

## Agricultural Department.

CONDUCTED BY  
NELS QUAM, Norway Lake, Minn.  
CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERIES.

The question of co-operative creameries is now being discussed everywhere and we are pleased to see this agitation go on, because it is high time for us to look about for a change and we do hope this enterprise shall prove a boon to our farmers. The creamery is of course the first step in the progress of the dairy industry and upon the correct, careful and sound establishment and running of this depends to a great extent the future success of this line of product. To begin with we must not go beyond our means, that is, we must not invest more money in the creamery plant than our business source will carry. We have but few cows and what is still worse but little to feed them. We see and hear a great deal about putting in of large plants to cost \$2800 to \$3500, yet we doubt that a locality can be found within the borders of this county that would warrant the putting in of that much capital in a single plant, because in order to be successful it would have to be supported by at least 700 to 800 cows; but says the creamery supply agent: "After the creamery is built the cows will soon come." Now, Mr. agent, that depends on if the business is profitable. The price of butter is down with no prospect of raising in the near future; besides, the profitability of the business will be effected by having to carry unproductive or dead capital and an idle butter maker. We have done too much of this building and investing for the future with loaned capital and our advice is now to provide for the present needs and let the future take care of itself in this matter. We think that \$1200 to \$1600 will build and equip a creamery large enough to fill the demands of our undeveloped dairy resources in any locality within the county.

The most successful plan in the older dairy districts is the building of a creamery plant at some central point and putting in of skimming stations at a proper distance around it and where this is practical it is certainly the most economical plan; but like all large concerns, the creamery not excepted, it takes experience and ability to handle them, and the thought remains with us that in a good many instances the better plan would be for some farmer who is favorably located and has grown-up boys, to send his brightest boy to our agricultural school to take in the dairy or factory course; then let him call his neighbors together and tell them: "See here, I have a good well, possibly a wind mill, a vacant granary or other building conveniently near; now if you will buy the machinery and utensils and put them in, my boy will run this creamery or dairy outfit for you for a reasonable compensation for time spent." (As he can put in the balance of his time on the farm.) A complete creamery outfit for from 100 to 150 cows can be had for \$350 to \$400.

Make up your mind now, that if you live till next July that the cows that you are milking will

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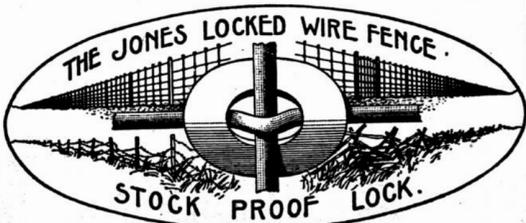
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naturally shrink on their milk unless you provide them with some kind of soiling crops. Sow some oats, rye or plant corn in drills conveniently near the pasture or yard so you can either cut it and feed to the cows or fence in small potatoes at the time.

Home repairing and home produced supplies are now most emphatically in order.

You can't possibly put in your labor to better advantage than by planting an acre or two of trees around your place this coming spring; no one thing will add more to the value of your farm.

A poor investment is the putting of good seed on poor ground or carelessly prepared good land.

There is no part of farming of more importance to the farmer than the prices he gets for his products and for this reason it behooves us to discuss all questions that have a bearing on them, even if you should have to get into politics by so doing.

It is not because the farmers have been raising too much produce that they are poor, but because they have been producing too large a crop of millionaires.

The cow and the hog have been the farmers' best friend of late; but even the cow and hog path are becoming muddy and cumbersome, caused by the everlasting low price deluge.

For a week before the sows farrow and for at least two weeks thereafter she should have no more attention than is necessary to give her food and drink and to keep her quarters clean. The less she is disturbed the better for her and her pigs.

Get your seed wheat and oats cleaned from wild oats, mustard and other foul seed.

Barley is a good crop if you have rich, mellow soil.

Hurrah for the Willmar Tribune.

WILLMAR, MINN., Feb. 21, 1895.  
Editor Willmar Tribune:  
When I saw the first number of the Willmar Tribune, I was cheered up and shouted aloud: Hurrah for the first copy of the Willmar Tribune! The establishment of what we Populists may call our paper, assures us a victory in 1896 in Kandiyohi county, and will do its missionary work throughout the whole State. We can congratulate ourselves upon the assured success of the Willmar Tribune, when such a man as Dr. Johnson is the editor. He is a man that needs no recommendation from any one in this county or anywhere, where he is known.

If every subscriber would make a small effort to get one or two subscribers for the Willmar Tribune, it can be made one of the greatest and most influential newspapers in the State. Let us all be wise and act wisely in regard to the contest the Peoples Party now are carrying on for the betterment of society, to save our union and our country from a horrible decay, for which none but the American voters can prevent. O! brethren rise

from your death slumber and rise to activity, save yourself, your wife and your children from the bonds of slavery, which are now about to be tied on the American people. You have yet your choice between freedom and a country of slaves and Shylocks.

Subscribe for, and read the Willmar Tribune and other Populist papers and see for yourself whether you are right or wrong. I could have much more to say, Mr. Editor, but I fear it will be too long, and thus be thrown into the waste basket.

ALBERT J. NELSON.  
NORWAY LAKE ITEMS.

Roads are in bad shape, as many places are bare of snow, so wood hauling past this place has been slack the last days.

Our townsman, Erick Rood died last Sunday morning, at four o'clock, from consumption, aged 40 years. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn the loss of a husband and father.

Elmer Railson has just returned from a trip to Minneapolis visiting his sister and friends.

George Negaard is assisting H. N. Hagen in instructing the scholars at the Parochial school.

J. S. Christenson will finish the 5 months term of school in district 69, in one week.

Rev. Jordahl is attending a church meeting at Willmar.

Sven Swenson is clerking for J. N. Quam & Son.

Gundel Huse, one of the oldest persons in the county, was buried at East Norway Lake church, February 21st. She was about 100 years old.

Dina Gordhamer came home last Sunday from Willmar, where she is attending school at the Seminary. A RESIDENT.

NEW LONDON ITEMS.

Mrs. Geo. Singer, of New London, formerly of Spicer, died last Tuesday of acute puerperal mania. This is a hard blow on Mr. Singer. What is home without a mother?

Creameries are now the talk all day long. Creamery in Irving, creamery in Hawick, creamery in Norway Lake, Colfax, and everywhere. Agitation is a good thing as it sets the minds a thinking and brings the question down to a systematic business proposition. This is what is necessary to any enterprise.

The warm weather spoiled the roads so that our streets are sort of empty.

An infant a few days old of Charley Alberg's, died last week and was buried Saturday.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WILLMAR, Minn., Feb. 22, '95.

At a regular meeting of the Young People's Political and Literary Society of school districts No. 63 and 80 the following resolution was passed:

As our society believes in reform and in the doctrines of the Peoples party; and as our friend, Dr. Johnson, has begun the publication of the Willmar Tribune, Whereas, we do hereby most heartily endorse the Willmar Tribune as a middle of the road Populist paper; and

Whereas, the need of such a paper has long been felt amongst the people believing in the principles of the Peoples party, we are grateful to those ardent and honest workers of reform that stand the brunt of the battle of said enterprise; we furthermore wish the editor success in the noble work and that the truth and correct conclusions may be reached by the discussion through the column in the Willmar Tribune of social and political issues now pending for immediate solution to remedy the stagnated industries throughout this vast and broad domain.

Resolved, that we desire that the Willmar Tribune take a decided stand against the saloons at the coming city election, as we sincerely believe that no benefit can be derived from the sale of intoxicating liquors to either the city and its people or surrounding community.

ANTON PEDERSON, Pres.  
A. E. ABRAHAMSON, Sec.

A POPULIST'S VIEW.

Editor Willmar Tribune:  
While the Republican Gazette and New London Times bids welcome to the Willmar Tribune and pays you compliments truly deserved for spending time and money and labor in starting a paper, there comes a snarling, spiteful, sickly growl from the Argus office. When was the innate littleness of soul ever more vividly displayed? Why cannot the Populists of Kandiyohi county, nearly half of the population, be represented by a newspaper? And is there anything wrong in the fact that you pay for the publication of it? Does Birch get the Argus published without paying for the work? "It has not a stool, a chair, a stick of

type." Now Doctor, I know men in this town that will furnish you with capital any day, amply sufficient for a plant better than Birch ever dared think about. But what has stools and chairs and types to do with conducting a newspaper? Birch has had them for years and yet the Argus is a failure. No, it is brains that are needed to run a newspaper and in that kind of furniture the Argus is sadly deficient. It is really too bad that the Argus editor has not even the courtesy to suppress such offensive jealousy but must meet the Tribune on the very threshold by slanderous insinuations. Fie, for shame! The writer knew Birch many years ago and befriended him. One almost loses faith in human nature in these times.

Yours very truly,  
A POPULIST.

As most of the Tribune readers do not keep the Argus we print below the article referred to by the above correspondent. It shows what kind of a welcome Birch can give a newcomer when he really tries to do his very best:

"The Willmar Tribune is a Willmar Business Enterprise."—Willmar Tribune. Elegant enterprise. It will so help Willmar. The Tribune represents wind in the extreme. It owns not a stool, a chair, a stick of type. The editor is to pay for the publication of the sheet. Johnson ought to be excused for making such breaks. He is built that way. He can't help it.

Our old friend Geo. P. Gibson, writes: MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23, 1895. Dr. Johnson, Willmar, Minn.

DEAR FRIEND—I received a copy of "The Willmar Tribune" and I am well pleased with it. I think it is just what the friends of reform in this district need. Please put my name on your list as a subscriber.

With best wishes for the new organ and its founder, I am Sincerely yours,  
Geo. P. Gibson,  
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The Willmar Tribune made its debut Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Will-

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