

under Ole Holen Biog. p. 269 in Vol 7.  
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He (Ole Holen) was personally acquainted with Rev. J. Lundebj, who served this congregation (Sunday), besides traveling as a mission pastor between Fort Totten and Valley City. Ole E. Holen gives the following recollections of Rev. J. L. Lundebj: "During the time when Lundebj was a student at Augsburg Seminary, a cart horse was kept on the campus to accommodate travelers, Minneapolis then being in its infancy with no street car service between the town and the school. Lundebj was one of the 'select few' among the student body who could manage this high spirited animal. Especially equipped with brawn and brains, Lundebj feared nothing, and he seemed to be destined for the struggles against the forces of nature which he later encountered on the prairies of Dakota.

Three times Rev. Lundebj was lost in snowstorms. On one of these occasions he found shelter overnight beside a haystack, and at another time he dug a hole in a strawstack for himself and his team on the leeward side, awaiting the coming of dawn. With his ski sled and his ponies, he traversed the prairies between the settlements and preached in the sod huts and school houses.

"One Sunday, during harvest time, a prairie fire had been started near Bug post office. A stiff breeze from the west set the fire traveling eastward with a terrific speed. Rev. Lundebj, who had conducted services down the Sheyenne river in the forenoon, noticed the fire and realizing the danger set out to warn the farmers in the threatened district, and for several miles his faithful team raced with the mad flames. Rev. Lundebj was at this occasion instrumental in saving many homes and a great deal of grain.



ready to be threshed. The farmers got their plows out and turned up "fieldbreaks" around fields, buildings and haystacks. John Mehle, who lived four miles north of Aneta, was not at home and nearly all his grain, standing in shocks, was burned.

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"During this decade organization work was done on western edge of Red River Valley by Rev. J. L. Lundby of the Conference. He traveled between Ft. Ransom and Devils Lake where he organized eighteen congregations (in that district) - "seven located in Griggs. He worked in this region from 1882-1897"

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Mrs. Mrs. D. D. Bullock have gone to Sanborn to be with the Cooper Bros. for the printer.