

Every Voter in Steele County is Drawn on the Jury.

They are called on to decide the case of "WHERE TO MOVE THE COUNTY SEAT". In behalf of the City of Hope, we wish to ask every voter in the county, whether he lives in Hope, Finley, Sharon, or any other town; or on a farm in any part of the county; to decide this case upon its merits, and upon the evidence brought before you. Don't jump at a conclusion and say that this place or that place is proper, but give us all a hearing, size us up; our facilities, our different advantages from all standpoints, and make your decision upon careful study and without bias or prejudice for or against any place.

This is a matter of business, not of politics, or even of local pride in our respective towns, but is simply a question of which is the best place from all standpoints, and also which place offers the greatest likelihood of getting the required two-thirds vote.

THE PETITIONS ARE NOW FILED WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

So the case is now in the hands of the jury. Hope will have representatives to present their case. We only ask that you give our claims careful consideration, weigh every argument, size up every advantage, and vote your honest convictions as to the right and best place to locate your county seat.

We believe 90 per cent. of the residents of the county, feel that our county buildings are not fully adequate for the business of the county. Everybody realizes the trouble and expense of going to Sherbrooke for county business, and it appears to us that our county has reached a place where they ought to have and can afford to have suitable accommodations, and buildings that they can be proud of. It is necessary before long to put some expense on the present buildings and it seems that this money should be put into permanent buildings. There is a danger under the present conditions that few, probably, seriously consider, and that is the danger of fire. In one of the Wisconsin counties their building burned destroying the records, and it cost the county more to get their records back into shape than a building would cost. An old frame building with no fire protection in the town, is a danger that cannot be overlooked, and several persons familiar with the county buildings have stated that they doubted whether the vaults would stand a fire in a strong wind.

Some objections have been raised to building a new building on the ground that the county is not yet in shape to do so. We cannot see where anything can be gained by waiting, as the county is out of debt and as we understand it cannot establish a building fund in advance under the present law. Our county now has reached about \$400,000.00 of assessed valuation, so it would not be necessary to issue bonds as a tax of 10 mills would furnish a fund sufficient to build proper buildings. An assessment of this size would mean \$8.00 or \$9.00 on a quarter section of land. Or it could be levied in say three years at about \$3.00 per year on a quarter section.

Under the present law we cannot vote on this again for ten years and during that time unless we move this fall it will be necessary to spend considerable money in Sherbrooke in the way of repairs, and as stated it would seem that this money would practically be thrown away, as we do not think it would be possible to get the county to vote to put permanent buildings off the railroad, so why take the chances of hanging this up for ten years. Don't do it. Study this question from all sides and see if you think it wise. Then look carefully into the claims and advantages offered by the different places, and vote to locate the county seat in the place that offers the best advantages.

We feel that we are asking nothing that any contestant can object to in the least, because all we ask is a fair, unprejudiced hearing of our case, and the voters of Steele County are a fair-

minded, level headed class of men, and we believe they will give us just such a hearing.

LOCATION

Hope is as nearly centrally located as any railroad town in the county.

POPULATION

Greater than all other towns in the county combined, as given by the last official census. For that reason alone more people would be directly interested were the County Seat at Hope.

INCORPORATION

Hope is the only City in the county, being incorporated as a city, divided into three wards and governed by a mayor and a board of aldermen.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hope has greater hotel accommodations than all other towns in the county combined. It has three hotels alone with 85 sleeping rooms, also numerous restaurants and eating houses and private boarding houses and sleeping apartments.

IMPROVEMENTS

Hope has a dozen streets graded—those entering the business section being paved with gravel and here mud is an unknown quantity. Four miles of cement walks have been constructed along these streets at a cost of \$15,000 and a crew of men are extending these walks further out daily.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hope has far the best equipped fire department in the county. The apparatus supported here has cost the city more than \$5,000. The equipment consists of a 24 horse power Waterous Gas Engine, one Hand Chemical Engine, Hook and Ladder Trucks, fully equipped, two hose carts with more than two thousand feet of 2 1/2 in. hose, with which forty-four blocks can be reached without moving the engine. Seven cisterns are located in different portions of the city for use of the department with a capacity of one hundred thousand gallons of water. Three fire companies are maintained with complete organization having fifty four members.

SCHOOLS

The city of Hope has the only first class State High School in the county, the handsome brick building costing \$20,000. The schools are in charge of a city superintendent and a faculty of nine instructors. The High School course covers four years work, all final examinations being state examinations, and graduates enter the State University or Normal schools without further examinations. One year being sufficient to complete the Normal School course. The school building is equipped with steam heat, electric lights, water works, chemical, physical and botanical laboratory, and Gymnasium.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

Hope has the only electric lighting plant in the county, the total cost of installation being \$30,000. All the business houses, public buildings and residences are electric lighted and the streets are lighted with thirty five arc lights in operation all night.

CHURCHES

Three fine churches, with a seating capacity of 800.

LODGES

Masonic, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, M. W. A., A. O. U. W., American Yoemen, Daughters of Rebecca, Eastern Star, and the only G. A. R. Post in the county.

TELEPHONE

Main district office of the N. D. Independent Telephone Co. is located at Hope. 170 city phones are maintained with rural lines connecting 250 farm houses, also the long distance line of the Northwestern Tel. Exchange Co.

RURAL DELIVERY MAIL ROUTES

Five rural routes extend throughout the country tributary to Hope.

FLOUR MILL

Capacity 200 barrels daily.

ELEVATORS

Five grain elevators, capacity 300,000 bushels.

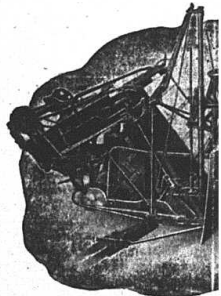
BANKS

Two National Banks capital \$100,000.

Majors

The Iron

We are not in the "liable Continental." John Litchfield Manure spreader; apron manure spreader; Wagons; Janesville and Rockford Wind Mills and Reapers; Oil; Grease; Pitts; Recves; Minnes; Threshers; Austin and



Hope.

THE

RAIL ROADS

The Great Northern Railway, running two passenger trains daily. Main line for freight. Good depot and yards with 8,000 feet of side track.

HOPE'S PROPOSITION

Voters of Steele County, these are facts. We believe that this county seat removal fight should be approached strictly on the merits of each contestant. Any town would be improved by having the county seat. It should be the representative city of the county. Consider it as a business proposition. Visit each town in the county and consider their respective advantages and use your best judgment in making your choice—then vote accordingly.

The recently published catalogue of the State University is now being sent out to all interested. It is considerably larger than ever before, being a volume of 273 pages. The faculty list includes sixty names, including the special lectures in law and medicine. The roll of students shows an attendance for the year of 861, a larger proportion of whom than ever before are of college grade. As we turn the leaves we note that the University now consists of six distinct Colleges, viz: The College of Arts, the College of Mining Engineering, the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, the College of Medicine, the College of Law and Teachers College. Besides these there is the Model School recently inaugurated as an adjunct to Teachers College. This will be a model high school in every particular and its establishment should help to solve some of the High School problems which are demanding so much attention just now. We note that the Public Health Laboratory is to continue under the efficient directorship of Dr. G. F. Ruediger. This is certainly one of the most useful institutions in our state. We also note an excellent plan of the grounds and the eleven buildings of the University including the three recently erected, all of which are fully described. Altogether the new catalogue shows a gratifying state of affairs at the University. The institution has a bright outlook and is worthy of the patronage of all the young people in our state who desire a higher education.

LOST: A drab rain coat with snap fasteners; somewhere between Hope and Blabon. Finder will please leave at Pioneer office.