



### Personal Mention.

E. E. Powers spent Thanksgiving at his home in Granite Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Falkingham and children spent Thanksgiving at Echo.

Miss Ella Gould spent Thanksgiving with Miss Alferetta Stinson at Morris.

Miss Elvina Sorenson went to Minneapolis Wednesday for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Harrington spent Thanksgiving with relatives at Pipestone.

Mrs. Carrie Odell returned home Wednesday after a few days visit in Kerkhoven.

Mrs. A. O. Bryant returned home Wednesday from a visit in Buffalo and the Twin Cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Elkjer returned home from their wedding trip last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. B. H. Chesley went to Beardsley Wednesday for a few days visit at her parental home.

H. A. Seybold, the local Tri-State manager, enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner in Litchfield with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lewis of St. Paul were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lewis over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Greenfield went to Penock last Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Geer of Burbank helped Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Geer dispose of their Thanksgiving turkey.

Mrs. E. T. Sandbo and daughter Beatrice went to Minneapolis Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Olaf Sandbo.

Miss Olive Kaskell returned home Monday from a visit in Minneapolis with her aunt, Miss Pauline Sharkey.

Miss Linnea Bergstrom of St. Cloud was the guest of Miss Amy Fridlund from Wednesday till Monday.

Misses Ethel and Avis McCune of Sioux City, Iowa, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Porter over Thanksgiving.

Miss Marion Minton and her guest, Miss Madeline Johnson of Bagley, returned to the St. Cloud Normal Monday.

Mrs. W. G. Mapes enjoyed a visit last Wednesday from a cousin, Miss Laura Ferrell, and her friend, Miss Redmond, of Montrose.

Mrs. F. F. Nelson enjoyed a visit last Wednesday from Miss Amy Anderson, who was on her way to Atwater from St. Cloud.

Misses Olga Sherdahl and Flossie Surratt of Granite Falls were guests at the James Sanderson home a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Conrad Swenson came down from Benson Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Sandven before returning to her home in New London.

Andrew Fridlund returned to Huron, S. D., Monday to continue his carpenter work after having spent Thanksgiving at his home in this city.

Mrs. J. D. Richardson arrived here from Minneapolis last Wednesday to spend the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Stansberry.

Walter Englund of the G. A. college, Elvin of Minnesota college, and Miss Alice of Hartley, Iowa, spent Thanksgiving at their parental home here.

### WAS WORKING AT CHERRY MINE

#### Arnold Johnson of this City Tells Interesting Story Regarding the Cherry Disaster.

Arnold Johnson, son of Henry Johnson of this city, was one of the men employed at the Cherry mine at the time of the terrible calamity which occurred there a short time ago, when more than 300 miners were entrapped and either burned or choked to death by black damp. Arnold came home Friday evening, and on the following day was interviewed by a Tribune reporter, when he told the following story:

"I was working at the surface when the fire started and was one of the men who hauled the hay which started the fire to the shaft. The electric light wire at the opening of the second vein was out of order and torches were used. These set fire to the bales just as they were ready to be sent down to the third vein. The man in charge of the cage got excited and instead of lowering it slowly he tipped one of the ends, thereby allowing the burning bales to drop 250 feet to the bottom of the third vein. Before help could come the woodwork around the shaft caught fire, and the terrible calamity occurred."

Four hundred eighty-nine men went down to work that morning. A few came up at noon, but most of the men were caught. The cages came up a few times, bearing each time from two to seven men, but soon the fire stopped this means of escape. The mine was sealed to check the fire, but as soon as possible it was opened again and rescuers went to work. But little could be done, however, and most of the miners perished.

"The 21 men who were brought out a week after the fire started were in a terrible condition. They had had nothing to eat except some lard-oil and kerosene, and some of them were almost dead."

"The scenes at the surface were awful. Men were brought out with arms, legs or heads either partly or wholly burned. The bodies had to be handled from one rescuer to another, as the passage ways were nearly all blocked. Many men were found close to the cages, and large numbers were found along the tracks along which they had crawled for long distances, finally to be overtaken by the fire or choked by the black damp."

"I think everything possible was done to minimize the danger of fire. It was just one of those terrible accidents which sometimes happen in spite of what can be done. I also think that the situation was well handled, everything considered."

W. H. Ferris, at one time in charge of the Glarum farm, was employed at the mine as engineer, but as all the engines are at the surface he was not in danger.

Arnold says that he is thru with mining, at least for a while. He will remain at home for some time, but has not decided yet what he will do.

### Change At Glarum Hotel.

E. H. Marshall of Browns Valley has leased the Glarum Hotel from L. P. Anderson of Kerkhoven, taking charge yesterday morning. Mr. Marshall has been in the hotel business before, but of late he has been farming near Browns Valley.

P. H. Dahlstrom, the former proprietor, left the city a couple of weeks ago for parts unknown. Some think he is in Canada, and others assert that he is on his way to the old country. Besides leaving his hardworking family he also left a number of unpaid bills. It is said that he succeeded in collecting a snug little sum on accounts before he left. His family has heard nothing from him.

### Red Cross Stamps on Sale.

The Red Cross Christmas stamps were placed in fifteen business places in the city today and they will be kept on sale until Friday, Dec. 24. Five thousand stamps have been sent to Willmar to Health Officer Rains, and he was assisted in placing them by Mrs. H. G. Meyer, who will also have charge of the collection of the funds.

Last year the sale of these stamps amounted to more than \$150,000, but this year it is hoped that this amount will be doubled. The stamps are sold at one cent each, and the proceeds, after thirty percent is deducted for the State and twenty percent for the National organization for the prevention of tuberculosis, will be expended locally to relieve suffering caused by the white plague. The money will be spent thru a local organization to be effected later under the direction of the health department and some state officer of the association. The stamps are for sale at the Tribune office as well as a number of other places in the city, and if any of our out-of-town readers desire a supply of these little tokens of the true Christmas spirit to affix to their packages of Christmas gifts we will be glad to fill orders by mail provided a stamp is enclosed for return postage.

### Prinsburg Prints.

Prinsburg, Nov. 30.—Quite a number of our farmers went to Raymond Monday to bring home coal, a carload of which had been ordered and shipped in for the mutual benefit of those taking share.

Henry Brink and Neal Kragt went to Willmar on business Friday.

Miss De Boer of Chicago, is here taking care of the house while her sister, Mr. John Terpstra, is in Willmar at a hospital awaiting an operation for appendicitis.

We hope the good woman may be spared to her family and soon come home fully recovered.

Miss Lizzie Brink spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Kragt near Raymond.

The services here on Thanksgiving day were well attended and a collection taken up for the benefit of the Home missions, which netted the sum of \$71.00.

Rev. Ypma and Elder Breems went to Raymond to visit the members of the church who live there. House visitation goes on almost every day, and pastor and congregation are thus getting acquainted.

Henry Alderink of Pease, Minn., came thru here Friday with a team of ponies which he was driving up from Rock Valley, Iowa, to his home. He found the roads pretty tough driving all the way. He left here on Monday morning.

Braker Bros. butchered a hog weighing 488 lbs last Monday. Who beats that?

The Misses Gertie and Rensie Stob of Raymond visited Rev. Ypma and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dekkes of Roseland are now nicely settled here in the home with Mrs. W. Stob.

Roads are bad owing to the thaw after the snow and frost.

### ODD FELLOWS IN CONFERENCE

A district conference of the I. O. O. F. was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall here yesterday afternoon and evening. Besides local members of the order teams were present from Atwater, Kerkhoven, Benson and Penock, in all about 75 delegates. Of the state officers Grand Master Barber of Long Prairie, Grand Secretary Bolter of St. Paul and Grand Patriarch McCullan were present, as was District Grand Deputy Covell of Atwater. The Grand Officers all addressed the conference and also installed the degree of Grand Lodge upon five Past Noble Grands. The main address of the conference was given by Rev. Crawford Grays of Howard Lake. It was an able effort on "How to Improve the Order" and was received with a great deal of enthusiasm. At six o'clock the Rebecca lodge served a delicious supper.

The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the district, and all the visiting teams expressed themselves as more than pleased with the entertainment they received while here.

Quietly Married.

On Tuesday evening of last week occurred the wedding of Miss Myrtle L. Zent and William Steltz. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Anderson at the Lutheran Synod parsonage. After a wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Steltz will make their home in Breckenridge where Mr. Steltz is employed as switchman for the Great Northern.

Miss Zent has been employed for some time as Simplex operator for the Gazette, and during her stay here has made a good many friends. They all join in wishing her and her husband a long and happy married life.

Four Generations Dine Together.

Four generations were represented at the Thanksgiving dinner at the Somerville home last Thursday. Mrs. P. J. Somerville of Sleepy Eye was the first link in the chain, and the others were her son W. E., her grandson M. W. of Town of Woods, and her great grand-son Harold. The dinner was a joyful one, and will long be remembered by all those who were present. In spite of her 84 years Mrs. Somerville is hearty and hale and in good spirits, and up to a very short time ago did all her own household work.

Buy Willmar made goods.

### Church Bazaar at New London.

The Sorosis and The Willing Workers of the Lebanon church at New London will hold their fourth annual bazaar on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, Dec. 9 and 10. This event will take place at the village hall at New London, where booths will be fitted up at which all kinds of toothsome refreshments will be sold and also the articles that have been made and donated. Good program will also be provided for each evening. The hall opens at 7:30 each evening.

### Home Talent Play December 13.

Rehearsals are on in earnest for "Nevada, or the Lost Mine," to be given at the Opera House on Monday, Dec. 13. The play is said to offer exceptional opportunities for a display of talents, and the local amateur actors and actresses who have parts in it promise to put the play on in first-class shape. The cast of characters and other details regarding the play will be published later.

Miss Anna Nelson returned home Saturday from a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. J. Fredrickson at Penock.

### FIRST TRAIN FORTY YEARS AGO

At this time forty years ago Willmar was first connected with the outside world by rail and telegraph, and last Sunday's Pioneer Press, under the heading of "Forty Years ago Today", reprints the following item:

"The town of Willmar has been reached by the Pacific railroad, as will be seen by the following exchange of telegrams: Col. William Crooks at Willmar to Supt. Delano at St. Paul: 'Greeting! Another station on the frontier connects the world by rail and lightning with the new town of Willmar, and opens into the greatest wheatfields in the world.' To this Supt. Delano answered: 'Thanks for the greeting. All right so far. Rush on to the Red river and to the Pacific and on into Hudson's Bay and the Canadian dominions as fast as sinews will permit. The quickest route to annexation is by rail and iron horse via St. Paul.'"

Among those who came to Willmar on this first train forty years ago last Sunday were Nels Rosenquist and family and two bachelors Mons Nelson and Nels Gammalson. The Rosenquist family included Mrs. C. B. Carlson of this city. This party all lived together in a small dugout on the Rosenquist claim in Whitefield the following winter, Mr. Rosenquist having visited the place before and prepared the primitive dwelling.

### LOCAL BREVITIES

The Ladies Guild will hold their weekly sale of home cooking at Wiggins Store Dec. 4 from two to five p. m.

Mrs. T. J. Swenson will serve coffee in the Swedish M. E. church on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 2. All are welcome.

The ladies of the St. Mary's church will give a card party at Joe Cleary's residence next Thursday, Dec. 2. All friends are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thorpe, daughter Ellen and son Marven were guests at the homes of L. O. Thorpe and Mrs. Martha Botnen over Thanksgiving.

The Svea School will give a rag ball social at the Svea school house on Saturday evening, Dec. 11. A program will be given before the social. All invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sorenson of Milaca spent Thanksgiving here with their daughter, Miss Esther Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kent and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Samuelson are enjoying a visit from their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larlow Pierce, who are on their way home to Garretson, Canada, from a visit at Crosby, N. D.

Anton Anderson has rented the August Johnson farm near Raymond. Mr. Anderson recently moved to this county from Minneapolis where for more than five years he worked as street car conductor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Estrem and children of New London were guests at the L. O. Thorpe home over Thanksgiving.—Ole and Bernhard and Miss Clara Nelson of New London were the guests of Theodore Thorson's over Sunday.

The Good Fellows Club has sent out invitations for the first of a series of dances to be given throughout the winter. It will come off tomorrow, Thursday evening, at the Carlson hall, with Noreen's orchestra furnishing the music.

Mrs. Susan Baker has gone to Omeme, N. D., to visit with relatives. She will also spend some time at the home of her son in Minot, before returning to Willmar where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Jorris.

The Little Helpers of the Swedish Baptist church will meet in the church basement Friday evening, Dec. 3, beginning at 7:30. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Elmer Peterson and Miss Thora Thunstedt. A good program will be given and all are invited to attend.

A. R. Towle, vice president and general superintendent of the C. H. Shaver News company, which owns the local Eating House, was a Willmar visitor last Saturday. He said the company now runs 53 eating houses along the Great Northern lines, and that they are opening up new houses as fast as they are able to do it.

C. A. Benson of Benson Bros. & Jorris leaves tomorrow for Wadena where he will take charge of a dry goods store which he received some time ago in exchange for some store property in North Dakota. Mr. Benson has a chance to sell or rent the Wadena store, but he has not as yet decided which he will do.

Nearly all of Willmar's representatives at out-of-town institutions of learning came home to enjoy their Thanksgiving turkey and mince pie. They must be a temperate lot for although they came direct from the bones of the boarding house to mother's delicacies the reporter was unable to find a single one of them at the hospitals the next day.

NOTICE.

New cards specially manufactured for us, and to be used for our elegant Sepia portraits, have arrived and will be used for our Xmas work. Our prize winning grade of sepia portraits make elegant gifts. Come now. Phone 91. ELKJER BROS.

### Norwegian Traveling Library Here.

Librarian Edith Frost has received from the Minnesota Library Commission a traveling library, consisting of representative books from a number of leading Norwegian writers. The books will be here for six months, and it is hoped that all those who are able to read Norwegian will avail themselves of this rare opportunity to read some of the best literature the far Northland has to offer.

Aanrud—Fortaellinger; Ager—I Strömmer; Baggeson—Komske Fortaellinger og Aeventyr; Bojer—Paa Kirkevei; Bull—Jomfruene paa Ostraa; Dahl—En Bergmands familie; Dan—Praerierosen; Flood—Udvalgte Fortaellinger, 2 v in 1; Foss—Den Amerikanske saloon; Friis—Svenskarne paa Lolland; Gjellerup—Vandreaare; Gloersen—Laura; Hanch—Robert Fulton; Homo sum pseud—Den Førstefødte; Ingemann—Kristen Bloks Ungdomsreiser; Jorgensen—Den Yderste dag; Kraemmer—Glade Borgere; Lie—Samlede vaerker; Lie—Det Brede Humor; Loland—Skategravnen; Mariager—Antike fortællinger, vol. 2; Meyn—En Kaerlighedshistorie fra gamle dage; Rist—Lasse Monson fra Skaane; Stepiak—En Nihilist; Thoresen—Fortællinger og Signes historie.

### SWITCHMEN TIE UP R. R. BUSINESS

#### Round House Crews at Willmar Let Out By Company Pending Settlement of Strike.

Not a single freight train is moving on this division as the result of a strike on the part of the switchmen. The walk-out came at 6 o'clock last night, following a telegraphic vote on the part of the switchmen of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. The strike order effected 8,000 men. The switchmen ask for an advance of 6 cents an hour in wages and double pay for all Sunday work, holiday work and overtime, or work in excess of ten hours a day. The railroads say that they carried the switchmen thru the depression following the panic of 1907 at the present schedule, and insist that they should be given more time in which to allow business to equal the ratio of salaries before being asked to pay a larger scale. Both sides are determined to fight it out.

Locally the strike order effected only a few of the 20 men who are employed in switching. Superintendent Stewart says he has enough men to handle the trains on this division and in the local yards, but

### Young Peoples Meeting.

The Y. P. S. of the Sw. Luth. Bethel church will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1909, at eight o'clock p. m. Refreshments will be served by Misses Hulda Moline and Ada Broman. The following program will be rendered: Solo, Samuel Nelson; Essay, Emma Johnson; Cornet solo, John T. Otos; Select reading, Hilma Englund; speech, Rev. G. Peterson; and a piano solo. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

### Housekeepers' Club.

The regular meeting of the Housekeepers Club takes place next Saturday at the Odd Fellows Hall. The program will include a piano solo by Winnie Rogers, a recitation by Helen Hanson, violin solo by Nettie Marlow, reading by Mrs. Lewis, vocal solo by Helen Stewart, piano solo by Edna Sanderson, piano solo by Gladis Wold. There will also be election of officers.

### Miss Minnie Nelson of St. Paul

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and St. Paul are unable to move the trains, and for that reason everything is tied up all along the line. The company also called out the round-house crew of about 50 men, and everything pertaining to railroading in this city is still today.

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| Bath Robes      | Silk Initial Handkerchiefs     | Dress Suit Cases |
| Smoking Jackets | Linen " Handkerchiefs          | Seal Skin Caps   |
| Rain Coats      | Suspenders in individual boxes | Shirts           |
| Sweater Coats   | Neckties in individual boxes   | Underwear        |
| Neckwear        | Gloves                         | Hosiery          |
| Mittens         | Cuff Buttons                   | Shoes            |
| Silk Mufflers   | Scarf Pins                     | Overshoes        |
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