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### BUYERS LOOKING FOR GOOD CATTLE

#### Two Brainerd Men Buy 31 Purebreds For Shipment to Grow Wing County.

Thirty-one head of purebred cattle were purchased in this county last week for shipment to farms in Crow Wing county, near Brainerd. Messrs. H. C. Zierke, a cattle buyer and shipper, and Byron Gates, a progressive farmer living near Brainerd, were the buyers. They purchased twelve purebred sires, six head of purebred cows and a number of high grade cows. The breeds represented were Herefords, Red Polls and Shortorns. The supply available for sale in the county is very limited. The demand for purebred cattle is way beyond the supply. Our informant says that \$80 to \$90 per head were offered for purebred young stock and refused by the owners. "Then," said he, "why will people persist in breeding scrubs, which they must keep three or four years in order to realize this price, and are lucky if they get it at any time."

Mr. Byron Gates, mentioned above, is a son of Joshua Gates, pioneer schoolmaster of this county, and who lived on the north shore of Diamond Lake in the early days. Mr. Byron Gates bought a bull from Mr. C. O. Bergquist three weeks ago, and this animal was included in the shipment made to Brainerd this week. Mr. Bergquist has sold all his holdings of

### COMMUNITY MOURNS A GOOD WOMAN

#### Unexpected Death of Mrs. Oscar Knutson Shocks All. A Large Funeral.

MRS. OSCAR A. KNUTSON.  
Mrs. Oscar A. Knutson, beloved woman in the home and social circles in the south part of the county, passed away last Wednesday afternoon, succumbing to an attack of pneumonia and complications. Mrs. Knutson has been in poor health for a number of years back but seemed during the past year to be getting stronger, and her many friends had good hopes that she would regain her health and become robust again. It was not so, however. She was taken down on Sunday, Dec. 3, with the fatal malady that caused her death after three days. She attained the age of thirty years, one month and sixteen days.

Mrs. Marie Elsie (Peterson) Knutson was born at Lake Lillian Oct. 20, 1886. She was baptized as a member in the Christiane Lutheran church at Lake Lillian and was confirmed at Willmar at the age of sixteen by Rev. Gustaf Peterson. She grew to womanhood in the community, and became the bride of Mr. Oscar A. Knutson, Dec. 23, 1905. Eleven years of happy married life came to a close with her death, and the grief-stricken husband with three children—Marvel, Ralph and Olive, aged 10, 7 and 5 years respectively are left to bitterly mourn

and closer the qualities that made friends and neighbors call her Elsie made an impression on our souls that will sweeten with the years and will grow deeper with the passing of time. Though a sufferer as few have suffered for six long years, the smile never left her face and the hope never faded from her eyes. "Laugh and the world laughs with you," sings the poet and the words are true; but how she misses it when she added, "Weep and you weep alone." Not at all! The golden chain which links heart to heart and soul to soul stretches from the springs of laughter to the fountain of tears.

Where Dickens laughed we laugh! Where the tears blotted the page upon which he wrote, yours blur the page as you read. So today Elsie's folks need not feel lonely. All who knew her are weeping. No unkind words from her lips are left to mar the memories of her life.

If she had any unkind thoughts of anyone she carried them with her into the silence of the grave. The newly born child which links her heart to heart and soul to soul stretches from the springs of laughter to the fountain of tears.

So I, who am nothing more than a tenant by sufferance in the realm where I stumbled because of resentment where she rests, I claim no title to a foot of earth—come in all humility and sorrow to put a wild flower upon her grave.

She loved the birds—may they sing sweetly where she rests. She loved the trees and flowers—may the leaves whisper while she sleeps and the flowers bloom above her couch.

She loved us all. May our hearts be more tender and noble because she lived, may our eyes be wet with tears because she died.—A Friend.

### MASS MEETING ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

#### Representative P. H. Frye's Session With Constituents at the Courthouse.

About fifty citizens in the county responded to the call of Representative Frye, and appeared at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon to discuss legislative matters. Supt. G. A. Foster, of the city schools, was elected chairman of the meeting and Peter Bonde, secretary. Representative P. H. Frye was present, but Senator P. A. Gandrud was absent.

The deficiency in the school appropriations was the matter first brought up. Representatives of the Boards of Education of Willmar and Atwater spoke urging that the state aid promised the schools should be provided for in full and that the deficiencies of the past two years be made good. Members of county schools present expressed themselves along the same lines and a resolution was adopted asking our legislators to support these appropriations. There were interesting side discussions on the school laws by several present, and for some time it looked as though the meeting would go on record as favoring that the state laws should prescribe all the conditions for granting state aid to schools, and local discretion be granted the State Board. The bubbling fountains in country schools, excessive requirements for library books, etc., was denounced as graft.

Representative Frye went into detail on his record relating to the school appropriations in the last session, showing how he had stood by the "little red school house" appropriations consistently from start to finish.

Representative Christianson was the only candidate for Speaker for the next session who had fought for adequate school appropriations in the last session, said Mr. Frye.

The road laws and drainage laws were discussed pro and con. A motion that the meeting favored a return to the township system of caring for all roads was voted down. As to drainage it was admitted that progress had been made at the last session. The matter of setting up a State appropriation for assisting in cleaning up the South Fork of Crow River was discussed, but little faith was shown that such assistance can be secured.

The last matter to be taken up was the new laws. A resolution was adopted asking for laws prohibiting the licensing by the State to seine our lakes for "rough" fish. Also for permitting netting for home use with set nets with mesh not less than two and a half inches square.

The meeting came to a close as the shadows of the early December evening began to be noticeable in the courtroom. Mr. Frye had asked for advice, and he was given a lot of it. He will continue in the next session to use his own sound judgment, as he did in the last. The meeting did no harm, and it no doubt was a relief to many to unburden their minds.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—E. F. Fink of New London was in Willmar today.

—L. A. Tjosvold left Monday afternoon on a business trip to the twin cities.

—Merrill Tolleson of Atwater was a visitor in this city the first of the week.

—W. M. Chase spent last Sunday visiting with his son, Homer at Cottonwood.

—Mrs. Herman Marlow spent the week end visiting with relatives at Raymond.

—Miss Margaret Lynch of DeGraff spent last Saturday afternoon visiting in this city.

—The Erick Beck family of Kandiyohi visited last Sunday with friends in this city.

—Miss Emma T. Johnson returned Monday evening from a few days spent in the cities.

—Mrs. Albert Thorvig and Miss Mahe Gustrud of Spicer visited here on Monday afternoon.

—Miss Ebba Lundgren of Grove City was a visitor here between trains Saturday afternoon.

—Miss Florence and Maurice Henderson of Spicer were visitors in this city last Saturday.

—Miss T. O. Gilbert was at Litchfield on legal business last week Thursday and Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitaker of Litchfield visited the first of the week with friends in this city.

—Mrs. P. P. Fjellman left Monday afternoon for Duluth where she will remain through the winter.

—Misses Mabel and Ida Sanderson left last Saturday afternoon for an over Sunday visit at Benson.

—Mrs. Molen and Mrs. Elander of Kerkhoven visited in this city Monday afternoon and evening.

—Gust Monson and family of New London were entertained at the John Monson home last Sunday.

—D. T. Carlson of the Central Minnesota Produce Co., spent the week end at his home in Kokato.

—A large number from here attended the masquerade party at Penneck last Saturday evening.

—Mrs. P. A. Brogren of New London spent a few days last week visiting with relatives in this city.

—Miss Pearl Peterson of Kandiyohi was a visitor in this city between trains last Monday afternoon.

—Miss Myrtle Peterson of Kerkhoven arrived Monday afternoon for a visit at the O. A. Kiland home.

—Miss Carrie Boese and Miss Lillie Samstad of Atwater visited over Sunday at the John Monson home.

—Walter J. Maakalala who attended Hamline university spent Sunday visiting with friends in this city.

—T. H. Larson left Monday morning for Sheyenne, N. D., after spending the weekend visiting in this city.

—Miss Amy C. Nelson has accepted a position as saleslady at the Co-operative store during the holiday season.

—Mrs. Martin Tronsgard visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brooks at Atwater last week Thursday.

—Mrs. James Storm returned to St. Paul on Monday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Storm in this city.

—Miss Clara Kasmussen left last Saturday afternoon for a few days' visit with Miss Pauline Lord at Morris.

—Mrs. E. P. Brogren returned to Cottonwood Monday afternoon after a few days' visit with her husband in this city.

—Mrs. S. G. Harstad and two children returned last Monday evening from a couple of weeks' visit in St. Paul.

—G. H. Keyes, enroute to his home at Ellendale, N. D., spent Sunday visiting at the W. DeLahunt home in this city.

—It is reported that Chas. Ahlberg of Spicer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Larson at Minneapolis last week.

—Germany and her allies have offered to negotiate for peace. It is now up to the Entente allies to say what they will do.

—Mrs. Thomas Mould returned to her home at Sioux City, Ia., this afternoon after a ten days' visit with friends in this city.

—The Metropolitan orchestra furnished music for a dance at Raymond last Saturday evening, and gave excellent satisfaction.

—Fast mail train No. 27 will run in two sections from now on until after Christmas in order to adequately handle the increase in mail.

—Mr. and Mrs. Holger Etker and children left last Friday for their new home at Pine City after visiting for a few days with relatives here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roden left last Friday for Chicago and from there they go to Baroda Springs, Mich., for a visit with relatives.

—Mrs. J. A. Rowat and daughter, Mary Frances left last Saturday afternoon for Des Moines, Ia., to spend the holiday season with relatives.

—Miss Fern Doremus who teaches at Detroit, Minn., arrived last Saturday morning, and spent the weekend visiting with friends in this city.

—Mrs. Alice Paley returned to her home at St. James the middle of last week after visiting for some time with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Paley in this city.

—August Thomas, living in north of a slough on his place. The fish had come up thru a six inch line of tile.

—Miss Fern MacNeess entertained a number of friends last Saturday evening at a "Slumber Party" in honor of Mrs. Thomas Mould of Sioux City, Ia.

—According to Tuesday's Minneapolis Tribune the Hennepin county clerk of court issued a marriage license to Chas. E. Adams and Agnes M. Nelson.

—Miss Frances Gummer returned to her home at Franze, Minn., last Saturday afternoon after visiting for several weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Gummer.

### COMMENDS BAN ON DANCING

#### Baptist Minister Denounces Dancing and Praises Board of Education.

In his sermon Sunday evening last, Rev. Hallin of the Baptist church, speaking from the text: "John the Baptist Beheaded," denounced dancing in strong terms, showing that no other enjoyment has led so many young men and young women to ruin as dancing. The Willmar Board of Education was highly praised for its resolution, putting a ban on dancing in connection with the High School.

May Have Club House.  
At a meeting of the Automobile Club held last Wednesday evening, preliminary plans for the purchase of ground for the erection of a club house, were talked over. The plan is to take up a subscription among auto enthusiasts, selling shares at \$25.00 per share. The question of a location is indefinite but it will be at either Eagle or Green Lake.

A committee of five, was appointed to report at the next meeting, which will be held in the near future.

Loney Block Improvement.  
J. R. Loney informs the Willmar Tribune that he has let the contract for remodeling the store rooms about to be vacated by the New York store. Two plate fronts with prismatic glass will be put in, the floors tiled, and no expense be spared to make the store rooms second to none in the city. Mr. Loney has faith in Willmar and is willing to put up good money to make his fine locations the best in appointments.

Tobacco Dealers Arrested.  
Several of the local confectionery stores had evidently become lax in observing the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors and accordingly the sheriff got busy last week and made ten arrests. Eight pleaded guilty of the charge and paid their fines each of \$4 and costs. A ninth stood trial and was found guilty and was fined \$4 and costs. A tenth case is pending.

Johnson-Bouska.  
Our genial friend, the tall pine of Sunnyside, has taken unto himself a better half. Miss Emily Elizabeth Bouska, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bouska, became Mrs. Axel T. Johnson last Thursday. Rev. Iga Schumacher of Clara City tied the nuptial knot. These worthy young people have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for a happy and prosperous life.

—Mrs. F. M. Chard and daughter left last Thursday for San Diego, Cal., to spend the winter. They had been visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chard.

### NINE DAYS FOR SHOPPERS BEFORE X-MAS

#### Willmar Stores Are the Mecca For Christmas Shoppers From Far and Near.

Three days this week and six solid days next week remain for Christmas shoppers before Christmas eve. The latter coming on Sunday disposes of the problem of how late to keep the stores open on that day. Saturday evening of next week will be the last chance to buy your Christmas goods. The Willmar stores are brimful of attractive goods for Christmas buyers. The cold wave will soon moderate and as there has not been enough snow to impede auto driving shoppers can easily come in long distances over the good roads.

Our clothing stores are presenting unprecedented opportunities to buy winter clothing at low prices, and buyers are running in from great distances to take advantage of them.

Revelers Reorganize.  
"The Revelers," the local social organization which held a series of delightful dancing parties last year, have reorganized for the present season. A preliminary meeting was held last Saturday evening. Dr. H. E. Canfield was re-elected president and Dr. A. W. Odell was chosen secretary. It is planned to have the first dance on the evening of Friday, Dec. 29, and they will be held semi-monthly thereafter.

The Synod Mission Society.  
The annual meeting of the Mission Society of the Synod church was held Tuesday afternoon. The reports were read and approved. New officers elected were Mrs. J. H. Olson as president and Mrs. N. Stromseth as secretary and treasurer. Mrs. M. T. Sandbo, who has served as president a number of years but refused a re-election was given a vote of thanks.

Receives Sad Message.  
Alton Crosby received a telegram Sunday telling of the death of his brother, E. M. Crosby, which occurred last Saturday evening at Los Angeles, Cal. The late Mr. Crosby was a resident of this city in the early days. The body was shipped to Minneapolis for burial.

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### OYSTER SUPPER

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their beloved wife and mother. She is also mourned by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Peterson of Lake Lillian, and three brothers and four sisters—Anton, Albert and Emil Peterson, Mrs. Minnie Lind, Mrs. Selma Johnson, Mrs. Ella Lundquist, and Miss Hazel, all of whom were present at the funeral. Among the mourners are also Mr. and Mrs. Erick Knutson, Victor S. Knutson of Long Prairie, and many other relatives.

Her life was gentle, quiet and unassuming, but like the still waters it was deep. In her heart of hearts she carried a broken wheel from her neighbors, was never weary, her step never failed in ministering unto, caring for, waiting upon those who were in any way dependent upon her.

The funeral services were held Sunday morning, and the outpouring of the people who came to pay their last respects to the memory of one who was beloved by all testified to her standing in the community. The cortege which left the late residence at ten o'clock extended for a mile and a half, and some one has told us that he counted ninety-eight autos which brought the people to the Svea church.

Rev. W. E. Pearson of Willmar officiated. He preached the funeral sermon, and Rev. E. O. Erickson of the Fabian Baptist church also gave a tribute to the deceased woman in a brief address. A quartette composed of Miss Ellen and Mr. Walter Skoglund, Mrs. Harold Nelson and Mr. Harry Johnson, sang two selections and Mr. Samuel Nelson of Willmar gave a solo. It was one of the saddest funerals seen at Svea and the church was unable to room the people.

The pall bearers were the three brothers—Albert, Arthur and Emil, and three brothers-in-law, Chas. Johnson, Oscar Linn and Victor Lundquist, and the interment took place in the churchyard adjoining.

There was a profusion of flowers from relatives and friends. There was a broken wheel from her neighbors, a wreath from the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christiane church, and a bouquet from the M. W. A. of Willmar.

Among those from a distance in attendance at the funeral were Supt. V. S. Knutson of Long Prairie, Mrs. Joseph Magnuson and baby of Cromwell, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Heglund and Mrs. David Gustafson of Olivia and a large number from Willmar, including Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family, F. G. Handy, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swanson and daughter, Miss Elina Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blomquist, Miss Annie Westlund, Erick Westlund, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Blomquist, Samuel Nelson and daughter, Miss Minnie Nelson, Mrs. Carl Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nordstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bjelkengren, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallin, N. O. Nelson and family and others.

A Tribute to the Late Mrs. Knutson.  
The whole community knew her as Elsie. To us who knew her better

### LOCAL DEBATERS TO BE TRIED OUT THIS WEEK

#### High School Discussion League Contest to be Held Friday Evening.

The local contest of the Minnesota High School Discussion League will take place in the high school auditorium next Friday evening at eight o'clock. There will be six participants. The subject for discussion is the Federal Ownership of Railroads. It is hoped that a large audience will be present to hear this vital question discussed. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

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—S. B. Qvale went to the cities on business this afternoon.

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