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BIG DAMAGE BY FIRE AT MIDDLE RIVER

THE LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000 WITH ABOUT \$16,000 INSURANCE—WHOLE VILLAGE WAS THREATENED BY BLAZE

At about 4:30 o'clock Thursday morning, fire was discovered in the B. F. Benson building in Middle River and was discovered only by the families residing on the second floor through the suffocating smoke that filled their apartments.

RED RIVER VALLEY DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION

The tenth annual convention of the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association which was held at Crookston last week was the most successful in the history of the association.

A. H. Golden Installs Elegant Jeweler's Wall Case

A. H. Golden, the jeweler, has just installed in his store a very fine jeweler's wall case made of quarter sawed oak in beautiful finish.

ONLY TWO WEEKS TILL CHRISTMAS Do Your Christmas Shopping Now.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CANADIAN GRAIN COMES TO MINNEAPOLIS

Over a Million Bushels of Oats and Some Wheat have Arrived—Speculation as to What May Happen If Countervailing Duty is Removed

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 9—Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce firms today bought a half million bushels of Canadian oats that will come to Minneapolis and pay the six per cent import under the new tariff, thereby recording the largest business of the kind since the first Canadian oats began to trickle across the boundary, after the Underwood bill went into effect.

Offset of Two Pounds. Thirty-four pounds is a legal bushel in Western Canada and 32 pounds is the legal bushel in Minnesota, and therein the west Canadian producer of oats finds an offset, in part for the six cents a bushel duty that he has to stand.

What the increasing movement will do to the Minnesota oats producer, was of speculation on exchange today. The recent bringing in of a car of west Canadian wheat, which sold at Minneapolis prices after paying ten cents a bushel import duty and freight from a Manitoba point, was interesting grain trade men said, not so much for its own importance as in the showing of what might happen if the Canadian government takes off the countervailing duty in January, as some in the trade expect.

FARMERS' CLUBS

The Extension Department of the University is making special effort during the month of December, to organize as many farmers clubs as possible. Men are sent out to work in cooperation with the Agricultural High Schools of the state.

On Thursday of last week we met at Monroe's where the farmers' club of that place had arranged to serve an oyster supper. A large crowd had gathered and the evening was spent most enjoyably.

Double Wedding in Augsburg

The E. Sjoblom home in Augsburg was the scene of a pretty double wedding Saturday, Nov. 29 when Hulda Sjoblom was united in marriage to Henry Hendrickson and her sister Selma Sjoblom was married to Geo. Benson.

THE RISING GENERATION

(Continued from last week)

Tobacco Hinders Athletic Success. Sonnie Mack, Manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, several times winner of the world's championship says, "Some baseball clubs have a rule prohibiting the players from smoking cigars. Others prefer to put the men on their honor. Most of the players realize that the use of cigars is very detrimental to their playing and therefore refrain from using them."

Adolph Topperwein, with a Winchester rifle, cracked 968 out of 1000 walnuts thrown in the air. He says of a four days' shooting match, "My recent score was 19,990 out of 20,000, missing 10 targets of wood or clay measuring 2 1/4 in. I missed one out of my first 10,000 and made a straight run of 8,840 without a miss. I do not smoke or drink at any time."

A noted physician has said, "I have made a special note of the effects of tobacco upon men in training for special events, running, cycling, swimming and boxing, and find that in every instance, that the men using tobacco are the inferior men and must either give up the use of the stuff or drop out of the training class."

A great billiard player said that he felt sure of winning when his opponent was a smoker. An expert tennis player began to smoke at the age of 21 and found that men, whom he had before beaten with ease, could now beat him.

Leads to Immorality and Crime. Judge Samuel L. Black of Columbus, Ohio, says, "My experience is that of juvenile court judges all over the country, who agree that the cigaret is the most destructive habit, except perhaps, secret vice to which it leads."

C. H. Danton, Superintendent of Preston School of Industry, Cal., says, "Of some seven to eight hundred boys who have come under my care during the last two years, my records show that 90 per cent use tobacco, and that 85 per cent use it in the cigaret form. In my judgment, the smoking of cigars by young boys from 10 to 14 years of age is the most subtle destroyer of the boys' mental faculty of all habits followed by them. It is also the hardest to correct."

The boy with the cigaret habit will deceive, lie, steal and in other ways show that his moral sense is lacking or has become blunted. Doubtless some cigaret smokers will always tell the truth but every teacher who has dealt with them to any extent knows that many of them cannot be depended upon at all. The cigaret or snuff fiend will lie or steal in order to satisfy the appetite for the stuff. Last year one of the school boys testified to me that he picked up cigar stumps in one of the alleys near Main St. He took the tobacco from these, wrapped it in cigaret paper and smoked it. The cigar stumps were probably thrown out from spittoons used in the business places of the city.

This boy may have told the truth or he may have merely wished to protect the dealer who sold him tobacco in defiance of the law of the state.

What Have the Girls to do With Such Habits?

Young men who are worth considering at all will usually adhere to as high a moral standard as young ladies demand they must. When young ladies will refuse to keep company with young men who feed them cigaret smoke as a diet, then will young men rise to a moral standard a little higher. I have often wondered what effect it would have upon us men if our wives and our daughters should suddenly become addicted to the drinking, chewing and smoking habit. Wouldn't we be proud of them as competitors? And yet they have the same right that we have. Who gave us men the right to demand of them a higher standard than we are willing to accept for ourselves? The very reason why the women are outstripping the men today along many lines of achievements, is because boys and men have unfitted themselves by low moral standards to rise to the highest achievements.

LEWIS WESTMAN RETURNS FROM THE WEST

Lewis Westman returned home on Thursday morning last week from a delightful trip to Idaho and Washington. At Moscow, Idaho, he saw Hakon Melgard a brother of A. Melgard here and he spent Thanksgiving at the home of Nels Larson, who was in the mercantile business here in the early days and for a short time also was the proprietor of the Windsor Hotel. Mr. Larson is now in charge of the furniture department of a big store and is doing well. In this city lives also C. W. Brown, who was among the first settlers of Warren, but Mr. Westman was unable to see him as he was out of town. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mrs. C. A. Severin and Martin Anderson of this place. Mr. Brown is dealing in horses now, same as he did when he lived in Warren. Among other places visited were North Yakima, Wash., and Selah, the latter a Swedish orchard colony that has recently been started. This is a great dairy and fruit country, all kinds of fruit, except oranges and lemons, being grown successfully and alfalfa is also a leading crop. Irrigation has to be resorted to in order to make things grow. At Selah is located Nels Brandt, formerly of Newfolden. He has a 10-acre orchard tract and he and family live contented and happy. At Yakima, Mr. Westman met a Mr. Burnham, one of the first settlers of Crookston, who claimed that his wife was the first white woman in Polk county and his daughter the first white child born there. Mr. Burnham had recently sold part of his improved orchard tract at \$3000 per acre. At a place called Granger, Mr. Westman attended a cattle sale and saw a Hostein cow sold at the high price of \$1800. Mr. Westman says the weather out west was fine, but no finer than we have enjoyed right here in the Red River Valley since he returned home.

WARREN SHIPS SECOND CAR OF POULTRY

C. F. White, poultry buyer, is loading his second car of poultry shipped from here this season, and all day farmers have been seen coming to town with crates and boxes in their wagons filled with fat, slick birds, both turkeys and chickens. Good prices are paid, hence farmers are realizing considerable money from this branch of their business.

Luther League Meeting

The Luther League will hold its monthly meeting in the Sw. Luth. church, Friday, Dec. 12, at 8 p. m.

Program: Song, Audience. Bible Reading and Prayer, the Pastor. Business. Vocal Solo, Florence Anderson. Debate—Who has done the most for Christianity, Luther or Gustavus Adolphus? Affirmative, Prof. C. E. Sjostrand and Editor J. P. Mattson. Negative, Prof. J. Nevin Johnson and Prof. Harry Johnson. Judges, Mr. N. E. Bystrom, Mr. Aug. Lundgren and Mrs. P. H. Holm. Instrumental Quartet, Song, Audience. Benediction.

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of Foldahl school, District No. 56, for month ending Dec. 6th: No. of pupils enrolled, 16. No. attending every day, 5. No. attending nineteen days, 2. No. attending eighteen days, 2. Average daily attendance, 13. Those present every day are Florence Anderson, Celia Melina, Frankie Tomalona, Ole Johnson, Ruth Swanberg. Those present nineteen days are Emma and Hannah Melina. Those present eighteen days are Walter Hagstrom and Agnes Swanberg. —Minnie E. Skoog, Teacher.

Modern Woodmen Elects Officers

Venerable Counsel, V. M. Johnson. Adviser, E. A. Johnson. Banker, C. A. Nelson. Clerk, W. N. Powell. Secretary, F. E. Olson. Escort, H. L. Wood. Watchman, M. W. Munger. Physician, Dr. G. S. Wattam. Manager, D. Farrell.

CANNOT READ BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attorney General Smith Replies to Question of Schulz, Which Arose in Stearns County.

Reading the Bible in public schools violates the constitution, Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith ruled in response to a request for an opinion from C. G. Shultz, state superintendent of education. Mr. Smith quoted the opinion of Attorney General H. W. Childs of December, holding opening of schools with prayer unconstitutional. Mr. Smith says he can see no distinction between reading the Bible and opening with prayer. Mr. Smith points out that under the law the attorney general's opinions in school matters shall have the force of law until set aside by the courts and that Mr. Child's opinion never has been questioned by the courts. The question came up thru the refusal of Mr. Schulz to grant state aid to schools in Stearns county where complaint was made that the Bible was read, contrary to the wish of some parents.

MASONIC AND K. P. LODGES OPEN NEW LODGE ROOMS

The Masonic and K. P. lodges of this city had a grand opening of their elegant new lodge rooms in the Taralseth block on Friday evening, Dec. 5. A number were present from Crookston, Oslo, Argyle and Thief River Falls. A fine musical program was rendered, followed by a banquet and dance. The new lodge rooms are very finely equipped, and the two lodges who occupy them jointly are to be congratulated upon having such elegant quarters.

North Star College Notes

Arvid Lindquist, who was in an auto accident last week, has returned to college again after his enforced vacation. The Athletic Organization met last week. The following officers were elected: President, Arvid Lindstrom; Secretary, Edward Arness; Treasurer, Ernest Johnson. Hon. E. Lobeck delivered an interesting lecture at the college chapel on Friday evening of last week. A large crowd was present. The Messiah Chorus will meet on Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the college chapel. All members are urged to be present. New members are urged to join. The Christmas Recital will be held on Friday evening, December 19. A good program will be rendered. Rev. Parsons will speak to the students on Thursday morning at Chapel exercises. Visitors are invited to attend. The Ministerial Association met at the College on Tuesday to look over some of the census information. The fine weather is still holding out.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

The county board was in session yesterday and today. Licenses to wed have been issued to William Emmet Rude and Gudlov Sylvesta Isaacson, Carl Ravnikide and Cegne Nelson. Theodore Swenson of East Park, was adjudged insane today in Probate Court by Judge P. H. Holm and committed to the hospital at Ferguson Falls. Daniel Vinje, who escaped from the asylum last August, was finally located at this former home in Marsh Grove and yesterday a hospital supervisor arrived to bring him back. Deputy Sheriff Justice Carlson assisted in taking Mr. Vinje to this city. Mrs. John A. Johnson to Wed. Mrs. John A. Johnson, widow of the late Governor Johnson will be married on Christmas day to William A. Smith of Pittsburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Van Slyck in St. Paul. About sixty intimate friends and relatives will be present. GOOD SIZED CALF. C. T. Swain of Hinckley, has a calf that is "some calf." It is about seven months old and weighs 760 pounds. Its mother, a short horn cow, weighs 1,200 lbs.

PARCEL POST RATES TO BE CUT JAN. 1

Maximum Raised to 50 Lbs. and Books Will Be Carried After March 16th.

Postmaster General Burleson's proposals to increase the weight limits of parcel post packages in the first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds, to admit books to the parcel post and to reduce rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones, is approved by the interstate commerce commission. The maximum weight of parcels to all zones beyond the second was increased from 11 to 30 pounds. Changes Jan. 1, 1914. The approved changes in rates and weights, to be in effect Jan. 1, 1914 follow:

To reduce the rates for the third zone from 7 cents for the first pound and 5 cents for each additional pound to 6 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound. To reduce rates for the fourth zone from 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound to 7 cents for the first pound and 4 cents for each additional pound. To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from 9 cents for the first pound and 7 cents for each additional pound to 8 cents for the first pound and 6 cents for each additional pound. To reduce the rate for the sixth zone from 10 cents for the first pound and 9 cents for each additional pound to 9 cents for the first pound and 8 cents for each additional pound.

Special Book Rates.

It is provided "that the rate of postage on parcels containing books weighing eight ounces or less shall be 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction part thereof and on those weighing in excess of eight ounces the zone parcel rates shall apply." This is to be effective March 16, 1914.

RECORDS BROKEN BY BARLEY CROP

Production in Minnesota 7,700,000 Bushels Greater Than Last Year.

According to reports received by Fred D. Sherman, commissioner of immigration, Minnesota's barley crop broke all past records. This year there were planted in Minnesota 1,663,115 acres which yielded 29.9 bushels per acre and the total production was 49,727,138 bushels. This year's average yield was practically the same as last year. The following table shows the 1913 barley figures as gathered by this department compared with the government:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Acreage, Average Yield, Total Production. Data for 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909.

\$100 TAX EXEMPTION REMAINS AS BEFORE

The law classifying property for the purposes of taxation does not affect the \$100 exemption to which each head of a family is entitled, according to an opinion by Assistant Attorney General W. J. Stevenson submitted to the state tax commission. The commission asked whether the exemption should be deducted from the assessment or from the true value of the property by which the assessment is determined. Mr. Stevenson says that the deduction should be made from the final assessment and that the assessor, under the new law, has nothing to do with the true value except to fix the basis for his appraisal. Under this rule a man with \$1,000 worth of household goods would be assessed \$250 and the \$100 deduction being made would leave only \$150 taxable.

ALVARADO IS A BIG GRAIN MARKET

Over 400,000 bushels of grain have already been marketed in Alvarado from this year's crop, and considerably more is in sight to be marketed during the winter and spring. That Alvarado is a very busy burg is a fact that every visitor to the place at wheat shipping time can substantiate. The village is in the heart of a very rich farming district, that generally produces good crops, and the farmers are mostly of the progressive and up-to-date kind.

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Farrell, the jeweler, can save you some money on a first class piano if you will only give him a chance. You will find a big lock of Victor and Columbia talking machines and records at Holm's Jewelry store.