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## WIDOW OF DR. CASSEL BURNED AT LITCHFIELD

### Gasoline Vapor Evaporated From Open Dish Exploded and Fire Enveloped Her.

A fatal burning took place at Litchfield last Sunday morning when Mrs. Julia A. Cassel, the widow of the late Dr. Henry E. Cassel, and a niece of S. E. Magnuson of this city, was so severely burned in the explosion of gasoline vapor that she died on the following day. The Litchfield Independent gives the following details of this sad accident:

"Mrs. Cassel was alone in her apartments on the lower floor of the house and in the morning arose and started a fire in the range. She had been cleaning gloves or other articles with gasoline the evening before, and had left the gasoline can and a bowl of the fluid in the kitchen on or near the range, there being no fire in it at the time. When she started the fire she overlooked the can, and did not notice it until the fire had attained considerable headway and the stove was quite hot. She went and took the can from the stove, and an explosion followed. She was not fully dressed at the time, and the explosion set fire to her clothing. She was given assistance quickly by members of the Gilman family, who live up stairs, and the fire in her clothing put out, but not before she was burned over her whole body from the knees to her head. Her face was quite severely burned. The burns were not deep, but covering such a large part of the body's surface, resulted fatally.

"An alarm of fire was sent in and the department responded, but there was no need of their services, as the fire was out. The explosion was quite a hard one, scattering the contents of the room about.

"She was taken at once to the Robertson hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries about 48 hours later.

"Julia Augusta Carlson was born Aug. 1, 1878, in Dassel town, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlson. She was married to Dr. Henry E. Cassel some years ago. He died in 1911. She is survived by her mother, five brothers and one sister, Mrs. Ed. Sangren of this city."

## Annual Meeting of Ladies' Society.

The Ladies' Society of the Synod church met in annual meeting last Friday evening, Dec. 6, at the home of Mrs. P. Dalen by invitation. The financial report was read, which showed that the society has had a successful year. The election of new officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Hans Engestad, president; Mrs. P. O. Rannestad, vice president; Mrs. O. A. Kiland, secretary and treasurer. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Dalen the retiring president addressed the pastor, Rev. J. N. Andersen, and on behalf of the Society presented him with a check for \$75, as an appreciation from the members for his faithful work. The pastor recovered from his surprise sufficiently to make a graceful speech in returning his thanks.

## Institution Will Open.

The State Hospital for Inebriates at Willmar will be ready to receive patients in ten days, according to members of the state board of control, who returned today from a visit to the institution. A fee of \$1 a day has been fixed for voluntary patients, but inmates committed by the probate courts will be treated free. Dr. H. A. Tomlinson, superintendent of the institution and former superintendent of the state hospital for insane at St. Peter, is preparing for the opening and, according to the board members, his plan is to get the alcohol out of the patient's system without the drugs frequently used in the cure of inebriates.—St. Paul Dispatch.

## Church Bazaar at New London.

Remember the bazaar given by the Willing Workers and Sorocis societies of the Swedish Luth. church, Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 12 and 13. There will be good programs. Rev. Walters of Tripoli, will speak the first evening. The second evening auction will be held of the articles not sold in the booth. Ice cream, candy, cake, pie, sandwiches and coffee will be sold in different booths.

## Norwegian Authors Discussed.

Next Monday night Hon. L. O. Thorpe will speak in English before the Lutheran Synod church Young People's society on the Norwegian author, Ludvig Holberg. This will be the second of series of such talks on Norwegian authors at the Y. P. S. meetings of this church. Last month Prof. A. C. Pedersen spoke of Henrik Wergeland. The series will continue through the winter.

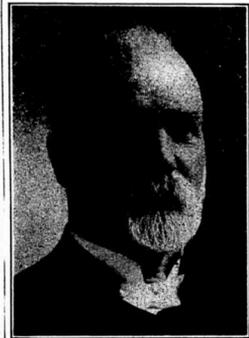
Peter Heimdahl spent one day last week transacting business matters in the twin cities.

## FORMER PASTOR PASSED AWAY

### Noted Churchman, 14 Years a Pioneer Worker in Kandiyohi County, Is Dead.

Last Friday many old friends and former parishioners in this county were grieved to learn of the unexpected death of Dr. L. G. Almen, which occurred at Carthage, S. D., on Thursday, Dec. 7th. Rev. Almen was formerly pastor of the Swedish Lutheran churches at New London and Maurelud and was well known throughout the county. Though he has suffered for the last five years from diabetes, he has lately been feeling quite well. The Sunday before his death he occupied his pulpit as usual.

Dr. Almen was a man with a strong personality, decided views and a firm character. He stood unflinchingly and uncompromisingly for the right as he saw it, and wielded a lasting influence in public affairs.



Rev. L. G. Almen, D. D.

both in matters pertaining to the state and to the church. It might be truly said that he was the pioneer in temperance work in Kandiyohi county.

Lars Gustaf Almen was born Mar. 30, 1846, in Tössö parish, Dalsland, Sweden. His parents were Per Peterson and Mary (Anderson) Almen. He was brought up and educated in Sweden. In 1870 when he was 24 years of age he came to America, where he for about two years worked as common laborer and contractor in railroad construction in Minnesota and Wisconsin. In 1873 Mr. Almen entered the Augustana College and Seminary which was then located at Paxton, Ill. In 1875 the school was removed to Rock Island and there he graduated in 1876. The same year he was ordained to the ministry in the Sw. Luth. Augustana Synod at Jamestown, N. Y. For three years following he had charge of the church at Beaver, Ill. There Dec. 1, 1876, he was married to Miss Elise Christine Johnson, daughter of August C. and Louise Johnson, whom afterwards removed to Graceville, Minn.

His second charge was at Sacred Heart, where his family resided, but he spent most of his time as traveling missionary among the pioneer settlements in Renville, Chipewa, Yellow Medicine and Lac qui Parle counties.

In the fall of 1879 he accepted a call to New London, Minn., where he remained fourteen years, until August, 1893. His next charge was at Balaton, Lyon county, where he worked twelve years. Leaving in St. Peter on Dec. 20, 1895, he was called to devote his time to soliciting for building and endowment funds for Gustavus Adolphus College, which work he carried on with untiring effort and signal success.

In 1909 he again resumed active work in the ministry, taking up his labor at Carthage and Clara congregations, two mission points in South Dakota.

The union of Rev. and Mrs. Almen was blessed with ten children, only one of whom has gone before. They are - Mrs. Joseph Benson of Crooks, S. D.; Mrs. G. H. Towley of St. Peter, Minn.; Theodore of Thief River Falls; Mrs. E. J. Vickner of Seattle, Wash.; Ansgar, Carl, Minn. (Continued on page 5)

## OBITUARY

### AUGUST BITZEN.

The Lake Lillian correspondent tells of the death of Mr. August Bitzen, one of the prominent citizens of East Lake Lillian, which occurred last Saturday, Dec. 7, after eight months of illness from tuberculosis of the bone.

Mr. Bitzen was born in Östergård Vestra Bitterna parish, Skaraborgs län, Sweden. His early youth was spent at home and he received a good common school education. Came to America in the seventies, and settled in East Lake Lillian in 1884. He has taken a leading part in the public affairs of his community. He has served as clerk of school district No. 81, as supervisor of East Lake Lillian, and has represented the Fifth District on the Board of Commissioners of Kandiyohi county. He was an upright and straight-forward man in his dealings with his fellow men.

He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. Also one sister, Mrs. S. J. Flecten of Minneapolis, and a sister and brother in Sweden. The funeral occurred yesterday.

### Funeral of Mrs. Pauline Nelson.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Pauline Nelson took place from the Sw. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends. Rev. Theo. Livingstone officiated. His text was John 11:25—"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live," and he spoke feelingly of the departed and to the living. Miss Ruth Carlson sang a solo. The floral offerings included a pillow from the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church and a wreath from the Salvation Army. The interment took place in Fairview cemetery.

### Degree of Honor Election.

The following officers were elected last Thursday evening at the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge for the ensuing year:

Mrs. H. J. Ramssett, P. C. of H.; Mrs. H. L. Samson, C. of H.; Mrs. Wm. Hackett, C. of H.; Mrs. F. E. Collier, C. of C.; Mrs. C. F. Spencer, Recorder; Miss Nora Elfrstrom, Financier; Mrs. A. Adams, Treasurer; Mrs. A. W. Ray, L. A.; Mrs. A. F. Ra Due, A. L. U.; Mrs. C. Rasmussen, I. W.; Mrs. C. F. Spencer, O. W.; Mrs. J. F. Carruthers, Trustee; Mrs. H. J. Ramssett, Delegate to Grand Lodge; Mrs. A. Adams, alternate to Grand Lodge.

### A. O. U. W. Officers.

The following officers were elected at Thursday evening by the A. O. U. W. lodge:

John Williams, P. M. W.; H. J. Ramssett, M. W.; T. O. Gilbert, Foreman; C. Birkeland, Overseer; C. F. Spencer, Recorder; C. A. Nelson, Financier; L. A. Wald, Receiver; Sidney Stone, Guide; D. L. Lawler, I. W.; Hans Gunderson, O. W.; P. L. Johnson, Trustee; John Williams and C. F. Spencer, Delegates to Grand Lodge; A. F. Hanscom and P. L. Johnson, alternates to Grand Lodge.

### Y. P. S. of Country.

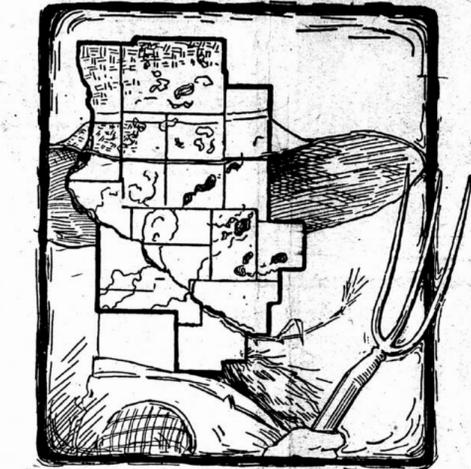
The Country Y. P. S. of the Lutheran Free church will meet at Lars Urdahl's Wednesday, Dec. 18. The following program will be rendered:

Song by choir.  
Devotion.  
Song by choir.  
Reading by Miss Egeland.  
Song by Johnnie Kallevig.  
Organ solo by Miss Johnson.  
Vocal solo by Hannah Kallevig.  
Recitation by Eddie Kallevig.  
Speech by Rev. Michaelson.  
Refreshments will be served. All are cordially invited.

### M. W. A. Election.

Last Wednesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year for the M. W. A. lodge:

A. O. Forsberg, Venerable Consul; V. E. Klingenberg, Worthy Advisor; C. C. Selvig, Banker; N. B. Carlson, Clerk; C. F. Spencer, Escort; Carl Reese, Sentry; Doctors C. Johnson, J. C. Jacobs and B. J. Branton, Camp Physicians.



"Hello Bill, I'll be comin' to your town next Friday and Saturday."



## Personal and Otherwise

### Miss Marie Hanson was here from

Raymond between trains Saturday.

Mrs. Olaf Brogren went to New London yesterday for a few days' stay.

Miss Ruth Carlson spent last week at the home of Andrew Anderson of Kandiyohi.

Mrs. Ludvig Rykken and son visited relatives in New London a few days last week.

F. C. Thornton of Benson was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Frost Saturday evening.

Martin Moberg of Louriston, Minn., visited his sisters, Ida and Jennie Moberg over Sunday.

Geo. W. Anderson and H. Ruddy returned home Friday night from their trip to International Falls.

Mrs. Alfred Bergeson returned home Saturday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at New London.

Ed. Peterson and Gilbert Thulin of Kandiyohi spent Sunday, guests of the Misses Hazel and Edith Nelson.

Mrs. Henry Winblad of Spicer was in this city yesterday on her way home from a visit with Litchfield friends.

Miss Dagmar Hartwick returned to her home at Granite Falls Friday night, after a couple of months' visit in this city.

S. E. Magnuson left Tuesday morning for Litchfield, called there by the illness and death of his niece, Mrs. Julia A. Cassel.

The Young People's Society and choir of the Mission church recently purchased a fine Merrifield piano. It arrived yesterday.

Mrs. B. Y. McNairy and two children, Elizabeth and Jane departed today for an extended visit with Mrs. McNairy's parents at Minneapolis.

A petition is being circulated this week among employees of the different business houses for the purpose of closing the stores on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. W. E. Somerville and little daughter, Viola, have returned from their visit since Thanksgiving with Editor and Mrs. Chesbrough at Herman.

Rev. C. E. Oberg left yesterday for Chicago, Ill., where he expects to be absent several days. Rev. Oberg is one of the committee of the Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Lee Alexander and baby of Lynd, Minn., were guests between trains yesterday of Mrs. Lawrence Barnes. They were on their way to Kerchoven for a visit.

Albin Beck and Edward Nordahl arrived Saturday from Canada and spent Sunday with Charles V. Johnson and Edward Lundberg. They will visit friends and relatives in Whitefield and also in the twin cities before returning home.

Mrs. E. W. Lewis and daughter, Miss Marion, departed early Wednesday morning for their home at New Haven, Conn., after a visit since October with relatives. During their stay in this city, they have been guests of honor at several informal parties.

Mrs. A. E. Danielson has returned from her visit at Lake Andrew.

L. H. Wetherby is enjoying a visit from his father, William Wetherby of Adrian, Minn.

Fred Haines of Towner, N. D., was the guest of relatives in this city over Sunday.

Miss Norine Hawkland, who is attending high school, spent Sunday at her home in Maynard.

Miss Mabel Landin left yesterday for Penock to visit at the home of her sister until Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Campbell of Spicer, was a guest at the Hugh Campbell home a couple of days last week.

Rev. C. D. Swanson of Montana, preached a very interesting sermon at the Mission church last evening.

Mrs. George Ottersen entertained the Silent Club at her home at 316 Eleventh street Saturday afternoon.

Miss Anna Carlson arrived today from Maynard to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bergeson a few days.

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Editor and Mrs. Johnson and Miss Bessie Johnson of Atwater were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor Saturday.

Mrs. M. H. Curry and little son returned to their home at Minneapolis Friday from a several days' visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Ed. Lewis returned to her home at Merriam Park Saturday. She has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lewis since Thanksgiving.

Miss Clara Holtberg left Friday morning for Rochester, where she will remain for a couple of weeks under medical treatment at the St. Mary's hospital.

On Monday afternoon of this week two elevators were burned at Asbury, Minn., a small station on the Sioux City line. The loss was nearly covered by insurance.

Mrs. H. Hermanson, who has been visiting at the home of her son, M. H. Hermanson departed yesterday for Madison, N. D. before returning to her home at Tioga, N. D.

Rev. Livingstone of this city and Rev. Peterson of Belgrade, assisted Rev. L. G. Edgren in holding mission meetings at the Oak Park M. E. church several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Feig and son, who recently came from Towner, N. D., are now located at their new home at Raymond, leaving Monday. Mr. Feig holds the position as cashier in the new National bank.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Sw. M. E. church will hold their annual sale at the church tomorrow (Thursday). A large assortment of fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts will be sold. Refreshments will be served.

## Ostlund-Larson.

Minneapolis Journal, Dec. 8.—Saturday evening, Nov. 30, at 8 p. m., Julius Ostlund, formerly of Penock, Minn., but now of this city, married Miss Hilda M. Larson. The wedding took place at the home of the bridegroom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Sather, 2433 Eliot avenue. Rev. G. Anderson of the Swedish Gethsemane church officiating. Miss Hilda Bergman was the maid of honor and Andrew W. Danielson the best man. Miss Helen Sather of Willmar played the "Lohengrin" wedding march and sang the "Bridal Chorus" during the service. At the close of the ceremony she sang "Oh, Promise Me."

The home was decorated with smilax, palms and baskets of roses. The bride's gown was made of white crepe de mull, shadow lace and bead trimming. She carried a silver bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was a necklace, set with diamonds, the gift of the bridegroom. The maid of honor wore white crepe de chine and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses.

During the reception telegrams of congratulations were read by the toastmaster, Mr. Sather. Lars Ostlund, A. G. Vanstrum, M. A. Sandberg, A. W. Danielson and Lee Anderson gave appropriate toasts. Miss Sather sang and played.

The out-of-town guests were Lars Ostlund, the bridegroom's father; Mrs. Ida Bergstrom, Miss Florence Bergstrom, Mrs. Emma Ostlund and little daughter, Eleanor, all of Penock, Miss Helen Sather, now of Glencoe, Minn., and Fred Engstrom of Lake Minnetonka.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ostlund will make their home at 3439 Garfield avenue.

## Fracas at St. Joe.

A Thanksgiving spree at St. Joseph ended last evening in a stabbing affray in which a laborer who is working on the new building (Axel Nordstrom), was cut by a man giving his name of Tony Steppe, also a laborer. The facts in the case are but meagre at the present time. It is claimed that the man who was stabbed had been tormenting Steppe, who becoming enraged, used a knife against his tormentor. The man was not seriously injured and is up this morning. Steppe is confined in the county jail.

"The man, whom I knew by sight," said Steppe, "kept after me to buy him a drink. He was drunk then and of course I refused. He kept pestering me and one thing led to another. Finally he came at me and got me down on the floor. It was then that I pulled out a knife and punched at him. I did not mean to hurt him but I wanted him to get off me."—St. Cloud Journal-Press.

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## CONDUCTOR DIES IN CABOOSE

### And Brakeman Lansing Injured in Bad Wreck in Midway Yards at St. Paul.

Albert E. Patnode, for many years a freight conductor running between Willmar and St. Paul, was burned to death, and Carol Lansing, a well-known brakeman at Willmar, was injured in a wreck in the midway yards at St. Paul last night.

The Minneapolis Tribune gives the following report of the terrible event:

Albert E. Patnode, freight conductor on the Great Northern railroad, was burned to death in his caboose at Lexington avenue, when it was struck from the rear by the engine of an incoming freight and demolished. Patnode was caught in the debris which took fire from the stove. The body was recovered an hour later, but it had been burned beyond recognition.

Patnode lived at 622 Blair street, St. Paul. His young wife and a baby survive him.

Carol Lansing, Willmar, Minn., brakeman on the freight, who was with Patnode in the caboose, was thrown through a huge opening which was split in the side of the car and landed on his feet, only slightly injured. The engine crews of both locomotives jumped and were unharmed.

Patnode's train consisted only of the caboose and the engine. He was at a standstill when struck by the incoming extra freight, the conductor of which evidently had not been notified of a blockade that was caused by another wreck in the St. Paul yards earlier in the evening. It is said that both the conductor and his brakeman were warned at the last minute by the roar of the approaching train and ran to the rear platform, but had no time to jump.

They fled back into the caboose and were caught as in a trap when the crash came.

As a result of the wreck the Third street railroad yards were blockaded most of the night. Both engines were badly damaged and cars behind each scattered over the tracks.

Another evidence of the return of youth to the nation is the revival of national dress. One Swedish princess requires peasant costume of all her ladies-in-waiting at her summer court. The Artist Zorn, when at home, goes about in blue knickerbockers and white leather apron that are traditional to the men of Mora. It is not merely a fad for the few. There are villages in Dalecarlia, where on the Sabbath, every man, woman and child goes to church in a costume into which mother or wife has woven her own intimate expression of the beautiful, and which symbolizes for the wearer the joy of worship.—Minneapolis Journal.

Word has been received by the relatives of the serious illness of little Mary Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson of this city, who was suddenly taken ill with an attack of bronchial pneumonia and also inflammation of the tissue of the heart. Mrs. Larson with her little daughter, has been visiting relatives in Minneapolis since Thanksgiving. Mr. Larson left at once for the cities.

Friday, the 13th.

The Bethany society of the Lutheran Free church will have a sale on fancy articles and home-made candies next Friday evening, Dec. 13, commencing at 7:30. A program will be rendered and sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served for 10c. Everybody welcome.

A Trinket Social.

A program and a trinket social will be held at the school house in Dist. 69, Saturday evening, Dec. 14. Everybody welcome.

SELMA J. HENJUM,  
—Adv. — Teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell are the proud parents of a little son, born to them Sunday, Dec. 8.

## SWEDISH CRAFTSMEN.

Whole Nation Has Benefitted by Industrial Art Movement.

Apreros of the display of Swedish industrial art, shown at the Chicago Art Institute, The Craftsman calls attention to the fact that the crusade for handicrafts has been successful in Sweden as in no other land. Incidentally, it has added millions of dollars annually to the economic prosperity of the nation. Into one formerly poverty-stricken farming village the revival of home-made basketry is bringing \$30,000 a year; in another, lacemaking adds an equal amount; in a third parish, the old men, too old for toil in the fields, earn \$20,000 a year by carrying furniture.

Home crafts have saved many a farm from desolation and made a possible for the peasant population, in the face of industrial competition, to remain in possession of their ancestral estates. Emigration to America has materially abated, and many emigrants are returning to their old homes. Far from infringing upon machine industries, arts and crafts have, on the other hand, compelled the factory to produce more beautiful and durable objects.

But more important than external economic prosperity is the exuberance of life and health which their beautiful toil brings to the workmen in Sweden. If you doubt it, go into the north to Dalecarlia; visit the parish of Mockfjärd in summer and see a group of glad-eyed women gathered under the birch trees about a table decked with pillows and bobbins and piles of delicate lace. Their clothing—kerchief and bodice and apron—embroidered with a gray flower pattern, is in keeping with the perpetual springtime of their moods. Or stop by the roadside in Vermland and watch a gay family party, grandmother and grandchildren, breaking and scutching flax amid story-telling and fun and frolic. If you are playful you will receive a baptism of soft white chaff showered on you by nimble hands.

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The Swedish Society.

The Swedish Society held its annual election of officers last Monday evening at Carlson's hall. The following are those elected:

August O. Forsberg, President.  
Chas. Johnson, Vice President.  
Lewis Johnson, Secretary.  
N. S. Swenson, Treasurer.  
C. W. Lonn, Usher.  
Erick Ohnberg and Alf Bergeson, Stewards.

Andrew Bjorsell, trustee for three years.

It was decided not to give the usual social at the close of the month, as the regular night will come at Christmas tide, when so many festivities are the order of the day. Instead it is likely that a banquet will be arranged for early in January. This will be decided at a business meeting to be held Dec. 23.

Last Monday's meeting also appointed a committee to investigate the matter of printing of a catalog of the Swedish books at the Willmar Public Library, also of the Oscar II Library which the society will take charge of.

One new feature of the meetings of the society is a question box, which has led to several animated discussions of interest to those present.

The society has had a substantial increase of membership this fall, but more members are desired and will be warmly welcomed. To anyone who wishes to brush up on the glorious language of the heroic north, these meetings give a golden opportunity.

Card of Thanks.

We sincerely thank our friends and neighbors for their kind and beautiful oral offerings given to us during the bereavement of our dear wife, daughter and sister.

Mr. Ernest Nelson,  
Mr. Peter Olson,  
Mrs. Peter Olson and  
Children.

Chicken Pie Supper.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church will hold their annual chicken pie supper and annual sale in Carlson's hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 21. Everybody invited.

William Benson of Murdock spent Sunday at the A. P. Brandt home.

## ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

A credit of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars will be given on the purchase of a lot at International Falls, to the person who guesses the nearest to the number of seeds in the pumpkin in the window at the office of the American Suburbs Company on Fourth Street. Guessing to be confined to the people of Willmar and Kandiyohi County.

American Suburbs Company At Office of W. O. Johnson Willmar

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