

**Growth of Twin**

**Cities Is Marked**

(By A. D. Moe)

St. Paul, Minn., April 26, 1927. Minnesota advertises that it has ten thousand lakes by actual count and is the ideal place for the summer tourist. It has a tourist bureau with a large sign outside reading "Free Tourist Information." Hoping to find out about the condition of the roads I asked the young lady in charge if any road was open from St. Paul to the Pacific coast. After a moment of breathless astonishment she exclaimed, "Good heavens, this is not the tourist season. We have no information about any roads yet."

So we are taking advantage of the enforced delay to look up old friends and note the changes that have been made in the Twin Cities in the past 25 years. There are still a few pioneers left at the South St. Paul stockyards, which was a small place in 1891 when I started the South St. Paul Reporter, now a large institution with a payroll of \$1,000 a week. The

stockyards have grown into one of the largest in the country, with a business equal to Omaha, and promises to exceed that place and Kansas City, in livestock receipts, becoming eventually second place in the United States. Back on the hill where only a few scattering houses furnished homes for the small population in the late nineties, is now a city spread out over a large area, with graded streets and pavement on the main thoroughfare. A new Masonic temple replaces the old lodge room in the attic of the Exchange building and several business houses accommodate the hill residents, while the main street is now several blocks long compared to half a dozen small stores in the early days.

It was a pleasure to be entertained in our old home by Mrs. A. D. S. Clark, who has occupied the house since we left over 21 years ago. It recalled many incidents of the past, yet the beautiful view across the Mississippi river to the bluffs on the east side has not changed. The low flats along the river are now flooded, with a few spots of higher land just above the water but it is now practically a lake three miles wide. Not much damage is being done around here, however, except a few houses on the bottom lands now partially in the water.

Thomas Marshall, master mechanic of the Northwestern shops, who has just returned from Hood River, where he was looking after property interests, has kindly placed his car at our disposal, and it has been a great help in getting around, with the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newman, who are entertaining us in St. Paul. Summit avenue is still the show place of the residence section, with its wide boulevard and fine homes. Secretary of State Kellogg still maintains his home in this part of the city. The million dollar mansion of the late J. J. Hill has been donated to the Catholic sisters for a home. A new road called the Memorial drive, now circles around from Fort Snelling to Minneapolis, following the Mississippi river, passing by the new Ford plant, the Masonic hospital for crippled children, the Masonic home, Minnehaha falls and several small lakes at the west end of the city. The two cities are built up solid and except for signs of city limits, one can not tell where the two cities join. The Twin Cities have now a population of three quarters of a million, and still growing. Many large industries are located here.

Minnesota Mansions have half a million dollars invested in a Masonic home. The large country estate of Mr. Savage, owner of the race horse, Dan Patch, and founder of Cream of Wheat, was purchased and the large residence is now used for a home for aged Masons. A new building costing \$300,000 is now about ready for occupancy

and large enough for many years to come. A farm of 200 acres goes with the property.

A visit to the state fair grounds was a revelation. Many large permanent buildings have been erected since we left here, and it now compares favorably with any of the notional expositions in size. An attendance of less than a quarter of a million a day is called a small crowd. The state fair held here every fall is a national event.

A flower show was on last Sunday at the large greenhouse maintained by the city at Como park, where the plants will later be placed outdoors to beautify the grounds. We were the guests there of our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sherman, who have a pleasant home on the borders of the park. Mr. Sherman has been publisher of the West St. Paul Times for about 40 years and is active in Masonic work, being a past grand commander of the state. Mr. Sherman visited Hood River several years ago and says it is the most beautiful country he has ever seen.

It was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harmon, who have a very fine country estate at Lake Elmo, 12 miles from the city. Mr. Harmon came from Princeton, Wis., when we first located in South St. Paul and made his home with us, finishing the printing trade in the Reporter office. He later engaged in business in St. Paul and finally with Mr. Klein purchased the publishing house of the Webb Publishing Co. The business has grown under Mr. Harmon's management to the largest printing and publishing house west of Chicago. Their buildings cover two-thirds of a block with 621 employees. The principal publication is the Farmer's Wife, which has reached a circulation of three-quarters of a million, and has become such a competitor of the Country Gentleman as to cause serious concern to the Curtis Publishing company. Mr. Harmon is a director of one of the largest banks in St. Paul and regarded as one of the prominent business men of the city.

It was also a pleasure to meet Joseph Simecek and be entertained in his home. Mr. Simecek visited us in Hood River a few years ago and was wonderfully impressed with the beauty of the country. Joe is another one of my boys who has made good. Answering an advertisement in the middle nineties for a boy, at a time when jobs were scarce, he accepted the job. It was not long until I recognized his ability and he was foreman of the Reporter office when I sold out. He is now holding a very responsible position as superintendent of the ticket department of McGill Warner & Co.

The road conditions in this part of the country are the worst in years, and they are explaining it

by "unusual" weather conditions. It has paralyzed all business that depends upon using cars to get around the country, and has brought seriously to the attention of the taxpayers that graveled and macadam roads are only fair weather roads. A big road program is now on, with the intention of building concrete roads all over the state, and making them through roads under the direction of the state highway department, without being hampered by counties, as is the case in Wisconsin. Until Wisconsin, Iowa and other states west adopt the same plan, however, Minnesota will still be isolated from the rest of the world in the spring when the frost makes bottomless pits in the dirt roads, and during excessive summer rains.

**Home Pointers**

(From School of Home Economics) For preparing fruit salad in which pineapple is used the top of the pineapple can is removed with a can opener and the juice poured off into a container without removing the pineapple from the can. A knife is inserted in the hole of the slices of the pineapple and all of which are cut through at once, making the pieces the desired size.

Fuel is conserved by planning the day's menu so the oven is used for more than one thing at a time.

Linens rotated in use last longer and give better service. They do not have a musty odor.

Hanging a linen tablecloth to dry by the salvage edges forms a natural crease in the tablecloth and makes it dry straight. The weight of the cloth is supported by the strongest part.

Folding straight when dampening and not rolling averts many wrinkles that are hard to iron out.

A big bowl of milk and a dish of prunes are an adequate meal for anybody.

A delicious sandwich for dessert is slices of sponge cake with ice cream spread between as a filling and a chocolate sauce poured over all.

Juices from canned vegetables, nutrients and may be used in soup, with sauce or with vegetables.

Addition of a stalk of celery, a sprig of parsley and a clove of garlic to potatoes when they are boiling makes a broth that can be served as a soup course.

Forest fires destroyed over half a million dollars worth of tangible resources in the national forests of Oregon and Washington last year. In addition they caused real economic damage to soil, wild life, water conservation and recreation.

Shade in a chicken yard is a necessity. Trees and low shrubbery provide the best shade. If no natural shade is available artificial shelters may be made of branches or burlap.

It is usually advisable to give calves all the grain they will eat while on pasture with their dams, if they are to be finished by the time they are a year old.

The proper management of a herd of dairy cows necessitates keeping records. The system need not be elaborate, but should furnish accurate information on milk and butter fat production of individual animals, quantity of feed consumed, and value of product. It is very desirable also to keep a record of breeding dates and follow a plan of identification and registration of the purebred animals.

To make a fence hog-tight close spacing of posts is necessary, 12 feet being about the right distance. For cattle and horses the posts may be set about a rod apart, though horses need a somewhat stronger fence than cattle. Posts for sheep pastures may have the greatest spacing of all.

Woven wire 26 inches high makes a satisfactory fence for hogs. A strand of barbed wire beneath the woven wire, about an inch from the ground, will help prevent the hogs from rooting under the fence.

Approximately 123,000 farms changed ownership by reason of forced sales or other default during the 12 months ended March 15, 1926, according to a report on the farm real estate situation recently issued by the United States department of agriculture. This was at the rate of 21 farms per thousand and when adjustment was made in the census total for the plantations of the south.

In addition 170,000 farms, or 30 per thousand, changed owners through voluntary sale or trade, including also contracts for deed. About 41,000 properties, or a rate of 7 per thousand, were estimated to have passed by inheritance and gift; and 13,000 or about 2 per thousand, through miscellaneous and unclassified methods.

Gasoline taxes in this country yielded a net revenue of \$187,603,231 in 1926, according to data collected from the various states by the Bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. A tax was imposed in all but four states at rates ranging from 1 to 5 cents per gallon, the average rate being 2.38 cents. The tax collections indicate that nearly eight billion gallons were consumed in the states imposing the tax and it is estimated that nearly two billion were used in the four states in which no tax was imposed. The revenue from the tax was allocated as follows: \$129,441,520 for state highways, \$43,609,479 for county and local roads, \$5,238,869 for payments on road bonds and \$9,313,363 for miscellaneous purposes.

**Types of Sprays**

There are two types of sprays, the contact spray and the poisonous spray.

The contact spray is a spray that kills the insects by closing up their pores or by destroying their bodies. The contact spray must be used to combat insects that have sucking mouth parts because their manner of eating protects them from a poisonous spray. Several insects that have sucking mouth parts are: The San Jose and other scales and aphids or plant lice. The lime and sulphur spray is usually to kill any of the scales. The aphids are controlled by to-

bacco decoctions or by an emulsion of kerosene and soapuds.

The poisonous spray is used for insects that eat the foliage of plants they infest. The most common insects of this type are the potato beetle and the codling moth. They are killed by sprays containing arsenate of lead or Paris green or both. The poisonous sprays affect an insect only after it has eaten some of it.

Sibley-Mills mill at Columbia City will cut 100,000 feet a day, with 70 men.

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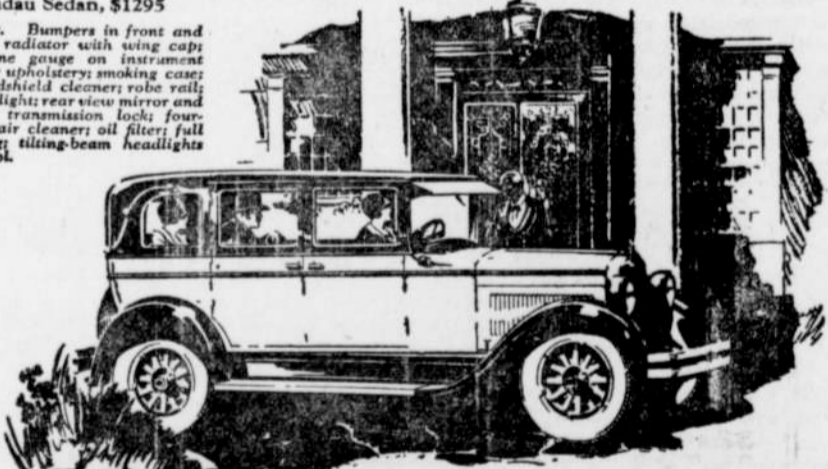
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