



LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

A daughter was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindberg. The county commissioners are in session this week, convening on Monday afternoon for the regular July meeting. Next week the Board of Equalization meets.

Mrs. Henry Stob, of Raymond, was in the city last week with her little seven-year-old daughter Gertrude, who is receiving medical attention for some spinal disorder.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will hold its annual picnic in the grove across Fox Lake on Thursday, July 27. Nelson & Freeberg's gasoline launch, "Varuna," will be chartered for the occasion.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Styles next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp. All members must be present. An election of officers for the coming year will be held.

Miss Idella Volding left for Doon, Iowa, Saturday to spend a month's vacation with friends from her duties as saleslady at the A. B. Hanscom confectionery. She will also visit with friends at other places before returning home.

Drs. Harold F. Porter and Henry A. Hanson, Willmar's new dentists, were among the 53 successful applicants who took the June examination of the state board of dental examiners. There were 74 applicants in all for licenses as dentists.

Sheriff and Mrs. Ole Lundquist and son Wallace left today for Holmes City for a visit with Mr. Lundquist's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walner. Mr. Lundquist will return home in about a week but his wife expects to remain up there for about six weeks.

The Pacific district of the Minnesota Conference of the Swedish Lutheran church is in session at Kerkhoven. Among those in attendance are Rev. Lindholm of Tripolis and Rev. Peterson of this city. The meeting commenced Monday evening and will close today.

Ole Gilbertson went to Duluth yesterday to look over some lands located in that part of the country. He was accompanied by Mr. E. C. Sorenson, an agent of the Boston and Duluth Farm Land company who has been making frequent business trips to Willmar the last few weeks.

The Young People's society of the Swedish Lutheran church will serve coffee, ice cream and cake on the J. Emil Nelson lawn directly east of the church tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon beginning at 5 o'clock and continuing through the evening. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

Miss Celia Carlson went to Duluth Saturday for a visit with friends and relatives. She will also visit friends at different points in Wisconsin before returning home. Miss Carlson is enjoying a three weeks vacation from her duties as saleslady at Chase's store. During her absence Miss Hattie Johnson will take her place at the store.

About 24 guests were most delightfully entertained last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Tyler, the occasion being a "fishing party" given in honor of Miss May Crosby, of Boston, who is a guest of Willmar relatives. A short musical program followed the fishing contest, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. F. Millard received the sad intelligence from De Graf Sunday evening that her sister, Mrs. Delbert W. Fredrickson, had died after only one day's illness. Death occurred in the evening and was due to the effects of childbirth. Mr. and Mrs. Millard left on Monday evening to attend the funeral, which took place at Frank Lake yesterday afternoon.

Carl J. Johnson and Miss Frederica Johnson were married last Wednesday forenoon by Judge Muller. They left on the noon train the same day for Kerkhoven for a few days' visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will soon be at home at Raymond, where Mr. Johnson will be employed in a feed mill. The Willmar friends of the contracting parties congratulate.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Sanders, of Litchfield, were guests over the Fourth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Leary in this city. Mr. Sanders, who was at one time employed in the Willmar newspaper offices, has of late been engaged as foreman of the Mandan (N. D.) Pioneer. He has now taken a position as foreman of the Atwater Republican Press.

F. M. Thornton, of Benson, who has been a sufferer with gangrene in his left leg for the past four years, submitted to an operation on Monday last week, the deceased member being amputated above the knee. The operation, which was performed by Dr. E. S. Frost at the Frost hospital, was successful and the patient is doing as nicely as can be expected under the circumstances.

The Kandiyohi County Merchants Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting at Atwater this afternoon at three o'clock, when a number of members from Willmar will be in attendance. State organizer Casserly of St. Paul will be present and address the members in the interest of the association. The organization now has a total membership of 53, practically all the merchants in the county, and is strongly organized for the protection of the interests of its members.

Fred W. Segerstrom and family will remove to Minneapolis to make that city their future home as soon as Mr. Segerstrom has closed out his business here. He may decide to go into business in the Flour City after looking over the field. Mr. Segerstrom made that city his home for four years previous to coming to Willmar, so has the advantage of a wide acquaintance there. The many Willmar friends of Mr. and Mrs. Segerstrom will regret to learn of their intention to leave this city, which they have for so long a time made their home.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was in Willmar for a short time last Friday evening, being on his way from Granite Falls to Casselton, N. D., where he was billed for one of his lectures. Mr. Bryan addressed an immense audience at the Granite Falls opera house, leaving that village on the afternoon freight so as to make connections there for his North Dakota trip. After taking supper at the Great Northern eating house he departed on the 9:05 passenger. During his brief visit here a number of our citizens had occasion to again meet him and pay their respects.

W. E. Martin and 5 year old daughter Arline, on their way from Tracy to Willow City, N. D., were the guests over Sunday at the home of F. E. Wold. Upon the death of her mother during little Arline's infancy she was taken and cared for by her grandparents, residing at Tracy, until a year ago, when her father, being in position to offer her a good home and loving care, tried to get possession of her, but was resisted by her grandparents and the lower courts. Recently, however, the father was made happy by the decision of the supreme court holding that he has absolute right to his child. Arline is a bright and pretty child and her father is to be congratulated.

A letter received from Minneapolis by Willmar friends contains the information that Mrs. J. F. Legler, who will be remembered by Kandiyohi county people by the maiden name of Miss Sarah Owe, a former resident of Lake Lillian, has gone with her husband to Paris, leaving the twin cities for that place July 6. Mr. and Mrs. Legler are accompanied by Mrs. Legler's sister, Miss Clara Owe, of Minneapolis, with whom they had been spending part of their visit in Minnesota. Miss Owe will remain in Paris about a year. The Leglers are residents of New York City. Mr. Legler being engaged in the brokerage business. After a three months' stay in Paris, they will go to Buenos Ayres, South America, to live about two years. Mr. Legler's business requiring his residence in that city for that length of time.

Altho the crowd in Willmar on circus day did not come up to the old-time attendance, yet there was a good patronage at the afternoon performance of Gollmar Bros.' Shows. The bad condition of the roads was largely responsible for the absence of a number of country people from a distance. The streets during the parade in the morning were pretty well lined with spectators, many of them country people. It was nearly noon before the procession moved down our principal streets, the circus people being considerably delayed in getting properly settled on account of the bad roads leading from the railway tracks to the show grounds. It was necessary part of the morning in transferring the paraphernalia to put some of the elephants into service and this proved of the shows' stay in the city proved quite interesting to some of our people.

The Little Helpers of the Swedish Baptist church will serve ice cream, coffee and cake next Tuesday evening, July 18, on the church lawn. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and be refreshed. A short program will begin at 8 sharp, after which the refreshments will be served.

Don't forget the annual school meeting to be held on Saturday evening of this week.

BRYANT FOUND GUILTY

Merchants Hotel Proprietor Convicted on Charge of Illegal Sale of Liquor.

"We, the jury in this action, find the defendant guilty of the offense as charged."

This was the verdict brought in by the jury in the case of the State of Minnesota vs. A. O. Bryant, one of the proprietors of the Merchants hotel, accused by the grand jury of having sold intoxicating liquor without license. The jury retired at 11 a. m. Friday and remained out till 5:45 p. m. The case was on trial since Thursday morning.

This case was one of the most interesting and most bitterly contested legal struggles that have ever been heard within the boundaries of the county. The evidence introduced respectively by the witnesses for the state and the witnesses for the defense was in many instances so flatly contradictory that one was kept wondering all the time as to the outcome and a number of heated arguments between the opposing counsels also added a great deal of zest to the affair.

The first witness to be called by the state was H. C. Yale, a detective employed by the McNully Detective Agency of Minneapolis. He testified that on the afternoon of March 24 last he asked Mr. Bryant if he could secure a pint of whiskey from him. Mr. Bryant replied in the affirmative and the sale took place in the evening about 7:30 in a room at the Merchants hotel known as the old bar room, the witness receiving a pint of whiskey from Mr. Bryant and paying him 50 cents for same. In describing this room Mr. Yale stated that it had the appearance of an ordinary bar room, only that it was apparently kept on the quiet. It contained the regular saloon fixtures, bar, back bar with bottles of whiskey standing on and under it, and the conventional mirrors, together with a number of other articles useful in a modern, up-to-date and accommodating hotel.

Mr. Yale's testimony, both in regard to the appearance of the room and its surroundings, was plain, frank and convincing and he stuck to his story without any perceptible contradiction throughout his entire appearance on the stand.

Having secured the pint of whiskey the witness went to Bonds's hall, where he and Chief of Police Bonds sampled same and also labeled and marked the bottle. Witness then described marks on bottle and writing on label, after which the innocent looking flask of brewster was introduced in evidence. This ended the direct examination.

Mr. Yale was subjected to a fierce cross-examination by Atty. Barnard, of Renville, for the defense. Atty. Barnard wanted to know and did find out all about witness' wanderings, comings, goings and doings for a last few years. Yale told of his trips (which by the way were so numerous and far-reaching that it was a wonder he could recall them all without the assistance of a private secretary) with an accuracy and promptness that was, to say the least, surprising. The court held that the testimony relative to these wanderings should be introduced merely to show witness' infrequent places of residence and not for the purpose of impeaching his character, or proving his incredibility, as was the intention of the defense.

Mr. Yale resumed the stand in the afternoon and for the second time the defense tried to impeach his character. The defense offered to prove that he had committed the crime of forgery at Moorhead, that he had fled to Duluth to avoid capture and that he was now (at the time of the trial) under arrest, but the court held that these facts were not material in this case and hence they were not admitted in evidence.

Chief of Police Bonds was next called on the stand. He identified the bottle and testified that its contents were whiskey. He also corroborated Yale's testimony in regard to the bar room referred to and its general appearance. Mr. Bonds stated that he had not been in the room but that he had had occasional peeps into the window thru the ventilator in the storm placard on the north side of the hotel. The window was so far above the sidewalk that in order to get even this somewhat limited view of the inside the chief was obliged to stand on the railing outside the window. This testimony completed the state's case.

He had not seen Yale that day, had not sold him any whiskey and in fact had never sold anybody any whiskey. Upon cross-examination he admitted that there was such a room in the hotel as that described by Yale, that he made occasional journeys thither in company with other people and that whiskey was kept there, not however on the back bar but concealed under it.

Mr. Bryant's testimony in regard to his movements on the day in question was partly and in some instances wholly corroborated by the other witnesses for the defense, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Minton and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Butler. The testimony introduced by the defense was comparatively logical and consistent. Had the defense "rested" here it is hard to tell what the outcome would have been. But the next two witnesses, a Mr. Postel and a Mr. Woods, of Minneapolis, sent for by the counsel for the defense to testify to the incredibility and bad character of Mr. Yale, gave the defense's case some very agreeable jolts and they were in the opinion of a great many listeners a great extent responsible for the verdict rendered. Postel proved himself a most incompetent witness and upon motion of the county attorney his testimony was stricken from the calendar.

Woods said he had "known" Yale 8 years, had heard of him and had seen him enter a disreputable place. He had never associated with him and never spoken to him but he "knew" his reputation for truth and veracity was bad. His testimony went to the jury on its merits.

After both of these gentlemen had told all they didn't know Mr. Yale was called in rebuttal and he showed the jury in a clear manner how very little the Postel-Wood association did know concerning him, his past or his pedigree. When this had been done the case came to an end and the opposing counsels presented their closing arguments to the jury, after which the jury retired.

It is only doing justice to County Atty. O. O. O'Brien to say that he conducted the prosecution in this case in a masterful manner and the verdict of the jury is in a large measure due to his efficient and strenuous efforts in point of clearness and effective presentation of facts his closing argument to the jury stands as one of the best efforts made by any county attorney before a jury in Kandiyohi county.

Now Serving Time. Hans Olson, convicted at the January term of court of selling an intoxicant labeled "Tanto," commenced to serve time in our county jail on Monday, June 26. The case had been appealed to the supreme court, which sustained the lower court. Olson's sentence is 30 days and a fine of \$50 and costs, with an additional 30 days if the fine and costs are not paid.

B. F. Miller, also convicted at the January term of selling "booze," was committed to jail on Monday evening, July 1. His sentence is 30 days and a fine of \$100 and costs, with an additional 30 days if the fine and costs are not paid.

K. Ellason has hired out to E. E. Hollen for two months. O. Rudningen made a business trip to Brocton last Saturday. Mrs. A. T. Berg and son Theodore visited up north last Sunday. S. J. Basol has bought 40 acres of land in this neighborhood from Eben Rallison.

Misses Eva and Thea Tollefson entertained a number of their friends last Sunday. Peter Olson is with us again. He has hired out to J. O. Rudningen for four months. A number of our young folks attended the circus at Benson last Saturday, and they report a good time.

Mrs. A. W. Skorg of Willmar is at present visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Sunburg. Misses Eva and Thea Tollefson and Rhyard Swanson made a business trip to Kerkhoven last Saturday. A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hollen on July 1. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

The Fourth was celebrated in Brocton, and a large number of our young folks were there and enjoyed a good time. A. T. Frovid had the misfortune of breaking his arm in two places one day last week while grinding feed at the Sunburg feed mill. He is now under the care of Dr. C. C. Quale. C. E. Hollen is with us again. He returned a couple of weeks ago from Canada, where he had been staying for some time making improvements on his land. He says that Canada is O. K. H. P. Lotgren of Mamre was in town last Monday, accompanied by his brother, Louis Ekstrand, of St. Paul, who is up for a visit.

CLOSING SESSIONS

Last Week of District Court Occupied Mostly With Criminal Cases.

District court re-convened Wednesday forenoon after an adjournment of three days. The first case to be tried was that of the State vs. Isaac Emerson, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of larceny in the second degree. It was charged that on the 23rd day of January last Mr. Emerson had broken into the warehouse of A. B. Hanscom on Benson avenue and that he had removed from there a quantity of cigars, snuffs and smoking tobacco aggregating in value the sum of \$80. The prosecution relied wholly upon circumstantial evidence in connecting the defendant with the crime but this evidence proved both strong and convincing. The story told by the defendant on the witness stand was both improbable and at times incoherent and this fact materially strengthened the state's case. Atty. Charles Johnson appeared for the defendant and it is only doing justice to him to say that he conducted the defense in an able and efficient manner. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty after a four hours deliberation.

Emerson was brought before Judge Quale Saturday forenoon to receive his sentence. In response to inquiries regarding himself he stated that he was born in Maine 46 years ago and that he had made this city his home for a number of years past. He has been married twice and has seven children. He has not been living with his second wife for some time past. He was employed as fireman on the Great Northern from '86 to '90 but since that time he has not had any steady employment and as he never learned any trade he has been depending upon odd jobs for his livelihood. After stating that he had nothing to say why sentence should not be passed upon him (more than that he did not think he had received a fair trial) the court sentenced him to 14 months at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Stillwater. He was taken to that place Sunday morning in charge of Sheriff Lundquist.

The next case to be called was State of Minnesota vs. James Hackerson, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of illegal sale of liquor. The sale was made on May 7th to Ford Marshall and consisted of a pint of whiskey for which Ford paid him the sum of 50 cents. Hackerson took the stand in his own behalf and he tried long and hard to explain away the sale. He admitted that he had received the money from Ford but stated that the purchase had been made by one of his "chums," a man whose first name he thought was Jack but whose last name he was unable to recollect. When questioned more closely in regard to the "chum," names and habits of this "chum," Jim became sadly mixed and excited and it finally developed that he knew nothing about his "friend from Chicago" as he chose to call the chum in question. Jim appeared flushed and nervous while on the stand and he seemed much relieved when the cross-examination was over. It will be remembered that he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury about two months ago and not being able to furnish the bail required he was confined in jail. About six weeks ago he was taken sick and since that time his condition has gradually been growing worse in spite of the fact that he has received the best of care. The attending physician has diagnosed the case as tumor of the liver, a most dangerous disease, and the patient's condition at present is very bad.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty" after only a few minutes' deliberation. Mr. Hackerson was sentenced Saturday forenoon. The court in passing sentence said that he was inclined to be lenient with him on account of his physical condition and he accordingly sentenced him to a fine of \$100 and 30 days.

Thursday and Friday forenoon was taken up with the case of A. O. Bryant of the Merchants hotel, charged with the illegal sale of liquor. The write-up of this case will be found in another column in this paper. B. F. Miller was tried on Friday afternoon on the charge of illegal sale of liquor. This case took an unexpected turn when C. E. Yale, the state's star witness, failed to identify Miller as the man from whom he bought the pint bottle of whiskey in evidence. He said Miller looked very much like the man from whom he bought it but he would not swear positively that it was him. Detective Yale's inability to remember the features of the man with whom he had the transaction gave the state's case a severe setback and it was not surprising to anyone that the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" after having been out only a few minutes.

The last case to be tried at this time of court was that of the state vs. Dr. J. F. Speed, of Spicer. This was also a blind-pig case, Gilbert Backlund of Dovre acting as complaining witness. Mr. Backlund testified that on June 23 he went to the drug store owned by Dr. Speed, at Spicer, and told the doctor that he was not feeling very well. After looking the patient over the doctor at once diagnosed the ailment as a bad case of the chills, whereupon he poured out for him a dose, invigorating and refreshing dram of whiskey. Having disposed of this Backlund asked for and procured a whole pint of the same medicine and after having duly "settled the bill" he left for the residence of Village Marshall Wm. Olson, where the medicine bottle was marked for identification. The bottle was produced in court and both Mr. Backlund and Nels Hendrickson, of Spicer, swore that the contents were whiskey. The defense did not deny the sale but claimed that Speed had legal right as a physician, to prescribe whiskey but further examination showed that Speed, altho being a graduate of a medical college at Louisville, Kentucky, had not been granted a license to practice in this state, and for this reason the sale was illegal. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty after having been out only a short time. Dr. Speed was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, taxed at \$15, and 30 days in jail. A stay of execution of the sentence was granted the defendant till Aug. 16, to enable him to prepare a case or bill of exception. At that time Atty. Porter, for the defendant, will make a motion for a new trial and in the event of this being denied it is said that the case will be appealed.

In the case of Earl Robbins, who pleaded guilty to the charge of having entered a building with the intent to commit malicious mischief, the Judge suspended sentence till the first day of next general term of court. The case of Frank Cleary, who pleaded not guilty to the same charge, was continued till next term of court.

A special venire of jurors was summoned and appeared in court last Wednesday. They were: James Sanderson; Kandyohi; Charles Linderholm; Fabian; Oscar Larson, Atwater; Peter P. Hovey, Genessee; Albert Kragenbring, Harrison; Wm. J. Wheeler, Harrison; Martin Olson, Atwater; A. G. Maler, Harrison; John Isaacson, Atwater; L. F. Davidson, Atwater; Frank H. Toensing, Atwater; Edward J. Johnson, Genessee; J. A. Walen, Atwater; Erick Swedlund, Atwater; J. J. Johnson, Genessee.

The following cases on the civil calendar were disposed of: State of Minnesota vs. St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. (Tax proceeding.) Attorneys, Thos. R. Benton; County Attorney. Dismissed. Henry Burman vs. Frank Spaeth and Chas. Spaeth, Attorneys, N. L. Erickson; Charles Johnson, Kerkhoven. To be tried out of term after August 1 on eight days' notice.

State of Minnesota vs. Bertina Estrem. (Tax proceeding.) Attorney, Samuel Porter. Settled. John S. Day vs. W. Beaupin and Geo. A. Robinson. Attorneys, N. L. Erickson; Morris Evans, Taylor & Evans. Continued. Fred Dunkelmann vs. Wm. C. Carney. Attorneys, N. L. Erickson; Samuel Porter. This case was appealed from the justice court and the judgment of that court was reversed.

Upon motion of the county attorney case number 2 on the criminal calendar, State vs. A. O. Bryant, for the illegal sale of liquor, was continued. This was the case in which Wm. Goebel was to be the state's witness. Mr. Goebel disappeared and has not yet been heard from. Cases Nos. 1 and 3 against E. F. Miller, and case No. 4 against A. O. Bryant, all liquor cases, were dismissed.

In the case of the demurrer interposed in the state cases against Samuel Oamundson the court ordered that the demurrer should be allowed and the cases were dismissed. Court adjourned at noon Saturday after having been in session about eight days.

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WOMAN'S ADVISER

Norman W. King Essays Above Role While on Mission to Willmar.

During the trial of the blind pig case of the State of Minnesota vs. A. O. Bryant, Willmar had within her borders no less a personage than Norman W. King, manager of the Minneapolis detective service which bears his name and who figured so prominently as a member of the Ames gang during the stirring-up to which that administration was subjected. Mr. King was a guest at the Merchants Hotel, where Mrs. Harry C. Yale, wife of the state's star witness in the case above referred to, was also stopping. Mr. King claimed that his presence here was for the purpose of looking after Mrs. Yale's interests, being employed as her agent. The opinion had prevailed here that King was looking after other interests besides that of Mrs. Yale and it was hinted that he might even be employed in the service of the house in which he was a guest. That he had anything to do with the blind-pig case he strongly denied. He was simply acting in the capacity of an adviser for a woman who it was alleged had been wronged by an irate father-in-law.

Mrs. Yale figured conspicuously in the newspapers soon after her marriage by suing her father-in-law, a wealthy lumberman of Minneapolis, for \$15,000 for alienating her husband's affections. The case was settled out of court. Yale is a young man only 20 years of age. The disliked and fought by his relatives, Mrs. Yale still clings to her spouse.

A short time ago it seems that Yale had been spirited to Milbank, S. D., for the purpose it is stated, of being separated from his wife. Here he was employed in the lumber office of the McGowan Lumber Co. Mrs. Yale followed him to this place, being accompanied by King, who again united the pair. From there they went on to Ortonville, then to Fargo and at last arrived in Duluth. Their object in taking this route was to reach Minneapolis by way of the St. Paul & Duluth road, on which Mrs. Yale's father is a conductor.

During their stay in Duluth Mrs. Yale was arrested on July 3 at the St. Louis hotel, where they were stopping, on the charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed at Moorhead during his brief stay in Fargo. He was accused of forging a check for \$75, drawn on a lumber company of Moorhead, to which place he was brought for a hearing. Being wanted in Willmar as a witness in the Bryant case he was later on brought to this city.

Immediately after the trial here Sheriff John M. Bayer of Moorhead who had been waiting for him, took him back to that city. Accompanying him was S. J. McNulty, of the McNully Detective Agency, in whose employment Yale had been in securing evidence against Bryant and who is also looking after the young man's interests.

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Flyer Wrecked Near Moose Island.

The east-bound Great Northern Flyer No. 4, due here at 7:10 p. m., was wrecked near Moose Island, eighteen miles north of Morris, Sunday afternoon at 5:15. Five people were injured, one seriously. The latter passenger was Mrs. Goldberg, of Rice Lake, who had her hip broken. The train was made up of seven cars, all of which left the track. A defective truck on the tender is thought to have caused the wreck.

The train was going around a curve at the rate of 40 miles an hour when the accident occurred. The recent heavy rains had washed away part of the embankments and as a result two of the coaches which left the track were completely overturned. The tender was thrown from the track but the engine remained on the rails.

A wrecking train was immediately sent out from this city and the passengers were transferred to this train and taken south. The track was not cleared till Monday forenoon and the Monday noon passenger arrived here about an hour late.

A special to the Minneapolis Journal from Minot, N. D., gives the following particulars regarding another wreck which occurred on the Great Northern, west of Minot, last Wednesday and in which 27 passengers were injured.

The first serious wreck on this division of the Great Northern occurred at 3 p. m. yesterday at Springbrook, 100 miles west of Minot, and twenty-one miles east of Williston. No lives were lost the several persons are in a critical condition. Engineer Grant Conley barely escaped with his life by jumping down a steep embankment.

The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails. Four cars left the track and a total of eight passenger coaches, including the official car Joliet, in which rode Dr. Frank Billings and party of St. Paul, bound for Seattle, were destroyed by fire. The cars left the track and immediately caught fire. It was miraculous that all the passengers were not killed. A gas tank under the smoker exploded as soon as the car was derailed, starting the fire. The wounded were taken to Williston and proper care is being given them.

Driven His Last Nail. News has been received in this city of the death at Granite Falls of a former citizen of Willmar, Nels O. Norman, who was a resident here about twelve years ago. He lived in this city about five years, four years of which time he was engaged in blacksmithing for A. J. Ekander. Since leaving Willmar he has been conducting a blacksmith shop at Granite Falls. Mr. Norman will be remembered by old Willmar residents as being a very industrious workman, altho being addicted to the liquor habit. His death is due to alcoholic poisoning. The following particulars of his death are taken from the Granite Falls Tribune published yesterday:

Sometime on the 4th Nels Norman, the Hill street blacksmith, passed away as was expected by those who had watched his downward career, starting at the time the carnival was here, from which time he had done no work but drank incessantly until found in his room over his shop cold in death on Wednesday caused by alcohol poisoning.

His watch was running, which shows he died sometime Tuesday evening though he would be late on that day. He was laying crossways on his bed with his clothes on and was rigid and cold when found. His age was about fifty years and he had been in this city some ten years. The funeral was on Friday, Rev. Fjelstad officiating. The deceased was addicted to strong drink and twice had taken the so-called Murray cure, the last time last winter at Minneapolis. Up to the time the carnival was here he had attended to his work ever drinking a drop until that time, but weak mental resistance allowed him to fall and his plunge was rapid.

He leaves a sister, so far as is known, in the old country, but no relative is thought here. Henry Kealin was appointed temporary administrator and will arrange to have the shop opened and operated until the estate can be settled up and some disposition made of the property.

He will be missed by his customers as he was ever reliable and a hard worker and had one of the best equipped shops in this section.

Elect New Secretary. At the regular meeting of the Willmar Commercial club last Wednesday evening Attorney T. O. Gilbert was elected to succeed Peter Hong as secretary of the club.

At this meeting Lewis Johnson presented the matter of constructing the proposed road through the O. B. Giarum farm and the sum of \$100 was appropriated for that purpose. The matter was left in the hands of the Good Roads committee of the club, which will supervise the work and disbursements.

De La Fontaine's Ghost show broke camp last Sunday and on Monday the members left for Morris where the show is to be put on. Harry Swalin, a young violinist from Minneapolis and a nephew of N. B. Swalin, joined the show here and accompanied Dr. Fontaine to Morris. He expects to remain in the doctor's employ this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sletten arrived here from Kennel, N. D., last Wednesday for a visit with the family of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson.