

The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

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It will just be fun for Eddy this fall wipping the soil with all opposition.

It has finally been settled that the correct way to spell it is Porto Rico, not Puerto Rico.

Death and taxes are scarcely more certain than the re-nomination and re-election of President McKinley.

A few of the 13-inch capsules from Uncle Sam's medicine bag would improve the pulse of the "sick man of Europe."

At the republican caucus last Monday night a strong Eddy delegation was elected to the county convention from Fosston.

The question of expansion is not pending now. We have already expanded, and it is now only a question of retention or contraction.

Dewey's democracy should be branded so the country would know whether it is the Jeffersonian, Jacksonian, Bryanian or the McLeanian kind.

The bill to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii has been passed by Congress. All officers there are to be filled by Hawaiian citizens.

It is calculated that 400 acres of timber are destroyed in the United States every day in the year. It would take a good many million arbor days to repair the damage already done.

In 1879 there were \$35,000,000 of silver in circulation. In 1900 there are \$629,000,000 passing from hand to hand. This is important evidence bearing on the "crime of '73" which has been overlooked by Detective Bryan.

Chas H. Allen, of Massachusetts, the new governor of Porto Rico, was inaugurated May 1st San Juan. The event was one of great magnificence and importance. The new government which provides half autonomy will be very popular in Porto Rico.

Secretary Gage's statement in regard to receipts under the war revenue act shows that bankers contributed \$6,719,000, up to March 31st last; brokers, \$950,000, legacies, \$2,906,000; and schedule A, covering stamps used for documents, contributed \$66,781,776.

Kansas had only \$14,553,553 of deposits on December 19, 1896, in its banks. But on June 30, 1899, the deposits aggregated \$31,505,101. More than double since the days of Jerry Simpsons and the Wilson tariff!

Brazil intends hereafter to purchase in the United States all the coal needed for her warships and railroads. This will be some return for the concession we have so long granted Brazil of levying no duty on the coffee that we import from that country.

Wages paid in Porto Rico should more closely approximate those paid on the mainland before the average islander should be permitted to come here in competition with the American wage-earner. The Porto Rican will support a whole family on less money per day than one person can live on in the United States.

Denver has a republican club composed of men who in 1896 voted for Bryan, and who in 1900 will vote for McKinley. There is some talk of adding to the roster of officers an official kicker whose duty will be to visit each member once a month and give him a good kicking as a reminder and penance.

In the senate, Knute Nelson is doing for the reservation settlers what Eddy done in the house this session—pushing the "Free Homes" bill as energetically as possible. He has succeeded in having it placed ahead on the calendar, thereby insuring its early passage.

The Fergus Falls Journal comments thusly regarding the caucuses in that city last Monday evening:

The most interesting feature about the primaries to both the Cole and Eddy

men was the large gains made for the Republican party from the Populist and Democratic parties. It has been known for some time that the Populist party was fast going to pieces and was practically a thing of the past. Their primaries were very slimly attended, but it was not supposed that so many had turned their backs upon populism and were again in the republican ranks. Some of the Populists and Democrats have realized that the Republican party was making large gains and a determined effort has been made to prevent the Populist and Democrats from joining the Republican ranks. But it has been in vain. Dodgers were thrown out warning them to stay away from the Republican primaries, as they would be unable to attend any other primaries this year, but it seems that the people have determined to quit Populism forever, and this special effort was without avail. Among the converts are not only many of the rank and file, but some of the most prominent workers in the reform forces; men who have been outspoken heretofore; and some who have been prominent speakers for the party. The gains made in the city show that there is no doubt but that Otter Tail county will go overwhelmingly Republican this fall.

Deputy Revenue Collector Hans Johnson, of Crookston, erstwhile candidate for republican nomination for congressman, has shown his good judgment by withdrawing from the field since noting the hurrah with which Frank M. Eddy is being supported everywhere in his district. With the last possible barrier—the doubt of the passage of the "Free Homes" bill—removed from his path, the Hon. Frank will be reelected with a far greater majority than ever before.

The village council has done great strokes of important business this week, but there is yet one more improvement needful—a municipal dumping ground. One of our near by agriculturists asked us a few days ago to again protest against the dumping of refuse near the creamery. As long as that is allowed the owners thereof will not be able to prevail upon anyone to run it. The contamination of the air from this stuff would impair the product of the factory. Sooner or later the village must provide a public lot whereon to deposit the usual refuse which accumulates from any town. The sooner, the better.

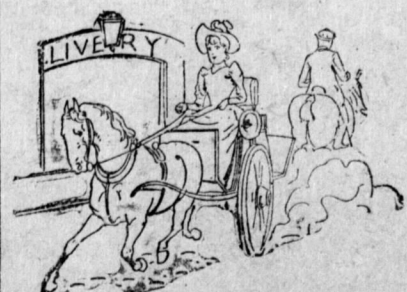
Editor Everett, of the Fairmont News, in his last issue goes for the state administration in this vigorous fashion:

When praising our Popocratic state administration it is always best to insert a very large "If." Last year the News praised Gov. Lind because he publicly and loudly refused to use the state funds to bring the 13th regiment home from San Francisco. A little later we learned that he was privately willing to use said funds to bring 160 of the boys home, under the pretense that they were sick, and use another big slice to pay the expense of himself and a large contingent of his political backers on their junketing trip to greet the regiment at San Francisco. This ought to have cured us, but it did not. A few weeks ago it was proclaimed that Judge Canty had been sent to the Philippines to secure raw material for the states prison binding twine plant and had made arrangements to secure it for future use at a saving of nearly two cents a pound. According to this story the judge very generously gave his time and the state paid his expenses. The News again fell into the trap and said, it should be set down to the credit of Gov. Lind. We were wrong. The story had not all been told. Judge Canty has now returned and not a word more is said about binding twine or raw material. Instead it is loudly proclaimed by the Popocratic press that the judge has been gathering ammunition for this year's campaign, and will use his vast amount of knowledge (gathered in a few days' visit) to fight the republican party and its policies. This is so plain that "He who runs may read." The reports being brought from our far off possessions by all classes were altogether too unanimous in sustaining the republican position to suit the opposition, and some means must be taken to counteract it. Judge Canty was chosen as the instrument, was sent over there, remained a few days and came back loaded for the battle, and the taxpayers must pay for it. Voters, how do you like this brand of reform?

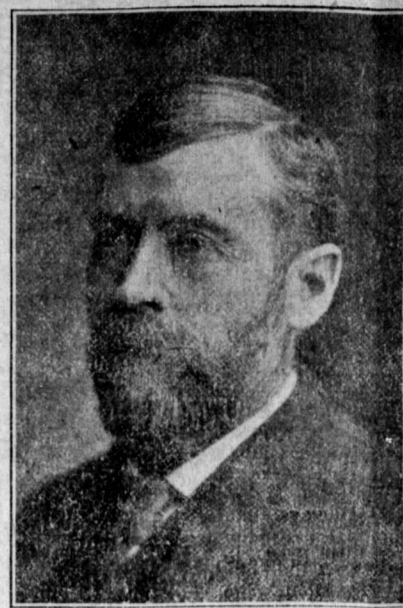
If sweet young widows want to "ketch" some sweet-heart in the sunny tangles of their golden curls, they'd better take Rocky Mountain Tea. Great Medicine. 35c.—P. M. Mark.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklin's Brnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by—P. M. Mark druggist.



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



Hugh Thompson

Candidate for Republican Nomination as Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner.

It is conceded on all sides, especially by men who have given the matter more than a passing thought, that the Red River Valley should have representation on the Minnesota Board of Railroad and warehouse commission. It has won the title of "The Bread Basket of the world," and justly so. Covering a wide expanse of the richest grain growing land in the union, the people of the Valley are heavy shippers of grain and great users of railways.

What more natural, then, that the Valley should have a representative on the only state board that deals directly with the railroads as to the handling of grain, the fixing of rates, etc.? The only question should be as to who will best represent the large and rapidly growing interests of this great grain growing and shipping section of our state.

Hugh Thompson of Polk county at present the only republican member of the Board of Commissioners of that county is so far the only declared candidate from the Valley for a Republican nomination. It now seems certain that he will have the support of the Seventh District delegation in the state convention. Those who know the man and advocate his nomination assert that his many years of actual experience as a grain raiser, miller, merchant and shipper in the Red River Valley, his familiarity with existing conditions and consequent needs, his well poised judgment and clearness of perception, coupled with his persistent devotion to his convictions, constitute qualifications for the position which it would be difficult to excel. Mr. Thompson has been a resident of Polk county for twenty-six years, during nearly all of which time he has held some official positions of responsibility and honor, and has invariably discharged his duties successfully and acceptably. For eight years of this period he has been on the Board of Commissioners. He was for eight years a member of the State Board of Equalization, and for four years Register of the U. S. Land office at Crookston. He has wide experience in the milling and grain shipping business and is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Red River Valley along this line. Mr. Thompson is fifty years of age, and is unwaveringly attached to Republican principles, having attended as a delegate from Polk county every state convention since 1877. He is the only Republican who has held an official position in the country since 1890, and Polk county will send to St. Paul a strong delegation pledged to him for the position he seeks.

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.

Stray. One yearling heifer. Strayed from my premises April 29. Color—black and white. Finder will be rewarded upon returning to the undersigned. E. J. MELQUIST, Sec. 8, town of Brandsvold.

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.

Statement showing condition of FIRST STATE BANK OF FOSSTON, Fosston, Minn., at close of business on the 30th day of April, 1900.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$2247.51
Overdrafts	232.32
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2900.00
Internal revenue stamps	21.36
Due from banks	2641.17
Cash and Cash Items	2244.28
Total	\$22630.04

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$10000.00
Surplus Fund	2000.00
Undivided profits, net	3730.29
Total Deposits	12900.75
Total	\$22630.04

State of Minnesota } ss. County of Polk } I, O. J. Kolseth, Cashier of the above named Bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. J. KOLSETH, Cashier. Corrected—Attest, ANDREW JACOBSON, } Directors. E. A. ENGERETSON, } Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, A. D., 1900. K. MUYLLI, Notary Public. Notarial Seal of Polk Co.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 5221, The Nicholson Institute, 780, Eighth Avenue, New York.

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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 May 20th 1900, and terminating on May 19th 1901, by the following person and at the following place, as stated in said application, respectively to-wit: Herman Overbey, in the one story frame building situated on the east 25 feet of lots 13, 14 and 15, block 7, townsite of West Fosston, in the Village of Fosston, Polk Co., Minn. 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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