



BREVITIES

Teachers' examinations next week—Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Eggs have been declining in price of late. Good news to the consumers.

Miss Grace Ramsett has taken a position as stenographer for Roadmaster Hess, in the Great Northern office.

Winnie Rogers and Martha Greene entertained the "Junior Elks" at a sleighing party and oyster supper last Friday evening.

Friday evening, Feb. 8, has been decided upon as the date for the city firemen's ball. The affair will take place at the Bonde Ball.

Last Wednesday was the monthly pay day for the railway employees. The pay roll was a little lighter than that of the previous months.

Dr. J. M. Rains has gone to Toronto, Canada, where he was called by the death of his aged mother. He is expected back to Willmar about Feb. 1.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. Styles next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock sharp. All are cordially invited.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning the pastor will address the boys and girls at the children's monthly service, taking for his subject, "Danger Signals."

The Ladies Aid Society of the Swedish Mission church will meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 25, in the church basement. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Gustaf Erickson. All are cordially invited.

C. H. Johnson, of the Willmar Jobbing and Manufacturing Co., was in Fargo last week and made the necessary arrangements for opening his ice cream factory in that city. He expects to remove to Fargo about the first of March.

Don't forget the concert in the Willmar high school assembly room next Friday evening. It will be a musical treat, and as the entertainment is given for the benefit of the high school orchestra you should encourage the members by your patronage.

The Masonic Building Association, at its annual meeting held last week selected the following officers: Samuel Garver, president; James Sanderson, vice-president; H. J. Hanssett, secretary; Russell Spicer, treasurer; G. P. Karwand, H. S. Peterson and S. B. Qvale, directors.

Members of the Sons of Norway lodge and their wives and lady friends enjoyed a basket social given at the Bonde Hall Monday evening. Games and a short musical program furnished entertainment for those present and the receipts from the sale of baskets amounted to forty dollars.

The St. Agnes Guild of the Episcopal church will sell paper articles including dinner cards, valentines, candle shades and numerous other useful and pretty things at the Guild Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 24. Lunch will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Ed Embertson, who conducted a confectionery store on Benson avenue and was one of the losers in the fire which visited the Westberg block some time ago, is looking up a new location. He left on Monday to visit points there. He will visit with his brother at Glenwood before returning from the trip.

A number of Willmar gentlemen went over to Clara City last Thursday and engaged in a bowling contest with a team at that place. The Willmar team was defeated in a series of games that was played. The following Willmarites visited our neighboring city: J. C. Freese, J. G. Jones, F. W. Ferguson, Sherney Hanson, Ludvig Glarum, Frank Cleary and Axel Hanson.

The Willmar camp of Royal Neighbors will be represented at Atwater next Friday evening, by a big delegation, who expect to be present at the meeting of the camp there and witness the initiation of a class of candidates. This camp will have its degree team to perform the initiatory work. If the weather is favorable several will go down in a sleighing party, while others will take the afternoon train. It is anticipated that the visitors will have a royal time as the guests of the Atwater camp.

Thos. Olson of Willmar, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was in Atwater on Monday for the purpose of making investigations concerning those in this vicinity who are dependent upon the public support. On the 7th of this month the new system of taking care of the poor went into force as a result of the vote on the question at the last election. The county system is now in force. But the county is not in a position to take charge of the poor at present, as there is no poor farm or suitable place to keep them. Hence it is probable that the poor will be left where they are for a time and the county will reimburse the smaller municipalities for looking after them. As soon as a county poor farm can be secured the dependent people will be removed to the farm.

Aged Father Passed Away.

Mrs. P. H. Parsons has returned from her trip to New York state, where she had been called by the serious illness of her aged father, George S. Belknap. Mrs. Parsons arrived too late to see her father in life, the cold hand of death having touched him on the night before her arrival. The end came on Sunday, Jan. 13. Death was due principally to Bright's disease.

Deceased was 79 years old. He was a native of New York state and came to Minnesota in 1877. The family resided for many years in Union Grove and ten years ago the wife and mother passed away, since which time the deceased had made his home the greater part of the time with his Willmar daughter. He left here about a year ago to make his home with his New York daughters. The surviving members of the family are four daughters—Mrs. Ada E. Turner and Miss Mary Alice Belknap, both of New York City; Mrs. Jessie Hamblen, of Gerham, Me., and Mrs. Cora Parsons, of Willmar.

Mr. Belknap was the oldest member left of one of the highest orders of New York City—"The Sons of Cincinnati." He was quite well known at Union Grove and in this county and was a highly respected gentleman.

Forsberg Receives Appointment.

A. O. Forsberg has received the appointment as oil inspector for the city of Willmar, the term of office being two years. The list of deputies thru out the state were announced last Saturday by State Oil Inspector J. A. McDermott, there being 56 in all. Mr. Forsberg received the official announcement of his appointment this morning. The first news of his appointment reached him on Sunday and as this was his birthday anniversary it came in the way of a birthday gift.



GRUE, Jan. 21.—The Young Peoples Society of Eagle Lake will meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29, at the Eagle Lake church. A program will be rendered, and lunch will be served. Everybody is cordially invited.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Eagle Lake church will meet with Mrs. Erick Olson on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31. Messrs. A. Carlson and C. Husted arrived Wednesday from Irving, where they have made a short visit with relatives.

Mr. Alfred Hendricks returned from Minneapolis last week, where he has been spending the holidays. The mercury has been down as low as 20 degrees below zero. Paul Peterson is an Irving visitor for a few days.

We have now good sleighing. JUNIOR.

SVEA SIFTINGS.

SVEA, Jan. 21.—The Svea Creamery Co. held its annual meeting last Saturday. The following officers were elected: E. R. Rasmussen, Pres.; J. G. Freeburg, Vice Pres.; A. O. Nelson, Secy.; T. H. Nelson, Aug. Lindblad and Gust Bloomgren, board of directors. Oscar Lundquist will serve as buttermaker for another year. John B. Swenson bought the buttermilk for the ensuing year. S. M. Swenson delivered stock in Raymond last Saturday. E. Faulk and L. Englund of Willmar were doing business in Svea last Saturday.

INJURED IN WRECK

Freight Trains Collide at Pennock and Fireman Whitney Receives Severe Injuries.

In a head-on collision at Pennock last Thursday morning between two freight trains, Fireman Bert Whitney was quite severely injured. He was caught between the cab of his engine and the tender and had his left foot badly bruised, the right wrist fractured and the thumb of the right hand cut. The rest of the engine and train crews escaped injuries.

The west-bound local, No. 587, in charge of Conductor Strawn, with Engineer Mathies at the helm, was unloading freight at the depot. It was about 7:15 when No. 716, an extra east-bound freight in charge of Conductor LeSueur, with Engineer Sampson at the throttle, came along, but on account of the dense fog and the steam the engineer failed to see the train ahead of him and did not realize the danger before it was too late. Engineer Mathies gave the customary warning and backed up his train, but in spite of the efforts of both crews it was too late to avoid the accident and both engines came together with a loud crash. Fortunately the other members of the engine crew escaped without an injury, but Fireman Whitney was so located at the time of the crash as to become caught between the tender and cab, from which perilous position he was released with much difficulty. A switch engine and caboose were sent up from Willmar in all possible haste and the injured man was taken to this city in charge of the railway surgeons. He was removed to the county and city hospital, where his injuries were properly dressed and where he was given the best of care by the nurses in charge. Whitney is a young man, single, and his home is at Breckenridge. He had taken the place of the regular fireman and this was his second trip. It was at first reported that his injuries were of a fatal nature, but fortunately they are not of a worse nature but that he will soon be able to be out again.

The wrecking train was sent from Willmar and the track was soon cleared. Both engines were badly smashed, especially their pilots. The wrecked cars were pulled to Willmar and a clear track was soon established for the passenger trains, which were delayed some on account of the wreck.

Two Deaths Sadden Home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Skoog has been sorely afflicted the past week, the Angel of Death removing from the family the two youngest children. Early Friday morning Clifford Jullin, the six months old son, passed away, after suffering for some time with stomach troubles, and on Monday evening Autumn Evangeline, the 19 months old daughter, was seized with convulsions and cramps, resulting in paralysis of the entire left side. The little one died about midnight. She had been cutting teeth and the condition of the child gradually grew worse, with the final sad results as stated above.

Necessary arrangements had been made for holding the funeral of the infant son on Tuesday when the second death occurred and both of the children will now be buried today. The funeral will be held this afternoon at two o'clock. Services will be conducted at the family residence by Rev. Horatio Gates and the interment will be in the family burial lot at Fairview cemetery, where both children will be buried in the same grave.

The family has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the bereavement which has befallen it.

BIG PROPERTY DEAL

Peterson & Wellin Buy Page Department Store Building and Will Occupy It at Early Date.

A deal which had been pending for the past month was closed yesterday, when Peterson & Wellin, the well-known proprietors of "The Leading Store," purchased the Page Department store building, more familiarly known to old residents as the old Dale & Rois; block, corner of Fifth street and Benson avenue. The consideration was \$11,000, the property being bought from F. G. Handy, who has been the owner for the past few years. This also includes the fixtures.

Messrs. Peterson and Wellin have taken possession of their newly acquired property and will at once make plans for remodeling it and building an addition on the west end. As soon as it is put into the proper shape for the handling of their rapidly increasing business, they will remove their stock to the new location. This corner is considered one of the choicest business locations in the city and being a central location as well there is every reason to believe that the popular and enterprising firm of Peterson & Wellin will succeed in building up a large business there.

The balance of the old Page Department store stock was disposed of to Minneapolis parties, who shipped it away last week.

Old Friend and Neighbor "Caned."

A large party of old friends and neighbors of O. B. Glarum, nearly all members of the Lutheran Free church, gave him a most pleasant surprise at his farm home last Monday evening. There were over forty in the gathering and they arrived at the house all prepared with eatables and the anticipation of spending a fine social evening with their old friend and neighbor. The main feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Glarum of a fine gold-headed cane. The gift was presented to him on behalf of those present by Rev. Michaelson. A nice lunch was served about ten o'clock and the self-invited guests had a most delightful time enjoying the hospitality of the Glarum home.

Freight Cars Jump the Track.

Ten cars of a freight train were dumped off the track last Friday morning between Grove City and Litchfield, the train being No. 409, west bound. The accident caused quite a delay in the arrival here of the afternoon train from the east, which did not reach here until about five o'clock. It was held at Litchfield while the wreckage was cleared. On the previous night the late west-bound train met with a mishap just this side of Minneapolis and was held there for a long time, the engine and a number of cars having left the rails.

ARCTANDER ARROWS

ARCTANDER, Jan. 21.—Dr. Dowsett of Kerkhoven was called out to C. T. Skindellen's last week to attend to a child that has been so dreadfully pained the last two or three months, due to some brain disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Sieberg visited with Miss Clara Ellingson, who has been working for Njos Bros., returned home last Sunday. There is no doubt but she enjoyed the trip going home again.

John Kallvig is attending school at New London this winter. Miss Christine Kambeast is visiting with her parents at New London at present. Miss Kambeast has been employed as saleslady for a firm at Amherst, S. D., the past year, and we understand she will resume her work there after her visit here.

The farmers are all busy hauling wood now-a-days. You may be sure they don't feel the cold very much when seeing how easily the load slides along.

Miss Lena Kallvig is staying with her sister, Mrs. Brooten, in Swift county. Miss Lena Johnson entertained a few of her friends last Sunday evening.

School will open in the Skare school-house, Monday, Feb. 5, so prepare yourselves with necessary supplies in time.

Miss Julia Zelle will leave for Garretson, S. D. this week. TALLFELLOW.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Mrs. Tilda C. Hartshorn, wife of Arthur D. Hartshorn of Minneapolis, was examined as to her sanity in probate court last Thursday, on information in insanity filed by her husband.

The unfortunate woman was formerly Miss Tilda Skoglund, a well-known resident of the town of Fahlun, where she had been spending the past few months at her old home and from which place she was brought to this city for the examination. The examiners in lunacy were Drs. C. Johnson and W. E. MacLaughlin. She was declared insane and committed to the hospital at Fergus Falls, being taken there the same afternoon by Sheriff Bonde, accompanied by the woman's husband. It was discovered later that the patient should have been committed to the Rochester hospital, being a resident of Hennepin county, so the sheriff and her husband were obliged to take the patient to that city. This error in the warrant of commitment resulted in a trip that entailed a little extra expense as well as considerable inconvenience.

The victim of insanity was in a particularly sad condition. Besides being impaired mentally she was a physical wreck, the lower half of her body being in a paralyzed condition. It was necessary for the patient to be moved about in a cot and she was placed in a baggage car on the journey. At the time she would have violent spells in which she would attempt to destroy her clothing with both her hands and teeth. She is 33 years of age and there are no children.

VIOLIN CONCERT

Prof. Fridolph Lindholm Plays in the New High School Building Next Friday Evening.

Next Friday evening the concert by Prof. Fridolph Lindholm takes place in the assembly room of the new high school building. This musical treat has been arranged under the auspices of the High school orchestra, and no one who enjoys good music should fail to attend. The acoustic properties of the hall are said to be the best of any large room in the city, which insures that the rising young artist will be heard under favorable conditions. The program as arranged for the evening is as follows:

PROGRAM.
Fridolph Lindholm, Violinist.
Selection.....High School Orchestra
Cavatina.....Raff
Fantasie op. 100.....Berlioz
Vocal Solo.....Schumann
Traumerl.....Hanser
Berceuse.....Saint Saens
The Bee.....Schubert
Hungarian Rhapsody.....Hanser
Vocal Solo.....Miss Millie Rasmussen
Humoresque.....Dvorak
Mazurka (Kulwiak).....Wieniawski
Mazurka (Oberlass).....Wieniawski
Selection.....High School Orchestra
Miss Alfrida Lindholm, accompanist.

LAKE LILLIAN LETTER

LAKE LILLIAN, Jan. 21.—O. N. Brecker, Beacher in Dist. 64, left for his home at Maynard Friday evening on account of illness.

Carl Vickstrom was a visitor at the home of M. Walner last week. A spelling school was held in the schoolhouse in Dist. 83 last Thursday evening. A good time is reported, and there were some good spellers, too.

Miss Ella Hedin, who has been staying in Willmar for some time, is now visiting at her home for a while, after which she will leave for the Mill city. Emil Heglund of Minneapolis is at home for a visit. It is probable that he will bring his wife up here in the near future.

Miss Christine Erickson has been visiting at the home of Rev. A. Karlberg in Olivia the past week.

A. M. Hedin left today (Monday) for New London to attend the Mission meeting of the Pacific district as delegate from the Christian congregation.

Two lady missionaries are conducting meetings here every evening this month. The Free Baptist church has ladies here every winter to conduct revival meetings, assisted by the regular ministers, Chas. Johnson.

L. J. Erickson of Willmar is doing some carpenter work for his son, Olof L. Erickson.

Miss Louise Lundquist has returned to Minneapolis after a few weeks' visit at her home here.

Miss Hilma Lett is at home for a while, having taken a vacation from her work in the Ekander tailor shop in Willmar.

Olivia free delivery route No. 6 will be changed Feb. 1, and will then become a Bird Island route. There is quite a change in these routes and a poor fellow won't know where he will get his mail if these changes keep on.

The aged mother of Peter Erickson fell on the ice outside of the house Saturday and she is in a critical condition at this writing, but we hope she will soon recover.

There were no services in any of the churches here Sunday on account of the bad weather.

The mail inspector was out here last week looking over the Olivia routes and inquiring into some troubles between patrons and carriers.

Sheriff Bonde yesterday appointed J. S. Anderson, of the town of Genesee, as his second deputy.

Annual Meeting of Farmers' Club.

The sixth annual meeting of the Farmers' Club of Minnesota was held at Prendergast Hall, University Farm, on Monday, Jan. 7.

All students who have registered in the school of agriculture as special, dairy or regular students, or who have ever been members of the faculty, are eligible to membership in this club upon payment of the membership fee of 25 cents, and by so doing they are entitled to a copy of the year book, which is published annually. This is a book of about 200 pages, well bound in cloth, and contains the report of the meetings held the last year and also the work done by the club.

The general object of the club is to promote agriculture and get the farmers posted on new ideas. The club is carrying on experiments in many counties, conducted by students of the school or by farmers interested in the work.

The meeting held this year proved a great success. There were about 300 present, all wide-awake and ready to give and receive knowledge and discuss the problems of most importance.

Mr. Meyers of St. James discussed the question of tile drainage, which is a subject of so much importance to the farmers of this county that too much cannot be learned about it.

Mr. Aldrich of the American Society of Equity gave an interesting talk on how to secure profitable prices for all farm products. A very good point brought out on that subject was that if farmers did not all dump their crops on the markets early in the fall and by so doing let the speculators play with it the whole year, but place their products on the markets as consumed, a better price could be had for the grain throughout the year.

Last year there were twenty-seven meetings held throughout the state, with an average attendance of about 200. This year the club intends to hold thirty meetings in different counties throughout the state.

P. O. SONSTEGARD.

Montevideo Defeats Willmar.

The Montevideo high school debating team proved too much for the Willmar team and carried off the honors in the contest held there last Friday evening. The decision of the judges was unanimous in favor of the negative side of the question, the proposed enlargement of the navy. The winning team, which now holds the championship of the seventh congressional district, is composed of the following: Thomas Kelly, Jr., Maude Wisner and Earl Baumhoffer.

The judges who awarded the honors to the Montevideo team were C. G. Schulz, assistant superintendent of public instruction, Judge Gorham Powers of Granite Falls, and Supt. E. E. Martin of the Ortonville schools. The debate was held before a large and enthusiastic audience at the opera house.

"Ollie" Anderson injured Oliver Anderson, the well known passenger brakeman on the Willmar and Sioux Falls line, met with an accident at Garretson last Sunday morning which will necessitate a lay-off for some time. While switching he became caught in some manner between a couple of cars and the result was that he suffered a fracture of the shoulder bone. He was taken to a hospital at Sioux Falls, where his injuries were given the best of attention and at this writing he is getting along as well as can be expected under the circumstances. His many friends in this city will hope for a speedy recovery.

Lutheran Free Church.

Midweek services Thursday evening at 7:30.

The men's and women's society meets in the church basement Friday evening. Zilo childrens society will meet at Erick Holt's Saturday afternoon.

Regular services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

A very enjoyable program was that which was given at the meeting of the young people's society of the Synod church last Monday evening. The program included a vocal solo by Miss Helen Sather, mandolin solo by J. B. Field, address by Miss Thea Rolleson recitation by Miss Ellen Syse, and piano solo by Miss Laura Rigg. Miss Rolleson's address was a most interesting feature, being a discourse on "Leonardo DaVinci," the great painter of the wonderful masterpiece, "The Last Supper." Refreshments were served and a neat sum realized.

The third wolf bounty drawn at the County Auditor's office this year was that which was secured last Saturday by John Wright of New London, who is now ten dollars ahead in coin of the realm. The other two were those drawn by Emerson Van Vorst of Roseville, on Jan. 3, and by Peter J. Hagen of Irving, on the 10th inst.

Mrs. Dr. Christian Johnson and Miss Estella Quam, the former the mother and the latter a cousin of our genial doctor, were here Tuesday visiting the son and cousin. They returned home Tuesday, the former to Willmar and the latter to New London.—Murdock Voice, 17th inst.

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