

## The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

The Office of THE THIRTEEN TOWNS is on Stephens Avenue, Opposite Postoffice.

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Senator J. J. Ryder will soon start a weekly newspaper in East Grand Forks. He is capable of turning out a good one.

The state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Minneapolis on Wednesday, Feb. 28, and Thursday March 1.

Who said we were not going to have any cold weather this winter? The first few nights of this week were about as cold as they are made up here.

Crookston is making desperate efforts to have that new \$100,000 county court house started before the next election in order to head off the vote on county division then.

Another record-breaking run of the "fast mail" train of the Burlington road was made a few days since. The train, pulled by the famous engine, 1592, left Burlington, Ia., 36 minutes late and arrived in Chicago on time. The distance is 206 miles, and was covered in 209 minutes, including all stops. The run of 83 miles from Mendota to Chicago was made in 76 minutes—the best time ever made between these points. The 46 miles between Mendota and Aurora were covered in 39 minutes. Nearly all the way there was a heavy head wind, and the train was unusually heavy, having a big lot of foreign mail. Deducting the time for mail and water, the average rate of speed of the train was about 80 miles an hour. During some sports it is believed that a speed of 90 miles an hour was attained.—"The Railway Age" December 15, 1899.

J. J. Lomen, of Norman county, who has filled the position of assistant secretary of state most creditably for some years past, will be a candidate for nomination upon the republican ticket next year for secretary of state to succeed Albert Berg, and he has many Fosston friends who will wish to see him receive the nomination, and if he captures it, will do all possible to assist in his election. Mr. I. O. Brandt of this place, a full cousin of his, was engaged in business in partnership with Mr. Lomen for several years at Ada, and here later, and many other friends now residing here, but formerly of Ada, can testify to the sterling character and ability of Mr. Lomen. The Index says of his candidacy:

"At the present writing it looks very much as if the First district would carry off the chief honor on the ticket, and as Mr. Lomen's chief rival comes from that district it seems only reasonable that this end of the state should be accorded this honor. We can assure the republicans of Minnesota that it will be wise to encourage the "Fighting Seventh" this year. This district is in a fair way to again become the republican stronghold of the state. It is almost superfluous to mention the personal characteristics of Mr. Lomen. He is able, upright, a loyal republican, a true friend. He is a man the republican party would never regret honoring. He would make a model secretary of state."

"The First Night of a Play," "Through the Slums with Mrs. Ballington Booth," "What it means to be a Librarian," by Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, and "The Pew and the Man in it," by Ian Maclaren, are among the notable features of the February Ladies' Home Journal. An American Mother answers, conclusively "Have Women Robbed Men of Their Religion?" and there is an interesting article on Mile. Chaminade, the famous composer and pianist. Another article describes "Frank Stockton's New Home in West Virginia." The opening chapters of "The Parson's Butterfly," a new serial by Mrs. Charles Terry Collins, are also presented. Molly Donahue discusses woman's rights with Mr. Dooley, and "Edith and I in Paris," "Her Boston Experiences," and "The Autobiography of a girl" continue with increasing interest. The pictorial feature, "In the Land of St. Valentine," by Alice Barber Stephens, will recall some happy memories of the old days. Our just begins to live. "Take Lockett Mountain Tea. You'll be blooming fair at 60. —Ask your druggist.

## TECKLA SIFTINGS.

Teckla, Jan. 29.—Gust Johnson, of Sauk Centre, passed through here last week enroute to Thief River Falls.

H. Ness, C. Ness and J. G. Thompson were down from Lammers' camp Sunday last.

Thoen & Davids started their new saw mill in the town of Holt Monday.

L. Larson and L. Nardien have taken a contract sawing in sec. 6, town 148.

One of our town boomers who was reconnoitering around Ruffey Brook some time ago got lost while riding around a pine stump and came into a place where the popples were so thick that he had to cut half a hundred trees before he could see which way he came from, and even then he had to do as the democrats did, fold up the horns and back out of it.

If a person wants to trust to luck, he has an opportunity to do so in this part of the country. Everything imaginable that has no market value, from a toy pistol to a horse, is raffled off, giving a person a chance to get something for nothing or nothing for something, according to his luck.

John Vik made a trip to Erskine last week.

E. Gunelius will have his new saw mill running in a short time.

The Wildwooders are crazy for a post office.

Ole Erickson has been obliged to lay off the most of his crew on account of the lack of snow. He has a large lot of logs on skids, awaiting sleighing.

Edward Sather wants to sell his land and move to Oregon. Paul Vik has sold his claim and will move to Badger, Roseau county. While these gentlemen are seeking new homes, Jacob Anderson likes this place so well that he can't find words in either English or Norwegian to express his good feelings.

Something over a month ago John Steenerson was sinking a well on his place about two miles south-east of here. He dug down about 30 feet all through solid blue clay without any sign of water whatever. One morning when he came out, he found things flooded and out from his well poured a stream of water about 10 inches in diameter. It is still running with no sign of it ever letting up. The water is the very best and if Steenerson can get some kind of harness on the stream to regulate the supply, it will be a great improvement to his place. And so Teckla can boast of an artesian well; one that gives plenty of good water.

Rev. Thoreson, of Bagley, held services at John Steenerson's Sunday.

J. S. Anderson made a business trip to Fosston one day last week.

John Larson is spending his vacation with Sheriff Nygaard at Bemidji.

H. A. Christianson, Edw. Sather and Albert Kase transacted business at Bagley last Saturday.

There was a raffle and dance at L. T. Klyberg's place Saturday night. Mrs. Klyberg was the lucky winner of the revolver. The good humor of the crowd was kept up until the early hours of the morning.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Herminie, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by P. M. Mark.



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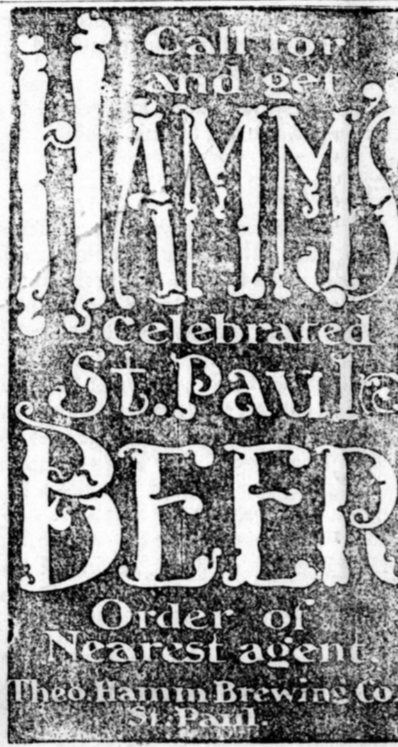
An old time method of keeping wine from fermenting has recently been discovered. It is very simple and can easily be tried by any one. It consists in pressing the juice of the grapes directly into bottles, and then immediately pouring olive oil in at the top of the bottles. This effectually excludes the air so that none can work into the wine, but at the same time permits any air that is in the juice to work out. When the wine is wanted for use the oil is easily removed by sopping it out carefully with a cotton, a little at a time. It is claimed that this method was practiced by the Egyptians many years before Christ.

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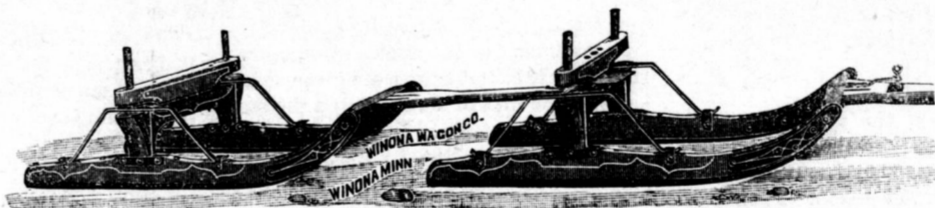
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