

NORTH DAKOTA

A GREAT STATE.

Some Facts and Figures of Interest Steele Co. Ranks Well According to Size

W. C. Gilbreath, Commissioner of Agricultural and Labor, has just issued a corrected map of North Dakota, which gives all the new lines of railroad and the new counties created in the western part of the state. On the back of the map are given facts and figures pertaining to the state and the different counties.

For the benefit of our readers we will enumerate a few of the figures given out:

The state has an area of 70,195 square miles, 44,910,080 acres; population 1907, 600,000; miles of railroads, 1907, 4,655; number of postoffices, 1908, 889; 345 newspapers; the value of the dairy and creamery industry for 1906 amounted to \$4,000,000; number of tons of coal mined 1906, 515,481; amount received for live stock shipped in 1906, 4,509,818.00; number pounds wool clipped 1906 1,527,148; expended for support of public schools 1907, \$3,205,704; number of schools, 1907, 4,979; number of teachers, 1907, 5,049; value of school property, 1907, \$6,002,294.00; North Dak. schools have an endowment of land worth \$50,000,000; number of state banks; 430; number of National banks, 130. North Dakota had 9,890,900 acres of crop 1907. The total valuation of all property is more than one billion and a quarter.

STEELE COUNTY.

For this report we glean the following figures pertaining to Steele county:

Steele county had in 1907 262,808 acres under cultivation. We raised during the year 1906: 2,069,654 bushels of wheat; 407,654 bushels of flax; 852,884 bush-

els of oats; 379,288 bushels of barley; 18,376 bushels of rye; 5,610 bushels of corn; 28,367 bushels of potatoes. Live stock: In 1907 there were 7,846 head of horses; 7,439 head of cattle; 2,121 head hogs. The assessed valuation was 3,750,251.20.

COUNCIL DOINGS.

Hope, N. D., April 21, 1908.

Council met in regular session. Present, Mayor Warner, Aldermen Major, Ehred, Fisher, Hanley, Lund-ing.

In absence of Auditor Fead F. W. Ehred acted as Auditor.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved and placed on file.

Bill of Beckerjeck & Langer \$2.25 read and on motion allowed.

Bill of J. H. McCollom \$14.80 read and motion allowed.

There being no further business, Council adjourned.

New Council met in regular session. Present, Mayor Warner, Aldermen Major, Hanley, Fisher, Roney, Ehred. Oath of office was administered to new councilmen Ehred, Hanley and Roney.

Bond of M. N. Mallory, city treasurer, \$12,000. with C. S. Moores and G. A. Warner as sureties, read and approved.

Bond of W. E. Elliott, as Justice of Peace, \$500., with R. A. Lathrop and M. B. Cassell as sureties, read and approved.

Moved and seconded that F. W. Ehred act as President of the Council for ensuing year, carried.

Moved and seconded that T. M. Major act as Vice-Pres., carried.

Mayor appointed the following committees: Streets and Alleys, Major, Fuller and Roney. Sidewalk, Ehred Fisher and Hanley. Auditing Com., left till next meeting.

Moved by Major, seconded by Hanley that sidewalk on 4th street and west side of block 8 be placed on curb line. Carried.

Moved and seconded that dog tax be

State of North Dakota,

Executive Department

Arbor Day Proclamation.

There has never been, in the history of the world, such widespread interest in forest culture. To save their vineyards and orchards, France and Italy are now reforesting their watersheds, while in our own land the best authorities claim that in twenty-five years our forests will be exhausted. The rapidly disappearing forests have caused our government to set aside as national forest reserves large tracts of timber which are under the care and supervision of the government.

Our state should not be behind the times in this great movement. Ours is a prairie state, an agricultural state; and the influence of trees and forests in producing and conserving moisture, in breaking wind and in tempering the climate, is well known. North Dakota does not need forests for lumber and fuel alone, but it needs forests also for the great benefit that they are to agriculture.

Therefore for the purpose of encouraging the planting and cultivation of forest trees, I hereby designate

Friday, May 1st as Arbor Day

for this state, as a day set apart for the planting of trees and shrubbery. I recommend the planting of trees and shrubbery in school yards and public grounds, and that the only exercises held in the public schools on such day be relating to forestry; the influence of forestry upon the air, the soil, the rainfall and the conservation of moisture, so that the rising generation may grow up with a knowledge of its greatest benefit to agriculture in this great agricultural state.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, at the Capitol at Bismarck, this 18th day of April A. D. 1908.



JOHN BURKE,

Governor.

By the Governor.

ALFRED BLAISDELL,

Secretary of State.

turned over to the Marshall for collection. Carried.

Moved and seconded that city atty. draft an ordinance prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks in the business

portion of town, also from driving over sidewalks with teams and running engines over crossings without planking same. Carried.

Friday May 1st was designated as "clean up" day