

THE THIRTEEN TOWNS.

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OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC

Large Crowds Expected at Off's Lake Tomorrow. A Good Program will be Carried Out.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is the "Old Settlers' Day" for the people of the thirteen towns. No more suitable grounds could have been chosen for the "old settlers" than the beautiful shores of Off's Lake, a short distance west of Fosston, and crowds will be there from Fosston, McIntosh and all the country around about. An attractive program of speaking, games and races has been arranged for the day. County Attorney A. R. Hoisness, who is an entertaining speaker, has consented to act as orator of the day and will be assisted by other able ones. Boys' potato and other races, also a man's race and other amusements will be had. At noon a basket picnic dinner will be held and after that speeches by old timers and other diversions will occur. The residents of the Thirteen towns are cordially invited to attend. Bring a lunch basket along and have a good time. The program commences at 10 o'clock the morning and will last throughout the rest of the day.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet next Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, with Mrs. S. Stadsvoild.

County Auditor J. H. Haner, of Bemidji, stopped off here for a half hour yesterday morning on his way home in Crookston.

The Fosston Lumber Company are erecting a large shed upon their property west of the roller mills to accommodate six dressed lumber.

G. D. Dunlevy is representing the lodge of Odd Fellows at the annual meeting of the grand lodge that is being held at St. Paul this week.

A crank Indian tried to stir up a little excitement over at Walker a few days ago, but "Cap" Mercer put him under arrest—and that settled it.

John Yeomans was at Bemidji and Sibley Lake on Wednesday and Thursday last, looking the towns and otherwise advising the firemen's tournament.

The running team of the local fire department, under the captaincy of E. H. Idger, is getting down to the business practicing for the coming tournament.

bbled the Grave. A startling incident, of which Mr. John Ver of Philadelphia, was the subject, narrated by him as follows: "I was a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue stiff, pain continually in back and legs, no appetite—gradually growing sicker day by day. Three physicians given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. 50c. guaranteed, at P. M. Mark's Drug Store.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, for \$10,000 to his Institute, so that if people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address 5221, The Nicholson Institute, 780, 14th Avenue, New York.

Homestead Entries Increasing.

Register Peterson of the U. S. land office notes the fact that since the free homes bill passed the proportion of entries has changed, and that now the greater number of claims is being taken from lands inside the ceded Red Lake tracts. Another feature that is worthy of note as bearing upon the subject of land entries is that the number is increasing since the free homes bill became a law. The filings today amount to 16 entries, the greater portion of which are on reservation lands, and the unusual number is but a duplicate of those that have been taken daily in the recent past. The indications are that the filings will continue to show an increase now that the reservation lands may be taken without the \$200 payment being required, the settler being granted privilege of commuting if he desires to do so.—Crookston Times.

The Bemidji firemen are already making arrangements to have a special car to accommodate them and their friends when they come to the tournament.

Four new telephones have been placed during the past week, namely: Mittum & Randlev's office, 49; A. Kaiser, residence, 21; Agent Dennis, residence, 20; Palace Restaurant, 19—and there are more to follow.

Tom Morris of Crookston was elected president of the State Firemen's association at their meeting held at Winona this week. Crookston gets the state tournament next year.

Mrs. F. M. Hartley came down from Fosston last Friday and visited with Mrs. H. West until Saturday when she left for Lambert for a visit with her daughter Mrs. Wm. Bogue.—McIntosh Times.

Increases of salaries for postmasters in northern Minnesota this year have been quite general. Fosston has been raised from \$1,200 to \$1,400; Bemidji from \$1,200 to \$1,500; Crookston from \$2,300 to \$2,400, and many others in proportion.

Edw. Kaiser, editor of the Bemidji Pioneer, went to McIntosh yesterday afternoon and drove here from there in the evening to bill the towns for the great 4th July celebration they are going to have in Bemidji. He returned home this morning.

Steve Withey spent a few hours in Fosston yesterday. Steve's farming interests in this locality require considerable of his time this summer and if he did not understand the business as well as he does it would bring gray hairs to his head—if he lived long enough.

Sleep to Sell or Trade.

I have 12 head of Shropshire sheep, including one full-blood buck, for sale reasonably, or will trade them for young cattle, heifers preferred.

A. WELTE, Town of Columbia.

(Jul 15)

Summer Colds

are noted for hanging on. They weaken your throat and lungs, and lead to serious trouble.

Don't trifle with them. Take Scott's Emulsion at once. It soothes, heals, and cures.

50c. and \$1. All druggists.

Mrs. K. Movold left for Crookston on Monday afternoon to visit friends.

Our village council done a beneficial act this week in causing Stadsvoild avenue to be opened on the east end as far as the main road.

A number of Fosstonites joined the U. C. T. excursion yesterday morning, bound for Duluth. The train consisted of twelve coaches crowded to the doors, and the Grand Forks and Crookston bands went with them.

Albert and Geo. Lillo are supplying a carload or two of evergreens to the tournament decoration committee with which to decorate the four large double arches that will be built for that event. They will also supply evergreens to others who want them.

The tournament committee have arranged to build double arches upon the four principal corners of the town for the tournament. They will have them decorated with colored electric lights, flags, bunting and evergreens. All business houses in town will also decorate and during the coming firemen's tournament Fosston will indeed wear a gala attire.

It is now nearly a month since a case of diphtheria has been found in Fosston and no suspicious cases have been found since then. By their severe quarantines the local board of health stamped out the disease in short order, only three mild cases altogether having appeared here. Those exchanges that gave prominence to our diphtheria scare are requested to note the fact that there is no such disease extant here now and there has not been any in the village or vicinity for nearly a month past.

Messrs. Campbell, Barness and Hillestad of the board of trustees made a trip north today for the purpose of looking over the roads and examining into the advisability of assisting the farmers in that direction in building passable roads. They found that an unusual amount of work has already been done and that with a little help from Fosston, the residents north and north-east may have first-class roads to this place. This help should be willingly given and undoubtedly will be.

Regarding the John Vign case now being tried in the district court, yesterday's Crookston Tribune says: "The court room has been crowded during the day with a delegation of curiosity seekers, and standing room has been at a premium. The only member of the fair sex in the room is the 'woman in the case,' who this morning told a very straight story which tallied with that told at the justice court and before the grand jury. This afternoon, however, her statements rather contradict each other and the woman is somewhat frustrated. It is thought by many that the court will dismiss the case. A. R. Holston, of this city, and Attorney Cochrane of the Forks, appear for the state and B. S. Bennett of Fosston, and O. J. Vanle, of this city, for the defendant.

Mayor Fred Sibley, at one time a resident of Fosston, but now one of the foremost citizens of Solway, has acquired a habit of always carrying with him when he comes to Fosston one of those large, roomy cotton umbrellas, like our forefathers used to wear, and almost invariably leaving it behind him when he leaves. He succeeded in carrying out the regular program last Tuesday when here on a business trip, but of course everyone knew this umbrella at once, and it was carefully rolled and a tag attached to it which was tied very neatly with a blue silk ribbon and bore the following address: "To the Owner of the Celebrated Belgian Hare Farm; also the Mayor and Principal Grass Farmer of Solway. This was lost in Fosston, but identified as his property." Fred has his umbrella safely in his hands by this time.

Ada Retains County seat.

The county commissioner of Norman county held an interesting meeting at Ada Monday. The subject of moving the county seat from Ada to Twin Valley was brought up. The people of Twin Valley presented a petition to the board, having seventy more names than was necessary to require the board to submit the matter to a vote. Everything suddenly assumed another aspect, however, when the Ada people presented a list of 100 withdrawals to the petition. Nothing was left for the board to do but to drop the matter.

EDITOR THE THIRTEEN TOWNS:

Dear Sir,—Although you are not of our party in politics, I would thank you to give place in your columns for a few remarks regarding a local candidate for nomination for Judge of Probate this year upon the People's Party ticket in this county. You may have a choice among the republicans for this office, but I do not think you can find a better man to fill the place than our fellow citizen, Mr. A. R. Amber, whom I understand is a candidate.

I have known Mr. Amber for many years. In North Dakota he held many public offices of responsibility with great credit and since he has been living in Polk county he has, I believe, always held the esteem of everyone who has met him. If I remember right, he joined the Peoples' Party when it was first organized and has worked for its interests and stood by its principles ever since, without, up to this time, as far as I know, ever acknowledging himself a candidate for any public office.

But now, I understand, he will accept the nomination for judge of probate on our ticket at the coming county convention, and knowing that your paper will reach a great many of his friends, I would like to have you publish this letter. Eastern Polk county is entitled to official representation on the county ticket. If we are not recognized at the convention I and many others will be very much disappointed. But we want to put up the best man for the office and I think that A. R. Amber will make the best judge of probate we have ever had. Thanking you for your space, and hoping that you will do nothing to injure his prospects, even if you will not assist him in his efforts, I remain, Yours respectfully, O. C.

Taken Up.

Came on my premises on or about May 29th, 1900, two yearling steers, one red and the other red and white; and one yearling heifer, red. Owner can recover property by proving ownership of same and paying expenses. C. CLOUGH, Sec. 9, Town of Rosebud.

Pasture for Stock.

In section one, town of Rosebud, two miles east of Fosston; pasture for horses and cattle at 75 cents a head per month. Good water and grass. A. K. ANDERSON.

Summer Trips

By Land and Water. The booklet just published by the Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. tells what the summer tourist wants to know. It contains rates of fare for many trips to Eastern points, with maps showing the routes, and time schedules of trains and steamers. Also beautifully illustrated descriptive matter. A combination of utility and beauty rarely found in publications of this kind. Copies may be obtained free from local agents, or T. Larke, Ass't Gen'l. Pass. Agent, Duluth.

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