

THE THIRTEEN TOWNS.

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AS TO THE PREPARATION OF SEED WHEAT.

The following valuable information, sent out by the VanDusen-Harrington Co., of Minneapolis and Duluth, grain commission merchants, is of importance to every grain grower of this section of the country:

Northwestern farmers are nearly all alive to the great advantages of sowing good seed—that is proven by the quality of wheat they market—very few of them, however, are careful enough to have the seed thoroughly cleaned.

Well matured and thoroughly clean seed, is, as a rule, to be had so easily that there seems no excuse for sowing weed seed or poor wheat.

Selection of Seed.

1. Light, shrunken or weak seed of any kind should never be sown, if a full yield is desired. It makes no difference how the injury is brought about, whether by hot winds, wet weather, frost, animal or vegetable parasites, "burning" in the stack or bin, or any other causes. If inferior seed be sown, a good crop cannot reasonably be expected.

2. The best and only safe varieties for the practical farmer to sow for his main crop in any given locality, are those that have already proved adapted to that locality, or to some other locality having like conditions of soil and climate. This seed should have been produced under conditions of soil and climate as near as possible like that of locality where the seed is to be sown.

3. Continuous growth of wheat on the same kind of soil or under like climatic conditions, does not cause degeneration, but on the contrary, if proper care is taken in culture and seed selection and the seed kept pure, wheat grown for a long term of years in any given locality should become, with each added year, better adapted to the conditions peculiar to that locality. A change of seed from one locality to another often results in serious losses, as it sometimes takes several years to overcome a seemingly slight change in environment. Importation of seed from a distance should be restricted to only when it is impossible to obtain suitable seed near home, or when some new variety is to be tested, which latter should always be done on a small scale at first.

Smut.

Smut of cereals is caused by minute parasitic fungi, and the black, dusty masses which replace the heads and kernels of grain, form the "smut balls." These seeds are very minute and blow about and adhere to the kernel before it is planted. When the kernel sprouts, the black spores, or smut seeds, also germinate and send delicate threads into the young seedling. These threads follow the growth of the plant and fill the head or kernel as soon as formed, and there develop a mass of smut seeds instead of wheat kernels.

A careful estimate seems to show that one fifth of all the wheat raised in Minnesota and the Dakotas is lowered one grade—when it is smutted by means of smut. One fifth is about forty million bushels—and the loss on each bushel is certainly two cents, which makes eight hundred thousand dollars lost to our farmers and principally to North Dakota farmers—for here most of the smutty wheat is grown. The above seems to us to be a very conservative estimate. We know that the loss is frequently five and sometimes ten cents per bushel.

Do Not Sow Smutty Seed.

There are several methods of treating seed wheat to free it from the smut spores—the treatment most in use being with blue stone, lime hot water and formalin. We will describe any of these methods when requested to do so. The value of formalin, or formaldehyde, for this purpose first made known by Professor H. L. Bolley, of the North Dakota Experiment Station, has, we think, proven to be the most satisfactory medium so far discovered. It is used as follows: Make a solution of formalin, using at the rate of one pound to 45 gallons of water. Put the wheat in a pile on the barn floor. Sprinkle the pile thoroughly with the solution and shovel over. Leave the grain piled for two or more hours and then repeat the sprinkling and shoveling process until you are quite sure that all the grains have become wet. When the wheat has become wet, pile it up until the next day. It is an advantage for the grain to be kept in the pile over night after the treatment, because the chemical has better opportunity to attack the smut spores. The drill should be set to sow none of this smutted seed that you would sow if dry. One can determine how much by measuring before treating, and again when ready to seed. Formalin is said by chemists to be non-poisonous. Formalin and formaldehyde are the same.

Do now what is necessary to prepare for seeding. Clean and sack the seed and clean, repair and oil the seeders. Remember that "As ye sow shall ye reap" and always lay by, at threshing time, the Very Best Grain for Seed.

For Sale.

One White Plymouth Rock Rooster. One Light Brahma Rooster. One Black Wyandotte Rooster. Also one Buff Leghorn Rooster, with one, two or three hens, as the purchaser wishes. Will also sell eggs at prices reasonable. Duck, Goose, Turkey and Peacock eggs, as well as four different breeds of Chickens.

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THE LOVERS OF BASEBALL WILL GIVE A DANCE.

With the coming of spring the common topic for discussion at present among young men is baseball. Are we going to have a nine to represent Fosston on the diamond this year?

Surely with the local talent which Fosston has, the town should be among the best of them. Nearly all of last year's team are still here and are ready to take up the national game if proper support is given them. The boys are in need of a complete outfit and as a means of raising funds to meet expenses of the same are preparing a grand ball to be given in the Opera house on the evening of April 6th and are leaving nothing undone towards making it the event of the season. The boys will be around with the tickets during the week and look to the citizens for assistance, so help them along in the financial part of the game and rest assured they will give Fosston a ball team that will be a credit to the town.

Jurors for June Term.

Following is a list of grand and petit jurors drawn last Friday for the June term of Polk county's district court:

GRAND JURY.

Peter King, King; John Clementson, Scandia; Martin Lally, Gentilly; Hugh Mattson, Tilden; John E. Oppgaard, Knute; Ole Groveen, Winger; H. C. Misner, Euclid; P. A. Brandt, Lessor; Adeler Boileau, Kertsonville; Knute Strande, Johnson; Herman Heimlich, Andover; M. S. Hilde, Roomer; M. J. Sullivan, East Grand Forks; Anton Olson, Queen; John H. Strande, Chester; Lorenzo Miller, Hammond; Andrew Johnson, Columbia; Chas. Charlebois, F. E. LePage, Grove Park; John E. Rindal, Eden; Jas. Nesbit, Huntsville; Peter Softe, Fisher; Wm. Himmelsbach, Fairfax.

SMALL JURY.

D. McMillan, Reis; Paul H. Horton, Godfrey; Emil Johnson, Woodside; F. M. Hartley, Columbia; Felix Fournet, Crookston; K. E. Flakerud, Brandsvold; Knute Nelson, Garfield; D. Huggard, Crookston; P. N. Sevast'uk, Badger; Gilbert Abrahamson, Knute; Dominique LeBlance, Kertsonville; Herman Wold, Winger; J. F. Bernoth, Fairfax; John Hiler, East Grand Forks; W. H. Dixon, Farley; Chris Houston, Fairfax; Fred Baatz, Russia; D. D. Bodal, Garden; Shyge Shygeson, Andover; H. McManus, Crookston; Knute Hanson, Omstead; Erick Eggen, Northland; Louis Trudeau, Gentilly; Ole O. Hendrickson, Higden.

Principal for Another Year.

That the board of education and citizens of Crookston made no mistake a year ago in selecting Prof. E. W. Hitchcock, then principal of our local schools, to take charge of the schools in that city, is well shown by the action of the present board in that city last night when Prof. Hitchcock was unanimously re-elected with his salary increased to \$1,500 a year. His many Fosston friends will join in heartily congratulating him upon his success.

Fosston House Under New Control.

John Lindberg, having decided to take charge of his farm in Eden town this summer, has rented the Fosston House to K. Nora, who has been conducting the Headquarters Hotel for some months past, and the latter takes possession of his new business on Monday next. Mr. Nora has acquired an excellent reputation since residing in Fosston, for catering to the public and under his direction the always popular Fosston House will lose none of its former prestige and large trade.

To Rent.

The rooms on the east side of "The Palace" building on First street, lately occupied by the Palace restaurant. Liberal terms to the right parties. The best location for a restaurant in Fosston. Apply to A. NORDUS, Proprietor.

A Powder Mill Explosion.

Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures Constipation. Only 25c at P. M. Marks 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.

To Rent.

Two living rooms in the Blomquist dwelling, Fosston, for \$5 or \$3.50 per month, to right parties. Apply at THE THIRTEEN TOWNS office at once.

The Poor Man's Friend.

Physicians do much to prolong life and relieve those who suffer from pain and disease. But the poor in many cases cannot afford to employ a doctor and the farmer in many instances are so far away that it is nearly impossible for them at all times to reach a doctor. Therefore the common ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throat and la grippe, H. W. Barker's Iron Compound takes the place of a doctor, and something that the rich and poor alike may always have at hand. Recommended and for sale at P. M. Mark's Drug Store.

FOSSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

OUR MOTTO

"Possumus Quia Posse Videmur"

Editor for this week LIZZIE NESDAHL.

John Tyndall will edit this column next week.

Elmer Brabander has been absent on account of sickness.

Miss Phinney is expected back to her school after vacation.

Mrs. Babcock has already decorated her room with pussy willows.

Mrs. Babcock has two new beginners, Willie Vig and Arnel Bakken.

The zoology class have been studying the circulatory system of the vertebrates.

George Larson and Richard Clouson from Miss Phinney's room have left school.

Today school closes for a week's vacation which is appreciated by both teachers and pupils.

Miss Crosby has been absent on a sick leave but is now back. Rev. Yarrow took her place.

Returns from the state examinations were received last week giving us 18 certificates. The following received certificates: Harry Babcock, grammar and ancient history; Martin Ruud, ancient history; Elma Dunlevy, geography and senior geography; Jessie Fagerstrom, geography; Fred French, geography; Anna Stiery, geography and senior geography; Elizabeth Ray, geography; Magnus Ruud, senior geography; Emily Kay, geography; Lizzie Nesdahl, grammar and arithmetic; Arthur Tyndall, grammar and ancient history; Aleda Hershberger, grammar; Oliver Neilson, ancient history.

The principal has this week finished an inspection of all the free text books in the school. Each pupil is required to place his books out on the desk for inspection and every book is then carefully examined. No pupil is permitted to mark or deface his book in any way whatever. Many are sorely tempted to write their name on the blank leaves, mark the extent of the lesson or make notes of the lesson on the margin. This is all wrong and should be discouraged whether the books are school property or not. Book marks can be used and labels can be used for notes. No one wants to use a book that some other has soiled and marked up. All books are numbered and lettered and a record of each pupil's books is kept. He is held responsible for the care of his books. The result of this inspection shows a great improvement in the care of books in the last year. Many pupils take particular pleasure in keeping their books neat and clean, putting on new covers when the old ones become soiled and carefully removing all marks. This inspection shows that books are best cared for in Miss Dunn's room. This speaks well for both teacher and pupils.

We'll be Ready for the Laddies.

Crookston Times: The Northern Minnesota Firemen's annual tournament will be held in Fosston sometime during the coming summer, and the preliminary meeting of delegates from various departments that form the membership will be held in this city on April 4th. This will be the sixth annual meeting of the fire fighters of the Valley, and each of the gatherings has exceeded in interest that which has preceded it. The boys out at Fosston know how to entertain visitors and manage a successful amusement project, and there is no doubt that they will arise to the importance of the occasion before then.

For Sale.

Two Clydesdale horses 4 years old, weighing 1,200 pounds each, one Percheron horse 4 years old weighing 1,200 pounds, all sound and in good condition; one wide tired double seated phaeton wagon, one single and one double harness. Must be sold at once, for cash or approved notes. Apply to the undersigned at Peter Roy's residence, 12 miles south of Fosston, on White Earth reservation. THOS. LEITH.

Milch Cow Wanted.

Young, fresh milch cow wanted at once. Call on S. E. Hilborn or at this office.

For Sale.

One horse, weighing about 1100 pounds. J. A. HENDRICKS.

Teacher Wanted.

For district No. 8, 1 1/2 miles from Lengby. School commences April 9th and lasts three months. Salary \$20. Applications received until March 30th, 1900, by F. C. KLINKE, CLERK.



Fosston Lodge No. 174 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday evening at Masonic Hall. Visiting members welcome. F. M. Hartley, N. G.; Geo. I. Houghtaling, Secretary.

Piles of People

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

Money to loan on farm property. W. E. BLACK.

Congregational Church.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society at 10:15 A. M. Sunday.

Topic: "Always ready for the Master." Luke 12: 35-40.

Sunday School at 11 A. M.

Evening services at 7:30. Miss Staples and the Quartette will sing. Everybody welcome.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. Staples last Wednesday. A somewhat belated report for the year 1899 was presented by the Secretary. It claimed a membership of eighteen. During the year 23 meetings were held with an average attendance of eighteen. Cash on hand Jan 1st, 1899, \$ 32.40 Receipts 194.46 Disbursements 156.57 Cash in Treas. Dec. 31-1899, 70 29

During the present year the Society has pared the church and has purchased the pews so that now there is a small deficit but it is expected that this will soon be paid.

The ladies have reason to be proud of their achievements during the past year. The money which has been raised represents much labor and energetic management. The trustees and the community ought to feel grateful to the society for the work they accomplished.

During this year there is every reason to believe that the work will be even increased and that the accomplishment will be larger than last year. The whole church should be furnished and paid for so that when in God's providence the right man shall come to the parish he will be unhampered by financial matters. The officers of the society are: President Mrs. Geo. I. Houghtaling; Vice President, Mrs. Geo. Dunlevy; Secretary Mrs. A. Babcock; Treasurer Mrs. W. P. Heber.

The Salvation Army during the past week has held two services in the church with large attendance and much interest shown. Capt. Juliet Carrier assisted by two lieutenants had charge of the meetings.

Council Proceedings.

Special meeting of the village council held this 24th day of March, 1900, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the village hall, village of Fosston, Polk county, Minn.

All members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, L. W. Larson.

The bond of A. R. Amber as assessor, in the sum of \$500, with L. J. Omland and H. Bostad as sureties, was approved.

The bond of E. A. Umland as justice of the peace (for two years) in the sum of \$500, with A. W. Foss and J. H. Loen as sureties, was approved.

The bond of Gust. Hoyt as constable, in the sum of \$500, (for two years) with Martin E. Randklev and C. A. Anderson as sureties, was approved.

The bond of John Stephenson, as treasurer, in the sum of \$500, with Sever S. Stadsvold, Albert Kaiser and Lewis Lohn as sureties, was approved.

The bond of W. E. Black as village recorder, in the sum of \$500, with K. Movold and Wm. Cameron as sureties, was approved.

The bond of G. I. Houghtaling as justice of the peace, in the sum of \$500, (for two years) with Lewis Lohn and Albert Kaiser as sureties, was approved.

Bridger & Tanner's liquor license bond in the sum of \$2000, running to the State of Minnesota (and according to the conditions and provisions of the Village of Fosston) with J. L. Yeoman and Samuel Sutor as sureties, was on motion approved and the recorder instructed to issue a liquor license to Bridger & Tanner in accordance with application duly made.

J. A. Nordus' liquor license bond in the sum of \$2000, running to the State of Minnesota (and according to the conditions and provisions of the ordinances of the Village of Fosston) with Wm. Cameron and L. W. Larson as sureties, was on motion approved and the recorder instructed to issue a liquor license to J. A. Nordus in accordance with application duly made.

On motion meeting adjourned. W. E. BLACK, Village Recorder.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can't say too much for its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at P. M. Mark's Drug Store.

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