

The Thirteen Towns.

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REPUBLICAN TICKETS.

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President—WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio.
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State.

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Railroad Commissioner, 4 year term—IRA B. MILLS, of Moorhead.
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County.

Auditor—JOHN PETERSON, of McIntosh.
Treasurer—O. OSMUNDSON, of Malloy.
Register of Deeds—O. O. CHRISTIANSON, of Crookston.
County Attorney—G. A. E. FINLAYSON, of Crookston.
Judge of Probate—E. O. BALNESS, of Fosston.
Sheriff—E. J. SULLIVAN, of East Grand Forks.
Surveyor—ALEXANDER M. GRAY.
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Representatives—ANDREW OPPHEIM, of Fertile.
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Commissioners—First Dist.—HANS CARLSON, of Badger.
Second Dist.—M. E. KIRS, of Crookston.
Third Dist.—T. T. MORKEN, of Northland.
Coroner—G. S. CHESTERMAN.

King Oscar is seriously ill at Stockholm and Crown Prince Augustus will take his place at the opening of the storting at Christiania.

What a disreputable lot of newspapers there would be in Polk County if it was not for the patronizing care with which the Crookston Times watches over them!

No state lands will be sold in Polk and Beltrami counties this year. Owing to the crops being light, Auditor Dunn has decided that in the interests of the farmers the sales should be put off until another year.

In another column will be found a communication from Judge Hagen of the Probate Court that answers satisfactorily the query published last week in this column. The record of the fees collected by the judge upon outside business appeared to the investigator to be classed with the probate affairs, hence the error in assuming any irregularity.

The Crookston College, of which mention is made elsewhere, is in excellent condition this fall. The several courses are all thorough and complete and the management has been able to make the expenses of tuition and board together less than at any other college of its kind in the country. No school has been able to offer the advantages they do at such low rates. The attendance this year is 100 per cent larger than it was a year ago and the proprietors are looking for a large increase in attendance at the opening of the next term, Nov. 5th. The Crookston College is thoroughly established and is entitled to a liberal patronage from all parts of this country.

In his letter to the voters of the county, Auditor Gleason comments upon the nomination of Losey for sheriff, thus:

"Losey was chosen as the nominee for sheriff, in the face of the fact that he has been an office-holder in Polk county for more than ten years, continuously, except a brief absence in the West during the term of Andrew Steenerson. He served under Pausrud, as a Republican, and, conveniently adapting himself to changed conditions, served under Grundyson as a Populist, under Steenerson, and lastly under Lawrence. The ringsters did not explain to the convention why an elective officer was any more exposed to the danger of becoming corrupt than an appointive officer. They both possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and are equally exposed to the same temptations."

Mr. Gleason should have said 12 years instead of ten. The ring accomplished the defeat of Gleason and Knasa on the pretense that county officers should not be kept in office longer than two terms, and within an hour, nominated Losey for sheriff and Hagen for probate judge, the latter having served two terms and the former 12 years in office.

Gleason says in his circular letter that W. G. Hunt, Hans Sampson, Aron Eck and C. U. Webster were appointed by Gossman, at the late Populist county convention as a committee to prepare a "creed" for the Populist party in Polk county. Following the law of "Reproduction in kind," it certainly must be a remarkable document, and we would greatly like to see it. Such light should not be hidden under a bushel, and reformers like Hunt and Gossman should not conceal their "creed" from those unfortunates who are famishing from the need of political enlightenment.

Nearly every Republican newspaper in Polk county has published its party platform. Has any one seen the Populist platform in print? The ring permitted the adoption of a resolution favoring the submission of the question of county option to the people, to secure the friendship and aid of certain delegations from the east side of the county, and then to retain the good opinion of the saloon men quietly put the resolution under a bushel! What remarkable honesty! What sacrificing reformers!

Come, now, "Reformer" Gossman, dig up the resolution:

Previous to this last year, the business of the South has nearly every year experienced a terrible summer blight from a yellow fever scare. The appearance of "Yellow Jack" in only one town in the South, would soon mean a general quarantining of communities against communities, and enormous losses to Southern merchants, railroads and others. In the cleaning of the filth of ages from Havana, and the promotion of proper sanitation in all the cities of Cuba, Republican "imperialism" has resulted in the practical stamping out of the scourge of yellow fever from its perennial breeding ground. A great special good for the south has thus been accomplished.

An Explanation.

ED. THE THIRTEEN TOWNS:
In the last issue of your paper you state that I, as Judge of Probate, have not turned over to the county treasury a single dollar in the way of fees collected and ask me to answer, if I can, why I have not done so.

The answer is quite easy and very simple. It is because I have not received or collected a single dollar belonging to the county, and for further information I refer you to the opinion of the county attorney, which is herewith enclosed:

CROOKSTON MINNESOTA,
Oct. 15th, 1900.

O. E. Hagen, Esq.,
Judge of Probate,
Polk Co., Minn.

Dear sir:—You ask me for my opinion as to the right of the Judge of Probate of this county to charge fees for acknowledgments and certified copies of records. In answer will say that the law fixing salaries in this county, see Special Laws 1891, page 1035, fixes the salary of the Judge of Probate at \$1,400 per year; no clerk hire. That is the only provision in the special law. Besides this the general law of this State as to salaries and fees of the Judge of Probate prevails. The general law allows the Judge of Probate certain fees for taking acknowledgment and issuing certified copies of records and gives the Judge of Probate the power to perform marriage ceremonies, so that you would have the right for these things without accounting for the same, as these fees belong to the Judge of Probate and not the county. This has always been the universal construction placed upon this law, and these fees have always been retained by the Judge of Probate.

Yours truly,
A. R. HOLSTON,
County Attorney,
Polk Co., Minn.

The salary in the several offices is \$1,500 a year, in the probate office only \$1,400. As the income for certified copies of records is considered a part of the salary and belonging to the judge, not the county.

Whatever fees are collected for solemnizing marriages and taking acknowledgments outside of the duties of the probate office also belong to the judge and not to the county. In no year have these items amounted to \$100, so the probate judge receives a smaller salary than any of the other county officers—in no year amounting to \$1,500. I shall expect you as a matter of fairness to print this communication, together with the county attorney's opinion.

OLE E. HAGEN.
It is well to know that De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will heal a burn and stop the pain at once. It will cure eczema and skin diseases and ugly wounds and sores. It is a certain cure for piles. Counterfeits may be offered you. See that you get the original De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Ed Rund.

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L. A. ROSING, Chairman. T. R. KANE, Secretary.
J. J. THORNTON, Vice Chairman. P. B. WINSTON, Treasurer.

Minnesota Democratic State Central Committee.

HEADQUARTERS: MERCHANTS HOTEL.

St. Paul, Minn., March 23, 1900.

Mr. Geo. LeSage,
Dairy and Food Department,
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Mr. LeSage:—

I presume that you have been informed of the appointment of a committee named by the office holders, which committee suggests an equitable contribution from the several state appointees holding office under Governor Lind, for the campaign fund of 1900. This amount is graduated according to the salary received, those receiving a larger salary making a larger percentage on the whole.

Those receiving \$100 per month contribute monthly \$3, those receiving \$200 per month contribute monthly \$10. We note that the various employes in nearly all cases have remitted the sums equitably contributed to the campaign fund of 1900, for the year 1899. There appears at the close of last year in your account with the committee, a balance of \$27, which we would be very glad to receive from you.

Will you kindly remit your check to the order of Maj. J. M. Bowler, Treasurer, for \$27 for last year, and it will be very pleasing to the committee if you will remit to April 1, 1900, making \$9 additional for 1900.

Trusting that you will take immediate notice of this late communication, I am,

Cordially yours,
ELWOOD S. CORSER.

The above letter explains itself. Mr. Corser is surveyor general of logs and lumber of the Minneapolis district. He is a "silver republican." When Governor Lind appointed him, it raised such a protest from decent democrats that there was strong talk of opposing his confirmation in the senate. The letter is written to one of the employes of the dairy and food department. "Maj. J. M. Bowler, Treasurer," is the dairy and food commissioner. It shows that from the moment the departments under Lind were reformed, every employe has been assessed a percentage of his salary for the machine.

Governor Lind, Rosing, Corser, Pope, Bowler, T. D. O'Brien, O'Shaughnessy, et al. have adopted from Boss Croker the corrupt tactics of the notorious Tammany Hall of New York.

How Do the People Like It?

WALLACE B. DOUGLAS.

For nearly two years, Wallace B. Douglas has filled the office of attorney



WALLACE B. DOUGLAS,
Republican Candidate for Attorney General of Minnesota.

general of Minnesota to the entire satisfaction of the people of the state which was manifested in his renomination by acclamation.

Mr. Douglas was born in Leyden, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1852. He attended the public schools and spent a year in Cazenovia seminary, that state. He later attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from the law department in 1875. He practiced law in Chicago until 1883, when he came to Minnesota and located at Moorhead.

Mr. Douglas served as city attorney of Moorhead several years and was also county attorney of Clay county. In 1894 he was elected representative to the legislature, and was one of the most valuable members on the floor of the lower house.

CHARLES M. START.

One of the most highly respected legal members of the supreme bench is Judge Charles M. Start, who was renominated to that high position by the unanimous voice of the convention.

Mr. Start was born in Vermont in

1853, and after attending school and Barre academy, that state, he engaged in the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1880. In 1882 he enlisted in the Tenth Vermont volunteers and a month later was commissioned a lieutenant. Being disabled in service he resigned from the army and in 1883 came to Minnesota for his health—and



CHARLES M. START,
Republican Candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

has remained here ever since. He settled at Rochester and engaged in the practice of his profession; his ability was soon recognized and he was elected attorney of Olmsted county, which position he held for eight years. In 1879 he was elected attorney general of the state and in 1881 he was appointed judge of the Third judicial district, to which office he was thrice re-elected. In 1894 he was nominated and elected chief justice of the supreme court, the most honorable position in the gift of the people, and he has discharged its duties with great ability and fairness.

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