

# THE PROGRESSIVE CLUB

Constitution of the New Griggs County Progressive Club Recently Organized.

## CONSTITUTION.

We, the undersigned members of Griggs county, North Dakota, in order to advance the common interests of all our people, to promote the knowledge of agriculture, to improve the commercial, industrial, social, educational, and religious conditions, and in every way to set forth the opportunities afforded by our county, do hereby effect a working organization to that end, and adopt the following constitution:—

### ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be "GRIGGS COUNTY PROGRESS CLUB."

### ARTICLE II.

The principal office of this organization shall be maintained at Cooperstown, North Dakota.

### ARTICLE III.

Any citizen of this county may become a member of this organization by ratifying its constitution and paying in advance the annual membership fee which is hereby established at two dollars.

### ARTICLE IV.

The government of this organization and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a board of fifteen directors.

### ARTICLE V.

The officers of this club shall consist of a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, fourth vice president, secretary and treasurer.

### ARTICLE VI—Sec. 1.

Election of Directors:—

A full board of directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members of this organization each year, and they shall hold office during the ensuing year, or until their successors are elected and qualified; of said directors two are to be chosen from each of the five commissioner districts of the county, and the remaining five from the county at large.

### SECTION 2.

Election of Officers:—

Immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting of this organization, the newly elected board of directors shall meet and proceed to elect from among their own number a president, first, second, third and fourth vice president, and a treasurer; all of said officers to hold office for the ensuing year, or during the pleasure of the board. They shall also appoint a secretary who shall hold office during their pleasure.

### ARTICLE VII—Sec. 1.

The president, or in his absence, the ranking vice president, shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors.

### SECTION 2.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep records of all meetings of the members of the board of directors; keep a record of all moneys received and expended; keep a record of all bills allowed by the board of directors and draw orders for payment of same, said orders to be countersigned by the president or vice president; attend to all correspondence, and all other such duties as may be outlined by the board of directors.

### SECTION 3.

The treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and valuables of the club placed in his custody by its officers, directors or members; keep such books of account as may be prescribed by the board of directors; render a statement to the directors and members at the regular annual meeting and oftener if so required by the board, and shall give bonds for the faithful performance of duty.

### ARTICLE VIII—Sec. 1.

Meetings of Members:—

The annual meeting of the members of this organization shall be held on the third Wednesday of June of each year at such place and time of day as may be designated by the board of directors, notice of such election to be published in each of the papers within the county at least two weeks next preceeding such election.

### SECTION 2.

Meetings of Directors:—

The board of directors of this organization shall hold regular quarterly meetings at the club's office, at which meetings seven members of the board including the president or one of the vice presidents shall constitute a quorum. In case a quorum is not present, a smaller number shall be competent to adjourn from time to time until a quorum is secured.

### SECTION 3.

Special Meetings:—

Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time by the president or secretary, or any three members of the board.

### ARTICLE IX.

Quorum:—

One-fifth of the members of this organization shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of said members; provided, however,

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that in no case shall more than seventy five members be required for a quorum.

### ARTICLE X.

This constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual or special meeting.

### PILOT MOUND CHIPS.

On Feb. 14 the backbone of winter is said to be broken.

W. W. Quanbeck has been threatened with another attack of quinsy but is now improving.

A. Pederson, the Griggs county medicine man, was seen on the streets in Jessle last Monday. Evidently some of us need medical aid way.

John Knapp, who recently was summoned to the state of Michigan on account of the serious illness of his mother, has returned, leaving her somewhat improved.

Joe Boyer, now on the Thingelstad farm, is said to have rented the Ole K. Thompson farm, now in possession of Hougen & Rogne.

Miss Louise Kaas is so well liked as a teacher up here that she will have to keep on indefinitely until she drops out on the retired list, which time we hope is far distant yet.

We fear that the Aneta murder case, when fully developed, will get more persons implicated in the crime than was at first surmised and will turn out as brutal as most any case on record.

Irl Hicks says that the kind of weather we were having along the middle part of February is very likely to predominate until towards the latter part of March. That would suit us all right.

J. C. Thingelstad did the right thing when he decided to reserve 10 acres for his renter on which to plant fodder corn. All other farms would do well to follow this example, for in case of another dry season corn will withstand the drouth as nothing else.

We shall have to discontinue giving suggestive themes to the west end Ed. upon which to write his spicy editorials, furnishing him free of cost ammunition as it were, and he doing the shooting, provided we do not get a recompense.

Let us plant more trees in this county and beautify our home surroundings! Groves will furnish us with windbreaks, with summer fuel and preserve the winter snow for irrigation purposes when the hot, dry weather sets in.

Let's see. The two political parties are very evenly matched now, as far as county officials are concerned, and a real fine lot of gentlemen they are too, obliging and accommodating all of them.

If the democrats succeed in 1912 we will predict that either Rearick or this correspondent, both, will be running for all our life to get a hiding place in some secluded corner in the Cooperstown P. O., provided Percy will let us in.

The following anecdote will serve as a reply to the author of a certain item in the Sentinel. The fool said one day in the king's presence, "I am the king." And the king laughed for he knew that the fool was wrong. A week later the king was angry because of an error he had committed and exclaimed, "I am a fool," and the fool laughed for he knew that the king was right.

Dr. Creegan, of Fargo, visited our high school last Friday morning and gave the student body a very interesting talk on Japan, especially upon the schools of that interesting country. Mr. Creegan thinks Cooperstown has one of the finest and best equipped high schools he has visited and thinks our people should be proud of such an institution. We do take pride in our school which is second to none in the state.