

## MARSHALL COUNTY FARMERS ARE BANNER WINNERS AT CROP SHOW

### CAPTURE A MAJORITY OF THE SWEEPSTAKES AND PRIZES AT THE FARM CROPS SHOW NOW BEING HELD AT CROOKSTON.

**Vansickle, Tullar, Peterson, Coppes,  
Hjelle and Springmier Among  
Prize Winners.**

Again, the Marshall county farmers have made a clean sweep in gathering up a big majority of sweepstakes and prizes at the Farm Crops Show, which is now held at Crookston. Not only did they win honors by prize grains; but they also made a creditable showing by sending a large representation of agriculturists to attend the show.

Crookston is entertaining the many visitors in a splendid manner, and the key to the city has been given to those who are in attendance at the big corn and grain exposition. Excellent programs have been arranged for the edification of the farmers. Speakers well acquainted in all lines of agriculture are present and are pointing out the benefits derived from better farming. Not only men who have made a scientific study of farming are on the program; but men who have the actual experience in the tilling of the soil, are also giving their experiences for the benefit of others.

The show will continue all thru the week and the Sheaf urges every farmer and business man who can possibly get away, to attend the programs and see the excellent exhibits. A. D. Vansickle, Warren's champion grain grower, won the one hundred dollars in gold offered by Congressman Steenerson, for the best wheat exhibited at the show. The competition for this prize was very great, thus making the winning a greater honor.

Below we give the names of Marshall and northern Polk county farmers who have won prizes.

**Sweepstakes Prize Winners; Competition Open to Entire Valley.**

**WHEAT**—Marshall, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; reserve premium, Kittson, Runbolt Bros.

**OATS**—Marshall, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; reserve premium, Becker, H. P. Matson, McHugh, Minn.

**BARLEY**—Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren.

**RYE**—Kittson, S. E. Norum, Hallock.

**FLAX**—Polk, W. F. Tullar, Warren.

**ALFALFA**—Pennington, S. Singer, Kratka, Minn.

**CLOVER**—Marshall, Ole Hjelle, Newfolden.

**POTATOES**—Polk, G. E. Wise, Climax.

**Open Classes—Competition open to the Entire Red River Valley**

**Five Wheat**—1st, Marshall, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, W. F. Tullar, Warren, 3rd, Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 4th, Polk, H. G. Bakke, East Grand Forks.

**Blue Stem Wheat**—1st, Polk, Paul Springmier, Warren; 2nd, Marshall, Geo. W. Coppes, Warren; 3rd, Kittson, Norum Bros., Hallock; 4th, Mahnomen, V. Dryden, Mahnomen.

**Bearded Wheat**—1st, Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 2nd, Becker, H. P. Matson, McHugh, 3rd, Marshall, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 4th, Red Lake, Joseph Mortenson, St. Hilaire.

**Winter Wheat**—1st, Kittson, Runbolt Bros., Hallock; 2nd, Marshall, C. C. Lake, Stephen; 3rd, Marshall, Warren High School.

**White Oats**—1st, Marshall, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 3rd, Becker, Arthur Marquardt, McHugh; 4th, Kittson, Norum Bros., Hallock.

**Two Row Barley**—1st, Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 2nd, Roseau, Ole Friberg, Falum; 3rd, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 4th, Becker, H. P. Matson, McHugh.

**Six Row Barley**—1st, Polk, W. F. Tullar, Warren; 2nd, Polk, Paul Springmier, Warren; 3rd, Marshall, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 4th, Marshall, Matt Corona, Stephen High School.

**Rye**—1st, Kittson, S. E. Norum, Hallock; 2nd, Becker, Geo. W. Harris, McHugh; 3rd Pennington, Carl O. Bloom, Rosewood; 4th, M. Lysbakken, High Landing, Minn.

**Flax**—1st, Polk, W. F. Tullar, Warren; 2nd, Marshall, A. D. Vansickle,

Warren; 3rd, Marshall, Carl Hjelle, Newfolden; 4th, Polk, W. E. Stark, Angus.

**Clover**—1st, Marshall, Ole Hjelle, Newfolden; 2nd, Polk, Gus Berg, Foston; 3rd, Norman, Iver Ellingson, Flaming; 4th, Mahnomen, F. J. Thotka, Mahnomen.

**Long White Potatoes**, 1st, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, Olof Brundin, East Grand Forks; 3rd, Mike Kracken, Mahnomen.

**Potatoes, any other variety**—1st, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, John Andera, Mahnomen; 3rd, Carl Hegg, Fisher.

**Marshall County Winners in Corn Contest Open to Entire Valley.**

**Best 30 ears Northwestern Dent**—O. Lowerf, Stephen, 2nd.

**Best 30 ears Minnesota No. 23**—H. Benson, 2nd; Geo. Copp, Warren, 4th.

**Best Single ear Minnesota No. 23**—A. D. Vansickle, Warren, 2nd; H. Benson, Argyle, 3rd.

**County Prize Winners; Open to Marshall County Only.**

**Wheat**—1st, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 3rd, R. Towers, Stephen.

**Oats**—1st, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, G. F. Peterson, Warren, 3rd, Martin Jensen, Stephen.

**Barley**—1st, G. F. Peterson, Warren; 2nd, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 3rd, F. Deidrich, Warren.

**Rye**—1st, A. Lundin, Stephen.

**Flax**—1st, A. D. Vansickle, Warren; 2nd, Carl Hjelle, Newfolden; 3rd, A. E. Johnson, Stephen.

**Potatoes**, 1st and 2nd, A. D. Vansickle, 3rd, J. A. Wallin, Argyle.

**County Prize Winners; Open to Polk County Only.**

**Wheat**—1st, W. F. Tullar, Warren; 2nd, H. T. Bakke, East Grand Forks; 3rd, Paul Springmier, Warren.

**Barley**—1st, W. F. Tullar, Warren; 2nd, Wm. Huggins, East Grand Forks; 3rd, Paul Springmier, Warren.

**Flax**—1st, W. F. Tullar, Warren; 2nd, W. E. Stark, Angus, 3rd, Roy V. Mitchell, Mentor.

**Spell Down.**

In the ten county old fashioned spell down at the big armory at Crookston last night, Alfred Solie, of Polk county won first place, Stella Carlson, of Kittson second, Kenneth Latta and Myrtle Cleveland, of Marshall were tied for third honors.

**More Honors.**

The Boxville Farmers Club won fourth prize in the Farmers Club stock judging contest.

In the corn and potato judging contest the Warren high school won third honors.

Miss Leah Wittman, of Stephen, who represented Marshall county in the declamatory contest secured second place, while Helen Larson, of Crookston, won the first award.

Raymond Johnson of Alvarado was given a subscription to the American Boy for handing in the most words formed from "The Farm Crops Show", of any boy in Marshall county.

**New Telephone Directory Issued.**

The Sheaf has recently printed the new telephone directory for the Warren Telephone Company and the books have been distributed among the patrons of the company. The method by which the books are indexed makes them very convenient and each patron should form the habit of looking up the number before calling.

In the directory are found the names of 27 people who have the name of Johnson, 13 Andersons and 9 Petersons. The shortest name in the directory is the name of Rue.

**Forty-One Kinds of Birds.**

How many kinds of birds may be found in Minnesota in the winter season? None but ornithologists would be likely to answer this question off-hand and the general public probably will be surprised to know there are forty-one kinds. Full information about these birds and all of them in Minnesota at this time of the year is contained in the latest number of Fins, Feathers and Fur issued by Carlos Avery, game and fish commissioner.

Read the Want Ads—it pays.

### G. N. IMMIGRATION AGENT COMPILES CROP STATISTICS.

E. C. Leedy, of the Great Northern Railway immigration department is getting out a booster booklet, which will show the personal crop statistics of some of the prominent farmers in the state. Twelve prominent Marshall county agriculturists will contribute to this book and the work of obtaining these statements has been left in the hands of R. C. Mathwig of this city. It is hoped that every farmer who is asked to assist in this undertaking will do so, as the magnificent crop harvested last year in this county will make an excellent showing in the book as well as reflect a great deal of credit upon their own personal record. These books will be distributed to farmers and renters in the central states and will be the means of securing some of the best possible publicity for this section of the state.

### Minnesota Gets Historic Flag.

Fred A. Bill of Minneapolis, a member of the Read's Landing association of the Twin Cities, has presented the State Historical society with a large United States flag made by the women of Read's Landing in 1862. In 1862 a party of southern sympathizers startled the village by raising a Confederate flag. This aroused the ire of the Republican club and the women at once proceeded to make a flag of such material as could be obtained in local stores. A flag pole 110 feet high was prepared by the club and the raising was quite an event.

### MINNESOTA'S CLIMATE IS ALL RIGHT.

Minnesotans Have Little Reason For Any Complaint Whatever.

It is true this state has this winter experienced some old time traditional cold weather and heavy snowfalls. But for all that we have less cause for complaint than have the people of many other states in the union.

There has been no loss of lives or property from weather conditions as has been the case in the flood swept sections of the south and east and in the western sections of snow slides and hurricanes.

'Tis true some people kick on the excessive cold snaps we have experienced in January but it has been healthful weather and has certainly been preferable to conditions elsewhere in the union. Take it all in all, the Minnesota climate the year around compares favorably, with that of any state in the union.—Middle River Pioneer.

### SOUTHERN MINNESOTA FARMERS PLEASSED WITH VALLEY.

Henry Adams and Herman Schmitt, both of Wright county, Minnesota, spent several days here last week looking over farm lands in this vicinity. Both gentlemen are enthusiastic with the opportunity that the valley presents to the young man who will till the soil diligently, and before long intend to move to this locality with their families. Mr. Adams has already purchased a half section of land which was formerly a part of the old Irish farm in town of Farley and will come here to live as soon as warmer weather sets in. Mr. Schmitt has not as yet come into possession of any land, but has several different farms in view and will buy as soon as his business affairs in Wright county will permit.

### PEOPLES TRADING COMPANY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples Trading Company was held at the store's office Wednesday evening last week. A board of directors was elected to serve for the coming year the members of which are as follows: Aug. Lundgren, A. C. Swandby, C. Wittensten, V. M. Johnson, J. A. Bloomquist, Hans Metgaard and C. E. Lundquist. The directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Aug. Lundgren, president; A. C. Swandby, vice president; C. E. Lundquist, secretary, treasurer and manager.

The company reports a very profitable year and is well satisfied with the volume of business which has passed thru their hands. The usual dividend to the stockholders was declared.

### County Spelling Contest.

A spelling contest was held at the high school building on Saturday afternoon in which representatives from the following schools participated: Viking, Radium, Strandquist, Alvarado, Holt and Argyle. Kenneth Latta, of Holt, was awarded first prize and Myrtle Cleveland, of Viking, second. Both of these youthful spellers will go to Crookston where they will represent Marshall county in an old fashioned spell down.

The judges of the contest were Rev. Samson and Misses Costello and Benson of the Warren high school.

### Snow Perils Birds.

Deep snow in Minnesota threatens extermination of prairie chickens, quail and other birds, according to a letter issued by Carlos Avery, state game and fish commissioner, appealing for food for the feathered unfortunates. Mr. Avery asked all game wardens to suggest to farmers that children put grain in places frequented by birds. The appeal also was sent to school teachers so that country pupils may know that the birds are in danger of starving.

### Court House News

Supt. David Johnson is attending the Farm Crops Show at Crookston this week.

Sheriff Hanson was a visitor at the Farm Crops Show at Crookston Tuesday evening.

The county commissioners are all attending the good roads program at Crookston today.

County Engineer Lind is attending the "good roads" day at the Farm Crops Show at Crookston today.

The county commissioners met at their regular meeting, Tuesday and transacted the usual routine of business.

Judge Grindeland and court reporter Braggans returned today from Thief River Falls, where they held a term of court for Pennington county.

The following have received warrants for wolf bounties since the last report: John Wayne, E. K. Monrock, George Leslie, Nels Lund, Ole Bergland and Otto Hohle.

No wedding licenses have been issued since the last of January. Clerk of Court Swandby, who believes that leap year will prove to be a joke, as cupid has been very slow in rounding up the victims of his piercing darts.

The County Treasurer is still busy receiving money for the personal property taxes. If these taxes are not paid before the first of March, they become delinquent and a ten per cent penalty will be imposed upon them.

Money levied in Marshall county in 1915 for Road and Bridge purposes: State 1 mill ..... \$10,257.58 County 2.85 mills ..... 29,233.95 County Draggung Fund .. 10,257.58 Levied by towns ..... 49,882.99

Total ..... \$99,632.11 With the additional money expended by the cities and villages, the amount available for road and bridge purposes in 1916 will be over \$100,000.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds Chas. E. Grinder.

Mary Beckvall to Charles Kittelson, s½ nw¼, n¼ sw¼ sec. 20, Lincoln, \$4,160.

Claude C. Kitterman to Roscoe Pauley, sec. 3, Fork.

Chas. Wilen to Ida Sophia Olson, n¼ sw¼ sec. 26, Wanger, \$1500.

Perry N. Johnson to Arthur L. Kusska, ne¼ sec. 26, Agdar, \$2080.

A. W. Headrick to Axel Melo, north west fraction of lots 3, 4, 5, se¼ nw¼ sec. 6, Bloomer, \$6355.

William Wosick to George L. Odegaard, lots 16, block 10 village of Oslo, \$1500.

Dora May Tucker to J. D. Knapp, sw¼ sec. 7, Tamarac.

Julius J. Olson, Ad., to Pioneer Land and Loan Co., nw¼ and sw¼ sec. 7, Tamarac.

John Werness to Martin O. Aune, w¼ nw¼ sec. 32, Veldt.

Central Tr. Co., N. Y. to Theolinda M. Leefrooth, lot 2, sec. 7, West Valley, \$725.70.

### \$2,500,000 SPENT ON ROADS IN SIX MONTHS.

Practically \$2,500,000 has been expended on Minnesota highways since Aug. 1 by the state and counties. From the state road and bridge fund there has been distributed to the 86 counties of Minnesota in the last six months, according to the books of Walter J. Smith, state treasurer, \$1,211,577. The counties are required to expend dollar for dollar the amount of the state aid granted. The state aid is not paid out until the actual work has been completed.

### Vega To Organize Farmers' Club.

A meeting will be held in the Holmgren school house in Vega, Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Neraal from Warren is coming out to help organize the club. Everybody come. Tell your neighbor.

### Wears Home Made Shoes.

Pete Westberg, of Aspelin, was in town over Sunday night. Pete was wearing a pair of shoes that excited a considerable of interest. They were home-made, the material being deer hide and birch bark. The uppers were deer hide with the hair outside and the soles of several thicknesses of birch bark sewed together. Of course the long hair made them look as large as flat boats, but for all that, they are the lightest kind of a shoe and the clear stuff for traveling over snow banks, besides being exceedingly warm.—Middle River Pioneer.

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## FAIR ASSOCIATION RE-ELECT OFFICERS

All Old Officers are Re-elected.—New Ornamental Gateway to be Erected.

The annual meeting of the Marshall County Fair Association was held at the Commercial club rooms, Thursday evening, and was well attended by the stockholders and others interested in the welfare of the Marshall county fair.

The following wide-awake business men and agriculturists were elected on the board of directors for the ensuing year: E. T. Frank, R. B. Taralseth, Aug. A. Johnson, J. A. Grindeland, Victor Johnson, W. C. Miller, J. H. Bolton, Clarence Schulz, Ed. Rosendahl, A. B. Nelson and C. A. Nelson.

Immediately after the stockholders had met the directors called a meeting and re-elected all the old officers, who have so faithfully served in the interest of the association during the past year. They are as follows: R. B. Taralseth, president; W. C. Miller, vice president; E. T. Frank, secretary, and Aug. A. Johnson, treasurer.

With these officers and board of directors at the helm, the people of Marshall county can rest assured that they will work unceasingly for the association and that they will endeavor to make the 1916 fair the best ever.

On Monday evening the directors met in a special meeting and discussed the problem of selecting a date for the county fair for 1916 and it was decided that an early fair would be held in order to attract a large attendance, which is necessary to keep the association on its feet financially. The dates will be early in the season, the members of the association are justified in this action as the weather conditions of past years has been so unfavorable that the fairs in the fall have proved to be money losing propositions.

A. B. Nelson and J. A. Grindeland were appointed a committee to have charge of the work in regard to the proposed ornamental gateway at the entrance to the fair grounds. Plans for this gateway have been submitted and the work of erecting it will be begun in time to have it completed for the 1916 fair.

### BOXVILLE FARMERS' CLUB

In spite of the cold weather and extremely bad roads the Boxville Farmers' Club held a well attended meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st. As a great deal of business was on hand to be disposed of, the business part of the meeting was the predominant feature of the evening. The club voted to send a stock judging team of three to the Farm Crops Show at Crookston to compete against teams from other farmers' clubs for the silver cup offered for the most efficient judging team.

Leroy Peterson told in a few well chosen words the manner in which he managed his litter of pigs for the boys' pig contest in which he won first prize and also a description of the culture of his acre of corn in the boys' corn contest in which he also captured the prize.

The program and oyster supper on Friday evening, Feb. 4, was a grand success from all view points. The fish pond was a great attraction for both old and young as fishing is not a recognized winter sport in the Red River Valley. The proceeds for the evening amounted to \$75.

### Gets Half of New Settlers.

Chattels of immigrants to Minnesota during 1915 required 2,306 cars and the number of new settlers coming to Minnesota is just half those going to all the other states of the Northwest combined. Fred D. Sherman, immigration commissioner, says that the Minnesota Transfer railway handled 4444 cars of immigrant movables in the year.

"Prospects for immigration this year are not as bright as I would like to see them," said Mr. Sherman, "but notwithstanding I look for a fair movement to the Northwest when the spring opens and I have no fear but that Minnesota will maintain her present percentage."

### Farmers Have Most Autos.

Residents of Minnesota's three principal cities, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, own one fifth of the automobiles in the state. In these cities there is one car for every 35 persons. Other Minnesota towns have 18,290 cars, while farms have 46,562.

