

# THIRTEEN TOWNS

## ALL ARE WORTHY

Republicans and Should be Elected  
as County Officers on  
November 6.

## NOTE THEM WELL

and Mark Your Ballots With an X  
Against Every One of  
These Names.

### GUNDER KROSTUE

Candidate for Representative on the  
Republican Ticket.

Gunder Krostue was born in Norway 1852 and came to America with his parents in 1861. The family settled in Apaca county, Wis., and resided there on a farm till 1868. The subject of this sketch lived with his parents,



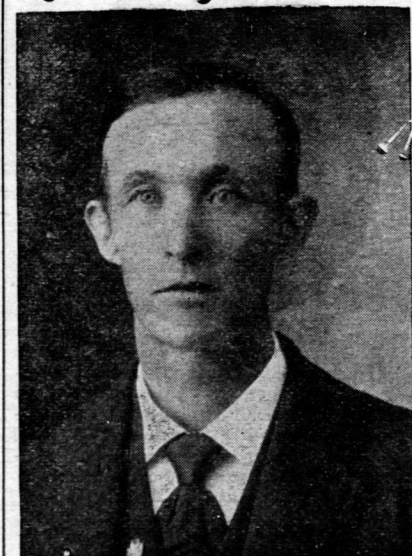
and there received his education, going through the different schools. In 1871 he emigrated to America and made his home in the southern part of Minnesota. During the summer months he worked out at manual labor on a farm and in the winter taught school. Being frugal and industrious, this enabled him to gradually accumulate some money and increase the amount of his capital from year to year, until after ten years of this management he found himself in possession of sufficient capital to enable him to go into business. He went to Fertile in the spring of 1882 and formed a partnership with Dr. A. Nelson and with him conducted a drug and general mercantile business, which they continued for ten years. Dr. Nelson then retired from the firm and the business was continued by Mr. Opheim for three years. He then formed a partnership with his present partner, Mr. Frick, and the firm adopted the firm name of Opheim & Frick. Besides the firm business, Mr. Opheim has also a number of farms, has been mayor of the Village of Fertile and has served several terms in the Village council of which he is now a member.

Mr. Opheim's election is of especial importance to the republican party inasmuch as the legislature will at its next session elect a senator to succeed Hon. Knute Nelson in the United States senate. The election of Mr. Opheim means a vote for a republican senator, and the election of his opponent means a vote for a democratic senator. Hence not only should Mr. Opheim be given the support of every republican voter on his own personal merits, but also for this political consideration.

### JOHN PETERSON

Candidate for County Auditor on the  
Republican Ticket.

John Peterson was born in Sweden in 1861, where he resided until 1881, when he came to America and went to



Grafton, N. D., where he spent two years at work on a farm, and becoming familiar with American methods of agriculture. In 1883 he removed to the town of Hill River and taking a homestead embarked in the business of farming there, which he continued until 1892. During this time he held the position of town clerk for several years and also the various offices of assessor, justice of the peace and postmaster. In 1892 he removed to the village of McIntosh and filled the position of bookkeeper and assistant postmaster in the store and postoffice kept by J. P. Johnson, for the first three years of his residence there. In 1895 he was elected village recorder and has been re-elected to that position every year since then. In 1897 he was elected vice president of the State bank of McIntosh and still holds that office and is engaged as assistant cashier and bookkeeper in that institution. In 1898 without his knowledge or consent his name was placed on the republican ticket as the candidate for county auditor, and he consented to have it remain there with the understanding that he would be unable to assist in even the slightest degree in the campaign work. And notwithstanding the fact that he did no work for the ticket or for himself, the Thirteen Towns which was the very stronghold of populism gave him a majority of its vote over his com-

petitor. Mr. Peterson received a common school education in his native country and also attended school in North Dakota. But his principal schooling has been in the business experience he has had and in which he has always given ample proof of ability and integrity. And as county auditor Mr. Peterson will serve the county faithfully and well.

### OSMUND OSMUNDSON

Candidate for County Treasurer on  
the Republican Ticket.

Osmund Osmundson was born in Norway in the year 1841, and came to America with his parents in the year 1855. Mr. Osmundson's parents first established a home in Waupaca, Wis., and resided there until 1858, when they removed to Stearns county, Minn., and engaged in farming. The subject of this sketch there became an apprentice in a cabinet shop and planned to master the trade. But when the Civil war broke out he believed he



owed a duty to his adopted country and enlisted in Co. A, Fourth Minnesota Volunteers, which was assigned to the First Division, Third Brigade of the Army of the Mississippi. His command was engaged in several battles during the summer of 1862, and on the 4th day of October, 1862, he was severely wounded at the battle of Corinth. He was taken to the hospital at Mount Zion, Ill., where he remained under treatment until January 13, 1863, when, his wound not healing sufficiently to permit him to return to duty, he was discharged and returned to Waupaca, where he resided until 1877, when he came to the Red River Valley and took a homestead in the town of Huntsville, two miles from the present village of Mallory. He resided upon this homestead until 1887, when he moved into Mallory and opened a general store. This he maintained until last year, when he disposed of it and resigned the position of postmaster, which he had held both under Harrison's and McKinley's administrations. Mr. Osmundson was married in 1867, and six children blessed the union. His wife's death occurred in 1897.

Mr. Osmundson still retains his farm of 420 acres, most of which is under cultivation.

Mr. Osmundson is the candidate for treasurer of Polk county on the republican ticket, having been the unanimous choice of the convention. He is a thoroughly honest man, a life-long republican, and in every way worthy of and competent for the position. There is but little doubt that he will be successful at the polls.

### O. O. CHRISTIANSON

Candidate for Register of Deeds on  
the Republican Ticket.

O. O. Christianson was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1858, where he resided until 1876, attending school and farming alternately. In the last named year he came to Polk county and settled on a homestead in the town of Garfield, where he resided on his claim in the summer, clerking in a store in Alda during the winters until 1883. He then went to Ada and obtained employment in a store remaining there until 1886. He then came to Crookston and with his brother, C. O. Christianson, engaged in the insurance and loan business until 1891, when they added the abstracting to their other business and conducted it together until 1895, when C. C. Strander purchased C. O. Christianson's interest in the business, and the firm has



since been known as Christianson & Strander. Mr. Christianson retaining his interest in it up to the present time. Mr. Christianson is a very thorough going business man

and peculiarly fitted for the position for which he is a candidate, by his long experience in abstracting, which has made him familiar with real estate titles and laws concerning them.

### G. A. E. FINLAYSON

Candidate for County Attorney on the  
Republican Ticket.

Mr. G. A. E. Finlayson, the republican nominee for county attorney, has resided in Polk county from his boyhood, and is well known throughout

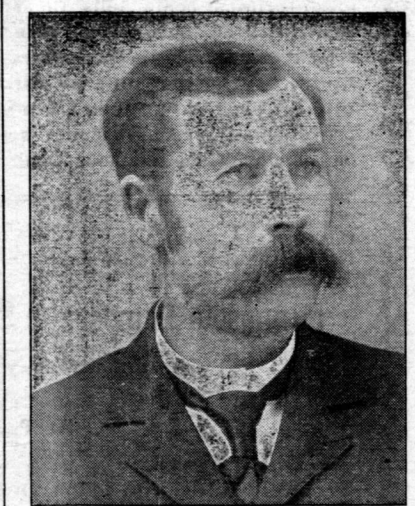


most of the county. He is yet a young man and has only recently established himself in the practice of his chosen profession as an attorney. The days of his boyhood were spent at home on the farm at Angus, and at school in this city. During his school days he showed a marked capacity for mastering the intricate problems which so often discourage the student, and graduated from the High school here with high honors, after which he attended the state university and graduated from the academic department of that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and then entered the law department and was duly admitted to the practice of law in all the courts of the state. He then entered the law office of Hon. Halvor Steeneron and was engaged with him, for a year, after which he hung out his shingle and went into practice on his own account, and has thus far been very successful in his practice. The voters of the county should give him a rousing majority over his opponent at the polls on November 6.

### EDWARD O. BARNES

Republican Candidate for Judge of  
Probate.

Edward O. Barnes was born in Freeborn county, this state, in 1857 and remained there until 1879, when he removed to Trail county, N. D., there



making a start in life for himself by taking a homestead. While living in that county he filled several local public offices with credit and at one election was asked to run on the republican ticket for county auditor, but refused for personal reasons.

In 1886 Mr. Barnes decided to come back to Minnesota and secured a good farm in the town of Brandsvold and engaged in farming. He prospered in this vocation and ten years ago took up his residence in Fosston, working for others in clerical positions a few years and then entering into business for himself, and is now engaged in one of the most thriving mercantile businesses in the place, being a partner with Ole Pederson, the firm being known by the name of Barnes & Pederson and carrying on a large furniture and grocery establishment in the heart of the village.

Mr. Barnes held the office of constable in Brandsvold for three years and after he came to Fosston until he was compelled to resign on account of his other business interests. Last March he was elected upon the village council for the third year in succession and he has been treasurer and a director of the Thirteen Towns Fair Association for several years.

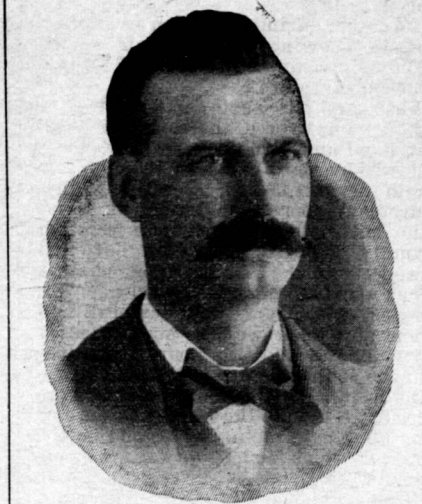
In his public offices of trust, and in his business dealings with the people, Mr. Barnes has always borne an unblemished reputation for honesty and ability, and his election to the responsible office of Judge of Probate will insure a careful and thorough administration of the affairs of the position.

### EDWARD J. SULLIVAN

Candidate for Sheriff on the Republican  
Ticket.

Edward J. Sullivan was born in Ontario in 1866, where he resided until 1878. He then came to Minnesota and settled in the western part of Polk county, where he still resides. He

lived on a farm in Sullivan township till the spring of 1891. He attended the High school in Grand Forks and after graduating from that institution he attended the university of North Dakota two terms. In 1891 in com-



pany with his brother he went into the real estate business in East Grand Forks. In 1894 the brothers and Mr. Brandt established the firm of Sullivan & Brandt and engaged in the hardware business which they continued until 1896, when Mr. Sullivan sold his interest in the business and established a machinery agency in connection with his brother, in which he is still engaged. He has thus been a resident of Polk county for the past 22 years, during all of which time he has been more or less prominently known as a thorough-going and upright business man. The Sullivan brothers have abundant financial responsibility, and are the owners of a half section of very fine farm land two and a half miles from East Grand Forks. Mr. Sullivan's father, Tim Sullivan, was a member of the county board from 1884 till 1888, and the family has an extensive acquaintance throughout a large part of the county. No republican should hesitate to give Mr. Sullivan his support at the polls. By doing so an efficient protest against the ring which has controlled Polk county's affairs for the past few years will be administered.

### THOMAS CASEY

Republican Candidate for Superintendent  
of Schools.

Thomas Casey, the candidate for county school superintendent on the republican ticket, was born in Rochester, N. Y. When a small boy he removed to Michigan with his parents, and worked on a farm till he was 19 years of age, attending the district school in the meantime during the winter.

He then prepared himself for his chosen avocation at a high school and at a Normal school, after which he had charge of two town schools in Michigan. In the fall and winter of 1883 he taught the school at Carman, then took charge of the Fisher schools, where he remained three years, then taught the grammar department of the Crookston high school, after which he took charge of the city schools of East Grand Forks. Then yielding to the inducement of a larger pecuniary consideration he returned to the charge of the Fisher school and remained there until he was appointed county school superintendent for this county, which occurred in 1889.

In 1890 he was nominated by acclamation by the republican county convention for the office of superintendent, but notwithstanding the fact that he ran 1,603 ahead of his ticket, he shared the fate of the republican party through the populist landslide. He then went to Red Lake Falls, where he was city superintendent of schools for five years, when he was solicited for the third time to take charge of the state graded school at Fisher, where he is still employed. During this time he was employed four years by the educational department of this state and of North Dakota to instruct teachers, in different parts of these states, in the state summer



schools. The following quotations from prominent educators indicate the character of the services he thus rendered.

John Ogden, ex-state superintendent of public instruction of North Dakota, with whom Mr. Casey was associated in summer school work at Glenwood, says: "Mr. Casey is not only well posted in the branches he teaches, but possesses remarkable facility for making things plain to his pupils. His methods are sound, logical and fully up to date. I can most cheerfully recommend him to the department of education as a worker in summer schools and institutes, and to all others who may need good, faithful work."

M. L. Sanford, professor in literature and rhetoric at the state university of Minnesota, says of him: "Mr.

Casey assisted me in the summer school at Crookston in 1895. He was able to perceive the difficulties these teachers meet and he put so clearly his explanations that even the stupid must understand. He has the power of getting hold of pupils and interesting them in study, and I feel that he contributed much to the success of our summer school."

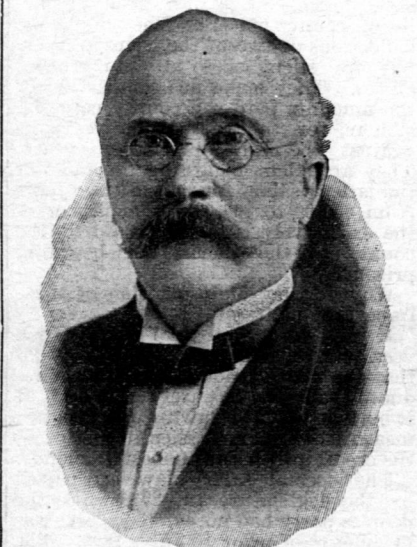
When Mr. Casey was defeated in 1890, State Superintendent of Public Instruction D. L. Kiehle wrote to him as follows: "Our relations have been so very pleasing that I regret to lose you from our corps of educational workers, and I sincerely deprecate the influences in politics that tend to deteriorate if not destroy the school work in Polk county. I shall always remember our amicable relations."

The voters will make no mistake in electing Mr. Casey superintendent of schools of Polk county.

### M. E. KIRSCH

Republican Candidate for Commissioner  
Third District.

M. E. Kirsch is a native of Belgium where he was born in 1847. In 1860 he came to America with his mother who was then a widow, and resided in Azaukee county Wis., till 1867 when he went to Wabasha county, Minn., and secured employment as clerk and bookkeeper which position he retained for five years. And then having acquired a fair knowledge of business, and having by systematic frugality succeeded in accumulating sufficient funds to enable him to go into business on his own account, he opened a general store and embarked in business. This business was reasonably successful but he conceived the idea that he could find a better opening in the Red River Valley, and in 1878 he visited this part of the state and was so well pleased with its promise that he took a pre-emption near Euclid and in the following year he commenced improvements on it and made preparations for a residence. In the spring of 1880 he moved onto the land and resided there until 1889 when he removed to Crooks-



ton. Prior to his removal to Crookston he was justice of the peace, postmaster, chairman of the town board, etc. In 1886 Mr. Kirsch was elected commissioner of the third commissioner's district, and was so successful in satisfying his constituents that he was twice re-elected and served until 1896. By this time the populists had discovered that he could not be beaten in any other way and they succeeded in changing the boundary lines of the district and in that way he was defeated. Since his residence in Crookston Mr. Kirsch has been elected alderman as often as he would accept the position, and is now filling that office as alderman at large. He was also appointed assessor last spring and made what is pronounced by many as the best assessment the city has ever had. He has been in public life ever since he was old enough to vote and has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the tax-payers. His long experience in such matters will be of great benefit to himself and his constituents in the commissioner's office for which he is probably as well qualified as any man in the district. He still retains his farming property at Euclid where he owns two quarter sections that are under cultivation and several tracts of wildland. Mr. Kirsch is a staunch republican and thoroughly loyal to his party.

### T. T. MORKEN

Republican Candidate for Commissioner  
Fifth District.

Mr. T. T. Morken, of the town of Northland, the candidate for county commissioner for the Fifth commissioner district is a native of Norway where he was born in 1852. He came to America in 1874 and settled in Goodhue county, Minn., where he lived until he moved to Traill county, N. D., and took a homestead. In 1882 he removed to Nelson county, N. D., where he resided until 1891. During his residence there, he was engaged in farming. He was appointed county commissioner to fill a vacancy in the board, and served in that capacity for one year and until the end of the term. In 1891 he removed to Northland in this county, where he has since resided. During the past five years he has held the responsible position of assessor in that town, was chairman of the town board two years, and is now clerk of the school district in which he lives. He is a man of good business judgment and the interests of his district and of the county will be carefully looked after and protected in the event of his election.