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Personal Mention.

Doc. Omsby was a Sioux City visitor Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Day of Raymond was a Willmar visitor yesterday.

H. C. Miller spent Sunday a guest of friends in Sioux City, Ia.

James Sanderson of Kandiyohi spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. J. W. Frye left last week for a visit with relatives at Fargo, N. Dak.

Mrs. George Coppersmith left the first of the week for a visit in Minneapolis.

Mesdames J. C. Goff and J. G. Jorstad were Minneapolis visitors Saturday.

Miss Barbara Williams will leave Thursday for the Twin Cities for a brief visit.

Miss Selphia Larson returned home Tuesday from an over Sunday visit in Litchfield.

Miss Gertrude Thompson of New London came to Willmar Monday for a visit in Eagle Lake.

Miss Ethel Nolland returned to Kerkhoven yesterday from a visit with Willmar friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bjornberg will leave Friday for a week's visit with relatives in Atwater.

Mrs. C. W. Odell returned last evening from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Milnor, N. Dak.

Miss Anna Tallakson left yesterday for St. Paul to resume her work as trimmer at the wholesale millinery house.

Arthur Walstad returns tonight to Forman, N. D., after having been visiting for some time with relatives and friends here.

Miss Sophia Nelson of Litchfield, on her way to Browns Valley was a guest of Miss Abby Edgren between trains on Saturday.

Ed. Healy, who had the plumbing contract at the State Hospital has finished and left for his home at Minneapolis last week.

B. Y. McNairy left Sunday for the twin cities. Mrs. McNairy and children have been visiting relatives there for several weeks.

Miss Mary Huser returned to her home at Ogilvie, Minn., yesterday, after a several weeks' visit with friends and relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Tallman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson expect to leave Feb. 6 for a couple of months' pleasure trip to the state of California.

Postmaster and Mrs. Alton Crosby entertained a large company of relatives Sunday in honor of Editor and Mrs. W. B. Crosby and little daughter Jane.

John E. O'Brien, a dispatcher at the G. N. offices, was transferred to New Rockford, N. D., to which place he went last week to assume the duties of chief dispatcher.

Mrs. O. A. Ferring left yesterday for her home in St. Paul, after a several weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Moline and sister, Mrs. Wm. E. Holmberg.

J. H. Olsen and daughter Vivian returned Sunday from St. Paul, where they had attended the funeral of a twin daughter of a brother to Mr. Olsen, a charming young lady of twenty years.

Mr. Emil Youndahl of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League was in the city yesterday. He will be back again soon to continue his work of getting into touch with sympathizers of the cause he represents.

Mrs. Patrick Normile returned to her home at Kandiyohi yesterday, after a several days' stay in this city with her son John, who was successfully operated upon for appendicitis at the Willmar hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robbins and little son Everett, on their return from a visit in Browns Valley to their home at Marshall, arrived in Willmar yesterday for a couple of days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Johnson.

Mrs. M. Bixler of the state of Indiana is spending the winter at the home of her son, A. J. Bixler. A brother of Mrs. Bixler, John Amos, who has not seen his sister for 48 years, arrived in Willmar yesterday from Grey Eagle, Minn., for a visit.

O. S. Rasmussen returned this afternoon from Moorhead, where his daughter, Miss Hilda, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Moorhead hospital last Monday. He left his daughter doing well under the circumstances. Miss Rasmussen was teaching near Litchville, N. D., when taken with the attack. She will come home as soon as she can leave the hospital.

CHICKEN SHOW IS NOW ON

Enthusiastic Fowls on Exhibition on Fifth St., Until Saturday—See Them.

The Second Annual Poultry Show of the Kandiyohi County Association is now on in the Jorgenson building on Fifth street, and a visit to the same is well worth while to anyone. There are one hundred and sixty-three birds on exhibition in sixty-seven different compartments. This is a larger number than shown at last year's show. There are some very choice birds shown, and every specimen has been carefully scored by H. H. Benjamin, a well-known professional judge whose services are in demand from all parts of the country. The coops are nicely decorated with the bright colored ribbons awarded to the winning fowls.

The following is a list of the varieties represented and the names of exhibitors:

- Barred Plymouth Rocks—T. J. Lawson, New London; W. J. Warner, Spicer; and A. O. Litterud, Kokato.
- White Plymouth Rocks—W. J. Warner, Spicer.
- Single Comb Buff Orpingtons—Z. V. Johnston, Atwater; C. Eastman, Svea; N. B. Carlson, city; and W. B. Wiley, St. Cloud.
- Single Comb Black Orpingtons—O. A. Quam, New London.
- Single Comb White Orpingtons—Henry Hanson, city.
- Single Comb Black Minorcas—Henry Howell, city.
- Rose Comb White Leghorns—J. J. Bassebo, city.
- S. C. White Leghorns—E. Somerville, Raymond.
- Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—O. A. Quam, New London.
- Rose Comb Buff Leghorns—N. McIntire, city.
- R. C. Black Bantams—Z. V. Johnston, Atwater.
- Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—S. Osmundson, city; M. O. Flesland, New London.
- Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—C. L. McNelly, city.
- Rose Comb White Wyandottes—W. J. Warner, Spicer; W. M. Chase, city.
- Golden Wyandottes—Loe Bros., Maynard.
- Columbian Wyandottes—Wm. Thompson, city.
- Black Spanish—O. O. Bakken, Dovre.
- Houdans—William Thompson, city.
- Blue Andalusians—Mrs. F. Heald, city.

There are also several fine specimens of Bronze turkeys.

M. O. Flesland of New London is superintendent of the exhibit. Siveret Osmundson, the secretary of the Association, is spending most of his time at the show, and Mr. McIntire, the president, is there as much time as his other duties will permit. Other exhibitors are there much of the time and there is the best of opportunity for anyone to learn the points of excellence of the various varieties and gain practical knowledge of the poultry business. The show will be on until Saturday. Many of the birds will be shipped Saturday noon, so that if you wish to see the show complete be sure to attend not later than Friday night or Saturday morning. The show is free to members of the short course. Others are required to pay a small entrance fee to help pay the expenses of the exhibition.

A Ministerial Association.

A ministerial association has been formed among the pastors of the city, which may be extended to include clergymen of the county generally. The officers are Rev. C. E. Oberg, president; Rev. L. W. Gade, vice president; and Rev. A. J. Ostling, secretary and treasurer. The aim is the fellowship of the churches and the general good of the community. There were several committees appointed. The association will meet on the first Monday of each month.

Junior Class Day.

The Junior class exercises of the Willmar high school take place Friday evening, Jan. 31, at the high school auditorium. The following program will be rendered:

1. Song in Costume.
2. His Old Sweethearts.
3. An Exhibition of Shadow Fighting.
4. A Co-Ed's Dilemma.
5. A Humpty-Dumpty Chorus.
6. A Nameless Tragedy.

Admission 25 cents.

Free Lutheran Y. P. S.

The Y. P. S. will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Thorson, Saturday evening, Jan. 25th. A program will be rendered. Everybody welcome.

BILL OPPOSES FROG CATCHING

P. H. Frye Introduces Measures Saying They Are Needed to Destroy Grasshoppers.

Whether a croaking frog or a grasshopper is the least desired by the people of Minnesota, is a question to be decided by the lower house of the legislature.

P. H. Frye yesterday introduced a bill forbidding catching and selling frogs in this state and their use, excepting for fish bait purposes. In his resolution he says the grasshopper has long been a menace to the farmer, and that the state has spent thousands of dollars in its efforts to destroy it. He adds that frogs are the only agent for destroying the grasshopper, and that because of the sale of frogs for eating purposes, they are rapidly becoming extinct in Minnesota. He wants the legislature to prohibit the catching of frogs that they may assist in the extermination of the grasshopper.

Now the legislators have to decide whether they are willing to forego the palatable dish of frog legs, simply because it is held that frogs are the only agent for destroying the grasshopper. A fight on the bill is expected to be made.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Willmar High School.

The state examination in Higher Algebra was given Monday morning at nine o'clock, and the one in American History Tuesday morning at the same hour. Solid Geometry and Civics will be the new subjects to take their place.

Blanche MacNeas was absent last week of school.

The Glee Club are practicing for the institute evenings after school of this week. The high school chorus and glee club will sing evenings at the court house during the Short Course week.

The American History students were excused from school after their examination Tuesday. Some of these students were allowed to attend the Cooking department Tuesday afternoon.

New books have been ordered for the German II class. They have recently finished the translations of "Immensee."

The game Saturday night between the Willmar and Granite Falls high school teams ended in a score of 32 to 10 in favor of Willmar. There was a lot of scrapping in the deal too.

The Seniors are all asked to have their graduation pictures taken before Jan. 31st. This is on account of the senior annual which will be published in a short time.

All offerings for the annual are to be in before February 15th.

School Entertainment.

Everybody is welcome to the musical to be given in Dist. 83, Friday, Jan. 31, 1913. The following program will be given:

- Song, "Welcome".....By the School
- Song, "Apples to Pick".....1st Graders
- Music.....Columbia Orchestra
- Music.....Emma Johnson
- Rec., "My First Smoke".....
-Raymond Sundin
- Song, "February".....Three Girls
- Song, "January".....By School
- Music.....Columbia Orchestra
- Song, "Be a Bael".....1st Graders
- "A Medley of National Airs".....
-By School
- Music.....Lillian Erickson
- Music.....Frances Hill
- "The News of the Past Two Weeks Review by Alma Anderson
- "Dedication of Dist 83".....Paul Hed
- Music.....Columbia Orchestra

After the program, there will be sale of clothes-pin dolls, which the ladies are requested to bring. In turn the boys please bring some "Check and Chink." Lunch is to be served by the ladies of the district. The program begins at 7:30.

HULDAH WILLIAMS, Teacher.

Attempt to Ditch Train.

Passenger train No. 31, which left Willmar 2 p. m. Monday for Sioux Falls, miraculously escaped a terrible wreck. When the train reached a point a mile and half from Holland it ran into a large bridge timber which had been placed across the track, on an embankment of about 20 to 22 feet. Some evil-minded person had evidently tried to ditch the train. No damage was done except to the pilot of the engine. The train was running at full speed at the time with Engineer Al Palm at the throttle and H. P. Larson, fireman. The passengers on board became alarmed, but were soon reassured that there was no danger.

Special agents of the Great Northern are working on the case to apprehend the evil doers.

Licensed to Wed.

Jan. 16—Charles Jake to Alice Johnson.

Jan. 20—Ludwig J. Wikre to Olga D. Johnson.

Jan. 21—Frank Sandell to Beda Adams.

CROWDS GROWING AT SHORT COURSE

To-day's Attendance Was Fine—Meetings Close With Dr. Merica's Address Friday Night.

The Farmer's Short Course is in successful session at Willmar this week with a fairly good attendance. On Monday, the opening day, the weather was very cold which no doubt put a damper on the first day's attendance, but the enrollment has been picking up for each day with an total today of over one hundred fifty in the regular farmer's courses.

The poultry and horticulture short course, which was to have been held in the industrial building, is not being held separate from the regular farmer's course, as was the intention, but instead these subjects are being sandwiched into the program at the regular sessions in the court house. The instructors in this department are N. E. Chapman, the well known chicken man; F. H. Gibbs and our local horticulturist, C. C. Selvig, and some splendid talks and demonstrations have been given.

Among the speakers Monday and Tuesday were F. B. McLeran, on the subject of dairying, and C. E. Brown substituting for O. M. Olson who was hindered from coming on account of sickness in the family. The subject was "Potatoes, Clover and Corn," and was handled in a fine manner. Mr. McLeran was the speaker in the evening and made a splendid address on the subject of "Opportunities for the Young Man on the Farm."

A. M. McGuire, missing the train, was not present to deliver the evening lecture as advertised but his place was ably filled by N. E. Chapman who spoke on the subject of farming, past, present and future in Kandiyohi county.

Today was the day of the dairy cow. Prof. R. M. Washburn has been her champion and made some good practical talks. At the city fire house he gave a practical demonstration on the judging of the dairy type, Mr. Hurst of the state farm having given the use of four of his herd and Olaus Anderson his young Holstein bull calf for that purpose.

C. C. Selvig made a practical demonstration on grafting yesterday at the court house and today did pruning.

Tomorrow will be hog day and will be in charge of L. E. Potter and Dr. W. L. Boyd, subjects to include breeding, feeding, summer pasture, cholera and a bovine tuberculosis demonstration.

At the corn exhibit held here yesterday in connection with the Farmer's Short Course the judge awarded the prize as follows:

- 10-Ear Yellow Dent—1st, M. O. Flesland; 2nd, David Swenson; 3rd, John Ahlstrom; 4th, John Wicklund; 5th, F. R. Hamilton.
- 10-Ear White Dent—1st, John Ahlstrom; 2nd, Andrew Eastlund; 3rd, Albert Johnson; 4th, Fred Norling; 5th, John Wicklund.
- Bushel Lots Any Variety—1st, John Ahlstrom; 2nd, Edwin Norling; 3rd, M. O. Flesland; 4th, John Ahlstrom, Jr.; 2nd, Albin Norling; 3rd, Paul Norling.

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Theodore Dengerud has bought the farm owned by Mrs. Kare Skulte, west of his home.

Ole Dengerud who has been ill for some time, is at present staying at the hospital receiving treatments.

Mrs. J. F. Walker and children are visiting with her cousin, Mrs. Martin Flatboe.

Carl Holseth spent several days in the cities visiting with his brother and other relatives and friends.

The Western Dovre Y. P. S. was quite well attended in spite of the cold weather.

Mrs. C. C. Birkeland came home from Benson last week. While there she learned that her eight year old nephew, Chester Amle, who has spent three summers at the Birkeland home, had picked up a lost cartridge, which was loaded with nitroglycerine. Thinking it was empty, he started to grind it on a wheel and it exploded. He was taken to the hospital and later taken to Minneapolis to the Swedish hospital and his left eye, and a part of his forefinger on his left hand had to be removed. Four pieces of copper had lodged in his eye.

Mrs. Engborg and daughter Selma, made a call on Mrs. Birkeland yesterday afternoon.

Dr. C. E. Anderson has opened his new dental offices in the Bank of Willmar building. Mrs. Anderson has joined him, and they are looking for a suitable residence in which to live.

THE CHURCHES

FIRST M. E. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school 11:45 a. m. Epworth League 7:00 p. m. sharp. The Brown S. S. class cordially invite all young people.

Mid-week service and S. S. lesson study every Thursday night, 7:30. Strangers and visitors are invited to all of these services.

Special announcement! Rev. Dr. Jordan, Dist. Supt. will lecture on "Historic Temples and Cathedrals," Wednesday evening, Jan. 29th at this church. Everybody cordially invited. Admission free. A freewill offering at the close of the lecture. All who know Dr. Jordan as a lecturer, will surely take this in.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN. Morning worship and sermon at 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath school at 12 m. Adult Bible classes for men and women. Y. P. S. C. E. service in the lecture room of the church at 6:45 p. m. Sabbath evening preaching service at 7:30 o'clock.

Regular mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Woman's Missionary society meets the second Thursday of each month.

The Men's League meets the third Monday evening of each month. All are most cordially invited to the services of this church.

SWEDISH MISSION. Rev. Isaac Nelson will speak tonight and Thursday evening at the social. On Friday, Rev. Gustaf Staaf from Dassel will preach and we ask our people to visit these meetings.

Next Sunday meetings are held at usual hours: S. S., 9:30 a. m.; morning worship, 10:45; the Young People's meeting at 6:15 p. m.; and evening service at 7:30. Don't forget to pray for God's help to save.

The Young People's Society of the Swedish Mission church will hold their monthly meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 23. A good program is assured, after which refreshments will be served.

LUTHERAN FREE. Midweek services Thursday evening.

The Sunday school teachers will meet at Bassebo's Friday evening. There will be a Young People's meeting at Ole Thorson's, west of the city, Saturday evening.

Regular services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and 7:45 p. m., S. S. at 12 m., and the Bible classes at 7. There will also be services at St. Johns church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

SWEDISH M. E. Thursday evening prayer meeting. Next Sunday morning Sunday school at ten.

Morning worship eleven o'clock. Epworth League seven and regular evening at seven forty-five. Commencing Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, a series of meetings will be held. Revs. A. F. Peterson of Belgrade, Emil Magnusson and Otto A. Johnson of Iron Mountain will assist the pastor. All are welcome.

SWED. LUTH. BETHEL. Communion services next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Midweek services next Thursday evening.

Services next Sunday afternoon at Pennock at three o'clock.

The Ladies' society of the Mamre-lund church will meet at Mrs. Axel Lindgren's at Pennock at two o'clock.

NORW. LUTH. SYNOD. Next Sunday services in Norwegian at 10:30 a. m., Sunday school at 12:15 p. m., English evening services at 7:30.

The Young People's Bible class meets next Monday evening at 8:15. The East Vinje Ladies' society meets with Mrs. Olaus Anderson next Thursday afternoon.

BAPTIST CHURCH. 9:30 Bible school. 10:45 sermon by pastor. Subject, "A View From the Horizon." 6:30 Y. P. society. 7:30 gospel service. Subject, "Uncertainties." 7:30 Thursday evening mid-week meeting.

Entertain Friends. Miss Delia Anderson entertained a company of her young lady friends Friday evening at the residence of A. A. Anderson. The main features of the evening's pleasure was the dressing of clay pipes, as dolls. Each guest was given a sheet of tissue paper, a needle, thread and a pencil. Miss Nora Johnson won first prize; Miss Hannah Hanson, foot prize. A three course luncheon was served.

Swedish Society Social. Owing to the Gustaf Holmquist concert the next meeting of the Swedish Literary society has been postponed to Friday evening, Jan. 31. A good program will then be given.

HOLMQUIST HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Advance Sale of Seats Now On at Elfrum's Drug Store.

Gustaf Holmquist, the famous singer of Chicago will appear at the Willmar opera house next Monday evening under the auspices of the Swedish Mission choir of Willmar. He will sing selections in English, Swedish and Norwegian, which will all be thoroughly enjoyed. He will be accompanied by Mrs. J. F. Dahl of Minneapolis, who will also contribute numbers on the program.

The prices for admission have been fixed at \$1.00, 75c and 50c. Seats may be reserved at any time at Elfrum's drug store.

Grand Forks: "Rolling in Foaming Billows," is one of the greatest bass solos ever written, and Mr. Holmquist sang it with a perfection which is only heard once in a life time. The audience scarcely breathed from the beginning until the last note died away.

Chicago Record-Herald: Dr. Holmquist has more than a good voice. He has intelligence, musicianship and a perfection of poetic things.

Chicago Examiner: Mr. Holmquist is the possessor of a deep bass voice which has uncommon range. In the higher register it resembles a baritone of fine quality. He sings with musical taste, evinces a fine discrimination for tone quality and phrases in scholarly fashion.

Newly Elected Pastor Here. Rev. Joseph E. Liljedahl and wife of Valley City, N. Dak., who were last week given a call to the Swedish Lutheran Bethel church of this city, passed thru Willmar last Friday en route for Iowa and Kansas, where they go to visit relatives. They were invited to stop off here and prevailed upon to stay until the night train.

In the afternoon a number of the members of the church gathered in the church parlors and an informal reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Liljedahl, and a pleasant hour was spent. Rev. Liljedahl had not received the formal call at that time. Naturally it is not known what his answer will be, but Friday's meeting convinced those attending that a wise choice was made. And the unanimous hope of the church members is that he will decide to accept.

Conflicting Dates. By permission of the fire chief part of the new city fire hall was used today for the place in which to do the cow judging in connection with the Farmer's Short Course. Just as the farmers had left the court house and had come to the fire hall and the lecturer was about to open his demonstration, a fire alarm came in and the shrill tones of the fire whistle were heard. The fire was in the wood shed at John Dale's place near by. "School" of course had to adjourn. But after the fire department had extinguished the flames and the excitement had subsided, the "scholars" all came back, took their seats again and the instructor proceeded with his lecture, stating that it was the first time that he had made conflicting dates with a fire department.

Team Drowns in Green Lake. Phil J. Haley lost a valuable team of greys at Green Lake last Friday. They were being used on an ice plover in the ice harvest. They became frightened and ran away plunging themselves and plover into the lake on a place where the ice had recently been cut. The horses were drowned. The value of the team is placed at not less than \$600. Indeed, the owner had refused to sell them at that price. Three years ago, Mr. Haley lost another team under similar circumstances.

Willmar 30, Granite Falls 10. The Willmar High School basketball team won another decisive victory last Saturday night when they defeated Granite Falls by the score of 30 to 10. A large crowd was in attendance and did a lot of good cheering. The game was slow and marked with a great deal of roughness. For Willmar, Henry Johnson got 4 baskets; Branton 4 and Taylor 5.

Will Open Foundry. The Willmar Machine and Foundry Works will begin casting next week. A large and well lighted addition has been built to the foundry. The Amosens have a number of contracts for castings from Minneapolis where they are well known among machine and foundry men. Gilbert Amosson, the elder, will have charge of the foundry and Henry Amosson, the son will operate the machine department.

Miss Etta Odell very pleasantly entertained a few of her young lady friends at her home last evening.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Gust Nelson of St. Paul is a new tailor at Berg & Soderling's.

Miss Ethel Smith entertained "The Hooligans" Monday evening, Jan. 13.

Mrs. R. A. Butler entertains the Eyelet Club tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

The J. H. Styles home recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Zimpe of Glasgow, Mont.

Mrs. N. Forest of Boise, Idaho, visited at the E. B. Daugherty home early last week.

Mrs. John Rosencrans was operated upon Monday at the Willmar hospital for goitre of the neck.

Mrs. S. B. Carlson entertains a newly organized club at her home at 302 8th street this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rodberg moved last week and are now located in the Wiggins flats, 314 5th street.

Miss Rose Breber was able to resume her duties in the Central school Monday, after a several days' illness.

Miss Mabel Sanderson entertained the "Hooligans" at her home on W. Litchfield avenue Monday evening, Jan. 20.

Rev. J. S. Parmeter preached at the First M. E. church at Raymond Sunday exchanging pulpits with the pastor there.

The infant daughter of Editor and Mrs. W. B. Crosby was christened Sunday and received the name of Jane Ingersoll.

Mrs. J. A. McKinnon, 513 E. Litchfield avenue, entertained a company of young lady friends to dinner Friday evening.

T. J. Lawson of New London is spending a few days here in attendance at the Poultry Show in which he is a leading exhibitor.

The State Hospital is receiving and storing its year's supply of ice. Twelve cars from Green Lake are being unloaded this week.

The Obrecht Stock Company is the attraction at the Willmar Opera House this week, and are greeted by a large crowd each evening.

A small fire started in the barn of John Dale on Fifth street this morning at 11 o'clock. The fire department responded at once and the blaze was soon extinguished.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Butler are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nelson of Nashua, Ia. Mrs. Hanson is a sister of Mrs. Butler. The Hansons will return to their home Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hanson entertained a large company of young folks last evening in honor of Mr. Hanson's two sisters of Minneapolis. Games and delicious refreshments passed the evening hours very socially.

The Sunday school teachers of the Synod church will be entertained at Prof. A. C. Pedersen's home next Monday night. Last Monday night they were entertained by Miss Nora Boyd and the previous week by Miss Clara Skoheim.

Mrs. Carson of Kelly Lake, State president, addressed the members of the Rebecca lodge last evening at the Odd Fellows hall, on the subject of "Lodge Work." A banquet was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in drills.

H. J. Ramset of Kandiyohi county was again re-elected president of the Clerks of Court State Association which convened in the Supreme court room of the State Capital last Wednesday. Forty-five counties were represented, and the usual good time was had.

The Elks lodge No. 592 is making elaborate preparations for the eighth annual ball to be given at the Bonde hall next Wednesday evening, Jan. 29. Hol's Peerless orchestra of Pipestone will furnish music and the refreshments will be in charge of the Episcopal Ladies' Guild.

The page we are preparing on the improvements made in the county in 1912 will probably appear in our next issue. This will be an eye-opener to many. There are still one or two villages and several townships to be heard from. If your building improvements are not listed it will be because they were not reported.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of A. A. Anderson, 904 W. Litchfield avenue yesterday with Miss Edie McLeod of Chatfield, an organizer of the W. C. T. U. and State Secretary of the W. C. U. present and gave a very interesting talk, having chosen for her topic, "Purity." There were more than 15 ladies present.