

## The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

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Saw fodder corn and defy the weather clerk.

The democrats at Minneapolis on Wednesday endorsed Bryan and Towne.

M. B. Hays, of Crookston aspires to the office of sheriff for this county, by grace of the republican convention.

In order to protect your life you are almost compelled to carry a gun or a "dozer" to save yourself from the "is-it-warm-enough-for-you" fiends these days.

McKinley and Roosevelt! For president and vice. And there is not a team in the nation to compare with them. Long live McKinley and Roosevelt! They are the people.

At the republican county convention yesterday Knute Nelson was endorsed and Hugh Thompson given the privilege of naming delegates to St. Paul. S. S. Stadsvoold is the delegate from here.

The week past has brought no comfort. Hot, dry, with promising clouds at times, but no rain, the outlook is positively the worst on this day of publication that eastern Polk county has ever experienced.

Tournament items and advertising have crowded out much local news this week. But for this event we feel called upon to devote all the space possible as we are already assured of a greater number of visitors during its three days duration than have ever yet been in Fosston at any one time.

There is one man above all others that the delegates from Polk county to the republican state convention must stay by and that is Hugh Thompson, for railroad and warehouse commissioner. He is the universal republican choice and will be strongly supported by the other parties. He is the man for the place.

### The Free Homestead Act.

In order that our many subscribers who are deeply interested in the "Free Homes" bill that was made a law by the signature of the president last month may know its composition, we publish below the bill in full:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all settlers under the homestead laws of the United States upon the agricultural public lands, which have already been opened to settlement, acquired prior to the passage of this act by treaty or agreement from the various Indian tribes, who have resided or shall hereafter reside upon the tract entered in good faith for the period required by existing law, shall be entitled to a patent for the land so entered upon the payment to the local land officers of the usual and customary fees, and no other or further charge of any kind whatsoever shall be required from such settler to entitle him to a patent for the land covered by his entry: Provided that the right to commute any such entry and pay for said lands in the option of any such settler and in the time and at the price now fixed by existing laws shall remain in full force and effect: Provided, however, that all sums of money so released which if not released would belong to such Indian tribe shall be paid to such Indian tribe by the United States, and that in the event that the proceeds of the annual sales of public lands shall not be sufficient to meet the payments heretofore provided for agricultural colleges and experimental stations by an act of Congress, approved August 30, 1890, for the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agricultural and mechanical arts, established under the provisions of any act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, such deficiency shall be paid by the United States: And provided further, that no lands shall be herein included on which the United States Government has made valuable improvements, or lands that have been sold at public auction by said Government.

### One of the Best.

All the lively, progressive daily newspapers that reach our exchange table the Minneapolis Tribune is classed with the very best. It is an untiring gatherer of the latest news of especial interest to the people of the Northwest, as well as of the entire world. The Tribune carries with it a district individuality from its first to last pages, giving its readers the choicest of every thing in the way of news, and also entertaining them with timely illustrations in profusion, bright stories, anecdotes and novelettes. Bowman's "pat" cartoons, with the people dog attachment, are always sought for by the politicians, while the ladies are ever eager to peruse the Tribune's "Woman's World" and other columns devoted to their interests and pleasure.

For the amount and quality of its reading matter, the Minneapolis Tribune cannot be excelled in the United States by any paper of its size and price.

Dr. Morley—Specialist Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, Crookston, Minn. (tf)

### Larson-Warwinger.

One of the most interesting weddings that has occurred in Fosston in years was solemnized in the Congregational church last Wednesday evening when Rev. P. W. Yarrow, in his most approved style, joined in the holy bonds of matrimony two of Fosston's best known young people, Mr. Bennett I. Larson and Miss Lilian Georgian Warwinger.

Miss Lora Larson, of Minneapolis, sister of the groom, and Miss Florence Hilligoss, of Parent, Minn., acted as bridesmaids. Messrs. Harvey Warwinger and D. H. Bakke supported the groom. Four pretty little flower girls dressed in white led the way to the altar. The bride wore a handsome wedding gown of white silk tulle, and carried a bouquet of yellow roses, the bridesmaids being attired in lemon and white organdie, and wearing pink roses.

Following the ceremony at 8 o'clock, the large attendance of guests repaired to the opera house and enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Warwinger. Refreshments were served soon after their arrival and old and young joined in the dancing which lasted until daylight.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson have many friends in Fosston and elsewhere who unite with us in extending best wishes for their future happiness. Both bride and groom have long resided in Fosston, and although Mr. Larson has made his home in North Dakota recently and will return there in a few weeks with his estimable bride, Fosston yet claims him as a citizen and he promises to return again in the fall to remain with us.

Among the guests from a distance were Mrs. G. H. Warwinger, LaCrosse, Wis.; Mrs. Max Eriesson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peterson and Mr. Loyd Eriesson of Crookston; Mr. and Mrs. Krier of Ada; Mrs. O. L. Larson and Miss Lora Larson of Minneapolis; Miss Florence Hilligoss of Parent, Minn.

The presents received by the young couple were handsome, numerous and valuable. The following young men presented them with a White sewing machine, a leather couch, rocking chair and rug:

E. H. Bridger, F. C. Niels, John Lohn, H. W. Hanson, Geo. Ferguson, N. J. Forgaard, G. G. Henault, O. A. Brager, Henry Hanson, O. C. Neilson, Sam. Sutor, Joseph Lennoy, J. O. Omland, J. M. Stafford, Frank Sutor, E. D. Whitney, Andrew Anderson, Geo. Carver, Wm. G. Tynan, W. M. Tanner, P. J. Whalen, Andy Lanken, H. E. Joe Omland, A. H. Aaker, D. H. Bakke, G. P. Omland, Dr. McKinnon, Matt Neilson, O. G. Lund, Z. N. Steele, W. Omland, J. L. Neumann, J. Hillestad, J. Johnson, A. Knabo, Richard Leet, J. A. Hendricks.

A number of the married men united in donating a bedroom set, an extension table, rocking chair, center table and six dining room chairs. Here is a list of the donors:

S. S. Stadsvoold, O. C. Olson, E. J. Masters, N. J. Anderson, W. E. Black, Geo. J. Houghaling, Lewis John, H. Krier, J. Campbell, J. Soderberg, Knudt Peterson, Johannes Lade, A. H. Indrelee, August Nordus, I. Hillestad, J. H. Loev, Geo. Dunstrey, A. W. Foss, B. S. Bennett, Ole Peterson, Herman Overby, S. L. Swanson, Ole Hestad, J. C. Scott, J. M. Anderson, W. H. Cowling, S. G. Bagley, A. Kniser, R. A. Bakke, W. C. Prabander, E. D. Barnes, Olo Olson, G. C. Gullrud, John Hillestad.

Individual gifts were given by the following:

Swinging Chair, Andrew and Theo Thronson and G. Motz.  
Dozen silver knives and forks, Mr and Mrs L. W. Larson  
China pudding tourine, Mr and Mrs O. M. Olson.  
Silver cake stand, Mr and Mrs A. H. Helland.  
Cracker bowl, Mr and Mrs J. Whaley.  
Silver olive dish, Mr and Mrs F. Hume, Mr and Mrs C. Hume.  
Pepper and salt castor, Mr and Mrs S. N. Sorenson.  
Cut glass set, Mr and Mrs M. Eriesson, Crookston.  
Sugar shell and butter knife, Miss Florence Hilligoss, Parent.  
Cake knife, Mabel Larson, Minneapolis.  
China chamber set, Mr and Mrs J. H. Peterson, Crookston.  
1 doz silver tea spoons, Mr Loyd Eriesson, Crookston.  
1 doz silver fruit knives, Bessie Larson.  
China berry set, Mr and Mrs G. Francis, Bemidji.  
Towels, Dena Arnt, Fountain City.  
Napkins, Sena Johnson.  
Table cloth and napkins, Mr and Mrs G. H. Warwinger, LaCrosse.  
Napkins and table cloth, Mr and Mrs O. R. Vanier.  
Silver butter dish, Mr and Mrs R. Sutor.  
Silver card receiver, Carrie and Bertha Monson, Igan Anderson, Louise Dokken.  
Silver meat fork, Mr and Mrs H. C. Olson.  
Silver dessert spoon, Caroline Iren.  
Silver berry spoon, Millie Ambler.  
Silver meat fork, Lez Galloway.  
Silver sugar shell, Mrs T. P. Hershberger.  
China ink well, Mrs Dickinson.  
Napkins, Hattie Olson.  
Table cloth, Marie Olson.  
Wine set, Mr and Mrs John Stephenson.  
Silver nut dish, Cora and H. F. Mark.  
China vases, Maud Galloway, Lizzie Weldon.  
Silver water pitcher, Misses Mattie Nelson, Nelie Kent, Dora Bakke, Edna Clough, Mr Fred Bakke.  
Pair vases, Marie Tuff.  
Silver tea set, L. Severson, O. Barnes, Knut Holmlen.  
Silver syrup pitcher, Mr and Mrs A. Kviestad.  
Book, Our Wedding Bells, Rev. P. W. Yarrow.  
Rug, Mr and Mrs A. H. Gabb, Crookston.

### John Vig Acquitted.

The Vig case, which caused considerable interest in this locality from the fact that all parties interested were residents of the neighborhood, was finally brought to a close last week and the defendant released. The jury remained out from late in the afternoon until ten o'clock the next morning before they brought in the verdict of "not guilty." At one time it is said that the jury stood eight to four in favor of conviction. It is understood that Mrs. Vig will commence divorce proceedings at once.

### Crops About Crookston.

Monday's Crookston Tribune: L. W. Larsen of the firm of Larsen & Carpenter spent yesterday travelling over the country in the immediate vicinity of the city. He went in all four points of the compass and thoroughly inspected the growing crops. Mr. Larsen is of the opinion that in the fifteen sections he covered that the crops will be very light; if rain falls within the next ten days wheat will not average three bushels to the acre, if it rains immediately in Andover the wheat will average ten bushels to the acre. The outlook is very discouraging.

### A Big Hearted Engineer.

Some years before his marriage Michael Brady, the N. P. engineer who was killed while on duty at Winnipeg Junction, five months since, in a mining life, the beneficiary being his brother, also an engineer, whose home is at Brainerd. The unfortunate man was killed before he transferred the insurance in favor of his wife, and today the brother appeared in probate court here and voluntarily gave over the \$3,000 to the widow and child.—Crookston Times.

Thou hast strange notions for one so young a substitute to think that thou art the same as Rocky Mountain Tea, made by the Madison Medicine Co. 35c.—P. M. Mark.

## ENJOYED A HUGE TIME

Did the Old Settlers on Saturday Afternoon. Crowds Attend From All Directions.

Off's Lake, that pleasant spot located a short distance west of Fosston, was the scene of a large and representative gathering last Saturday, the occasion being the annual picnic of the Thirteen Towns' Old Settlers' association and their friends. The success of the picnic this year insures their reputation in future years. Hundreds were present from all parts of Eastern Polk county, and many were present from outside the Thirteen Towns.

The crowds commenced to gather early in the morning and people were coming and going throughout the day. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion, all apparently being bent on having a good time and succeeding admirably.

Unfortunately A. R. Holston, the advertised orator for the day was detained at Crookston by legal business, but several interesting addresses were made by others.

Sheriff Lawrence filled the position of "master of ceremonies" with his customary ability and discretion.

Our own first-tongued orator, Mr. E. S. Bennett gave an entertaining impromptu address that was well received. He referred to the trials and hardships of the pioneer settler who settled this country in the early days, and the debt of gratitude that these who have come later owe to these old settlers. It was a remarkable fact that few grey heads were to be seen among the gathering. Even the first settlers were yet young and would live lives of usefulness for many years to come. Mr. Bennett also made a few remarks upon the profession of farming, dwelling on the greater necessity of tillers of the soil having brains than for men in other business or trades; skilled artisans have set plans to follow in their labors, but the farmer must contend at all times with the elements of nature which cannot be foreseen.

Eric O. Hagen of Crookston, the son of Judge Hagen of that city, followed with a few well chosen remarks treating on pioneer life in this country in later years in comparison with that of the New England first settlers.

Prof. P. V. Malm, of the Crookston Business College, delivered an able address that was listened to with rapt attention and impressed his hearers.

Editor C. T. Lanman of the McIntosh Times pleased and amused the old and new settlers with reminiscences of the early days, and with other remarks fitting to the occasion. Mr. Lanman is something of a pioneer himself.

Aslak Nystuen also addressed a few words to the audience in Norwegian language. Sheriff Lawrence, who always has a large corner in his heart for the young people, brought with him from Crookston two handsome badges designed for the occasion and these he offered as prizes in two foot races, each 100 yards. A number took part in both races, but Ben Larson and J. Zalusky, of this place, won the badges handily.

In the boys' potato race Herbert Whaley took first prize and Arthur Holt second.

Bill Hill won the boys' running race, with Almer Austin second.

The Fosston Juvenile band entertained the crowd during the afternoon with several choice selections. This interesting collection of young musicians show a marked improvement this year over their performances of a year ago. It is a wonder to everyone to see what has been done by these lads in the way of acquiring knowledge of band music in general and of their own particular instruments.

From commencement to finish this meeting of the pioneers together with the younger generation was a complete success, an improvement in every way over the previous picnic, and another year will without doubt see many more present of all ages at whatever place is designated by the committee.

Elsewhere will be found a program of the firemen's tournament which occurs here two weeks hence. It is quite extensive, the prizes offered for competition are large, and many companies will compete. Crowds of friends will accompany the firemen visitors and important preparations are being made for their entertainment. The liberality of our program meets with the entire satisfaction of outside teams and strong rivalry will take place in the several events of the three days.

H. W. Barker's Aesculapius will cure that awful headache. 25c. at P. M. Mark's.

### Farm for Sale.

The south-west quarter of section six, town of Rosebud; all fenced; good buildings with beautiful grove about them; fruit trees; good water; will be sold with or without this year's crop. 90 acres under cultivation. Cheap, for cash. Apply to the owner, H. C. ROHRT, Fosston P. O.

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### Taken Up.

Came on my premises on or about May 28th, 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.

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