he is now living. The writer was responsible for the St. Hilaire Spectator.

THE THIRTEEN TOWNS.

In the year 1883 Albert Kaiser went to Fosston, and founded the well known journal called the Thirteen Towns. He possessed the rare combination of a good newspaper man and a good business man. In a year or two he had saved enough money to go into the banking business at Fosston, and sold the Thirteen Towns to W. A. Foss, who is still conducting it successfully.

FIRST DEMOCRATIC PAPERS—RED LAKE FALLS DEMOCRAT AND THE CROOKSTON TIMES.

The same year F. J. Rothpletz, a Southern fire-eating Democrat, started the Red Lake Falls Democrat, but the surroundings were not congenial to one of his fiery temperament. The Chronicle was then started on its downward journey to oblivion, and he came to Crookston, and engaged the distinguished services of the writer to help launch a Democratic paper, which was named the Times.

This was in the summer of 1885. Things went swimmingly until the icy blasts of winter began to howl upon us. Then Mr. Rothpletz began to pine for his sunny Southern clime, and I nursed a lusty ambition to be the sole owner, and publisher of the Times. Mr. Rothpletz went to Tennessee, I went to work, and I also went into debt. In 1887 the Daily Times was launched. Both Daily and Weekly are still published at the old stand. Subscription prices on application.

THE McIntOSH TIMES.

In the year 1886 there was a demand for a paper at McIntosh, and I joined with C. F. Lommen in establishing the McIntosh Times. After a year or two Mr. Lommen became obsessed with the idea that he was healthy and wealthy enough to monopolize the whole business, and I, in turn was magnanimous enough to let him—after I had gotten a good price for my interest. He conducted the paper successfully for ten or twelve years when he, aided and abetted by a frugal wife, and a growing family of boys, had gained sufficient intelligence and filthy lucre to own and stock a dairy farm, which he is now conducting with ability and profit. Since then the McIntosh Times has passed through various hands; but, though ancient, is not yet extinct.

THE CROOKSTON TRIBUNE.

The Crookston Tribune—first a weekly, then a daily, and then a memory—was a later Crookston venture. It was published by Hammond & Allen, the former a good practical printer, but not a trained newspaper man; the latter a humorist, whose forte was on the vaudeville stage instead of the editorial sanctum. After its demise Hammond went back to setting type, and at last accounts Allen was doing a monologue stunt in tank towns.

Then there was the Gully Sunbeam, established by Mr. Hunt, and noted for its phonetic spelling, and athletic English. It is still running, but under new management, and is to-day a well balanced and successful local paper.

THE VASTESHEIMEN.

The Vastesheimen is a Scandinavian paper, started in Crookston in the early nineties, by Adolph Bydal, and continued later by A. J. Johnson, and is now being published by G. T. Hagen. It is a paper of extensive circulation and much influence among the Scandinavian readers.

THE POPULISTIC PEOPLE'S PRESS.

When the Crookston Chronicle gave up the ghost, the plant was taken over by C. C. and Harry Knappin—the latter a well known political writer connected with the Twin City papers for many years—and was used in publishing the People's Press. This was in the days when Populism was rampant in the political bull ring. From them it passed to A. R. Holston, an attorney with Socialistic tendencies, now of Los An-