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## Personal Mention.

Ed Benson left for Minneapolis Monday morning.

G. C. Peterson of Belgrade was in the city on Friday.

Miss Edith Bartlett returned to Atwater Saturday.

Mrs. C. Holzinger is the guest of relatives at Litchfield.

Miss Marie Knutson spent Sunday at her home in Spicer.

Chas. Hillstrom of St. Paul, was a Sunday visitor here.

Miss Esther Swenson is visiting with friends at Maynard.

Miss Inga Swedberg returned to her home at Penock Friday.

Elvin Englund went to the cities on Saturday for a short visit.

Miss Anna Strom went to Litchfield, Monday for a short stay.

Mrs. C. J. Goff was the guest of friends at Litchfield last week.

G. W. Tyler of Elk River, is the guest of relatives in this city.

H. G. Floren of Penock was in the city on business last week.

Miss Marie Gleason of Beardley, is the guest of Miss Ada Jorris.

Rev. T. O. Tolo of Belgrade spent Monday and Tuesday in Willmar.

Miss Hannah Halverson returned to her home at New London Friday.

Mrs. K. T. Stallard of Hamline, is the guest of relatives and friends here.

Miss Esther Larson left Monday for St. Paul where she will visit her cousin.

Miss Alma Samuelson of Spicer, was in the city between trains on Friday.

S. P. Swenson left Monday for Belgrade where he will work a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Magnuson spent Sunday with friends at New London.

Miss Kathryn Hamann of Penock was in Willmar between trains on Tuesday.

Dr. T. A. Hays of Govin, Missouri, is the guest of relatives and friends in this city.

Miss Francis Hedin returned home Saturday from a week's outing at Green Lake.

Paul Peterson of this city, was a caller at Wm. Olson's home at Spicer on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Monson returned Saturday from a few days' visit with relatives at New London.

Miss Emma E. Johnson spent Sunday afternoon near Kandiyohi, the guest of friends.

Miss Marie McLaughlin left Friday for a week's visit with relatives in Minneapolis.

C. A. Anderson and E. T. Thulin from Kandiyohi were in the city Friday on business.

Mrs. R. M. Whitmas and children left Saturday for Spicer for a short visit with friends.

Miss Dora Johnson leaves for a week's visit with relatives in Minneapolis on Thursday.

Wm. Benson of Raymond visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Benson, over Sunday.

Mrs. W. G. Lytle of Crookston arrived Monday for a visit at her brother's home, J. E. Fisk.

Mrs. Fred Kasten was the guest of Raymond friends the past week, returning home Saturday.

Miss Naomi Soderling has accepted a position as stenographer for the New London Milling Co.

Miss M. Warner returned to Minneapolis Friday after visiting a short time with friends in this city.

Miss Vale is expected this week from St. Cloud where she will be the guest of Miss Gertrude Porter.

Miss Mildred Parson returned to her home at Minneapolis Thursday, after a short visit with friends.

Miss Adeline Sundberg left Saturday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in the cities.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Erickson of New London arrived Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Martha Haley who has been teaching summer school at Grand Rapids, returned home Monday.

Mrs. L. Hanson and children of New London were over Sunday visitors at her sister's home, Mrs. Olof Hanson.

Miss Abbie Edgren returned to her home at Browns Valley, after spending a short time the guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Lucile and Clinton Shouls returned the latter part of the week to their home at Litchfield, after visiting friends in this city.

## NEW FLAG POLE IS ORDERED

### Electric R. R. Man Coming—Obnoxious Editor Asked to Leave Town—New Feed-Barn.

The Willmar Commercial Club at the August meeting last night authorized the ordering of another flag-pole as soon as enough funds become available to pay all expenses for buying and erecting same. This time the pole will be ordered from the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Government contractors for similar work, who will furnish a pole weighing 3,600 pounds and guarantees it to stand any strain required, at a cost of \$220 f. o. b. St. Louis. The accumulated funds not being sufficient to meet the added cost, the meeting decided that a subscription be taken, each member of the club being requested to contribute one dollar or more. \$58 were pledged at the meeting. A committee consisting of Alton Crosby, Andrew Bjorsell and Ben Benson was appointed to have the supervision of the erection of the pole.

A communication was read from the president of the Commercial Club of Mankato, stating that Mr. J. J. Cummings of the McGuire-Cummings Manufacturing Company of Chicago, who are interested in the building of an electric line from Mankato to Willmar, expects to make an automobile trip through Winthrop to Willmar looking over the ground for the proposed route of such line, and recommending him to the consideration of Willmar people.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, discussed with a good deal of spirit for some time and was finally passed by a rousing and unanimous vote:

"WHEREAS, the Willmar Journal has indulged in continuous assaults upon the good name and fame of our fair city, and upon the character, record and efficiency of our city and county officials—these baseless and purposeless outpourings having gone so far as to openly and shamelessly slander the criminals who recently tried to murder the sheriff of our county; and

"WHEREAS, the editor of said sheet has been horse-whipped by the women, and summarily driven from the towns which he has infested in former years; and

"WHEREAS, the people of Willmar are unusually patient, peaceable and law abiding, and have refrained from violence in spite of these repeated injuries and insults, knowing as they do that the frothings of this disreputable sheet are of no consequence and carry no weight in this city or county or in any community where the editor is known; but

"WHEREAS, these oft repeated libels on our communal home are carried to outside points, reprinted by papers and read by people who do not know the contemptible character of said editor; and

"WHEREAS, the editor of said sheet can have no cause or motive for his slanderous attacks except the hope of obtaining for himself a little cheap notoriety; and as the people of this community are only human, and as we do not want here a repetition of the acts of violence which other towns had to resort to in order to rid themselves of this unspeakable nuisance; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, by this Commercial Club, composed of 100 business and professional men of Willmar, that we most emphatically condemn the spirit and conduct of said editor, C. F. Spencer, and request him immediately to leave this community, which he has so long striven to besmirch with his false, perverted and prejudiced publications; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that we request our other newspapers of city and county, as well as outside papers which, under misapprehension, have been led to reprint his defamatory articles, to publish these resolutions."

The question of encouraging the erection of a large feed barn for the accommodation of farmers' teams was taken up and discussed. Since the burning of the barn run by Jonah Gould and the previous loss by fire of the Glarum barn, the stabling accommodations have been very limited, and the need will be still more keenly felt when cold weather sets in again. A committee consisting of O. R. Berkness, H. S. Peterson and Andrew Bjorsell was appointed to investigate the matter and report some plan for action at the next meeting of the Club.

This meeting of the Club was presided over by Chief Clerk F. W. Powell in a very able manner, he being elected president pro tem. owing to the absence of President Wellin at the early part of the meeting. Prof. G. A. Foster was accepted for membership of the Club to fill first vacancy that occurs, the number of members being limited to 100.

**Monson-Thonvold.**

One of the social events at New London for the season was the wedding of Miss Laura Lydia Monson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Monson of that village, and Mr. George E. Thonvold of Kerkhoven last Wednesday afternoon, July 26th.

The ceremony was performed at the Swedish Lutheran church by Rev. Christian Swenson at 3:30 o'clock. The bridal procession marched to the altar to Mendelsohn's wedding march from the church organ. First came little Rhoda Monson, the flower girl, and Master Paul Swenson, who carried the wedding ring in the carolla of a lily. Next came the bridesmaids and groomsmen, Miss Hattie Monson, Mr. Wm. Menk, Miss Sophia Thonvold, Mr. Harry Holm, Miss Esther Monson, maid-of-honor, and Mr. Victor Holm the best man. Following came the groom alone, and lastly the bride on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. During the impressive services, which took place under a bevy of white and green festooning, soft music was rendered on the pipe-organ by Miss Esther Lawson.

From the church the bridal pair and the many invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where the usual congratulations were extended to the newlyweds.

Various refreshments were enjoyed throughout the evening and at 6 o'clock a most bounteous wedding dinner was served in a tent temporarily erected on the lawn at which covers were laid for nearly 150.

Mr. and Mrs. Thonvold were given a large number of beautiful gifts as mementoes of their wedding day, among which may be particularly mentioned a check for \$1,000 from the bride's father.

On the following day the happy pair left for a short wedding trip to the cities, taking the noon train at Kerkhoven where the groom's neighbors gave them a jolly shower of rice. Upon their return they will be at home to their many friends at Kerkhoven, where Mr. Thonvold is connected with his father's mercantile business.

## Personal and Otherwise

George Swenson went to Maynard Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Nelson visited at Atwater Saturday.

Arthur Anderson went to Kandiyohi on Monday.

Emil Arthun of Kandiyohi was in the city Thursday.

Miss Stella Holt of Spicer was in the city on Tuesday.

Miss Ida Boe left Tuesday for her home at Norway Lake.

Ansgar Lundquist of Kandiyohi, was in the city on Monday.

Wm. Cook of Kandiyohi was in the city the first of the week.

M. E. Jones of St. Cloud, was in the city on business on Monday.

A son was born yesterday at the home of William Spencer in Sperry's Addition.

Miss Ada Broman went to Kandiyohi today for a few days' visit with relatives.

N. W. Nelson returned Sunday evening to Hancock, having spent the week at Svea.

Joseph Holmgren who is employed at Kandiyohi spent Sunday at his home in this city.

Alloys Branton who is enjoying an outing at the lake this summer was in the city Monday.

Rev. Bergfalk was in the city between trains on Monday on his way home to Maynard.

Mrs. O. Knutson and children of Svea, spent a few days with the Chas. Wallin family.

Robert Englund arrived Monday from Minneapolis for a short stay at his home in this city.

Miss Esther Rodlun returned Monday from her trip to Portland, Oregon, and Kansas City.

Mrs. Alfred Berglund and daughter Hazel of Penock arrived Monday for a few days' visit.

Wm. Thunstedt returned from Maynard where he has been working for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson made an auto trip to Kerkhoven Thursday, returning the same day.

Miss Minnie R. Peterson entertains a number of her friends this evening at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Meyers are enjoying a visit from their niece, Miss Goldie Sparks of Marshall.

Miss Thora Peterson left on Thursday for Margrete Wis., after visiting relatives in the city.

Messrs. K. and Albert Kloster and Miss Selma Kloster of Kandiyohi, were in the city on Monday.

Hildar Hoglund entertained the employees at the Leading Store at his home Monday evening.

A few lady friends of Mrs. Lewis Johnson helped her celebrate her birthday Monday afternoon.

Miss Winifred Owens arrived Tuesday from Garvin, Minn., for a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Cora Johnson arrived Tuesday from Minneapolis for a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. Johnson.

Miss Marie Nelson returned home Friday morning from a visit with relatives and friends at Hallock.

Miss Helen Sather is expected home this week from Evanston, Ill., where she has been studying music.

J. E. Fisk, traveling salesman, spent Sunday and the first part of the week with his family in this city.

Mrs. Syvert Aune of Duluth is visiting her parents in the city this week, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ahlstrom.

Earl Chesbrough left the first of the week for Cando, N. D., where he has accepted a position in a printing office.

Miss Alma Johnson returned to her home at Murdock, after a week's visit with her sister Mrs. W. K. Strawn.

Rev. D. T. Booth formerly of this city but late of California, arrived Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Roy Christian of Kandiyohi who was operated on for appendicitis Saturday at the Bethesda hospital is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Ahlstrom arrived Monday from Spokane, Wash., for a visit with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ahlstrom.

Enoch Lundquist of Milaca was in the city on Monday on his way to Litchfield to spend his vacation at the home of Rev. T. J. Paulson.

Miss Ida Boe has resigned her position at the Leading Store and expects to spend a few weeks at her home at Norway Lake, after which she will take a trip to California.

## SHERIFF BONDE BEATEN DOWN

Two desperado criminals confined in the county jail attacked Sheriff Peter Bonde last Wednesday night, clubbed him into insensibility, and made good their escape into the dark night.

The sheriff had been down town all evening assisting the city police force in rounding up the large number of hoboes in the railroad yards, and on arriving at the jail went into the jail to lock the door to the inner corridor. He has been suspicious of these prisoners ever since they were taken here June 17. He put his gun into his hip pocket when he went in this time, but the prisoners had arranged a very clever ruse. The one known here under the name of Foster was undressed except for a pair of trousers and was sitting playing solitaire inside of the corridor, apparently ready to retire. The other man, Roach, gave an answering grunt from the direction of his cell when the sheriff asked if he was in bed. As the sheriff turned and reached up to release the bolt above the corridor door with the padlock in his other hand, Foster quickly jumped up with a club and struck the sheriff a crushing blow which was intended for the side of his head, but fortunately struck his shoulder. The sheriff grappled at once with Foster and would have speedily overpowered him when the confederate rushed out throwing a quantity of pepper into the eyes of the sheriff and struck him several severe blows on his head which severely gashed the scalp. The prisoners rushed for the outside door, but were delayed a moment or two unlocking the spring lock on the same. Just as they succeeded in opening the door and rushed out Sheriff Bonde recovered from his beating and rushed out after his escaping prisoners. He shot after them six times but the intense darkness and the condition of his eyes owing to the smarting pepper made his aim bad. He followed them down thru the alley in the block south of the jail until he struck the patch of corn, when he became dizzy and realizing the futility of pursuit in his condition he returned. In the meantime, Mrs. Bonde was out on the entrance of the jail screaming for Peter to come back. When she had heard the noise of scuffling in the jail she rushed to the stairs and saw when the two prisoners opened the door and escaped. She called back to little Harold Bonde, who called the telephone central to give the police alarm, and then she went down and locked the inside jail to keep the remaining prisoner from escaping. The response to the alarm was nearly instant. Inside of two or three minutes the chief of police and night patrolmen were on hand and more than fifty other men. Poses were organized for the pursuit. Autos were sent out in all directions and men were posted at intervals along all roads to stand guard until morning. Every outgoing train was searched and all surrounding country and towns were notified. But not a single clue of any value has been found up to this time. As the men were hatless and one of them shoelless and only had a shirt and pair of trousers on, it seems almost incredible that they should make such a successful get-away without assistance from the outside.

The remaining prisoner, E. B. Ferrel of Meeker county, claims that the escaping prisoners had threatened death to him if he made the least outcry to warn the sheriff when he came to lock the doors. William Cooper a trusted prisoner who was very loyal to the sheriff, had completed his sentence and was released at noon of that day. Immediately after he had gone the prisoners had begun their operations. They had secured a knife in some manner. Perhaps it had been smuggled thru the window to them from some confederate outside. They first attempted to dig their way out thru the brick wall. They removed a piece of tin and with the aid of a stuffed club made from a piece of the cot which they took apart, and a piece of iron from the same, they had removed a few pieces of brick and mortar, which were afterwards found rolled up in a blanket. They had found this job too tedious however, and had replaced the tin and laid their plans for overpowering their keeper. They had saved the pepper from their meals. They made the clubs used to beat down the sheriff from pieces of the wooden cot. The club used lies at the jail yet, a mute witness of the deed.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES

Mrs. Peter Rasmussen is reported ill at her home this week.

Alex Johnson spent Sunday afternoon in Willmar with Frank Nyberg.

Miss Hazel Benson went to Litchfield for a short visit with relatives.

Nels Balke left Monday for Dassel where he will remain for some time.

Miss Ella and Mary Buene of De Graff, are the guests of relatives and friends this week.

Mrs. H. N. Bruce of Pelican Rapids, is the guest of Miss Josephine Jenness this week.

Miss Amelia Gilbertson is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from her duties at Chase's store.

John Nelson who is working at Diamond Lake spent Sunday with his family in this city.

Earl Sommerville of Raymond spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sommerville.

Mrs. O. T. Landberg, of Milaca, who has been the guest of friends in the city, returned to her home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lindquist of Whitefield, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hallquist over Sunday.

Chas. Nelson and Arnold Erickson have accepted positions at the Willmar Co-operative Mercantile Co.'s store.

Mrs. Ole Bergeson and children of Minneapolis returned to their home Friday after visiting at the E. Bergeson home.

Miss Alice Englund who has been very ill at her home the past week, with an attack of pneumonia is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Nelson and Chas. V. Johnson, autoed up to Spicer on Sunday and visited at the home of Ole Erickson.

Miss Margaret Swanson who is summering at their cottage at Crescent Beach, was in Willmar between trains on Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Knight arrived from Spokane, Wash., on Friday, called here by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. C. S. Geer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Anderson and son Kurn, made an auto trip to Madelia Saturday, where they will spend a few days visiting.

Miss Louise Olson of Veble, S. D., was the guest of friends Monday returning the same day for a short visit with relatives at Sioux Falls.

Mrs. G. A. Anderson of Mount Vernon, Wash., sister of Mrs. Gibson, arrived Friday for a visit at the Gibson home out at Roseland.

Mrs. Owen Ward returned the latter part of the week from Minneapolis, where she has spent the past three weeks, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Englund of Larimore, N. D., are expected here on Thursday morning to visit the former's parental home at Willmar.

Mrs. O. Anderson and children returned to their home at St. Paul Friday afternoon, after visiting at her parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. P. Newgard.

Miss Effie Peterson who has spent the past two years on the coast, returned home Saturday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Peterson.

Rev. M. B. Michaelson of this city who is enjoying his vacation at Lake Minnetonka was in the city over Sunday returning to Minneapolis Monday.

Miss Muechel of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been visiting for some time at New Ulm, arrived Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Sommerville.

Miss Nora Rannestad arrived home from Minneapolis Monday night after spending several weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Mayberry.

Mrs. L. Vikse who was operated on at the Bethesda hospital some time ago returned to her home Monday much improved which her many friends will be glad to hear.

Mrs. Englund of San Francisco, who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. Hilda Broman left last week for Paris, and Sweden, where she expects to spend several months.

Dr. Tildaquist who has been studying in Europe for the past year arrived in this city Saturday. He will visit with his sister, Mrs. G. at Roseland, returning to Monday, where he will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Larson of St. J. P. Lauermaier, Charles, all of St. Cloud, and Mrs. W. J. Buller, of St. Paul, arrived last Sunday, and were at the home of H. P.

## NEW STORE OPENS

The Farmers' Co-Operative Mercantile Company opens business in the Larson Block.

The Farmers' Co-Operative Store opened for business last Saturday. Mr. Ed Benson has been engaged as manager, Arnold Erickson, as bookkeeper, Charles Nelson and Henry Johnson as salesmen, Misses Lina Botnen and Hilma Englund as salesladies. This is a competent corps, that will be able to expedite the business in good shape.

The announcement of the company appears in this issue, and The Willmar Tribune also publishes the articles of incorporation this week.

**Entertains Her Friends.**

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. C. B. Carlson of this city delightfully entertained a number of her lady friends at a delicious three course luncheon. Beautiful garden flowers formed an effective centerpiece for the table, at which covers were placed for twenty-six.

## Married Today.

A wedding occurred in our city at high noon today. The contracting parties were Mr. Charles L. Hillstrom of Grove City, and Miss Rachel Ellingson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elling Ellingson of this city. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride and was performed by Rev. J. N. Anderson. The young happy couple will make their home at St. Paul the groom being employed as traveling representative of the Capital Candy Co., of that city.

## Ice Cream Social.

The young people of the Vikor congregation will give an ice cream social at the home of Albert Hanson next Saturday evening, August 5th. Music will be furnished by Prof. Johnson and Miss Esther Swalin. All are cordially invited.

Miss Florence Anderson went to Spicer today for a two weeks' visit.



Rev. D. T. Booth.

Booth. The Reverend and Mrs. Horatio Gates entertained in honor of the former Rector yesterday at the rectory where he has spent so many years of his useful life. The guests were limited to the church wardens and vestrymen and their wives.