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Respectfully, S. E. MAGNUSON.

This sacrifice sale will prove an unusual opportunity for holiday shoppers. Our Dry Goods, Notions, Shoe, Hat and Cap, and Furnishing departments comprise a lot of suitable Christmas gifts. Don't fail to call when doing your holiday shopping.

BREVITIES

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Jonathan Ray Linnell and Iva June Lipsit.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Johnson was made happy by the arrival of a girl baby last Thursday.

The annual Christmas Sunday school festival will be held at the M. E. church of Kandiyohi Christmas Eve.

Christmas services will be held in the Swedish Mission church at New London on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 8:15 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Halvorson's little girl has been very critically ill, but we are glad to state that the crisis is now past and she is improving.

The quarterly meeting was held at the local M. E. church last Monday evening. Presiding Elder Wagner was here. The quarterly meeting at Kandiyohi is held this evening.

A little girl was born at the home of A. E. Grolud in the town of Dove last Sunday, but unfortunately the little one passed away after a very brief existence. The funeral occurred yesterday.

Three young men were arrested last Saturday on complaint of the railroad policeman on the charge of disorderly conduct at the depot. At the trial yesterday, however, Judge Muller permitted the boys to go with a reprimand.

The Ladies Aid society of the Swedish Mission church will meet in the church basement next Friday afternoon at 2:30. From 3:30 and onward refreshments will be served by Mrs. Axel Hedin. Everybody most cordially invited.

Henry Winblad, the genial barber of New London, was in the city the first part of the week. While here Mr. Winblad purchased a barber's full outfit, which he will install in his shop at New London. The outfit was purchased from Mrs. Clark.

No less than three private cars of the different road officials were attached to the east bound passenger last Friday. They were President Hill's car, Gen. Manager Gruger's and Supt. Stewart's. The officials were on a tour of inspection of this division.

A truant Indian boy, about 18 years of age, from the Flindreau school, was caught by Sheriff Bonde yesterday. There were three in the company, but the other two had already made tracks towards St. Cloud. The boys were making for Mile Laes.

A. H. Brown has sold the Oscar Berkens farm in sec. 18, town of Whitefield, to Jacob Brewster of Farmer, S. D. The price paid was \$40 per acre. Mr. Brewster will not take possession of the farm until next fall, when he will move there with his family.

The Ladies Social Union will serve coffee in the basement of the Presbyterian church on Friday of this week, beginning at 3:30. There will also be a sale of fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents and a choice assortment of home-made candies. Sale will begin at 3:30.

The old freight depot seems to be here to stay for some time at least. The company has renovated the same, putting on a new roof and changes have been made in the offices so as to make the office room larger, and a new hardwood floor has been laid, making it a great deal more pleasant working room for the office force.

Spencer, the scurrilous editor, pretended at one time not long ago to be very solicitous about the safety of the people who patronize the Willmar Opera House. The lack of asbestos curtain was noted, poor provision of exits pointed to, etc. Last spring the council appointed this man as theater inspector. Instead of insisting on safety appliances being installed, Spencer made terms with the theater management. Instead of an asbestos curtain being installed, Spencer now

has the pick of the best seats of the house at every performance. Instead of ample exits being provided for the public benefit, free admissions have been provided for Spencer's benefit. Spencer has proven utterly false to the public trust committed to him.

SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH.
Regular services next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Christmas morning service (Julotta) at 5:30, with special singing. Subject: "Christmas Joy." Christmas tree in the evening of the 25th at 7 o'clock; admission, 10 cents.

LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH.
Midweek services Thursday evening. Regular services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at 12:15 p. m. Morning services on Christmas day at 10:30. Christmas festival by Sunday school on Thursday evening at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.
On Christmas morning at 5 o'clock High Mass will be sung. The choir will render Leonard's Mass in E flat, to be followed by a sermon by Father Malloy. At 9 a. m. the second Christmas Mass will be said. Mass will be said at St. Patrick's church at Kandiyohi at 11 o'clock Christmas morning.

NORW. LUTH. SYNOD CHURCH.
Services next Sunday in Norwegian at 10:30. Sunday school at 12:15. No evening service. Services Christmas morning at 10:30 in Norwegian. Christmas tree exercises at 7:30 p. m. on second day of Christmas. Christmas tree festival in Solomon Lake church Sunday evening at 7:30. Services in Solomon Lake church second day of Christmas at 10:30.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.
Next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon on "The Light of the World." Special music will be rendered by the church choir, assisted by others. The Sabbath school will meet at 12 m., and the Christian Endeavor society at 6:30 p. m. Topic: "The Magnificent: a Christmas Song"—Luke 1:46-55. Leader, Redge Sharpe. Evening service at 7:30, with special music and sermon by pastor on "The Glorious Coming." The annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment will be held on Christmas eve at 7:30.

SW. LUTH. BETHEL CHURCH.
Services next Sunday forenoon. Services at Pennock next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Julotta at Mamre at 5:30 Christmas morning. Sunday school festival at Mamre at 7 o'clock p. m. second day of Christmas. Services in the Bethel church here at 10:30 on Christmas day. Sunday school festival at Willmar in the evening of Christmas day at 7 o'clock. The December meeting of the Y. P. S. was a decided success. Supt. Toning made an address on Whittier. The High school chorus gave a selection that was very much appreciated, as were also the other musical selections.

ROSELAND REPORTS
Roseland, Dec. 16.—H. F. Moyer and D. Molenaar made a trip to Willmar last week on ditch matters. They have engaged Mr. Sherwood with one of his dredging machines to do the ditching which they had intended to do with teams and scrapers, but could not do on account of the wet season. Mr. Sherwood intends to move his machine out here from Lake Lillian this winter and start in the early spring.

H. F. Bruss, who has been visiting for a week with his mother and brother at Good Thunder, returned home last Tuesday. Mr. Bruss thinks that country is all right.

H. F. Moyer and H. F. Bruss made a trip to Renville last Friday on ditch business.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Svobodny spent a few days last week with their daughter, Mrs. John Hirman at Raymond.

Raymond Knott, who has spent the summer at Kenmare, N. D., returned to his home Monday. Raymond says there is no place like home.

Mrs. Jennie Huisinga of Prinsburg visited her mother, Grandma Knott, last Monday.

Albert Knoll and daughter Angie left today (Monday) for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Miss Florence Christianson, who has been attending school in Minneapolis, is expected home the latter part of the week for the Christmas vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Dragt spent Friday afternoon with Grandma Knott.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Swedish People of Willmar and Vicinity Will Fittingly Observe King's Memory.

The people of Swedish extraction of the city of Willmar and vicinity will unite tomorrow (Thursday) evening in a memorial service for the departed king of their old fatherland, who was truly beloved by his subjects and honored and revered wherever Swedish people are to be found.

The exercises will take place at the Swedish Bethel church, beginning at eight o'clock. A committee, with members from different churches of the city, has the arrangements in hand. Those who will participate in the program are Revs. A. G. Hall, Theo. Paulson and Gustaf Peterson, Judge A. F. Nordin, and Editors A. O. Forsberg and V. E. Lawson. Solos will be sung by Mrs. A. G. Hall and Samuel Nelson. The church will be fittingly decorated, and the ushers will be J. A. Hedin, Erick N. Nelson and Lewis Johnson.

If necessary, an overflow meeting will be provided in the church basement.

An expressed wish of the deceased monarch was that the usual colors of mourning be omitted, which wish is being generally observed throughout his country.

NORWAY LAKE NIBBLES

Norway Lake, Dec. 16.—The Sunday school class met with J. S. Christensen last Saturday for practice for the Christmas tree festival.

The double choir met at Rustad's place last Sunday afternoon for practice.

Rev. J. S. Halvorson gave a very interesting sermon last Sunday in the Hauge church. He also spoke briefly on the Slum Mission in the cities, after which a collection was taken up for that kind of work in Milwaukee, Wis., where the Hauge Synod is erecting a building on two corner lots donated and decided to on the condition that the property never should be used for saloon purposes.

Lars Johnson of Arctander, one of the early pioneers, died very suddenly last Thursday from heart failure. Mr. Johnson had just walked over to the mail box after the mail and sat down in a chair apparently to take a rest, when his life's light was blown out. The family and relatives have our hearty sympathy in their bereavement.

Miss Ellen Skutle, teacher in Dist. 56, had a basket social last Friday evening. The affair was very successful and netted \$27.80.

Miss Elsie Hultkrantz, teacher in Dist. 69, will have a school entertainment next Friday evening.

Owing to poor health, Rev. J. S. Halvorson has handed in his resignation, but the three congregations were not willing to accept it, so he has consented after some rest after New Year to continue his work with them. He is well liked by his congregations and all hope for a speedy and complete recovery for their pastor. The three congregations are the Norway Lake, Green Lake and Long Lake churches.

L. H. Larson, the local hustler, will ship a carload of hogs tomorrow.

Leonard Rustad made a flying trip to Eagle Lake last Friday, visiting with the Magnus Olson family.

Miss Amanda Olson of Eagle Lake has been visiting with her uncle, Mr. Rustad.

Miss Hannah Stone is staying with relatives in New London.

Rev. Sotendahl and J. S. Christensen have improved their premises with a nice chicken house each.

Winter has shown up at last, but in a mild form so far, sleighing being just fine in this vicinity.

TEACHERS CONVENE

Instructors of the Public Schools Have an Interesting Session Saturday.

The Teachers' meeting at the High school building last Saturday afternoon was attended by about fifty teachers, and was a very interesting affair to those present. The program opened with a selection by the High school Glee Club. Prof. W. S. Rodgers of Raymond read an essay on "opening exercises," advocating the use of a variety of exercises, such as recitation of memory gems, reading and discussing important events chronicled in the newspapers, simple experiments in physics and chemistry, etc.

Supt. McGladery of Belgrade, who was to discuss the subject of "discipline," was not present, and Prof. Hilleboe of Benson was called on to lead the discussion. He gave a very interesting talk. He said that most teachers who fail in the schoolroom do so thru lack of discipline. No examination can reveal whether the teacher is competent in this respect, and even practical experience is uncertain, for a teacher may succeed in this respect in one place and fail in another. He pointed out some of the causes operating against the teacher, illustrating with examples. He advised the teachers to make sure that they are firm, then be very firm in demanding implicit obedience to their rules. Supt. Toning also spoke on the subject in the same strain.

After a piano duet by Misses Ethel Govig and Winnie Rogers, Prof. A. E. Nelson gave a paper on "reading in the grades." He outlined the various divisions of the work to be undertaken in each grade and made many valuable suggestions as to the methods of carrying on the work.

Supt. Towle of Atwater discussed the reasons for having four years of English work in the High schools. Miss Agnes Kingston of Willmar followed with a paper on the same subject, showing how this English work could be correlated with other studies.

A. O. Forsberg was called on and responded with a brief talk on some of the problems that meet the teachers. The meeting closed with an excellent number by the Girls' High School Chorus of this city.

PENWICK PENCILS
Penwick, Dec. 17.—Gil Leslie came back from the west last Thursday.

Nels Gilbert of Minneapolis was up last week looking after his farm interests.

R. J. Rasmussen has bought the feed mill from Louis Johnson, and started it up Monday.

D. O. Ostlund of North Dakota called on his folks last week.

Aug. Lindgren took Peter Nelson down to Somerset, Wis., Sunday for medical treatment, returning Monday night.

Theo. Lindgren is working at the Floren & Lindgren store during the busy days.

Willie Erickson spent a few days in the cities last week.

Now is the time to come to town and select your Christmas presents.

Lars Dalman came up last Wednesday from the cities, where he has been taking medical treatment for catarrh of the stomach.

Wedding bells will soon ring in Mamre.

Miss Effie Berg of Willmar called on the Haug family last week.

Someone broke into the depot last Wednesday night and tried to get into the ticket box, but did not succeed. He was probably scared away before he had time to finish the job.

Mike Dott left for his home in Iowa last Monday.

Everybody is welcome to the cap social in the Lindgren schoolhouse, Dist. 14, town of Mamre, next Saturday evening.

A Treat for Music-Lovers.

The St. Olaf College Band will give a concert at the Willmar Opera House on Friday evening, Jan. 3. This will be welcome news to all who appreciate a musical treat.

The band organization consists of fifty pieces and is under the leadership of F. Melius Christianson. This band is the same one that visited Norway last year.

The concert of the St. Olaf College Band at Chicago is noteworthy, inasmuch as it was given in the Theodore Thomas Orchestra Hall and every one of the 27 boxes of the hall was sold for the concert.

The Theodore Thomas Orchestra Hall, that monument to Theodore Thomas, and austere home of representative symphony orchestra music in America, opens its doors to a select few only. To have played in a music hall like this is proof conclusive of the high excellence of the programs presented by this organization.

Even the historic cathedral of Thronhjelm, Norway, has been the scene of a concert given by this band. This building, which is perhaps the most famous piece of architecture in northern Europe, has been under construction for over 500 years and work is constantly going on in the hope of having it completed in 75 years. To this building Emperor Wilhelm makes an annual visit and donates 10,000 crowns each year to its decorations.

On the occasion of the St. Olaf Band Concert the building was left in full coronation decorations of a week before. On the high choir of this indescribable creation of architecture the band gave a sacred concert to 2,000 persons. It was one of those rare occasions which few people ever have an opportunity to experience, and the memory of which will remain with the members as one of the most highly cherished in their concert experiences.

At Willmar Opera House Friday evening, Jan. 3. Usual prices, 75, 50 and 25 cents.

Funeral of Mrs. Stevens.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles F. Stevens occurred from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Heald, last Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. C. Buell of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Haveline) Stevens was born at Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 14, 1832. The Stevens were among the very early residents of the city of Willmar. Mr. Stevens died in 1877. Since then Mrs. Stevens has made her home with her daughter. The deceased lady was held in high esteem by all the older residents who knew her well. Mrs. Stevens died on the evening of Dec. 10, after a brief illness.

KANDIYOH CULLINGS
Kandiyohi, Dec. 17.—Arvid Anderson and Henry Redy came home last Wednesday from North Dakota, where they have been employed in elevators the last three months.

B. E. Walters, a student at the Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Ill., will fill the pulpit in the Tripolis church during the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. Gilbert Gabrielson is spending a couple of weeks at the home of her parents in Whitefield.

John A. Johnson of Willmar called on friends in this part of the country last week.

Victor Anderson and Melander's young folks drove out to Eagle Lake last Saturday evening to attend a basket social.

The school in Dist. No. 46 will give an entertainment at the Woodmen hall on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

Fred Halborn from Diamond Lake has been working for John Gabrielson the last two weeks.

Gilbert Gabrielson leaves today for Colorado to look over his land in that state. He intends to settle there if he finds the country in a favorable condition.

Tom Tierney is drilling another well at the Gustafson place. The one drilled last summer did not give sufficient water.

A number of young folks from Kandiyohi attended the basket social given at the schoolhouse in Dist. No. 86 last Friday evening.

CHRISTMAS TREES—All sizes at THE FAIR.

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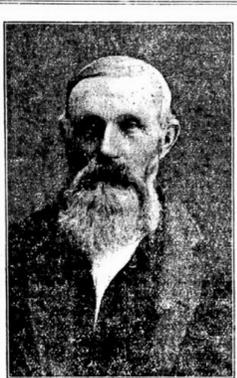
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CINDERS FROM RAILWAY YARDS

Switchman Alex Pursley has been promoted to night yardmaster, succeeding Yardmaster Smith.

Brakeman Joe McElhaney is laying off for three months, and is going to his home in Missouri.

Engineer Wm. McKinley has taken the Browns Valley run out of Morris, relieving Engineer Behm.

Conductor Joe Kelley went back on his old run at the Watertown line this week, relieving Conductor Collins.

Ke Jorstad, clerk in the superintendent's office, was confined to his home Friday and Saturday with a bad cold.

Fireman Dan Kibler is home this week in Marshall with the sad duty of burying his little son, who passed away last Saturday.

Conductor Ed Woodcock has been confined to his home on account of a severe cold. He will return to work the first of the week.

Frank L. Hall is now working in the yard office. Frank has taken Herbert McDonald's position, who expects to go west shortly.

Firemen Lansing, Gillette and Joe Henry have taken a six months' leave of absence. They are all three going south for the winter.

Conductor John West is laying off for three months, during which time he is studying telegraphy and expects to complete the course before spring.

Miss McIntyre, operator at the Division office, is taking a two weeks' vacation and will visit in St. Paul and Minneapolis for the Christmas holidays.

Relief Agent Harry Caryl left this week for his home at St. Catharines, Canada, where he will remain until after Christmas, returning here in January.

Brakeman Thos. McGraw, while switching out a car at Herman Monday, slipped from the top of a box car and received severe injuries to his right leg and hip.

Assistant Roadmaster C. F. Yardley resigned his position until next spring, when he expects to return. Mr. Yardley is taking a trip home to Baltimore with the intention of returning a married man.

Conductor Geo. Monroe has made arrangements to purchase a large pool and billiard business on Fourth Ave., Minneapolis. The business is an old established one and there is no doubt that George will make a successful business.

The trainmen representing the Willmar Division and the Willmar & Sioux Falls Division elected Conductor Geo. Monroe to represent the order at the convention in St. Paul next week. This is the first time that a W. & S. F. man has been appointed.

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