

ADVOCATE
Shakopee City, Minnesota
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HELENA, MINNESOTA

This new and beautiful town is situated on Pleasant Lake, thirteen and a half miles south of Shakopee, and about one mile from Cedar Lake, eleven miles from Belle Plaine, and about the same distance from Louisville. It is surrounded by the most beautiful and romantic scenery, lying as it does on the south side of the Lake, and enclosed on the east, south and west by the finest and most majestic growth of the timber known to Central Minnesota. Jordan River runs through the town site, affording an excellent water privilege. Good water is obtained in abundance by digging 10 or 12 feet. The soil of the surrounding country is immensely rich, and in every particular well calculated for one of the best farming districts in the Northwest.

Helena has a regular weekly mail, a Post Office, Store and Hotel: besides other stores will immediately be filled with Groceries, Dry Goods, Produce and Hardware. Messrs SMITH and KOONS, the enterprising Proprietors of this town, together with others will soon erect several buildings on the town plot, during the present season, thereby offering good inducements to mechanics and laborers to "Draw night and be heard."

Helena is on a direct line between Hastings and Henderson, and will in all probability be a stopping point on the Railroad between those points. Chartered at the last session of Legislature, preparations are now being made to erect a large and commodious School House in the town. Lots are selling at from 25 to 50 dollars each: but the proprietors prefer at present to present lots to those who are willing to improve the same.