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**RINGO LAKE.**

Ringo Lake, Dec. 13.—P. J. Ekblad entertained a number of friends last Wednesday evening.  
Mr. Albert Anderson and daughter, Alice from Spicer visited at the Mrs. E. Anderson home here last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hauser called at N. Swenson's last Saturday afternoon.  
Mr. Otto Ekblad departed for St. Paul last Friday for a couple of weeks' stay.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Halvorson and three daughters from Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Dengerud from near Long Lake were Sunday guests at the J. E. Carlson home here.  
The Jensen family from near New London and Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson and children were entertained at the Aaron Carlson home here last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ekblad and sons from Spicer were Sunday afternoon visitors at the P. J. Ekblad home. A number of families from here were entertained at the August Moller home near Twin Lakes last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hauser visited at Berg's last Sunday afternoon.  
The young people from here attended the bazaar in the Swedish Lutheran church in Spicer last Friday evening.  
A large number of friends gathered at the N. Swenson home last Saturday evening and tendered Alice and Hanna a pleasant surprise. The occasion was their birthday. A sum of money was presented to them as a remembrance.  
Miss Esther Monson is at present assisting her aunt, Mrs. Aug. Moller near Twin Lakes.

**Shadow Social.**

An entertainment and shadow social will be given in Dist. No. 36 Saturday evening, December 18th. Ladies please bring lunch for two. It has been decided to have a shadow social instead of a rag ball social as announced last week.  
Mary E. Patrick.  
Mayme C. Rasmusons.

**M. E. Ladies' Aid.**

The Ladies' Aid of the First M. E. church will hold a business meeting in the church parlors, on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15 at 3:30 o'clock. No lunch will be served. All members are urged to be present as important business will be transacted. 12-15-15

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Dr. H. F. Porter, Dentistry, Carlton Block.—Adv.

Dr. C. E. Gerretson, Dentist, Loney Block. Telephone 199.—Adv.

Russell Spicer was in the office on business the first of the week.

Miss Helen Peterson has accepted a position as saleslady at the Co-operative Store.

F. A. Erickson of Redwing spent Sunday visiting at the Linden Hill farm in Whitefield.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parson and family spent Sunday visiting with relatives at Grove City.

Mr. Ward Ware returned Monday from a three weeks' visit with his parents at Springfield, Mo.

S. M. Sivertson of Crookston, was an over Sunday visitor at the James Sanderson home in this city.

Miss Freda Nelson of Lake Andrew is visiting with her cousins, Misses Mabel and Hattie Holmdahl.

James Addy and Mr. Hillesheim of Sleepy Eye visited over Sunday at the W. E. Somerville home in this city.

Miss Clara Skoolhelm entertained a few friends at dinner at her home Sunday evening. Covers were laid for nine.

G. H. Stephens of Montgomery arrived last Saturday evening for a couple of days' visit with his family in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott and children, and Jack Leach motored to the cities Saturday to spend Sunday with relatives.

A freak of the Minnesota winter—having to sprinkle the streets of the city in the middle of December to settle the dust.

Dana Taylor was in the city last Friday enroute to Omaha, Neb., where he has accepted a position as telegraph operator.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Thorpe entertained a number of friends at dinner at their home in the first ward last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hanson of Peever, S. D., motored to this city Sunday for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Grue.

Mrs. J. E. Scoville and daughter, Irene and Miss Lottie Cederburg returned last Friday evening from a visit with relatives in Altoona, Wis.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE see L. S. Berg, Route 1, Old Post Office block. You will save from 15 to 20 per cent of the Standard rates and get the best insurance on earth.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Amenrud entertained a few friends at dinner at their home last Sunday evening in honor of the latter's sister, Miss Beatrice Hogan of Granite Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Spicer returned to Minneapolis Sunday morning. They came up to attend the funeral of Mrs. Anna Mossberg which took place Saturday afternoon.

Rev. T. M. Findlay will conduct church services Sunday, Dec. 19 as follows: Paynesville, 11 a. m.; Hawick, 2:30 p. m., and New London, 8 p. m. Young people meet at New London at 7:30 p. m.

Dressmaking and Ladies' Tailoring School. Bring your sewing to Miss Carrie Amundson. Guarantee to fit you. I also teach the Keister System. Old Postoffice Building.—Adv. It

Mrs. Emil Johnson entertained a number of little boys last Tuesday afternoon in honor of her son, Lovell's fifth birthday anniversary. Lunch was served late in the afternoon, the centerpiece being a birthday cake with five candles.

Miss Josie Carlson left Tuesday for Miami, Florida, to spend the winter with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gabrielson and other friends. She was joined by Miss Lizzie Klint at Atwater who will accompany her.

Perfect womanhood depends on good health. Nature's rarest gift of figure and beauty is desired by every girl. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea clears the complexion, reddens the face, brightens the eyes, fills out the hollows. Start tonight. 35c, Tea and Tablets.—Carlson Bros.

**ROSELAND.**

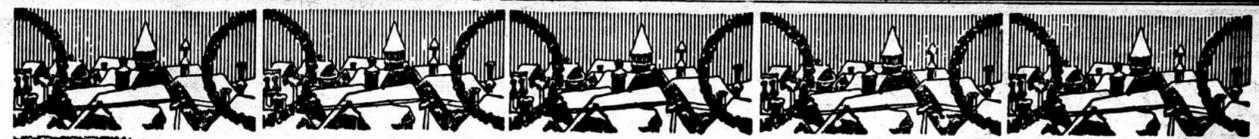
Roseland, Dec. 13.—A skating party was given at the L. Van Den Einde home Friday evening. A large crowd attended and all reported a good time.  
Miss Annie Hoffman returned home the past week from Clara City where she was assisting Mrs. Grashuis with the housework.  
Mr. A. Knoll returned home from Chicago last week. He was accompanied by Jake Bullhous and friend who expect to make their home here.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Brouwer spent Sunday evening at the S. B. Dykema home.  
H. Gort and family and Mrs. J. Zulema attended the Ladies' Aid sale at Prinsburg Thursday.  
A party was given at the John Swenson home Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dragt called at the Croak home in Willmar Wednesday.  
Rev. J. Brummel left today for Armour, S. D., where he will officiate at the wedding of a niece, Miss Iona Meyers.  
Miss Hester Dykema returned home last week after visiting in Willmar for some time.  
Mr. K. Theget is on the sick list.  
Mr. Nick Dykema will market hogs Tuesday.  
The son of Nick DuBoise is reported to be very ill.  
I. Gort and family were entertained for dinner at the H. Brouwer home Sunday.

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Don't forget to attend the Removal sale at the Hoeglund Hardware Store.—Adv.



**Christmas Greetings**

Christmas time is here again, and I am sure we are all trying to make it a merry one. We are trying our best by having a most beautiful lot of Christmas plants, and cutflowers for the trade. What can be more appreciated than a bouquet of flowers or a blooming plant or a nice fern for a present.

For decorating we have the best Holly and Green Wreathing that can be bought.

For the table we have the most delicious crisp lettuce grown.

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**Play and Doll Social.**  
A program, consisting of a play, entitled, "That Rascal, Pat," music, drills, etc., will be given in Banner School, District No. 56, Saturday evening, December 18. Ladies are requested to bring a doll, and lunch for two.  
Selma J. Henjum, Teacher.

Tomorrow the four saloons of Olivia will close up shop and the village will pass into the dry belt of Minnesota. For the first time since Olivia was incorporated as a village, the town will be dry. The council will be obliged to return to the saloon keepers a portion of the license money paid in to the treasury last spring.—Olivia Times.

**COLFAX.**  
Colfax, Dec. 13.—Mr. Nick Hagen and daughter, Rosie spent last Tuesday at Willmar.  
Mrs. R. Eidson and baby boy from North Dakota have arrived for an extended visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Syverson.  
Miss Clara Austin spent last week at the home of her uncle, Erick Austin in Georgeville.  
Mr. Sam Lee spent Saturday evening at the P. Thompson home.  
The C. T. Haugen family arrived last week to make their home on the Naas farm, which he purchased last spring.  
Miss Lillie Lettie is at present assisting at P. W. Anderson's.  
Mrs. M. T. Johnson has returned from Minneapolis where she underwent an operation.  
Mr. and Mrs. Reinert Erickson and children and Miss Mildred Jorgenson spent last Sunday at the F. Smith home near Belgrade.  
Mr. and Mrs. Severin Olson and children have returned after a short visit with Mrs. Olson's uncle at Hennings, Minn.  
R. Batterberry and son have been in this vicinity buying furs.  
Messrs. Anfin Olson and G. Hanson have returned home from Beardley, N. Dak.

**Sale of Red Cross Stamps.**  
The sale of Red Cross stamps will begin at the Post Office in this city December 15 and continue for eight days. Don't fail to buy these stamps to put on your Christmas packages and thus help in this great work.

**Red Cross Medals and Buttons.**  
Medals and Buttons for Red Cross sales will be distributed to the children as soon as they are received.  
Mrs. F. J. Haley, Pres.

**Helps Doctor Celebrate.**  
Last Saturday evening, Dec. 11 a number of friends gathered at the residence of Dr. G. D. Forsell, it being his birthday anniversary. A very pleasant time was spent throughout the evening in singing and music, and a beautiful basket of carnations was left by the kind visitors. A dainty lunch was served, covers laid for twenty-four.

**Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Christian and son, Roy returned the middle of last week from Crosby, N. D., where the latter was employed in a bank, until stricken with typhoid fever. Following a very severe illness he was able to be moved to his home here, but it will be some time before he will be able to get around to any extent.**

**Returned to it.** I began to talk to a man sitting beside me. I asked him how far it was to San Miguel and what hour the banks closed here. He asked me if I was going there, and I told him I was. I asked him if he was going there, too, and he admitted that he was, whereupon I whispered to him that I had a large sum of money in my bag and offered him \$25 if he would go with me from the station to the bank. He said that he would go with me cheerfully, but didn't care to take any pay for doing so.

**"A Fool Countryman"**  
By EUNICE BLAKE

"John," said Mr. Whitcomb, president of the Ascola First National bank. "I've got to send \$10,000 to San Miguel right off, and I want you to take it there. You'd better make an armed fortress of yourself, for I'm positive there is some one connected with this bank who is giving information to criminals whenever any sum of money leaves the bank. Hemstreet was robbed of \$500 a week ago when he left without a possibility of any one outside the bank knowing that he had any money with him."

I assented to what Mr. Whitcomb said, but I made up my mind to try to pull through in my own way. I knew that a trap had been laid for Hemstreet and he had fallen into it. If there was any trap laying in my case I proposed to have a hand in it myself. I slung a short "bulldog" up my right sleeve by an elastic strap in case of an emergency, but I did not expect to use it. I got myself up as a "hayseed," not that I expected to fool those who might be laying for me, but because I might wish to fool some one else. In my hand I carried an old fashioned carpet-bag made of real carpet.

I carried the money home with me and the next day took a train that passed through the town at 4 o'clock in the morning. Glancing through a window while dressing, I saw the face of a man at a window on the opposite side of the street. His face was very white in contrast with a very black beard. He was looking straight at my window, and as soon as he saw me looking at him he disappeared.

On my way to the station I neither saw nor heard any one in the street, the stillness being marked, but once I heard faint footfalls behind me. I turned, but saw no one. However, while walking back and forth in the station who should come in but the pale faced man with the black beard. He went to the ticket office and from there to the train. On taking my seat I did not look to see if he was in the car with me, but I presumed he was. After the train had started I went to the cooler to get a drink of water, taking my bag with me, and then I saw my watcher, as I supposed him to be, sitting not far distant from the seat I was using.

Returning to it, I began to talk to a man sitting beside me. I asked him how far it was to San Miguel and what hour the banks closed here. He asked me if I was going there, and I told him I was. I asked him if he was going there, too, and he admitted that he was, whereupon I whispered to him that I had a large sum of money in my bag and offered him \$25 if he would go with me from the station to the bank. He said that he would go with me cheerfully, but didn't care to take any pay for doing so.

I became quite chummy with my new found friend, who seemed to be a gentleman and was evidently a bit amused at my country simplicity. Indeed, he told me that I should not have divulged to him my secret. If I trusted him I was likely to trust others and to lose my money. I pretended to be regretful of my indiscretion, but declared that since I had trusted him at all I would trust him throughout. He seemed grateful at my confidence and agreed to do anything in his power to aid me. For this I pretended heartfelt gratitude.

When we were approaching the next station to San Miguel I proposed a plan by which my new acquaintance might get the funds safely through for me. He carried no baggage, having a trunk, which was checked. I asked him if he would get off the train with my carpet-bag at the station we were approaching and proceed by other conveyance to San Miguel and deliver the bag to me at the bank as soon as he should arrive. He asked me if the amount I carried was very large, and I told him it was over \$500, which was no lie.

He now plied me with questions to test my sincerity, to all of which I gave replies that seemed to satisfy him. He also asked me if I thought any one was on my track to rob me. I told him that I suspected a man sitting back of us with a white face and a black beard. My neighbor finally consented to carry my bag for me when we left the train at San Miguel. This was the best I could do with him.

As we approached the station I got up, leaving my bag with my friend, and went again to the cooler, which was at the forward end of the car. The train was slowing up at the time, and passengers were rising from their seats. Before the train stopped I jumped off and disappeared.

Well, I saw no more of my friend until shortly after I had reached the bank. Then he came in puffing, his cravat awry, his hat caved in. I met him at the door.

"Great Scott, man, what did you leave me for with your bag just as the train pulled up to the station? They've got your money."

"Don't you worry, my friend," I replied; "there was no money in that bag. It was distributed over my person. It is now in bank. I'm no granger. I'm cashier of the First National bank of Ascola. Please make out your bill for services as messenger and for damages and I'll remunerate you, with thanks and apologies."

Not a cent would he take. The best I could do with him was to get him to dine with me. He said he had hated to see "a fool countryman" robbed, hence his sympathies. But long afterward the bank kept him from bankruptcy.

**COL. J. W. HANKEY**  
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