

North Dakota Sends Thanksgiving Offerings to the Homeseeker



MR. HARTFIELD'S CATTLE.

Wells & Dickey Co. *Fried 91. D 7/9/04.*
Jamestown, N. D.

Gentlemen

When I arrived in North Dakota from Chicago in 1891 I had a family to take care of and was practically without money or other resources. I bought a farm, horses and machinery all on time. In 1892 I was a good money man and I had a good deal of money. I had brought me to where I am now. I consider myself worth at the lowest figure \$1,500. Am well satisfied with the country and I think any man who likes to work and has his own boss, could find no better state than N. Dak.

Respectfully Henry Bonfide

Correspondence Solicited by Wells & Dickey, Real Estate Dealers, Jamestown, N. D.

WHAT NORTH DAKOTA OFFERS THE HOMESEAKER AND INVESTOR

Many Opportunities for the Accumulation of Wealth—Independence Within the Reach of Every Willing Toiler—Resources of the New State.

North Dakota has gained in population over 400,000, or approximately 1,200 per cent in the past twenty-four years and nearly 200 per cent since it was admitted to statehood.

The assessed valuation of real and personal property in North Dakota—about 20 per cent of the actual value—is \$146,537,444. Its actual wealth is rapidly nearing the billion dollar mark, without including its immensely valuable but undeveloped beds of lignite coal.

The farm products for North Dakota for 1903 aggregated \$125,000,000. The dairy products of North Dakota for 1903 aggregated \$3,000,000.

North Dakota has 3,550 public schools. North Dakota has 2,000 students in its institutions of higher learning.

North Dakota has 118,850 pupils in its public schools. North Dakota employs 5,200 public school teachers.

North Dakota expended for the support of its public schools in 1903, \$1,688,694. The public schools of North Dakota have an endowment of land worth fully \$50,000,000.

North Dakota has 43,568 farms under cultivation and 6,150 stock ranches. North Dakota has eighty-four flour mills in operation.

Sixty creameries and eight cheese factories are in operation in North Dakota. Native lignite coal is being mined at eighty coal mines in the state.

The manufactured products of North Dakota aggregate \$20,000,000 annually. North Dakota ranks as the healthiest state in the union according to the statistics of the marine hospital service, with an average mortality of 6.95 a thousand. The figures include records for towns and cities of 1,000 or more in population. The average for the entire country is 16.87.

Agricultural Wealth. In the value of its agricultural products

A 640-acre farm, best rich, dark soil, clay subsoil; all tillable, nearly level, in well settled community, four miles from Judson (N. P. Ry.); creamery, postoffice, store, etc.; eight miles from New Salem, 1,500 people, big stores, three elevators, flour mill, two banks, good schools and churches. This farm has a six-foot vein of coal, has a good 8-room house, all on main road, Mandan to New Salem; telephone line. Two other creameries within six miles. Price, \$15 an acre. Adjoining quarter section, with a good coal mine, with a clean spring-fed, over-flowing stream of water 200 yards from house on above. May go with above at same price.

Address L. N. Cary, Mandan, N. D.

One Homeseeker Winning Out in Morton County

Flasher, Morton County, N. D., Nov. 17th, 1904. Wm. H. Brown Company, 131 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen—You ask me to give you some little account of my success in North Dakota in this our second year, and in reply I will say that we have received most satisfactory returns from all our farming operations.

I am sending you a two-bushel sample of some Macaroni wheat I grew this year on flax stubble and do not believe you will ever see any better specimen of that grain. I had trouble getting the seed in the spring and did not get this crop in the ground until the 17th of June, but for all that it has yielded me over \$18 an acre in a crop. I only wish I had it on the whole section instead of part of my land.

Say to any of my inquiring friends that if they will send their addresses to your Mandan office they can have samples of this wheat sent them for inspection. I am proud of it and would like all my friends to have a chance to see the kind of grain North Dakota grows.

Yours very truly, J. W. STEVENSON.

Land for Sale near Mr. Stevenson's Farm for from \$7.50 to \$12.50 an acre. Homesteads, too—160 Acres Each.

Wm. H. Brown Co.

MANDAN and RICHARDTON, NORTH DAKOTA. 131 La Salle Street. Chicago, Ill.

ONE OF THE GARDEN SPOTS OF NO. DAKOTA

Cass and Barnes Counties Offer Splendid Inducements to the Homeseeker and Investor—Interesting Interview With J. B. Folsom of Fargo, the Pioneer Land Man.

Special Correspondence. Fargo, N. D., Nov. 22.—A name to conjure with among land men of the northwest is that of J. B. Folsom of Fargo. For twenty-three years Mr. Folsom has been handling North Dakota farm lands, stock ranches, loans and investments. He knows exactly what the state has to offer and he preaches North Dakota because he clearly and fully realizes that it holds out more opportunities and advantages to the poor man and likewise the investor than any other state in the union.

Mr. Folsom practices what he preaches. North Dakota is not only a good country for him, and he has an abiding faith in its destiny. In Barnes county he has one of the finest farms, comprising seven and one-half sections, to be found in the northwest. He knows a good thing when he sees it and clings to it. In a business way Mr. Folsom has made a marked impression and occupies a high position in North Dakota and the west. His long experience and square-dealing methods have made him a tower of strength in financial and real estate circles. Much of his success he attributes to the consistent and continuous keeping before the public the open door of opportunity in North Dakota, and it will be strange indeed if large numbers from the crowded east do not walk in and become sharers of this prosperity and development.

Addressing a representative of The Journal this week, Mr. Folsom said: "I am looking for another great immigration movement in the spring. Land values are bound to advance and the man who wants a home and the investor who is seeking a bargain appreciate the situation more than ever before. Fortune is standing by the open door of opportunity in North Dakota, and it will be strange indeed if large numbers from the crowded east do not walk in and become sharers of this prosperity and development. The Journal is doing a magnificent service in its weekly North Dakota page, and we are feeling the benefit from its eastern circulation. Everything portends a strong movement in the spring. The reliable land interests of the west, particularly North Dakota, should cooperate in augmenting the character and volume of this movement. There are chances in North Dakota that will never be duplicated

again. Not all of the opportunities are on the farms either. Towns are springing up and railways are extending and opening new territory. Mechanics can do well in North Dakota. Builders of all kinds will be in heavy demand when spring approaches.

Barnes and Cass counties are well settled and have all the advantages of eastern countries. They cannot be surpassed in the successful cultivation of cereals and feed for stock. Their grasses are wonderfully nutritious and their livestock is not excelled anywhere. The markets and shipping facilities are A 1 and leave little to be desired. "The man who rents gives his time and labor for the benefit of others, when in North Dakota he can obtain land which will more than pay \$10 an acre net if sown to flax, wheat, oats or corn. "All farmers with large families and moderate means can do better in this country than in any region in the United States. Those who have a mortgaged home east had better sell and come west and buy anew on what they cost less than the rental for one year in the eastern states. The industrious and sober men are the aristocrats of North Dakota. They become the men of wealth and standing. "Stretching westward from the Red river valley, and extending across the entire state from north to south, is a vast area of gently rolling prairie, estimated to contain 30,000,000 acres of mixed and agricultural and grazing lands. These lands are as yet but partly settled and brought under cultivation, and may be had at a moderate price in tracts to suit the homeseeker and the investor.

Still westward, beyond the rolling prairie region mentioned, are 12,000,000 acres of lands, well watered and grassed and possessed of a wealth of lignite coal. It is not possible to estimate with any thing like approximate accuracy because of present lack of thorough exploration. "The day of cheap lands cannot last forever. The area is ever narrowing. The landless are fast waking up and the good year 1905 will, I believe, see thousands on the way to North Dakota, each with an ambition to get a share of the footstool in this favored region before it is too late."

shipped up the Missouri river from Iowa and other points, and for years large herds were driven from points farther south to fatten on the ranges of the Missouri river country and then shipped from there to market. In this way some of the more recent stockmen found that cattle did much better in North Dakota than farther south, and in the next few years numerous permanent stock ranches were established in the western part of North Dakota, some of them representing large capital, and consisting of large bands of horses, cattle and sheep. "These are regions of cheap lands, the last to be had in North Dakota. Homeseekers from the middle west and some from localities farther east, are pouring in, and either buying tracts outright or making settlement under the terms of the homestead law.

And this land is adapted to farming in most of its phases and is well watered and can be made profitable in a year's cultivation. "Valley of the Jim." This region, lying midway between the Red and the Missouri rivers, is one of the most promising as a general, all-around farming region. Wheat and for-

age plants have been cultivated for years with great success. Corn is gaining ground each year, and the stock and dairy interests are fast becoming of first importance. Diversified farming is making the residents of all this section well to do. Land valuations are bound to increase rapidly and the man who buys today can count on large profits in the course of a few years from the natural trend of real estate values.

West of the Missouri is a stockman's paradise—an abundance of grass and water, open winters, plenty of coal for the digging and free homesteads and low-priced proved-up lands. Good practical farmers are going in and land values will double in a short time. Professor C. B. Waldron of the United States experiment station at the state agricultural college says that North Dakota has a grass area of 40,000,000 acres, capable of producing each year as much beef as is represented by half a million 3-year-old steers, allowing twenty-five acres to each animal.

FOR SALE—200 ACRES; \$8 PER ACRE; \$2 PER acre down; five miles from Medina, Stutsman county, N. D.; fine black loam, clay subsoil; perfect stock and grain farm. More land agents wanted. Frank P. Root, Lakota, N. D.

A RANSOM COUNTY PROPOSITION.



This farm of 480 acres, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY, 4 miles from Mapleton, and 10 miles from Fargo, for \$36.00 per acre. The improvements consist of a house 24x32, with addition, barn, 30x50, granary 14x40, ice house 16x16, machine shed 16x56, chicken house 16x16, hog house 16x30, 2 good wells and about half of the land plowed and ready for seeding. There are about 100 good trees surrounding the buildings, and which do not show well in the picture, which was taken after the leaves had fallen off. Every foot of it is rich, heavy land, and without one acre of unprofitable soil to cultivate. Terms: \$4,000.00 cash, and the balance in ten equal annual payments at 6 per cent interest.

Ransom County Immigration Association SHELTON, NORTH DAKOTA.

9,128 acres of rich, rolling, well grassed land, with numerous clear, strong springs, eighteen miles from Taylor, N. D., at the extremely low price of \$3.00 an acre, or if you want a 2,300-acre stock farm (unimproved) only nine miles from Sweetbriar (N. P. Ry.) within two miles of Heart river, ever flowing—some cottonwood trees, at \$4.25 an acre, address L. N. Cary, Mandan, N. D.

IT WILL ONLY COST YOU ONE CENT to write me regarding some of the best bargains in the Red River Valley lands. C. A. GRETNUM, Fargo, N. D. Reliable Agents Wanted.

A Spot Cash Proposition

The Following Is of Interest to Farmers and Investors.

The 160 acres described below must be sold within ten days, and we are authorized to offer it at the following low price:

NW 1/4 section 28-139-65, six miles from Windsor, on main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad and 12 miles from Jamestown, North Dakota, County Seat—160 acres nice level prairie land; has running water, good soil, clay subsoil, well settled community. Adjoining lands held at \$12.50 to \$15.00 per acre. OUR PRICE ONLY \$9.00 per acre. Cash or half cash. Write at once for particulars. MUST ACT QUICK. No trades considered.

WHELOCK & WHELOCK

20 Waldorf Block. FARGO, N. D.

WARD COUNTY AN EMPIRE BY ITSELF

No Better Soil Can Be Found for General Farming—Recent Development Points to Coming Greatness.

Ward county and Minot, its capital, are becoming factors of first importance in the agricultural and commercial progress of North Dakota. The county is as large as several of the New England states combined, and is developing by leaps and bounds. It is a young giant with vast plenty of opportunity to grow and develop.

Some of the veins are double and treble that thickness. The mine at Wilton yield 40,000 tons to the acre. The oldest mines in the state are in Ward county, and there are millions of acres of coal in that county alone. The farmers in many instances mine their own coal. They buy at the mines at \$2.25 a ton and it is delivered in towns at \$3.25.

Only a few homesteads yet remain in this county, but the broad expanse of prairie, rich in villages and in its progress and contentment, offers to the man with money a chance for investment, and the thousands of acres entered by men and women who cannot farm afford to the poor man a chance to obtain homes on easy terms.

The sands of the Klondike are not surer in return of gold for labor than are the plains of Ward county to those who plow and sow. There are hundreds of lakes, streams and springs and on the plains good water can be found by digging from twenty to forty feet. Along the streams the valleys are from one-half to three miles in width. The prairies are rolling with frequent broad crevices opening into the bottoms, numerous old lake beds, margins of lakes, rich basins filled with wash from the uplands and level plateaus.

Minot, county seat of Ward county, is the metropolis of the upper Missouri and the Mouse river country. From a struggling village in 1850 it has become the third city in the state. It is a railroad center of magnitude, and the foundations of its business supremacy, both wholesale and retail, have been laid on broad and generous lines. The progress of the past three years has been almost phenomenal.

ADVANTAGES OF RANSOM COUNTY

A Section of North Dakota That Brings Independence to the Homeseeker.

Special Correspondence. Lisbon, N. D., Nov. 24.—Since harvest time there has been a steady stream of landseekers coming to Ransom county from Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa, and many of these men have purchased lands, some for investment, but more for actual settlement. I have taken pains to discuss this subject in a conjunction with the business parties, I find they came here with a very erroneous idea as to the conditions. They seemed to have overlooked the fact that Ransom county has been settled for twenty-five years, and came expecting to find it wild and unsettled, with few of the advantages of civilization, with poor school facilities and few churches. I have not found one who has not said to me that he found the country much better than he expected.

he should take a trip to Ransom county and see for himself the advantages it presents.

As a matter of fact, there are few privileges or advantages in the eastern states which are not to be enjoyed here. When the settlement of this country commenced, the people settled where they left off in the older countries, prairie by their experience there. The school system is in many respects in advance today of many of the Ransom county states. Lisbon, the county seat of Ransom county, has a high school of the first class, and a diploma from this school admits without examination to the universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. Students from the country districts can attend this school without tuition charge. Lisbon has seven churches of different denominations, a fine opera-house, waterworks, a system of gas lighting, and, in fact, more advantages than the average town of its size in the eastern states. This is a country of young men. A person from the east will be struck with the small number of old men to be met on the streets of Lisbon or in a drive thru the country, and the energy of the young man is apparent in the business methods of both the town and the farms.

I have heard the argument advanced, that freight rates on farm products were against this country on account of this being farther from the market centers. I have taken pains to discuss this subject in a conjunction with the business parties, I find they came here with a very erroneous idea as to the conditions. They seemed to have overlooked the fact that Ransom county has been settled for twenty-five years, and came expecting to find it wild and unsettled, with few of the advantages of civilization, with poor school facilities and few churches. I have not found one who has not said to me that he found the country much better than he expected.

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I become more and more convinced each day that in the coming years there will be a regret on the part of those who come here now and do not purchase, and a regret on the part of the land owners who are now selling their lands here as they see prices advance, as they certainly will do in the next few years.

The recent election establishes the fact that there will be no change in the policy of government for the next four years, and therefore establishes the fact that the prosperity of the past years will be continued in an increased measure, and those who purchase good farm lands today will see the wisdom of their action, and those who do not purchase will live to mourn their folly.

If you want finest, rich, level Morton or Stark county, N. D., quarter or half sections at \$6 to \$7 an acre, with equally good homestead adjoining open to your taking, inquire of L. N. Cary, Mandan, N. D.

North Dakota Wheat Land

31,750 ACRES choice undulating prairie, in a compact tract, at Wishek, McIntosh county, on the Soo R. R. These lands can be retailed at 100 per cent advance on my price. Will close the entire tract at, per acre One-third cash—remainder in three payments, six per cent interest. Address SAMUEL P. SNYDER, - - 1226 Mount Curve Avenue, Minneapolis.