

WILLMAR G. N. YARDS AMONG LARGEST ON ROAD

NEW LONDON MILLING CO.

One of the largest milling concerns in Central Minnesota is located right at Willmar, and has its headquarters on the main branch of the G. N. railroad. The New London Co., has its large mills at New London, Minnesota, where it manufactures the well known Supreme brand of flour. It operates a chain of elevators at Mora, Milaca, Willmar, Penock, Priam, Raymond, Clara City, Maynard, Asbury, Lorne, Russell and Pipestone, Minnesota; and Viborg and Irene, S. Dak. In addition there are flour warehouses at Virginia, Minnesota, and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. There is a lumber yard at Priam; coal sheds at Priam, Asbury and Russell, and feed mills at Mora, Milaca, Willmar and Pipestone.



The New London Milling Company was incorporated in 1897, with Mr. Marcus Johnson as president, and W. J. Pinney, secretary and treasurer. In 1911 Mr. C. S. Olson became secretary. Since that time they have built up a business which has now assumed major magnitude. The capacity of their mill is 130 barrels of flour daily, and the highest quality is put upon the market. Thirty-five employees are required by the company to attend to all branches of their business.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Olson are progressive business men who have done much for the flour business for central Minnesota as well as for the city in which they have chosen as a home. They are boosters in the better sense.

J. J. EKANDER

Merchant Tailor.

If you are in doubt as to the exact and latest style for your next suit of clothes, you will find the shop of J. J. Ekander ready to tell you all about the latest styles. Mr. Ekander has from seven to eight expert tailors in his employ, and turns out work of the highest class. A good example of prosperity for his shop is that he "suits" the majority of the trade of this city.

Mr. Ekander has the largest and finest establishment in Willmar, and handles a full line of the best woolsens on the market. These include the well known Dedmer Woolsens, J. B. Ellison & Co., and Schamachmaxon.

In addition to expert tailoring work, the shop does dry cleaning and pressing, and has considerable trade in this line.

It was over 25 years ago that J. J. Ekander started in business as a merchant tailor, and he is well known throughout our county as a business man and a workman of skill. No matter how delicate the fabric may be, he knows how to handle it, and his popularity is shown by the constantly increasing trade by this establishment.

Quite recently Mr. Ekander has opened up a branch of the well known Wear-U-Well Factory-to-home Shoes. These goods occupy the southern half of his establishment and include men's women's and children's foot wear. The aim of the Wear-U-Well shoe is to cut down middle men's profits, and the prices are \$1.68, \$1.98, \$2.98 and \$3.48. Only the latest style of shoe is kept in stock and we are assured that the purchaser here saves at least \$1.00 on every pair of shoes. Those who come once, come again and this branch of the business has won many friends for the proprietor.

—Mrs. I. T. Cramer returned Sunday morning from a visit with relatives at Shelby, Mont. She also visited at Glacier Park while away.

—Mrs. Harry Hoglund, the Misses Elsie and Stella Hoglund and Bertha Frederick and Eurenne Ohsberg motored to Montevideo last Friday to spend the day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson and children and Julius Anderson motored up from Madella last Friday for a visit with the A. A. Anderson family in this city.

KANDIYOHI COUNTY BANK

What the blood is to the human body, the banking capital of the community is to its business and industrial system, and as long as the capital of the city circulates freely and apparently among the different members of that complex body we call "business," it will be charged with vigor and vitality.

Willmar is favored with banking institutions of high character and one of these is the Kandiyohi County Bank which has a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$20,000. The bank was organized in October, 1879 with a capital of \$50,000, John M. Spicer being the first president. Since the very beginning they have made a very steady advancement.

In 1914, they built a magnificent new banking home on Litchfield avenue



L. O. THORPE, Vice President.

and Fifth street. This is one of the most luxurious bank buildings to be found in this section of the state. It is modern in every respect and built of fire proof material throughout with the exception of the furniture and interior wood furnishing. Beautiful buff Bedford limestone has been used in the construction and it is built after the classic design. The interior presents a most handsome appearance. It is finished in mahogany and marble with the exception of the rooms on the magazine floor, which are finished in quarter sawed oak. Here are located the director's room and committee rooms which are richly finished and decorated in keeping with the rest of the building. The vaults are situated in the center of the room in the rear, and are built of reinforced concrete, with walls 18 inches thick, into which are imbedded 20 tons of railroad iron. The two entrances to the vaults are both protected by burglar proof doors each weighing 7,000 lbs., and the interior of the vault is equipped with manganese steel burglar safe of special design. In the day-time the rooms are beautifully lighted by large overhead windows and at dark the building may be brilliantly yet softly lighted by a profusion of electric lights. Throughout, the building is planned and designed for exclusive use of the bank and is entirely occupied by them. It is considered by many to be the finest banking house in Minnesota.

Every convenience of the modern banking house is provided for in this new building. Safety is the first consideration of its officers and directors. In addition to its extensive commercial business this bank has a savings department in which deposits large and small are received and savings books issued. Interest is computed on savings accounts twice a year, June 1st and December 1st. The savings bank book method of handling interest earning savings accounts appeals to a large class of depositors, and this bank is desirous of building up a clientele among people seeking a safe place to put their savings where they earn interest while being available for emergencies.

The officers of this bank are: Andrew Larson, President; J. O. Estrem, Vice President; L. O. Thorpe, Vice President; P. B. Hong, Cashier; F. A. Larson, Assistant Cashier; N. H. Tallman, Assistant Cashier. The directors include the officers mentioned above and D. N. Tallman and J. F. Millard.

In its splendid new home the bank welcomes the friends whose cooperation have made possible the continuous growth shown in the record. Every service consistent with sound banking practice is offered depositors and on this service the Kandiyohi County Bank depends for its continued progress and development.

pert engravers and watch repairers. In these lines their extensive business is done and the work turned out is of the best.

This store, located in the Carlson block, is one of the finest establishments in our city, and the management are level headed business men who are making a name for themselves as well as for the city in which they do business.

—The Julius and A. J. Holland families of Benson autored to this city Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Berkness.

—Mrs. D. W. McLaughlin and daughter, Marjorie returned the latter part of the week from a several days' visit in the city.

—Paul Swenson, of Minneapolis, visited with his uncle, Mr. N. S. Swenson and family, for a week, returning last Monday.

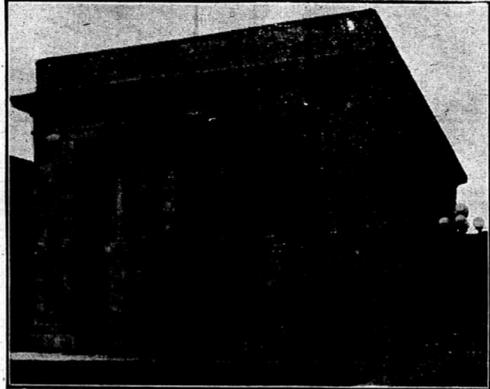
—Ethar Gates visited the last of the week with his sister, Mrs. J. N. Bolton. He was on his way from Penock to his home in Duluth.



P. B. HONG, Cashier.



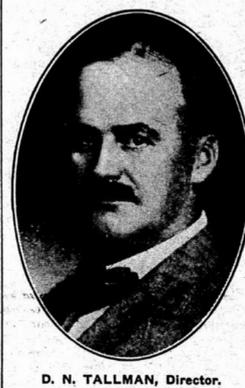
ANDREW LARSON, President.



KANDIYOHI COUNTY BANK.



J. F. MILLARD, Director.



D. N. TALLMAN, Director.

S. S. GLARUM
Grocery Store

Probably the oldest grocery establishment of Willmar is on the corner of Benson avenue and Third street and has been run by Mr. S. S. Glarum for the past 33 years. This gentleman deals in groceries, crockery, glassware, boots, shoes and notions. Groceries form the bulk of the commercial institution of any city and an important place in this line had been filled by Mr. Glarum's establishment. Everything that is found in a modern grocery store is found here in abundance. Foley Bros. "Quinaland" and Fort Snelling brand of canned goods are the lines which have found the most popularity with the proprietor and his patrons. The shoe shelves are filled with the well known Foote-Schultz shoes.

An adequate delivery system supplies all parts of the city and a constantly increasing number of households take advantage of its service. Mr. Glarum is not only one of our oldest business citizens but among the most well liked. Those who come once, come again, and Mr. Glarum is their friend.

SKOOG & ANDERSON
CHRIST ACKERMAN & CO.,
Meat Markets

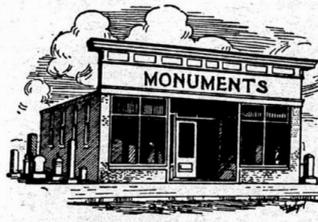
These two meat markets are the only ones in Willmar. They are owned and operated by a company of five men, viz., A. C. Skoog, Swan Anderson, J. F. Nyquist, Christ Ackerman and F. E. Ackerman.

They operate the two meat markets, one known as the Skoog & Anderson Meat Market on Benson avenue, and the other known as Christ Ackerman & Co., on the corner of Fourth street and Benson avenue.

That they are progressive is shown by the fact that they now have under construction a new meat market on Litchfield avenue. This is to be handsomely finished on both exterior and interior, and without a doubt will be one of the best meat markets in the state. The floor is to be made of tile and all the fixtures will be attractive and new.

They expect to move into this new building the early part of this fall.

—Miss Katherine Thompson arrived Saturday evening from Sandusky, N. Y., for a visit with her brother, Tom, in this city.



MONUMENTS

WILLMAR MONUMENT COMPANY
Grue and Borgan, Props.

There is no spot on earth more sacred to man, whatever his civilization than that which shelters the dust of those who are dear, to kin or friendship; and there is found the reason why so much attention and vast sums are expended in beautifying and rendering attractive our cities of the dead.

It is safe to assert that few branches of industrial art, while exacting so many rare qualifications from its followers have greater or more substantial rewards in store for them, than that of the monumental sculptors, or the dealer in these ornaments. Among the most favorably known in this respect in our city is the Willmar Monument Company. They deal in monuments and all kinds of cemetery work, markers, etc., which are made of the

best imported and American marble and granite, the range of styles including work of every description, plain and ornamental. Besides marble and granite monuments, they also have for sale, bronze monuments.

This enterprise has been established in Willmar for three and a half years. Messrs. O. N. Grue and A. O. Borgan, who are the proprietors, are both very well known in our county. Mr. Grue has served as State Senator for this county and Mr. Borgan has been identified in several business interests of Willmar for some years. At one time he owned a grocery, and at another time had a confectionery store here. For ten years he worked for J. S. Robbins, in the lumber yard. Mr. Grue took him in as a partner last April. The Willmar Monument Company always aim to give their patrons a square deal, both as to price and quality. They will be glad to quote you prices at any time, on your needs.

THE WILLMAR HOSPITAL

The people of Willmar know and appreciate the fact that they have in their midst one of the most beautiful and the best equipped hospitals in Minnesota. Although this is a privately owned institution no efforts have been spared in making it thoroughly efficient in every respect, and they are able to take care of every kind of work that may come up. We are, indeed, fortunate in having such a hospital in our city. It is located in a quiet and noiseless part of the city, on the corner of Fourth street and Becker avenue. The immediate surroundings of the hospital are well kept and neat in appearance. Large, shady trees make it a cool and delightful place on which to lounge. The patients at this hospital certainly enjoy every advantage of the fresh air treatment.

The building is a large two-story structure which has been lately re-



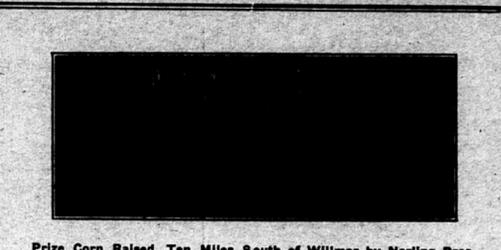
J. O. ESTREM, Vice President.
Kandiyohi County Bank

modeled and improved throughout. There are sleeping porches and sun parlors, spacious and well-lighted. On the main floor on front are the consultation offices of the doctors. Dr. Benson, who is the Internal Medicine and X-Ray specialist, has one of the most completely equipped X-Ray rooms to be found in this section of the country. Very recently there was installed here a Shook interrupterless X-Ray apparatus, which is the latest thing known in the science. They have an X-Ray machine for examining the stomach, and by its use are able to see every movement and can locate any trouble at once. They have their own developing room in connection with this department. On the main floor also, are the laboratories and the quarters for the nurses, the latter are complete to the last detail, with kitchen, dining room, bedrooms, etc., which may be shut off from the rest of the hospital by a single door.

On the second floor are the wards and private rooms, operating room, sterilizing room, and sun parlors. The wards and private rooms are able to accommodate 20 patients at one time, and oftentimes this hospital has been crowded to the limit. The operating room is the best that scientific knowledge and experience can make it. In the sterilizing room, all instruments and things used about the hospital are thoroughly sterilized before using again.

The hospital was established in 1907, and was originally owned by Drs. Peterson and Branton, but for the last two years Dr. Branton has been sole proprietor. He is assisted in his work by Dr. H. E. Canfield, eye, ear and throat specialist, and Dr. Branton previously mentioned. Dr. Branton has had the hospital remodelled until now it compares favorably with any hospital in the United States. Seven nurses are required to take care of the patients who come here.

People throughout this section of the state, appreciate the modern methods employed here, and prefer coming to Willmar than going further away. In the year 1914 over 250 patients were taken care of by the Willmar



Prize Corn Raised Ten Miles South of Willmar by Norling Bros.

hospital. Dr. Branton has been very successful with all of his cases, and has given us a hospital of which we can well be proud. We feel that Willmar as a community, cannot fail to be grateful for having such a well kept private hospital at their disposal.

S. L. BENTON

Real Estate.

Mr. Benton is one who is a firm believer that Kandiyohi land excels. He has been in the real estate business here for 10 years, and has been in the county for 46. Besides doing a large real estate business, he has built up a large farm loan business within the last few years.

He does very much toward advertising this section of the State, and has been a great aid in bringing new people here from other communities. He also deals in city property and has some Canada land for sale.

On account of his faith in Kandiyohi County he has bought many farms, and is devoting much of his time and attention toward improving them, and encouraging his renters to raise crops which will prove to be a benefit to the entire community, namely, such plants as alfalfa and sweet clover and other leguminous plants.

At present he is experimenting extensively in sweet clover and expects to meet with great success in this.

We are glad to see a man take such interest in improving the crops and raising facilities in our county, and wish him success in his ventures. Other communities have been built up by just these kind of progressive men. He has always been a booster for a better and richer Kandiyohi County.

OLSON BROTHERS' STUDIO.

Photography has apparently reached its zenith, or at least has become an art that borders on the edge of perfection. The reproductions from the artist of today are so true in the portrayal of life in posing and finish that a comparison of those of only a few years since reveals at a single glance the wonderful strides made in

photographic art. To produce results of high nature requires a person who has had years of study and experience. Students of this character are the Olson Brothers, who run their studio on Third street, between Benson avenue and Litchfield avenue. Their operating rooms are equipped with all the new appliances known to produce seventh effects that are modern and they have one of the latest models of enlarging machines.

The Olson Brothers are adept in posing, and are equally proficient in single sittings and groups. This studio makes a specialty of amateur work and do a large business along this line. In one day they turn out as high as 1000 prints, and during the summer months they develop from 125 to 150 rolls per week. Good work and low prices have made this establishment one of the most popular among the amateurs of our community. This is the only ground floor studio in our town. The two Olson brothers are among the two most popular business men and not only do work of the highest quality but treat everybody with equal courtesy.

C. A. NELSON

Jeweler

It has always been considered a good business policy that to buy the best is the most economical; is especially in this true in the purchasing of jewelry. Mr. C. A. Nelson carries a line of high grade jewelry, and it is one of the most complete and attractive stocks in this county. In this store are to be found reliable watches of every make that is manufactured in America. A big assortment of cut glass, hand painted china as well as a fine line of silverware. All kinds of high grade repair work is done by C. A. Nelson for he is a thoroughly experienced jeweler and repairer, having been in the business ever since 1886.

He aims to make this department one in which people may get prompt service and good work at prices that are right. He is the kind of business man that tries his best to please and this is shown by the extent of his trade.



S. E. STANSBERRY

Wood, Coal and Implements.

The place that the farm implement occupies among the commercial industries of the day, is a very important one indeed. This is an agricultural country. Our every resource points directly back to agriculture. In accordance with the progress that is being made by the world at large, new farm machinery is being invented every day by which cultivators of the soil are able to do better, quicker and more efficient work.

When it comes to farm implements, there is no more complete line in this section than that which is handled by S. E. Stansberry. Fine buggies, good, practical wagons, side delivery rigs, separators, corn shellers, elevators,

cultivators and in fact, anything in the farm implement or machinery line, may be found at his store in abundance. The reliable and popular John Deere line is carried, and the well known DeLaval Separators, also. Besides dealing in farm implements and machinery, Mr. Stansberry also handles wood and coal. This branch of the business is taken care of by the large wood and coal yards near the Great Northern railroad. He also sells harness, and has worked up a considerable trade along this line.

Mr. Stansberry has been in this business for 18 years, and for 35 years has been a resident of this county, and so is well known throughout this community. During the entire time that he has been identified in business circles he has always dealt fairly with his customers, and given nothing but a fair and square deal.



PETERSON & WELLIN

Department Store.

One of Willmar's typically industrial edition enterprises is that of Peterson & Wellin's Department Store on corner Fifth street and Benson avenue. They carry a complete line of almost everything to eat and wear. They started in business first in 1897, in a small store on corner Sixth street and Pacific avenue. Their growth since that time has been steady and increasing. In 1907, they bought their present location, which they built out and improved. Their main floor space is now sixty by one hundred feet, and they have both floors and a basement. They also have a very up-to-date grocery store facing Benson avenue.

They handle everything in clothing for both men and women, and also for



Interior of Anderson Bros. & Co's Jewelry Store

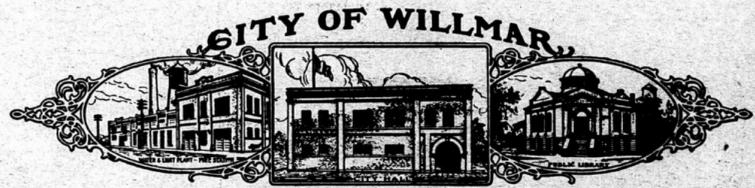
ANDERSON BROS. & COMPANY

Jewelers

In 1892 Mr. Swan and C. H. Anderson decided that Willmar was an ideal place to start a jewelry business. The up-to-date establishment that they now have goes to show that their judgment was correct. Anderson Bros. & Co., have the largest stock of jewelry in our county and one of the finest in central Minnesota. They are centrally located on Fourth street and have a well lighted salesroom stocked with the latest of standard goods, such as Hamilton, Waltham and Elgin watches and many other makes; Reed & Barton, Gorham and Towles

sterling silver and Holmes & Edwards also Rogers' plated ware. A well selected stock of first quality diamonds, set and mounted to order. A splendid display of Fairpoint & Libby cut glass, Pickard's hand-painted china, Haviland and other brands of chinaware. A complete line of Shaler umbrellas are carried in stock at all times. A most complete line of novelties in French Ivory and sterling silver is also found in this place.

The Anderson Bros. & Co. consists of Mr. Swan Anderson, C. H. Anderson and J. W. Larson, the latter having entered the firm 19 years ago. Mr. C. H. Anderson is at the head of the optical department, and both Mr. S. Anderson and Mr. Larson are ex-



CITY OF WILLMAR

THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

MUNICIPAL WATER & LIGHT PLANT

Among the many advantages which our city enjoys is the economical and excellent water and electric light service which the Municipal Water & Light Plant offers us. They furnish electricity for power and lighting to practically all our large local industries, as well as stores and dwellings, and give us a dependable service all the year around. Approximately 100 motors are supplied with electric current from the plant.

The water works was started in '91, and in '95 the electric light was added. After the explosion, which the greater majority of our citizens remember, they built the largest new building on the corner of Litchfield Avenue and Sixth Street, which is now occupied by the plant, and which also serves as a City Hall.

The equipment throughout is most modern. They are installing at present a new boiler which will add materially to their capacity, and are very soon going to equip all of their boilers with smoke consumers which will help to keep the city clean. The plant is able to furnish 400-horse-power. No men are required to keep the plant in running order.

Good lighting is essential in a city's progressiveness which is of the utmost importance. The Willmar ornamental lights are up to the standard and over. Two years ago thirty of these lights were installed. They made such a favorable impression with the Willmar people, and helped so much to make the city put on the metropolitan air that a year ago thirty more were installed, and now we can boast of one of the best lighting systems in the state.

Electric lights and fixtures and other electrical supplies are carried, which is a great convenience to the people of Willmar. Wiring is also done, and they have capable men attending to this work.

The water supplied for Willmar is obtained from two artesian wells each 300 feet. Pure wholesome water is another advantage to any community, for in this is insured good health, to prosper a city must have this. The last time the wells were inspected by the Board of Health they were pronounced absolutely pure.

The Municipal Water & Light plant is operated and controlled by what is known as a Water & Light Commission which consist of three men who are elected annually and who hold their offices for a term of three years. In this way, there is always their old head in the commission. At present Mr. C. S. Olson is the president; Mr. L. Fridlund, secretary. Mr. Hicks who was also a member recently resigned, and went to Bank Center, as a new man will be elected in his place. Mr. Fridlund has now served three terms or 9 years in all.

There are two men whose first duty is to look after the plant, namely, the Chief Engineer which office is held now by E. Westlund, and the Superintendent is Mr. N. W. Larson. The city has been particularly fortunate in getting men of good character to handle and oversee the plant for after men have been in one position for some time they become more and more attached. Willmar has a Municipal Water & Light Plant of which they may well be proud on account of the excellent and economical service it affords.