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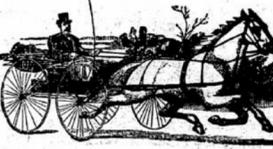
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The State Farmers' Institute Will Be Held in Princeton Thursday and Friday January 25 and 26.

Every Farmer and Stock Raiser Near Princeton Should Plan to Attend Every Session.

The State farmers' institute will be held in the village of Princeton, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25 and 26, commencing at 10 a. m. sharp. Every farmer should make his plans so that he can be in attendance during the entire session. Two days spent in attendance at a farmers' institute may result in the adoption of methods, the value of which cannot be estimated. At the farmers' institute you will meet those who have traveled the rough and rocky road of experience, and they will try to aid you in avoiding some of the many difficulties they had to encounter.

Thousands and thousands of dollars are annually lost in Minnesota to the masses by not knowing the practical methods of the most successful farmers, which are "guide boards" to all others, when heeded. All methods that have proven failures should be set up as "danger signals," to prevent others from falling into the same errors.

The State farmers' institute is our traveling school of agriculture, which brings to our very doors the experiences, means and methods for the best known practical results. It is all free, no collections and no charges.

At the close of the first forenoon session, a very valuable book of over 350 pages (the Institute Annual), devoted to agriculture, stock raising, horticulture, dairying, sheep husbandry, swine husbandry, poultry raising, domestic economy, etc., etc. will be given free. This book is estimated by those who have carefully examined it, to be well worth from \$5.00 to \$25.00 to those interested in the subjects therein contained. No farmer should miss this gift. Ladies and young people are especially invited.

Minnesota State farmers' institutes, supported by an appropriation for the purpose, have become so familiar with the thousands upon thousands of farmers of the State that it would seem almost a waste of time to refer to the merits they justly deserve. But there may be some who have not attended one of these institutes, and are not fully aware of the good they are doing over Minnesota, consequently we here refer briefly to a few of the many features of the work.

The work aimed at in the institute is of the most practical character, and none but those who have had the necessary experience are retained as instructors.

The work on the farm will be duly considered, from the proper tilling of soil to the preparation of the crop for the market. All the stock on the farm will receive due attention in the institute work, by those who will speak from practical experience. Breeding, feeding care and handling especially considered in its varied details.

That Minnesota is yet destined to become a practical fruit producing state there is now no question. This work at the farmers' institute will be represented by one of great experience.

There is need of all the information we can get to prevent the further spread of hog cholera. Town boards and health officers are particularly urged to attend these institutes for the good of the communities in which they exert an influence.

The various crops of grain grown on the farm will be duly considered for the least injury to the soil, and most profit to the producer. All the useful grasses will be considered, for their value to the soil and feeding qualities—clover especially.

The cultivation of farm crops in connection with a vigorous growth and the destruction of "weeds," is a feature of institute work that is of great importance.

Many hesitate to ask oral questions and for all such the question box is their source of information. Prepare your questions in writing at your leisure on what you want to know, and put them in the question box; then at the proper time the questions will be distributed to the parties in whose department they properly belong, and they will be read and answered, so the whole audience will get the benefit.

The hours for holding institutes proper is from 10:00 a. m., sharp to 12:00 m., and from 2:00 p. m., sharp to 4:00 p. m. Every hour will be rich

in instruction, and should not be missed.

There will be no fixed programme, but the work will be confined largely to the wants of the locality; consequently the importance of being there continuously. No fees or charges of any sort are exacted. It is absolutely free to all who attend.

Keith Won.
In the case of Mille Lacs Lumber company vs. Keith tried here at the April 1899 term of the district court resulting in the dismissal of the action by Judge Searle at the close of the plaintiff's case, a motion for a new trial was denied by the court and the plaintiff appealed. The supreme court on Dec. 15 files the following opinion sustaining the ruling of Judge Searle: "The Mille Lacs Lumber company, appellant, vs. Charles Keith et al., respondent.

While K. was in the plaintiff's employ in the year 1884, he examined the titles to lands in a certain county which plaintiff corporation then claimed to own. He then wrote a letter to C in which he reported the title of the plaintiff perfect to a certain tract. He had no abstract of title when making his examination and relied upon the grantor and grantee reception books kept by the register of deeds, as by law required. The conveyances on record noted and entered in these books showed plaintiff's title to the land to be perfect, but as a matter of fact there had been recorded, but not noted or entered in either of these reception books, a deed of conveyance to one D., which rendered plaintiff's title or claim of title of no value. K. did not discover this and no claim is made that he was negligent in not discovering the record of such a deed. Nor is it contended that he did not act in perfect good faith when searching the records and when writing the letter.

Eleven years after leaving plaintiff's employ K., in good faith, bought the land, with several other tracts, from one S., who was supposed to be the grantee of D., and obtained a conveyance from him. In an action brought by plaintiff against K. and also against other persons to whom he had conveyed, it is held that K. cannot be adjudged to have been a trustee of the land for the plaintiff on the ground of the former relations existing between them. Order affirmed. Collins, J."

Look Out For Trouble.
Dairy Inspector Chadbourne has been warning the merchants this week of the near approach of the time when the new baking powder law goes into effect. A law was passed by the last legislature requiring each can of powder to bear a label showing just what ingredients are contained in the compound and providing for the prosecution of dealers who attempt to sell powder without such labels. This law will be put in force Jan. 1, and the food and dairy department propose to rigidly enforce its provisions. All the merchants in the State have had notice and if they have not already complied with the law they should do so at once. It is understood that two firms will fight the law and through them many merchants may get into trouble. The fine is fixed at not less than \$25 and imprisonment is also provided for.

One of Pope's Good Things.
Indian Commissioner Jones is preparing a bill which will be presented to congress for authority to pay the Mille Lacs Indians the money expended by them in the improvements of the reservation. If this money is paid over to the Indians they have agreed to abandon the reservation to the government. The Indians will accept allotments on the White Earth reservation or take up other public land.—*Minneapolis Times.*

"The money expended by the Indians in improvements of the reservation" is a huge joke but the scheme will undoubtedly be pushed through and Mora will have still another celebration while the money lasts.

Smallpox in Oxford.
Two cases of smallpox are reported in the town of Oxford, Isanti county, and it is understood every precaution is being used to confine the contagion to the people now sick. Throughout southern Minnesota the disease is quite prevalent, and in some sections a strict quarantine is being enforced against the towns themselves. There are also a number of cases in the Twin cities, but little is being said about them.—*North Branch Review.*

Fire Department Reorganized.
The meeting of the fire department held for the election of officers occurred last Saturday night and resulted in a choice of a new staff of officials clear through. Postmaster Cordner was elected chief, although he protested that there would doubtless be many times when he would be unable

to perform the duties incumbent upon the chief. D. W. Spaulding was elected assistant chief; Fred Goulding, treasurer; Ernest Byers, secretary; W. G. Fredricks, foreman of the hose company and Adolph Holm, assistant; John Claggett, foreman of the hook and ladder; Bert Sipes, assistant.

SHABOSHKUNG'S RETORT.
Bishop Whipple Tells How an Indian Agent Failed to Convince the Wily Old Mille Lacs Chief.

[From Bishop Whipple's "Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate."]
The legislature had demanded the removal of all Indians from Minnesota; and the authorities at Washington had prepared a treaty by which the Chippewas were to relinquish their lands and remove to a country north of Leech lake, and a special agent was sent to negotiate the treaty. The man was without the slightest knowledge of Indian character. He came to see me and begged me to help him make the treaty. After examining the paper I said:

"The Indians will not sign this treaty; they are not fools. This is the poorest strip of land in Minnesota, and is unfit for cultivation. We propose to take their arable land, their best hunting ground, their rice fields and their fisheries and give them a country where they cannot live without the support of the government."

The agent was angry and replied: "If you will not help me, I will negotiate it without your help."

"You can try it," I replied, "but you will certainly fail."

He called all the Indians together at Crow Wing, and made this speech to them:

"My friends, your Great Father has heard how very much you have been wronged, and he determined to send an honest man to treat with you. He looked in the north, the south, the east, and the west, and when he saw me he said: 'There is an honest man. I will send him to my red children.' My red brothers, the winds of fifty-five winters have blown over my head and have silvered it with gray. In all that time I have never done wrong to a single human being. As the representative of the Great Father and as your friend, I advise you to sign this treaty at once."

As quickly as a flash of lightning, old Sha-bosh-kung, the head chief of the Mille Lacs band, sprang to his feet, and said:

"My father, look at me. The winds of fifty-five winters have blown over my head and have silvered it with gray. But—they haven't blown my brains away."

He sat down, and all the Indians shouted, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" That ended the council.

Lost Their Creamery.
The new co-operative creamery which was being constructed near Longs Siding was destroyed by fire last Monday morning and the circumstances give grounds for the belief that it was the work of an incendiary. The contractors had not quite completed their work, but a large part of the machinery was in the building and nothing was saved. The contractors were protected against loss by a blanket policy, however, and will immediately begin the work of rebuilding.

The UNION is informed that peace and harmony do not prevail to any great extent in the neighborhood and one of the principle causes of the trouble is a division of sentiment in this creamery matter. The matter will be investigated by the insurance company affected and if any evidence can be secured, someone will be made to suffer for Monday morning's fun.

J. Adam Bede sometimes says things about himself which he would consider libelous if uttered by a contemporary. Here is one of them: "We join heartily with our 300 personal friends in the Minnesota penitentiary in regretting the resignation of Warden Wolfert, and they in turn will join with us in making Gen. Reeve feel like of the family. We hope none of the boys will disturb him by coming in late of nights. Gen. Reeve is a disciplinarian, and the boys will be expected to wear their uniforms. As a parting word, be careful of your diet or you may break out."

The annual sale and supper given by the Dorcas ladies society last Friday afternoon and evening was a success. The ladies cleared in the neighborhood of \$145, and nearly everything offered for sale was disposed of, before the evening was over. In many cases orders for duplicates were taken.

When we receive the Anoka Herald this week we will be disappointed if we do not find it set in type as large as pica boldface. A grapevine dispatch informs us that Editor Caswell, of that journal, became the proud father of a bouncing boy last Monday.