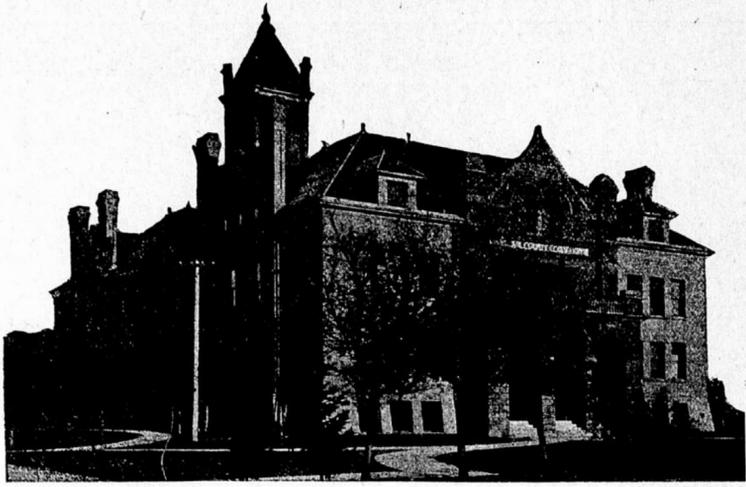


THE ROYAL ROAD TO FARM-LANDS BEST

FAR-FAMED MINNESOTA RED RIVER VALLEY



Marshall County's \$80,000 Court House, Warren, Minn.

The advance agent of prosperity was the building in of the Great Northern railroad, trekking through Marshall county, North and South, setting a new pace to land values on account of the influx of new settlers, establishing trading centers, among which was Warren, founded in 1879, the same year that the county was organized, and in 1899 a modern court house was built at a cost of \$30,000, a two-story brick, and a pretentious one for that period. In 1909 an addition was built, including a new tower, at a cost of \$50,000, which makes it the equal of any court house in point of architectural beauty and substantiality in the Valley. It is steam heated, electrically-lighted, has running water and sewerage, with fire-proof vaults for the safe-keeping of the county records. These fire-proof vaults are so arranged as to give each official a separate vault, in which to file away the official documents. Then there is the Sheriff's residence and county jail, a classy two-story brick with stone trimmings, built and furnished at a cost of \$20,000 in 1904 on a part of the building site, a triangular piece of ground, 670 feet long and 283 feet wide, that has been made attractive by the laying of cement walks, lined with blooming shrubs and flowers, the whole set to wide-spreading shade trees, elms, birch, mountain ash and other varieties, making it one of Nature's beauty spots. The interior arrangement of the Marshall county court house has been laid out with an eye to efficiency; with the idea of how best to conserve the interests of those having business to transact. On the first floor are the offices of the County Auditor, A. G. Lundgren; Clerk of Court, A. C. Swandy; Treasurer, F. Bakke; Register of Deeds, Chas. Grinder; Judge of Probate, P. H. Holm; and the County Commissioners' room, the commissioners being; O. Enge,



The Famous O. I. C. Swine, Munger & Son Breeders, Warren, Minn.

Beyond caviar there is more money in the right kind of hogs to the farmer of small and large means than in any other pursuit, and, as compared with dairying and beef cattle, it is a more pleasant occupation for the man who will take the trouble to study the wants and requirements of the hog to get the money out of the pork. The stumbling block to success with most farmers is their lack of judgment, first in selecting the right breed and second the care and feeding of the same. The most noted breeder of the famous O. I. C. swine in the Minnesota Red River Valley is L. O. Munger, who came here in 1903 from Kankakee county, Illinois, where he was a renter, to accept the position of manager of L. Lamberson's Riverside farm, located one and a half miles southwest of Warren, and comprising 640 acres. In that year he purchased the first carload of Polled-Durham cattle that was brought to this section of the Valley, and from this small beginning may be traced the pedigreed stock that is to be found on nearly all of the farms in this section. He remained on this farm five years, when he rented 212 acres, one mile southeast of Warren, which he farms in addition to 188 acres of his own land adjoining, and on which there is growing 107 acres of spring wheat and 40 acres of winter wheat; thirty-five acres of barley; 16 acres of alfalfa; and 15 acres seeded down; 17 acres of corn; 51 acres of oats; 10 acres of rye; 1 acre of potatoes; 22 acres of Mammoth clover; and 32 acres of Alsike clover, all seeded in 1914, and of which 20 acres is the third crop. The yield of Alsike and Timothy ran six bushels to the acre and of Mammoth, four bushels to the acre, which means \$45 earning capacity to the acre.

Munger & Son are the proprietors of the farm and

chairman, Oslo, third district; Andrew Lodoen, Warren, first district; Chas. Adolphson, Argyle, second district; A. S. Rokke, Strandquist, fourth district; A. Fladeland, Grygla, fifth district. On the second floor are the offices of the County Attorney, A. N. Eckstrom; Sheriff, Hans C. Hanson; County Superintendent of Schools, David Johnson; District Engineer, Oswald Lind; the balance of the space being devoted to the district court rooms, Judge's chamber and jury rooms, presided over by Hon. Andrew Grindelund, Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial district.

The great wealth of the county as shown in the assessed valuation, brings it into the limelight of State-wide publicity. The 1914 assessed valuation is as follows: Real Estate, \$8,622,727; Personal Property, \$1,649,119; Money and Credits, \$898,115. Marshall county has no debt, which places it in a class all by itself.

There are in Marshall county twenty judicial and county ditches, covering 900 miles in length, providing a thorough drainage system for the whole county. These ditches are drained into the Snake, Middle, Tamarack, Thief and Red River of the North. There is a comprehensive and extensive system of wagon and automobile roads, covering 1,200 miles, giving it the name of the good roads section of Minnesota.

A court house is the symbol of government by law. Wherever it is built, one may look for an equitable, just and orderly administration of public affairs. It means a community where law and order exists, where life and property are secure, and where the humblest citizen is protected in all his rights. The court house, the school house and the church are indications of a good class of citizens and a high standard of civilization. These are some things that the prospective settler should not overlook when deciding to locate in a new community.

the breeders of the famous O. I. C. Swine. The members of this firm are L. O. Munger, the pioneer breeder, and M. W. Munger, and they have specialized on this particular breed of swine during the past eight years and have won an Inter-State reputation. At the opening of the shipping season of 1915 they had 130 head which found a market covering Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Montana, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. All hogs are treated before shipment as a precautionary measure and all stock sold is registered free in the O. I. C. Association of Goshen, Indiana, of which they are members. Munger & Son are not only the leading breeders in the Northwest of the O. I. C. Swine, but the first shippers of pedigree hogs from Warren, that has given it such wide fame as a producer of pedigreed swine. In looking over his herd we found eighteen brood sows and 80 young pigs, while in the pastures and runways there were scattered throughout the grounds, nine portable hog houses, and it is needless to add that all the stock was in the pink of perfection. As a matter of information, we asked what the prices of ten to twelve weeks' old boars are, and we were informed that they sell at this age for \$15; sows at the same age sell at \$18; boars three to four months old, \$20; sows same age, \$20; boars from four to five months, \$30; sows, same age, \$30; boars seven to nine months old and gilts eight to ten months old, \$40. Orders are filled in pairs, trios, and young herds, mated, not akin. Those of you who are interested in pedigreed O. I. C. Swine and would like to brush up on how to successfully breed and raise high grade pork, will find the time and money well spent in visiting Munger & Son's farm located at Warren, Minnesota.

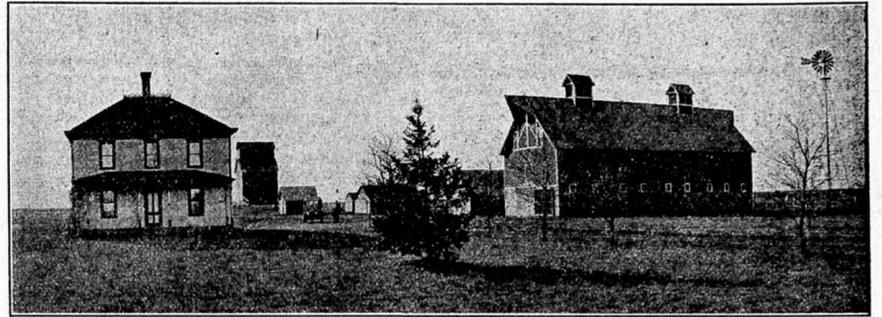
THE MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

One of the great yearly attractions, not only for the farming population, but the people of the entire Minnesota Red River Valley, is that of the Marshall County Fair. The grounds are located within a few blocks of the business center of the City of Warren. The grounds are well improved, having a pavillion with a seating capacity of 800, grand stand, agricultural building, woman's rest building, school exhibit building, horse barns and cattle stalls, sheep and hog houses. Then, there is a one-half mile regulation track, the finest in the Valley. A rightly managed county fair is a powerful incentive to better farming. The date set for the 1915 Marshall County Fair is September 27th, 28th and 29th. The list of attractions were never larger, including aeroplane flights in combination with aero-trapeze work, musical numbers, trained animals and other specialties, which, combined with the premium list of \$2,000 covering all classes of exhibits, will make it a hummer. A special purse of \$1,000 has been raised to cover the racing features, which will make this year's fair a red-letter event, not only in Marshall county but the Minnesota Red River Valley. The officers of the association are: R. B. Taralseth, president; E. T. Frank, secretary; and Aug. A. Johnson, treasurer.

P. FROST SPAULDING FARM.

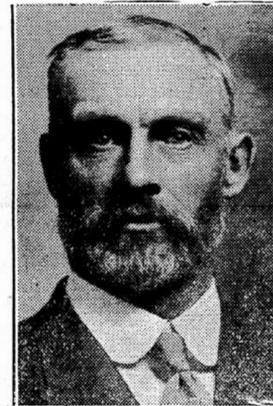
This farm is located three-fourths of a mile west of the city of Warren and comprises 1,520 acres. It is the property of the P. Frost Spaulding Farm Company and is operated as a dairy and stock farm. There are 80 head of standard-bred Holsteins with a registered Holstein bull at their head; thirty-eight dairy cows; seventy-five Poland China swine, twenty of which are brood sows; fifteen head of sheep; sixty-five head of work horses and colts; 150 pure-bred Plymouth Rocks. What took our eye, was the Holstein herd, which is the equal of any to be found in the state and for this reason they were photographed as shown on the front page of this issue.

In growing crops we found 930 acres of wheat, 150 acres of barley, 140 acres of corn, 75 acres of oats, 75 acres of alfalfa, that stood knee-high after two cuttings, while the balance of the land is in summer fallowing and pasture. It is a great farm in a great location, and few men who are interested in Holstein registered stock and who visit this section, overlook the opportunity of visiting this herd. The farm is under the management of Ed. Somers, who has held this position for the past sixteen years, which certainly entitles him to a diploma as an up-to-date farm manager.



H. J. Beardmore's Model Farm, 680 acres, Nine and one-half miles from Warren.

There is such a great wealth displayed on every hand throughout this inviting valley of farmland's best that it is utterly impossible to measure up to the standard that has been attained in soil development as it pertains to crop production, and among the many notable farms with splendid modern up-to-date buildings there is none that is more deserving of an impartial review than that of the H. J. Beardmore farm, comprising 680 acres, located four miles south of March, and nine and one-half miles from Warren, and on the great automobile highway between Warren and Grand Forks, in the very heart of the far-famed Minnesota Red River Valley.



H. J. Beardmore.

Mr. Beardmore is a native of Waupaca county, Wis., having been born there in 1853, where he remained down to 1880, when he came here and homesteaded 160 acres, seven miles southwest of Warren. Then in 1885 he purchased his present farm, first buying 240 acres and then kept on buying until his holdings comprise 680 acres. This shows how rapidly a man who knows how to farm can increase his holding in this richest of all soils, a deep, black alluvial soil, underlaid by porous clay, making it almost inexhaustible for the propagation of all kinds of plant life, suitable to the temperate zone. In farm buildings this is a little village, all by itself, having a modern twelve-room house, the main part 30x30 feet, with a lean-to, 16x28 feet and with an approved ventilating system, making it an ideal city or country home; a grain elevator with a capacity of 16,000 bushels, built on a stone foundation, with concrete floors, constructed on the most approved plans, with running water, fed from a well of 78 feet depth and pumped by a windmill, holding 32 head, fitted up with harness room, feed rooms, and a hay mow of 80 tons capacity; chicken house 16x21 feet, with concrete floor, built on modern lines; hog house 14x16 feet, with concrete floor; machinery building, 28x32 feet; blacksmith shop, 13x18 feet; garage, 16x20, with concrete floor;

men's lodging and store house, 20x42 feet, with 14 feet studdings and a lean to 14x42 feet for machinery, making the whole one of the best equipped farms in the Valley, in buildings.

In growing crops there are 400 acres of wheat, 80 acres of oats, 40 acres of barley, 10 acres of corn, one acre of alfalfa, 100 acres of timothy and clover and the balance in hay land. We never saw such crops in any section of the country at this time of the year and we would not care to speculate on the yield, for whatever figures we might name, it will be sure to run over, so we will leave it until the harvest is over.

This great, model farm is on the market and is priced at only \$70 per acre, with liberal terms.

The reason it is for sale is that Mr. Beardmore has reached a time of life when it is desirable to retire and give someone else a chance to duplicate what he has accomplished; for the acres contained in this farm with its modern buildings will, in the next few years, be priced and selling at \$150 per acre, as there is no farm in the Eastern states that compares with it in fertility of soil or buildings.

Mr. H. J. Beardmore has had an active career. He has been a man who has accomplished things. When it became, in order to insure a crop yield, necessary to adopt ditching, he was the father of the movement and made it his business to spread the propaganda, and to show how successful he has been, we only have to state that there are 900 miles of ditching in Marshall county and as much more in the adjoining county of Polk, and as a result, every acre of the land, whether the season be dry or wet, is a sure crop producer. The father, then, of the ditching and drainage system of today, is Mr. Beardmore. If you desire first-hand information, concerning this farm and how to own it, we would suggest that you write to Mr. H. J. Beardmore, whose postoffice address, is Warren, Minn., and even if you do not desire to purchase this farm you will find it of value to you if you are desiring to establish a new farm home to get in touch with him, as he is one of the most progressive agriculturalists in this section.

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