

# THE THIRTEEN TOWNS.

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## OUR EX-COUNTY COMMISSIONER PASSES AWAY.

"Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind's breath, and stars to set—but all, 'thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death."

On Sunday night last, Jan. 7, one of the best known settlers of this section of the country passed away in the prime of life. John O. Johnson has resided in the town of Columbia for the past twelve years, during which time he had the highest regard and esteem of the community in which he has resided, and of his many friends throughout the county, for he was widely known. At home he has filled one or more important offices in his town for many years and ever worked for the interests of his town and its people. Three years ago he was elected county commissioner to represent this district and in this important position evinced a like public spirit and labored diligently to do credit to his office and succeeded. In fact, the cause of his death can be laid to his work for the public, he having contracted the cold (which developed into the pneumonia that carried him away) while busy at Crookston with drainage committee work the week before Christmas. Always diligent, faithful and honorable in all transactions, public or private, of a kindly disposition, he had acquired many friends and was a man who will be missed in the locality.

After the committee work was over at the county seat, Mr. Johnson returned home on the Friday before Christmas, suffering from a severe cold but came into town Saturday, and again on Christmas Day to attend church. That was the last time he left his home and two weeks from that day death came to relieve his sufferings.

John O. Johnson was born in Roruaas Prestjeld, Norway, and immigrated to America with his parents in 1882 and lived in Otter Tail county, this state, until 1887.

Deceased was 36 years of age and leaves a wife and three young children to lament the untimely parting with an affectionate husband and wife. He was also a brother of Mrs. John Stephenson of Fosston and has relatives in other parts of the state. Although yet a young man, Mr. Johnson had acquired a fair amount of this world's goods and had built a good residence upon his farm this summer, but death came before he could enjoy its comfort.

The funeral took place from the home yesterday noon, the large cortege proceeding to the Kingo church here, wherein Rev. Refsdal delivered a touching and eloquent burial service, the church being crowded with sorrowing relatives and friends. Much sympathy is felt in this community for the bereaved family.

County Auditor Gleason, a close friend of Mr. Johnson, is quoted in the Times as saying: "I am deeply grieved to learn of Mr. Johnson's death. He was one of the most upright and honorable men that ever filled a public position in Polk county. He was a man of excellent judgment and high purposes, and could always be counted upon to do the right thing from an innate love of justice. As a mark of respect to him, his fellow members on the county board gave his name to the newly created township, town 154, range 30, and it is a satisfaction to know that his name will be perpetuated by this act."

**A Presentation.** Proprietor S. S. Stadsfold of the Fosston Elevator & Flouring Mills was most agreeably remembered by his staff of employes last Monday evening when they proceeded to his home bearing with them a handsome leather couch which they presented to him with appropriate words expressing the esteem in which he is held by each and all his men. It was a surprise to the "colonel," but after he had resumed his composure all enjoyed a pleasant social evening under his hospitable roof.

**Strandlie Owned the Boards.** Martin Randklev was called to Willborg, in the town of Eddy, Beltrami county, last Tuesday as a witness in an important case tried before Justice Henry Lee.

It appears that some time ago one John Larson who resides in that town, brought a load of lumber to Fosston and sold it to Mittum & Randklev. Later Ole Strandlie came along and claimed the lumber, proving his ownership to the property, and Larson was convicted of petty larceny at Tuesday's trial, being fined \$35 and costs. The case attracted considerable attention in that part of the country.

**An Enterprising Druggist.** There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than P. M. Mark who spares no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They have now the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs, and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at the above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

**Furniture and Household Goods for Sale.** I will sell all my furniture, carpets and household goods for cash. They must be sold before January 15th next. Call at the Berman Bazaar for further information.

MRS. M. BERMAN.

## FIREMEN MEET AND TRANSACT IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

The adjourned regular meeting of the Fosston Fire department, held last Tuesday evening, was attended by an unusually large number of members and considerable interest was taken in the proceedings.

Those having the annual bill in charge reported a small balance on hand to be placed to the credit of the department after all expenses were paid.

A resolution was presented in writing and read by the clerk calling for an amendment to the constitution providing for increasing the active membership from 25 to 35. Under the existing order of things this addition to the department of ten men has become almost imperative in order that all the available apparatus may be properly handled in time of action. The resolution was laid upon the table until the next meeting, as required by the by-laws.

Four new "laddies" were elected to membership: O. A. Brager, Mat Neilson, Geo. Ferguson and Z. N. Steele.

Owing to his ill health, John Omland presented his resignation, which was accepted.

A new finance committee was appointed by the chief, to take the place of the former one, as follows: J. H. Loen, Joel Fogelberg, H. Bostad.

It was moved and carried, that sections five and six of the by-laws, relating to the imposing of the 25 cent fine for non-attendance at the regular meetings be strictly enforced.

A committee was appointed to draft a petition and present it to the council at their next regular meeting, asking that body to instruct the Village Marshall to take care of the apparatus in future.

Messrs. L. W. Larson, W. E. Black and H. Bostad were appointed to care for the apparatus this month.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold a masquerade ball on the night of Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22nd, and the following committees were selected: On arrangements—G. I. Houghtaling, E. H. Bridger.

On music—Joel Fogelberg, A. W. Foss.

For reason of the lack of knowledge of their places in the department by many members, the following revised list of membership is below published in order that the forgetful ones may have it to paste in their hats:

- Chief—G. I. Houghtaling
- 1st ass't—Ole Pederson
- 2d ass't—A. W. Foss
- Hose Company, No. 1—Ole Pederson, Captain
- O. H. Olson
- Geo. F. Umland
- E. H. Bridger
- W. E. Black
- John Mittum
- O. A. Brager
- Mat Neilson.
- Hose Company, No. 2—A. W. Foss, Captain
- Ole Olson
- H. F. Mark
- Jos Johnsrud
- B. Larson
- L. T. Larson
- J. M. Stafford
- Z. N. Steele.

**Hook and Ladder Company**  
H. Bostad, Captain  
J. H. Loen  
A. O. Viok  
J. Fogelberg  
P. Hoffman  
Ole Hestness  
G. C. Gulrud  
Geo. Ferguson  
L. W. Larson.

**His Double Causes Trouble.** Red Lake Falls Courier: Something has come to light within the past week which was a surprise to all who were acquainted with the principal in the case. It appears that J. A. Piquette who has followed the vocation of carpenter here for the past six years, and who was married here a few years ago, has been playing a double role all these years. The true facts in the case were brought out in a peculiar way. While on a visit to Montreal last summer a resident of this city met a man on the street whom he saluted as Piquette of this place. The fellow allowed that his name was Piquette but that he had never seen Red Lake Falls. This led to a conversation in which it developed that he was a brother of our townsman, whom he very much resembled in appearance, and upon inquiry he discovered that J. A. had deserted a wife in Canada several years ago who had until then been unable to locate him. Last week the first wife arrived in the city expecting to make things warm, but she was a day too late, as Piquette had in some way gained information of her coming and had departed for parts unknown, taking with him his present wife and family.

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## Public School Department

OUR MOTTO  
"Possumus Quia Posse Videmur"

Editor for this week  
ARTHUR TYNDALL.

Now for work again after our long rest. Lilly Brabander will edit this column next week.

Mr. Yarrow was a caller at the school Friday, Dec. 22d.

The zoology class has been dissecting the snake this week.

A row of new seats has been placed in Miss Crosby's room.

The zoology class began studying on echinoderms Wednesday.

The 10th grade history class has begun to review their work on Greek History.

Miss Knutson of McIntosh was a visitor at the school Monday and Wednesday.

The pigeons which the zoology class intended to use died of starvation during vacation.

The star-fish which we received from Boston will last for years if handled with care.

Four pupils were enrolled in Miss Crosby's room Monday. They were Fred French, Ida Nelson, Ella Anderson and Esther Thomas.

The zoology class have received a large number of alcoholic and dried specimens of star fishes, clams, lobsters, crabs, etc. besides a large number of shells.

One of the interesting features of the last day of school was Mrs. Babcock's Christmas tree erected for the first graders. A beautiful evergreen had been previously prepared and loaded with candies and presents and had been hidden in the closet during the noon hour. When school was called the little folks' interest and appetites were excited by stories of Christmas and Santa Claus and then all were requested to go to sleep. Immediately every little head went down and the room was still as death. For a few curiosity was too strong and a sly peek was taken to catch Santa in the act of entering. When they were told to wake up, the tree in all its beauty stood before them. Every boy and girl received something. Even "little Walter Yarrow" and "little Carlton Yeager" were not forgotten. It was a very pleasant surprise for the little folks and they enjoyed it immensely.

**Congregational.** Sunday night, at 7:30, Congregational Church, Mr. Yarrow will preach on the subject: "What is the most prevalent sin?" The male quartette will sing two selections, and it is expected that the orchestra will be back in its accustomed place. New music has been ordered and the finest productions of classic religious composers are soon to be rendered.

**Close at 8 O'clock.** Yesterday an early closing movement was started and we are informed that every merchant has agreed to close his place of business every evening except Saturdays at 8 o'clock hereafter until Sept. 1st next. This is the proper thing for all parties concerned and it is best that the new rule comes in force early in the year.

**To the Farmers in Polk County.** I have several kinds of first class cream Separators for sale at reduced prices for a short time, and would therefore urge every farmer intending to buy a Separator, whether for dairy or creamery use, to apply at once. I sell 300 pound capacities at \$80.00, 400 pounds per hour at \$100 each, sold during guarantee. If any want to buy, only write me. I will fix the price.

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**Lost.** On Friday night last, Dec. 29, on the road between Rice River and Fosston, probably this side of Sand Hill river, a buggy seat. Finder will please leave at THE THIRTEEN TOWNS office.

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fosston Cooperative Creamery association, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business will be held at Fosston on Saturday, January 20th, 1900.

J. W. GALLOWAY, Pres.

**Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.** Manager Martin, of the Pierson drug store, informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by P. M. Mark.

## BUSINESS CHANGES OF THE PAST WEEK.

One gentleman who goes into business here this week needs no introduction or eulogy from us. Years ago he introduced himself to the people of Fosston and vicinity and whether engaged in business for himself or in the service of others he has always had the esteem and confidence of all about him. It is therefore a pleasure to announce that Mr. I. O. Brandt is once more in business for himself. Early this week he bought out O. L. Larson's stock of goods in the store opposite P. M. Mark's and has since been busy taking stock. He intends to dispose of the clothing and dress goods on hand regardless of cost in order to make room for new lines. A first-class line of groceries and provisions will be added to the store and a fresh, new stock of gents' furnishings, hats and caps, shoes, etc. Mr. Brandt expects to be through taking stock today and will be ready to greet friends and customers tomorrow. That he will carry on a first-class store goes without saying.

The Palace Restaurant, next door east of Gust Nordus', lately carried on by Harvey Warning, changed hands this week, Messrs. A. A. Fines and J. C. Scott, lately from Bemidji and experienced men in the business, taking possession. These gentlemen took possession early this week and are making improvements in every direction with the purpose of securing a fair share of the restaurant trade of the place. The public can rest assured that their wants in this line will be fully met by Messrs. Fines & Scott, who invite a call and a trial of their ability to put up a meal just as you want it.

The "City Dray Line," for some time past run by Richard Leet, changed hands early this week and now Nels J. Forgaard takes full possession thereof. Mr. Forgaard has been engaged first with John Omland, then with T. & E. Leet and later with Richard Leet on this line for the two past years, during which time he has proved himself to be an able, careful and prompt man at his business, and in patronizing the new proprietor of the line, who is already well known here, the business men of the town will make no mistake. We wish him success.

One new business starts out this week. P. A. Olson, lately returned from a summer and fall spent in the old country, opened a shoemaking shop in C. Lorent's harness shop and is prepared for all kinds of work in his trade. Mr. Olson spent several months at his trade here about eight years ago and is therefore not a stranger to the earlier residents.

**A Choice Stock of Tobacco.** Jacob Stohre, who conducts the restaurant and confectionery store on Harrison avenue, north of D. A. Ray's, has just received a full stock of tobacco, the best smoking mixtures of tobacco that can be found in the town. See this list of high class brands:

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## The Berman Bazaar.

FOSSTON, MINN.



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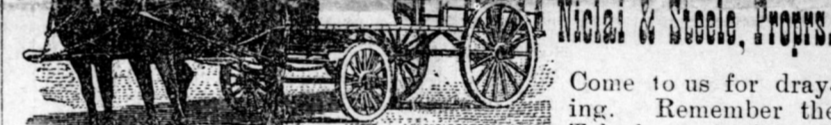
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