by the young ladies in the adjoining business room. The money thus realized will be used in furthering athletics at the Seminary. All are cordially invited to come. Saturday evening Prof. Hilleboe gave the students a most entertaining and instructive lecture. His topic was, "Just for Fun", and he showed in a very interesting manner how many things are done just for fun and also what constitutes real fun. That the students all appreciated Prof. Hilleboe's efforts is saying the least. Last Wednesday morning, at a regular period for practice in parliamentary law, the students decided to organize a mock legislature to be in session during the time the state legislature meets. There will no doubt be some very exciting sessions but it is understood that no lobbying or bribing will be tolerated. Both laborers and millionaires will be treated fairly and squarely and no act except those which will tend to promote the public welfare will be enacted. Should Improve Market Condition If the Willmar merchants desire their share of the farmers' trade they will have to take some steps to meet the powerful bid for wheat that Kandiyehi station is putting up. Ever since the wheat hauling began this fall a large number of farmers living in territory naturally tributary to Willmar have been hauling their grain to Kandiyehi. Added to this condition is the fact that the coal combine is doing what it can to keep trade away from Willmar. It is therefore no wonder that Willmar merchants complain of dull times. But complaining never cured an illness. Some definite action should be taken at once. Our merchants can compete with the dealers in any neighboring place if they only get a chance to show their goods. But the bulk of the farmers' trade will go where the wheat goes. Willmar has a commercial club that is supposed to look after the interests of the city. This is a matter that might profitably be taken up by the club, and the sooner it is done, the better.

Coming: The Holidays

The Festival of Cheer and Giving New Clothes Add to Its Pleasures



There's many a worse present to give than a new suit or overcoat. There are clothes opportunities here this week that you can't well afford to miss; if you are any judge of values and feel a bit economical. It is not wise to be economical by purchasing cheap trash. That is extravagance; but when you find an opportunity to buy reputable merchandise at less than regular values—then comes your time. Now, how about your Holiday Clothes? Look yourself over and see what you need. We have it and at Holiday decided prices, as we have decided to continue our clearance sale.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS IN MEN'S WEARABLES

G. O. Sand, the Clothier

Suspects Arrested at Ortonville.

Ortonville dispatch to the Minneapolis Journal says: Three suspicious characters giving their names as Taylor, Norrish and Lannon were arrested at Barry, this county, by Marshal Harry Reedson of Gracerville, for carrying concealed weapons. They were heavily armed and were carrying saw jackknives and razors. They had dynamite caps and a bunch of skeleton keys, and among which were steel wire keys and soap, also a bottle of nitro glycerine. They are being held in the belief that they are wanted elsewhere. As soon as Sheriff Lundquist heard of the arrest he telegraphed to Ortonville to have the suspicious characters held until further notice. They were sentenced each to 10 days in jail on the charge referred to above and the sheriff left yesterday for Ortonville to see if they could in any way be connected with the safe blowing at Page. Lundquist's. The fact that there are three in the company seems to lend strength to the supposition that they are the parties wanted here. This supposition is furthermore strengthened by the circumstance that the suspects carried the tools of crackmen together with explosives. Nothing definite can be known, however, before the sheriff's return.

Death Ends Suffering.

Mrs. O. L. Christopherson died at her home in town of Arctander Monday of last week at the age of 32 years. She had been a patient sufferer with tuberculosis of the stomach for more than a year and death came as a relief from all earthly suffering. The funeral occurred Monday. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evesson, of this city. The following are left to mourn her death: Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Even Nilson; her husband and adopted son; two sisters, Mrs. Bergum of Swift Co., and Miss Johanne Evesson, of Arctander; three brothers, Ed Evesson, of Willmar, and John and Carl Evesson, also of Arctander.

Declared Not Dangerous.

The case of State of Minnesota vs. Adolph Heinz was aired in Municipal court Friday before Judge Muller. The complaining witness was George Herr and he alleged that Heinz had threatened to shoot and kill him and that he had reason to believe that he would carry out the threat. After all the evidence had been heard it was adjudged by the court, however, that there was no danger of Heinz's doing so and the case was dismissed. Both parties live in town of Harrison.

Willmar vs. Redwood Falls.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, if present arrangements can be carried out, the Willmar High School debating team will go to Redwood Falls, to argue the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the present immigration to the United States should be restricted to a minimum." The following members compose the team: Maurice Jenness, Wallace Martin, and Victor Knutson. It is hoped a large delegation will accompany the boys to spur them on to victory. A. C. Crawford went to Morris last Thursday evening, where he concluded his subscription at a big sale of live stock on the following day.

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