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THE RESERVATION OPENING

Filings Made on Those Four White Earth Towns Last Tuesday.

Although there was not as much of a rush for homesteads on White Earth as there was four and one-half years ago on the Red Lake lands, there was plenty of interest about the Crookston land and considerable interest was shown in the event. Here is what the proceedings of Tuesday evening says of the proceedings: The offices of the land office were filled with men who had filed on the afternoon train, coming from the lands to be taken, and who were getting their filing papers made. About midnight the police force was on duty cleared the strangers of the halls. A large number of the men intending to file were "sooner" to the last, and in a few minutes the door had secured the privilege of remaining in the offices. Here they lay, stood or sat, according to their luck. The door was closed for the most of them, and they chattered themselves out full length, their heads pillowed upon each other's shoulders, they secured a few hours sleep. At 5 o'clock some one stirred, and a rush was on. Men came from all quarters, the objective being the land office door. A lively mix up was on for a few minutes. Chief Gonyea and Officers Eck and Lariviere were present, however, to quiet the confusion. A double line of intending claimants was formed leading the length of the west hallway. At the head stood three young ladies further down the line were others. There were there for business and enduring the jostling good naturedly. The line near the head of the line were

fortunate enough to have but one man between them and the door knob. There were Mary Umden of Fosston, Anna Hull, Minneapolis, and Miss Ida Moen of McIntosh. Further down the line were Ida Johnson of McIntosh and Miss Lillie and Ella Starckenberg of Moorhead. The latter two are sisters, and after an hour's wait they decided that they were taking too long chances and forsook the line. Friends of those in the line brought pots of coffee and bags of sandwiches and breakfast was eaten standing. Good nature prevailed, and nothing in the way of a scrap occurred after the line was formed. Promptly to the second the door swung, Special Agent McEnery of the Interior department being in charge, and the first squad of four was admitted. Joel Fogelberg of Fosston was the first to hand his papers to Register Peterson. They described the southwest quarter of section 12 town 146, range 37 the land being located four miles southeast of Bagley, and his entry was numbered 3,561, Chippewa series. Each applicant had his money in hand, and the papers all being in proper form the four held up their hands and were sworn together. The entire process had consumed but four minutes. The lucky four passed out a side door and a second squad was admitted. One of these found the tract he coveted had been taken, but he was equal to the emergency, and had papers in hand covering a second choice. In this manner the business progressed, the work being so well systematized that each of the officials and clerks could work to the best possible advantage. In several cases third and fourth choices had to be made as preceding claimants had selected the tracts covered by the later comers. In one case five separate sets of papers were rejected as the land sought had been taken as a whole or in part. When the doors closed, 12 m. 128 had presented their filings out of which number but 96 had secured claims, the remainder having decided that they would reserve their rights and look up homesteads elsewhere. After dinner the line became merely a succession of stragglers, and no one protested another's right to get ahead. Wherever there was a piece left that suited the claimant he took it. The books at the closing hour this afternoon showed that a total of 115 claims had been taken. Now that it is almost over, the opening of White Earth reservation lands was not an event of the magnitude that it was expected to be after all. It pre-

sented less of the pyrotechnic features that made the Red Lake opening four years ago one of the most interesting events of the kind that ever occurred, but its effects will be long felt and they will lumber the records of the land office for years, with the testimony and rulings that will come out in the contests that are sure to result between the prior settlers and those who today filed claims.

ROSEBUD.

Frank Hophner and Miss Kate Duckmire were married last Saturday at Rice River.

Clifford Noel is very sick with the German measles.

The "Carpet Bag" social at J. C. Reed's last Saturday night was largely attended.

Mr. Henry Dennis, of Austin, Minn., and Mrs. D. S. Dennis, of Bemidji, are visiting with their sister, Mrs. J. C. Reed, this week.

Robbed the Grave.

A starting incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50cts., guaranteed, at P. M. Mark's Drug Store."

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Possumus Quia Posse Videmur.
LILLIAN BRABANDER, Editor.
Anna Sterry will edit this column next week.
William Casper is our new janitor. He began work last Tuesday evening.
Miss Crosby has two new pupils this week, Fredrick Iken and William Meehan.
Mrs. Babcock is now preparing her pupils for a Christmas program.
Nora Larson returned to her work in Miss Benson's room on Monday after a week's absence on account of sickness.
Miss McArthur is now teaching in Miss Hitter's room, during her absence.
The A class in Miss Benson's room began reading in new second readers this week.
Miss Crosby's classes will give a literary program next week.
Ella Romsaas returned to school on Monday after being absent a week on account of sickness.
Albert Garbush and Sorn Oistad of the eighth and sixth grades have rented a room and are keeping house by themselves while attending school. They are both country boys who are anxious to improve themselves and are determined to get an education. Albert expects to make the seventh grade before spring and Sorn wants to enter the high school next September. These boys have the right stuff in them and are bound to succeed.
Why should we not have a reading table in the high school room? There is plenty of room and use for such an institution. It should be supplied with a half dozen of weekly and monthly periodicals, and one or two daily newspapers. The subject of current events is too often neglected in our school work. We are anxious to learn all about what was done by the Greeks, and Romans two thousand years ago, or what our fathers did a century ago, but do neglect what is going on in our own country and the outside world today. This is wrong. A properly equipped reading table will stimulate interest in the pupils and be quite as useful a factor in educating our children as the constant text book grind. This matter will be looked after.
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