

WARREN SHEAF.



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SOO SPENDING MONEY

Big Extension and Heavier Steel Among the Improvements This Year.

The Winston Brothers company, of Minneapolis, is perfecting arrangements to begin grading for the Soo line extension, west from Thief River Falls, Minn., to Kenmare, N. D. In about two weeks 1,000 teams and 2,000 men will be put to work at different points on the right-of-way.

In its plans for general spring improvements the Soo contemplates the relaying of a part of the main line and part of the Winnipeg extension with heavier rails and the reduction of two heavy grades near Paynesville, Minn. The main line for 140 miles west from Hoffman to Valley City, N. D., will be relaid with eighty-pound steel, making 284 miles of continuous heavy track from Minneapolis to Valley City. Sixty miles of sixty-pound rail laid from Glenwood north on the Winnipeg extension two years ago will be replaced with eighty-pound rail, making the heavy track continuous from Glenwood on the main line to Emerson on the Canadian border.

On the new extension to Kenmare, the first sixty-five miles west from Thief River Falls will be laid with eighty-pound steel, and the rest of the distance, 232 miles, with the seventy-two and sixty pound steel, which is being replaced elsewhere on the system.

The reduction of two grades near Paynesville will enable every engine of the district to handle about 50 per cent more tonnage, and will reduce the number of trains required to take care of the freight traffic. Grades will be reduced from about .80 of 1 per cent to .30 of 1 per cent. To accomplish this it will be necessary to change the line about four miles in each case, which will result in a slight distance reduction as well.—Minneapolis Journal.

CROOKSTON FIRM

Secures Contract to Build Forty Miles of Soo Line, From Warren Westward.

A Crookston firm of contractors has secured the contract for forty miles of the new Soo line extension from Thief River Falls to Kenmare, N. D. Messrs. Barnard and Gorder have completed arrangements with the manager of the Soo line for the large contract which is the first to be let upon the new piece of road bed and will be the largest given out to any individual firm of builders. Barnard and Gorder last summer had the contract for a large piece of the Glenwood extension and the satisfactory manner in which they completed their work upon schedule time doubtless had much to do with their present "land." Work will be started upon their portion of the job according to Mr. Barnard upon the first of April if possible and upon the tenth of the month under any circumstances. From Warren westward, Messrs. Barnard and Gorder will be engaged with their work of building for fifteen miles. They will then jump clear to the Mouse River district and will finish up the rear end of the job. Mr. Barnard stated that the contract had been secured at very favorable terms and would undoubtedly be a profitable one.—Crookston Journal.

Calumet Baking Powder
The Standard of Perfect Baking.

HOLT LIQUOR CASES

Tried Before Justice Sathre, Found Guilty and Fined \$105 Each.

The liquor cases from town of Holt, which had been adjourned to March 15, came up here before Justice Sathre, in this city, for trial.

First came the trial of William McKinley, who was charged with operating a blind pig in said town of Holt. Trial by jury was waived. The prosecution had samples of the so called malt, which had been analyzed by Prof. Charles F. Sidener, of the State University, who was present and gave his testimony. His testimony showed that the "malt" contained 3.93 per cent of alcohol, and that common bottled beer, sold as such, contained 3.97 per cent of alcohol. No testimony was offered by the defense. After hearing all the evidence Justice Sathre found the defendant guilty and he enriched the treasury of Marshall county by the payment of \$105 fine and costs.

Next Thomas Rogne and Christian Rogne were brought before Justice Sathre, also charged with operating a blind pig in Holt, and samples of so-called patent medicines which were kept for sale by Rogne Bros, had been analyzed by Prof. Sidener, and the result of his analysis showed that the label on the bottle was a mere subterfuge to avoid the license laws of the state.

A sample marked Nelson's sure cure, distributed by the DeVelda Drug Co., of Duluth, was examined and was found to contain 28 per cent of alcohol, together with a small amount of glucose sugar and caramel to disguise the taste, and it was proven that it was simply a poor quality of whiskey. A sample of whiskey was examined at the same time and found to contain 38 per cent of alcohol. A sample of Dr. Mark's communion wine was examined and found to contain 14 plus per cent of alcohol, whereas Port wine only contained from 7 to 9 per cent of alcohol. Dr. Mark's Bracer Bitters was analyzed and was found to contain about 29 plus per cent of alcohol.

From the evidence it appears that the labels on these bottles were a mere subterfuge to avoid payment of the liquor license, and Justice Sathre found both the Rognes guilty, and they also each paid a fine and costs, amounting to \$105.

Wm. J. Brown, county attorney, appeared and prosecuted the cases and Hon. W. E. Rowe, of Crookston, was the attorney for the defendants.

A number of the country stores throughout the county have been innocent sellers of the stuff in the past, but it is a violation of the liquor laws all the same, and the authorities are determined to put a stop to the practice.

THESE PASSED.

List of Successful Candidates for Teachers Certificates at Recent Examinations.

County Superintendent Methun has received the returns from the state examinations, and the following is a list of the successful candidates:

- FIRST GRADE CERTIFICATES. Fred C. Bakke
- SECOND GRADE CERTIFICATES. Christine Dahlquist, Grace Cronkhite, Lucinda Eagen, Josephine Fering, Ellen A. Forsberg, Carrie Peterson, Clara Tonderum, E. R. Waller, Lena Watne

Of 45 applicants only the above ten succeeded in passing the examinations, but for the 35 that failed it is but fair to say that many of them were mere school girls who wrote on the different subjects for the sake of practice, without any idea to teach at present.

THE TOWN ELECTIONS

The Following are the Officers Elected at the Town Elections Held March 14:

Grand Plain.
Supervisor, Amund Johnson; Town Clerk, John Olson; Treasurer, Martin Hoveisos; Assessor, N. Bundhund; Justice, John Ristan; Constable, Martin Olson.

Excel.
Supervisor, John Skommedal; Town Clerk, Herman Berndt; Treasurer, William Wend; Assessor, Chas Schwarz; Justice of Peace, Simon Warring; Constable, John Whitman.

West Valley.
Chairman of Supervisors, C. Westman; Clerk, Ole Thompson; Treasurer, H. Amundson; Assessor, O. P. Dyrud; Justice of the Peace, P. O. Hanson; Constable, Alfred Elseth.

Nelson Park.
Supervisor, A. F. Johnson; Clerk, Emil Torgeson; Treasurer, Nels Nelson; Assessor, Andrew J. Englund; Justices, Nels Nelson and Ole Sjodin; Constable, Svend Erickson;

Donnelly.
Chairman of Supervisors, F. W. Campbell; Clerk, Frank O. Heulin; Treasurer, Fred Besancon; Assessor, Henry Ramiller; Justices, Frank O. Heulin and Chas. Ramiller; Constables, Bill Michell and George Hammell.

Sinnott.
Supervisor, Knud Anderson; Clerk, Henry Hoper; Treasurer, S. P. Jensen; Assessor, James Potter; Justices, James P. Sinnott and August Lundin; Constable, Martin Jensen.

Foldahl.
Chairman of Supervisors, Amund Johnson; Clerk, John O. Haugen; Treasurer, Axel Rydin; Assessor, Andrew Bergstrom; Justices, Andrew Bergstrom and G. O. Lein; Constables, L. P. Larson and Agard Johnson.

Viking.
Supervisor, John Gustafson; Clerk, G. A. Sustad; Treasurer, Aug. Peterson; Assessor, Aug. Peterson; Justice, Oscar Drotts; Constable, E. O. Styrlund.

Fork.
Supervisor, Philias Vary; Clerk, J. P. Lein; Treasurer, Oscar Olson; Assessor, J. P. Lein; Justices, M. J. Nelson and I. Arness; Constables Oscar Halvorson and J. M. Olson.

Warrenton.
Chairman of Supervisors, C. W. Abrahamson; Clerk, John L. Dalquist; Treasurer, John Westman; Assessor, Joe Rymer; Justice, Alfred Johnson; Constable, Erick Fallar.

Spruce Valley.
Supervisor, M. Williams; Clerk, L. Johnson; Treasurer, Anders Anderson; Assessor, August Anderson; Justice, L. Johnson; Constable, Ole Dahl.

Citizen's Caucus.

A well attended citizens' caucus was held at the opera house on Friday evening. Wm. J. Brown officiated as chairman and Lyman P. Weld as secretary. The following candidates for city officers were placed in the field for the election to be held on Tuesday next: For mayor, August Lundgren; for aldermen, Dr. T. Bratrud, C. E. Lundquist, Clarence L. Spaulding; for recorder, W. N. Powell; for city treasurer, C. A. Nelson; for constable, E. Dady; for justices of the peace, W. O. Braggans for one year to fill vacancy; E. M. Sathre, for two years.

In addition to the above caucus nominees the following have also filed as independent candidates: Nels Bystrom, for justice one year term; John Keenan, for justice two year term; C. A. Tullar, for treasurer.

Don't forget "Tennessee's Partner" at the Opera House Saturday night.

SUTTON WINS

Contest for Tree Claim That is Now Almost Historic Ground.

The famous contest of Taber G. Sutton vs. Ole L. Melgaard involving the s. e. 1-4, Sec. 30 t. 150 n. r. 47 w. was finally closed today at the land office by the contestant, Mr. Sutton making homestead entry for the land.

This contest was brought alleging timber culture entry, that the land in its natural state was mostly covered with timber and at the time the contest was started there was 56 acres of wild and natural timber growth thereon, and the land was not the character contemplated by the act pertaining to timber culture entries.

The case was fought through all the departments, the local office deciding in favor of Sutton. The commissioner reversed the local office and on appeal the secretary sustained the local office. A motion for review of the departmental decision was filed and dismissed.

The land is a valuable tract for agricultural purposes situated about 4 miles southeast of Argyle, Marshall county, Minn.

Mr. Sutton, the successful contestant, is a resident of Augusta, Wisconsin, and will move on the land during the summer making his future home in Marshall county.—Crookston Times.

Class Play Great Success

The greatest success, both financially and from an artistic standpoint as well, attended the presentation of the drama, "Willowdale" by the senior class of the High School. Three performances were given in all, in the afternoon and evening of last Friday and the third on Saturday night. In every instance the house was well filled and each audience was very responsive to the efforts of the young Thespians.

The play itself has all the requisites of a good drama, without the melodramatic element. Its clever combination of genuine and abundant humor, and true and poignant emotional interest gives it such great breadth of appeal that it entirely captivated the several audiences. The play is admirably suited for amateur production in its variety and rigor of characterization, all the parts being good. The student actors showed the results of long and careful coaching. They interpreted their parts unusually well and entered fully into the spirit of the play, showing none of embarrassment and self consciousness that generally marks the work of amateurs. Every situation was well worked out in detail and the whole went off with a smoothness that left nothing to be desired.

To name the stars would be a resume of the whole cast, for every one was in truth a star. The cast was well balanced and the character work was excellent. Dana Easton represented Rev. Mr. Prosser in place of Arthur Ostrom, who was unable to take part, owing to sickness.

Died Suddenly.

Oscar Johnson, who has been a resident many years in our city, died suddenly at his home this morning about nine o'clock, from what presumably was heart failure. He has worked a long time for Mr. Winchester, and was at his place of employment yesterday, though he had complained several days that he was not feeling very well. This morning his wife advised him to stay in the house until he got better. She went on an errand down town and upon her return found to her great consternation that her husband had breathed his last. Deceased was a brother of Fred Johnson, and a brother-in-law of Oscar Bossman, of this city. He was a quiet and industrious man, whose death is mourned by a large circle of relations and friends.

Bright, brilliant comedy, by clever talent, "Tennessee's Partner," Saturday March 18, at the opera house.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the Marshall County Skandinaviske Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Balance cash on hand and in bank Dec. 31, of previous year	\$ 724 76
INCOME DURING 1904.	
Cash received as first payments of policies issued during the year	334 07
Cash received from premium or assessment notes taken during the year	584 68
Cash received from premium or assessment notes of previous years	240 45
Cash received from all other sources	29 55
Total amount of cash received	1218 75
Total cash including balance from previous year	1943 51
DISBURSEMENTS DURING 1904.	
Paid losses incurred during the year	\$ 1391 00
Paid directors	29 00
Paid salaries of officers—President \$33 10, Secretary \$71 30, Treasurer \$62 93	167 33
Paid for postage	17 68
Paid for printing \$34 00, Advertising \$5 00, Office supplies \$44 92	83 92
Insurance Department fees	2
All other disbursements	21 49
Total amount of disbursements during the year	1712 42
Balance cash on hand at end of year	231 09
Total disbursements and cash on hand	1943 51
ASSETS	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1904	231 09
Balance of old premium or assessment notes remaining on hand at end of year	612 76
Total assets	843 85

LIABILITIES—None.		
POLICY EXHIBIT.		
	Number of Policies	Amount
Policies in force Dec. 31 of previous year	470	\$ 361 821
Policies issued during the year	215	313 272
Total	683	575 093
Deduct policies expired and ceased to be in force during the year	29	21 280
Policies and amount in force at end of year, Dec. 31, '04	654	553 813

LIST OF TOWNS
In which the Company does business and amount of insurance in force at end of year.

New Folden	\$ 55,342	Veldt	\$ 14,805
New Solum	33,011	Wanger	17,400
New Maine	9,778	McCrea	19,275
Spruce Valley	17,400	Nelson Park	5,500
East Valley	3,650	Augsbury	14,000
Holt	13,675	Tp. 158, R. 40	3,889
Thief Lake	13,240	Excel	6,000
Lincoln	8,690	Como	2,900
West Valley	23,577	Vega	37,325
Marsh Grove	25,800	Oak Park	25,775
Viking	36,730	Big Woods	7,300
Comstock	19,405	Bloomer	7,100
Foldahl	47,865	Warrenton	5,200
Alma	31,820	Middle River	1,800
Wright	12,025	Huntsville	1,600
Cedar	6,010	Espelee	400
East Park	10,855		
Rollis	14,680	Total in force	\$ 553,813

OFFICERS.
President, O. L. Skonovd, Juvik P. O.
Secretary, O. P. Dyrud, Ellerth P. O.
Treasurer, Brede Svendsen, New Folden P. O.

DIRECTORS.
O. L. Skonovd, Juvik
O. P. Dyrud, Ellerth
Brede Svendsen, Newfolden
C. Westman, West Valley
Amund Johnson, Foldahl

Signed, O. L. SKONOVD, President.
O. P. DYRUD, Secretary.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.
County of Marshall

O. L. Skonovd, President, and O. P. Dyrud, Secretary, of the Marshall County Skandinaviske Mutual Fire Insurance Company being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they are the above described officers of the said company, and that on the thirty-first day of December last all of the above described assets were the absolute property of the said company, free and clean from any liens or claims thereon except as above stated, and that the foregoing statement, with the schedules and explanations herein contained, annexed or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all the assets, liabilities, income and disbursements, and of the condition and affairs of the said Company on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ending on that day, according to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

O. L. SKONOVD
O. P. DYRUD
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 1905.
ABEL ANDERSON,
Justice of the Peace.