

# Two-thirds A Certainty

The Citizens of Hope Donate \$10,000.00  
Cash and Free Rent of Woodmen  
Building for Five Years.

## ALL OBJECTIONS RE-MOVED!

The closing days of the County Seat Campaign are upon us. Little is left to be done except the casting of the ballots. The citizens of Hope have made a fair and honorable fight and victory is now in sight. Finley has admitted her complete defeat and the right thing for every voter to do is to cast his ballot for Hope and make the election unanimous.

Hope has done everything possible; has met every demand; every inducement asked for has been granted. We have the population, the improvements, the schools, churches and hotels. We have presented the County with a better Court House than it now has, equipped with a vault, electric lights and furnace heat, without charge for five years. We have started the building fund with ten thousand dollars in cash. We have not been telling falsehoods, exaggerating conditions, nor spouting hot-air. We have delivered the goods. Every claim we have made for the city of Hope is exactly as stated. We did not promise to help pay but we came up with the spot cash. We have donated a new Court House better than the old one, with plenty of room, electric lights, furnace heat and new and commodious vaults. We have

presented the County with ten thousand dollars in hard cash, which together with the county money now available, will do a whole lot toward building a new court house when it is needed.

The most ardent supporters of Finley frankly admit that Finley can not get the required two-thirds majority. Then allow us to ask, why in the name of common sense will the voters cast their ballots for Finley when their support will move the county seat to Hope? Everybody admits that the county seat should be moved to the railroad. Nobody claims that the present accommodations for our county officers and records are suitable or sufficiently safe. The only reasonable excuse that has ever been raised is the cost, and the supporters of Hope have paid the freight. Everybody concedes that the county seat should be moved and that sometime it will be necessary to build a new court house. Obviously the right thing to do is to move it now and build the court house when we can. Ten years is a long time to wait for another chance to vote on the question. Ten years is also a long time to do business in our present County building. Ten thousand dollars of the money necessary to

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build a new Court House has been deposited with the County Auditor. Why not vote to keep that money there? We don't need a new court house now, but we will want one some time and you can't pick up ten thousand dollars any easier than to cast your vote for Hope for the County Seat.

# Steele County Tribune "Throws A Fit"

The Sherbrooke Tribune comes out with a full page article in regard to "protecting the people's interests." "\$100,000. Bonds," "\$16.00 per capita tax," etc. etc., and in one "plain, truthful, systematic article" proceeds to set up a straw man and then tear him to pieces. We take up a few of these alleged objections.

In the first place it says that the reason for moving the county seat from Hope in the early days, was that the people could be better served in the exact center of the county, when the Editor of the Tribune knows as well as any person in the county, that unless there had been two or three "paper railroads" that were going to run into Sherbrooke, that it would not have gotten the county seat in a hundred years, and Bro. Boise's "hub of the universe" would have been to this day a wheat or potato field. The people don't want the county seat off the railroad, and never did.

Then the paper goes on to say that the sole reason of the towns in wanting the county seat is to have a \$100,000.00 Court House to adorn their town at the expense of the taxpayers, when as a matter of fact no Hope person has ever advocated one half this sum, nor have we advocated bonding the county for one cent. There are a few tax-payers in Hope and vicinity and we pay some taxes, and are not anxious to stand our share of a big interest tax for bonds, further than this, Editor Boise must have little respect for the intelligence of the voters of Steele County to think he can lead them to believe that Hope or any other town can dictate to the county whether they spend \$25,000. or \$100,000. in a court house.

We have waived every objection

that is offered by this same article, as we have agreed to furnish the Woodman Hall, being the old public school building re-built, free of rent for five years, build vaults and re-model it for offices, and have put up a Five Thousand Dollar Bond that this agreement will be carried out.

In addition to this we have deposited with the County Auditor Ten Thousand Dollars in Cash to start the building fund, and the County Auditor tells us that there will be on hand at the close of this year about \$7500.00 that could be used for building purposes, which together with the average annual amount from the Interest and Penalty fund of \$2,500.00 and a tax of less than \$1.00 per capita put out at interest during the next five years, would establish a fund of at least \$50,000.00, and that is more than we have ever advocated. This county is only one-fourth as big as Cass, and does not need any extravagant amount spent in buildings. This is the extent of the foundation for the long string of figures that the Tribune prints trying to scare the taxpayers into line for Sherbrooke, and is about as reasonable as his entire article. He goes on to tell us that the Building is all right, and good enough for our county; and of course it can be made to do, we could have continued to live in sod shanties until now by adding a few more chunks of sod each year, or we could still be riding on the stage coach if we desired to, and Bro. Boise can keep right on in the old ruts if he wants to, but we object to his trying to keep the rest of us way back behind the procession.

He also says that it would greatly

increase the expense of the county to do its business in town, and we would like to have him produce the figures. We don't think there would be any more county officers, or their salaries would be any bigger, and we know, it wouldn't cost \$1.75 per ton to haul the coal to the court house, nor would it cost as much in lighting it, or in a good many items of transportation; how do you figure it Bro. Boise?

The Tribune says we are selfish in wanting the county seat. Now let us suppose that Editor Boise owned no property in Sherbrooke, would he be filling a whole page of his paper with a lot of stuff as appeared in the last issue? Who has the most reasons for being selfish in the matter?

We believe every tax-payer ought to read his article carefully and sit down thoughtfully and take a paper and pencil and figure this matter out for himself, and see whose figures are nearer the exact condition under Hope's proposition to pay rent for five years and donate the County Ten Thousand Dollars, for we think to a thoughtful, reasonable, progressive citizen of our county it is one of the best pieces of campaign literature in favor of Hope for County Seat that has been produced during the entire contest.

Politically Bro. Boise claims to be a progressive, as to County affairs, "old things are good enough," we can't harmonize these two propositions, unless self interest, comes in before progress.

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