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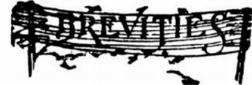
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Farmers' Produce taken in exchange. ☐ Phone orders promptly delivered. ☐ Having added to our force of clerks we are in better shape than ever to attend to the wants of our patrons promptly. ☐ Thanking you for past favors, we cordially invite you to come again. Respectfully, S. E. MAGNUSON.



A public hearing will be held before Judge Powers in Litchfield on Friday, Oct. 18, in re Judicial Ditch No. 11.

J. N. Gayner, late auditor of Meeker county, has been appointed to a position on the force of the public examiner.

Gus Johnson was brought before the municipal court Tuesday for refusing to pay his poll tax. He was fined two dollars and costs.

The post office department has placed new cards on the mail boxes this week, which give the time of day in which the mail is collected.

The Tripolis congregation will have a special meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24, for the purpose of choosing a successor to Rev. Lindholm.

The J. L. Lindner residence property on Second street was sold this week to D. B. Daugherty. The sale was made by the Crawford-Leslie-Otos Land Agency.

H. C. Hanson has purchased the Dehnbom lots in Paulson & Sunde's addition, for a consideration of \$1100. The deal was made thru the Anderson Land Company.

Prof. Oscar Larson and other talented musicians will give a sacred concert in the Swedish Baptist church this (Wednesday) evening. They will be assisted by home talent.

A concert will be given at the Opera House on Friday, Nov. 1, by the best local talent of Willmar, as the annual benefit for the Bethesda Orphans' Home at Eagle Lake. Program to follow later.

Sheriff W. H. Doyle of Swift county passed thru Willmar last Thursday. According to Mr. Doyle, the next grand jury of that county will have a case of manslaughter to investigate, besides several other criminal cases.

Judge Nordin has received a letter from his daughter, written in the Cumberland mountains. Mr. and Mrs. Danielson, who are on their wedding trip, were on their way to Washington and other interesting points in the east.

The New Shoe Store is apparently doing a good business, as an addition to the north side of the building has been found necessary and is now in process of erection. Upon the completion of this addition Mr. Erickson, the proprietor, will have a commodious store, enabling him to display his goods to better advantage.

The Young Girls' Sewing Circle of the Synod church held their regular meeting last Saturday, and surprised their pastor by turning over the proceeds of the meeting to him, the day being his birthday. Rev. Anderson feels deeply appreciative of the graceful action of the sewing circle, especially as he is particularly fond of young people.

Rev. A. B. Nordberg of Gowin, Iowa, arrived last Monday noon for a short visit with old friends in this city. He left on Tuesday for Kokato to attend a special meeting in the Baptist church at that place. He will also visit in the northern part of the state before returning home. Rev. Nordberg was pastor of the Baptist church in this city in 1882.

The Norwegian Lutheran Synod church last Sunday evening was the scene of quite a little disturbance. This is a very rare happening, and it was particularly surprising in this instance. Usually such pranks as were carried on are perpetrated by small boys, but in this instance, to the astonishment of all, those who caused the commotion were a number of girls, old enough to know better. They had gathered in the front vestibule of the church and during the prayer entered into a boisterous talk and laughter which was heard in all parts of the church. At a session of the trustees of the church it was decided to let the matter drop for this time, but should an outbreak of this kind occur again steps will be taken, with the aid of the city authorities, to punish the participants.

### Died Yesterday Morning.

The death of Sarah Aslakson occurred Tuesday morning, Oct. 15, at 10 o'clock. She was taken sick Sept. 22, and owing to her advanced age, which was the primary cause of her illness, she was unable to withstand the illness, passing away at the age of 84 years, 8 months and 11 days.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon. Short services will be held at the house at 2:30 and at the Norwegian Lutheran Synod church at three o'clock. Rev. J. N. Anderson will preach the funeral sermon. The interment will be in the Synod cemetery.

Deceased was born in Flekkefjord, Bakke Sogn, Norway, Feb. 4, 1823. She came to America in 1868. Having a brother at Springville, Wis., she went to him and, together with a sister, kept house there for a number of years. On May 25, 1901, she came to Willmar and since that time has lived with her sister, Mrs. Rakel Torkelson.

Deceased is mourned by two surviving sisters, Siri Aslakson and Mrs. Rakel Torkelson, and by many other relatives and friends.

### In Municipal Court.

Our "busy bee" sheriff, Peter Bonde, brought to justice on Saturday in the municipal court Samuel B. Curtis and William McKinley. They were charged with violating the city ordinance in permitting their pool room to be used for gaming and gambling. Thru the efforts of the police department it was learned that a number of parties had been in the habit of betting money on the pool games, the game of pin pool being the principal means by which gambling had been carried on. R. W. Stanford, city attorney, had charge of the prosecution. Both parties pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined \$13.00 each, the fine being paid in both instances. The case will undoubtedly serve as a warning both to the offenders and those having taken part in the games, as should it be necessary to go further into the matter later on, not only will the proprietors be brought into court but also those having participated in the gambling.

John Bergman of the vicinity of Spicer left Monday for Black Foot, Idaho, where he goes to take care of a sick friend of his. The latter is a young man who recently came from Norway and has been taken mentally ill and will be sent back to his native country by the authorities.

### In the Churches

**LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH.**  
Midweek services Thursday evening. Services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 12:15. You are cordially invited.

**SWEDISH M. E. CHURCH.**  
Rev. C. M. Holmberg of Litchfield will preach next Sunday evening and Rev. A. G. Hultgren of Atwater will preach in the Tripolis church in the forenoon. Rev. Axel Anderson, the local pastor, left yesterday for Trade Lake, Wis., where he will participate in a special meeting to continue over Sunday.

**SW. LUTH. BETHEL CHURCH.**  
Midweek services Thursday evening. Services next Sunday evening. The new confirmation class was organized last week. It consists of fourteen members. Rev. Peterson went to Christine church today to conduct services. On Thursday of next week the Ladies Society will be entertained in the church basement by Mesdames William Englund and D. Elmquist.

**NORW. LUTH. SYNOD CHURCH.**  
Next Sunday there will be services in Norwegian at 10:30 a. m. At this service a class of fifteen young people will be confirmed. An offering will be taken up for the Home Mission. No Sunday school. English evening service at 7:30. The members of the Y. P. S. will hold a business meeting in the church basement tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.



Engineer Harry Kemp is again pulling freight as he found extra passenger running very light.

Wm. J. Purrell, clerk in the superintendent's office, is taking up telegraphy at the Seminary evenings.

Conductor J. Boller, who was hurt last week, is doing very nicely and will be back to work in about ten days.

Conductor Gust Kagel has taken the branch run from Benson to Watertown, making his Sunday lay-over in Benson.

Brakeman Harry Newman, who got injured while working on his train at Morris last month, is now switching in the yards.

Brakeman J. C. Culligan has resigned his position on the Great Northern to go to Sioux City to work on the C. B. & Q.

A daughter arrived safely at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Jorstad. The boys in the superintendent's office were smoking good cigars Saturday in honor of the new arrival.

Conductor Wm. J. Griffin last Sunday morning received the sad news of the death of his little boy at St. Cloud. Mr. Griffin left on Monday to attend his son's funeral. It is exceedingly sad for Mr. Griffin, as at this writing his wife is in the hospital at Rochester undergoing an operation. Mr. Griffin has the sympathy of all his friends.

Conductor Dodds on passenger train No. 22 became very ill Monday morning and at Litchfield had to give up his train. He was taken to the hospital and Dr. Robinson attended him. He was able to go to St. Paul the 14th where he will be operated on for appendicitis. Conductor C. L. Howe took charge of the train from Litchfield to St. Paul.

Mr. Fred J. Ellis, who has been assistant roadmaster on the Willmar Division between Willmar and St. Paul, has resigned his position and taken another position as assistant roadmaster on the Fergus Division between Willmar and St. Cloud. Mr. Peter Nelson has been appointed in Mr. Ellis' place as assistant roadmaster on the Willmar division.

Mr. E. J. Little, Supt. of Telegraphy for the Great Northern, spent Thursday in Willmar. Mr. Little gave a very interesting lecture to the students of telegraphy at the Seminary. In his lecture he told the boys how he started telegraph operating when he was only fifteen years old and at the age of eighteen he was holding the important position of train dispatcher. The students were all very much interested and have great expectations of filling as important a place as does Mr. Little.

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### TIRED OF LIFE; HANGS HIMSELF

Paul Anderson, of the Town of Kandiyohi, Found Dead by His Bed This Morning.

Paul Anderson, an aged man living with Martin Mattson in Section 5, Kandiyohi township, was found dead by his bed this morning, all evidence being that he had become tired of life and deliberately hanged himself. The cause for his despondency is not known. Coroner E. S. Frost was summoned, and having viewed the remains decided that no inquest was necessary. The unfortunate man was eighty-two years of age, and was the father-in-law of Mr. Mattson.

### Important Real Estate Deal.

Dr. Johnson has traded his business property at Willmar now occupied by "the Fair" for a fine farm of two hundred acres in the township of Lake Andrew. The deal was made with Charles Cromwell, the owner of the same. The value placed on the farm was \$7,500 and the value on the business block was placed at \$5,000. The farm which the doctor acquires is the old J. A. Hedin farm and includes the Dahl grove on Crook lake. This is one of the best located farms in that section and the doctor is desirous of securing a progressive farmer to take charge of same and make it a stock farm.

### O. M. Norlie Ordained.

Ordination exercises took place last Sunday at the Arendahl Norwegian Lutheran church near Atwater, when O. M. Norlie was ordained to the ministry and also installed as pastor of the Trondhjem, Arendahl and Naess congregations. The rites were performed by Revs. T. H. Dahl, president of the United Lutheran Church, O. Lokensgaard of Granite Falls, E. Erickson of Maynard and M. A. Sotendahl of Norway Lake.

### House Social.

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening a House Social will be held at Father Malloy's residence. Games will help to pass the evening pleasantly and refreshments will be served. Mesdames F. Ackerman, J. J. Barrett and J. F. Barrett have charge of the affair. Everybody cordially invited.

J. C. Freese, Geo. B. Monroe, J. W. Garwell and Herbert Craswell returned last Thursday from a hunting trip in the vicinity of Cottonwood. The boys had quite a fine bunch of ducks and made a good showing for the short time they were gone. The ducks were plentiful, but as the party had no dogs or a boat they were unable to pick up all the game they felled.

Jonas Johnson, the well-known Mamre farmer, took the train yesterday for a trip to Langenburg, Can., where he will visit his son William and look after his land interests there.

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### Saturday's Football Game.

Eleven husky young men from the Granite Falls High school came up last Saturday to push the pig skin against the Willmar High school eleven. To state the case in plain language, the local football chaps were "not in it." They started out well and for a short while it seemed that they would hold their own, but it didn't take long before everyone realized that the game would be one-sided. The Granite boys were unusually large for a high school team, out-weighting our boys by 15 pounds to the man, and played a better game. The Willmar boys should and would have put up a stiffer battle but for the fact that, owing to internal dissensions, they had not practiced for a week. Saturday morning things had been "patched up," but the practice they took then merely tried them out for the afternoon battle. Under different conditions the victory for Granite Falls might have proved a good deal harder to gain.

At the end of the first half the game stood 10 to 0, and after the smoke had rolled away at the finish, the score stood 43 to 10 in favor of the visitors. The game, however, was clean all thru and the locals took their medicine without a whimper. The Granite Falls boys were a gentlemanly bunch all thru.

### Injured in Threshing Machine.

Irving, Oct. 14.—Andrew Johnson, one of our prominent young men, met with a sad accident last Friday. He was pitching bundles into the self-feeder of a threshing machine when one of the knives caught in his thigh and cut a gash about two inches deep. Dr. Filton was called to attend the wound, and Andrew was ordered to stay in bed for two weeks. His many friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

It is reported that Mikkel Pederson has rented a house in Willmar and will make his home there for the future.

The coffee social held at Ole Nelson's place last Sunday by the Zion church was well attended and pronounced an entire success by those present.

A meeting was held in the Nordland church Friday, Saturday and Sunday last week. Six visiting ministers were present and a good meeting was enjoyed.

Kuropatkin.



Grue, Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. P. Erickson left last Friday for a few days' visit with their daughter, Mrs. P. Steen of Hector, Minn.

Edward Embertson, who has been sick for some time with typhoid fever, is improving rapidly, and is now able to sit up.

Mrs. Ed Carlin is reported to be sick.

Victor Anderson and his mother, of Kandiyohi, were guests at the Axel Nelson home last Friday.

John Nelson of Willmar