

one and all. Those in attendance also had the pleasure of hearing Clarence Stee in an interesting talk about his experiences during the past three years while in Peru, South America. Mr. Stee is a local man being born and brought up in our neighborhood, and is now employed by a large mining company in Peru.

The funeral of J. Wunderlich took place from St. Olaf Lutheran church Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Marshall of Wadena officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the churchyard cemetery.

Swen Swenson, Oscar and Alfred Olson were at the county seat Wednesday on business.

The Misses Hovland and Nettie Olson spent Thursday at Hannaford calling on friends.

Nic Swenson and family moved Thursday to their winter quarters at Valley City.

E. W. Everson went to Minneapolis Friday on business.

Miss Nettie Olson left Friday evening to spend the week end at Valley City.

Ladies will remember the Leap Year Dance at Walum Hall, Friday, January 7. Show the boys how you would like to be treated.

Mrs. F. A. Wilke returned to her home at Wimbledon Friday after a pleasant visit at the Jacobson home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hardesty left Friday evening for their home at Bowman, N. D.

THRIFT TALK FOR JANUARY

Residents of this village and surrounding territory will receive through the mails to-day a copy of the January number of Thrift Talk, the little monthly magazine published by the Farmers State Bank. The magazine contains many bright and snappy stories and is mailed free to all who would like to receive it.

The January number is very handsome in green and red with seasonable cover illustration. The marginal illustrations upon the inside pages are also very attractive and the bank is to be congratulated upon the excellent appearance of the magazine.

"Hitching up to more than you can pull" is a splendid article all should read. It strikes home in these days of reckless spending and teaches a lesson all may heed. "You and Your Credit" is another strong article pointing out to the reader the value of both business and personal credit and show from the banker's standpoint the great extent to which personal habits are considered when a loan is requested.

Aside from the above there are many articles, all readable and interesting.

A LETTER FROM OLE FOGDERUD

We have been given permission to publish a letter written by Ole Fogderud to Rev. P. A. Thoreson and are glad of the opportunity as we know it will be interesting to Mr. Fogderud's many friends here:

Fairmead, Cal., Dec. 25, 1915

As I was too busy the last days I was in Hannaford to find time to bid you and others of my acquaintances farewell, I will write a few words. After a strenuous journey of fifteen days' duration we finally reached our destination. When the family returned from the Exposition we settled down on the farm and found the houses in fine shape; Leo and his wife is living in one and we in the other. There is no barn but we have hauled lumber and the carpenters are here so the horses and cattle will soon be housed also. It is just as warm here now as in the summer in North Dakota, but the nights are cold so that frequently there is frost on the ground in the morning. However, we can see it is autumn as the leaves are falling off the trees, tho some are standing as green as ever. The cows live as if in a Paradise on green alfalfa; we must watch them to see that they do not eat themselves to death.

We have already sowed the oats and barley, and some of it is now up. We hope to harvest it in April.

A number of fruit trees were planted on this farm four years ago, and now they are about sixteen feet high, so it seems probable that next summer we shall get all the fruit we want for our own use. Everything seems to grow here if it only gets moisture. It has rained twice since we came here but the most of the time it is sunshine.

We live close up to the so-called state highway, which is as smooth as a cement sidewalk. People travel on this road day and night; it is said that during the last days of the Exposition an automobile passed every minute, so that horse drawn vehicles

had to use the side of the road. It is interesting to observe the many kinds of people that pass on this road; there is a tramp carrying his bed on his back; there a man riding a burro; there a 10 or 12 mule team hauling immense loads; motorcycle carrying a passenger in a basket at its side; then the rich people in their fine automobiles—all going as fast as if they were running a race.

Times are hard here at present, caused by the people who came here two or three years ago who thought to realize at once on their investments as had been promised them by the land agents. It takes years to go into fruit raising, and in the meantime they get head over heels in debt to speculators.

The climate here is excellent, and the water is soft and clear. If a person wants a warm bath all he needs to do is to bathe in the water just as it comes from the pump; when it has stood exposed to the air a while it becomes cold.

In March I expect to use an electric motor for pumping water. My motor can pump 300 gallons a minute but I am afraid this will not be sufficient for the entire farm.

This is Christmas time but it does not seem so to me as the weather is just like summer. The other evening we attended a Christmas Tree Festival, with its splendidly decorated tree and a good program.

As you know California is not a prohibition state. We live only eight miles from the world's largest wine press but I have not seen a drunk man since I came here, possibly they haven't any money to buy wine for.

We live in a large valley, much larger than the Red River valley, and high, snow-capped mountains bound it on the east and west. Up where they are cutting timber the snow is said to be two feet deep. Near here is the longest lumber chute in the world. It is sixty miles long and it conveys the lumber from the mills in the mountains clear into Madera.

Lumber has risen in price since last year, being \$20 per thousand, flooring \$35 and shingle \$3.50. Gasoline and kerosene cost as much here as in Dakota even though the oil wells are right here. We are living in hopes of better times, tho personally being able to draw upon North Dakota's rich resources, we do not need to suffer. But it is worse for others. I wish to warn working people, who have nothing but their hands to rely on, to stay away from here. We have heard so much about the eight-hour day in California, but those who work on the big farms here usually have to work about 18 hours as each man has at least twelve mules to take care of. The bonanza farmers around here work both their men and animals to the limit, so it is not to be wondered at that they are rich.

OLE L. FOGDERUD.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors

In the District Court of the United States for the District of North Dakota, in the Matter of Charles A. Stermer, In Bankruptcy

Bankrupt

To the creditors of Charles A. Stermer, of Lenora Township, County of Griggs, and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on December 9th 1915, the said Charles A. Stermer was duly adjudicated bankrupt and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the office of Emerson H. Smith, Referee, 603 Front Street in Fargo, N. D., on January 18th, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time the creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

Dated: Fargo, N. D., December 27th, 1915.

EMERSON H. SMITH,

Referee in Bankruptcy.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the estate of August Palm, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Arthur Palm, Executor of the Last Will of August Palm, late of the Township of Bartley in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the publication of this notice, to said Executor at his residence in the Township of Bartley, in said Griggs County.

Dated Dec. 27th A. D. 1915

ARTHUR PALM,

Executor.

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Board by Day.

C. L. BERG,