



BONDSMAN FILES SUIT

A. J. Ekander institutes legal proceedings to recover amount lost in city treasury shortage.

Another chapter will be added to the history of the Osmundson defalcation. Andrew J. Ekander, one of Osmundson's bondsmen, has filed papers in a suit against William T. Markhus, Fred H. Wold, John Williams, Geo. W. Tyler and F. G. Handy, to recover \$698.28 of the amount paid out by him in settlement of the bonds.

The complaint filed is a very lengthy document, reciting the organization of the village, the various appointments of Osmundson as recorder and the filing of the various bonds. The matter on which the action is based can be summed up as follows:

That Osmundson as recorder had collected certain sums exceeding \$1,400 which he had neglected to turn over to the village treasurer, and that on the 20th day of March, 1902, he was indebted to the village for moneys so collected over \$1,400.

That on the same date the village owed Osmundson for services performed and moneys advanced the sum of \$698.28.

That on said date all the defendants, except Handy, were appointed as auditing committee to investigate Osmundson's accounts, and that they discovered the shortage, but instead of reporting this to the council they "did then and there conspire and agree with said Osmundson that they should conceal the facts aforesaid and report to said village council and to the plaintiff and to the public that said Osmundson had faithfully and fully performed his duties as such recorder, and had paid over to the treasurer all moneys collected by him, including the aforesaid, all for the purpose of enabling said Osmundson to obtain, take and receive from said village, the moneys due from it to him for salaries and by way of advancements aforesaid, and other moneys then and thereafter due and to become due to him from said village and city and that they would assist him so to do, and they and each of them conspired and agreed to conceal the true facts as above set forth from said council and from said plaintiff and from said Barnard."

That on account of this report Osmundson was enabled to draw out the \$698.28 due him from the village, which he could not have done had the auditing committee made a true report. For this reason Ekander demands repayment of the \$698.28 which could have been recovered from Osmundson if a true report had been made, and interest thereon from March, 1904, the time the bondsmen made the settlement.

Mr. Ekander has retained the law firm of Kerr & Fowler of Minneapolis as his attorneys. The papers were served last Monday, and as the defendants have twenty days in which to file an answer it is not likely that the case will be ready for trial until the June term of court.

Former Willmar Teacher to Wed. Willmar friends have received invitations for the wedding of Miss Sena A. Thompson, of Northwood, Iowa, to Prof. Geo. A. Hanson, formerly a member of the faculty at the Willmar Seminary, but now superintendent of the Renville schools.

The marriage will be solemnized on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at eight o'clock p. m., at the Synod Lutheran church in Northwood, Iowa. The bridal couple will be at home after Jan. 20 at Renville, Minn.

The bride-elect is quite well known in this city, where she has visited on several occasions. The contracting parties have a host of friends here who will extend to them hearty congratulations.

Among the friends from this vicinity who will attend the wedding is Miss Anna Ralston of Lake Andrew, who will be one of the bridesmaids.

Accident at Bottling Works. Geo. W. Johnson met with an accident at the bottling works last Friday that resulted in his face and hands being quite severely burned. He was at work making peanut candy and had a kettle of oil on the fire when he was obliged to leave it for a time. Upon returning he found that it had caught fire and in attempting to put it out he received the burns as above stated. He was obliged to remain at home until Monday to have his injuries treated by a physician.

The Royal Arch Masons gave a very pleasant social for members and friends last Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall. The first part of the evening was devoted to progressive cinch. After the game had been finished a delicious lunch was served by the Dorcas guild. Prof. Hegstrom and Miss Hilma Johnson furnished music for the evening, and after lunch the young people tripped the light fantastic toe for a short time.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is making elaborate arrangements for its eight annual ball to be given in the Bonde hall on Friday evening, Dec. 22.

Free Delivery in January.

The free city delivery postal service will not be inaugurated before some time in January. As soon as the city has completed the necessary preliminary work Postmaster Birch will notify the department at Washington and the service will be inaugurated at once. An order will be issued by the department establishing the free delivery, according to a letter received some time ago from the fourth assistant postmaster-general. The civil service commission at Washington will then call for an examination of applicants for carrier service and specify the time for such examination and also the requirements necessary. The city will be divided into three districts and there will be one carrier for each district.

The city has ordered 240 street signs from the Burdick Enamel Sign Co. of Chicago, and they are expected here at any time. The Lewis Hardware Co. has the contract for furnishing the house numbers, which will be of aluminum and will be very substantially constructed.

The Philadelphia system of numbering will be used, counting 100 to each block. In numbering allowance will be made for buildings that may be erected in the future. First street will be the dividing line east and west and Pacific avenue north and south.

It will necessarily take some time yet before all of the details are carried out, and it may possibly not be before February that the service can be installed.

Arrested for Drunkenness. Dr. Speed may be speedy but he was not speedy enough last Saturday night when he ran into the arms of the law and Chief of Police Bonde furnished him with free lodging at the lock-up long enough to sober up. He pleaded guilty in municipal court Monday morning to the charge of drunkenness, and was allowed to depart upon the payment of a fine of ten dollars and costs.

Dr. Speed is the Spicer druggist who has won such notoriety of late. Accompanied by a man named Berke, of the same village, he came here Saturday night and proceeded to have a gray old time, but the appearance of the peace officer put a sudden stop to the festivities. His companion had a narrow escape from being run in for attempting to prevent the arrest.

Willmar is not a very healthy place for fellows who wish to import their wide-open ideas with them. Chief Bonde has received congratulatory letters from Spicer since the event.

Died of Heart Failure. Nels Walter, the 17-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Nelson, passed to his eternal rest last Sunday evening at eight o'clock, at his home in the First ward. Death was due to heart failure.

The deceased had been in feeble health for some time and for several months had been obliged to remain away from his school studies. Although quite poorly he was not confined to his bed. He was up Sunday morning as usual and was quite active up to within half an hour of his death.

The funeral services were held this morning. After a brief service at the late home at ten o'clock, the remains were taken to the Swedish M. E. church, where Rev. A. E. Lind preached the funeral sermon. The interment was in the Swedish M. E. cemetery in the town of Kandiyohi.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community in the loss of a dutiful son and brother.

Met in Litchfield. One of the best meetings in the history of the Crow River Valley Medical Society was held on Wednesday of this week at the offices of Dr. J. W. Robertson. Twelve physicians were in attendance. In the evening the visiting doctors together with the local dentists and druggists were the guests of the local physicians at a four course banquet served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in the dining room in the basement of the church edifice.

In addition to the program as outlined last week, which was rendered, officers were elected as follows to serve the ensuing year: President, Dr. Hildebrandt of Forest City; 1st vice president, Dr. Austin of Watkins; 2nd vice president, Dr. Kaufman of Dassau; treasurer, Dr. W. E. Chapman; secretary, Dr. J. W. Robertson. Executive committee: Dr. Cassell, Litchfield; Dr. Donovan, Eden Valley; and Dr. Cutts, Grove City.—Litchfield Saturday Review.

The Willmar physicians in attendance were Drs. C. Johnson and J. R. Petersen. They announce that the next meeting will be held in Willmar some time in February.

L. Ostlund, the well-known Willmar mason, has secured the patent on a new kind of cement building block for which we believe there will be quite a demand when it once gets upon the market. The new invention seems to possess merits that commend it as a superior article for house builders.

A literary program will be rendered by the High school on Friday afternoon. Among other things the court room from "Merchant of Venice" will be given.

WANT THE MONEY

Creditors of P. H. Rolse & Co. Petition for involuntary bankruptcy and try to secure insurance money.

The visit of a United States deputy marshal to this city last Saturday to serve papers in an action which was begun in the United States district court a short time ago has resulted in no end of talk regarding the affairs of the firm of P. H. Rolse & Co.

Creditors of the above firm have filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy, being members of wholesale houses in the twin cities who have large claims against the firm. Judge Lochren of the United States court in St. Paul has caused papers to be issued to show cause why the insurance money, which it is claimed was collected a short time ago, should not be paid to the creditors. A law suit was threatened some time ago by A. C. Johnson, a member of the firm to recover the amount of insurance which the insurance companies failed to pay the firm in adjusting the Marshall fire loss and it is now alleged that Johnson has effected a settlement. This money, it is claimed, constitutes the only assets of the late firm and is now in the sole possession of Mr. Johnson.

The St. Paul officers was unable to find him here last Saturday and consequently the papers were served at his home. Attorney Samuel Porter, who it is claimed has received a good slice of the insurance money for legal services rendered, also received a visit in the serving of papers and another well known attorney of this city, who did not fare quite so well in the division, was a third party upon whom papers were served. The same day Sheriff Lundquist served papers upon the Bank of Willmar in garnishee summons issued by Gilbert & Greenman, of St. Paul, attorneys for the Merchants' Protective Association.

It is understood that Johnson left for Minot, N. D., some days ago, where the firm has been continuing the mercantile business since the fire at Marshall.

LAUNDRY CHANGES HANDS

W. C. Hawkins, a Wisconsin Business Man, Buys the Willmar Steam Laundry This Week.

A deal was closed this week for the sale of the Willmar Steam Laundry to W. C. Hawkins, of Sparta, Wis. The laundry has been conducted for some time under the personal management of J. D. Pollock, who had an interest in the business with O. A. Ferring, and as an excellent opportunity was offered to dispose of the plant it was decided to accept it.

Mr. Hawkins has returned to his home in Sparta, Wis., and expects to arrange for the removal of his family so as to be here by the first of the year and take charge of the business. The new owner has had considerable experience in the laundry business, in which he was engaged about nine years at Red Wing, and for the past four years was interested in a laundry at Sparta. Mr. Hawkins is also a newspaper man, having been of late connected with the Monroe Co. Democrat at Sparta.

Mr. Pollock will remain here until the first of the year and have charge of the laundry until the new owner returns. He has not yet decided definitely as to his plans in the future, but it is most probable that he will remain here for some time after the first of the year to assist in the management of the laundry.

One of the many enjoyable socials given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society was that which was given last Thursday evening in the church basement, when nearly everyone in attendance came representing the title of some book. There were some very clever representations and even the best posed on the many books published were kept a-guessing. The receipts in the sale of refreshments amounted to nearly five dollars, which will be applied to the fund in the payment of silverware for the basement.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Johnson, of the town of Whitefield, for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Edla Sophia, to Oscar A. Lundberg, which happy event will occur on Sunday, Dec. 31. The marriage will be solemnized at 2:30 p. m., in the Swedish Lutheran church at Svea. A reception will follow at the bride's home.

Willmar friends of Arne Nelson regret very much to learn of his serious illness. The young man was taken down with typhoid fever a short time ago and at the present writing is very low. He is a patient at Asbury hospital in Minneapolis. His father was down Sunday to spend part of the day with him.

The Willmar Fire Department will hold its joint annual meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 8, at the engine house, at which time a chief and an assistant chief will be elected, in addition to other business to be transacted.

"Rip Van Winkle," the old and ever popular play, will be presented at the opera house this evening.

Christmas Services in Our Churches

SWEDISH LUTHERAN

"Ottenshagen," the customary early morning service on Christmas Day, will begin at 5:30. Let all be on time. Invite your friends to come along with you. You will not regret it. In the evening the Sunday school will celebrate its annual festival, beginning at 7:00 sharp.

Next Sunday only morning services will be held. The Sunday school meets at the usual time. On Wednesday evening of next week the "old men" of the church will serve coffee from 6 o'clock on. Between the hours of 8 and 9 a program will be rendered, after which coffee will again be served.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES will be held Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The choir expects to speak at the morning service on "The Name that is Above Every Name" and in the evening on "How God Loved the World." The Sunday school will be held at 12:00 p. m., the intermediate C. E. at 3:30 p. m., and the Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30. Topic, "The Brotherhood of Man." Leader, Miss Mabel Sanderson.

No presents will be given from the Christmas tree except those distributed by the Sunday school. On Monday, Christmas Day, services in Willmar at 10:30.

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LAKE ELIZABETH WEDDING

The Rosenquist-Nedberg Nuptials Solemnized Last Saturday.—Christmas Services at the Church.

LAKE ELIZABETH, Dec. 19.—Mr. Louis Rosenquist and Miss Tillie Hedberg were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Saturday. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. A. Nilson officiating. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Both the parties have grown up in this vicinity and they have a host of friends who wish them joy, health and prosperity on their journey thru life, in which wishes Pen heartily joins.

Christmas services will be held in the Baptist church at six o'clock a. m. Christmas day. A Christmas tree festival will be held in the same church at six o'clock p. m. the same day. Services in the Rosendale church at 10:30 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services and celebrate the holy day in an appropriate manner.

Our Butternut has now been increased in size by the addition of another building. As previously mentioned, our blacksmith has bought a house from Emil Hanson, and last Friday Messrs. Geer & Larson of Willmar came out and moved it to its destination. Twelve teams were hitched to the building and it was moved a distance of nearly four miles in one and a half hour, without a single stop. Geer & Larson are certainly experts in their business.

John Berg returned last week from Willmar, where he had tried to obtain a position in the roundhouse but failed to get one.

We were pleased to note C. E. Johnson's communication in the Atwater Press last week, and are thankful to Editor Covell for publishing the same. As Mr. Covell is himself a strict temperance man we expect him to be outspoken for the temperance cause and help drive the saloons out of Atwater.

Aug. Broman brought a load of live chickens to Atwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Berg and Misses Ella and Emma Norine were Willmar visitors last Saturday.

Mr. Bolin had the misfortune of losing a horse one night while driving home from Atwater.

Walter H. Quist left here the first part of last week for his future home near Thief River Falls, where the rest of the family are located.

Albin Stenberg went to Kokato Saturday, returning Monday, "just for sport."

Our blacksmith is crowded with horseshoeing, and has to work till nine or ten o'clock some evenings.

Alfred Parson lost a purse containing \$50 in Atwater lately, but L. E. Coyell was the honest finder and it was returned to the owner.

Gust Lindeberg moved last week to C. P. Quist's farm, which he has rented.

Mrs. Youngberg has been staying at F. A. Rosenquist's place for a few weeks.

J. O. Malmberg and family called on relatives here Sunday.

Alfred Norine of Union Grove has hired out to Gust Hedner for three months.

Nick Gabrielson brought some cattle to Willmar Saturday.

FANLUN FINDS.

FANLUN, Dec. 18.—An entertainment will be given in the schoolhouse in Dist. 68 next Friday evening. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The program promises to be a good one.

Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar Lingren left last Thursday for Minneapolis, where they intend to make their future home. We wish them success.

Wood hauling is the order of the day.

Miss Alpha Jacobson, teacher in Dist. 68, and Miss Ella Boyd, teacher in Dist. 39, spent Friday and Saturday at Willmar, attending the teachers' meeting.

Kandiyohei receives a large per cent of the trade from Fanlun, which is due to better roads.

Mr. E. Hedin, representing the Rose Hill Nursery Co., was around here last week in the interests of the company.

The muskrat crop this year is a bumper one, and our few trappers are after their scalps. Large catches are reported.

The three young lads who have been shredding corn this fall pulled their machine into the shed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Blomquist have moved into Mrs. Johnson's residence, the latter having left for Minneapolis to spend the winter.

Those of our young people who attended the basket social and entertainment in Dist. 82, Roseland, report a very good time.

News is not scarce around here, though it is seldom any appears in the Tribune, which paper is entitled to a good reporter in every town in the county.

Some people from here went out to Roseland last Sunday evening to tender Olaf Lindgren a surprise, as it may be termed.

Some young people from Fanlun are planning to attend the Willmar Seminary after the holidays.

Misses Alma and Alvrilda Lundin spent last Sunday afternoon at John Fredholm's place.

The mail order houses receive a large amount of trade in this part of the county. This some city people consider out of the way, but we farmers have to watch our own interests, and if reasonable prices were asked by our home dealers it would be quite the contrary.

GRUE CRIST. GRUE, Dec. 19.—Martin and Enoch Erickson left last Monday for a visit with Stillwater friends.

R. Nilson has gone to Chicago, where he intends to remain for some time.

M. E. Gunderson of Norway Lake has been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Large Attendance and Good Program Contributed in Making Teachers' Sessions a Big Success.

One of the most successful teachers' meetings ever held in this city was that which closed its sessions last Saturday noon in the Willmar High school room. The first session was held Friday afternoon, beginning at three o'clock, and the second session began at nine o'clock on Saturday morning. The lecture and concert at the opera house on Friday evening was a feature which was greatly enjoyed by not only the teachers but also the public in general.

The attendance throut was very good, a majority of the teachers from the country districts being in attendance, and Co. Supt. Dobbyn expresses himself as well pleased with the interest taken by Kandiyohei county educators. The program included excellent papers, which were ably discussed, and the musical part added much to make the sessions both profitable and interesting. Selections by the St. Cloud Normal Male Quartette and vocal solos by Miss Mary Helen Smith, supervisor of music at that institution, were greatly enjoyed.

The program on Friday afternoon opened with music by the High school orchestra. "Methods in United States History" was a subject ably handled by Supt. W. P. Dyer of the Dawson High school and the discussion which followed was led by Prof. Hilleboe, Mrs. Emma Cairns sang a solo, after which Miss Gertrude M. Nutter conducted a Model Class in Number Work, a very interesting feature. Supt. M. L. Pratt of Yellow Medicine county led the discussion which followed. The session closed with a vocal selection by the Normal Quartette and a vocal solo by Miss Smith.

In the evening, at the opera house, a most excellent program was rendered. The Normal Quartette was obliged to respond to several encores as was also Miss Smith. The bass voice in the male quartette was especially worthy of mention. The leading feature, however, of the evening's program was the lecture by President W. A. Shoemaker of the St. Cloud Normal school. His topic was, "Breath of View in Education." The speaker phrased his lecture in the manner of a sermon with three texts: "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me," "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and "Faith, Hope and Charity, but the Greatest of These is Charity." The address was full of good thought.

A violin solo by Arthur Anderson opened Saturday afternoon's program at the High school building. "Busy Work" was the subject of a very able talk by Miss Maude Foster, primary teacher in the Willmar schools. Miss Florence Mason of Atwater led the discussion which followed. After a selection by the Girls' Chorus of the High school, Supt. M. B. Fobes of the Marshall High school gave a very interesting paper, "The Teacher in the School Room." A general discussion followed. The question box was presided over by Pres. Shoemaker, who gave very satisfactory answers to the questions asked. The session closed with singing by the Normal Quartette and Miss Smith.

The success of the meeting was largely due to the efforts of both Co. Supt. Dobbyn and Supt. Tanning of the Willmar schools, both of whom had charge of the arrangements in securing such excellent programs as were given.

Managers Crosby and Markhus of the Willmar Opera house have secured as their Christmas offering the Shaw-Gallagher Co., which will present two plays in this city Christmas day and evening. They will give a matinee performance in the afternoon for the ladies and children, the bill being the laughable farce-comedy, "All's Well That Ends Well." In the evening they will play the beautiful three-act comedy drama, "A Woman's Sacrifice." Matinee at 2:30 o'clock. Prices 10 and 25 cents. Evening performance at 8:30 o'clock. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Rev. Father Malloy announces that mass will be held during the winter months at the Catholic church in this city on the first and third Sundays at 10:30 a. m. and at Kandiyohei on the second and fourth Sundays at eleven o'clock. There will be a service every fifth Sunday at Atwater. Services on Christmas Day will be held here at 9 a. m. and at Kandiyohei at 11 a. m.

Among the social events for Christmas week is a fancy dress party and masquerade ball to be given in Odd Fellows Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 29, by Misses Grace and Birdie Ramsett, Ella Lorentzen and Florence Couling. About fifty invitations have been issued.

The Christian Endeavor society has elected the following officers for the coming six months: Wallace Martin, president; Alene Sherwood, secretary; Lillie Noren, treasurer; Pearl Page, organist.

At the state convention of implement dealers, held in Minneapolis last week, S. E. Stansberry was elected as a member of the board of directors to represent the Seventh district.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Annual Convention of Minnesota Educational Association to be Held in St. Paul Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

A number of teachers from Willmar and vicinity are planning to attend the forty-third annual convention of the Minnesota Educational Association, which will be held in St. Paul on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Educators will take advantage of the reduced rates offered and there will no doubt be a very large attendance.

The general sessions will be conducted in the Central Presbyterian church. On Wednesday morning Gov. John A. Johnson, J. A. Olsen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Frank A. Held, president of the association, will give the addresses.

At the Wednesday evening meeting Dr. Frank Gunnalus, president of the Armour Institute, Chicago, will give an address.

At the Thursday afternoon session the general theme will be "Efficiency in Public School Effort." Among others John W. Cook, president of the Northern Illinois Normal School, DeKalb, Ill., will speak. Thursday evening, the Art of Story Telling with Interpretative Illustrations, will be given by Sarah Cone Bryant, teacher of English, Simmons College, Boston.

Miss Bryant is author of the book entitled "The Art of Story Telling" Mr. W. M. R. French, Director of the Art Institute, Chicago, will lecture on "The Wit and Wisdom of the Crayon." Immediately after Mr. French's lecture a reception will be given at the Hotel Ryan.

Friday afternoon the subject for discussion will be, "The Relation of Education to Success and Happiness." There will be meetings of the County Superintendent's Section, the Rural School, High School, College, Business College, Elementary and Music sections. At each of these educators of note will be present and take part in the discussions.

Among those not already mentioned who will add to the pleasure and profit of those attending the association are Harrington Beard of Minneapolis, Mrs. Joseph Bonaparte Rice, President Cyrus Northrop, Dr. James P. Haney, director of the manual arts in the public schools of New York city, Jane Adams, director of the Hull House Social Settlement, Chicago, Hon. Frank M. Eddy, Sank Center, and many others. The entire program will be of great interest to all who are engaged in educational work, and undoubtedly many of the teachers of the state will show their appreciation of the splendid opportunities offered them by attending this convention, which promises to be one of unusual merit.

High School Notes. A girls' chorus has been organized and is at present under the leadership of Mrs. Tonning.

Friday afternoon before Xmas a literary program will be given. The principal feature will be the presentation of the court scene from "The Merchant of Venice."

On Thursday evening a practice debate will be held in the high school room. The local high school team will uphold the negative side.

Dr. Johnson and Judge Nordin will make addresses on the occasion of the opening of the new Woodman hall at Pennock New Year's night. Besides the literary program there will be a supper and a dance.

A nine-pound daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Whitney last Sunday night. The happy father says that the new arrival makes a very acceptable Christmas gift.