



LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

A. J. Ekander went to Minneapolis Monday on a business trip. Mrs. Ole Birkeland was a Sunday visitor with Pennock relatives. Miss Sophie Johnson spent Sunday with friends at Pennock. A daughter was born last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Sundquist. Miss Olive Stansberry left for Ortonville Saturday for a visit with friends. Misses Melinda and Blanche Hagstone, of Spicer, were Willmar visitors Thursday and Friday. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Thorpe spent Sunday visiting with Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Tolo at Crow River. Miss Ellen Faulk went to Kerkhoven Saturday for a week's visit with friends. Miss Esther Sorenson spent Sunday visiting with her parents at Milaca. Miss Emma Johnson went to Minneapolis Monday, where she expects to remain for some time. Miss Ruth Hagman returned to her home in Mamre Monday, after a few days' visit with Mrs. Emil Melin. County Supt. Dobbyn announces that of those who took the recent teachers examination about fifty per cent were successful. Mrs. Gust F. Brass left for Raymond Monday, after a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Person. Mrs. Martin Olson returned to Atwater Saturday after a couple of days' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. James Sanderson. Miss Dena Anderson returned to Minneapolis Friday, after staying with her sister, Miss Bertha, about two months. M. D. Manning and A. E. Rice are representing Col. Heg Post at the state G. A. R. encampment held at Minneapolis today and tomorrow. Miss Anna Carlson of New London was the guest of her sister, Miss M. Sophia Carlson, Monday and Tuesday. O. A. Sandven returned from the cities Wednesday evening, where he had been to purchase a stock of goods for the Willmar Garment Co. Miss Elsie Thorne returned to New London Monday, after having concluded a six months term of school in District 57, in town of Whitefield. Mrs. Nels Anderson left for Cokato Saturday, where she went in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Swan Carlson. The Ladies' Social Union will serve refreshments at the home of Mrs. G. E. Thomas on Friday afternoon of this week from three to seven o'clock. Every one is most cordially invited. Mrs. Church from Northfield will preach in English at the Swedish Baptist church in the evening of the 16th inst. All are invited. American friends please come. The "Shadow" social which was announced in last week's issue to take place in the school house of Dist. No. 63 on Saturday evening, March 11, will be held on Friday evening instead. Special services will be held at the Swedish Mission church during the week commencing Tuesday, March 14. Rev. Osterholm will be assisted in conducting the meetings by Rev. C. V. Bowman, of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Graff left for Duluth last Friday, where they will make their future home. Mr. Graff is employed as travelling salesman for the New London Milling Co., and he will hereafter have his headquarters at Duluth. At the regular meeting of the school board held last Monday evening, Mr. P. C. Tonnung was re-elected as city superintendent of schools at an increased salary. His compensation for the next school year will be \$1600, being a raise of \$100. About 20 of the friends and neighbors of Mrs. Peter Rasmussen tendered her a birthday surprise last Friday afternoon. A fine set of decorated Haviland china was left with the victim of the surprise as a token of friendship and esteem. Joseph Christopherson, who for the past nine months has been employed as clerk at the Mossberg drug store, resigned his position last week. He left Saturday for Dassel to visit at his home for a short time, after which he goes to Alexandria, where he will accept a position similar to the one he held here. Miss Julia Olson, one of the lady composers in the Willmar Journal office, had three of the fingers of her right hand badly pinched last Monday while feeding a job press. A physician was consulted and the injured hand was given the proper attention. The accident will necessitate in a lay-off of several days for Miss Olson.

Miss Marion Hansoom entertained a few of her friends at a "tuffy pull" Saturday evening. Rev. Antony E. Lind will preach on temperance next Sunday forenoon at the Methodist church in Kandiyohi. Mr. and Mrs. Olof Dale left for Minneapolis the first of the week for a few days' visit. C. E. Peterson came up from Litchfield yesterday for a visit with D. Elmquist. Dr. Hans Johnson of Spicer was a Willmar visitor a couple of days last week. Mrs. Oliver Larson of Spicer, was the guest of Willmar friends a few days last week. Prof. Hilleboe delivered a temperance lecture at Atwater Monday evening. George Hanscom has accepted the position as clerk at the A. E. Mossberg's drug store recently resigned by Joseph Christopherson. A Christian temperance lecture will be delivered by Rev. Antony E. Lind in the Swedish Methodist church at Willmar next Sunday evening at 7:30. Misses Janet Ives and Lulu Craswell left for Minneapolis Monday, for a few days visit with friends and relatives. S. E. Stansberry is in Minneapolis this week attending the meeting of the Minnesota Retail Implement Dealers Association, of which he is the secretary. Mesdames L. Fridlund and L. Johnson will entertain the Ladies Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church at the former's home on Thursday, March 16. All are cordially invited. The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Louis Rodhul next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock sharp. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The Ladies Social Union of the Presbyterian church will serve coffee at the home of Mrs. G. E. Thomas on Fourth street next Friday afternoon from three to six o'clock. All are cordially invited. Miss Lavine Rokke, working in the interests of the Minnesota Temperance Society, will speak in the Norwegian language at the Lutheran Free church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is free, but a collection will be taken. Miss Georgia Madison entertained a large number of her friends last Friday evening in honor of her cousin, Miss Blanche Lynche, of Minot, N. D., who is her guest. Progressive games were indulged in thruout the evening. The Ladies Guild will meet with Mrs. W. J. Pinney tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, to begin the lenten work. A good attendance is requested. Orders will be taken for plain sewing, such as aprons, underwear, etc. A. E. Rice and T. H. Olson returned home Monday evening, after a four weeks' trip thru some of the southern states. Both enjoyed the tour very much but also they saw a great many desirable places they are still of the opinion that "there's no place like home." Horace Waite, of Akron, Iowa, was arrested here last Wednesday by Chief of Police Bonde in accordance with instructions received in a telegram from Waite's home town, where he is wanted on the charge of seduction. Mr. Waite "waited" here till Thursday, when he was taken to the above mentioned town by the sheriff of Plymouth county, Iowa. The Bethany Young Peoples Society will be entertained by Miss Nora Johnson on Friday evening at the Lutheran Free church parlors. Among other interesting things on the program is the reading of the Bethany Herald, the society's official publication, edited by Oscar Berkness and Selmer Berg, with Robt. Rasmussen as local reporter. Everyone is cordially invited. O. B. Berkness, formerly with the Willmar Milling company, has accepted a position as general agent for the American Publishing house of Minneapolis. His territory includes Kandiyohi, Big Stone, Swift, Chipewa and Lac qui Parle counties and he has already commenced to attend to his duties. Mr. Berkness has a large number of friends who all wish him an abundance of success in the book business. There will be a basket social in school district 83, in Lake Lillian, on Friday evening, March 17. A very interesting program will be rendered, consisting of declamations and dialogues, after which the sale of baskets will take place. Every lady is requested to bring a basket and every gentleman is kindly asked to supply himself with the needed cash that the proceeds may be as large as possible. Every one is cordially invited to attend and a good time is promised all.

Municipal Court.

A special term of municipal court was held Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock. The following cases were heard and disposed of: 1. State of Minnesota vs. John Weldon, on charge of petit larceny, L. A. May being the complaining witness. The complaint charged the defendant with having stolen four oranges from a box at the Great Northern freight depot on Friday afternoon. He pleaded guilty and was given the choice of \$3 fine and costs or 3 days. He chose to pay the fine. Mr. Weldon came here from Sioux Falls to take examination as section foreman from Yardmaster Connely. 2. State of Minnesota vs. Martin Olson, charged with selling a package of smoking tobacco to a boy under the age of 18. He pleaded guilty, saying however that the boy had indicated that the tobacco was for someone else. This, however, did not alter the case any and the defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$3 and costs. The same were paid. 3. State of Minnesota vs. Frank Cleary, charging him with giving tobacco to another boy. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$2 and costs. The same will be paid. 4. State of Minnesota vs. John Gault, Great Northern freight conductor, charged him with having kept a train on the crossing on Seventh street for a longer period than 10 minutes on November 12 last year. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. The same were paid. These cases prove that the present police authorities are determined to enforce the law without fear or favor and we feel confident that in so doing they have the hearty support of all law-abiding citizens. Several boys have been arrested lately for smoking cigarettes and we are glad that the parents of the youthful culprits have approved of the officers' actions in almost every instance. The pernicious cigarette has been entirely too popular here for some time and as it is not only detrimental but also unlawful, the officers of the law deserve double praise for their efforts in endeavoring to minimize it. We think that most of our boys are desirous of being law-abiding and of behaving themselves as it behooves young gentlemen and they must know that it is impossible to call anyone a young gentleman who lies himself into a dirty alley to enjoy a moment's bliss with a "pill" or who parades the street with a "coffee can" carefully planted in a corner of his mouth.

BRYAN WILL LECTURE



HON. W. J. BRYAN.

Noted Orator and Statesman who will speak at the Willmar Opera House next Wednesday evening. Subject: "The Value of an Ideal." Farmers Opposed to Saloons. The wave of farmers' opposition to the liquor traffic has now reached the vicinity of Spicer, and the following petition shows just where they stand in regard to the same: To the Voters and Business Men of Spicer, Minn.: The undersigned believe that the liquor traffic is a curse to the county and detrimental both to morals and business, therefore we ask the voters of Spicer not to legalize the curse by voting for the licensing of the sale of liquor at Spicer. If, however, the wish and prayer of the surrounding community are ignored and Spicer become a saloon town, then we will withdraw from Spicer as our trading point and will not in any form or manner patronize same village. We will also use our influence to encourage others to do the same. Signed:—Rev. J. S. Halvorson, Jalmar Larson, Ole O. Rykkan, Thorsten Larson, K. T. Rykkan, Ole T. Dengerud, August Erickson, Sjur L. Thorpe, C. Oveson, Otto Olson, Sivert Gulikson, B. C. Oveson, O. N. Erickson, Lars T. Thorpe, Ole O. Wik, Ole Bergeason, Edw. Erickson, Edw. Ellason, G. Backlund, A. E. Grorud, G. J. Bratberg, Nels Erickson, Peder Hendrickson, C. Hendrickson, H. J. Berg, Ole Nerold, Lars Arneson. Who Did It? A reward of five dollars has been offered by the city for the apprehension of the person or persons who have disfigured a large number of buildings in the city by marking the letters "H. A. C." thereon with crayon. It seems almost incomprehensible that boys from 14 to 18 years of age could be guilty of performing such a base and utterly silly act as that referred to above, yet certain undisputed facts lead one to believe that it has been perpetrated by a lot of would-be young gentlemen. H. A. C. is supposed to stand for "Hercules Athletic Club," and presumably falling to gain prominence some of the members took this way of letting the people know of their existence. In spite of its name, the club proved too weak to live. An athletic club would be a good thing, but the members ought to find some better use for their muscles than defacing buildings. "The Wandering Raggedy Man." The fifth and last attraction in the Citizens' Lecture course will be the noted humorist, Ellsworth Plumstead, "the wandering raggedy man," at the opera house next Saturday evening. It is a safe assertion that whoever attends will get his money's worth and no one desirous of spending an evening listening to genuine humor can afford to miss this splendid opportunity. The Times-Herald, Mason City, Iowa, comments on him as follows: Mr. Plumstead was given a warm welcome. The first number was from Riley, and his impersonation of the dialect of the aged farmer was perfect. As a dude he was irresistibly funny, and the selection, "He Waited," was received with much applause. His more serious work was well chosen and perfectly rendered. The closing number was "The Man Who Sang in the Village Choir." This was heartily enjoyed. The management of the opera house requests that all season tickets for this lecture course be handed in at the door Saturday evening. Old Settler Passes Away. Gust Berg, an old settler residing near Ringo Lake in town of Doves, died last Friday at the age of 55 years. Deceased had been an invalid for the last 10 years and death came as a relief from his many sufferings. He leaves his wife and three children to mourn his death. The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the residence. Interment was made in the Swedish Lutheran church cemetery at New London. Another Bouquet. The Willmar debaters won out in their debate with Farmington champions and now stand a good show for winning the state championship. The team is composed of bright boys, and their success will be very acceptable here, where they made a good impression in connection with their triumph over our home team.—Redwood Gazette.

The Temperance Issue.

In speaking of the proposed law to more severely punish violators of the liquor laws, a friend in the eastern part of the county writes: "A fifty dollar fine appears ridiculously small when we remember that the liquor element is more than willing to pay a \$3000 fine for the privilege of running three of their drunkard factories in a village of the size of Atwater. It seems to me that so small a fine is only to encourage blind piggy and that such a law is not intended to stop the lawlessness, but rather for giving the saloon element an excuse to get solemn by the cry of 'blind pigs!' If our state law makers would show as much earnestness in dealing with this question as the national government shows in protecting our mail system and mail routes from an awful interference there would be very little blind-pigging done. A permanent temperance league was organized in Genesee township last Saturday. The movement is spreading into Meeker county and meetings have been held in the country tributary to Grove City. Kandiyohi will not vote upon the question of license next Tuesday, and hence will retain the no license policy. The re-submissionists failed to secure the necessary ten signers to their petition in time. A temperance meeting will be held at Spicer next Monday evening. Rev. H. C. Baell of Willmar will make the address. This promises to be a rousing meeting. The country people are thoroughly aroused over the danger threatening their community, should the license policy be adopted. Killed in Minneapolis. Oscar Nelson, formerly of town of Kandiyohi but lately of Minneapolis, was accidentally killed in that city last Saturday about noon. He was employed as a driver by the Nicollet Avenue Fuel company and was delivering wood when the awful accident occurred. At Twelfth avenue south and Third street his team became frightened and bolted. Nelson climbed into the seat and tried to stop them but was unable to do so. He held the reins tightly and guided the horses safely past several vehicles until the joining of the wagon as it struck the street-car tracks on Twelfth avenue. The unfortunate man struck the ground directly before one of the heavy front wheels of the cart and one of them passed over his chest, crushing him. The rear wheels mangled one of his legs. He was picked up in his unconscious condition and died on his way to the hospital. Nelson's stepfather, C. O. Peterson, and his brother Gilbert went down to Minneapolis and brought the remains home last Sunday evening. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Tripoli church, Rev. Lindholm officiating. Oscar Nelson was born in town of Kandiyohi, Dec. 28, 1875. His father was Peter Nelson, one of the earliest settlers of the town who died about 21 years ago. Mrs. Nelson later married Mr. C. O. Peterson. Besides his mother and stepfather, Nelson leaves to mourn his untimely death four brothers and five sisters, besides a large circle of friends. Attorney General Gives Ruling. Chapter 64 of the laws of 1903 extended the office of supervisor from a one-year term to a three-year term; and provided that at the election in 1904 one supervisor should be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and that thereafter each supervisor should serve for three years. It also provided that one of those elected should be designated as "Chairman." The Chairman chosen at the last election would hold the Chairmanship for the length of time for which he was elected, which would be one, two or three years according to the designation of the length of his term on the ballot. Hereafter the Chairman will serve as such for three years, and no "Chairman" need be designated on the ballot, except in years when there is a vacancy in that office. E. T. YOUNG, Attorney General. Will Debate at Willmar. The debate between Willmar and Breckenridge will take place here instead of at Breckenridge, as previously announced, on Friday, March 17. Our boys have been obliged to change sides and are now busily engaged in preparing arguments for the negative. As a result of this change the W. C. T. U. silver medal contest has been changed from March 17 to Friday, March 24. Licenses to Wed. March 3—George Axel Lucke and Tillie Miller; Michael Walter Wheeler and Ellen Veronica Wheeler. March 6—John B. Kelly and Frances E. Lawler; Fred Pettersson and Emma Magnuson; Hans T. Larson and Albertina Mattson; Nick S. Gabrielson and Anna Swedick. March 7—Christian H. Peterson and Ragnhild Michelson.

MASS MEETING

Temperance Forces Will Nominate City Ticket at Bonde Hall Friday Night. At a well attended meeting of the Civic Federation last Friday evening it was decided to issue a call for a mass meeting of the temperance voters to place in nomination a complete city ticket for the impending election. The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, we believe the interest of the city will be best served by a continuation of a non partisan city administration friendly to the temperance cause; therefore be it "Resolved, That the Civic Federation issues a call for a mass meeting of the temperance voters of the city for the purpose of placing in nomination a complete city ticket and to provide for a proper campaign, said mass meeting to convene at the Bonde Hall Friday evening, March 10, 1905, at 8 o'clock, and further "Resolved, That the officers of the Federation be directed to call such mass meeting at once." Committees on nomination to propose candidates at the mass meeting were appointed. The possibility of securing a prohibitory amendment to the City Charter was then discussed and the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, we believe that the time is ripe for the permanent settlement of the license question in the City of Willmar by the adoption of the prohibitory principle in the fundamental law of the city; therefore be it "Resolved, That the officers of the Civic Federation are hereby instructed to procure the necessary legal assistance and draft an amendment to the City Charter governing this point, and the secretary is instructed to present the same to the Charter Commission and request that Honorable Body to submit the same to the vote of the people of the City at the coming election." President Osterholm of the Federation presented his resignation owing to failing health and for lack of time which he felt would be required in the position. The Federation, however, finally refused to accept his resignation by unanimous standing vote and Rev. Osterholm bowed to the decision of the Federation, and asked for the continued loyal support in the work. There were about seventy-five members of the Federation present and the greatest interest was manifested in the questions discussed. Liberally Patronized. The Synod church young people's society met at the church parlors Monday evening. A crowd which taxed not only the seating capacity but also the standing room of the parlors was present to listen to the program and to partake of the dainty refreshments served later. The program included a vocal solo by Miss Thea Rolleson, a vocal duet by Misses Helen Sather and Hilma Johnson, a recitation by Miss Gertrude Hilleboe, a piano solo by Miss Cora Riggs and a short talk on the St. Louis Exposition by Prof. Thompson, of the Seminary. Each number proved very enjoyable and was heartily applauded. The society decided to subscribe \$400 to the church building fund in addition to the amount already subscribed. This means that the church is dedicated there will be absolutely no indebtedness and the members of the society have good cause to feel proud of the efficient and successful manner in which they have assisted in meeting the heavy expenses necessarily incident to the building of such a splendid church edifice as that which has just been completed. The proceeds of Monday evening's meeting were about \$28. Home from the Navy. Wesley E. Green is enjoying a visit at his home in this city, after an absence of four years, during which time he has been serving in the U. S. Navy. He is here on a four months' furlough and arrived in Willmar last Thursday evening. Mr. Green left San Francisco the latter part of January and has been visiting relatives and old time friends at different points before coming to Willmar. During his term of service most of his time was spent at Manila and in the Philippines. He enlisted at Des Moines, Iowa, where he graduated from the department of mechanical engineering at Highland Park College. While in the service of Uncle Sam he was employed in the marine engineering department as head machinist. Mr. Green relates some very interesting experiences of his life in the navy. He has in his possession a large collection of curios, which he has gathered at the different places visited. Mr. Green has not yet decided whether he will return to the service. After concluding his visit in Minnesota he expects to leave for Seattle, Wash., where he will spend some time with his brothers Frank and Phillip.

Old Maids Convene.

The Old Maids' Convention, alias "Woman's Single Blessedness Debating society," held a very interesting session last Thursday evening at the opera house. The session was a public one and the "visitors gallery" was packed with eager spectators, who followed the proceedings with the utmost interest and attention. The hall had been fittingly decorated for the occasion with strings of green and red beryls. Cards, bearing inscriptions like, "Why Don't Men Propose" and "Single Blessedness a Fake," adorned the walls, while from over the fireplace the likenesses of 16 "immovable" bachelors looked with seeming indifference and contempt upon the doings of the society. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Martin Osterness, after which Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck, acting as secretary, read the minutes, which were "unanimously" rejected and approved. The members, numbering about 20, responded to roll call by giving favorite quotations on "Love" and "Man." A few recitations on the same topics were also given and a rather "lengthy" woman's rights petition to be sent to the national legislature, was read by Miss Sophia Stuckup and the maids showed their approval of it by applauding most vociferously. But it was at singing that the Single Blessedness Debating society scored its highest triumph. The debaters sang several numbers with a pathos and feeling that was literally "heart rending." Now and then a member of the chorus would be entirely overcome by her fleeting emotions, but generally they managed to control themselves pretty well and they always finished in a most artistic manner. While the convention was in session, Prof. Makeover, alias Geo. W. Tyler, appeared on the scene with his wonderful machine, capable of transforming "any old maid" into whatever shape she desired. This announcement at once put the meeting out of balance. Everybody made a grand rush for the professor and it was only by a series of vigorous and long continued knocks with the presidential hammer that the presiding officer was able to restore order. Finally, however, peace again reigned and one by one the spinsters walked into the machine to return a moment later very much improved physically and mentally. The program which followed was much enjoyed and every number was heartily enjoyed. Mrs. Knebel and John Gorwell each sang a vocal solo in a splendid manner. Lewis Hanscom played a fine cornet solo; Miss Marion Lewis gave a recitation with marked ability. But the chief honors of the evening no doubt went to little Miss Fern Whitman, a niece of Mrs. C. U. Barok, and Clarence Olson, a son of C. A. Olson. They sang "Teasing" and incidentally also "acted" a little and when they had finished, the audience showed their appreciation by an applause that did not cease till the youthful performers responded to an encore. The St. Agnes Guild, under whose auspices the Old Maids' Convention was given, deserve much credit for the splendid manner in which the entertainment was given. The seat sale for this attraction was unusually large and the ladies realized the neat sum of \$109 as a result of their successful effort. "The Merchant of Venice." Managers Crosby & Markhus wish to announce a positive engagement of Mr. Joseph DeGrasse in "The Merchant of Venice" for one performance in our city. The company is playing a limited number of single engagements en route from New York to the West. This is a season of Shakespearean revivals and the greatest of all Shakespeare's plays is being interpreted by a well selected company headed by Mr. Joseph DeGrasse, the well known star, who will be seen in the role of "Shylock." Mr. DeGrasse is surrounded by an exceptionally strong company of metropolitan players, carries a complete production and gives an excellent performance. The company demands liberal patronage, as it is a large one, and Managers Crosby & Markhus feel that if the support of a number of the better class of theatregoers is secured success will be assured. The company appears at the opera house Monday evening, March 13. Five Dollars Reward. The above reward will be paid by the City of Willmar for any information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons who have disfigured a large number of buildings in the City by marking the letters "H. A. C." thereon with crayon. Given under my hand this 1st day of March, 1905. S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

SEEK NEW QUARTERS

Commercial Club Accepts Elks' Offer—Canning Factory Project Discussed. The Commercial Club held its regular meeting at the club rooms last evening. The attendance was good and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The proposition made by the Elks of this city to buy the furniture and lease the club rooms was considered and upon motion their offer was accepted and a committee was appointed to look for new quarters for the club. The cannery project was also discussed and it was decided that a general meeting be called for Saturday, March 18, when the matter will be given further consideration. Mr. Hughes, of Le Sueur, representing a line of canneries, will address the meeting and as he has much experience in this line he will no doubt be listened to with interest. A. H. Sperry, E. C. Wellin and Peter Hong reported that they had inspected the canning factory at Cokato which has now been in successful operation for about one year. They found the business men enthusiastic over the new enterprise. During the year the factory had been running in Cokato between \$3,000 and \$4,000 had been paid for labor and \$4,000 has been paid farmers for corn. In one instance a farmer realized \$32 per acre. There is no reason why an enterprise of this kind should not prove a source of financial benefit both to Willmar business men as well as to the farmers in Kandiyohi county and it is to be hoped that they will all work together so that a canning factory may be established here. NO AMENDMENTS Time Limit Prevents Submitting Any Amendments at the Coming Election. At the request of Mayor Qvale's members of the Charter Commission met at the library building last Monday evening for the purpose of drafting desired amendments to the City Charter to be submitted at the coming election. It was found, however, as the law required that the proposed amendments be published thirty days before the election, it would be impossible to submit any changes to the voters at the coming election. It had been proposed to submit several changes to the charter clearing certain incongruities and more closely defining the power of the council in certain instances. The action of the Civic Federation in asking for a prohibitory amendment to the City Charter making the no-license policy permanent, added great popular interest in what the commission was supposed to accomplish. Now, however, the usefulness of this Charter Commission is as an end, as it will expire on the 13th of next month and if anything is to be done in the line of charter amendments Judge Qvale will be asked to re-appoint a commission. Change at Segerstrom's Supply House. A change was made last week in the Fred W. Segerstrom Supply Co. whereby Mr. Segerstrom and D. Grashals, president of the German-American Bank at Clara City, become sole owners of the entire business, the former holding a two-thirds interest and the latter one-third. The business will be in charge of Mr. Segerstrom and owing to this change he will be obliged to give up the bank proposition at Atwater. This organization was only a temporary one and had incurred no expenses up to the present time. Mr. Segerstrom was the largest stock holder in the above mentioned supply company, so he was obliged to make this deal, as a change was to be made. His family will return to Willmar about April 1st to again take up their residence here. Sold Tobacco to Minor. Ludvig Ellefson, a dealer in confectioneries on Pacific avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of selling smoking tobacco to a minor. Chief of Police Bonde being the complaining witness. He pleaded guilty to the charge in Municipal court before Judge Muller and was fined \$3 and costs. The same were paid. Telephone Company Meets. The annual meeting of the Willmar & St. Johns Telephone Co. was held last Saturday at the North school house in Dist. No. 63. The entire line which is 16 miles long and serves 12 patrons, was reported to be in good working order. The company decided to continue to sell shares at \$25 to \$40, July 1, when they will be raised to \$40.