



THE THIRTEEN TOWNS.

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VOTE FOR THESE

will Give the County Good, Competent Service for the Next Two Years.

Republican County Ticket.

- Clk.—JOHN PETERSON, of McIntosh.
- Treas.—O. OSMUNDSON, of Mallory.
- Dist. Atty.—E. O. CHRISTIANSON, of Crookston.
- Atty.—J. A. E. FINLAYSON, of Crookston.
- Probate—E. O. BARNES, of Fosston.
- Sh.—E. J. SULLIVAN, of East Grand Forks.
- Super.—ALEXANDER M. GRAY, of Crookston.
- Com.—THOMAS CASEY, of Fisher.
- Com.—V. M. MARIN, of Crookston.
- Com.—ANDREW OPHEIM, of Fertile.
- Com.—JUNDEK KROSTUE, of Fisher.
- Com.—HANS CARLSON, of Badger.
- Com.—M. E. KIRSCH, of Crookston.
- Com.—T. T. MURKIN, of Northland.
- Com.—S. CHESTERMAN.

though a short biography of these men was given in supplement last week, attention is again called to the Republican candidates for election upon the county ticket next day.



E. O. BARNES, Candidate for Judge of Probate.

idents of the Thirteen Towns! don't forget your home candidates. E. Barnes, candidate for judge of probate, is well known all through this county, and nothing but his name is known to him. He is entitled to the solid vote of this end of the county, irrespective of party. The vote of the Thirteen Town can, by a solid support, elect E. D. Barnes of probate by a very large margin. See that your vote is cast for some candidate for official honors, as Peterson is also practically a candidate; is worthy in every respect and should poll a heavy vote in every town. He will be elected voters of the Thirteen Towns stay him.



OSMOND OSMONDSON, Candidate for County Treasurer.

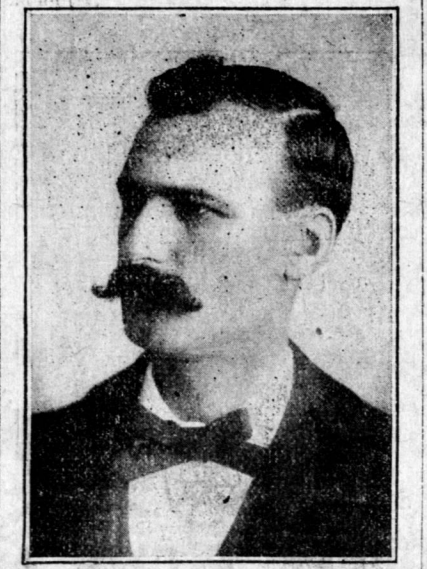
we have O. Osmondson, of Mal-candidate for treasurer; a progressive who, while engaged at that upon an extensive scale, combines a fund of business education and intelligence that adapts him to superiorly fill the responsible office to

when he aspires. Mr. Osmondson is one of the solid pioneers of Polk county. Vote for him.



GEORGE A. E. FINLAYSON, Candidate for County Attorney.

G. A. E. Finlayson, while yet a young man, has a reputation for being a well qualified lawyer, and as county attorney will undoubtedly supply the position efficiently.



E. J. SULLIVAN, Candidate for Sheriff.

For sheriff, Ed. J. Sullivan is without doubt the right man in the right place when he is elected next Tuesday to fill that office. Mr. Sullivan has made a careful and thorough canvass of the county and wherever he has gone he has made friends and voters for himself and the party. He is one of those who on short notice even, inspire confidence in his adaptability to the important office for which he is running. His record as a man and a republican is beyond criticism and we look to see him elected by a large majority.

And don't forget Thos. Casey for superintendent. Mr. Casey has not been able to go out through the country and visit you personally, but he is ready to take his position in his office at the court house if elected, and give the schools of the county one of the best administrations they have ever had.

The candidates for minor offices will undoubtedly poll the full strength of the county ticket and are entitled to the full confidence of the voters.

Don't Fail to Attend the Grand Republican Rally at the Opera House Saturday Night.

One Experience With Judge Hagen.

Nielsville, Minn. Oct. 29th, 1900.

I believe it is the duty of every voter, when he personally knows that a public officer willfully exceeds his authority in public affairs, to let his fellow voters know of it.

I will therefore state the facts in a case, that only the one side of has been mentioned in the papers several times. In 1898 I was appointed administrator of the estate of Ole Spokekie, deceased. In 1899 a license was granted to me as administrator to sell all real estate belonging to said estate. Said real estate was appraised according to law and no objections were received from any of the heirs to said appraisal.

Among those lands was one piece of 240 acres which was appraised at \$25.00 per acre. In the middle of January 1900 I sold a piece of the appraised value from said S. C. Hayes. Now to be careful so there should be no dissatisfaction from the heirs I had on the 17th of January a talk with John E. Spokekie the eldest of the heirs about the sale of this land and he agreed with me that it was the best we could do under the circumstances to sell the land at the appraised value.

I waited twelve days and did not hear any objections from the heirs. I then went up to Crookston on the 29th day of January with Mr. Hayes and had the sale confirmed by Judge Hagen and Mr. Hayes paid me the money. Everything

went on nice and quiet until the spring election was over. The people here had elected me chairman of the town board, winning over my opponent (the blind big candidate, who was warmly supported by all these heirs.

Then the heirs had to get revenge in some way because the blind big candidate was beaten.

The latter part of March, 1900, the heirs filed a petition with Judge Hagen to have this sale set aside because I was the real purchaser and that the sale was fraudulently conducted by me.

At the trial there was not a word of evidence that I was interested in the buying of this land but the Hon. Judge set aside his own order confirming the sale.

From this order I appealed to the District Court and the District Court vacated Hagen's order on the ground that he had no jurisdiction in the matter.

On the 31 day of July John E. Spokekie one of the heirs made out a sworn petition against me where among other things he charges me with being unsuitable to discharge the duties as administrator and that I have wasted and mismanaged said estate and had sought to fraudulently convert the same to my own use and the use of my wife as follows: That the land above named could have been sold for \$25.00 per acre and I neglected and refused to take that and sold it to Mr. Hayes for \$23.00 per acre and I made a false and fraudulent representation when I reported the sale to Hagen and that an agreement was made with Mr. Hayes that he should convey the land to my wife when she paid the amount that he had paid for the land, and I had wasted and threatened to waste the property of said estate in litigation and so on, and asked the court that I should be removed as administrator and render an account of my administration.

On the 13th day of July I appeared and rendered my account which was overhauled by the attorney for the heirs and Hagen and they could not find any wrong in it and so it was accepted.

Now comes the best part of the whole proceedings, the Removal Question.

The attorney for the heirs did not put a single witness on the stand to prove a single charge in the complaint, but made a motion before the court to have me removed as administrator. This motion was granted by Judge Hagen.

These are the facts as the records will show.

Now, my fellow citizens, I will ask you to stop and consider for a moment.

What would you think of a judge that was elected by you to deal out justice according to law if you were accused of all the charges above mentioned and a good many more and the judge, without a single proof of evidence, should find you guilty in all these charges and you should be presented before the world as a person of fraud, indirectly as a thief; as a person that in an unlawful way tries to get hold of other people's property?

I will ask you again to stop for a moment and think. If you, with a good conscience can go to the ballot box and deposit your ballot for a man that willfully and unlawfully condemns a person of charges like those above mentioned.

The above case was appealed to District Court and given a fair and thorough trial and as the court records will show, not one of the charges were proven.

The District Court, therefore, gave a decision in my favor.

Yours respectfully,
NILS MCMUS.

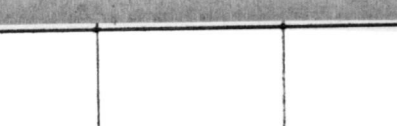
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Tuesday's Meeting. Francis H. Clark, of St. Paul, delivered an eloquent, yet weak address, at the opera house Tuesday evening. Attorney Rowe, of Crookston, made a few remarks to commence with, being introduced by Attorney J. A. Hendricks, chairman of the evening. Mr. Rowe is candidate for county attorney upon the fusion ticket and if a smooth tongue was all that was necessary to elect him, he would be a winner.

Mr. Clark went over the national bank question and "imperialism" with the usual gusto of an enthusiastic obstructionist, and even brought forth the shades of Jefferson and Lincoln.

Mr. Hendricks made a few comments upon Senator Nelson's speech delivered here recently, giving no particular reason, however, why our county legislative candidates should not be reelected so that they in turn could again elect this worthy senator.

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 Ruud.



PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Possumus Quia Posse Videtur. EMMA POTTER, Editor.

The annual report of the State Inspector of Graded Schools reached us last Thursday. It is much later getting out this year than usual. This report is not so satisfactory as usual. It lacks interest, being almost entirely taken up with formal statistics. We miss the usual remarks and suggestions by Mr. Rankin, which formerly made it so valuable. Fourteen schools have been taken from the graded list and now rank as high schools. Fosston will go there too, in the near future. The report contains a long list of books recommended for supplementary readings which can quite as well be obtained from any of the standard school book publishing concerns, or elsewhere. The pages thus taken up might have been better employed. The report is always eagerly looked for as it gives each school an opportunity of comparing itself with others of the state.

John Kronenberg will edit this column next week.

May Johnson entered the eight grade last week.

There was no school in Mrs. Babcock's room last week on account of diphtheria. Several pupils from her room were taken sick with it.

One of Miss Benson's pupils brought her a large hornet's nest last week.

Martin Ruud and John Kronenberg were absent last week on account of sickness.

Several pupils have been absent from the seventh grade this week.

Mrs. Babcock has been taking an inventory of our general library this week. To look up the original price of each book it is no small job. When finished however we will know the exact value of our library. Heretofore we have been able to merely approximate it.

Seventy-eight library books were drawn last Friday evening.

The second month's report for the year is as follows: Number belonging first of month, 254; original entries, 7; total enrollment, 261; number left school, 4; total attendance in days, 45004; total absence in days, 379; cases of tardiness, 36; percentage of attendance, 92; percentage of tardiness, 4. Comparison with the second month's report for 1899, is not favorable. The total enrollment for that month was 230, and the percentage of attendance was 96. The diphtheria panic is responsible for the past month's showing. So long as the first room was kept closed, almost half the pupils in the other primary rooms remained out of school.

The new steam plant is almost completed. We have been annoyed some by the work in school hours but have been quite willing to endure it that we might the sooner have comfortable rooms to work in.

Dr. W. H. Lewis, Lawrenceville, Va., writes, "I am using Kodol Dyspepsia cure in my practice among severe cases of indigestion and find it an admirable remedy." Many hundreds of physicians depend upon the use of Kodol Dyspepsia cure in stomach troubles. It digests what you eat and allows you to eat all the good food you need providing you do not overfeed your stomach. Gives instant relief and a permanent cure.—Ed. Ruud.

Malm Replies to Kaasa's Letter.

My attention has been called to a circular written by Mr. Kaasa to "the school officers and teachers of the county." So far I have paid no attention to the misrepresentations which have been circulated about me in this campaign; but when Mr. Kaasa, who is supposed to represent the highest type of manhood, makes statements that are absolutely false, then I feel it to be my duty to speak.

The circular states: "In a sketch of his (Malm's) life which appeared Sept. 28, in Arbeidsmanden, a paper published at Fertile, and in the Fram, Oct. 19, it is stated that he is a graduate of the Mankato Normal school, etc." The sketch referred to was copied from the Polk County Journal, in which it stated that I attended the Mankato Normal. I never claimed to be a graduate from that institution. Mr. Bakken, the editor of the Arbeidsmanden was instructed to make the correction. Fram copied the article from the Arbeidsmanden and made the correction in the next issue.

Mr. Kaasa quotes letters trying to disprove the fact that I taught at Sauk Centre, Minneapolis, etc. I wish to refer him to Prof. L. H. Vath, of Brainerd, who was then principal at Sauk Centre. He will also find by writing to the Minnesota Normal school of Minneapolis that I taught at that institution for a period of one year.

He further says that Mr. Casey's opponent holds no certificate of any grade and his absolute refusal to take the examination, although urged to do so, is pretty conclusive proof that he doubted his ability to pass.

I would say to this that it is a falsehood fabricated out of whole cloth. I have never been asked, much less urged, by either Mr. Krassa or Mr. Gooler to take an examination. His statement regarding my certificate is untrue and he knows it. I secured a second grade certificate eleven years ago, and since that time I have spent four years at the Northern Illinois Normal school.

In conclusion he says "I bear no ill will toward Mr. Malm and I have no desire to injure him in any way." If Mr. Kaasa bears no ill will towards me, is he not ashamed of himself to stoop so low as to sell to the highest bidder his honor, his loyalty, yea his manhood?

Very respectfully,
P. V. Malm.

We pray thee, heed him not who asketh thee to take something, said to be the same as Rocky Mountain Tea made by the Madison Medicine Co. 35c.—P. M. Mark.

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