

The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

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P. E. Hanson, of Litchfield, Meeker county, is an aspirant for the secretary of stateship.

Indian Agent Young has received orders from Washington to prevent any further building or making of improvements on section 16, Cass Lake, and has instructed the Indian police at the place to arrest any one who attempts to violate this order.

Rev. B. B. Haugen, of Fergus Falls, the well known Lutheran preacher and lecturer, was nominated by the prohibition state convention held at St. Paul on Wednesday, to run for governor on that ticket in this state next fall. Rev. Haugen has frequently visited Fosston and is well known here.

At a meeting of the Populist County Central committee held at Crookston last week, John E. Juvrud of Rosebud, and C. T. Lanman, of McIntosh, were appointed to fill the places of Chas. McCarty, resigned, and John O. Johnson, deceased. Other important business in connection with preparations for the coming campaign was transacted.

Rev. Sheldon's attempt to run a daily newspaper last week according to his views of the way Jesus would have done it, appears to have proved a complete failure from a newspaper point of view. As a religious paper it may have been all right in its way, but in a newspaper readers want the news, no matter what it may be, and the withholding of certain classes of news would not go for long with the public. It was a good thing however for the proprietors of the Topeka Journal, over 300,000 copies daily being sold.

After referring to the probability of the Free Homes bill becoming law at this session of congress, and how welcome a bit of legislation it will be to thousands of settlers on ceded Indian lands, the Times, of the 20th, Crookston's democratic daily, continues: "While the Times does not agree with Congressman Eddy politically, it is but justice that he should be given credit for fighting this bill through against a strong lobby of agricultural college people in the various states who held that their institutions would suffer if the bill became a law.

Mr. Eddy's vote on the Porto Rican tariff bill sinks into insignificance when compared in its possible disastrous effects to the beneficial effects of the Free Homes bill. The difference between absolute free trade or a 15 per cent tariff on the importations from Porto Rico to the entire Red River Valley would not amount to \$200, the sum saved to each claimant of a quarter section of land on the ceded reservation.

Those Beer sympathizers, who in the early stages of the difficulty insisted that this government should intrude itself in the affairs of South Africa, must now see that the administration was wise in deferring any propositions for mediation until such time as at least one of the parties, might be willing for this country to mediate in its behalf. There has been genuine sympathy in the republican party for the sufferers on both sides in the Anglo-Boer war, and the great leaders of the party have felt an earnest desire to bring about peace through some honorable means. The democratic politicians, who have raved about England's aggression, and the wrongs of the Boers, simply did it for political effect and with the hope that though some such means the administration might be given to some violation of international law and rules of diplomacy. President McKinley has at all times shown his readiness to use his friendly offices with either belligerent when it might be done without placing this government in a ridiculous and humiliating position. Recent developments show that he was none too cautious in committing himself to mediation or interference in any way in the South African controversy.

In another column will be found a communication (translated as closely as possible) from a well known and respected resident of this vicinity, upon the license question.

Now that the elections are over and the citizens of the village have

voted as they say fit, we do not care particularly about entering upon any controversy over the results, but this communication calls for a few remarks.

In the first place, we believe that the writer is mistaken in believing that ALL who voted for license were drinking men. We know of a few who voted that way who never drink. There were others who do not spend 25 cents a week in saloons. On the other hand, there are others again who spend more than that amount on a daily average, but on the whole Mr. Off's figures are rather high.

However, supposing this amount is expended in a year's time in this manner, would not a considerable portion of the amount be spent for intoxicating liquors even if there were no licensed saloons? It is the case in other places where local option is the law. Why should it not be so here? As a rule, after license is voted out of a town the temperance people make one or two efforts to drive out the illegal sale of liquors in what are commonly called "blind pigs," and then finding their efforts of little avail and full of trouble for themselves, they give up the fight until the next election and then vote in the saloons once more.

While it is an undisputed fact that intoxicating liquor does much harm and that if none was manufactured, or sold, except for purely medicinal purpose, the country would be better off, the truth is as positive that as long as it is sold in the country, and especially in the state, and even in other portions of the county, it will be sold where local option is law, and of the two, saloon or "blind pig," the former is much the lesser evil in many ways.

Local option in reality has few points in its favor. County option is better, but it is only in state prohibition that temperance work has accomplished any marked change in the consumption of intoxicating beverages.

In the foregoing the question has been considered from a village standpoint, but it is the same with the adjacent community. The farmer who wants to drink would get his liquor, even if he sent to another town for it and it is difficult to understand that local option would benefit him more than anyone else.

In theory, local prohibition is all right, but in practice it has generally proved a flat failure.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Crookston, Minn., Feb. 28, 1900.
A valid and correct affidavit having been filed in this office by Amund Johnson, contestant against homestead entry No. 1563, made July 17, 1897, for 160 acres, sec. 35, Twp. 131, R. 28, by Sigri L. Dokken, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Sigri L. Dokken has wholly abandoned said tract, and has not resided upon and cultivated the same for one year immediately preceding the commencement of this action, and the making of this affidavit, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to her employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a nurse, or otherwise, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said affidavit at 10 o'clock a. m., on April 23d, 1900, before Oswald A. Brazer, a Notary Public at Fosston, Polk County, Minnesota.
And that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., April 29, 1900, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Crookston, Minn.
The said contestant having in a proper affidavit filed Feb. 24th, 1900, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
SYLVESTER PETERSON, Register.
E. S. BENNETT, Attorney for Contestant.

State of Minnesota }
County of Polk } ss.
Village of Fosston }
Notice is hereby given, that application has been made in writing to the Common Council of said Village of Fosston and filed in my office, praying for license to sell intoxicating liquors for the term commencing on March 24th, 1900, and terminating on March 24th, 1901, by the following person, and at the following place, as stated in said application, respectively, to-wit: Bridger & Tanner, in the front room on the first floor of the two story frame building situated on lot eight (8) block six (6) townsite of West Fosston in the Village of Fosston.
Said applications will be heard and determined by said Common Council of the Village of Fosston at the council room in the village hall in said Village of Fosston in Polk county and state of Minnesota, on Saturday the 24th day of March, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. of that day.
Witness my hand and seal of the Village of Fosston this 8th day of March, A. D. 1900.
W. E. BLACK, Village Recorder.

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Dissolution of Partnership.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership that has existed between H. G. Ebbighausen and M. A. Swanson, in the retail liquor business in the Village of Fosston, has been dissolved and that H. G. Ebbighausen is not liable for any debts contracted by M. A. Swanson since the first day of February, 1900, when said dissolution took place, and M. A. Swanson assumes all indebtedness incurred by the partnership previous to above date.
Dated March 6th, 1900.
M. A. SWANSON.

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Notice.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Crookston, Minnesota.
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Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority in him vested by section 245 U. S. R. S., as amended by the Act of Congress approved February 28, 1887 (25 Stat. 687) we will proceed to offer at public sale, for cash at this office, on the 27th day of April 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., the following tract of land, to-wit:
Lot 1, Sec. 15, T. 147 N., R. 40 W.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of the sale otherwise their rights will be forfeited.
Dated March 19, 1900.
SYLVESTER PETERSON, Register.

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