

## The Thirteen Towns.

By A. W. FOSS.

The Office of THE THIRTEEN TOWNS is on Stephens Avenue, Opposite Postoffice.

In choosing Chief of Police Gonyea of Crookston for his first deputy, Sheriff Ed. Sullivan made an excellent selection.

It is nearing the end of the year and there are a great many of our subscribers yet in arrears. With some, this will be the "last notice."

Among those who are now in the senatorial race are Hon. R. G. Evans of Minneapolis, Thomas Shevlin of Minneapolis, M. E. Clapp and William B. Dean of St. Paul, Tams Birby of Red Wing and James A. Tawney of Winona.

At the present writing the indications point to "Bob" Evans as the most likely one to be selected for the senate to replace the late C. K. Davis. A better choice could not be made, although there may be other aspirants equally worthy.

If you are a subscriber who wishes to pay your subscription, but are out of reach of personal payment and have no opportunity to send a money order, remember that postage stamps are acceptable. Such remittances have never yet gone astray with us.

In making the study of the English language compulsory in the higher schools of Germany, Emperor William clearly proves his astuteness. English is the commercial language of the world and has long been the most used in the great nations and in insisting upon its study in his country adds one more move for the benefit of the commerce of the land, for which interests he is ever watchful.

The constitutional amendment permitting the state to loan out the permanent school funds to towns, villages and cities and school districts on easier terms than heretofore, appears to have been defeated at the recent election. There was no earthly reason why anyone should vote against it, but a few did nevertheless, and as a great many did not vote either way, the amendment failed to secure a majority of all votes cast and is therefore defeated.

The causes of the alarms which have called out the fire brigade several times recently emphasize the necessity of a rigid inspection of our chimneys, especially in the business portion of the town. Each dweller in the place should elect himself a committee of one to see that his smoke stack is thoroughly and frequently cleaned and inspected and not do as some have been known to do in the past, use efforts to prevent the fire warden in doing his work. In a thickly built up frame housed village like this, it is almost criminal negligence to forget the chimney sweep.

In another column will be found a communication concerning the fitness of one of the candidates for appointment as Superintendent of Public Instruction for this state, an office where qualifications should be the first as well as last consideration in making a selection for one to hold this very important position. The appointment of a man like Mr. Bliss, of Waseca, insures a continuance of the present high standing which our public school system has attained, and, if anything, an improvement over the present conduct of the educational supervision from that office. All things considered, Lafayette Bliss will be the right man in the right place as State Superintendent.

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An exchange truly says that the patronizing of home merchants in preference to those located in other cities is a subject that should receive the careful consideration of every resident. The local merchant should be patronized in preference to outsiders because he lives here and pays taxes here and the development of his business will greatly benefit the city and all who live in it. No industry or business establishment can be conducted here that does not benefit the whole community, and those who fail to patronize them are not good friends of the city.

Parents who wish their children to become intelligent men and women should see to it that they are regularly provided with the best local newspaper obtainable. This is the stepping stone to intelligence and no child can grow up ignorant who is taught to properly appreciate it. It tells them of people, places and happenings with which they are familiar and thereby awakens an interest in reading which increases with each arrival of the paper and remains through life. A foreign paper which contains not a word about people, places and things with which they are familiar can hardly be expected to interest them much, and is therefore of but little assistance in forming the reading habit which is the foundation of the intelligence of the present age.—Crookston Times.

### Communication.

EDITOR THIRTEEN TOWNS:

Sir.—One of the most important appointments Gov. elect Van Sant will have to make is that of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Politics should not enter into consideration in the filling of this office. A man should be selected with sole reference to his ability to discharge its duties in the interest of education.

One of the most popular candidates and one which we believe to be best qualified for the place, is Supt. Lafayette Bliss, of Waseca. Prof. Bliss is preeminently a school man. His life has been spent in educational work. The following facts show something of his fitness for that office:

Born in Chicago.  
Early education in schools of that city.  
A Minnesota boy at the age of eleven.  
Attended rural and graded schools of this state.  
Took prize for best entrance examination to Carleton College.  
A recognized champion of debate and oratory at Carleton, taking prize.  
Graduated from classical course.  
Did post graduate work in University of Wisconsin.  
Worked his own way through college.  
Has taught in rural, graded and high schools.  
Sixteen years a superintendent of schools.  
Has conducted seven summer training schools.  
State Inspector of training schools one year.  
Secretary Minnesota Educational Association.  
President High School Council.  
Mr. Bliss has also visited schools extensively in the East and South.

It will thus be seen that his preparation and experience are of the best. He is well acquainted with every department of our educational system, and takes an active interest in everything pertaining to education. He is an able writer on educational subjects and is in much demand as a speaker at educational meetings.

Mr. Bliss' candidacy was suggested by county superintendents last summer while inspecting training schools, and his popularity for the state superintendency has been growing rapidly. His good business and executive ability combined with his preparation and experience admirably qualify him for the effective discharge of the duties of that responsible position. There is no better man for the place in the state.

### A Thousand Tongues

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"No, you are not," quickly restored the caller, "you're bronze."

### The Best Plaster.

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The St. Paul firm of Warner & Andrus, who deal in farm lands extensively, have recently issued the best map of Polk and Red Lake counties that we have seen yet. While showing the other particulars seen in other maps, all the school houses are placed on their lots. It is a convenient pocket map and W. E. Black, their local agent, has a few to give away.

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures coughs and colds and the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles.

Red Lake Falls Gazette: The people out in the eastern part of Polk county are out with another petition to divide the county on the old Columbia lines. This time Fosston is in the game with the same territory under the name of Nelson county. If the old adage of patience and perseverance counts, the Thirteen Towns will yet carve a chunk off old Polk.

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