

Stutsman County

JUST now when so many people in the eastern states and foreign countries are seeking new locations, either to better themselves financially or to secure more desirable surroundings, it may not be out of place to call attention to the wonderful opportunities which are presented by Stutsman county, both to the laboring man and the capitalist. There are wonderful opportunities for profitable investment and those who are seeking employment are sure to find what they are looking for within the borders of Stutsman county.

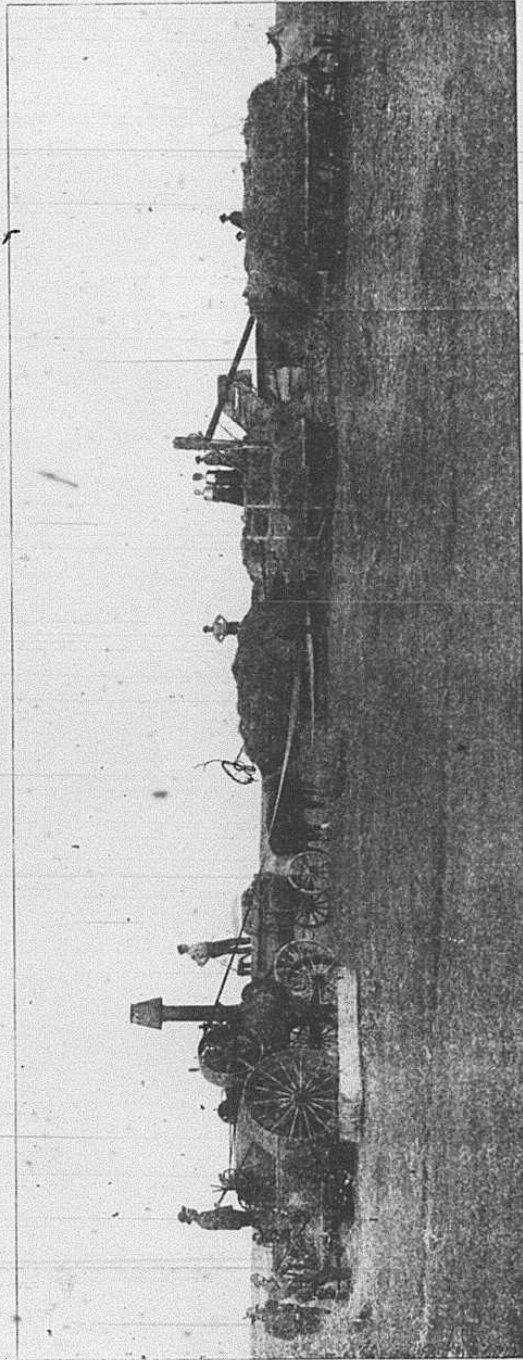
This subdivision of the state is forty-eight miles square and contains 2,304 square miles, or almost one and one-half million acres. It is situated in the central eastern portion of the state and if one was to get on the Soo train at Minneapolis and ride three hundred and sixteen miles toward the northwest he would strike the northeastern corner of Stutsman county. The county was organized in 1872, under the laws of the Dakota territory. At first growth was slow on account of the lack of railroad facilities and other drawbacks and it was not until 1887, that a general immigration set in, and Stutsman county attracted newcomers to its borders in goodly numbers.

The topography of the county is generally rolling prairie and the soil is a black loam with clay sub-soil. The land is drained by the James river and several other streams which flow in a general southerly direction. Water is to be had in abundance in almost any part of the county at a reasonable depth below the surface.

AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS

The value of the soil in this county for agricultural purposes is shown by the general prosperity of the farming class. Most of the farmers have not only acquired a good deal of land but they have improved their holdings and beautified their homes. The sod house and barn of pioneer days have been replaced by good frame structures and most of those who have been in the county for any length of time have built good, substantial and comfortable houses. There are also a large number of fine barns in the county and the general aspect of the farms and farm buildings is a good indication of the prosperity which prevails everywhere. The eastern portion of the county is well adapted for diversified farming while the western portion is more hilly and is adapted for the raising of stock in

large numbers. The products of the soil are varied, the harvests bountiful, while failures are unknown.



A Threshing Scene in Stutsman County, North Dakota