

Percy Jackson Dies

Percy Jackson, a nephew of Jas. and John Nankervis died at the Shipman Hospital Monday morning of septic meningitis after a short illness. He complained of not feeling well and Friday morning did not go to work. Saturday he was taken to the hospital. He was employed at the Sibley engine house. He arrived from England two months ago to make his home with his uncles in this city. In England he had learned the printers trade but found no opening here at once and decided to accept the engine house job until something in the line of his trade showed up. He was 21 years of age and a promising young man whose death will be mourned by a large number of relatives and friends. His parents reside in England. His sister who resides in Toronto, Ont., was on her way to visit him.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the M. E. church, Rev. Stidd officiating and was largely attended. The sympathy of a host of friends is extended the bereaved relatives.

Robert J. Spence.

Robert J. Spence, aged 63, pioneer resident of Duluth, died last night at his home, 2702 West First street. He is survived by two sons, John H., Duluth, and William J., St. Paul, and two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Mowbray, Duluth, and Mrs. E. Aubray, Chicago. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the residence and at 2:30 p. m. from Central Baptist church with Rev. H. D. Kilham officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

'Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas'

It Was 75 Years Ago Today That the Famous Phrase First Was Uttered

BY NATHAN COHEN

DR. THOMAS PRESTON FOSTER, who had a reputation for oratorical brilliance, a vitriolic pen, and his knowledge of medicine, arrived in Duluth on an early day in July and was immediately persuaded to deliver an Independence day address at a picnic which the townsfolk at the Head of the Lakes were to hold on Minnesota Point. The portly visitor was not unprepared, and when he stepped out of the stagecoach which had taken him up from St. Paul by way of the old military road, he carried within his valise an address which was to become the most prophetic ever made visualizing the growth of the Lake Superior country.

Dr. Foster came not only to paint an extensive oratorical canvas of the city's future, but he also came to scout the territory. He was a man of vision and the maps had shown him that the tip of Lake Superior was the logical site for a new and great city. He had made the journey to determine whether the time was ripe for him to establish a medical practice at the Head of the Lakes, and to found the first newspaper in Duluth.

When he stepped off the small boat which carried him across the bay from Superior, onto Minnesota Point, he saw little to encourage oratorical discourse on the golden future. The hills were covered with virgin pine, oak, birch and maple. There was a small dock built out of the strong timbers of the land. There were a few log houses, perhaps a dozen but no more. The wigwags and round-topped huts of the Chippewas were hidden in the foliage of the trees and brush. There was no road, just a narrow pathway which the early settlers had built.

Yet looking up at the hills, to the vast expanse of Lake Superior to the east, and the natural harbor to the west, he visioned the city about which he was to speak on Independence day.

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IT WAS ON JULY 4, 1868, 75 years ago today, that the doctor stood on an improvised platform before a "straggling few" celebrants at "a sort of a picnic" and delivered his prophetic address. It was the speech in which the phrase, "The Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas" was first uttered, a phrase which for many years was incorrectly credited to Congressman Proctor Knott who in a famous piece of oratorical satire ridiculed Duluth in the halls of the house of representatives.

What is not generally known is that while the orator stood on Minnesota soil, and spoke before a gathering in which Duluth settlers were predominant, he did not once mention the name, Duluth. He spoke only of "The City" which was to be developed at the tip of Lake Superior. It so happened



DR. THOMAS PRESTON FOSTER was one of Duluth's first great citizens and it was he who coined the phrase, "The Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas," when there was not a single business establishment in Duluth. Two of the photographs show him as editor of the city's first newspaper and the third as a Union soldier.

that there were a number of Superior residents in the crowd, and the orator had no desire to wound the visitors with the utterance of a name which would only deepen the bitterness which already existed between the first citi-

zens. Nor was the doctor altogether certain that Duluth was to become "the Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas." A railroad was being built to the Head of the Lakes, and the terminus

had not yet been selected. The engineers for the road were still debating between Duluth and Superior.

Dr. Foster, the diplomat, by speaking only of "The City" pleased both Duluthians and Superior residents, and provided himself with enough oratorical hedging to assure himself of a welcome in whichever community was finally selected as the terminus of the Lake Superior and Mississippi railroads.

The now famous oration was published in the first issue of "The Minnesotan," the weekly newspaper which the orator-editor-physician founded in April, 1869. It also was published in the second issue, and the address, printed as an "Advt." was circulated all through the country. Historians give it some of the credit for attracting hundreds of new settlers, capitalists, and adventurers.

into material wealth, to whiten
 yon sea with clouds of canvas,
 or fret it with volumes of prop-
 elling steam, to cover the
 shores of these broad, calm
 bays with mast-studded
 wharves and monster grain
 warehouses, and to erect
 within the sound of the surge
 of Superior's waves a great
 city, which shall be the abode
 of commerce and manufac-
 tures, and refinement and civ-
 ilization—here, nearly mid-
 way between the two main
 oceans of the world, the termi-
 nus on the one hand of 1,700
 miles of land-travel from the
 Pacific ocean eastward, and
 the terminus of 1,600 miles of
 water transportation west-
 ward.

silks, went down to the
 newly-laid rails and cheered
 in the first passenger train.

He spoke of long strings of
 railroad cars "arriving and
 departing—arriving with 15,
 000,000 bushels of grain an-
 nually; and in the same pic-
 ture we will see fleets of prop-
 ellers conveying that grain
 as fast as possible to eastern
 markets. It will be embel-
 lished," he said, "speaking of
 the water line, "by immense
 elevators, rivaling those of
 Chicago, Toledo and Buffalo,
 in height and capacity, which
 will receive that vast mass of
 grain from those cars for
 storage and for those propel-
 lers."

On the cargoes of grain and
 Dr. Foster further predicted
 "the returning grain ships
 were seen "bringing coal in
 ballast from Pennsylvania to
 feed hundreds of factories in
 iron and wood in all their var-
 ious forms."

He visioned towns like Duluth
 which would "utilize water
 power for manufacturing"
 along the St. Louis river. He
 saw towns growing at Pokeg-
 ama Falls at the head of the
 Mississippi (Grand Rapids) and
 visioned roads and railroads
 running from Duluth to Can-
 ada with all of the Canadian
 riches following "the cheapest
 and most expeditious route into
 the streets and avenues of our
 Zenith City of the Unsalted
 Seas."

Almost every prophetic
 phrase uttered by Dr. Foster
 that Independence day has
 come true. Most of the prophe-
 cies were realized within a
 few years.

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"FELLOW CITIZENS," he
 began, "on this fourth of July,
 1868 * * * it would not be
 amiss to dwell mentally for
 awhile on the future of this
 region, which is even now
 looming up in the near dis-
 tance, promising to pierce and
 lighten these forests with
 roadways and farm home-
 steads, to mine these rocks

"The dawn comes," he as-
 sured his fellow citizens.

He assured them that within
 two years, a great railroad
 would bridge the portage of
 150 miles between the Missis-
 sippi at St. Paul to Lake Su-
 perior. He was right. In
 Aug, 1870, Duluthians dressed
 in frock coats and swishing

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 LITTLE MORE THAN a
 year later, crews of workers
 were pounding together the
 timbers of the first elevator,
 Elevator "A" which stood at
 the foot of Fourth avenue
 east, until it burned down in
 the 1880s. Masted steamers
 and propellers came and took

Old fashioned methods of
 cutting timber will be elimi-
 nated, he said, and there will
 be portable sawmills through-
 out northern Minnesota. The
 "fisheries will become still
 more vigorously prosecuted . . .
 towns and cities, other than the
 chief one at the terminus of
 the railroad, will spring up."

He foresaw the growth of
 cities on the range. "In the
 Vermilion gold and iron re-
 gions, a thriving town of thou-
 sands connected with our me-
 tropolis city by a railroad of
 80 miles" will be founded, he
 said. It was within a few years
 that mining started at Tows-
 and Ely and the Duluth &
 Iron Range railroad was built.

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DR. FOSTER PREDICTED
 almost every facet of Duluth's
 industrial and commercial life.
 The prophecies materialized
 even more quickly than he vi-
 sioned because the following
 year, Jay Cooke, the Philadel-
 phia financier, interested him-
 self in the Lake Superior coun-
 try and, with his interest, Du-
 luth in 1869 was a booming,
 prosperous, optimistic little
 backwoods community on the
 north shore of Lake Superior
 and industrialists, journalists
 and adventurous souls from
 east and west came to inspect
 "the Zenith City of the Un-
 salted Seas."



TWO YEARS AFTER Dr. Thomas Preston Foster predicted that a great city would
 rise on the north shore of Lake Superior, the first passenger train arrived from St.
 Paul. The year was 1870. This historic photograph shows Duluthians when they
 greeted the first train at the depo and gave it a thorough inspection.

Truelsen-Christensen.

Miss Lena Truelsen, daughter of Mayor Truelsen and ex-Alderman Louis Christensen were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's father, 914 East Seventh street. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few of their relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties. After a wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Christensen were driven to West Duluth where they will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell on Seventy-second avenue. Mrs. Christensen is prominent in Duluth society, and the groom is one of the best known young business men in the city.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Louis Christensen and Magdalena J. J. Truelsen, and to Simon Swendson and Annie Olson.

***Louis Christensen and Miss Lena Truelsen were married this afternoon at the home of Mayor Truelsen. The bride is the eldest daughter of the mayor, and Mr. Christensen has been engaged in business for several years and has represented his ward in the city council.

Truelsen-Christensen Nuptials.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Lena Truelsen, daughter of Mayor Truelsen, and Louis Christensen, at the residence of the bride's father, No. 914 East Seventh street. The wedding was a very quiet one, the ceremony being witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. At its close a wedding supper was served and the bride and groom drove to West Duluth, where they will make their home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell, on Seventy-second avenue.

Both bride and groom are well known and deservedly popular in Duluth, and will have the congratulations of hosts of friends on the auspicious event.

Ex-Alderman Louis Christensen, the capable manager of Mitchell's restaurant, and Miss Lena Truelsen, the daughter of our worthy mayor, were married on last Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's father.