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FAVORABLE REPORT ON "FREE HOMES" BILL.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The house committee on public lands to-day directed Congressman Eddy to make this favorable report on his free-homes bill with an amendment providing that the act shall not apply to any lands upon which the United States has made valuable improvements or which have heretofore been sold at public auction. This will not effect the best Minnesota lands, as only pine lands are sold at auction.

As agreed upon, the bill provides that, in addition to this, "all settlers under the homestead laws upon public lands acquired prior to the passage of the act by treaty or agreement from various Indian tribes, and who have resided upon such lands in good faith for the period required by law, shall be entitled to patent therefor upon payment to the local land offices of the usual and customary fees, and no other or further charge shall be required from such settler to entitle him to patent for land covered by his entry." There is a proviso that settlers may commute their entries in accordance with the law, and also that all sums released, which, if not released, would belong to any Indian tribe, shall be paid to the Indians by the United States, and also that if the proceeds of the annual sales of public lands shall not be sufficient to meet the payments already provided for agricultural colleges and experimental stations, the deficiency is to be paid by the United States.

The committee also ordered a favorable report on Gamble's bill providing for taking out to exceed \$109 worth of timber from forest reserves for domestic use. The bill also provides that larger amounts may be taken before publication in cases of emergency, upon the person's filing bond to indemnify the government against loss.—Journal.

Gov. Lind Issues Proclamation.

The setting apart of the eastern end of Polk county, thereby creating a new county to be called "Columbia," will be voted on at the general elections next November. So says the governor in his proclamation issued this week. The proposed new county would include the towns of Grove Park, Woodside, Garden, Badger, Knute, Winger, Lessor, King, Sletten, Chester, Hill River, Brandevold, Rosebud, Johnson, Eden, Queen and Columbia, with McIntosh the temporary county seat. No doubt exists that the people of that village will put up a strong fight to secure their ends.

Bishop Forbes.

Bishop Robt. Forbes of the M. E. church, Duluth, will preach in the Congregational church, Fosston, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th, at 7:30. All invited to attend.

A Hustling Town.

Fosston is getting to be a metropolitan city, with its electric light, waterworks, telephone exchange and many new and tasty residences. Take it all around it must be sized up as a hustling town.—Polk County Journal.

A Night of Terror.

"A awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live until morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c. and \$1. Trial bottles free at P. M. Mark's drug store.

A Misunderstanding.

Misunderstood symptoms of disease lead doctors to treat something else when the kidneys are out of order. Foley's Kidney Cure will bring you health when other medicines have failed.—Ed. Ruud.

Grubbers Wanted.

25 men wanted for grubbing land. Work to commence in the spring. Good wages. Call on or address OTTO ANDERSON, Teckla, Minn.



If you have any cattle for sale, call on us or see Andrew Thronson and get the right price for them. J. E. CAMPBELL, Fosston.

The U. S. Census.

The work of taking the census in Polk County and elsewhere will commence June 1st, and must be concluded within that month. The appointment of enumerators will be made about April 15th, and persons who wish to fill the positions are required to make application upon blanks furnished for the purpose, application for which must be sent to Elmer E. Adams, Fergus Falls, Minn.

The compensation for the work is not less than two nor more than three cents for each living inhabitant and for each death reported; not less than 15 nor 20 cents for each farm, and not less than 20 nor more than 30 cents for each establishment of productive industry. In no case shall the compensation be less than \$6 per day of ten hours actual field work.

The subdivisions into which this eastern part of Polk county is parcelled, with their respective numbers, is as follows:

- 203, Brandsvold.
- 207, Columbia.
- 213, Eden and Queen.
- 220, Fosston village and Rosebud.
- 227, Hill River.
- 230, King Township and McIntosh Village.
- 235, Sletten.
- 236, Winger.
- 237, Woodside.
- 238, Chester, Johnson and township 150-39.

She Stopped the Fight.

A telegram summoned Dr. Umland to the Sisters' hospital at Solway last Tuesday afternoon to dress a shattered shoulder for Oscar Moore, a lumberman well known here in the early days.

It appears that Moore, while engaged in toting for Robt. Neving from Solway stopped for dinner at Jos. Burns', about 12 miles north of that place and that while Burns was attending to the horses, Moore insulted his wife, who was preparing the dinner, and her cries brought Burns to the house. An altercation took place between the two men which finally led to blows and Moore was getting the best of the battle when Mrs. Burns took down a loaded shot gun, placed it to Moore's left shoulder and pulled the trigger.

The result was a badly injured shoulder that required considerable surgical work to rid it of shot and splintered bone. The shoulder will keep its owner idle for the balance of the winter and will possibly continue to trouble him for years. He is being cared for at the hospital at Solway.

Two Lives Lost.

A fire occurred at East Grand Forks on Wednesday night by a gas explosion and two well known citizens, Ex-Mayor McAdam and W. D. Kelley were burned to death in the ruins.

Valentines.

P. M. Mark, the druggist, has just received a large and complete line of the most handsome valentines that have ever been brought to Fosston. Their style is new and prices low. Call at once and take your choice—the 14th is not far off.

A Rare Opportunity.

This is what is offered by I.O. Brandt's closing out sale of dry goods and clothing. He is going out of these lines as soon as possible regardless of cost price of the goods. Now is the time to buy. Don't wait until everything is sold that you need.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by P. M. Mark.

FATAL delays are caused by experimenting with cough and cold cures. FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR will prevent a cold from resulting in PNEUMONIA.—Ed. Ruud.

Piles of People

testify to the merit of BANNER SALVE in curing piles. It is guaranteed.—Ed. Ruud.

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.

H. EDLUND, Fertile, Minn.

FOSSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

OUR MOTTO
"Possumus Quia Posse Videmur"

Editor for this week

LIZZIE NESDAHL.

Turn on a little more heat.

John Tyndall is our next editor.

B. S. Bennett was a caller Wednesday.

Mr. Yeager is well again and filling his old place.

The ninth grade are now reading the Elogy of Thomas Gray.

Say, there are 60 children in our room and all are complaining of cold feet.

This week the eighth and ninth graders have been taking state examinations.

Seventeen more cords of wood have been purchased for the school building.

Martin Ruud took Greek and Roman history examination with the tenth grade on Tuesday.

We are now ready for Mr. Yarrow to do that printing of the program in the high school room.

Rev. Yarrow officiated as Prof. last week during Mr. Yeager's illness. Ask him how he liked it.

Mr. L. W. Larson was taking measurements for storm windows at the school house last Monday.

The zoology class are now studying the subkingdom caelenterates, represented by such forms as the hydroids, jelly fish, sea anemone and the corals.

Eugene Field is mentioned as the author for the basis of our next program. If any one in town has any of this author's works we should like to examine them before ordering books and beginning work on the program. Who has one or more of his books?

Today finishes the fifth month of the school year. The report will be a bad one. There has been much sickness as is always the case at this time of year, and besides the extreme cold weather of the past two weeks has caused much absence and tardiness, especially in the lower grades.

Irene Leimbacher has been absent this week on account of sickness. Irene has been one of the most faithful members of the first grade and her absence is severely felt. We are glad, however, to learn of her improved condition and expect to again count her one of our number next Monday.

The state examination questions this year came out in a slightly different form. On the whole the examinations were quite easy, fewer answers being required and a greater choice being allowed. These examinations are given twice a year, the first in January and the second at the close of the school year. The questions are written by the state high school board and come to us directly from Cyrus Northrup, the examiner, just a day or two before the time set for the examination. They come in sealed packages and are not opened until the class is ready to write. The passing mark for these examinations is 65 per cent. All papers, which according to the principal's markings reach this standing, are sent to the high school board at Minneapolis, where they are again read. If the principal's markings are sustained, a state certificate is issued to each pupil which is accepted at the state university in lieu of examination in that branch.

The past week has been a trying one on school work. The weather has been so cold that it has been almost impossible to keep the temperature up to the point of comfort. Janitor Anderson has stood by the furnaces almost night and day and has fed into them on an average a cord of wood a day. On Tuesday the mercury in Mrs. Babcock's room could not be lifted above 50 and her pupils were dismissed for the day. Wednesday forenoon half the pupils from the high school room were dismissed and the rest were crowded into the library for work. Storm windows have not yet been provided for the new part of the building which partly accounts for the difficulty. One fact however has been sufficiently demonstrated. Our two furnaces are not sufficient to heat our school building during continued cold weather. In the first place their heating capacity is not enough for six large school rooms and library, and in the second place it is too much dependent on the direction of the winds. It has several times been suggested that the building could be better and more cheaply heated by the exhaust steam from the power house. This matter should be thoroughly investigated and steps taken towards serving more efficient heating for another year.

New Furniture.

E. D. Barnes, of the firm of Barnes & Pederson, returned home yesterday from the southern part of the state. He is a director of the Scandinavian Aid society, and attended their annual meeting at Redwing last week. The society (of which a number of our citizens are members) is in a flourishing condition, the reserve fund having increased nearly \$10,000 in the past year, reaching nearly \$100,000.

While below, Mr. Barnes also paid a visit to his Albert Lea friends and in the Twin Cities secured a carload of furniture for the store at home that is sure to attract attention. Many fine and novel pieces are included in the carload and as it is expected today, by Monday they will have it ready for inspection. Do not neglect to look it over, even if you do not want to purchase at once.

Congregational.

The pews of the church have been received and are being put in place as rapidly as possible.

The male quartette and the orchestra are expected to furnish the music Sunday night.

Sunday school next Sunday at 11 a.m.

All those having unpaid subscriptions to the soliciting fund are requested to pay as soon as possible.

The pulpit has been adorned with a new carpet, the gift of Mrs. Fisk.

Returns Home.

Oliver Robideaux, one of the members of the 15th Minnesota volunteers who were sentenced to from one to five years in prison for participating in the troubles incident to the murder of his comrade, O'Connell, returned home yesterday. He was allowed two months off for good conduct, only serving ten months out of his year, and for several months past he has been on parole, only being required to report at the military barracks, St. Augustine, Florida, each evening.

Mr. Robideaux returns in good health, and immediately left Fosston for his home at Rice River, taking with him a sack of delicious Florida oranges.

WILDWOOD SHAVINGS.

Wildwood, Feb. 1.—Windon & Suderlund have been busy surveying their claims the past week.

O. Asleson is preparing to build a large house this spring and when it is completed, look out boys—one lonesome bachelor less.

H. Nysveen drove through here last Friday with a load of shingles with which to complete his house.

S. A. Windon has commenced house-keeping.

A bran new laundry has started in Wildwood where the customers do their own washing with the lately invented washing machine.

Andrew Johnson, our barber, is kept busy every evening in his shop.

I. I. Hillestad of Fosston, and Even Odegaard of Eden, drove through here Wednesday of last week.

The Misses Quam, of Teckla, were shopping in Wildwood Thursday.

It is reported that I. P. Byhre, the Pielake merchant, who was burned out a short time ago, is preparing to start in business at Teckla.

Gonwick & Monsrud arrived with their boiler and engine last Saturday. They hauled the boiler on skids and made the trip from Fosston in one day. John K. Halvorson of Fosston, accompanied Gonwick & Monsrud with their engine.

Ed. Johnson, of Northwood, N. D., is visiting with his sons, Andrew and S.A. Windon.

H. Skime has been busy prospecting in the pine regions the last few weeks.

Phil Dorsman is under the weather.

Lucken Bros. were here Monday getting their teams shod and preparing for work.

Chas. Gustafson is hauling logs to Gonwick & Monsrud's mill.

Thorbjorn Hall made a flying trip to Fosston, leaving here on Tuesday of last week and returning last Monday.

YON YONSON.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Ole R. Vaaler and Hans H. Ekeland, known as Vaaler & Ekeland, has been dissolved. All those indebted to, or who may have accounts against us, are requested to call at the office in the same store and make or secure settlement before March 1st, 1900, the books being in the hands of O. R. Vaaler. A careful attention paid to this notice will be appreciated.

Ole R. VAALER, HANS H. EKELAND. Dated at Fosston, Minn., Jan. 18th, 1900.



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