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BREVITIES

The Glarum farm has been rented by W. H. Ferries, who will conduct the dairy business and has given it the name of the Licon Dairy.

The Catholic Young Ladies will give a card party, followed by a dance, next Monday evening, in the Bonde Hall. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

The auction at the Edenwood Farm at Green Lake yesterday is reported to have been a success. There was a large crowd in attendance and good prices were secured.

Judge Qvale today granted a divorce to Mary J. Peterson of Colfax from Andrew M. Peterson. The plaintiff was granted the privilege of resuming her former name of Mary J. Geer.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Swedish Mission church will meet in the church basement on Friday afternoon of this week. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. J. W. Ostlund. All are cordially invited.

Brooten is to have a newspaper. The first copy is to appear this week. It is to be published by F. R. Haines, who is said to be an experienced newspaper man. Brooten has had quite a boom since the Soo started its Duluth line from that burg.

The Woman's History Club met with Mrs. Chase on Monday of this week. The year's work in American authors was completed by a study of Wm. Dean Howells and his writings, and the study of Jane Addams' "Newer Ideals of Peace" was commenced.

The entertainment given by the Osseo Society at the Seminary last Saturday evening was a success in every respect. The play entitled "The Heir of Mount Vernon" is worthy of particular mention. The actors all deserve much credit and the costumes were unique.

The W. C. T. U. has made arrangements for a series of lectures at Willmar by Mr. Cooper of Greenville, Mich. This noted speaker was at Willmar a number of years ago, and as he is still in the work, his return here will be welcomed by those who heard him then.

C. A. Dahlheim returned from his trip to Sweden and Norway Tuesday noon. He is very enthusiastic about his trip, and has gained in health and weight. He says the climate is delightful. He would have liked to prolong his visit, but was obliged to get home for the opening of the building season.

Christ Holvland, the young man who did work for the Prohibition movement in Kandiyohi county two years ago, was in the city last Saturday and spent Sunday in St. Johns township. Christ has engaged with the Prohibition committee again and may come back for the season's work in this county.

The social given by the Royal Neighbors last night was a decided success and was attended by a crowd that taxed the capacity of the building. The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive cinch, after which lunch was served. After lunch the young folks of all ages enjoyed a dance for a couple of hours.

A marriage ceremony was performed at the Lutheran Free church parsonage last Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, when Mr. Victor Samuelson and Miss Jennie Thompson were united for life. Rev. Michaelson officiating. Mr. Samuelson is the agent of the Duluth elevator at Penneck and the bride is a daughter of Tom Thompson of that village. The Tribune extends congratulations.

The Modern Brotherhood lodge will give a "Poverty Social" at Bonde Hall tomorrow, Thursday, evening. All are cordially invited to come and have a good time. There will be a small fine for those not dressed appropriately for the occasion—"biled shirts and dude collars" coming in for a fine of five cents and other "dude" and "dudine" articles being put down for fines ranging from one to five cents. "Vittles" will be served for the moderate price of fifteen cents.

TELEPHONE CONTROVERSY

City Council Adopts Committee's Report to Oust the Northwestern Telephone Co.

A decisive action was taken in the city council last Monday night in regard to the telephone situation. The special committee appointed to investigate the matter and take such action as might be necessary, made a report which was unanimously adopted. The different points brought out in their report are the following:

1. That your committee has agreed that there is a Telephone Question before the people of the City of Willmar.

2. That, after consulting with competent legal advisers, we determined that the question was of a great importance to the citizens of Willmar and that immediate procedure to determine the rights of the City of Willmar in the matter was advisable.

3. That after an interview with the executive officers of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company, we concluded that the said Telephone Company based its rights to operate a telephone exchange in this city by virtue of a certain Ordinance, No. 60, passed by the Village Council of the Village of Willmar in favor of "The Minnesota Central Telephone Co."

4. That we know of no other ordinance, permit or agreement that could be operative and under which the said Telephone Company can base a claim of such rights.

5. That we know of no probable procedure that might result in a reasonable compromise or settlement of the question.

6. That we are advised that the rights claimed by the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company to operate an Exchange within the limits of the city of Willmar by virtue of that certain Ordinance No. 60 are a question of law and that such rights cannot be maintained if proper procedure is instituted to determine the City's rights in the matter.

7. That the whole question is of sufficient importance to the people of Willmar that we recommend immediate procedure by this City Council to effect a removal from the streets, public grounds, ways and bridges of said City of Willmar all poles, posts, supports, wires and fixtures, placed or maintained within the City of Willmar by "The Northwestern Telephone Exchange Company," "The Minnesota Central Telephone Company," and "The Willmar Telephone Exchange Company" for local telephone exchange purposes.

8. That immediate action be taken by this City Council to determine the City's rights in this matter; that Special Counsel be hired and retained to assist the City Attorney and they be instructed to taken such steps as they deem advisable.

The report was signed by the members of the committee, Russell Spicer, W. F. Gratz and H. S. Peterson. The resolutions were also adopted, as appears in the city council proceedings, directing the city attorney to serve notice on the telephone company to vacate the streets of the city by April 25. This is the preliminary action in the legal proceedings to oust the telephone company. The action taken by the city council is the only alternative left to it without abandoning all the city's rights in regard to the telephone franchise.

In his oral report the chairman of the committee, Mr. Russell Spicer, stated that the officials of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange Co., with whom they conferred, expressed surprise that the rates at Willmar had not been raised from one to two dollars for residence phones and from \$2.00 to \$2.50 for

office phones, and brought out the company's rate books to show that this was the case. When the committee insisted on that the rates were not enforced in Willmar they made further inquiries and found that the rates for some reason had not been enforced as yet in Willmar. The committee asked if a compromise could not be effected by which a franchise would be granted with the understanding that no increase in rates would be made. This was declared impossible. The telephone company insisted that they have a franchise in their permit given the Minnesota Central and expect to fight the matter out on this line. They rely upon their great resources and their big array of legal talent to bulldoze the people of Willmar out of their rights. Their action forfeits the good will of the people of the city of Willmar and this will appear to be a big item before the matter is finally adjusted. While the suit against the company to oust it from the streets should be vigorously prosecuted, steps should be taken at once to organize a local company and apply for a franchise before the city election. This will be the most practical method of securing the rights of the city for its citizens. There has been a great deal of discussion of this matter and a call will be made for a public meeting to further discuss the matter and to take whatever action will be deemed necessary. If the city is successful in its suit against the present company, it would become necessary in any event to organize a new company or for the city to establish an exchange. If the work is undertaken at once the solution of the trouble would be more quickly accomplished and the city would probably be saved expensive litigation.

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ROSELAND REPORTS

Roseland, Feb. 24.—Last week A. Knoll, Nanko Vos and H. F. Bruss hauled a carload of hogs to the Danube market. Hogs are cheap and corn is high.

C. Christianson was to Willmar last week to consult Dr. Petersen. Mr. Christianson has not felt well for some time, but we hear at this writing that he is better.

Mrs. Herman Becker has been quite sick for the past few weeks. Mrs. John Moorlag, whom we reported last week as being sick with lung fever, has recovered from that illness, but we are sorry to find that she is now among the most unfortunate ones, as she has become insane. We shall report more later.

Mrs. Wm. Van Buren, who has been undergoing an operation at the Willmar Hospital, returned home last Friday.

The Wm. Talen family of Raymond spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Roseland.

Sam Dykema and sister, Mrs. Wm. Fisher of Willmar, spent Saturday and Sunday at their parental home out here.

Quite a few from here attended the Glarum sale at Willmar last Friday and report high prices being paid for almost everything.

K. Dauma intends to build a large barn, 40x60 feet, next spring. He is now busy hauling the lumber from Olivia.

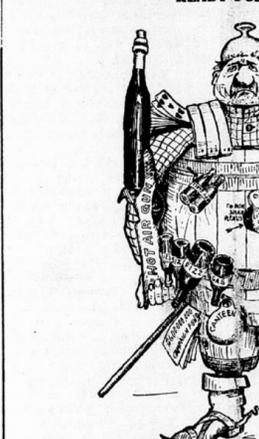
There are rumors of a movement to organize another school district in Roseland and build the schoolhouse in the center of the town.

Joe Skalak and Joe Strafelada made a business trip to Danube Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lindquist mourn the loss of their four days old infant child, which died this morning.

Five of the people at the A. Decker home are sick with the gripe.

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All prepared for the "Campaign of Education" against the wave of prohibition.

SUICIDE AT LAKE ELIZABETH

Worry Over Debt on Land Drives Unfortunate to Destroy Himself With a Shotgun.

A case of suicide occurred in Lake Elizabeth township last Monday. Peter Larson Isenberg, a native of Denmark, had become dependent over financial matters and deliberately killed himself with a shotgun. His insane desire was a very persistent one, as he shot three shots before he managed to inflict a fatal wound upon himself. After the first shot he had to visit the house to secure more cartridges. He was alone at home with a daughter about twelve years old, who was washing dishes at the time of the rash act of her father. Coroner E. S. Frost was called to the scene and viewed the remains. Mr. Isenberg was a man who has borne a good reputation and was until a year ago a resident of Meeker county, living near Rosendale, where he owns a fine farm. He was entirely out of debt, but about a year ago purchased this farm in section 2, Lake Elizabeth, and it was the debt incurred in purchasing this farm that worried him and caused the fatal mania. The wife was on the home farm at the time of the deed. He leaves a number of children.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lindquist last week, but his earthly stay was brief, as the angel of death took him away Monday morning. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

An error occurred in our last week's items, where it was stated that A. Forsman had gone to Texas; it should have read A. Frankson and A. Lof.

Some of our young sports attended the dance at Lippert's Hall last Sunday evening.

A. E. Anderson and H. E. Anderson transacted business at the county seat last Friday.

Miss Barker of Atwater and her brother visited with friends here Saturday and Sunday and also took in the entertainment Saturday evening. Miss Barker taught in our school some years back, and is always a welcome visitor here.

The evening school in Dist. 83 has now closed for the season. There was quite a good attendance, 28 young men and women having been enrolled during the four months it has been in session. The regular day school in the district is nicely in progress. There are two pupils that are expected to pass the second grade teachers' examination. That is doing pretty well for a country school in one year.

The entertainment Saturday evening was a grand success. The large schoolhouse was filled to its utmost capacity, and an interesting program was rendered. "Hans Von Smash" and "Per Olson" were the leading characters for the evening. The program consisted of three plays, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and showed that the teacher, Victor Knutson, had devoted a great deal of time and work towards getting it up. The receipts from the admission fee amounted to \$32.50.

Atty. W. A. Kerr of Minneapolis was in the city last Thursday representing his client A. J. Ekander in the suit against W. T. Markhus et al, in Ekander's attempt to secure return of money paid out as bondsman for the former city recorder. In the hearing before Judge Powers the case was reopened and additional testimony was taken in order to prove insolvency of the city recorder referred to.

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The deceased was born at Mockfjärd, Sweden, July 31, 1868. With the family she came to this county in 1877, and lived on the farm near Little Kandiyohi lake in town of Kandiyohi until in 1890, when she married Andrew N. Nelson of Whitefield, and lived happily on their farm in Roseland township until the death of her husband, which occurred in 1897. In 1901 she moved to Willmar. About two years ago she was married to C. L. Englund. Besides the grieving husband, the deceased leaves a foster-daughter, Betsy Olson, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Olson of this city, and five sisters—Mrs. Olof Lindgren of Alberta, Canada; Carrie Olson of Willmar; Mrs. J. Ed Nelson of Svea; Mrs. Geo. E. Forsberg of Foley, Minn.; and Mrs. Emil Nordloef of Willmar—and a large number of other relatives.

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Some friends and relatives gathered at the home of H. Hande Sr. last Sunday to remind him of his 70th birthday anniversary. A similar event took place at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. G. Swenson, the same day, it being also her birthday, and a few of her friends were entertained.

Jens Skaalerudhas purchased from C. W. Odell a tract of land adjoining Mrs. Mary Erickson's farm.

The ice on the lakes is very fine for skating and the young people avail themselves of the opportunity to catch up for lost time.

There were services in