

The Thirteen Towns.

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Our Municipal Plant.

During the two weeks that Recorder W. E. Black has been visiting in North Dakota towns and cities, he took occasion to carefully examine into the working of electric lighting plants in various places with a view to gaining any information that would assist the local village council in the conducting of the home plant, and as a result of these investigations he learned several interesting comparative facts which in a few words may be set down here for the attention of our town readers. In the first place, Mr. Black found that the Fosston plant was being handled much cheaper than any other plant that he had investigated, considering the number of hours it is run and the work required of it.

Then he discovered that there was a light plant in the country kept in as clean and presentable condition at all times as this one is.

Again, the rates charged here are lower than those of other towns, one place about the size of Fosston and having a similar sized outfit run by the municipality and carrying nearly a like number of lights charged 50 cents per light straight through, store and residence.

And in no case were the lights any stronger than those here, although in business houses as a rule more lights in number were used, necessarily making their stores lighter than some of ours.

Strangest of all, he found none of these plants he examined that were run by municipalities were paying expenses.

Summed up in total, Mr. Black has proved conclusively to his satisfaction that we have the best electric light plant for its size, or comparatively with others, that is running in the northern part of these states and the people of the town should be proud of it.

A. D. McRae, lately editor of the McIntosh Tribune, has gone to Sleepy Eye, and Harrison King takes control of the Tribune. Wish you good luck, Harrison.

Fredrick Weyerhaeuser estimates that Minnesota still has forty billion feet of standing pine and laughs at the idea of pine getting scarce before many years.

Over \$50,000 has been raised for the wife and family of the late General Lawton by public subscription—a striking evidence of the strong appreciation of the American people have for true worth.

Dar. S. Hall will retain his position as Chippewa Indian commissioner for an indefinite period. Secretary Hitchcock has decided that he was wrong in turning him off on Jan. 1st, as he had at first resolved to do.

The war department has reported adversely on the granting of pardons to the members of the Fifteenth Minnesota volunteers who are confined in prison in Florida. The petitioners will now take the matter before the President personally who will be asked to exercise his authority and pardon the unfortunate ones.

Now you know just what you are getting when you purchase a can of baking powder. The new law compelling storekeepers to have a label pasted on every package describing the ingredients of each can of powder sold, went into effect Jan. 1st. Local merchants received labels Tuesday from the wholesale houses. No more adulterated baking powder goes.

Maine is about to lose the last of its quartette of congressmen who served together so long—Reed, Dingley, Boutelle and Milliken. The latter died first, and was followed to the grave last year by Dingley; Reed resigned and left the state, and now Boutelle's health has broken down and he will probably have to quit public life.

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