TAXATION. During past years, land and timber owners complained bitterly of high taxation—and justly so. In early day many unscrupulous adventurers were attracted to Price County because of the opportunity to enter pine lands from the government. These men, crowding themselves into the town and school offices, began a system of thievery which was continued until honest settlers and farmers became numerically strong enough to turn them down. Honest men are now in control, while their predecessors have gone to work new fields. Large indebtedness has been lifted and the financial interests of the towns are being placed in a normal and healthy condition, and as a consequence, taxes are getting down where they ought to be. Some of the towns have accumulated a large balance while others are this year paying up the last of outstanding obligations. The prospective settler may rest easy on the question of taxation.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. The fact that Price County has a flourishing Agricultural Society will perhaps indicate something as to the present development of its farming interests. The society owns spacious grounds and buildings, and holds Fairs annually in the month of September. In 1895, many of the county exhibits were placed upon exhibition at the State Fair, held at Milwaukee. These exhibits were not in competition for the reason that they were not separately entered, but the adjudicators saw fit to make special and favorable mention of them together with the products of other northern counties.

All departments of the Fair are well conducted. Printed premium lists are prepared and issued before the first of May and suitable prizes are offered to stimulate effort in all branches of agriculture. Attention is likewise given to all such sports as are usually looked for at the Fair.
This view, taken from the garden, shows the home of John Hartman, near Phillips. Mr. Hartman settled upon this forty acres in its wild state, and although having no means to start with, was able to provide this pretty little home from the profits of his labor on the farm.