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STATE ORGANIZER MAKES ADDRESS HERE

N. S. Randall of the Non-Partisan League Speaks of the Movement Saturday.

The cold and blustry weather Saturday cut down the attendance at the meeting arranged for the Farmers' Non-Partisan League at the court house. Still there were about a hundred farmers and city people present to hear Mr. N. S. Randall, who has charge of the work of the organization in Minnesota, expound the gospel of the new movement. Those who attended were not disappointed. Mr. Randall is a fluent talker, who knows his subject from a to z. He did not beat a' out the bush. The Non-Partisan League, he said, is an organization of, for and by the farmers to enable them to use their political power to obtain those things which they consider necessary to protect their interests. The movement was an outgrowth of stern necessity, which was conceived in North Dakota, in order to wrest the political power from the politicians who had refused to carry out the wishes of the people. The speaker outlined the fight which has been made for years in North Dakota and told how after each supposed victory by the people, the politicians had found some way to thwart them. Finally the Non-Partisan League was formed and in the first campaign swept the State for Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court and members of the legislature. The eyes of the world are now upon North Dakota to see what the people will do with their new-found power. One point new to us was that the League had the endorsement and had the co-operation of the North Dakota Federation of Labor in their fight, and expect to enlist their support in this state. The speaker took a broad view of economic conditions. He said the interests of all producers, whether farmers or laborers, are identical. In this connection he took a rap at the Sears-Roebuck concern, which he said paid starvation wages to girls and labor in their factories while they distributed millions in dividends to their stockholders.

Mr. Randall first paid his respects to the newspapers. He said most of the newspapers, especially the metropolitan dailies, seemed to exist mainly for the purpose of deceiving the public. They are controlled by the powerful interests who profit by the excessive tolls they take by the control of the instruments of commerce.

Mr. Randall used many striking illustrations to illuminate his logic. He devoted most of his time to discussing the exemption of farm improvements from taxation, a tonnage tax on ore production, rural credit banks, in the discussion of which he scored the national banking system as giving special privileges to the bankers, state terminal elevators and flour mills, state hail insurance, etc. Using chalk on a blackboard he brought out striking facts regarding the manner in which farmers are being robbed in the grading of grain and in pork and beef packing, etc.

Mr. Randall several times addressed himself to business men in the audience. Why is it, he asked, that local business men so often take sides against the farmers, in favor of big business? These interests buy no goods from them nor does their prosperity benefit the local business man. Why not make common cause with the farmer whose prosperity will build up the community?

The speaker rapped the lawyers. There are too many lawyers in the law-making bodies, he said. They make laws in their own favor, in favor of big business and against the interests of the producing classes.

The people are being kept divided, while those who benefit from present conditions have their own way. The Non-Partisan League aims to unite Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists, Catholics and Protestants, without regard to race or color, for their own protection. The work of organizing is going on quietly but rapidly, and before the time for the preliminaries of the next campaign rolls around every farmer in Minnesota will have been visited and be given a chance to join the organization.

In speaking of the Equity movement, Co-operative enterprises, etc., the speaker spoke of them as the economic arm of the producers, very valuable especially as educational movements, but that the producers must learn to use their other arm, the political power they possess, and fight with both hands.

In closing the speaker commended Mr. Schumacher, the organizer for Kandiyohi county, to the good will of the people, and stated that no further public meetings would be held here until next summer when a county picnic will be held, "and believe me," said the speaker, "there will be some crowd there."

In reply to a question Mr. Randall stated what the membership fee required from members is used for. Out of each $16 for the two years, a little over three dollars goes for organization expenses, buying automobiles, upkeep, expenses, etc., $5.00 to the Non-Partisan Leader, the official organ, a little over two dollars for railroad fares and expenses of lectures, and six dollars to the campaign fund for use in the next campaign.

Mr. Randall addressed about a hundred people at New London on Friday. He remained at Willmar over Sunday, and on Monday went to Atwater where he addressed a meeting of farmers.

The editor had an interview with Mr. Randall before he left the city, and found him an interesting character indeed. His experience in political reform movements dates way back before the North Dakota organization. The leaders of the Non-Partisan League are trying to profit by the mistakes of movements in the past. Correspondence received by Mr. Randall from the nation at large shows that there is a tendency among reformers in all parties to get together for the common good, and he predicted that we are on the eve of momentous political developments.

Moldenhauer-Redlin.

William Mouldenhauer of this city and Miss Lydia Redlin of Fergus Falls were united in marriage at the latter place last week Wednesday. They went from there to the twin cities, returning to this city the following day. On Thursday they were entertained at a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson, the bride being a sister of Mrs. Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Moldenhauer have rooms in the old Post Office building, and will be at home to their many friends after the first of February. The Tribune joins with their many friends in extending congratulations.

OBITUARY

NELS NELSON.

An old pioneer of Wilmar and St. Johns townships and one of the pillars of strength and light of the St. Johns Lutheran congregation passed to his eternal reward on Tuesday forenoon, Jan. 9, at ten o'clock. He has been ill for about a year with a dropsical ailment and death was due to sudden heart failure.

Nels Nelson was born Oct. 9, 1843, at Taarup, Frörup parish, Fyen, Denmark. He attended the public schools of Denmark and worked as a farmer until twenty-four years of age when he came to America. He remained at Faribault one year. In 1868 he located on a homestead in section 18, town of Willmar. He was one of the organizers of the township government of Willmar and of School District No. 48, and took an active part in affairs of that township and district until his removal to Sec. 1, Town of St. Johns in 1878, after which time his active interest has been with St. Johns and School District No. 45. He was treasurer or director of the school for years and was one of the boosters for the new building in Dist. No. 45. He served as treasurer of the Mamre & Dovre Insurance Company for many years.

While interested in secular affairs, the religious welfare of the community lay nearest his heart, and he has been most faithful in the work as a deacon in the St. Johns congregation since its organization, he being one of the charter members. The deceased was a staunch Christian with exemplary habits and pleasing disposition and enjoyed the highest esteem and confidence of all. The people mourned his death as that of a father and founder of the community.

Deceased was married to Sedse Johanne Paulson Aug. 16, 1869. She died Jan. 8, 1881. His second wife was Miss Mikkeline Pederson. She survives to mourn his death. The following are the children born to the deceased: Mrs. Hans Christianson, of Willmar township; Nels Peder Nelson, died in 1911; Mrs. A. J. Lindgren of Pennock; John Hendrik, died in 1879; Rev. Ole N. Nelson of Twin Valley; Mrs. John Swenson, St. John's township; P. J. Nelson, on the home farm, and I. M. Nelson of St. Johns township. There are seventeen grand children and six great grand children.

The funeral services were held last Friday from the house at 12 o'clock and from the St. John's church at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Nicolay Nilsen delivered a masterful sermon, using as his text the words Jesus spoke to Mary when her brother Lazarus was dead, "Those who believeth in me shall live, even if they die; dost thou believe that?" Rev. O. N. Nelson, son of the deceased was then called upon to say a few words and in behalf of his mother, brothers and sisters, answered, "We believe." When he concluded, there was not a dry eye in the audience.

Interment was at the St. John's cemetery. Although the weather was cold and stormy the funeral was largely attended. A profusion of flowers decorated the casket. The pall bearers were R. Rasmussen, P. C. Greenfield, Hans Hanson, H. H. Hanson, A. Nord and Nels Peterson. The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community.

OSCAR THOMPSON.

Oscar Thompson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson of Green Lake, died at St. Raphael's hospital at St. Cloud Jan. 11. He was with Pfeiffer's ice crew, and while on his return trip was taken ill with pneumonia two weeks before his death and was taken to above named hospital for treatment.

The deceased was born in Green Lake township Jan. 28, 1892. Here his youth was spent. He attended the common school. He had worked at well drilling. He was assistant clerk in the postoffice at Willmar last summer. During the winter he was with the Great Northern ice contractor. His untimely death is a great blow to his parents and brothers and sisters. There are seven brothers—Carl, Martin, Elmer, Albin, William, Josephh and Newman, and three sisters—Julia, Amanda and Ellen. The stricken family has the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

The funeral occurred Monday, Jan. 15, at the Green Lake church, Rev. L. A. Johanson officiating. The interment took place in the church cemetery adjoining. The pall bearers were Joseph Brattland, Alfred Kloster, Harry Hanson, Albert Olson and John Anderson.

HANS J. HENJUM.

Hans J. Henjum, the wellknown Arctander citizen, passed away last Thursday, Jan. 11. The funeral occurred Tuesday at the East Norway Lake church. A biographical sketch of this staunch old pioneer will be given in our next issue.

Reception for New Members.

The officers of the Presbyterian church assisted by the Ladies' Social Union will give a reception to the new members taken in during the past year, at the church parlors Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be a brief musical program and refreshments will be served. All the members of the congregation are invited to attend.

R. N. A. Dancing Party.

The Royal Neighbors will give a dancing social next Tuesday, January 23 at Carlson hall. Dancing will commence at 8:30 o'clock. Tickets 25c. Supper 15 cents extra.

Music will be furnished by Moore's orchestra.

St. Agnes Guild.

Miss Helen Hough will entertain the ladies of the St. Agnes Guild on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Guild Hall.

—The Jonas Johnson family of this city and Mamre have enjoyed a visit since Christmas eve from the son, William Johnson and family, consisting of wife and three children, of Langenburg, Canada. The return to the Canadian home has been somewhat delayed owing to the indisposition of two of the children. Mr. William Johnson is a prosperous farmer who has done well in Canada.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY

Admission is Free and a Big Showing of Birds Will Be on Exhibition.

Secretary Severt Osmundson of the Kandiyohi County Poultry Association reports an unprecedented number of inquiries for entry blanks for the Sixth Annual Show to be held at Willmar Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2 and 3, and the show promises to be the best ever held here.

There will be no admission fee asked at the door this year, and the officers hope to interest the public at large to come in and learn something about the poultry industry. Let every resident of the county and city plan to attend this show upon one of the datés named.

RELIEF WORK COLLECTION CONTINUES ALL WEEK

Drop Your Cast-off Shoes and Clothing in Barrels at Theatre Entrances.

The collection of cast-off shoes and clothing for war sufferers in France will continue all of this week. Anyone having articles to donate may deposit their bundles in barrels outside of Dreamland and Majestic theatres. Mrs. Geo. Thomas is the treasurer of the Needlework Guild of Willmar, which is associated with the National organization of that name with headquarters at Philadelphia and is not connected with any particular church. Cash contributions may be sent to Mrs. Thomas, or to Mrs. Jessie Moore, the local president.

Sperry-Rasmussen.

Walter J. Sperry and Miss Clara Rasmussen surprised their friends last Wednesday evening by quietly slipping over to the Presbyterian manse, where Rev. W. B. Jones performed the ceremony that made them man and wife. They were attended by Arthur T. Otos and Miss Vigerta Rasmussen, a sister of the bride.

On Thursday evening a wedding dinner was given at the home of the bride's parents on Third street to a few intimate friends of the families. The contracting parties are both well known in this city, and are popular members of the younger set. They will make their home here, this being the headquarters of the groom, who is a conductor on the Sioux City division.

The Tribune joins with their many friends in extending best wishes to them, as they launch forth on the matrimonial sea.

Frye Heads Game and Fish.

P. H. Frye, member of the House of Representatives for this county, was honored by appointment, as chairman of the Game and Fish Committee. He is also a member of the appropriations committee of which Theodore Christianson is chairman, also of the Dairy Products and Live Stock Committee, of the Elections Committee, and Taxes and Tax Laws Committee. This ought to keep Mr. Frye pretty busy. As a farmer member, Mr. Frye is a member of the Farmers' Forum, an organization of the farmers in the Legislature.

Implement Dealers Negotiating.

Rumor tells that O. W. Kroona, the popular implement man of Kandiyohi, is negotiating for the purchase of the Bergeson Bros.' stand in this city. The deal has not been definitely closed at this writing.

—T. G. Birkeland of Minot called on Rev. Nicolay Nilsen yesterday. Mr. Birkeland is a parishioner in Rev. Nilsen's former charge.

NORTH DAKOTA BANKERS HERE

Cashiers of the Tallman Line of North Dakota Have Sessions at Willmar.

A number of bankers from North Dakota, the cashiers of the banks controlled by Mr. D. N. Tallman of this city, were in Willmar yesterday and today, to discuss matters of mutual interest. They were entertained at a reception at the Tallman mansion last night. The following are the gentlemen in attendance at the meeting:

W. F. Hanks, cashier, State Bank of Powers Lake.

F. A. Rinkel, cashier, State Bank of Antler.

Will Freeman, cashier, State Bank of Maxbass.

P. J. Nordberg, cashier, State Bank of Newburg.

C. M. Gilbertson, cashier, State Bank of Bantry.

S. G. Severtson, cashier, First National Bank of Sheyenne.

P. H. Ole, cashier, State Bank of Zahl.

E. L. Hugelen, cashier, State Bank of Grenora.

G. S. Hunt, cashier, State Bank of Mesa.

J. H. Wendel, cashier, State Bank of Alamo.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—P. C. Peterson spent Tuesday in the twin cities on business.

—Miss Stella Hoglund left last Friday for a visit with friends at Stillwater.

—Mrs. E. P. Brogren and baby of Cottonwood visited in this city over Sunday.

—Mrs. H. P. Johnson of Atwater visited with relatives here a few days last week.

—Mrs. Ida Hultin and son left on Monday for a visit with her daughter at Osakis.

—Miss Blanche MacNees left Monday afternoon for a short visit at Breckenridge.

—Mrs. A. P. Losleben was hostess to the Crown Social Club at her home this afternoon.

—Emil Lundquist returned to his home at Svea Tuesday after a few days' visit here.

—Mike Economy returned last Thursday evening from a short stay in the twin cities.

—Mrs. Wm. Hengstler was hostess to the Women's History Club last Monday afternoon..

—Miss Hildur Gibson left this week for Goodhue county to a visit with relatives and friends.

—Jud Smithson of Hawick arrived last Saturday afternoon for a visit with Archie Rasmussen.

—At the meeting of Eastern Star Monday evening the officers for the ensuing year were installed.

—Mr. Axel T. Johnson was in the office today and left a cigar for the editor on what happened recently.

—Miss Anna Berg left last Thursday for Minneapolis after spending a week visiting with her sisters here.

—Andrew Peterson left last week Wednesday afternoon on a business trip to the twin cities and Chicago.

—Earl Hanscom left Tuesday morning for Minneapolis where he will attend the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy.

—Miss Ruth Johnson returned to her home at Stillwater last Friday after a week's visit with friends in this city.

—Mrs. Redlin returned to her home at Fergus Falls Tuesday after a few days' visit with her daughters in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrmeyer returned to their home at Proctor, on Monday after an extended visit at the Ole Lien home.

—Mrs. William Olson of Spicer spent a couple of days last week visiting with her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Peterson in this city.

—Miss Ida Sanderson left last Sunday evening for Minot, N. D., where she will visit for a couple of weeks with Mrs. Newell Olson.

—P. M. Burns and V. E. Lawson attended the meeting of the State Agricultural Society at Minneapolis as representatives of the Kandiyohi County Fair Association last week. Mr. C. O. Bergquist was prevented from attending.

LOCAL TALENT WILL APPEAR IN PLAY

The Princess of Poe to be Given Friday Evening of This Week.

Something a little different in the line of a home talent production will be offered to the people of this community on Friday evening of this week, when "The Princess of Poe," a musical comedy will be given by The International Producing Company of Minneapolis, under the auspices of the Cosmos Club. Nothing similar to this has ever been undertaken by local amateurs, and when one stops to think that the cast contains some seventy odd characters, it can be realized that something out of the ordinary is to be shown.

"The Princess of Poe," is a musical production in two parts, the action of which, is very simple, but handled in a skillful way. William Lloyd is a struggling young artist, the accepted suitor of Irma Crosby, a young heiress to some thirty millions of dollars. He incurs the enmity of DeKoven, also a suitor for Irma's hand. DeKoven is a man of wealth and culture, who has made a study of occultism. He does all in his power to ruin the young artist, as he wishes to marry the heiress. He exercises his power to the extent of calling forth a demon from the infernal regions, to assist him, but at every turn he is thwarted by The Princess of Poe, who assists Lloyd in his struggles. Seth Haskins, an old farmer comes between the warring factions, and barely escapes with his life. The first scene is laid at Bath Beach, near New York, and the second is an interior view of the Venetian palace, home of Lloyd. During the course of the play, various musical numbers and drills by the choruses are introduced. There are solos, duets and a quartet, in addition to the procession of floats seen in the canals of Venice.

The company comes here very highly recommended, and altho this is their first production in Willmar, they have given the play at many places in this vicinity, and in each instance, have been forced to return to repeat the performance. They carry their own costumes for the choruses, as well as special scenery, electrical effects, and the like.

The tickets are on sale at the La-Fountain Inn, or may be purchased from members of the club. Seats on the lower floor are fifty and seventy-five cents, while the boxes and first three rows in the balcony are fifty cents. General admission will be twenty-five cents.

The cast of characters follows:

Irma Crosby .....Thelma Cole
DeKoven.....H. G. Young
Dickie Doodle .....Lars Pedersen
Henry Gaul .....Albert Nordstrom
William Lloyd .....Homer Chase
Mrs. Haskins .....Grace Sperry
Hettie Haskins .....Edna Magnuson
Seth Haskins .....C. A. Gardner
The Princess of Poe.....Helga Berg
Mrs. Soupley .....Hazel Benson
Doc. Heaver .....Harold Severinson
Mrs. Wringer.....Myrtle E. Olson
Mrs. Crosby .....Helga Petterson
Demon ... .Dan Burns
James (The Butler)...Russell Curran

Sprites (attendants to the Princess)—Helen Ohsberg, Esther Volk, Helen Chard, Gladys Benson, Leone Parkins, Mildred Parkins, Lorena Mattson and Irene Parsley.

Fairies—Evelyn Roach, Ethel Forsberg, Lylah Eckwall, Esther Marion Bakke, Myrtle Wahlstrand, Myrtle Sandin, Viola Somerville, Violet Baudette, Edith Bjork, Alberta Taylor, Norine Olson, Laila Nordstrom, Eunice Soderling, Helen Carlson, Elsie Ogren, Rosella Youngberg, Hattie Larson, Lois DeLaHunt and Myrtle Sunberg.

Tambo and Sunbonnet Drill—Ethel McKee, Emma Boyd, Myrtle Feit, June German, Ethyl Bergeson, Edythe Johnson, Violet Peterson, Dolly Clark, Harriet Norman, Lylian Cutter, Marguerite Foster, Goldie Felt, Mayme Beese, Florence Kielty, Muriel Otterness and Bernice Benson.

Spook Drill—Gertrude Tallman, Loretta Barrett, Estella Lundquist, Ruth Olson, Minnie Olson, Adeline Feig, Edna Sanderson and Bernice Peterson.

Song Pictures—Fisherman's Sweetheart. Fisherman, Lars Pedersen; sweetheart, Helga Petterson; Goddess of the Nile, Myrtle E. Olson.

Watermelon Quartette—Elmond Nelson, Frank Sather, Harold Severinson and Walter Erickson.

Prof. Sanford's Lecture.

Those who failed to hear Prof. Sanford's lecture on Mark Twain last Friday evening, missed a rare treat. Altho she has failed physically since her last visit to Willmar, and appears very frail, her wonderful voice is clear and strong, and her mental faculties are unimpaired. Her characterization of Samuel Clemens, the man, and of Mark Twain, the writer were both clever and sympathetic. Her readings were excellent, clearly illustrating Twain's humor, his pathos, his hatred of sham, his marvelous power of description, and in every instance, his remarkable command of English.

Before the lecture, a choir sang "Hail Minnesota." At the close, Miss Sanford was presented with a large bunch of beautiful roses, from the alumni, who are members of the Presbyterian congregation.

Altrurians to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Altrurian society at the home of Miss Hazel Benson next Monday evening. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Junior Commercial League.

The Junior Commercial League will hold a meeting in Carlson hall on Thursday evening of this week, commencing at eight o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

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FRIDAY
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MONDAY
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THE CHURCHES

BETHEL LUTH.
Becker Ave. and Second St.
Rev. W. E. Pearson, A. M., Pastor

The Ladies' Aid Society meets tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Refreshments will be served by Mesdames Nels S. Swenson, W. E. Pearson, Andrew Bjorsell, Cornel Johnson, Isaac Johnson and Swan Anderson.

Swedish services Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The choir will sing. Installation of newly elected officers will take place and minutes of annual meeting will be read. Sunday school at 11:45 a. m.

English services Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Following is the order for service:

Hymn—Audience.
Selection—Choir.
Hymn—Audience.
Opening service.
Selection—Male Quartette.
Hymn—Audience.
Sermon.
Offering and announcements.
Selection—Mixed Quartette.
Hymn—Audience.
Closing service.

SWEDISH BAPTIST.
Trott Ave and Third St.
Rev. Paul Hallin, Pastor.

Services continue in the Sunday school room at seven forty-five o'clock every evening this week with the exception of Saturday.

Next Sunday, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; morning worship at 10:45 a. m. The pastor will continue his subject on the series of the Lord's Prayer, "Temptations and How to Avoid Them;" Young People's meeting at 6:45 p. m.; evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

LUTHERAN FREE.
Rev. Nicolay Nilsen, Pastor.

Devotional meeting will be held on Sunday morning at 10:30. Mr. K. T. Rykken will have charge of this meeting.

English services Sunday evening at 7:45.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at the home of B. Greenfield, 226 9th street.

SALVATION ARMY.

Young People's coffee social tomorrow night (Thursday) at 8 p. m. Admission free. Program of song and music. A cordial invitation to all to attend.

Meeting Saturday at 8 p. m. Sunday services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m., and evening service at 8 p. m. The hall is well heated and comfortable. You are welcome.

Captain and Mrs. Wicks,
Officers in Charge.

SWEDISH M. E.
Gustav O. Westman, Pastor.
Willmar.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Sermon at 11:00 a. m.
No evening service.
Oak Park.
Preaching service at 3:00 p. m.
No evening service.
Kandiyohi.
Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST M. E.

Special meetings are being held this week in the First Methodist church conducted by Morris C. Johnson, evangelist.

English services each evening. Danish speaking at two o'clock each afternoon except Saturday. Services close with Sunday.

During the remainder of the winter, evening services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

NORW. LUTH. SYNOD.

Next Sunday no services at the Willmar church in the forenoon. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. English evening services at 7:30.

Services at the Solomon Lake church at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school.

The East Vinje Ladies' Society meets with Mrs. Anton Lueken on Thursday, Jan. 25th, at 2:30 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 10:45 a. m.
Subject: Life.
Wednesday service at 8 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.

PENNOCK LUTH.

Services at Mamrelund church. Sunday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

English services at Pennock in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday school at Pennock at 10:30 a. m.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL.
Rev. E. R. Todd, Rector.

Morning prayer, Litany and sermon, 10:30.
Sunday school, 12:00.
Evening prayer, 4:30.
A cordial invitation extended to all to attend these services.

ST. JOHN'S.

Services Sunday, January 21st, at eleven o'clock.

CO-OP STORE PASSES $200,000 IN 1916

Figures Showing Remarkable Growth of This Willmar Enterprise.

The Willmar Co-operative Mercantile Company has just completed its annual inventory and audit covering its operations for the year 1916, which discloses an increase in volume of sales, and of net earnings compared with prior years. The sales for the past years exceeded the $200,000 mark.

Being a strictly home enterprise, the following statistical information will no doubt, be of interest to this community, as showing the growth and progress of the company:

TOTAL SALES:

5 mos.,	1911	$ 37,158.06
12 mos.,	1912	134,703.24
12 mos.,	1913	161,849.74
12 mos.,	1914	168,545.64
12 mos.,	1915	182,650.01
12 mos.,	1916	208,960.09
Total sales		$893,866.78

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTIONS:

For year 1911	$ 2,152.45
For year 1912	9,176.22
For year 1913	10,284.77
For year 1914	11,226.60
For year 1915	12,179.93
For year 1916	14,151.81
Total dividends	$ 59,272.78

Besides the refund of dividends, the company has reserved a surplus of no small proportions from the accumulation of its net earnings.

The company employes twenty persons, and its expenditures in this community, for labor, taxes, produce, merchandise and other requirements are enormous and will compare favorably with other enterprises.

The 1916 dividend checks are now being drawn, and will be ready for distribution at the store from and after Friday, January 19, 1916. The dividends run from two (2) cents up to $192.32, the largest one, and 1,516 people are the beneficiaries. The company pays 8 per cent dividend to stockholders, 6 per cent dividends on purchases of non-stockholders and 12 per cent to stockholders.

The success of this enterprise is in a large measure due to the efficient efforts of the Manager, Mr. Edward Benson, backed up with a progressive Board of Directors and a corps of loyal employes.

Business Consolidated.

A deal was closed last week, whereby Chas. V. Johnson purchased an interest in the business of G. A. Stark and Co., he associating himself with Mr. Stark and Ed. Peterson. This deal makes the Ford Service Station consolidated with the implement house. Chas. Johnson will continue to act as manager at the Service Station.

—Mrs. P. J. Gibson of Roseland township received a telegram this week from Seattle, Wash., containing the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. G. A. Anderson which occurred at a hospital at that place. Her husband, Rev. G. A. Anderson died about six months ago.

—James H. Howard of Chicago, who had been auditing the books at the Willmar Co-operative Store, returned to that city Monday afternoon.

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