

The Thirteen Towns.

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REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

A Republican Convention for the County of Polk, Minnesota, will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m. at the City hall in the city of Crookston of said county, for the purpose of electing fourteen delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held in the City of Minneapolis, on the 16th, day of May A. D. 1900 to elect delegates and alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 16, 1900, and also to nominate nine presidential electors; also to elect fourteen delegates to the seventh district Republican convention to be held in the city of Moorhead on the 15th, day of May, 1900, for the purpose of placing in nomination a congressman to represent said district; to elect two delegates and two alternates to the National Convention to be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 19, A. D. 1900.

Delegates from this locality are appointed as follows: Brandsvold 3, Columbia 3, Chester 2, Eden 2, Fosston 5, Hill River 2, Queen 2, Rosebud 2, Sletten 2, Winger 3.

All primary elections in connection herewith must be held at the usual places in the several election precincts on Monday, May 7, A. D. 1900, and the polls shall be kept open for one hour from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Hurray for Frank M. Eddy!

Fertile is to have a weekly in the Norwegian language shortly.

Perhaps Eddy won't have a few friends in the Red Lake country?

County Commissioner McCarthy will be a candidate for nomination on the populist county ticket for sheriff.

The legal season for catching all food fish except black bass opened last Tuesday. The black bass may be caught after the 15th of this month.

Taking the entire year of 1899, and the five islands or groups of islands, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian, Philippine and Samoan islands, the total for that year shows and increase of more than 100 per cent in export to those islands over the year 1898, while the imports from them show an increase of nearly 50 per cent over those of 1898.

Surveyors are said to be at work across White Earth reservation and it is believed that the Northern Pacific contemplates building the proposed line from Staples to Fertile in the near future. The road as surveyed would go through the White Earth reservation touching Beaulieu and tapping much good farming lands along its line.

It is now claimed by some of the leading republicans of Otter Tail county that Dr. Cole of Fergus Falls cannot carry his own city against Frank M. Eddy in the coming congressional convention. Nor should he try it. Congressman Eddy has done too much for Fergus Falls to be slighted by that city when the convention takes place.

A. R. Amber, of this place, has announced himself a candidate for judge of probate for this county on the people's party ticket. Mr. Amber has long been an esteemed citizen of this place and would without doubt fill this office creditably. In fact the only fault that can be found with A. R. is that he is on the wrong side of the political fence.

It is to be hoped that those enthusiastic eastern residents near Leon or Teckla who had a permatore celebration accompanied by firecrackers and rockets some weeks ago, upon receiving a false report that the Free Homes bill had passed, have a few fireworks left for the real thing. Great will be the rejoicing among these people, anyway, fireworks or no fireworks.

Mr. Hugh Thompson, of East Grand Forks, has definitely announced himself a candidate for the nomination on the republican

ticket as one of the three candidates to be elected this fall on the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners. The members of his party in this county will be glad of it. Mr. Thompson has always been held in respect in Polk county, both as a business man and ardent republican, and his peculiar fitness for the important position to which he aspires is well known to the majority of the people. As a farmer, flour miller and business man, resident in Polk county for many years past, he has acquired a thorough knowledge of the requirements of this northern section of Minnesota in the way of railroad and warehouse facilities that would greatly aid him in his labors on that board, if elected, for the advancement of this locality. His endorsement by the delegates to the state convention from these northern counties should be had without further effort. Mr. Thompson is the right man for the place and, if nominated, will be elected.

Benidji Preparing for the Tournament.

Benidji Pioneer: The Fosston Fire department has set Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 27, 28 and 29, as the dates when they will entertain the Northern Minnesota Firemen's Tournament. Fosston is assured of having the largest number of visiting teams in the history of the association, and preparations are being made to entertain them handsomely. The Benidji department which made such a fine record last year are making active preparations to get in the best of trim for this tournament. Clad in their elegant new uniforms, furnished by the city, they will cut a swell figure on parade; and by hard practice and constant drilling, they hope to cut a bigger figure in the contests. In a few weeks the boys will give an entertainment and ball to raise money for necessary expenses. Benidji is justly proud of the history of the association, and preparations are being made to entertain them handsomely. The Benidji department which made such a fine record last year are making active preparations to get in the best of trim for this tournament. Clad in their elegant new uniforms, furnished by the city, they will cut a swell figure on parade; and by hard practice and constant drilling, they hope to cut a bigger figure in the contests. In a few weeks the boys will give an entertainment and ball to raise money for necessary expenses. Benidji is justly proud of the history of the association, and preparations are being made to entertain them handsomely.

I reckon not the seasons. For the years that come and go, Life's an all-around pleasure to me, Since taking Rocky Mountain Tea.—P. M. Mark.

The ancients believe that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by—P. M. Mark.

In the Klondike eggs are now selling at \$120 a case and beef at \$1.50 a pound.

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The state of Washington furnished over 500,000 tons of coal to California last year.

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Last year 4,700,000 cubic yards of material was dredged out of the Duluth-Superior harbor.

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Last winter during an epidemic of whooping cough my children contracted the disease, having severe coughing spells. We had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy very successfully for croup and naturally turned to it at that time and found it relieved the cough and effected a complete cure.—John E. Clefford, Proprietor Norwood House, Norwood, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by—P. M. Mark.

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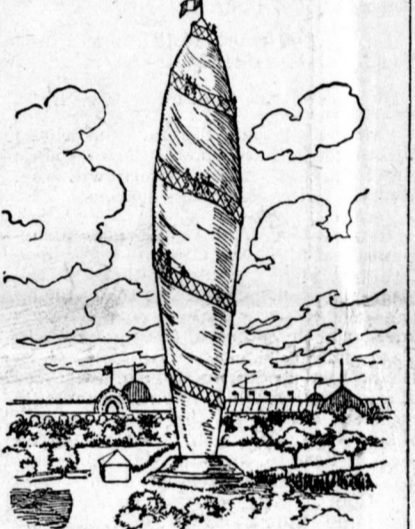
When Commissioner General Piquart of the Paris exposition asked for suggestions for fair novelties, he had not the least idea of the size of the freak crop he was to reap. If he had known, it is probable he would never have set the ball rolling. Months ago the exposition commissioners had settled upon all the unique features which could possibly be accommodated. This fact has been widely announced. But the industrious freak inventor takes no heed. He goes right on inventing and submitting designs.

Of course it is now too late to adopt any new designs, even if the exposition managers wished to do so, but many of the inventors are not satisfied with this statement. Some of them have secured space outside the exposition grounds and have managed to raise the capital necessary to put their weird ideas into tangible shape.

From all over the world these queer suggestions have poured in. Of course the larger number came from Frenchmen, but the Yankee inventor is a good second. One enthusiastic Gaul proposed a reproduction of the garden of Eden, with what is startlingly called a "Theater of Varieties" in the midst thereof. It is somewhat reassuring to learn that La Fougere and the rest would not have a chance of performing at this Edenic theater of varieties and that it would be reserved for the portrayal of early scenes in the history of the world, such as the fall, the flood and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Bullfights in southern France and the wild beast fight at Roubaix have prompted the suggestion that a new Coliseum, exactly like that of old Rome in all its glory, should be built and should be the scene of similar bloody shows and spectacles.

Another Frenchman suggested the erection of the wall of the New Jerusalem as described in the book of Revelation.



MAMMOTH CIGAR PROPOSED FOR PARIS EXPOSITION.

but this daring project was laid aside reverently, for it would take up too much time, too much labor and too many rare and precious gems and jewels.

It must be said for the Yankee suggestions that most of them were far more practical than those received from Frenchmen. A very remarkable construction which was submitted to the management about six weeks ago was that of a cigar which was to be built of steel and covered with a wooden casing.

Outside it was to have a coating of brown stucco so applied as to look like a pure Havana wrapper. The cigar when completed would stand 700 feet high and would taper at each end. From the top an American flag would wave.

The famous Alexandre bridge, the cornerstone of which was laid by the czar two years ago, roused jealousy in the mind of a Massachusetts inventor, a man who has secured many patents. His plan showed a bridge in the shape of a silk hat. The one brim of the hat rested upon one side of the river; the other brim rested upon the opposite shore. This gave a beautiful arch, which was the delight of the constructor.

A strawberry shortcake was the invention of a California man who saw in his mind's eye this trophy resting upon the Seine, its lower layer built like a float and so constructed as to sustain the upper part.

Giant strawberries fresh from Pasadena would be sold in the waiting rooms and the cafes, the parlors and the libraries. "If this building," wrote he, "could be submitted to the people of California, they would undoubtedly donate enough money to construct it, as the California building of the Paris exposition."

A Kentucky genius is responsible for a whisky bottle bigger than any building in New York city. This building is to be devoted to an exhibition of the manufacture of liquors of all kinds. A staircase would lead upward into the top of the cork, and from the top of the cork would wave a triumphant American flag.

New York state is made responsible for a book building in which, the inventor suggested, all the processes of book manufacture could be nicely shown. "In the top windows," said he, in the elaborate letter which he sent to the directors, "our men of letters could compose their epics."

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Village of Fosston
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Said application 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 Minnesota, on Saturday the 19th day of May, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. of that day.
Witness my hand and seal of the Village of Fosston this 4th day of May A. D. 1900.
W. E. BLACK,
Village Recorder.

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