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"CALLING A BLUFF"

J. M. Spicer, of This City, Declares The Poorhouse Idea a Bluff.

RAISES ANTE AND PUTS UP $2,500

Urges City Ownership of the Telephone and Declares for Absolutely Free Connections With All Farmer Lines.

EDITOR WILLMAR TRIBUNE: In last week's issue of the Republican Gazette appeared an article, "Donations in Order" in which Mr. D. N. Tallman and Mr. A. E. Rice each agreed to donate a thousand dollars to provide a home for the poor of this city if I would donate a like amount for the same purpose.

On condition that such sums are deposited with the city treasurer by Mr. Tallman and Mr. Rice, within ten days from this date, I have deposited with the said treasurer my $1,000 to be used as stated above.

I however do not recall my offer to donate to the city my stock in the Willmar Telephone Exchange as contained in the WILLMAR TRIBUNE of May 23, and I beg this opportunity to state my reasons why I think the city should own its own telephone exchange.

I believe that by the city owning and operating its own telephone exchange, that its patrons will receive better local service, that satisfactory arrangements can be made with all connecting lines, especially with the farmer's lines, which would enable the business men of this city to call up their friends and patrons in the nearby villages and in the country without being obliged to pay, as they do now, an amount equal to the railroad fare to such points. Personally I want to see the farmers of this county, who have telephone connections with this city, have local telephone services WHICH SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY FREE OF EXPENSE to them and by so doing I think we can offset, to a large extent, the great benefits accruing to the big catalogue houses by reason of rural mail services, etc., and we can insure to the local exchange more liberal patronage, locally, and to the business men of this city a wider field in their respective lines of business.

My acceptance of the above proposition is not made to further any political ambitions of mine, nor do I have any money to make restitution of to the poor of the city, but it is freely donated.

I have however come to the conclusion, after talking the matter over with a number of business men, that a poor house for the city is neither a necessity or a plan of economy and I am firmly convinced that it would cost more to maintain such a home than it costs at the present time to care for the worthy poor, and further I think that the county will soon establish a county poor farm and we do not need two institutions of that kind.

While I do not approve of the methods employed in this matter and regret that such a state of affairs should exist, and that without the least provocation men who presume to be fair minded and stand for something better should use this means and knowing full well that the proposition as contained in the "Gazette" was intended for a bluff, pure and simple, I have this proposition to make.

Let us make our efforts worth while and give such an amount as we would really like to give in some direction where it would be of some purpose, as the poor house plan looks neither needed or praiseworthy.

I came to this city with a few dollars and engaged in business with Mr. Andrew Larson, who had not much more than I had. We have both enjoyed fair financial success. Let us let Mr. Larson into the game. He will enjoy giving as much as the rest of us. Let us drop the $1000.00 proposition and replace it with $2500.00 each so that we four may donate $10000.00 to the city to be used for a City Hall, Poor House or a City Hospital.

I feel assured that we four will all be pleased to have this opportunity of donating to the city to which we all came when poor and in which we have all made our homes for at least a decade, and in which we have all prospered to such an extent that this donation would be but a trifling sacrifice and very little financial loss. We know that each of us will gladly give the amount stated, knowing that each gives the same freely and voluntarily from out of our own pockets and not by any contribution from others.

I have deposited with the city treasurer, this date an additional $1500.00 to be used by the city council for a Poor House, City Hall or for a City Hospital as they see fit, on condition that there is deposited with him $2500.00 each by Messrs. Larson, Rice and Tallman, within ten days from this date, for the above purpose.

Now gentlemen, let us make it $10000.00 and leave it with the city council to decide whether it shall be a Poor House, City Hall or City Hospital, or if preferable call a meeting of the citizens and let them decide it for us, each of us pledging to use no influence one way or the other.

Dated at Willmar, Minn., May 29, 1906. JOHN M. SPICER.

Death of Aged Resident.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week, at five o'clock, the Angel of Death visited the Nels Tallakson home, two miles east of this city, and took away his aged mother, Mrs. Bertha Tallakson. She was 84 years, 8 months and 2 days old and death was brought on by her old age. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by the members of the household.

Deceased was born in Grimstad, Norway, Sept. 20, 1821. She came to America in the year 1848 and was married to Salve Tallakson at Port Washington, Wis., in the year 1849. They removed to Kandiyohi county in 1880 and she has since resided on the old homestead where she passed away. Her husband died in 1881.

Mrs. Tallakson is survived by three sons: Halvor Tallakson, of Webster, S. D.; Hans Tallakson, of Sisseton, S. D, and Nels Tallakson, who lives on the old homestead.

Brief funeral services were held at the home last Friday afternoon at 1:30 and at three o'clock services were held at the Synod church in this city. Rev. J. N. Anderson preached the funeral sermon and conducted the burial service, the remains being interred in the Synod cemetery beside those of the deceased husband.

Insurance Meeting Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Willmar Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company was held at the courthouse yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the president the meeting was called to order by the secretary, John Feig, and Wm. Rieff was elected president pro tempore. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. On motion it was voted that the limit of any one policy be made $8,000. It was decided that fodder of any kind be insured the same as hay. It was also decided that stallions be insured at fifty per cent of their value, not to exceed $1,000 on any one animal. The following were elected members of the board of directors: John Feig, Wm. Rieff, E. F. Stuhr, N O. Nelson, D. F. Seneschal, C. J. Swenson, Aug. Anderson, O. S. Rasmusson and E. M. Stanford. The directors will meet at the same place next Tuesday afternoon to elect officers and a finance committee.

Cheap Rates for Saengerfest.

July 24, 25 and 26 the Great Northern will sell a round trip ticket from Willmar to St. Paul or Minneapolis on account of the Biennial Saengerfest of the Saengerbund of the Northwest. The rate will be one regular first class fare plus 50 cents for the round trip. Half rate for children under 12. Final return limit of ticket will be July 31, 1906, but by depositing ticket with Joint Agent at St. Paul or Minneapolis on or before July 29 and upon payment of fee of 50 cents at time of deposit return limit will be extended to leave St. Paul or Minneapolis up to and including August 15, 1906. Tickets must be used returning upon date of withdrawal of deposit with Joint Agent. 158

Silver Wedding.

A very pleasant social event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlin in town of Green Lake last Wednesday, when this genial couple celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. In response to the invitations sent out a very large crowd gathered at the Carlin home in the afternoon. At five o'clock an excellent dinner was served, after which the guests enjoyed a good social time till towards the morning hours. The host and hostess were the recipients of a very large number of valuable presents, including a variety of silverware and a gold watch and chain for Mr. Carlin.

Have Deposited Their Money.

Gov. A. E. Rice and Mr. D. N. Tallman have each deposited with Mayor Qvale $1,000 in accordance with their proposition to donate the same amounts for a poorhouse on condition that J. M. Spicer do the same.

Bethel Lutheran Church.

There will be services next Sunday morning, when the student will preach who has been assigned to this charge during Rev. Peterson's absence. Services will be held at Mamre in the evening.

Mrs. C. E. Hornbeck was appointed Monday evening to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Susan B. Oram, deceased, as a member of the public library board and Rev. G. Peterson was selected as a member to fill out the unexpired term of Swan Anderson. The appointments were made at a meeting of the city council.

The Swedish M. E. church will serve coffee at the home of Mrs. William Peterson, June 6. All are cordially invited.

Eighth Grade Graduation.

The Eighth grade graduating exercises will be held tomorrow evening at the opera house and will be one of the interesting events which mark the close of the school year. Over fifty pupils will be graduated into the High school. Miss Anderson, the teacher of this department of the public schools, has prepared a very interesting program, which will include a patriotic play, the Revolutionary War dramatized, in one act. The different characters will be taken by the pupils and there will be singing in connection with the drama. The play will be presented as follows:

Scene 1. Citizens' scene, in which will occur military drill.

Scene 2. Fairies of Good and Imps of Evil.

Scene 3. Columbia, Goddess of Liberty, Uncle Sam, Fairies.

Tableaux. Concealed quartet. Same as in third scene besides imps. Colonel General Job Jonson. Negro. Indian.

Part 2 of the program will consist of a drill by 16 girls, followed by "The Feast of Roses."

The price of admission tickets will be 10 cents and seats can now be reserved at Elfstrum's.

The same price of admission will be charged for the High school exercises on Friday evening, and seats can be secured early that morning.

Gabrielson-Carlson Nuptials.

Gilbert Gabrielson, son of Chas. Gabrielson of town of Kandiyohi, and Miss Anna Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Carlson of town of Whitefield, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Saturday. The ceremony took place in the Swedish Lutheran church in Willmar at one o'clock p. m., Rev. G. Peterson officiating. The attendants on the bridal couple were Josie Carlson, maid of honor; Gust Gabrielson, best man; Anna and Clara Gabrielson and Millie Carlson, bridesmaids; John and Ludvig Carlson and Ed Gabrielson, groomsmen; Sadie Carlson, flower girl; Reynold Gabrielson, ring boy. The wedding march was played by Sam Nelson, who also sang a solo after the ceremony. After the ceremony the wedding party and a large number of invited guests went out to the home of the bride's parents, where a bounteous wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabrielson are both well known in this vicinity and have a host of friends who wish them a very happy and prosperous life. They will make their home on the Gabrielson farm in town of Kandiyohi.

New Time Card.

Another change in the Great Northern time card goes into effect Sunday. No. 4, the train from the coast, will arrive here at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of at 6:30 p. m. No. 9, the late night passenger from the east, will arrive here fifteen minutes later than the present time.

Agent May informs us that for the benefit of patrons visiting Spicer during the lake season arrangements have been made whereby No. 4 will stop at that point on Saturday evenings and Nos. 3, 9 and 10 on Sundays. This will give people who desire it an opportunity to spend Sundays at Green Lake.

Roads Are Bad.

The late rain storms have made many of the roads leading into Willmar almost impassable and farmers are experiencing considerable trouble in getting to market. The bad roads seriously interfere with the service of our rural mail carriers and of late they have been unable to fully cover their territory. Many pools of water cover the roads in different parts of the county and the low lands are flooded so that large streams exist. Never before have farmers experienced so much trouble in getting about with their teams, in many instances being mired and having to resort to strenuous means to extricate themselves.

Will Be Married Next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Monson have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Clara Christine, to Martin Raymond Swenson. The marriage will occur on Wednesday, June 6, at 1:30 o'clock, at the Tripolis Swedish Lutheran church. Following the ceremony a reception will be given at the Monson home. A large number of invitations have been issued.

Rev. Buell gave a most excellent sermon for the High school graduates last Sunday evening. A Baccalaureate sermon was also delivered the same evening at the Synod church by Rev. Andersen for the Seminary graduating class and it was a most able discourse. Both edifices were well filled and the special programs were of a most pleasing character.

Rudolph Larson, son of J. P. Larson of Mamre, graduated from the academic department of G. A. college at St. Peter last week. His sister, Miss Elsie Larson, was present at the commencement exercises, returning with her brother last Saturday.

The members of the Men's League of the Presbyterian church are planning on giving a supper in the church basement on Friday evening, June 8.

DECORATION DAY--MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

HONOR THE NATION'S HEROES.

Decoration Day, the day dedicated to the heroes of our country, is here. May the day and the custom never be forgotten. The example of those fearless fighters should appeal to our manhood and our conscience. They broke the chains of a luckless race, and fired the guns that proclaimed the emancipation of the soul. They reunited the broken bond of the Union. They helped to carry our Government thru a crisis in its existence, to establish it firmly upon an immutable truth, and to give it the grandest opportunity a nation ever had to benefit mankind.

It devolves upon us to determine whether their lives were laid down in vain and in no way can we so truly honor them as in studying well and performing faithfully the duty bequeathed to us. Let us prove equal to our opportunity. If we stand firmly for justice and equality among men; if we keep the lamp of liberty trimmed and burning and allow its light to shine in the world, we honor them. Then they have not died in vain.

Decoration Day is the day when we gather together as American citizens to thank God that in our deepest need, the patriotism of our people was equal to the hour. We assemble to reflect rather than weep. We meet not around a newly opened grave, but among those that Nature has already decorated with the memorials of her love. Above every tomb her daily sunshine has smiled, her tears have fallen; over the humblest she has bidden some grasses nestle, some vines to creep. To Nature's sign of tenderness we add our own.

Let us not this day forget those heroes who are still with us and whom we still have the pleasure of meeting and greeting.

Now, therefore, in memory of the soldiers, living and dead, I, S. B. Qvale, Mayor of the City of Willmar, hereby direct that all factories, shops, stores, offices and all other places of business be closed on Wednesday, May 30, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 o'clock, P. M.; and I respectfully urge that every citizen of Willmar refrain from work on that day between the hours named, and devote their time to the Heroes of the Nation.

Dated at Willmar, Minn., this 23rd day of May, A. D. 1906.

S. B. QVALE, MAYOR.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Proceedings at the Regular and Adjourned Meetings Held May 14th and 21st.

Library Building,
Willmar, Minn., May 14, 1906.

Regular meeting of the city council. Present, Mayor Qvale, Aldermen Christianson, Bergeson, Holt, Strand and Holmberg—6; absent, none.

The minutes of the regular and adjourned meetings were read and same approved as read.

The following bills were on motion referred to the Finance committee:

GENERAL FUND.

Alton Crosby, printed postal cards	$ 8.50
C. J. Freeberg, service as special police	2.00

WATER AND LIGHT FUND.

J. S. Robbins, wood	$88.00
Aug. Sundling, labor at power house	2.25
St. Paul Electric Co., supplies	49.03
Beardslee Chandelier Mf'g Co., supplies	37.71
D. M. Gilmore Co., supplies	12.60
Northern Electric Co., supplies	8.50
Electrical Engineering Co., repair for dynamo	25.00
Westinghouse Electric Mf'g Co., meters	144.40
St. Paul Electric Co., supplies	5.31
Electric Engineering Co., supplies	25.25

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Aug. Sundling, labor street crossings	$ 6.00
John Olson, labor street crossings	4.95

STREET FUND.

Aug. Sundling, labor on streets	$ 6.15
John Olson, labor on streets	1.95

POOR FUND.

Peterson & Wellin, merchandise for poor	$11.61

The Finance committee reported the foregoing bills back approved and on motion the report was accepted.

Alderman Holt offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Willmar that the city clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue warrants against the respective funds in payment of the foregoing approved bills.

Approved May 14, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Surety bond of Lewis Fridlund, secretary and book-keeper of the Water and Light Commission, was referred to the city attorney. The city attorney reported that he found the bond of Lewis Fridlund correct in form and execution.

On motion the bond of Lewis Fridlund was duly approved.

The opinion of the city attorney on County Ditch No. 23 was read, and same was ordered placed on file.

The matter of the increase in the city's assessment for County Ditch No. 23 was then discussed.

A motion was made and seconded that the city attorney be instructed and authorized to appeal from the abitrary action of the viewers in raising the assessment of the city of Willmar for County Ditch No. 23 from seven thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars to ten thousand dollars. Carried.

Moved and seconded that an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds of the City of Willmar for the Purpose of Creating and Raising a Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund" be given its second reading. Carried. The ordinance was then read.

Petition of E. Ohsberg and others, asking for permission to grade that part of East Litchfield avenue lying between the east line of J. M. Rains' property and Bertha street was on motion granted, and the work to be done under the supervision of the Street committee and street commissioner and without cost to the city.

Petition of Swan Larson and others asking for permission to grade Twelfth street, between Litchfield and Trott avenues, was on motion referred to the Street committee to ascertain the cost of such grading, and if the petition had the signatures of the required number of property owners abutting upon Twelfth street. Carried.

The report of the fire warden on the F. W. Rose building on Third street was read.

On motion the said report was referred back to the fire warden.

Requisition for supplies, approved by the president of the Water and Light Commission, was read and on motion granted and the city clerk authorized to order the supplies.

On motion the council adjourned to Monday evening May 21, 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Attest: H. GUNDERSON,
City Clerk.

Library Building,
Willmar, Minn., May 21, 1906.

Adjourned meeting of the city council. Present, Mayor Qvale, Aldermen Christianson, Bergeson, Holt, Strand and Holmberg—6; absent, none.

On motion the following bills were referred to the Finance committee:

GENERAL FUND.

John Bjelland, labor R. R. park	$ 8.62
J. M. Downs, premium on surety bond	6.25
Peter Peterson, labor R. R. park	4.87
Dr. J. M. Rains, postage and telephoning (Board of Health)	3.53
Tribune Printing Co., publishing	37.90
Willmar Hardware Co., supplies	1.40
Willmar Fuel Co., wood for city jail	2.00

WATER AND LIGHT FUND.

Great Northern R'y Co., freight on coal	$46.51

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND.

J. J. Downs, sand for crossings	$4.90
Lars Rasmusson, labor street crossings	7.50

STREET FUND.

John Bjelland, labor on streets	$ 5.25
J. J. Downs, " " "	24.15
D. B. Dougherty, " " "	17.50
Lars Rasmusson " " "	6.45

POOR FUND.

Dr. J. M. Rains, professional service	$18.00
John Johnson, supplies for poor	5.50
O. Rustad, meals for E. Eliason	15.65
Willmar Fuel Co., wood for poor	8.80

The Finance committee reported the foregoing bills back approved and on motion the report was accepted.

Alderman Holt offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Willmar that the city clerk be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants against the respective funds in payment of the foregoing approved bills.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Moved and seconded that an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds of the City of Willmar for the Purpose of Creating and Raising a Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund" be given its third reading. Carried. The said ordinance was then read.

Moved and seconded that the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds of the City of Willmar for the Purpose of Creating and Raising a Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund" be placed upon its final passage. Carried.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

Moved and seconded that the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the Bonds of the City of Willmar for the Purpose of Creating and Raising a Permanent Improvement Revolving Fund" be given its proper number eighty-seven (87). Carried.

Alderman Bergeson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that a special election be and the same is hereby called to be held in and for the city of Willmar on Tuesday, the 12th. day of June, A. D. 1906, for the purpose of determining by ballot whether the bonds of the said city shall be issued in the sum of $5,000, for the purpose of creating a permanent improvement revolving fund for the said city.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor

Alderman Bergeson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that a special election be and the same is hereby called to be held in and for the First ward of the city of Willmar on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, A. D. 1906, for the purpose of electing an alderman from said ward to fill the unexpired term of O. K. Severinson, resigned.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Alderman Bergesen offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that a special election be and the same is hereby called to be held in and for the Second ward of the city of Willmar on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, A. D. 1906, for the purpose of electing an alderman from said ward to fill the unexpired term of T. H. Olson, resigned, and for the purpose of electing an alderman from said ward to fill the unexpired term of C. A. Nelson, resigned.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Messrs. A. O. Forsberg, J. F. Millard and S. E. Stansberry appeared as a committee appointed at a citizens mass meeting, and presented a resolution adopted at said meeting urging the city council to reconsider the action taken at its last meeting in ordering an appeal, on account of additional assessment for County Ditch No. 23, and to have said appeal withdrawn.

On motion said resolution was ordered placed on file.

A number of parties present then gave their views on County Ditch No 23.

Alderman Holt offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that the action taken by the council at its last meeting in directing the city attorney to appeal from the decision of the county commissioners of Kandiyohi county in assessing the benefits against the city at the sum of $10,000, by reason of the construction of County Ditch No. 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded and,

Resolved further that no appeal be taken from the said action of the county commissioners.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Mr. J. Olson et al appeared and asked for permission to grade for and construct a string walk along Trott avenue from 11 h to 15th street.

They were instructed to get up a petition and have the property owners along Trott avenue sign same, and the matter would be taken up later.

The fire warden made a verbal report on application for addition to the F. W. Rose building on Third street.

Alderman Holt offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the city council that the following named places be and are hereby designated as the polling places for the special city election to be held in and for the city of Willmar June 12, 1906:

First ward, Seminary hall.

Second ward, city hall.

Third ward, I. C. Olson building on Litchfield Ave. between Third and Fourth street.

Fourth ward, C. Freeberg's carpenter shop, situated on corner of Second street and Minnesota Ave.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

The following named citizens were on motion appointed judges for the special election to be held June 12, 1906:

For First Ward—W. D. Frederickson, J. A. Johnson and G. C. Haines.

For Second Ward—Thos. H. Olson, C. A. Nelson and A. C. Crawford.

For Third Ward—H. Shipstead, I. C. Olson and V. E. Lawson.

For Fourth Ward—C. Freeberg, J. A. Hedin and G. J. Bjornberg.

Alderman Christianson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, 5; noes, none.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved that the sidewalk now on the east side of lot No. three (3) of block one, city of Willmar be and is hereby condemned and resolved further that a new cement sidewalk six feet wide be and the same hereby is ordered laid and constructed in accordance with the specifications on file in the office of the city clerk and in accordance with the ordinance in such case made and provided.

Approved May 21, 1906.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

On motion the council adjourned.

S. B. QVALE, Mayor.

Attest: H. GUNDERSON,
City Clerk.

To Spend Vacation Abroad.

Rev. G. Peterson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church of this city, departed yesterday on his trip to Scandinavia, having been granted a three months' vacation by his congregation. He was accompanied by his wife as far as Minneapolis, where she will spend the remainder of the week.

Rev. Peterson will join a large party of tourists at Minneapolis, including a number of ministers, who leave that city tomorrow evening. Among others from this county who will be in the same party is Andrew Ryden of Dovre. The party will go via Chicago, then on to Niagara Falls, where a few hours will be spent in witnessing the wonderful sights at the falls. At New York they will embark for the trip across the water, leaving there June 2 on the twin-screw mail S. S. "Caledonia" of the Anchor line, sailing for Glasgow, Scotland. Points of interest will be visited in historic old Scotland, and leaving that country the party will go on the North Sea voyage to Gothenburg, Sweden. The itinerary includes a fine trip from this point to Malmo and other points and then on to Stockholm. From this magnificent city several tours are planned for the party.

Rev. Peterson will spend the most of his vacation at his old home in the vicinity of Wara, Westergotland, where he will enjoy a visit with relatives. This will be his headquarters after the first of July.

Ball Game Today.

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock there will be a baseball game at Athletic Park with Willmar and Paynesville as the opposing teams. An admission price of 25 cents will be charged to defray expenses. This will be the return game, the previous game having been played at Paynesville a short time ago, when Willmar lost by a narrow margin.

Paynesville has one of the best teams in this section of the country, nearly all the members being professionals. Our boys are determined to put up a hot contest to win the laurels, so a most interesting game may be looked for. As the game takes place after the exercises at Central Park, there will be an opportunity for everybody to attend. Encourage the new Willmar team by your presence.

Senior Class Entertained.

The Senior class of the High school was royally entertained by their instructors, Misses Gjems, Miller, Tobin and Little, last Saturday evening, at the Gjems home. Progressive games were played and light refreshments were served. The rooms were nicely decorated in marguerites and other cut flowers. The affair was one of the most enjoyable of the several pleasant gatherings given for the Seniors before their graduation.

Convention at Appleton.

The local W. C. T. U. is making arrangements for a district convention to be held at Appleton on June 11 and 12. One of the features of the convention will be a gold medal contest, in which Carl Jacobson, Albert Porter and Miss Bertine Solem, of Willmar, will be among the participants. The local Union will be well represented.

The moving picture show at the opera house last Saturday evening was poorly attended, no doubt owing to the bad weather. Those who were present enjoyed the entertainment, which included views of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, and also singing by Mr. Hamish Ingram, the operatic baritone.

The library building was flooded out in the basement as a result of the heavy rainstorm and no sessions of the primary school conducted by Miss Foster could be held.

The High School commencement exercises occur next Friday evening and the Willmar Seminary commencement Saturday evening.

The last meeting of the Housekeepers' club until September will be held next Saturday afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. W. Howe, on Eighth street.

Death of Cora Norman.

KANDIYOHI, May 28.—Miss Cora Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Norman, died at her home here last Friday morning at 4 o'clock, her death resulting from dropsy, from which she had been a sufferer for the past two years. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at the Swedish M. E. church and was conducted by Rev. A. Lind. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Cora Norman was born in town of Kandiyohi Nov. 10, 1883, and was thus at the time of her death 22 years, 6 months and 15 days old. She passed thru the various grades of the public school here and after finishing her studies she taught school for a few years. She was teaching in North Dakota when the disease first made its appearance and she found it necessary to resign her position and come home. Since that time she was almost continually under the care of a physician and everything that medical science could do was done for her, but the progress of the disease could not be stopped and death came as a welcome relief from her sufferings. She leaves a father, mother, four brothers, three sisters, a large number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn the loss of the bright young life. —COR.

Held Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dovre & Mamre Insurance Company was held at the courthouse on Monday afternoon of this week. The following were elected members of the board of directors: J. P. Larson, H. P. Lofgren, J. O. Kloster, R. C. Sletten, O. N. Grue, Nels Nelson, K. T. Rykken, C. C. Hanson and O. A. Grangaard. O. O. Bergstrom and P. R. Sletten were elected as board of audit. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at the same place. After the meeting the directors met and organized by electing the following officers: J. P. Larson, president; C. C. Hanson, vice president; O. N. Grue, secretary; R. C. Sletten, treasurer. The bond of the treasurer was fixed at $4,000 and that of the secretary at $2,000.

The following extracts are taken from the annual report: Policies in force, 654; insurance in force, $1,012,254; expenses, $401.15; losses, $290.80; refund, $42.40; liabilities, $21.70; cash on hand, $3,455.64; cost per $100 of insurance—expenses, nearly four cents, losses nearly three cents.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

One of the most pleasing entertainments ever given by home talent in this city was that which was given on Tuesday evening of last week at the opera house by Miss Railson and her pupils in music. The program thruout was thoroly enjoyed by the large audience, every participant doing his or her part in such a manner as to win hearty applause and their performance reflected great credit upon the teacher. Vocal and instrumental solos and duets composed the first part of the program and the cantata, "The May Queen," was given as the second part. About thirty of the young people took part in the cantata, and produced an entertainment that was very pretty and spectacular in effect. Several of the characters were especially well taken, but suffice it to say that all did well.

In the May pole dance the following little girls participated: Esther Tallman, Marion Gratz, Vivian Olson, Ruth Sanderson, Edna Sanderson, Mabel Rogers, Eunice Spicer and Myrtle Porter. Thama Bowen was the crown bearer.

Must Have the News.

Des Lacs, N. D., May 26, 1906.

Publishers Willmar Tribune:

Will send you my subscription for the Tribune. I have not received the last three copies of the paper, and I cannot get along without it, as it tells all the news from dear Minnesota.

Will tell you that sod breaking and flax seeding have just commenced in this country. We have had plenty of rain, hailstorms and frost; ice one inch thick last night. The prospects are that North Dakota will have a good crop this year.

Yours respectfully,
JACOB P. JACOBSON.

Entertained Her Teachers.

Mrs. C. A. Birch entertained a company of ladies last Saturday at a most delightful afternoon party, the main feature of which was a guessing contest. The guests were the teachers of Miss Gladys Birch under whom she had received instruction from the time she was a pupil in the Kindergarten until the present time as a pupil of the Eighth grade in the public schools, and also her teacher in music, Miss Railson. A nice lunch was served at five o'clock.

Neighboring villages were pretty well represented here on circus day. Owing to the lateness of the afternoon train from the east a number who had planned on attending the afternoon performance were obliged to patronize the evening exhibition and others gave up the trip entirely.

The memorial sermon for the G. A. R. was preached by Rev. Gates at St. Luke's Episcopal church last Sunday forenoon. Col. Heg Post attended the service in a body.

STORM WAS SEVERE

Green Lake and Other Localities Suffer from Last Saturday's Destructive Storm.

The storm which was quite general thruout the Northwest last Saturday morning swept over this county and the heavy gale succeeded in destroying a considerable amount of property, especially in the vicinity of Spicer. Small buildings in different parts of the county have been blown down and several windmills also suffered from the severe wind. The recent rains have contributed in the destruction of property and there is a surplus of water everywhere.

At Spicer Saturday morning's storm was reported as being the worst ever experienced by the settlers in that vicinity. The terrific wind washed the waves of Green Lake high up on the shore and many boats belonging to lake dwellers were smashed into kindling wood. Mardin's ice house was washed out and the docks and two of his boats lost. Orred's large barn was nearly destroyed by the high waves. Many trees around the lake were either uprooted or broken down by the force of the wind. Some of the enbankments were partly washed away. Owners of lakeshore property have suffe ed more or less from the storm, but in none of the cases was it quite as severe as on the Spicer side, which received the full force from the waves swept on by the heavy northeast wind.

In many localities gardens have been stripped of vegetation especially in high locations. The water did considerable damage in causing washouts in some instances not only to gardens but also to other property. There are many swollen streams and in some parts the entire country seems to be covered with one big slough.

Tom Knutson's barn, six miles north of Pennock, was blown down and partially destroyed and several chickens killed. The building, however, was a poorly constructed affair and had a poor foundation. It is reported that some horses had been removed from the barn before the wind came, so consequently they escaped.

Many reports are circulated regarding the destruction of property by both the gale and washouts, but none of a very serious character have so far been reported. The excessive amount of moisture has resulted in many flooded cellars and Willmar is certainly experiencing her share along this line. The need of a large public ditch for drainage purposes is now felt more than ever and many suggestions are offered as to the best way for draining the entire city.

Big Crowd at Circus.

The Sells-Floto Shows which visited our city last Wednesday pleased two large audiences here at the afternoon and evening performances. In the afternoon about 7,000 people took in the circus and at the evening performance over 2,000 were in attendance. The attendance from the neighboring country was good in spite of the fact that the roads were very bad and at some points almost impassable.

The muddy condition of the streets and the fact that all of the paraphernalia had to be hauled from the west portion of the city to the east end was responsible for a late parade, which did not take place until 11:30 o'clock. The tents were pitched in the Ferring Addition instead of on the location in the west part of the city which was at first selected for the show grounds, the change being made necessary on account of the bad roads.

The exhibitions given by the Sells-Floto Shows were very satisfactory and in their ring performances some novel and very amusing features were introduced.

A commendable feature of the shows' visit in our city was the fact that no traveling fakirs or gamblers were on hand to give the authorities trouble and the day passed without any arrests of any kind being made.

A Snappy Game.

The Willmar base ball twirlers journeyed to Paynesville last Saturday and were taken into camp by the locals in one of the "snappiest" thirteen-inning games ever seen on the home grounds. Willmar came over full of ginger and a determination to win their first game of the season, and, thanks to several inexcusable errors on the part of Paynesville, the indications up to the eighth inning were that their desire would be realized, but in the eighth Paynesville tied the score and secured a lead of one point. Willmar tied in the ninth and another score was not made until the thirteenth, when Mahoney crossed the rubber for Paynesville. It was almost a shame to beat those Willmar fellows. They are nine as clean sports as ever graced a diamond. There was not a dispute, a jangle or a complaint and the most ardent Paynesville rooter was about half sorry when the local team secured that fifth run. Such a team is a good advertisement for a town and the Willmar business men ought to do the handsome thing by it. —Paynesville Press.

Atwater will have a "Market Day" on Monday, June 11.

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