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SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGES IN OUR COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOLS IX

(By J. N. Lenker, D. D.)

In article eight we suggested by a little object lesson from personal experience from one state for other states, how Scandinavians and Germans, while traveling for pleasure or business, may study and agitate this subject among country school superintendents, high school principals, public librarians and editors of English and foreign papers. Germans and Scandinavians meet everywhere while traveling in the northwest and this traveling public have spread their mother tongue by speaking it within their power to develop and spread their mother tongue by speaking it on every occasion. Germans can tell Germans and Scandinavians seldom miss guessing their countrymen upon first sight, when the first words are exchanged, and one another's names are heard. You can easily tell if they are able and pleased to converse in the language you do not wish to forget or have forgotten. You should always be the first to pry an opening to practice what you think is best. At once you will see whether it can be done, and if it can, then do it, even if the other party is not strong on the language. Practice makes perfect. High schools and secondary schools will thus be helped in their new but difficult efforts of raising the language standard of our nation, by hearing and speaking the great modern languages in the business and social life of the community. It is a good thing for both parents and children. Germans and Scandinavians learn to understand one another's language and are quicker to speak it than any foreign tongue. Hence when they meet they get along very nicely by each practicing his own language and learning better the language of his friend. This is hitting two birds with one stone. Not only in conversation, but in every way, they should learn from one another. When they sing in social or religious circles they should sing, and thus learn, one another's music, instead of practicing English or Italian tunes, which neither party can master. In farming, for example, as in language and music, and in many other lines, Scandinavians and Germans can learn more from one another than from any other people; but when they both forget their language, they cut the tie that binds each to his fatherland and to their countrymen scattered all over the world, and also the ties that bind Germans and Scandinavians much closer together than their American children realize. It is important therefore that their languages be maintained side by side of each other, not only here in America but in all foreign lands. When two meet who understand each other's language, either one can lead the other to speak the language he prefers, if not all the time, then part of the time. Whenever any chance is offered to speak your mother tongue, speak it. Never be the first to turn the conversation from it, but try to turn the conversation to the language of your common fatherland. You will understand and respect one another better. Doubtless you will be helpful to one another, if not in trade, then in other ways. We are not advocating that Scandinavians and Germans should not learn English, or Japanese, our point is simply that they should fortify themselves against forgetting what they know, and thus by thoughtless neglect suffer a loss they will regret all their lives. If you can talk two languages, then talk them, even if you make mistakes, or you will forget one of them.

ANNUAL REPORT ON HIGH SCHOOLS FOR 1911.

The annual report of the Inspector of the High Schools of Minnesota for the school year ending July 31, 1911, came to hand after writing our last article. For comparison with the figures there quoted, which are fresh in our minds or easy of access, we give the statistics of the latest report, with those of the previous report in parenthesis, to show the tendency in one state for the study of other states. German, French and Latin are taught in our high schools, German and Latin in all four years. German is taught in 188 (185) schools, and French in 9 schools (8 in 1910 and 9 in 1909). The number of schools with Freshmen classes in German is 119 (121); with Sophomore classes 130 (126); with Junior classes 82 (77); with Senior classes 63 (50); total 394 (374). Schools teaching Latin Grammar 196 (199); Caesar 185 (195); Cicero 114 (123); Virgil 104 (114); total 599 (631). Latin thus lost during the year 32 classes and German gained 20, a gain of 52 classes of German over Latin. This indicates the strong tendency in higher education to study German. As Latin is decreasing and French is on a standstill, Scandinavian has a good chance. The increase in students show the same tendencies. The number of students taking German was 9369 (9025), a gain of 344; freshmen 3314 (3843); sophomores 3294 (3304); juniors 1843 (1452); seniors 918 (786). The increase for German is in the higher classes. Students taking Latin grammar 6050 (6456); Caesar 3295 (3359); Cicero 1432 (1392); Virgil 973 (1261); total 11750 (12468), a decrease of 718. Germans gained 344, hence 1062 more classes are studying German than Latin now than a year ago. In all 1524 (1309) study French. German, French and Latin students total 22,643 (22892), a decrease of 159, counting those twice who take two languages. The enrollment of all students was 29,224 (28,518), a gain of 706. These figures prove that language study is sadly neglected. Think, no less than 46 subjects are studied in our high schools and Scandinavian is not one of them! Is this what the people want? Compare these 46 branches with the system of European schools.

We anxiously looked through the report for something on the Scandinavian languages in the high schools of this banner Scandinavian state, but could not find a word of reference to them. No record of the schools teaching Scandinavian. The movement to introduce Scandinavian into the high schools of Minnesota is, perhaps, too young and weak, and intelligent sentiment on the subject too undeveloped, for any public recognition. When, however, the first statistics of schools that have, or are working to, introduce Scandinavian, are published, we hope they will be complete. The statistics of high and county schools teaching Scandinavian must first be gathered for each county, before those of the state can be ascertained. Will you help to gather those for your county? Minnesota can easily be one of the leading states in changing Europe's just criticism of us as "underlanguaged Americans," if the Scandinavians will insist upon their languages being taught in their district schools.

The Inspector of State High Schools in his previous report said, "I am in favor of pitting German against Latin. Give them an equal chance. Give both a four year's course." Why not give Scandinavian an equal chance with German and Latin in the northwest? In this year's report the Inspector says along the same line: "I have little sympathy with the long-standing outcry that the high school fits mere-

ly for college. The complaint is cheap and destructive. I am, however, in sympathy with the doctrine that courses of study and outlines should be constructed to fit the present and future needs of the community in which the school is located." IF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY are not met, for what do people pay their school taxes? Every local community should be encouraged and educated to express its needs and desires fully in unmistakable terms as to what languages, besides English, they want taught, regardless of the wishes of all others. Faithful inspection is needed to find out whether each community's wishes are being carried out. There need be no extra expense to the school district for German and Scandinavian teachers can give five lessons a week in German or Scandinavian extra or in place of less important branches.

J. N. LENKER.
Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 9, 1911.

Gobbling Duluth Business.

A differential of 5 per hundred has heretofore been maintained between Minneapolis—East shipments—and Duluth—East shipments—the higher rate applying to Minneapolis because of its distance from the lake port.

Now Minneapolis has secured a reduction of the rate on flour from 23 cents a hundred to 21½ cents, to become effective Oct. 1—a reduction of 1½ cents a hundred—while Duluth rates have not been changed, leaving the differential only 3½ cents instead of 5 cents.

This simply proves that Minneapolis business men have more pull with the powers that be than those of Duluth. Principle has nothing to do with it.

Nevertheless, Duluth should comfort itself with the assurance that it is only sharing the common fate of all other Minnesota towns and cities outside of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We are glad that a town the size of Duluth, and with the ability to kick back which that city has, is given a chance to realize what rate discrimination really feels like.—Red Wing Free Press.

The Same Old Story.

The report of the Treasurer of this city, made at the regular session of the council last Monday evening, showed that the city was practically bankrupt. We believe that both the General and Water & Light Fund are overdrawn at the present time.

\$7000.00 license money as well as all the monies received from the water and light plant and the general fund tax, all gone and then some? That's going some in three months. Say, let us carry out the argument that we must have saloons because we need the license money. If that is true then we must have at least four times as many saloons as we have now in order to pay expenses. \$7000.00 gone in three months and with 12 months usually in our years, we must have at least twenty-eight (28) saloons in this city to play even. What do you think of that?—Big Stone County Journal (Ortonville.)

A Different Kind of Sheriff.

Asserting the B. J. Moritz, sheriff of Stearns County is accustomed to drain the flowing bowl and that he is in Minneapolis taking the Keeley cure, the county commissioners of Stearns have asked Governor Eberhardt to reprimand the sheriff. They declare he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, and add: "Refraining from any further specific charges at this time, we kindly request you to inform said sheriff of this, our request to you, and possibly with a reprimand from your office it may have the desired effect."

The communication is signed by J. D. Kowalkowski, chairman of the board; Valentine Herman, Jacob Webbe, Nicholas Thomey and J. H. Canfield, vice chairman.—St. Paul Dispatch.

HARRISON HUSKINGS

Harrison, Oct. 9—Too much rain is enough. Plenty is just right.

Tom McCrimmon came up from Browns Valley, Minn., for an over Sunday visit with relatives and friends.

Two more "Gas Carts" have been added to our town recently. Sam Garver on Gust Kirby's farm is the owner of a brand new car. And J. C. Hanson our buttermaker is the happy owner of a 5 passenger 30 H. P. Gleason car bought from James Strong garage, Atwater.

Miss Elsie Monson left last week for Kerkhoven, Minn., where she and Miss Martha Hanson will open up a dressmaking parlor. We wish you success.

Miss Grace Berglund assisted Mrs. Hans Dahl with house work a few days.

School commenced last Monday in Dist. No. 4, with an enrollment of 17. Miss Angie Defoe is teacher, and is at present making her home at B. M. Johnson's.

Geo. Wilson left last week for an extended visit with his daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman M. Walby at Timber Lake, S. D. The latter is in the mercantile business at that place.

Walter McRee disposed of his motor cycle, Tom Ross buying same. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Feig, E. Feig

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and family visited in Atwater yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dahl called on Berglund's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Defoe Sundayed at her home near Kandiyohti.

The Anti-Tuberculosis lecture was held in Dist. No. 4 on Tuesday at 11:30 o'clock, in spite of muddy roads, just a few being present the lecture was cut short.

Knutte Bratland visited near Spicer Sunday.

A Sunday school rally or review was held in the church yesterday.

Miss Johnson who is assisting Mrs. Ed Pagel visited her parental home near Green Lake yesterday.

Geo. Wilson returned from his trip to South Dakota on Sunday morning. Tom McCrimmon assisted Ed Pagel a few days.

RINGO LAKE.

Ringo Lake, Oct. 9—Misses Della and Ruth Arneson of Spicer visited from Saturday until Monday at the Mrs. Swenson home here.

Mrs. John Ekblad and sons Gordon and Russel and Mr. Andrew Danielson of St. Paul arrived here Saturday for a visit at their parental home; the latter departing for Willmar Sunday.

A surprise was tendered Rubina Berg Saturday evening by a number of friends from Willmar and Long Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Ahlberg of St. Paul are at present visiting at the Jalmal Larson home here.

Mr. August Monson spent a few days at Willmar the past week.

A number of friends spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. Swenson.

Mr. Arthur Skoglund was a pleasant caller Sunday evening at the P. Ekblad home.

A few of the young people from here were entertained at the Holm home near Lake Florida Sunday evening.

Miss Olga Berg is at present assisting Mrs. George Bergstrom with some work.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Nordgren spent Sunday at the A. Danielson home.

One of the worst murders that has taken place in this state was that of Heron Lake a few days ago when one Johnson deliberately shot a Mr. Sandager killing him instantly. As might be supposed, Old Booze was at the bottom of it. Johnson was a hard drinker and finally got his name on the "black list." He had influenced Sandager to procure the stuff for him on several occasions, but on the final refusal Johnson killed the man who had helped him. Who is to blame?—Mankato Journal.

SPICER-ON-GREEN LAKE

Spicer-on-Green-Lake, Oct. 9—R. M. Whitman went to Willmar last Tuesday. He returned the following day.

Mr. Sullivan, a Sunday school missionary of Willmar, was a Spicer visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. N. Quam and little grandson of New London was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. L. Quam, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ahlstrom and little son, Oliver, were guests of Willmar relatives the latter part of the week.

John D. Nordeen arrived home from Morris Wednesday, after spending a couple of days there, with his son, Earnest.

Mrs. Gena Jacobson and daughter Ruth, and Hilda Arneson visited friends at Willmar the first part of last week.

Mr. Melby returned to his home at Minneapolis Wednesday, after a few days' visit at the home of Rev. I. A. Johanson.

Lewis Larson of New London visited with John Olson, the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carlin of Eagle Lake, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Downs.

Edw. Thorpe returned Friday from Thief River Falls, where he spent a

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couple of weeks, looking for land. He was well pleased with the country and believes that it has a great future in store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mardin are at present entertaining their brother-in-law, Mr. Wolfe of Harris, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gustafson and family of Minneapolis are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Henderson.

Rev. I. A. Johanson was the guest of Rev. Norley at Atwater, from Saturday until Monday.

Joe Swenson who is taking up the commercial course at the Willmar Seminary spent Sunday at his parental home here.

Geo. E. Wilson returned home last Saturday from a week's visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Walby at Timber Lake, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson and children, who have been spending a week at Donnelly, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Jacobson, arrived home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Erickson entertained a large number of their relatives and friends for dinner last Sunday.

Miss Clara Kloster, teacher in Dist. 62, spent Saturday and Sunday at her parental home.

Willie Monson made a trip to Kerkhoven last Tuesday, returning Friday.

Mrs. Peter Anderson made a short visit at Willmar Saturday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Arneson is assisting Mrs. Nels Olson this week.

Miss Ellen Monson left on Monday for Willmar, where she will take a three months' course in dressmaking.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kloster and little daughter Ruby were Sunday guests at the home of J. O. Kloster.

August Moller and France Walquist and families and Mrs. Johanna Moller, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hamilton, last Sunday.

N. Orred drove out to his farm at Grove City Monday.

Mrs. Olaus Thorvig was at Willmar between trains Monday.

Miss Della Olson visited her sister, Rebecca, who is attending the high school at Willmar, from Monday until Tuesday.

M. J. Kloster made a business trip to Mamre on Monday.

Miss Ella Norsten returned to Willmar Monday, after a few days' stay here.

Miss Minta Campbell left Monday for Foley, Minn., where she will remain for some time.

Iver Hokom returned from Willmar Saturday, where he has been visiting his son for a few days. While there he was to attend the auction sale, to be given on his son's place, but which was postponed until Oct. 13th.

Miss Esther Lawson of Willmar was a guest of Miss Alma Swenson from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. A. Hultgren left for Kerkhoven Saturday for a visit with relatives.

John Tait, Jr., visited his folks at Diamond Lake, Sunday.

Lars Arthun had a new system of lights installed in his hotel recently. Landlord Arthun believes in having everything first class and up-to-date.

Mrs. Chas. Crevier called on friends at New London Saturday.

Mrs. Pauline Holt was the guest of her daughters, Esther and Nettie, at Willmar from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Bertha Skoglund, who has been visiting her brother at Minneapolis for about a month, arrived home Wednesday.

Edgar McDowell and family recently moved to the Farnum place near Nest Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Quam and little daughter Marion, spent Thursday and Friday at Kerkhoven, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and children of Kandiyohti visited at the home of D. Wilson Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hillman returned home Friday after a couple of days' visit with relatives at Murdock.

Miss Julia Peterson spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Kandiyohti.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Danielson and Mrs. A. F. Nordin of Willmar came out here Saturday to spend a few days at their cottage on Green Lake Beach.

Miss Agnes Erickson was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ida Jacobson a few days the past week.

A. E. Jackson, the hustling salesman for the Royal Tailors of Chicago, returned from Murdock and Kerkhoven Friday, after spending a few days at those places securing a large number of orders for tailor made clothing.

E. R. Neumenfelt, a dealer in frogs from Oshkosh, Wis., arrived here Tuesday for a couple of months' stay.

Peter Swenson and Osmund Sanderson, who were among those from here, who left a couple of weeks ago for Saskatoon, Canada, returned home last week. The gentlemen spoke very highly of the country and were pleased with their trip.

Mrs. Levander of Grove City, who has been the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Healey, for a week, returned home Monday.

Gilbert Guttmorsen was a Willmar visitor Saturday.

Geo. Clemmer and family left last Tuesday for St. Paul, where they will make their future home. They have been making their home north

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A deal was closed Monday, by which Mrs. Johanna Nelson disposed of her farm near Eagle Lake, to Ole Hoven of North Dakota. The deal was made by Wm. Olson the real estate man of our village.

F. E. Gillette is erecting a storage tank on his place by Green Lake this week.

Some farmers in certain parts of this vicinity have been quite busy this week using the road drag in order to put the roads in good shape again.

Now, for you, who have not had the privilege of hearing Colonel Nelson but once or twice before, do not miss this time.

The admission is free. Everybody welcome. Colonel Nelson will speak in the Scandinavian language.

COLONEL WILL BE AT WILLMAR

Capt. Frisrup of the Local S. A. Arranging For Interesting Meeting Monday Night.

A great Salvation Meeting will be held at the Salvation Army Hall on Third Street, Monday, October 16th, at 8 o'clock p. m., when Colonel Benjamin Nelson of Chicago will preside. Several new soldiers will be "sworn in" and two corps cadets will be ordained.

Col. Nelson is the oldest Scandinavian officer in service. He is superior to all in rank. He is the Commander-in-chief of the Scandinavian branch of the Salvation Army throughout the States. He has given the Army a quarter of a century of service.

"At Sunrise." Manager Crosby of the Opera House, will give his patrons a real novelty in the coming of Lyall & Warner's big sensation, "At Sunrise." As a melodrama the play has few equals, as a scenic production, it is without doubt, the most complete and elaborate of any at present touring the country. No expense has been spared to make the stage settings gorgeous and elaborate. The mechanical effects are new and novel and surpass anything in that line ever attempted with a popular priced attraction. The cast is all that can be desired, every actor having been chosen for their fitness to portray the parts. One of the strongest features of the performance is the strong vein of neat comedy that runs thru the play. "At Sunrise" will be here one night, Monday, October 16.

What Confirmed the Suspicion. Mary (angry)—I think you are the biggest fool in town, John. John (mildly)—Well, Mary, my old mother used to tell me that when I was a boy growing up, but I never thought she was right about it until I married you.



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