

Hope Ought To Be You FOR COUNTY SEAT

Of course you may ask why and you are entitled to know reasons, but it is impossible in a short article to give all the reasons, so will give just a few of them. We have made the statement, and it will bear repeating, namely: **THERE ISN'T A SINGLE INDUCEMENT THAT ANY OTHER TOWN IN THE COUNTY CAN OFFER THAT HOPE CANNOT OFFER AND IN ADDITION WE HAVE A GREAT MANY ADVANTAGES THAT THE OTHER TOWNS DO NOT HAVE.**

One of the few advantages that we will name is our fire protection. We think every thoughtful voter will realize that a frame building as old as our county building and located as it is with no protection whatever is a serious risk, so serious that we are told the insurance companies are declining to carry it. Now should

THE COURT HOUSE BURN DOWN and the vaults fail to stand fire, and it is doubtful if the vaults would stand, it might mean a condition of affairs that would be more expensive than the county would spend in building a suitable building.

In Hope we have a gasoline fire engine installed at an expense of about \$2,500.00, a hand engine, hose carts, hook and ladder trucks, etc., together with two 500 bbl. cisterns eight 200 barrel cisterns scattered over the entire city. with sufficient hose so that 40 blocks can be covered from the cistern at the fire hall without moving the engine. We have three organized fire companies, an engine company, hose company and hook and ladder company, comprising 16 men each—total membership of department 48 men, chief and asst.-chief.

We have had fires start in the middle of the night, during a severe storm and yet only something like \$300 or \$400 damage done. In view of the exposed condition of our county property isn't it worth while to consider this feature?

Then we would like to site our school advantages. If there is anything North Dakota citizens have reason to pride themselves on it is their liberality in school matters. Our school is a **FIRST GRADE STATE SCHOOL** and receives \$800.00 per year from the state high school funds. Any scholar in North Dakota is entitled to attend the High School without paying a cent tuition. In the High school we have three instructors and in addition music and drawing. A scholar can take a full four year's classical or scientific course and at graduation can enter the state university without examination, or can secure normal school diploma with only one year's additional work. In addition to the High school course we have the full eight years of grade work under competent teachers. The music and drawing also being carried through the entire eight years of grade work. So your child can start in and have twelve full years of work right at home. Now if you were a county official and had children to educate wouldn't this appeal to

you, and then you know the turn of the political wheel may land you in a county office, and you should "do unto others as you would they should do unto you."

Then we call attention to our public improvements. A \$20,000.00 electric light plant, and one of the best in the state too, not bad for a place like Hope. Electricity is much handier and much safer light especially for public buildings.

We are proud of our streets and cement sidewalks, about four miles of them. Mud has no terror for the Hope citizen or visitor.

But then we said we were only going to give you a few advantages of Hope, so we'll have to cut our story short, saying nothing of our hotels, churches, lodges and numerous other advantages that we might enumerate.

We are the only county in North Dakota that hasn't its county seat on a railroad town (when there is one in the county) and ninety per cent. of them locate in the "biggest and best" town in the county.

Hope is in nearly the exact center of the south half of Steele county, it is just as near the center of the county as any other town aspiring for county seat honors. Hope has double or more than double the vote of any other town and a larger Steele county territory tributary to it, and on account of its superior advantages is getting promises of support from all over the county. So we contend that it is the only town that possibly can secure the required two-thirds vote necessary to move. We think more than two-thirds really feel that Steele county ought to have better and safer accommodations and if they will but realize that Hope is the only place that can muster strength enough to stand any show of winning, then those who feel that the best interests of the county demand removal will fall in line and support the City of Hope.

Why drag this question along for years and keep the county involved in turmoil and expense, and until the county seat is located differently, it will continue to be a troublesome question.

Some will say, other towns can in time secure the advantages that Hope has. It may be and again it may not be, you have seen towns with good prospects that on account of other towns' springing up, or some other reasons have failed to grow, and some times gone backwards. We have no grievances, against other towns but simply say Hope has the advantages NOW, and you don't have to take any chances on future development.

Hope is double the size of any other town, and has twice the advantages to offer and why isn't it the best place for the county seat?

Hope is a { Good Town,
Clean Town,
Growing Town.

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR VOTE BUT
VOTE FOR HOPE.**