

TOWN TALK.

Hot! Hot! Hot!
 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hanson, of Fosston, are in the city.
 Perrey Thompson has bought a yoke of oxen.
 M. D. Titus made a business trip to Park Rapids Tuesday.
 Chas. Wells was a visitor in Park Rapids this week.
 Ed. McLaughlin, of Turtle Lake, was a visitor in Bemidji Monday.
 M. E. Carson made a trip to Cass lake this week.
 Jos Wagner, who has been in Park Rapids for the past three months, returned last Sunday.
 A special school meeting will be held at Malzman's hall Saturday evening.
 Mrs. G. M. Carson, Mrs. Farley and daughter Cora, returned from Moose last Saturday.
 For LEGAL BLANKS and NOTE BLANKS call at this office.
 Carson Bros. received about 200 bushels of blueberries this week.
 H. Geil and family spent several days in the country this week.
 Frank Longcoy was in Park Rapids this week. Frank will file on a claim.
 B. Bardwell left Monday for Fosston with a wagon load of blueberries.
 Road Overseer Murphy with a crew of men are repairing the corduroy on the south side of the Schoolcraft bridge.
 M. C. Schonenberger left yesterday for Bemidji with his "surveying outfit." We suspect that he is trying to run the Great Northern surveyors' from the Mississippi to Park Rapids.
 The town supervisors met last Monday afternoon at the home of Willis Nye, and after a short session adjourned until Thursday, August 13th.
 A fishing party consisting of Messrs. Geo. McTaggart, Frank Sprague, Geo. Bates and Frank Longcoy, spent Thursday and Friday at Pine Lake. A good time is reported, but no fish.
 Considerable has been said about the survey now being pushed through east of Fosston towards Duluth, and W. J. Hilligoss, who is assisting the corps, has stated that the line would not touch Bemidji as it formerly supposed. But the fact remains that this far the surveyors are keeping to the old lines formerly laid out and if they continue to do so the road will run through one corner of the townsite of Bemidji. They are now camped a short distance south of Moose and are working east of there—Thirteen Towns.

Mrs. B. How and daughter were in Bemidji Monday.
 Mrs. E. E. Derrick left last Saturday for Minneapolis.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marshall are the parents of a pretty girl baby, born last Thursday afternoon.
 Earl Carson left for Fosston Wednesday with a wagon load of blueberries.
 Mrs. I. S. Boyer and family, of Minneapolis, is in the city visiting her brother, W. S. Brannon.
 B. Eadsell, who returned from Fosston Wednesday, reports the roads in very bad condition.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berrie, of the Little Fraction, were among the visitors in Bemidji Wednesday.
 Mrs. M. A. Geil and Miss Annie Kaister visited at Moose Wednesday.
 A very pleasant time was had Wednesday evening by a party of young people at the home of Fred Bjork.
 Ed. Achenbach, salesman for the United States Furniture Co., returned today after a three week's trip through Cass, Crow Wing and Hubbard counties.
 The cook at Bagley dam was "held up" by two masked men last Saturday afternoon and robbed of \$37.
 George Cross left for Fergus Falls on Saturday, where he will stay through harvest and threshing.
 The dance at Fred Bjork's last Saturday night drew a large crowd, and everyone reports a good time.
 Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Doud returned from Fosston Sunday last. Mr. Doud reports the roads on his trip as very good.
 Mrs. Jessie Spain, of Moose, was a visitor in Bemidji Sunday.
 A. Blom, of the Little Fraction, was in Bemidji Monday.
 L. W. Velleman, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., is in the city, the guest of A. C. Cameron.
 Geo. Titus left for Fergus Falls Tuesday. George will remain there through harvest and threshing, returning to Bemidji in time to take in the hunting.
 An exchange says the letter "e" is the most unfortunate in the English alphabet, because it is never in cash, always in debt and never out of danger. They forget that the aforesaid letter is not in war, but always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no bread, no meat, no water, no life, no gospel, no Jesus, no heaven.

About 125 Indians from Leech Lake camped on the south side of the lake Tuesday and Wednesday.
 The village board met last Monday night. No business of importance was transacted. They meet again next week.
 Contractor Sam McAfee is now at work on the new school house in district No. 4.
 Invitations are out for a party to be given by the Misses Nye and May Smith at the home of Porter Nye Friday evening.
 A daughter was welcomed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Spaulding, of Minneapolis.
 According to State Entomologist Luggler, farmers need not be another victim from the army worm for some time unless the spring of 1897 should be an exceptionally wet one. The very great majority of these worms are doomed to die by their numerous enemies among the insect tribe.
A BIG STORM.
High Wind, Heavy Rain, Thunder and Lightning.
 A wind storm of unusual severity accompanied by a deluge of rain and an incessant flashing of lightning and roll of thunder, struck Bemidji Tuesday afternoon at about 4.30. The storm moved from the southwest to the northeast, and the wind must have traveled at a high rate of speed as it had some of the ear marks of a tornado.
 During the storm, Freeman Doud's house was struck by lightning, and Mr. and Mrs. Doud had a narrow escape from instant death. The lightning came down the chimney and made its exit out the front door. "Wolf," Mrs. Doud's pet dog, who was lying in front of the stove, was killed instantly. Both Mr. and Mrs. Doud were in the room at the time, and were stunned.
 The greatest destruction seems to have been done to trees. Trees were blown down on the lake front and in the surrounding country, and in several places the roads leading into the city were blocked.
 "Four years ago," says Senator Thurston, "I heard William J. Bryan say to a great audience in my state: 'Give us tree trade and the American workingman's wages will go up,' but they went down. He said give us free trade and business will boom, but it busted." Now Bryan comes forward with a new promise. "Give us free silver," he says, "and the country will be prosperous." In view of the utter failure of his promise of four years ago Senator Thurston thinks it would be proper to ask Mr. Bryan for a little collateral security for the fulfillment of his new promise.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The national G. A. R. encampment to be held at St. Paul in September, gives promise of being a grand gathering. The committee are hastening and will make the meeting a success.
 Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania expressed himself as follows after the Chicago convention: "I am a silver man, but not a fool. I will take the stump for the election of McKinley and Hobart."

He Got It.
 "Here's your son, the lawyer, getting on?"
 "Badly, poor fellow—he's in prison."
 "Indeed?"
 "Yes. He was retained by a burglar to defend him, and he made so good a plea in the burglar's behalf that the judge held him as an accessory."
 —Cleveland Universe.

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