

## The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

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

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Don't forget that your personal property taxes must be paid this month in order to avoid the ten per cent penalty.

The third annual banquet of the Crookston McKinley Club will be held at Hotel Crookston on Feb. 12th, Lincoln's Birthday.

The Duluth republicans won a victory last Tuesday by electing their candidate, T. W. Hugo, mayor, over the old democratic war horse, Henry Truelson.

Nothing mean about municipal salaries of Cass Lake village, lately organized. \$600 for clerk and attorney, \$60 for chief of police and \$52 for patrolmen.

The strike of operatives upon the great Northern lines, reported recently to be imminent, has been averted. All disagreements have been settled amicably.

"Free homes" will mean success, relief from worry, happiness and a new lease of life to the Red Lake reservation homesteader. Hon. Frank M. Eddy, Page Morris and other northern representatives are working hard for this bill, as well as Senators Davis and Nelson.

Owing to the extremely high price of flax this season it is believed that little will be left in the farmers' granaries for seed in the spring. The demand is strong and a high price will undoubtedly be asked for seed flax. Those in this neighborhood who have any on hand will do well to keep it until seeding time as much will be sown throughout the north-west.

Mr. Lommen who has been deputy in the office of secretary of state seems to be the most popular republican candidate for secretary of state yet mentioned. He will have the support of the Van Sant element in the convention and will besides have many friends in the convention on his own account. He has been a very efficient officer and there is no one in the state better posted in the important duties that fall upon the secretary of state. In the northern part of the state especially Mr. Lommen will have a strong support. He lived in this section for many years and his friends throughout the northern counties are legion. —Crookston Times.

There are better prospects of the "Free homes" bill passing this session of congress than ever before. If those fellows "down east" would make a trip through Red Lake or any other reservation that has been opened of late years they would all be friendly to the pioneer settlers on these lands who are developing their lands to the benefit of the country at large, as well as themselves, and need every dollar they can acquire to assist in this development. Many of these homesteaders with families would have to give up their claims for which they have labored so hard, if they were compelled to pay the \$1.25 per acre for holding and improving them. Let these lands go to the industrious settler free and they and their families, the county, state, and even the nation will be benefited to an incalculable extent.

A writer to the Minneapolis Tribune, who appears to be well posted on his subject, roundly scores the Boer sympathizers in this country. After showing the foolishness of calling the Transvaal a "republic," he goes on to say that Oom Paul is a more oppressive autocrat than the czar of Russia. Rights of Americans and other foreigners have been ignored. The people of the country are uneducated and lazy, depending upon their slaves to earn their living. Millions of money have been wrung from the British miners by unjust taxation and every year they are becoming more arrogant and oppressive. In fact the war was not a matter of choice. It was compulsory, if the mother country would attempt to protect subjects' just rights in the country where they had been invited to live and invest their capital by the Boers who later have used every means to drive them out and secure the fruits of their labor. Sympathy for the oppressed is all right, but in this case it is the foreigners and not the Boers who have been misused and driven to desperation.

Late reports claim that the relief of Ladysmith is certain.

An important ruling has been made by the interior department regarding sections 16 and 36 in Minnesota Indian reservations. The secretary has decreed that there shall be no trespass on any of these sections until the supreme court of the United States has passed upon the case now pending in which the state has sued the government for the purpose of establishing ownership to these sections for school fund purposes. The order is preemptory and sweeping, and no "dead and down" racket can be worked on these sections, nor can they be invaded for any purpose whatever. Should the suit go against the government, there will be a big sum coming for damages, were the department to permit any fooling with the disputed sections. The government has until April to file its answer in the case, and next fall the arguments will be made and the case submitted for decision. —Journal.

### No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at P. M. Mark's Drug Store.

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