

## WILLMAR DIVISION MUCH ENLARGED

### Sioux City Division Now Also Under Jurisdiction of Supt. McKinnon.

The consolidation of the Sioux City Division with the Willmar Division in the administration of the Great Northern railway was the big event in railroad circles this week. Supt. J. A. McKinnon will now direct the affairs of both divisions from Willmar. The entire dispatching force from Sioux City will come to Willmar. Barney Laney late superintendent of the Sioux City division goes to Melrose to take charge of the Fergus Division. Joseph Lanson superintendent of the Fergus Division has resigned and quit the road.

The men from Sioux City arrived last night. They are W. E. Richards, night chief; W. H. McCune, E. F. Bailey and W. E. Deverell, dispatchers; W. C. Millard and W. H. McCune, Jr., clerks. This change means an addition of six families to our population, and some difficulty is being experienced to secure house room for them.

P. F. Connolly, roadmaster, and Ed. Huffman, master mechanic, remain at Sioux City. Whether or not Paul Carmichael, chief clerk at Sioux City, will come to Willmar has not been definitely settled as yet.

#### NORMAL NOTES.

We all enjoyed our vacation. Skating was the main amusement. Miss Osborn spent her Thanksgiving vacation at Elbow Lake.

The Normal Department chaperoned by Miss Osborn attended the basket social in District No. 45 last Tuesday evening.

Lillian Hier and Alma Wangness spent their vacation at Penneck, and Ella Norsten and Emma Boreen at their homes near Spicer.

Dramatization is the fad of the day. Lucy Peterson was absent from school Tuesday morning.

The rural school teachers will hold their first meeting at the high school auditorium Dec. 5. A good program has been arranged and all rural teachers should be present.

Teachers' meeting was held Monday evening and a very interesting program was given.

While Short Course is in session we will not have Manual Training.

#### Violinist Coming.

Prof. O. A. Urseth, the Minneapolis violinist, is considering the matter of coming to Willmar regularly to teach. He will be at Miss Broberg's Music Studio in the Lewis Block next Tuesday, Dec. 8, and if there seems to be a demand for further visits from pupils desiring instruction he will come regularly once a week. Mr. Urseth has a studio at Minneapolis. He also has charge of the instrumental music at the Augsburg Seminary. He has a large number of very good recommendations.

#### Basket Social.

A basket social will be held in District No. 18, Friday evening, Dec. 4. Ladies please bring basket and lunch for two. All are cordially invited to attend. Esther Somerville, Teacher.

Auction Sale at Eagle Lake. The Eagle Lake Girls' Society will give an auction sale of fancy articles in the church basement, Friday evening, Dec. 11th. After the sale refreshments will be served. Everybody welcome.

Adolph H. Olson returned Saturday evening from his deer hunt in northern Minnesota and brought with him a two hundred pound deer.

Parcel Shower. A parcel shower was given at the home of A. A. Anderson on the evening of Thanksgiving day for Miss Gudrun Cappelen. About thirty-five of her girl friends were present. The rooms were decorated in cupids and hearts. After a social evening, a buffet lunch was served. Miss Cappelen received many beautiful gifts.

Annual Bazaar. The Willing Workers and Sorosis Societies of the Swedish Lebanon church at New London will give their annual bazaar in the church parlors next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Dec. 8 and 9. A program will be given the first evening when Rev. W. E. Pearson, of Willmar, will speak.

Death at State Farm. Marion H. Tindolph, about forty years of age, an inmate, died at the State Hospital Farm, last Wednesday. The funeral was held Saturday from I. C. Olson's undertaking establishment. The interment took place at Fairview and Rev. L. W. Gade read the service.

Ladies' Auxiliary. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the B. of L. E. will give a card party Monday evening, Dec. 7th, at the Oddfellows hall. Admission 25 cents. Everybody welcome.

Sadie and Josie Carlson visited at the Carlson Bros' farm near Lake Wagona over Thanksgiving.

S. C. Hillman went to Green Lake yesterday on business.

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## FEED TO BE TEST YOUR COWS

### Organize a Cow Testing Association and Weed Out Non-Paying Cows.

Feed is going to be higher than usual this winter, unless all signs fail. It is, therefore, doubly important that the farmer keeping dairy cows should be sure that the cows are giving him more than value received for what they eat. The way to be sure of this is to have scales and a Babcock tester.

This is only one of the reasons why farmers should test their cows for quantity and quality of product, says W. A. McKerron, organizer of cow-testing associations for the Extension Division of the Minnesota College of Agriculture.

Other reasons for cow-testing are: It saves the farmer from eliminating cows that do not pay for their board.

It saves many a good cow from the shambles.

It is an encourager of good feeding and good care.

It gives the farmer an opportunity to build up a good producing herd.

It increases one's interest in dairying as a business rather than as a means of labor merely.

In short, it is plain common sense.

Aarrestad-Kloster.

A very pretty wedding occurred last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Green Lake church when Miss Marie Kloster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kloster, was united in marriage to Mr. Nels Aarrestad of Hanley Falls.

The church was beautifully decorated in green and white streamers and white bells. The Lohengrin Wedding March was played by Miss Tillie Pladson.

The bride wore a crepe de chine over silk messaline made en train, trimmed with lace. She wore a veil which was caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The groom wore the conventional black.

Miss Clara Kloster, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a white crepe de chine trimmed with shadow lace, carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations tied with pink tulle.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. A. Johanson, at which a reception was given at the bride's home to about 175 guests. The dining room was tastefully decorated, color scheme being green and white, where a three-course dinner was served.

The guests from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Ole Aarrestad, parents of the groom and sisters, Mary, Tilda, Ruth and Edna; cousins Frank and Ada Aarrestad, all of Hanley Falls; Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Lena Hanson and daughter, Ida, Mrs. Inger Jacobson and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kloster of Willmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Aarrestad received many useful and valuable presents, also a large sum of money.

They will leave on a wedding trip to Iowa, after which they will make their home at Hanley Falls. Their many friends extended to them hearty congratulations, with genuine hope that many years of ideal conjugal bliss and worldly prosperity may be theirs.

Dinner at Eagle Lake. A hot dinner will be given at the Eagle Lake church Sunday, Dec. 6th. Rev. Gynild will be the speaker of the day. Services commences at 11 o'clock and then dinner will be served in the basement. In the afternoon, a program will be rendered and then a lunch will be served. Everybody come. The proceeds will go to Oak Grove Seminary at Fargo, N. D.

Miss Anna Ekblad arrived home last week after a month's stay at the E. F. Ekblad home in Dovre.

The J. S. Jacobson and Fritz Danielson families were entertained on Thanksgiving Day at the Claude Doty home in Spicer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lovander from Eagle Lake made a short call at the N. Swenson home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ekblad and family spent Sunday at the former's parental home here.

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—Mrs. J. R. Ward and niece, Miss Meda McElhone returned Friday evening from a several months' visit with relatives and friends at Minneapolis.

—Mrs. Ed. Nordene and Mrs. Arnt Gynild visited with relatives at Audubon and also attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Andrew Branden.

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—Emma Carlson of near Atwater, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Carlson the latter part of last week.

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## FAIR ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL MEET

### First Steps Taken to Have Athletic Field Graded at Fair Park.

The annual meeting of the Kandiyohi County Fair Association was held yesterday afternoon. Jalmar Larson of Dovre, Robert Thompson of Willmar township, and John Ahlstrom of Spicer were elected members of the board of managers for three years.

The general officers were re-elected for ensuing year, viz.: V. E. Lawson, president; Peter M. Burns, vice president; W. O. Johnson, secretary; and O. R. Berkness, treasurer. As a board of audit were appointed C. J. Nelson, H. H. Flygare and Herman Tallakson.

The committee on grounds, of which Peter Bonde is chairman, was instructed to take the necessary levels on the low ground within the race track to ascertain the required amount of filling, and the board of managers were given the necessary authority to let contract for grading when the necessary means have been secured. It is suggested that stock from the treasury of the association be sold to persons especially interested in perfecting an athletic field, the funds so received to be used for this purpose.

With the active co-operation of citizens interested in seeing a creditable permanent athletic field arranged for at Willmar there will be a possibility of pushing this improvement thru in time for the 1915 season.

Action favoring the draining of the Park avenue water thru pipes direct to the lake on the street southwest of the grounds was taken and the committee on grounds was asked to appear before the City Council in the matter.

Mr. Bonde reported that work was being done on the grounds to save the large trees from damage by providing frames of wood on the ground about the trunks and mulching them. Owing to the natural mulching having been removed when the grove was cleared, several of the big trees have died. It is hoped to avert any further damage along this line.

The financial reports of the association were read and approved. H. H. Flygare, Robert Thompson and V. E. Lawson were elected delegates to the annual meeting of the state agricultural society in January. It was voted that on the occasion of the next annual meeting of the association a suitable program be provided and a full day session be held, with a dinner for all stockholders who attend.

RINGO LAKE.

Ringo Lake, Nov. 30.—Mr. Claus Swanson arrived from Minneapolis last Monday to visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Hanson from Willmar visited over Thanksgiving at the home of the latter's mother here.

Rev. Moline from New London visited at P. J. Ekblad from Wednesday until Thursday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monson and family called at Berg's last Thursday evening.

The P. J. Ekblad family spent Thanksgiving Day at the E. F. Ekblad home in Dovre.

Miss Stella Anderson visited with New London friends from Thursday until Sunday.

N. Swenson's were entertained at the Berg home on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Monson visited New London friends last Sunday.

A bunch of young people from here attended the social at the Albert Nordstedt home near Lake Andrew.

Miss Ellen Monson is at home again after assisting Mrs. Berg for some time.

Mrs. Anna Danielson left for Willmar last Wednesday for a few days' stay.

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## Housekeepers' Club.

The next regular meeting of the housekeepers club will be held next Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5, at 3 o'clock. Refreshments will be served by Mesdames Wm. Somerville, Lee Somerville, C. F. Spencer, W. K. Strawn, A. R. Smith, O. A. Sandven, H. L. Samson and A. C. Skoog.

There will be a program consisting of musical selections and a special paper will be read. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting and all members are requested to be present.

First Church of Christ Scientist, of this city, will give a lecture on Christian Science on Friday evening, Dec. 11th, at 8 o'clock. The lecture will be given in the church, and all seats are free. Rev. Wm. P. McKenzie of Cambridge, Mass., will deliver the lecture. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Gases in a Silo Dangerous.

Silos should be ventilated before being entered. The Journal of the American Medical Association cites a story of four men who were killed by carbon dioxide after entering a silo at the State Hospital, Athens, Ohio, last September. The men entered by a door well up on the side of the silo and jumped down to the surface of the silage six feet below. Two other men who were about to enter the silo a little later, discovered the four in an unconscious state. Assistance was immediately called and though physicians were at hand when the men were taken out, they could not be resuscitated. Accidents of this sort are infrequent, but men who work in silos should be careful to take no risks with gases that may have accumulated overnight or during a considerable period in which the silo has been closed.

MISS SANDERSON  
WINS THIRD PLACE

## 100 SILOS AT HALF PRICE OR LESS

The Playford Cement Silo is now going thru its fifth season in Minnesota, and has amply vindicated every claim made for it. It was the first placed on the market. Without any question it is THE SILO THAT APPEALS TO THE REASONING, THINKING AND KNOWING MAN. The question now is how to get its merits before every intelligent farmer not only in this county but elsewhere.

To start this work in earnest, as well as to enlist your co-operation we are going to make an offer to the farmers of this county that will get you one of these celebrated Silos for one-half or less its regular price. If you want to take advantage of the offer, however, you will have to do it now, not next month or next year.

As soon as you have read our offer, if you want to make from \$200 to \$500, depending on the size silo you want, come and see us at once, or write us, and give us a chance to explain anything that you may want explained. How long it will be before the 100 Silos will be taken under an arrangement of this kind we don't know. We do know that if the farmers have their thinking cap on it won't be long, for that reason, the sooner you make up your mind to grasp the opportunity the surer you are that it won't be too late, and the sooner we know if you want to co-operate with us the better.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

You buy and pay cash for Five Shares in The Forum Investment Company at \$60 per share or \$300. You will then get a certificate or agreement that the company will pay you back this money from its earnings before any dividends can be paid on its stock.

Then you can order any size silo you want on the usual conditions and pay us just one-half the regular price, the money to be paid when the order is given.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

If proposition No. 1 don't suit you, if you don't appreciate the possible value of this stock we will do this:

Order a silo, any size you want on our regular conditions at the regular retail price and pay us cash for it, and we will give you a certificate or agreement to pay you back one-half of the amount you pay for this silo from earnings of the company, before any dividends are or can be paid on any of the stock of the company.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

If you are not satisfied with the two above propositions here is a third:

Order a silo any size you want, on the regular conditions and at the regular retail price and pay us cash for it, and we will issue stock in The Forum Investment Company to you for not to exceed one-third of the amount you pay us for the silo, the price of the stock to be figured at \$50 per share.

While we want to give all who care to a chance to take advantage at this offer, the reason it is made is to induce you and others to give us an order for a silo and pay us the cash NOW, thus giving us part of the capital needed and doing away with commissions. The offer will be held open long enough to see if it awakens the interest it is entitled to, but we reserve the right to withdraw it any time after two weeks, so the thing for you to do is to get on the train, auto or buggy and come to Willmar and see us. If that is impossible, then write us which proposition you want or what you want. If there are any questions you want to ask don't hesitate to do so. We will answer them if we can.

Stock for Sale

The undersigned company also offers two thousand shares of its Capital Stock at \$50 per share, in lots of one or more shares.

With each purchase a certificate is issued agreeing to pay back to the purchaser, from earnings of the company, the amount paid for the stock, before any dividends can or will be declared.

If you have five hundred of a thousand dollars laid by we believe a good way to earn a silo in a couple of years, and have your money besides, would be to invest it in this stock. If you want any further information in regard to this we shall be glad to furnish it verbally, or by letter, if you can't come and see us.

Awaiting your pleasure we are cordially yours,

THE FORUM INVESTMENT COMPANY

J. EMIL NELSON, PRESIDENT

WILLMAR, MINN.

## MISS SANDERSON WINS THIRD PLACE

### Makes a Splendid Showing At the Benson Ex- position.

The second annual Corn and Alfalfa Show of the West Central Minnesota Development Association, held at Benson last week was a great success. The arrangements, the exhibits, the crowds, the weather—all were good. Comparatively few of our people attended the show at Morris last year. At Benson there were hundreds of Kandiyohi county people each day. On Friday, Kandiyohi County Day, one thousand persons would be a conservative estimate of those attending from this county. When the afternoon train arrived a parade with banners of several hundred Kandiyohians was organized.

The arrangement of a large heated chautauqua tent for the meeting at Benson was an improvement over the Morris meeting. This tent was crowded at every session, with many more people on the streets and viewing the exhibits.

Miss Ida Sanderson made a splendid showing in the queen contest. Although in the contest only a few weeks she finished third in the race, and it is doubtful if any of the candidates did more effective personal work for the association. The winner, Miss Margaret Eckes, of Morris, had the advantage of longer time in which to work and the fact that Stevens county people were all thoroughly familiar with the work and aims of the West Central Development Association.

Large donations by people interested in what brought the totals of Miss Eckes and Miss Kaercher above Miss Sanderson. The following table shows the amount of cash, newspaper votes and total vote for each county:

Big Stone—cash, \$1,629.98; newspaper votes, 342,125; total, 1,972,125.

Chippewa—cash, \$505.75; newspaper, 540,245; total, 1,046,020.

Douglas—cash, \$65.50; newspaper, 311,750; total, 377,250.

Grant—cash, \$119.50; newspaper, 336,675; total, 456,175.

Kandiyohi—cash, \$718.00; newspaper, 1,024,275; total, 1,742,275.

Lac qui Parle—cash, \$36.50; no newspaper; total, 36,500.

Otter Tail—cash, \$119.00; newspaper, 619,845; total, 738,845.

Pope—cash, \$202.50; newspaper, 279,000; total, 481,500.

Renville—cash, \$692.25; newspaper, 722,250; total, 1,414,500.

Stearns—cash, \$50.30; no newspaper; total, 50,300.

Stevens—cash, \$1,884.55; newspaper, 745,775; total, 2,630,325.

Swift—cash, \$549.50; newspaper, 115,275; total, 1,701,875.

Todd—cash, \$72.10; newspaper, 765,555; total, 837,655.

Traverse—cash, \$777.90; newspaper, 734,125; total, 1,512,025.

Wilkin—cash, \$110.50; newspaper, 92,925; total, 203,425.

Yellow Medicine—cash, \$193.75; newspaper, 308,900; total, 502,650.

The sixteen contestants were on the stage when the result was announced, and Gov. A. O. Eberhart placed the crown on Queen Margaret. In extending congratulations, Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora, N. Y., said that he was glad that the crown was a paper one. There will soon be a job lot of crowns for sale cheap in the old countries, he contended. He also expressed regret for having left Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand near Morris many years ago.

The enlistment of hustling candidates for queen in so many of the counties in the short time available before the contest, was due to a large extent to the efficient and persevering work of Mr. C. N. Gatchel, who is therefore entitled to a large share of the credit for the financial success of the event which brought the West Central Minnesota Development Association the sum of \$7,695.63 in stock sales for the support of the work.

Kandiyohi County growers won none of the first or sweepstakes prizes at the Benson show, but nevertheless made a good showing. It was estimated that there were 250,000 ears of corn on exhibit at Benson, all carefully selected by the growers. The following prizes, therefore, won with this unprecedented competition, must therefore be considered as a very good showing for our county:

Bert Aarvig, Willmar, eighth prize ribbon, for best ear of yellow dent corn.

Nels Barner, Spicer, sixth prize ribbon for best ear of white dent corn.

Albert Barber, Spicer, second prize, \$5.00, for best ear white cap yellow dent corn.

Conrad Monson, fourth prize, \$2.00, for best single ear of red dent corn.

Nels Barner, Spicer, fourth prize, \$3.00, for best ten ears of white dent corn.

Norling Bros., sixth prize ribbon, for best ten ears of white dent corn.

Conrad Monson, Spicer, third prize, \$3.00, for best ten ears of red dent corn.

M. O. Flesland, New London, fourth prize, \$3.00, for best thirty ears of yellow dent corn.

Paul Norling, Svea, third prize, \$5.00, for best thirty ears of white dent corn.

M. O. Flesland, New London, second prize, \$10.00, best 120 ears of yellow dent corn.

## HAS PASSED FIVE THOUSAND

### Willmar's Population Is 5,117 By Actual Count in Di- rectory Canvass.

The census of Willmar which has been taken by the Willmar Tribune in connection with their work of compiling the new city directory is now completed. According to our count the population of Willmar is 5,117. This does not include high school or Seminary students from outside of the city who are attending school here but it does include the teachers. It also includes such of the trainmen who work out from Willmar and make Willmar their headquarters. It does not include the State Hospital population which is outside the city limits.

The population by wards is as follows:

1st ward ..... 1914 1910  
2nd ward ..... 1026 841  
3rd ward ..... 1533 1245  
4th ward ..... 959 830

Total City ..... 5117 4135

The guessing contest inaugurated in connection came to a close last Monday noon and Frank E. Holmberg of the Willmar Fuel Company gets the feather in his cap as the best guesser in town. His guess was 5,120, only 3 too many. The second prize is won by M. R. Simons who fell short only 6, his guess being 5,111. Jac Eryabildsen of Canby comes in for first honorable mention, as a guesser, being only 8 too strong. Others are Geo. W. Hanson of Schafter, N. D., 5,102. Richard Danielson of Penneck and C. O. Bergquist of Kandiyohi, 5,100. Mrs. A. C. Skoog 5,135. J. W. Kent 5,136. Geo. Brogren 5,137. Of the 169 guesses received 109 were too low and 60 too high, which would indicate our people are inclined to be conservative. The hooby prize, however, goes to a second ward optimist who placed his