



SALUTATORY.

At last we make our salutation to the public of Marshall county. Our little sheet has been launched, and has cast its anchor in a safe haven, where, by ordinary caution it ought to safely float, gathering each week its little cargo of those local events which make up the history of a county.

The SHEAF shall be a paper of the people, and it will labor for what is considered the best interests of the whole county. It will be sent to many persons seeking homes in this valley, and, if by directing emigration this way it gives the county an accelerated impetus in its settlement, it will have accomplished part of its mission. But to live and flourish, to become a useful exponent, a fair representative of the county, it will require the united support of its present population. It is always difficult for a country paper to avoid the local prejudices sometimes existing in old counties, and much the more so in a new one, when the persons forming the community are little acquainted with each other.

We shall aim to go on in the right, and look neither to the right or left, hoping that our purpose of doing our best for the whole, with malice toward none, will bear us through obtaining the good will and general support of the county in this our little experiment.

A. DEWEY.

The SHEAF gives place to the opinion of one of the leading journals of the state on the subject of United States senator. But the state has other, and, we believe, as able and more practical men for the exalted position referred to. Senator McMillan is a dignified, conservative man, and the state has not been disgraced by any act of his. But has the commonwealth of Minnesota nothing more to ask of its senator? In this part of the state we demand a broad-gauged man, one with large ideas, liberal sentiments, eminently practicable to guard and watch our diversified and growing interests with alert preception and unflinching earnestness. Let us have a man perfectly familiar with our necessities, keenly alive to our demands, a worker capable of accomplishing something—not a stately martinet. Such a man is found in Governor Pillsbury. Why not make him United States senator? The Journal says:

The state papers are discussing the U. S. senatorial question at length, and bringing out the fact that there are a dozen or more of citizens who think they have the capacity to fill Senator McMillan's seat. Among these are Charley Gilman of St. Cloud, Gen. Sanborn and C. K. Davis, of St. Paul, Judge Cornell of Minneapolis and others.

The republicans of the 41st district have expressed themselves on this subject in convention, and favorably to the re-election of Mr. McMillan whom we regard as entitled to this need of well done good and faithful servant. By every principle of honor and politics. The following from the St. Cloud Journal fairly expresses our views: "Of Senator McMillan's purity as a man and as a legislator there is no need to say anything, as in twenty years of public life not a whisper affecting his character has ever been heard. He is recognized as in his respect far above reproach. His constituents or his party have not been, and it may be safely said never will be called upon to defend him from any charges of jobbery or self-aggrandizement.

Why, then, we would ask, should a change be made? Why should a Senator of acknowledged ability ripened by six years of valuable experience, of unblemished character in the prime of his usefulness, a stalwart republican having the courage of his convictions and having the powerful leverage of a personal acquaintance with his associates be dropped and a new untried man taken? We have yet to hear any reason advanced why the people of Minnesota should be guilty

of so stupendous a piece of folly. Senator McMillan deserves to be re-elected and by the unanimous vote of the republican members of the legislature." *Fergus Falls Journal.*

MARSHALL COUNTY MINNESOTA.

Until within two or three years the territory forming Marshall county was as much a land of the unknown as the central portions of the continent were to the residents of the Atlantic states a half century since.

Seventy years have passed since the hardy old Scotchman identified with the Hudson Bay Company founded his colony at Pembina now distant from this place less than two hours by rail. Even a decade has scarcely passed since one of the principal magazines of the east surprised its readers by revealing the existence of the place hitherto to them unknown, in giving an illustrated and graphic account of the adventures and experiences of the first settlers in the valley of the Red River of the North. Yet the multitude looked upon this part of Uncle Samuel's domain as a bleak uninhabitable desert, where half-breeds and Scotchmen scratched their backs on the north pole, regaled themselves on grasshoppers during the summer and lunched on smoked buffalo when they could get it. Should they be miraculously protected by a kind Providence from the perils of frost or starvation, it was expected that they would put in an annual appearance in a kind of mysterious vehicle known as a Red river cart at the then "way out west" frontier post of St. Paul. So ignorant were the masses of the resources of this now far-famed fertile valley, that many men of intelligence and extended information believed that no prudent woodpecker would attempt the natural migration over this land of glacial cold without a well-filled knapsack strapped to its neck.

In time traders, explorers and frontiersmen began to reach the valley, and its rich and inexhaustible soil, unsurpassed in the production of wheat, began to be looked upon as something of a wonder when crop after crop, without fertilization, had been taken from it and it still retained its wonderful productive powers, each succeeding crop being fully as prolific as the preceding one. Newspaper correspondents, visiting the prairies told the story of its salubrious climate, the exhilaration imparted by its dry, pure atmosphere which quickens the blood and makes bear existence an enjoyment. They noted the heavy black loam resting on a seventy feet in depth strong clay subsoil. They told the story of its excellent forests bordering the many beautiful streams furnishing natural and perfect drainage for the valley. Soon followed the St. Paul & Pacific railroad as far north as Fisher's Landing, in Polk county. Here it terminated for a season and it was not until its completion through to the boundary line two years ago, that this territory began to receive the notice of the emigrant, since the development has been rapid and permanent. And it is the mission of the SHEAF to give each week a correct idea of the doings, growth and local events occurring within this county.

WARREN.

The present county seat of Marshall county is located on the banks of the Snake river, a tributary of the Red river, and is protected on the north and west by a handsome growth of timber. It is less than one year since the townsite was purchased, surveyed and platted. Its founders witnessed the rapid development of the surrounding country and saw the necessity of a central location for trade and residence. The drainage of the town and vicinity is most excellent, and a view of the many handsome farm houses surrounding the town makes an inviting picture of agricultural beauty. The town at this time contains a commodious depot, double section house, three warehouses for the

handling and storage of wheat, one first class hotel, agricultural warehouse, four stores, two law and real estate offices, three lumber yards, wagon and jobbing shop, two blacksmiths shops, saloon, a large school house, county building, a newspaper and job office, and some very handsome private residences. The population will reach about 300 persons.

WHO IS THE MAN?

Warren is the county seat of Marshall county and is located in the heart of the great wheat belt of northern Minnesota, in the celebrated Red River valley of the north and at the crossing of the Snake river (a tributary of the Red river) and on the main line of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad 256 miles north of St. Paul, and 63 miles south of St. Vincent on the boundary line of the British Province of Manitoba.

Warren is a rapidly growing new village, with the finest prospects of any town on the line of the road, and is surrounded for miles with the most productive, rich, wheat prairie lands in the world, which is being more rapidly put under cultivation than any country ever known. It is being broken up not only by hundreds, but by tens of thousands of acres. There are a number of farmers in this locality who have, this season, broken from 1,000 to 2,000 acres each, with thousands more of an acreage from 100 to 600 each. All of this land is capable of producing from 25 to 40 bushels of No. 1 wheat per acre annually, and while frequent failures of the wheat crop occurs in other places there has never been a failure of crop from any cause in this northern part of the Red River valley; hence, a good crop every year is regarded by our farmers as a moral certainty, and with the immense immigration pouring in, attracted by the certainty of good crops and large profits, we predict the country to be, in a very few years, one vast wheat field hundreds of miles in extent; but with all our natural advantages, like all new countries we labor under some disadvantages, and the one most worthy of note is the want of a flouring and feed mill to supply the local wants. Hundreds of car loads of No. 1 hard wheat are shipped annually from this valley to the mills at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Red Wing and Duluth, and hundreds of car loads of flour and feed are annually shipped from those points to supply the local demand here. The freight paid annually on this wheat south, and flour and feed north, would alone give the miller a good profit on the manufacture of it here. The nearest mill to us north is at Emerson in the Province of Manitoba, Canada, a distance of 66 miles, and south on the main line of the railroad at Crookston a distance of 30 miles; hence, a mill of four to six run of stone would have local custom the year round, running at its full capacity and the largest merchant mill can be run to its full capacity with large profits, and can ship flour to eastern cities or to Europe direct, by way of Duluth and the lakes cheaper than any all rail route. It is true there is no water power in the Red River valley; but at Warren a mill can be erected upon the bank of the river and in the center of the village directly alongside of the railroad track, and have a plentiful supply of water for the boilers the year round. There is an abundance of wood along all the tributaries of the Red River, crossed every few miles by the railroad, and a plentiful supply along the Snake river at and near Warren for all practical purposes.

The Warren Townsite Company offer to donate a block of ground comprising about one acre, located as above described and have withdrawn it from market for mill purposes. This offer is made upon the condition that the recipient erects and maintains a flour and feed custom mill with not less than four run of stone, with machinery and

capacity to make the new patent process flour.

Warren on the whole, offers rare inducements for such enterprises. The advantages are not surpassed, and hardly equalled in the entire country, and the mill man who first avails himself of this opportunity will be the lucky one.

From Our Exchanges.

From the *Emersonian International*, Mr. Philip Erbach has shipped from Emerson to Baden, Ont., up to date, thirty-seven car loads of flax equal to nearly 13,000 bushels. For the most of this he paid 96 cts. per bushel—over \$12,000.

Only four cars of wheat have been shipped south thus far. Most of the wheat shipped goes to Winnipeg for the mills there. The station agent expects to ship about six cars daily to the capital from this on.

From the *St. Vincent Herald*, On Wednesday the thermometer just reached the zero mark, the lowest it has been this season.

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