

KANDIYOHI COUNTY OLD SETTLERS' ANNUAL RE-UNION AT SPICER

An ideal summer day favored the Kandiyohei County Old Settlers' Association on the occasion of their annual meeting held at Spicer-on-Green-Lake last Friday, and but for the baseless report of the prevalence of diphtheria at Spicer the attendance would undoubtedly have been a record breaker. As it was, the attendance was about an average as far as members were concerned, but the number of other visitors was somewhat lessened. In regard to new members the scare was felt most acutely, a number from the western part of the county who had signed their intention of being present and joining the association failing to show up. Those who were there, however, enjoyed a very pleasant outing and a good program and went home fully satisfied with their trip.

The business session opened at Martin's Hall at 10:30 a. m., and was unusually well attended, this part of the proceedings being generally slighted by many of the members, but this year practically all members who were in the town at that time attended. The meeting was called to order by President John Wicklund, and the minutes and financial reports were read and approved. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following were elected without opposition:

President, Harold Swenson, of New London.

First vice president, George Johnson, of Burbank.

Second vice president, A. N. Lewis, of Willmar.

Secretary, A. O. Forsberg, of Willmar.

Treasurer, J. G. Monson, of Kandiyohei.

The following communication from Hon. Andrew Railson was read:

Norway Lake, Minn., June 29, '08. Mr. A. H. Sperry,

Willmar, Minn.

Friend Sperry:—Your letter received, for which accept my thanks. I regret very deeply that I shall be unable to be with you at the Old Settlers' meeting this year at Spicer. The state of my health will not permit me attending, much as I should have enjoyed being with you on that day.

Also unable to be with you in person, yet my thoughts will be with you all on that day.

Wishing you a successful day and with kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely your friend, Andrew Railson.

The secretary was instructed to reply for the association, extending its best wishes to the honored member and wishing that his life may be spared and his health restored so that he may be able to attend many future meetings of the association.

Martin Olson, in behalf of the citizens of Atwater, extended a cordial invitation to the association to hold its next annual meeting at that place. A motion to accept the invitation with thanks was unani-

mously extended and adopted by a rising vote.

E. T. Woodcock of Urbana, Ohio, the first white settler of the county, was present and entertained the members with some interesting reminiscences from the early days. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Woodcock for the interest shown in coming so far to help in making the meeting a success, and he and his family were invited to attend the meeting in Atwater on the third Tuesday in June, 1909.

The business meeting thereupon adjourned.

The social session began at the Chautauqua Auditorium at one o'clock p. m. Thru the courtesy of the managers of the Chautauqua a very interesting and enjoyable part had been added to the program, namely music by the Ladies' Symphony Orchestra, which furnished music at intervals during the program, giving unquestionably the best musical feature that ever heightened the enjoyment of a meeting of the association. After the first musical number, President Wicklund introduced Mr. Russell Spicer, president of the Chautauqua board, who cordially welcomed the old settlers and wished them a very good time. He also took occasion to explain the purposes of the Chautauqua and expressed the hope that cordial relations would always exist between that institution and the Old Settlers' Association. President Wicklund responded briefly and at the close of his remarks a vote of thanks was extended to the Chautauqua management for the favors extended, the resolution being adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Editor V. E. Lawson read a paper on "The Norway Lake Settlement of Fifty Years Ago." By re-



Hon. Andrew Railson

quest of the association, this paper, and that of Harold Swenson is published in this issue of the Tribune.

Lieut. Martin E. Tew delivered the annual address of the association. Mr. Tew is always an interesting speaker, and on this occasion he more than lived up to his reputation. It was one of the ablest efforts in that line that the association ever had the pleasure of hearing.

Harold Swenson read the memorial paper for the year, reviewing the lives of those who had passed the great divide since last meeting. Hugh Blakely and Gustaf Johnson.

E. T. Woodcock was again called for and gave some of his early experiences at Columbia, the "paper city" on whose site Spicer stands. This closed the regular meeting, but thru the kindness of the Chautauqua board the members were given the privilege of remaining for the afternoon Chautauqua session, enjoying again the music by the Chautauqua talent and listening to the eloquent lecture of Wirt Lowther on "The Mission of the Poet."

The members left for their homes feeling that the meeting had been a decided success, and only regretting that so many had missed this pleasure on account of a false report. The members will cherish a kindly feeling for the Chautauqua management for the many courtes-

ies extended during the meeting.

When the bells in the church steeples were ringing in the early hour of the first day of the present year the life of Hugh Blakely was fast ebbing away at his home in Roseville township. His course of earthly life was ended. Death, the kind old nurse, was there.

Hugh Blakely was by birth a Canadian, born in Toledo, Ontario, Sept. 26, 1838, where he lived till his eighteenth year, when he came to Minnesota and settled at Hastings, where he worked a couple of years as carpenter. In 1858 Blakely, in company with his brother John, started out for Sioux Falls,

where he was born in Sweden May 1, 1830; came to Kandiyohei in the summer of 1857 and located his first claim Aug. 4, 1857.

Gustaf Johnson, in company with his two brothers and seven young men, started out from Chisago Lake, Minn., to explore the western country and arrived at Kandiyohei Lakes. The townsite of Kandiyohei had been surveyed in 1856 and here they found a person in charge who had a shanty built in the edge of the natural grove upon the hill where John Wicklund now lives. This person who was holding down the townsite was about 30 years of age and was a splendid shot with the rifle. Imagine the surprise of the settlers when afterwards they learned that this lone inhabitant of the intended capital

exercise of spiritual faculties. Whether consciously or unconsciously, our everyday lives are permeated by the life of the spirit and the highway into the life of the spirit is the road of integrity. If any man finds that, like the fear of the sea or the dread of the upper air, he has a distrust of the life of the spirit, let him commit himself to the guidance of the moral Ideal. Men instinctively trust honesty and integrity; they believe in goodness and truth. These qualities of life are not illusions. They appeal to men as having a dependable reality. The Moral Ideal can be trusted; it can find the road of integrity; it will lead all who follow on the highway into the life of the spirit. Let this guide remove our fears, win our hearts to this journey, and

in exchange for assistance to move back to Stearns county.

Six of these original settlers of Norway Lake have gone to their reward in a better world. Johannes Iversen was killed in the Indian massacre of 1862. Thomas Osmundson died in Fentress, Virginia, in 1899; John Totland died in an asylum in Rock county years ago, and that stern type of the old Norse viking, Even Railson, laid down the staff of life two years ago. Moritz died at Melrose in 1901.

The one surviving member of the old Norway Lake guard of 1858 is the Hon. Andrew Railson. His physical infirmities prevent him from meeting with you here today. He was and is the statesman of the Norway Lake community. He re-



The Seventh Annual Re-union at Spicer in 1904.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Delivered By Harold Swenson to the Memory of Departed

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I observe at our yearly meetings a continual passing away, especially among the older members, and the old statement "All things move and nothing abides" presents itself with renewed force. "Passing away" is the burden sighed out on the wind's voice; it is the theme of the ocean's plaint as the climbing tide pounds the shore and recedes. Rushes and pines sing the song as they sway along the lakeside; and the prettiest little garden, gay as it is, begins at this time of the year to shed withered petals over the beds, and it must be an industrious gardener who keeps out of sight all the witnesses to the mutability of life.

Passing away! We surprise the thought in our friend's eyes as he turns to go, in the shadow of a child's smile. It is the echo of our gladderest experiences, the sober homeward song of the days' closed pleasures.

Passing away! We understand it by the sapping of our strength and ambitions. The plain of life, with its struggles and temptations, is traversed, and we are set on the gray and misty paths that make for the sea. The everlasting process has been running its course, and we but half awake to life, have un-

city of Minnesota was a lady in disguise.

Gustaf Johnson was married to Johanna Hokanson in the spring of 1858 in Chisago county, and accompanied by his wife came to Kandiyohei in the early summer of 1858, making the trip with an ox team. At the time of the Indian massacre, after a great deal of persuasion on the part of his neighbors, Johnson reluctantly took their advice and left for Chisago county, but returned in 1866. Johnson always treated the Indians properly and was by them regarded as a "good white man," and possibly the marks made by the Indians upon a piece of paper fastened to the door of Johnson's house gave this notice to the warriors of the plains: "Here-in dwells a family whose lives must be spared." Be it known that the Johnson house was not disturbed by the warriors. Who will venture to say that those red men did not remember previous kindly treatment received at the Johnson home?

Johnson's family consisted of nine children, eight of whom are living. His estimable wife preceded him in death nearly nine years ago.

Having enjoyed the acquaintance of these early pioneers who now belong to a by-gone past, I think it proper to add a thought on the life of the spirit, which I have a reason to believe was participated in by these earth's noblemen to whose memory I am asked to jot down my humble remarks.

When the life of the spirit is mentioned, some people draw back with distrust as from the intangible and the unknown. If a man says to a company of people "Come out upon the sea," there are those who will say: "I am afraid of the sea; I would rather trust the land." Or if a man says: "Come on a journey into the upper air," many people will say: "I fear the air; I prefer to journey on land or sea. When you explore the upper air, leave me on the earth."

It is just the same way, when we are urged to make the venture into the life of the spirit, there are many who feel that they can trust what they can see and handle; but they fear the unseen, they distrust the intangible, they shrink from their own emotions.

But is the life of the spirit lived in a land of unreality? Have we reason for distrust in the guide that would lead us there? The visible world and the invisible world are all about us and within us. By the choices which we are ever making, we move toward the one or the other. Men sometimes say: "I have no spiritual discrimination, but I do believe in an honest life." But there is no finer spiritual choice than that which is made by the man who chooses honesty above material gain. What kind of thing is honesty, and where is it found? It cannot be weighed or handled; it is intangible and invisible. It is rooted in the invisible world with the life of the spirit.

The man who with all his heart follows integrity as a reality, is a man of spiritual discrimination; he is living the life of the spirit.

Can human life attain the spiritual life? It cannot escape it. We exist in the present moment, infinitely brief, and we are ever living for, acting for the future, immediate or remote. The future is unseen and uncertain; but our commonest activity is meaningless without it. Do we feel that our own feet are planted on the good solid foundation of the visible earth? But we are held to the earth by the invisible power of gravitation. We are absolutely dependent on the unseen in more ways than we can enumerate. Life is continually training us in the ex-

bring us to rejoice in the land to which that journey leads us. Absolute sincerity in our motives, absolute fidelity in our purposes, straightforward thinking, unswerving loyalty to integrity, clear moral discrimination, living out our ideals joyously, will clarify our spiritual vision and lead us to see the eternal.

LAWSON'S PAPER

The people of the Norway Lake community are this year celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the first settlements made by white men in that locality. In 1858 the first settlers located claims in that land of promise, far out beyond the line of frontier settlements. The story of these settlers forms one of the most interesting chapters in the early history of the county. I would not undertake to repeat, or attempt to repeat any considerable part of it in the brief time allotted to me. The narratives of these old pioneers are recorded and are available in book form and form one of the richest legacies that will be inherited by coming generations.



E. T. WOODCOCK

who will enjoy life on the rich, broad acres improved with comfortable buildings and all the conveniences of modern life where once the brave pioneer built his log cabin, fought and conquered the wilderness, wrestled with poverty, and carved out a future for himself and his children.

There were seven settlers who located claims in the community generally designated as Norway Lake in 1858. We will confine our brief lines to these. First came Even Railson and Andrew Valhood. Even Railson's story of how in company with two other men Valhood and himself pushed out from the Eagle Lake settlement, forded the swollen Pipe creek, and finally ran a foot race to determine who was to have the first pick of the land, is well known to all. The land office records show that they selected their claims June 23. Later Even Railson was joined by his brother, Andrew, who located on the ideal place where he still lives. The two brothers named the lake while adrift on a crude raft, attempting on the same to cross the lake. Along in the month of September Johannes Iversen, John Totland and Thomas Osmundson arrived to the settlement and located claims. On the east side of the lake a German, Joseph Moritz, located Aug. 16, but does not seem to have been in touch with the other settlers. He built his log house with a hay roof on the place later owned by Nels Peterson, in the edge of what is said to have been the finest bunch of native woods in the county at that time. He came in from the north. He stated that he had Aug. 16 to Feb. 22 following from not see a white man. He traded his claim to Helge Totland

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Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

ESTATE OF KATHRINE SJODIN.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. County of Kandiyohei. In the Matter of the Estate of Kathrine Sjodin, Decedent.

Letters of Administration this day having been granted to Emil Sjodin. It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against her estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to three months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1908, at 1 o'clock P. M., in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House at the City of Willmar in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in the Willmar Tribune as provided by law.

Dated June 9, 1908. A. F. NORDH, Judge of Probate.

(First publication June 24.)

Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

ESTATE OF ANNE MARIE CHRISTENSEN.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. County of Kandiyohei. In the Matter of the Estate of Anne Marie Christensen, Decedent.

Letters of Administration this day having been granted to Samuel G. Larson. It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to six months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1908, at 1 o'clock P. M., in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House at the City of Willmar in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in the Willmar Tribune as provided by law.

Dated June 20, 1908. A. F. NORDH, Judge of Probate.

(First publication June 21.)

Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

ESTATE OF OLE M. SOLEM.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. County of Kandiyohei. In the Matter of the Estate of Ole M. Solm, Decedent.

Letters of Administration this day having been granted to Lottie Solm. It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to six months from and after the date hereof; and that Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1908, at 1 o'clock P. M., in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House at the City of Willmar in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in the Willmar Tribune as provided by law.

Dated June 20th, 1908. A. F. NORDH, Judge of Probate.

(First publication July 1.)

Order Limiting Time to File Claims, and for Hearing Thereon.

ESTATE OF MATHIAS MATHIASON AL- SO KNOWN AS MATHIAS MATHISON.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court. County of Kandiyohei. In the Matter of the Estate of Mathias Mathiason, Decedent.

Letters of administration this day having been granted to Hemming S. Nelson. It is Ordered, that the time within which all creditors of the above named decedent may present claims against his estate in this court, be, and the same hereby is, limited to three months from and after the date hereof; and that Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, 1908, at one o'clock p. m., in the Probate Court Rooms at the Court House at the City of Willmar in said County, be, and the same hereby is, fixed and appointed as the time and place for hearing upon and the examination, adjustment and allowance of such claims as shall be presented within the time aforesaid.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in the Willmar Tribune as provided by law.

Dated June 26, 1908. G. H. OTTENSEN, Attorney.

(First publication June 10.)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage dated the ninth day of March, A. D. 1905, executed by James D. Hawkes, a single man, as mortgagor, to The Union Central Life Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, Mortgagee, and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Kandiyohei County, Minnesota, on the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1905 at eight o'clock A. M., and thereon recorded in Book 37-27 of Mortgages on Pages 345 and 346, mortgaging the following described premises situate in Kandiyohei County, Minnesota, to-wit: The east half (½) of Section Nineteen (19), and the north half (½) of Section Twenty (20), (½) of the sec 19, and the northeast quarter (¼) of the north half of Section Twenty-two (22) all in Township One hundred twenty-two (122) North, of Range Thirty-three (33) West, on which mortgage there is due and claimed to be due at date hereof the sum of six thousand seven hundred twenty one and 95/100 dollars (\$6721.95), principal and interest, and the sum of sixty-six and 33/100 dollars (\$66.33) taxes. Total, six thousand seven hundred eighty-eight and 28-100 dollars (\$6788.28) and no action at law or otherwise having been brought to recover said sum or any part thereof.

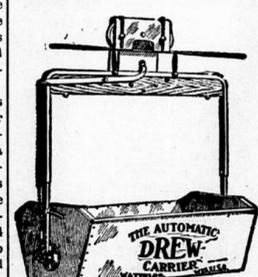
Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of said described premises at public auction to the highest bidder, by the sheriff of said Kandiyohei County, at the North front door of the Court House in the City of Willmar, in said Kandiyohei County, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1908, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, to satisfy the sum then due on said mortgage, including the costs of sale and an attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) as in said mortgage provided.

Dated June 5th, A. D. 1908. THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Mortgagee. S. M. WALKER, Attorney for Mortgagee, 417-419 Security Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.

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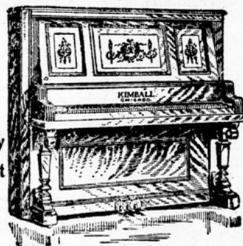
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