



LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Chris Berg has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the cold storage plant. He commenced his new duties last week.

Monday was pay day on the Great Northern and a large number of checks have been cashed here this week by the railway employes.

The Misses Lindholm entertained a party of about 12 young people at a dinner party last Wednesday evening at their home at Tripoli.

Miss Gertrude Rains entertained a number of lady friends at tea on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Grace Livingston, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. O. Forstrom is very ill at her home on Fifth street, her illness being due to heart failure. She is over 76 years of age and her condition at this writing is quite critical.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Synod church will meet on Thursday afternoon in the church parlors. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. John Skoolheim and Mrs. M. O. Thorpe.

The Young People's society of the Swedish Mission church will serve ice cream and cake at the City Park tonight (July 19), commencing at seven o'clock and continuing throughout the evening. All are welcome.

H. H. Ekren of Arcander was in Willmar yesterday, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Margaret and Bessie Ekren. The young ladies left on the evening train for a month's visit with relatives at Decorah and Kalmar, Iowa.

The hot weather of late has certainly been anything but comfortable for our people, but everybody is willing to stand all these discomforts if the weather will only prove favorable to the crops which will soon be ready for the harvest.

The cotton maple scale has again made its appearance upon many of our trees, especially those of the box elder variety, and property owners are repeating their efforts of former seasons in getting rid of this unwelcome visitor.

Wm. O. Johnson has bought the N. L. Winblad building on Benson avenue, at present occupied by Fred W. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson has again opened the Union bowling alley and will also conduct his cigar business on the same floor.

Ennice Spicer entertained about 20 of her young lady friends at a birthday party last Wednesday afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess after which the guests participated in an enjoyable musical and literary program.

Albert Gillette, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Gillette, had the misfortune of severely injuring the wrist of his left hand in falling from a horse recently. He was at once placed under a doctor's care and is now doing very nicely.

The Young People's society of the Bethania Hauge church will serve ice cream and cake on Saturday evening, July 22, at the home of C. Hendrickson, on the north shore of Eagle Lake. Everybody is cordially invited to come and partake of refreshments.

Among the prominent guests who will be entertained at Green Lake this summer is Governor Johnson and wife. We understand that they will be members of a party who will be entertained at the cottage of Attorney General Young some time in August.

The Misses Lien entertained about 16 young lady friends at a launch party last Friday afternoon and evening in honor of their guest, Miss Mae McCabe, of Minot, N. D. The party enjoyed a picnic supper in a grove across Willmar Lake before returning home.

Miss Florence Vest returned to St. Paul Friday after a week's visit with the C. E. Hornbeck family. Little Miss Helen Hornbeck gave a "Wonderland" party in her honor on the Tuesday preceding her departure, at which time she pleasantly entertained about 30 of her young lady friends.

F. W. Howe, who has for some time past been employed as upholsterer in the Andrew Peterson furniture establishment, has resigned his position and will hereafter engage in farming. He will conduct a farm on his brother-in-law's place near Wood Lake. The family will remove from this city about the first of August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd, accompanied by their daughter Lillian, left last Friday night for a couple of weeks' visit with relatives at Hillsboro, N. D., and Barnesville, Minn. At the former place they will visit with the family of their son Barney and at the latter place with the family of their son Rev. Edward Boyd.

Miss Maud Foster, who closed a successful six weeks term of Kindergarten last Friday, left on Saturday for Minneapolis, where she expects to remain for a brief visit at her home. From there she goes to Illinois for a visit at Chillicothe and other points before returning to Willmar to resume her regular work in the city schools.

The proceedings of the board of county commissioners will be published next week. A large amount of business has been transacted. The sessions began on Monday of last week and on Friday an adjournment of the board was taken until Thursday of this week. The board of equalization has been in session this week.

A number of the members of the Boys' Brigade of the Presbyterian church left for Eagle Lake this morning, accompanied by Rev. Buell and Mrs. Scott. The boys will pitch their camp on the Berg farm near the lake and expect to remain there till Friday evening. We hope the youthful soldiers will have an enjoyable time.

Charles A. Parsley and Miss Bertina Halverson were united in marriage last Wednesday night by Judge Geo. Muller. The groom has for some time past been employed at Kent's barber shop, but left last Saturday to accept a position in the barber shop of Ben Leitte at Benson. Mrs. Parsley will join him some time this week.

L. A. Freeberg, of Kenmare, N. D., who had been visiting here for some time with the family of his daughter, Mrs. Sam Nelson, returned last Thursday evening. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, who will spend several weeks there with relatives. He is six years ago since Mr. Freeberg left Kandiyohi county to make his home in Dakota. He is well satisfied with his western home and says that the crops in that region are excellent.

Everybody is invited to the English Methodist church next Sunday to hear Rev. A. C. Spencer, of Annandale, deliver his two greatest sermons, "The Greatest Light Possible to Mankind" and "The Image and Likeness of God in Man." Rev. Spencer will speak on the former topic in the morning at 10:45 and on the latter topic in the evening at 8 o'clock. Do not fail to hear these two subjects discussed. Good music for both services.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church met with Mrs. L. F. Page Wednesday afternoon. The program after the regular opening exercises, consisted of a review of a chapter of Lux Christi by Mrs. C. H. Sherwood, readings on Patriotism, Home Missions and the Outlook in the Philippines by Mesdames C. F. Spencer, W. L. Crosby and G. E. Thoms, respectively. Delightful refreshments were served after the meeting.

Rev. A. C. Spencer, of Annandale, delivered the morning and evening sermons at the M. E. church last Sunday. Rev. Spencer will serve the local congregation during this month and it is quite probable that he will remain here during the months of August and September, until the next M. E. conference. Rev. Spencer has been in the ministry for a number of years and he is spoken of as a highly successful pastor as well as an able and talented speaker.

The Kindergarten which has been conducted for the past six weeks in the library building by Miss Foster closed its sessions last Friday with appropriate exercises. Friday's session was devoted to a "Story Hour" and about fifty children were very pleasantly entertained with stories, songs and games. Many of these were children outside of the regular attendance, who had come by special invitation. The highest enrollment during the term was 21.

A deal was closed last Friday whereby O. B. Olson, for a number of years connected with the Willmar Hardware company, becomes the owner of the Minneapolis restaurant on Pacific avenue. Mr. Olson took charge on Saturday morning and he now invites his many friends to give him a call at his new location. W. T. Swenson, formerly the proprietor of the restaurant, has launched in the meat business, having purchased the Third street meat market of F. W. Rose. Mr. Rose will now devote his time to the cattle buying business, after having been in the meat market business in this city for the past 26 years.

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Hall and niece, Miss Ida Hall, left Thursday for Fargo Falls, where they will be the guests of friends for some time. Rev. Hall has been granted a two months' vacation from his duties as pastor of the Swedish Baptist church and he expects to spend part of this time at a summer and health resort at Alexandria, where he will receive treatment for the throat trouble with which he has been afflicted for some time past. During his absence the pulpit will be filled by ministers from neighboring churches. Next Sunday, the 23rd, Rev. O. P. Ekstrom, of St. Cloud, will be here; the 30th, Rev. E. Bjorkquist from Maynard; Aug. 6, A. E. Lyzell; Aug. 13, A. Ekstrom; and it is probable that O. Larson from Lake Lillian will come the remaining two Sundays before Rev. Hall expects to be back.

CENSUS RETURNS IN

Kandiyohi County's Population is 19,398--Willmar's Count Disappointing.

The TRIBUNE last Friday received from Secretary of State Hanson, superintendent of the census, the following bulletin comprising the census enumeration of Kandiyohi county by its several civil divisions. This bulletin is forwarded in advance of the publication of the complete report of the fifth decennial census of Minnesota and will give the people of our county a good idea of how much their respective localities have gained or lost in population during the last ten years.

Table with 4 columns: Civil Divisions, State, 1905, Federal, 1900, State, 1890. Rows include Arcander, Atwater Village, Burbank, Colfax, Dovre, East Lake Lillian, Edwards, Fahlan, Genesee, Green Lake, Holland, Irving, Kandiyohi, Lake Andrew, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Lillian, Mamre, New London, New London Village, Norway Lake, P. Anock Village, Raymond Village, Roseland, Roseville, St. Johns, Spicer Village, Whitefield, Willmar, Willmar City, First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, and Total.

According to the above figures the county has made an increase in population of 982 during the past five years, while the City of Willmar shows a gain of only 418. The Elks in making a canvass of the city for the purpose of securing a lodge of that order here found that Willmar had 5,661 souls within her borders. This census was taken in January and while it was the opinion of many that the figures were rather steep yet it was hardly expected that the returns as sent in by the enumerators appointed by the state would show such a vast decrease as 1,236. How to account for the big difference between 5,661, the census as given by the recent count, at all question that is puzzling our people. That the figures for Willmar should fall below 4,000 was a great surprise, as it has been the general opinion that the city could show a population that would not fall far below the 5,000 mark.

An investigation into the census taken by the Elks reveals the fact that at the time they took the count there were several hundred members of (railway employes) families making their home here who could not be counted in the June census, as they removed from the city before June 1 on account of the laying off of several railroad crews. Agent May, who is at the head of the Elks lodge in this city, gives out the information that all told there were about 400 persons in these families who were necessarily lost in the June count. Deducing this from the city census given by the Elks would leave a balance of 4,669, which seems a more reasonable figure at this time for Willmar's population. It has been intimated by some of our citizens that the census taken earlier in the year was a little "padded," but even conceding this it seems hardly reasonable that it could have been carried out to such an extent as to make the big difference that the two counts indicate. It cost the Elks for this first census the sum of \$101.22—two cents for each person counted.

The enumerators appointed by the Elks and all of whom testify that they made an accurate count are as follows: First ward, J. B. Boyd; Second ward, Frank Knox; Third ward, Wm. O. Johnson; Fourth ward, Frank Holmberg. Mr. Boyd was also the enumerator for the state census, being assigned to the First and Third wards. Allen Sather took the count for the state in the Second and Fourth wards. The latter gentleman states that he did not begin his enumeration before June 12, hence he lost that many days that might have been to his advantage in making the count of his two wards. Being a student at an Iowa college he was unable to take up the work earlier and in order to make a complete count before June 30 it certainly required considerable hustling and if no one was omitted he made a remarkable record, considering the fact that he was an entire stranger to a majority

of the people in his district. He makes the statement, however, that he did not include students and teachers in his count who make their residence in the city only during the school year. It is contended that this should have been done, as all residents in the city on June 1 are entitled to a count in the Willmar census and especially the above on account of their nine months residence here.

From the returns of the count in the January census we find the following figures: First ward, 1,084; Second, 1,521; Third, 1,650; Fourth, 806. The official figures are now at Baltimore, at the Elks grand headquarters, where it was necessary to send them in order to establish for the Elks their claim of a population of 5,000 to secure a lodge for Willmar. Conceding that these figures are correct there would be a difference in the two counts in each ward as follows: First ward, 160; Second, 346; Third, 674; Fourth, 56. The difference in the Third ward is accounted for in a large degree to the decrease in the floating railroad population before the last census was taken, according to the statement of Agent May.

The vital statistics in the city for the past five years shows an increase of births over deaths of 198. There were 408 births and 210 deaths. The public school population of the city during the past year is given as 960. These facts are given for the purpose of showing that Willmar is not suffering in lack of growth. Multiplying the school population by five would be a fair estimate of the city's entire population, which would place it at 4800. At the spring election of 1900 the vote was 539. In 1905 there was a total vote of 771. At both of these elections the license question was the important issue and a full vote was cast. The vote of 1905 shows an increase of 43 per cent over that of 1900. This alone indicates that the city is increasing in population at a good rate.

While it is admitted that there has been a loss in the city to some extent on account of immigration to Canadian and western points, yet it is a fact that the influx here has been greater. Among the latter may be mentioned a number of families who have removed to the city from farms, and who are now known as retired farmers. These have built new homes in addition to the large number of houses already erected. At present there are very few, if any, vacant buildings in the city, which covers a very large area. If there are any persons in the city who have been omitted in the count, they should make the fact known at once. This statement is not intended as a reflection upon the enumerators, who no doubt have done their best in trying to get an accurate count, but it is possible that there may be an oversight somewhere. There is a strong sentiment in the city that there should be a recount and it is possible that the Commercial Club will take hold of the matter. We believe that such steps would be the most satisfactory to all parties who have the welfare of our city at heart and would set at rest all doubts as to the reliability of the figures given.

Ringville

July 17. Harvesting of rye will soon commence. Jalmar Wold is working for Simon Johnson during haying.

Farmers are rejoicing over the fine weather for haying, altho it is a little hot.

Peter Stenerson is working for Hans Johnson during haying and harvest.

Christopherson and Stenbakken are busy breaking bronchos during spare hours.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Stenstgard visited with John Stenerson Sunday.

Laura Shipstead, who has been teaching school in South Dakota, is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jacobson returned from their wedding trip Saturday and are now at home at George Johnson's home.

John Halverson from New London came home Saturday evening and spent Sunday at Long Lake with the rest of the Ringvillians.

Karsten Mork went to Minneapolis Thursday morning to attend the funeral of his brother Elias, who died Monday. Karsten returned Friday night.

The Eastern division of the Aurora Y. P. S. had the yearly outing to Long Lake Sunday and of course everybody was there. A good time is reported by nearly all.

The board of directors of the Georgeville Creamery association had their monthly meeting Saturday. Twenty cents per pound will be paid for butter fat for the month of June.

Mrs. Olive M. Young and daughters, Marguerite and Luella, left on Friday morning for New Lebanon, Pa., where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Young's parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Baldwin. They expect to return home about September 1.

STRIKE IMPENDING

Telegraphers on G. N. and N. P. Roads Prepare to Go Out at a Moment's Notice.

Orders have been issued by the Order of Railway Telegraphers to the station masters and telegraphers along the line of the Northern Pacific road, giving explicit instructions as to what they shall do in case a strike is ordered by the telegraphers' association.

President H. B. Perham of the association is still in conference with General Manager Horn of the Northern Pacific and General Manager Ward of the Great Northern in an effort to settle differences, but the telegraphers have taken the final step in the preparation for the strike and will be ready to act at a moment's notice.

The station agents have been ordered, in case of a strike, to lock their telegraph keys and put up the train order boards, so that no train can move on the system.

The ordering of a strike would mean an instant tie-up, as no train can pass a station without orders.

It is confidently expected that the differences between the railroad companies and the telegraphers will be amicably adjusted, at least on the Great Northern, so no fears are entertained here of a general tie-up of this system.

Annual School Meeting.

The citizens of Willmar must be well satisfied with the way the present school board is managing affairs, judging by the small attendance at the annual school meeting last Saturday evening. There were only about fifteen persons present. The meeting was called to order by President Oterness. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and upon motion accepted as read. The meeting then proceeded to elect two members of the board to succeed Messrs. G. E. Oterness and Peter Hong. Russell Spicer was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Hong.

Mr. Oterness declined a re-election, and A. O. Forberg was without opposition elected to the place. The question of getting sewer connections for the high school building was discussed, and a motion passed in favor of getting the proposed Fifth street sewer run up to the schoolhouse grounds. No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

The following is the report of the treasurer for the past year:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Balance last report, Received from state, Received from school bonds, Received from state high school fund, Rec'd from Co. treasurer, Appropriation, school fund, State tax, Bond, Sinking fund, Rec'd from Co. treasurer, One mill tax, Special tax, Sinking fund, Rec'd from tuition, Rec'd from Co. treasurer, Special tax, State tax, Bond, Building fund, Total receipts, Disbursements, Balance on hand, General fund, Building fund.

Sabbath School Convention.

A second Sabbath School convention will be held at the Eddy farm, Whitefield, July 30, and the following schools have been invited to participate:

Raymond, Methodist; Prinsburg, Union; Prism, Presbyterian; Edwards, Union; Pennock, Presbyterian; Woods, Methodist; Willmar, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Swedish M. E., Swedish Baptist and Swedish Mission; Spicer, Presbyterian.

Morning services commence at 11 o'clock; afternoon services at 2 o'clock. All Sabbath School workers are invited.

LEWIS EDVY, H. C. CRAWFORD, THOMAS SCOTTON, Committee.

County papers please copy.

S. B. Carlson left for Duluth Monday to attend the annual convention of the State Pharmaceutical Association which convened in that city yesterday and remains in session till tomorrow evening.

Litchfield's population is slightly over 2,400, a small increase over the population of five years ago, when it was 2,250.

Married Today.

George W. Sanderson and Miss Isabelle F. Downs were united in marriage this morning at ten o'clock at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sanderson, in this city. The marriage service was read by Rev. Father Malloy, the ring ceremony being used. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The attendants of the bridal pair were the bride's sister, Miss Lucy Downs, and Mr. Walter Tait, a cousin of the groom. The different rooms in the house, including the parlor where the wedding occurred, had been tastefully decorated with greens and bouquets of roses and carnations, and the bridal couple stood beneath a beautiful bell of sweet peas during the reading of the service. The Lohengrin wedding march was played by Miss Ruby Olson of Atwater, a cousin of the groom. The bride was dressed in an exquisite gown of white silk tissue trimmed with passementerie and valenciennes lace, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

The bridesmaid wore a white mull dress. The groom was dressed in the conventional black.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Michael Downs, in town of Green Lake, where a large number of invited guests assembled to offer congratulations to the happy pair and to partake of the beautiful spread.

New Books in Library.

The following is a list of books recently purchased and added to the library's supply of literature. The librarian wishes to call particular attention to the books on Japan.

The Holland Wolves, J. B. Ellis; Municipal Engineering and Sanitation, M. N. Baker. Fruit Gardening, Kitchen Gardening, Flower Gardening and Gardener's Assistant, all by Thomas Bridgeman. Fine Arts—The Graphic Arts, P. G. Hamerton; The Fine Arts, G. B. Brown. Music—The Voice, its physiology and cultivation, W. A. Alkin. Poetry—Poetic and Dramatic Works, Robert Browning; Poems, John Ruskin. History and Travel—Old England, J. M. Hopkin; Portraits of Plares, Henry James; Castilian Days, John Hay; Danish Life in Town and Country, German Life in Town and Country, and the Heart of Japan, by R. B. Peery; A Japanese Interior, Alice M. Bacon; The Beats Tracks in Japan, Mrs. E. L. Bird; The Mikado's Empire, W. E. Griffis; Through Asia, 2 vols., Sven Hedin; The Opening of Tibet, P. Laudon; In India, G. W. Stevens; Camps in the Carribees, F. A. Ober.

Received Sad Message.

J. S. Robbins received the sad message yesterday afternoon telling of the death of his brother, D. M. Robbins, who passed away at noon at his home in St. Paul. The deceased, who had not been in the best of health, was effected by the heat, and acute heart failure followed. The telegram announced that he passed suddenly and quietly away. The funeral will be held on Friday.

The deceased was quite well known in this city, having visited here several times. He was one of the wealthiest and oldest residents of St. Paul, where he had made his home since 1861. At the time of death he was over 73 years old. He was one of the city's retired business men and occupied a handsome home on Summit avenue. A widow and six children survive him.

Scalded Her Arm.

Mrs. G. O. Sand was the victim of a most unfortunate accident last Monday. She was at work putting up preserves and in attempting to tighten the cover of a glass jar the latter burst open, with the result that the contents were spilled over her left arm. The hot preserves scalded the forearm to a distance slightly above the elbow. With the application of some household remedies which were promptly secured the pain was allayed and the burned flesh is now nicely healing.

"Go to Church" Band Picnic.

As a reward for attending twenty-five or more services, some over thirty children of the Presbyterian Sunday school were treated to a picnic held in the Eagle Lake woods on Tuesday last week. Of course it is unnecessary to state that the young folks enjoyed themselves immensely. They were in charge of the pastor, Rev. Buell, and Mr. Scottson, the Sunday School missionary.

TRAINS ARE WRECKED

Flyer Collides With Freight at Grove City--Engineer Danielson Slightly Injured.

Sunday night's east-bound flyer, nearly 12 hours late, ran into the rear end of a freight train at Grove City about 7 o'clock Monday morning August Danielson, of Litchfield, engineer on the flyer, was somewhat injured in jumping from his engine. No one on the passenger train was injured nor were any of the cars derailed.

The freight was pulling in on the side track and had all but three cars clear of the main line when the collision occurred. These three cars were demolished. One car contained a threshing engine and a separator and the latter landed topsy-turvy a short distance from the track. The only damage to the engine was a broken cowcatcher and smoke stack. The flyer was ordered back to Willmar and ran into St. Paul over the St. Cloud branch. The wreck blocked the track till about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and as a result the noon passenger from Minneapolis arrived here about three and a half hours late.

Lake Elizabeth

July 17. Hilmer Stenberg has hired out to Geo. Bowman.

Albert Miller intends to build a barn for his horses.

Everybody is busy haying, and dry steady weather is desired.

Fred Stenberg of Harrison called at his old home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Engberg entertained a large number of their friends Sunday.

Buttermaker Paulson and family, of Grove City, attended services here Sunday.

The building of the blacksmith shop is progressing fast and will soon be ready for use.

Albin Nilson of Lake Lillian is the fourth assistant buttermaker to our new buttermaker.

If you do not like to look at the minister during a sermon take a seat behind a lady's hat.

Miss Paulson, from Japan, lectured on Japan at the Baptist church Sunday forenoon and evening.

S. E. Hogberg has bought the old Eric Anderson house and will move to his place in the school section.

Misses Thilda and Olga Mattson have returned home after a week's visit with friends in Big Stone county.

Emil Edmond was the lucky one to capture the position of mail carrier on Route No. 1 from this post office.

Willie Carlson will have charge of the Union threshing company's separator this fall, so we predict a good run.

Fred Whitcomb and family, of Atwater, were welcome callers at the homes of S. Stenberg and A. T. Bjur last Sunday.

Rev. Stenberg, who has been holding meetings around here for some time, has hired out to C. A. Peterson of Genesee.

There will be several who will take in the phone now that the rental has been reduced to one dollar a month. At that low price every one can afford to have a phone.

The vocal and instrumental music rendered at the Baptist church Sunday evening, July 9, was highly spoken of by S. Stenberg and P. W. Hedman of Willmar were the singers, and several of the young folks furnished the instrumental music.

Mrs. Sand of South Dakota and Mrs. Simon of Minneapolis, with their children, have been visiting at their old home here, Carl Peterson's, for a week, but have now returned to their homes.

Kandiyohi

July 18. Fine weather for the last two weeks. Mosquitoes are thick as molasses in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson spent Sunday with friends in Willmar.

Swift County Pioneer Dies.

Frank M. Thornton, of Benson, died at the Frost hospital Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. The immediate cause of death was diabetes, from which he had suffered for a number of years past. Deceased had also suffered from gangrene for the past four years. His left leg was badly affected with this disease and about two weeks ago that member was amputated above the knee. For some time after the operation he seemed to rally but a change for the worse soon occurred and finally death resulted. The remains were taken to Benson on Monday afternoon. The interment took place at Lakewood cemetery, Minneapolis, yesterday morning, and was in charge of the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a charter member.

Mr. Thornton was one of the earliest settlers at Benson and a resident of Minnesota since territorial days. During the Indian outbreak in 1862 he served in the Sixth Minnesota under General Sibley, after which he went with his regiment to the civil war and advanced to the rank of major of the Eighteenth United States Infantry. At the close of the war he came back to Minnesota and settled at Benson, which at that time was the terminal of the Great Northern railway. He was one of the foremost and most successful business men in Benson and was universally esteemed. At the time of death he was president of the First National Bank there. He leaves a wife and eight grown children to mourn his death.

An Immense Machine.

The largest ditcher of its kind ever made is at present under course of construction at the P. E. Parson's blacksmith shop on Third street.

When completed this ditcher will cut a ditch 10 feet wide on top, 4 feet deep and 2 feet wide at the bottom. It will weigh nearly 30 tons and 24 horses will be required to operate it. This monster ditch maker was planned by Mr. G. C. Greene, formerly of Glenoc but now a resident of our city, and is being built under his supervision with E. P. Parmeter as chief assistant. Work was commenced on it on June 24 and it is expected that it will be ready for business in about three weeks. From 9 to 14 men are kept busy constructing and putting together the different parts needed and as a result the shop is one of the busiest places of business in the city at the present time. It is estimated that the ditcher will cost about \$3000. When the cost of the horses needed in its operation and other incidental expenditures are added the total cost of the machine will be at least \$6000.

Drainage Meeting.

The Minnesota Drainage League will hold its first annual meeting at the city hall in Crookston, beginning on the first day of August, and extends an invitation to all who are interested in the matter of drainage to be present.

The league is organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of the whole state and the county commissioners of this county have been asked to send delegates to the meeting. The attendance of boards of trade and commercial clubs is also desired and it is possible that the Willmar Commercial club will be represented at this meeting.

Special railway rates are assured. Full particulars and programs will be sent on application to the secretary, H. G. Hays, Bemidji, Minn.

Last Wednesday evening a pleasant surprise was sprung on Rev. A. G. Hall by the members of his Bible class. The affair was a complete success in every way. The purpose of it was to give the members of the class, which has been so ably conducted by Rev. Hall for about three months, an opportunity to show their appreciation of his work in a practical way.

He was presented with the neat sum of \$35 in cash. After the presentation, and a short speech by Rev. Hall, in which he expressed his gratitude for the interest and feeling manifested, and said among other things that he had never been taken so by surprise before, refreshments were served, and the evening was spent in a pleasant social way.

The Lutheran Synod congregation held its annual meeting at the church on Monday forenoon, July 10. Encouraging reports from the different organizations within the church were read. The new church is all paid for and there is a balance of \$175 in the treasury. The treasurer's report shows that \$12,027.60 was expended on the new church edifice and that \$2,650.10 had been expended on furniture fixtures and other furnishings. This makes the total cost of the church \$14,686.70. It was decided to change the time of the annual meeting from June 24 to the second Monday in January.

Licenses To Wed.

July 12--Charles A. Parsley and Bertina Halverson.

July 13--Lewis Brink and Annie Wisburdink.

July 17--George W. Sanderson and Isabelle Frances Downs.