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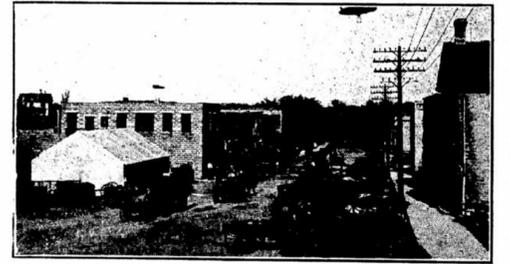
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JIG STORE FIRE AT NEW LONDON

First Big Fire in History Occurs at the Mill Village on the River.

The village of New London had the first serious fire for many years last Thursday evening when J. G. Peterson's general merchandise store burned down with all its contents. The fire started about six o'clock on the ignition of gasoline in the basement. Both Mr. Peterson, the proprietor, and Mr. T. J. Lawson,

looked as though the Lungstrom Bros. and other adjoining frame buildings were doomed. Spicer was appealed to and the Spicer Fire department, 22 strong, Wm. Nelson, chief, and Albert Thurg, assistant, came in autos. Their gasoline Waterous engine was pulled by a team to New London in 45 minutes. The Spicer department placed their engine on the west side, taking water from the river, and soon had two streams playing on that side. The building adjoining Peterson's store escaped with a scorching. Mr. Peterson places his loss on building and stock at \$11,000. He carried \$7,000 insurance. The stock of Miss Mary Peterson's millinery store in the same building was practically all saved, by being removed before the fire reached that portion of the building. Mr. Peterson informed the Tribune this morning that so far he has no plans whatever as regards rebuilding.



VIEW OF MAIN STREET AT NEW LONDON.

The scene of great excitement last Thursday evening when J. G. Peterson's store, located just back of the cement block store on the left, burned to the ground with contents.

esman, were at their homes for dinner and the store was in charge of the saleslady, who attended to the order for gasoline when the fire started. The girl escaped from the burning store as soon as a mass of flames from the new London fire department, of which Anton Jacobson, chief, was quickly on the scene to try to control the flames. The local engine blew out its head, could not be put out. Presumably the wheel was utilized and four men were soon playing on the store but lack of hose prevented any success being thrown from the west, a strong wind, out of the

A part of the building was an old landmark at New London. It was built in 1868 by Orlando Sperry, and carried the sign, "The Regulator." Later it was sold to J. H. Neer who conducted it for some years and he in turn sold to D. Peterson & Son in 1882. The Petersons built a new and larger part to the building. After the death of D. Peterson the store became the property of the son, J. G. Peterson. In 1898 the postoffice was established in this building and continued there until last year. This is the first extensive fire New London has ever had. The only other fire of any consequence was that of Dr. Peterson's home, which threatened this same row of buildings.

Baptist Church Business.

The annual business meeting of the Methodist church was held on afternoon of New Year's day. The officers elected were Eric H. Nelson, president; Lewis Ekdhall, secretary; C. J. Johnson, treasurer; Hjalmar Nyquist, trustee for three years, or the Sunday school, P. E. Parson is elected superintendent; Esther Benson, assistant superintendent; Clarence Magnuson, secretary; Carl Swenson, assistant secretary; and Innie Peterson, treasurer.

OBITUARY

HARRY THOMAS.

Harry E. Thomas, only son of Geo. E. Thomas, of this city, died Tuesday morning. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, at two o'clock at the Presbyterian church in this city, Rev. W. Bryn Jones, officiating.

A further obituary notice will appear in the Tribune next week.

Majestic Theatre

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FRIDAY, JAN. 7

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TUESDAY, JAN. 11

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NEXT FRIDAY THE GREAT DIVIDE

Engine Company Elect Officers.

Foot Lake Engine and Hose Co. No. 2, held their regular meeting last Monday evening and chose the following to serve as officers for the ensuing year:

Nels Edwards, Foreman.
Ed. Nelson, 1st Ass't. Foreman.
E. G. McClintock, 2nd Ass't. Foreman.

W. A. Bjornberg, Secretary.
M. D. Manning, Treasurer.
H. Ruud, Engineer.
T. C. Torkeleon, Ass't. Engineer.
H. W. Odell, C. Freeberg and R. G. McClintock, Financial Committee.

Relief Association Meets.

The Willmar Fire Department Relief Association held their annual meeting Monday evening in the Municipal building. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. P. Bjornberg, president; C. Freeberg, vice president; Wm. O. Johnson, secretary; M. D. Manning, treasurer; H. W. Odell, trustee for three years. Routine business was also transacted at the meeting.

—Nels Palm of Litchfield visited in this city over New Year's Day.

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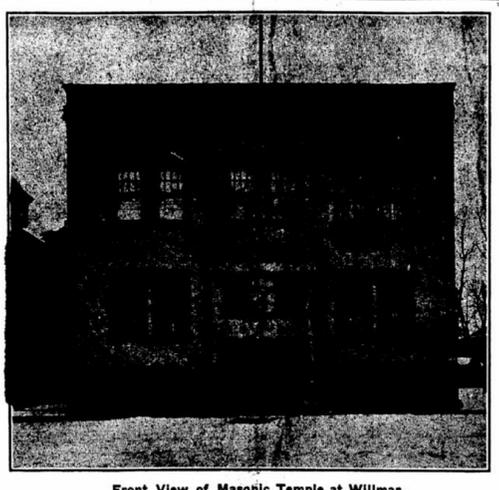
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SKI TOURNAMENT AT GLENWOOD IN FEBRUARY

The National Ski Tournament at Glenwood, Minnesota, Feb. 4th, and 5th, 1916.

The National Ski Tournament of America will be held at Glenwood, Minn., Feb. 4th and 5th, 1916. The local ski club is doing all in its power to make this one of the best tournaments ever held since the organization of the National Ski Association. Glenwood has one of the finest ski hills in America. The last four interstate tournaments which the Glenwood club has given have been pronounced by the skiers and spectators as among the most successful on the circuit. This year the club is naturally straining every effort to make it not only the best tournament ever held in Glenwood, but also the greatest and best National Tournament ever held in America.



Front View of Masonic Temple at Willmar.

MASONIC TEMPLE IS DEDICATED

Grand Lodge Officers and Other Prominent Masons Were Here.

The beautiful new home of the Masonic order of this city was dedicated last Friday afternoon with fitting ceremony. About fifty Masons from other points were in attendance. The Sharon Lodge met at one o'clock and at three o'clock the exercises attended upon the dedication took place. Grand Master Burnham of Jackson, Minn., was present and delivered a most instructive and impressive address to the assemblage. Following the exercises the officers elected and appointed to serve in the local lodge during the coming year, were installed. Past Grand Master Heagy of Tussler of St. Paul had charge of the installation.

At 6 o'clock a fine banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, in the basement. From 8:30 through the evening the New Year ball was in progress, about seventy-five couples attending.

Visiting Masons who attended were: P. B. Haines of Towner, N. D.; Jacob Nelson of Brewster, S. D.; W. A. Smith, E. K. Odell, Sr., E. R. Aldrich, E. H. Brummer and O. E. Bowers of Benson; Phil Whitaker, V. D. Whitaker and Emil Anderson of Litchfield.

field; H. M. Tussler and A. G. Pinkham of St. Paul; J. R. Burnette of St. Cloud; F. A. Evends, L. M. Marcuson, Walter Thompson, Burt Sognes, C. L. Christianson, O. W. Nordbye, H. P. Bengtson, H. L. Gunderson, H. A. Hamre and George H. Dillingham of Granite Falls; W. H. Ball of Marlow, Ia.; A. E. Anderson, Cambridge, Minn.; C. W. Nelson, Paynesville; H. W. Burnham of Jackson, M. H. Carey of Pipestone and S. O. Dittendorf of Pelican Rapids.

On New Year's afternoon from three until six o'clock the temple was thrown open to the public, and many took advantage of this opportunity to be shown thru the building.

Dr. Benson Opens Office.

Dr. Iver S. Benson has severed his connection with the Willmar Hospital and has opened offices in Skoog & Nyquist's new Metropolitan Building, where he began practicing his profession on his own account today.

Dr. Benson graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago in 1906. He served one year as interne in a Norwegian Lutheran Hospital at Chicago. Located at Jackson, Minn. for practice beginning in 1907, and remained there five years, the last four years conducting a private hospital. He took six months post graduate work at Minneapolis before coming to Willmar last May.

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IN THE CHURCHES

NORW. LUTH. FREE.

The Ladies' Society in the city met this (Wednesday) afternoon, and Meddama Wolbert, Henry Johnson, Youngberg and Omsundum will serve refreshments.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at Shipstead's.

Regular services next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 12:15 p. m., and Bible class at 7:00. Rev. A. Olson of Morris will preach morning and evening.

The congregation will hold its year-meeting Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 1 p. m.

Priam Ladies' Society will meet at Ecklov's Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 12, and Young People's meeting at Edw. Hanson's, in the evening.

The Ladies' Society north of the city meets at Carl Stetten's Friday afternoon, Jan. 14.

St. John's Ladies' Society will have its next regular meeting at Peder Fransen's. You are cordially invited.

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 Ladies' Society here in the city meets tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. J. T. Swenson, Mrs. O. N. Stromsted, Mrs. L. O. Thorpe and Mrs. M. Botnen.

The annual meeting of the Vinje congregation will be held in the church basement next Monday, Jan. 10, at 10 a. m.

The Missionary Society meets with Mrs. J. H. Olson next Tuesday afternoon.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL.

Rev. E. R. Todd, Rector.

Morning prayer and sermon, 10:30. Sunday school, 12:00. Evening prayer, 7:30.

There will be a meeting of the "Ladies' Guild" Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kent, South 4th street.

The St. Agnes Guild will meet next Monday.

A "preaching mission" will be held during week of Feb. 6.

SWEDISH M. E.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening meetings at seven o'clock. Rev. Walquist will preach Wednesday evening and conduct the second quarterly conference.

Sunday services as usual, both morning and evening.

Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, the Ladies' Aid will meet at the Ladies' Aid meeting, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 p. m.

SALVATION ARMY.

Third street.

Parcel service will be held at the Army hall Saturday evening at 8 p. m. Coffee will be served.

Sunday services at 2 p. m. Sunday school, and at 8 p. m. Salvation and song service.

You are welcome.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

Subject: "Sacrament."

Sunday service, 10:45 a. m. Wednesday service, 8:45 p. m. All are welcome to these services. Free reading room in church edifice open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 p. m.

NORWAY LAKE.

Norway Lake, Jan. 2—A prosperous New Year to the Tribune force and all its readers.

News is scarce but sickness plentiful in this vicinity.

The concert which was to have been given at the East Norway Lake church last Sunday was postponed until a later date on account of the weather.

Miss Amanda Boe, teacher in school district No. 104, closed a very successful term of school before Christmas and during the term gave two socials which netted the school \$42. She will open the spring term in March.

The Misses Betsy and Emma Ekren arrived home from Divide county, Dak., before the holidays to spend some time visiting at their parental home here. The former is holding down a claim and the latter teaches school.

Albert Ekren is home from St. Olaf's school at Northfield to spend his vacation with his parents here.

Henry Stene gave his folks and friends in this vicinity a pleasant surprise when he arrived here with his bride to spend the holidays. He was married in Montana Christmas eve.

EAGLE LAKE.

Eagle Lake, Jan. 3—Mr. and Mrs. E. Bergeson and Bendie and Minda visited at C. A. Olson's Thursday.

Miss Minda Olson returned home last Thursday after a month's visit at several places in North Dakota.

Miss Martha Bakken left Monday for the St. Cloud Normal after spending Christmas at her home here.

Mrs. A. Berg called on M. Olson's last Thursday.

Mr. Henry Berg who has been visiting in this neighborhood during Christmas left Monday morning for St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grus and son, Donald visited from Saturday until Sunday at Bakken's.

Mrs. Andrew Berg will entertain the Ladies' Aid Thursday, Jan. 20. Everybody welcome.

Misses Selma and Esther and Mr. Bennis Berg visited Tuesday afternoon at E. Bergeson's.

Miss Ragna Gynild spent a few days at J. C. Strand's at Willmar.

Misses Selma Engene, Lenora Kilsberg and Nora Gynild left Monday for Fargo where they attend school.

The supper that was given in church was well attended. The proceeds amounted to \$48.60.

—LeRoy Lundberg left last Saturday afternoon for a visit to his parents at Milnes.

COL. DUNCAN WILL PRESIDE

Big Sale of Durocs Takes Place at Hawk Creek Next Friday.

John Swenson attended the Duroc Jersey sale on the farm of Frank S. Vanderheyde & Son at West Concord, Minn., Tuesday, when 28 head were disposed of. Another sale is on at Renville Thursday, and on Friday of this week, Mr. Swenson's sale takes place at Hawk Creek Farm, beginning at 1:30 o'clock. This is Col. Duncan's first appearance at one of Swenson's sales, but he is reputed to be one of the best salesmen in the country, a silver-tongued orator, whose preliminary talk on general farm topics, especially on hogs, will be well worth the trip to Hawk Creek Farm to hear. Mr. Swenson extends a cordial invitation to all his brother farmers to come over Friday and take in the sale.

Fatal Accident.

One of the saddest accidents of the history of this city occurred Sunday morning when Leonard C. Simonson lost his life. He went to Morris Saturday afternoon and expected to return on No. 10. Apparently he misadvised that train and got on No. 2. No. 2 is a through train but occasionally stops here. While the facts are not known, the supposition is that the train did not stop this time and that the young man attempted to jump off while the train was going at a high rate of speed. He was caught in some way and dragged from here to the stock yards at Murdock, parts of his body being scattered along the entire distance. He was only recognizable from papers in his pockets and shreds of his clothing. The remains were brought to Benson and will probably be interred tomorrow.—Swift County Review.

First M. E. Epworth League.

The Epworth League of the First M. E. church will give a social and short program Friday evening, January 7th. Lunch will be served after the program. Everyone is cordially invited. A self-denial offering will be taken.

—Miss Alma Syvertson residing north of the city, entertained ten young folks Monday evening. A fine time was enjoyed, and delicious refreshments were served at a late hour.

—New Year's visiting at New London.

—Mrs. J. N. Botnen entertained last Friday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Botnen.

BIG POULTRY SHOW OCCURS NEXT WEEK

Mayor Gives Silver Cup and Many Other Special Prizes Are Offered.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 11, the fifth annual show of the Kandiyohi County Poultry Association takes place in the basement of the Masonic Temple. This event promises to become the most important in this line ever held at Willmar, and a large number of birds, the pick of the flocks of the county and the Northwest, will be on exhibition.

The premium list was mailed out last week and offers liberal cash prizes, the Association being given \$400 State money for this purpose. Everyone interested should be sure to get a copy from President W. M. Chasor or Secretary Severo Omsundum. Besides the many regular and special cash prizes offered there are a large number of special prizes donated by different individuals or organizations. Important among these is a \$25 silver cup donated by Mayor E. C. Wellin for the best cockerel in the show room, any breed, to be won three times to gain permanent title. Also a silver cup donated by the New London Milling Company for the best Banded Rock cockerel in show room, to be won twice by Kandiyohi county resident. The Kandiyohi County Bank gives a \$10 savings account for the best pen of four birds, any variety, owned by a resident of the county. G. O. Sand gives a pair of auto gloves for best Silver Laced Wyandotte pullet, and W. M. Chase a cut glass bowl for best pen of Buff Leghorns, etc., etc. These principal special prizes are on exhibition in different show windows of the city.

All people of country and town who are interested in poultry should visit this show. Come and see with the people who are interested in such and learn many valuable facts about poultry. The boys and girls should be getting on this with annual interest.

W. M. Chasor, president; Mrs. F. M. Botnen, vice president; Nels Bakken, treasurer; Severo Omsundum, secretary; Nels Bakke, superintendent, all of Minneapolis.

Directors—A. J. Anderson, New London, Minn.; C. A. Harrison, Kandiyohi, Minn.; A. E. D. wa, Willmar, Minn.; J. W. Warner, Spicer, Minn.; Jay L. Forcier, Raymond, Minn.; Jas. Mattison, Svea, Minn.; E. H. Bratt, Atwater, Minn.

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Thursday's Special Feature

Matinee at 4:00 Evening at 7:30

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