

The Thirteen Towns.

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Remember the primaries Monday night.

The trouble in China is all due to desperate agitators. They have their Pettigrews in China.

Hon. Frank M. Eddy will be present at the republican county convention next Thursday at Crookston.

Boss Bryan objects to imaginary national imperialism, but he is as firm a believer as ever in individual imperialism.

The Republican majority in Oregon was over 11,000 and it was piled up against complete fusion. What will it be in other states?

The Vesterheimen, a Norwegian weekly, now printed at Mayville, N. D., will be brought to Crookston. Our county seat is rapidly becoming a newspaper center for the Northwest.

When the returns are counted next November the Democrats would do well to put their hand some minority in the cold storage warehouse owned and operated by the Tammany Ice Trust.

"I do not care to hold office unless it enables me to do something to aid the people in their fight against organized wealth."—W. J. Bryan.

Then why drop the income tax?

The Nebraska Colonel-Orator's ideas concerning the Philippines are not as clear as his ideas about unance, both being more serviceable for campaign purposes than as a working basis for government.

Crookston now has a third daily paper, the Polk County Journal having commenced the publication of one. Not having received a copy thereof, we are not familiar with its merits or demerits.

Every taxpayer who has the best interests of the local public school at heart should attend the special school meeting on July 30th and vote for a proper heating plant to be placed in the building before next winter.

The Congregationalists of Montevideo were fortunate in securing Rev. P. W. Yarrow as their pastor. He is a preacher of force, character and bearing, eloquent yet lucid of speech, a man who commands from the first the respect and confidence of his congregation. It will be difficult to fill his place acceptably in Fosston.

Referring to the mention made in these columns last week of John Cromb of Crookston as a suitable candidate for election on the republican ticket, to the legislature, the Crookston Tribune says: "While in no sense an active candidate for the legislature, Mr. Cromb would undoubtedly accept a spontaneous and unanimous nomination. His honesty and integrity are well known and his business ability and wide experience and knowledge of the needs and conditions of the district would make him a valuable candidate."

There are many combined forces that fight on the side of the republican party in Minnesota. This year we believe that any one of them would succeed alone. With the feeling that exists among our people, we should expect to see Van Sant a sure and easy winner were there no other issue before the voters than the governorship. If we were holding an election for no other purpose than to determine upon a successor to Knute Nelson, who doubts the result? He would be supported by three-fourths of its total vote, so excellent is his record and so great his popularity. If this were only a plebiscite to determine what the voting masses think of William McKimley, the intelligent man doubts that the republican majority would break all records. Combined as are these three elements of strength in a single contest, we look to see a banner republican majority in Minnesota next November.

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Notices have been posted, by order of the board of education, calling for a special meeting at the school house on Monday, July 30th, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of voting upon the question of issuing the bond of the district with the object of putting a steam heating plant in the public school.

The notice itself is brief, but it must be understood that the board have only issued this special call after careful and thoughtful deliberation and have thoroughly investigated the proposed move, posting themselves on the general points in connection therewith.

Parents of children attending our school during the winters will remember how at different times these pupils have been kept at home on account of the inability of the janitor to warm the rooms. Many days when they did attend, the school rooms have been so uncomfortable that little benefit was derived by these scholars from attending. For this unsatisfactory heating service by furnaces heretofore in use, between \$300 and \$350 is expended in one winter.

Now the object of the board is to put in an adequate steam heating plant that will enable the school to proceed as usual on the coldest winter days and enjoy comfort at all times, thereby enabling the scholars to do their best in their different studies and be better fitted for their examinations when the terms close. The health of pupils and teachers also calls for a change in the present order of things.

The plans laid out for the installing of this new heating plant call for the laying of a pipe from the municipal power plant to the school building, the piping of the building and placing of a sufficient number of steam radiators in each room to comfortably heat every one of them. The steam used will be the exhaust or waste steam from the power house, of which there is an ample quantity besides that used in the woolen mill. This supply of waste steam will cost the village practically nothing extra for fuel, the engineers estimating that three cords of wood a month would cover all the extra expense.

The piping, radiators, connections and the work of putting them in place ready for use is estimated to cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500. with a bond of \$1,000 it is believed that enough can be set aside from the ordinary school funds to complete the work.

The points in favor of issuing bonds for this purpose are these: The district will save over \$300 a year in the expense of fuel. \$100 in janitors' expenses will be saved.

School can be held every day in the winter that it is desired.

Scholars and teachers will be able to work with comfort and accomplish much more in the course of the winter season.

An important danger to health will be removed.

Danger from fire will be removed. And something must be done, anyway, to improve present conditions before another winter is upon us.

At the last regular meeting of the village council important action was taken in a matter that urgently needed attention. A resolution was passed calling for the raising this year by taxation of \$700 to provide for a sinking fund for the payment of waterworks and electric light bonds when they shall become due. This is something that should have been commenced before, but it is not now too late, by any means, to commence laying aside each year a sum for this purpose and it is well that our councilmen have seen fit to make this commencement. It will require an assessment of perhaps 3 1/2 mills.

General Land Commissioner Herman has issued a circular to registers and receivers of local land offices in which he calls attention to an act of the last congress which makes it possible for homesteaders to make second homestead entries. Particular attention is called to the fact that a homesteader who commuted his entry, that is to say, a homesteader who resided on his selection for fourteen months and then paid the government \$1.25 an acre for the land, is also allowed to make a second entry in lieu of remaining on the land five years. If this selection should also be commuted he cannot make another entry. Any person who has made a homestead entry, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefit of the homestead laws as though such former entry has not been made.

It is a dull day when no new candidate for honors at the coming county convention at Crookston is discovered. The republicans at the county seat must bear in mind the fact that there are other parts of the country that will want to be heard in this convention and that they look for a "fair shake." If the important offices are well distributed throughout the county among able men, the ticket nominated next Thursday will win in November.

On another page we give Governor Roosevelt's masterly speech before the National League of Republican Clubs at St. Paul last Tuesday, in full. Every reader of THE THIRTEEN TOWNS should peruse it thoroughly. The republican candidate for vice-president lays out the lines upon which this year's campaign will be fought in plain and easily understood language covering the ground in a careful and complete review of the stand that the party will take in the coming campaign upon the leading issues of the day. His words are to the point on every subject.

The time was when Polk county was almost the whole thing politically in the Northern part of the state, but things are different now. Norman, however, comes up smiling this year, as usual, with an executive member on the Republican State central committee in person of Senator Myran.—Ada Index.

Will the editor of the Index be kind enough to give us the date when Polk county was, or tried to be the "whole thing." As long back as the memory of man runs, Norman county has been well taken care of, and at the present time has everything worth taking in this portion of the state, both the register and receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Crookston coming from there. But since our friend, the self-styled Mark Hanna of Northern Minnesota, is not satisfied with letting well enough alone, but insists in rubbing it in, Polk will perhaps take care of itself in a way not best suited to his liking in the future. Every politician has his day and the chances are that he has had his, so far as dictating republican politics in Northern Minnesota is concerned.

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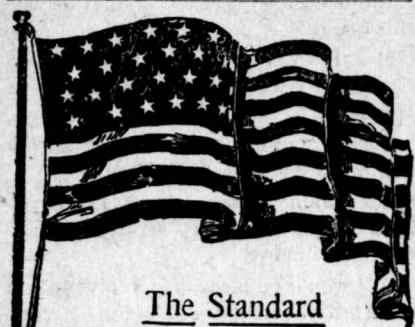
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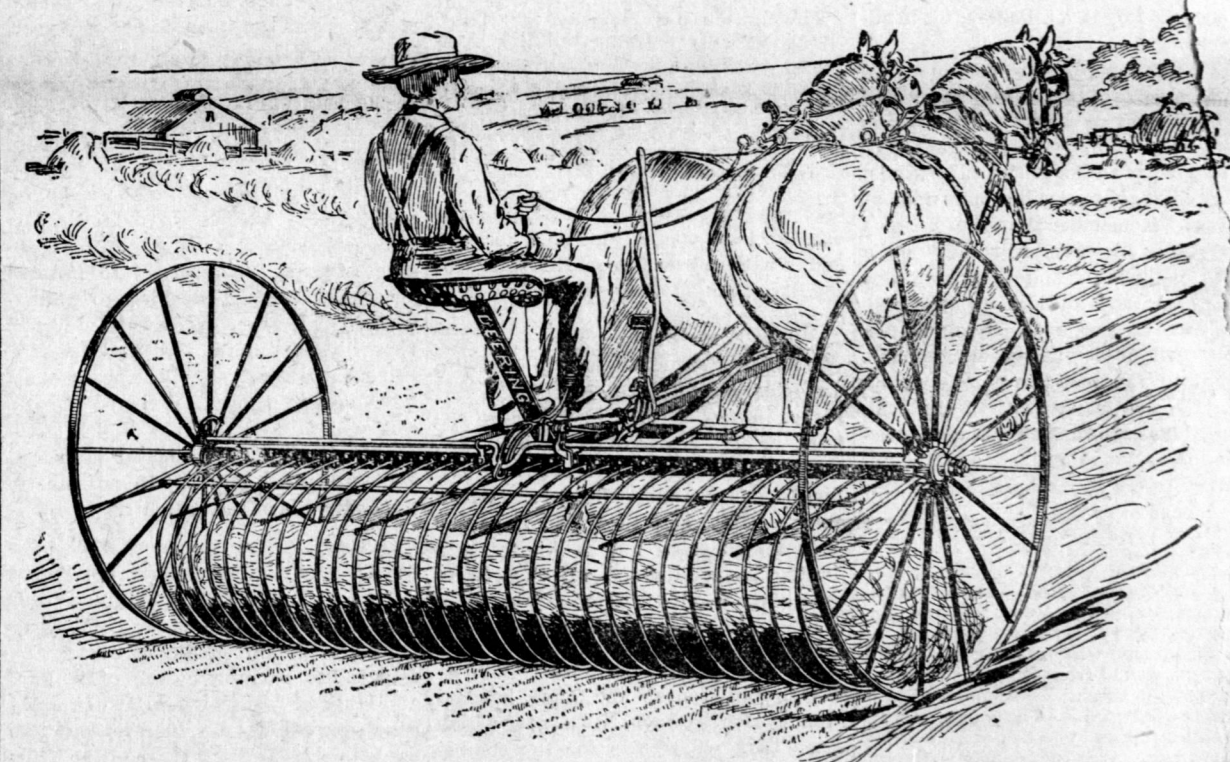
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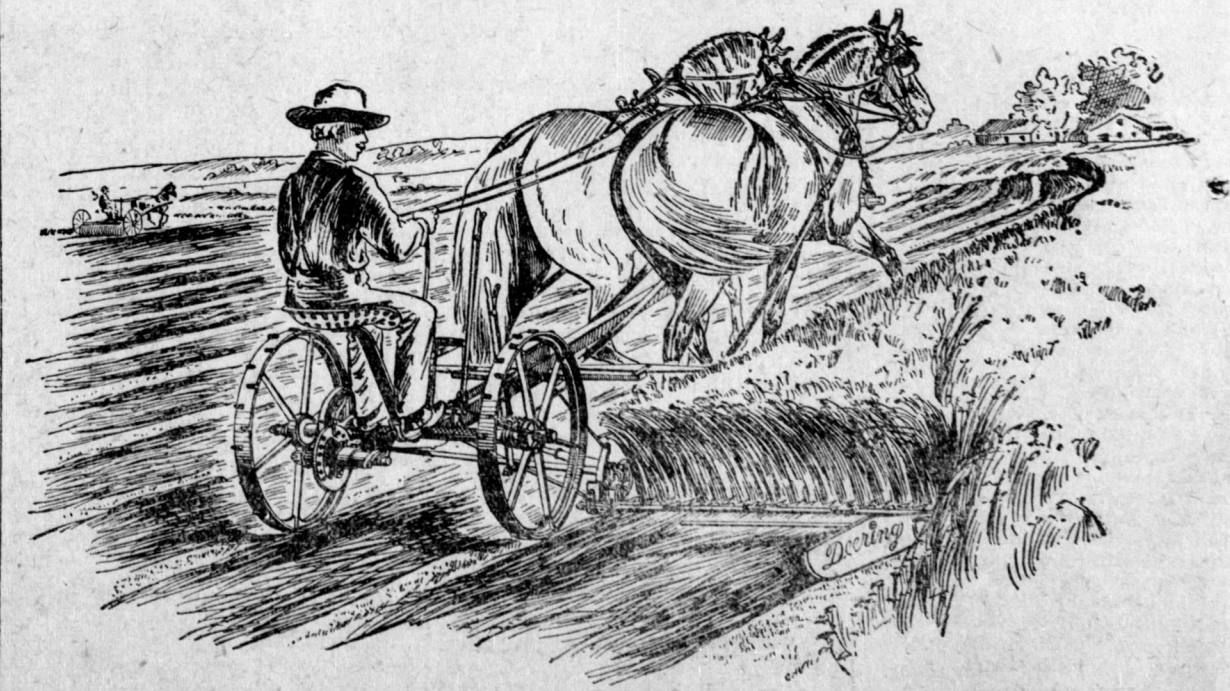
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