

PERMANENT PROSPERITY AWAITS SETTLERS IN NORTH DAKOTA

What North Dakota Offers To the Homeseeker

State Capitol, Bismarck, N. D., March 22, 1905.—Probably no state in the union presents greater opportunities for those seeking homes than North Dakota. It is quite certain that no state has made more rapid growth, achieved greater success in accumulating wealth, or demonstrated a greater certainty that it is the Mecca for the poor man and homeseeker.

For many years it was claimed that it was only occasionally that the soil of North Dakota could be depended upon to raise a crop. This fallacy has been removed and facts and figures have shown that it can be relied upon, each year, to bring a golden harvest and give the tillers of the soil a rich reward for their industry.

Eastern North Dakota had been regarded as only a wheat country, but of later years its farmers have tried corn growing with gratifying and profitable results. And today the farmers of the fertile Red river valley no longer depend solely upon wheat, but plant corn and grow all other kinds of cereals with success, thus giving variety to the product of their farms.

It was only a short time ago that it was the custom to speak slightly of the agricultural productiveness of the soil of the Missouri slope and the western portion of the state. This great section was given over to ranges and very little grain was produced, in fact, not much more than was required for home consumption. Now all this is changed. Those prairies where roamed countless cattle, horses and sheep, are being rapidly turned into farms and the land in the summer time is dotted over with growing grain of every kind.

The following letter is reproduced because it clearly sets forth the actual condition of affairs and for the further reason that it was not intended for publication:

"Dear Sir: I have often thought of my trip to Missouri, the fall of 1867, and how open to the friends in Iowa of the fine country I had found; just the place for them to come to enjoy life, such a pleasant climate, plenty of fruit and all a man desired to eat, so he might grow fat and be happy. But before I had been long my tune began to change, for I began to shake with the ague and long for a good drink of water. And the longer I lived there the more I didn't like my new-found home. I resolved to profit by that experiment and go slow on Dakota soil. I feared the awful drouth the ranchers told me of, but for nearly three years I have looked for the terrible drouth and have not found it, yet I am not discouraged. Then I dreaded the hail storms that destroy everything the drouth had left, that would cause us to have starvation in our midst, but if we could just pull thru these blizzards, plagues of North Dakota, the blizzard would blow us away, and bury us with snow and freeze the remainder of us. Still I am not discouraged, and keep looking ahead. Now you ask how do I like it; would I sell out? Just come and try me with thirty dollars an acre, but don't come with any less. Let me tell you something. When we came here three years ago next April, there were only nine houses in our school district. Now I sit here and count over one hundred and three families, one large mercantile plant, a hotel, feed and sale barn, postoffice, printing press, blacksmith and wagon repair shop, photo gallery, Woodman camp, five schools, a literary society, dance hall and five Sunday schools, and so far as I know everybody but this is satisfied to stay. Some folks, you know, always have to go back to care for the old folks. What makes us satisfied? Why, we don't find the drouth, the hail or the awful blizzards. We have found plenty to eat, to drink, to burn. We raise from eight to thirteen bushels of flax to the acre on soil, from thirteen to thirty bushels of wheat, from thirty to one hundred bushels of corn, and from thirty to eighty bushels of corn. Hogs never have the cholera, horses live on the range, cattle and sheep get half their winter's feed on the prairies. We get our coal for digging it and our wood for the cutting and hauling. No country can beat this in quality for potatoes and all kinds of garden truck. My wife is sixty-seven years old, and last year she raised with her plenty of garden truck to do us a year and sold twenty dollars' worth. She had potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, melons, onions, parsnips, carrots, Swiss chard, mustard, peas, beans, radishes, squash, cucumbers, soup beans and sweet corn. I heard an old lady say today that she and her husband had never had as easy a time in Illinois as they had since they came to North Dakota. No, for the same length of time lived so well. If a man has a homestead claim here and raises half as much on it as a renter does on the same amount of land in Iowa, he will make a better living here. But if you come here expecting it to be Heaven, you will get left, but a man told me today it was the easiest place to make a living he had ever found. If you come, come to see. We have the best of neighbors here and want you to bring two more, a man and wife."

In 1890 the federal census valued the lands in North Dakota at \$75,780,700. In 1900 the same authority valued those lands at \$198,780,700, or an increase in value of \$123,000,000. There are now in North Dakota a total of twenty-three states and territories west of the Mississippi river that can show a greater increase during that same period. Those four states are Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Texas—states that are so many years older than they should not be placed in the same class.

While lying on the ground in that section of the world where there is perpetual sunshine, it can be asserted that the states only have more favorable climatic conditions or where the winters are less rigorous than in North Dakota. This state is comparatively new and sparsely settled, yet its record will compare favorably in point of freedom from crop failures with our older and more densely populated sister states.

North Dakota has the soil and that soil has the producing qualities and all it needs is the people to cultivate it. It is no disparagement to other states and countries to assert that no state or country in North America presents such opportunities for the poor man or the one desiring to secure a home at a minimum cost as North Dakota. There are thousands of acres of government lands, free to all; there are thousands of acres of institute lands selected by the state and granted to them by the government which can be purchased at reasonable figures. These lands are among the best in the state. Then there are thousands of acres owned by firms and individuals. These lands can be purchased ranging in price from \$3 to \$15 per acre, depending upon locality, but of the highest quality. The prices are reasonable and the terms made easy and satisfactory. This does not include the government lands, which can be obtained at a nominal cost by filing upon them. There are large quantities of these lands and they embrace some of the best and most desirable to be found in the state.

It is true that land values are on the increase. Why not? Thousands of letters can be produced from reliable men and bona fide farmers who came to this state a few years ago, with perhaps a team of horses, probably a cow or two and small amount of money, who today absolutely own a farm ranging all the way from 160 to 640 acres, with a comfortable dwelling, good outside buildings, a number of horses, cattle and hogs, grain, and sufficient to feed them until the next season and money in the bank. The experiences of these men and their farming career represent the true value of this state and is the correct and unfailing index of what can be accomplished by the frugal and industrious husbandman.

Fuel is cheap in North Dakota. The western portion of the state is underlain, at a short depth, with an inexhaustible supply of lignite coal, which can be obtained at the mines at from 90 cents to \$1 per ton. God in his infinite wisdom made ample provision for the homesteader in North Dakota by providing in abundance this great and absolute necessity.

Movements are being instituted in many ways to aid the farming element in this state. New methods are being devised, farmers' institutes are being held in all of the counties. Experienced men are instructing the farmers as to the best kind of seed to sow and the better methods of cultivation. The railroads are extending their lines and constructing branches to accommodate the farmers, stock raisers and shippers. Prosperity in its many phases is spreading its wings over this state, giving new life and instilled greater hope in those whose interests and financial welfare are so intimately interwoven with the great future of North Dakota.

In next Saturday's issue will appear an article on the kinds, quality and amount of grains produced in this state.

—W. C. Gilbreath, Commissioner of Agriculture, Bismarck, N. D.

GLENBURN, NORTH DAKOTA

Her Marvelous Growth—Located in the Heart of the Famous Mouse River Loop Section.

Special Correspondence.

Glenburn, N. D., March 23, 1905.—The history of Glenburn reads like a tale from Arabian Nights. While but still an infant as to age, her prosperity and remarkable development is the wonder of all visitors. The townsite was platted in the fall of 1903, the first lot being sold Sept. 23, but the railroad was not in operation until the following December.

At the present time Glenburn has a population of 400 people. Glenburn has a large hotel, two large livery barns, four implement establishments, two lumber yards, two banks, two drug stores, a live weekly paper, and six large modern grain elevators attest to the productiveness of the farming country tributary. Glenburn also has a good school, and her three church societies, consisting of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Methodist, are all housed in their own edifices.

When one stops to consider that all this and more has been accomplished within but a few months' time it speaks

in volumes for the enterprise of the business men of Glenburn. Another feature which is worthy of especial mention is that the farming country tributary must be productive to a certainty, otherwise conservative business men could not be induced to invest their hard dollars as they have done and are doing in Glenburn.

The Mouse River Loop, that country which supports the enterprises of Glenburn, has attained a reputation as a profitable farming section second to none in the northwest. Her production annually per acre exceeds anything ever before known. Comparisons with other sections confirm this assertion. It is essentially a poor man's country. The renter from the eastern states has found independence and has acquired a farm of his own and is today well on the road towards wealth.

Here the man with a few hundred dollars may obtain a foothold, for land values are exceedingly low as compared with older sections. Here we find the colonies from Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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RANSOM COUNTY, NO. DAKOTA

Our Correspondent Finds Plenty of Evidence of the Faith Investors Have in Ransom County Lands.

A few weeks ago I wrote you of the faith the residents of Ransom county have in their lands. A day or two since I came across some evidence of the faith of non-resident investors in lands owned by them in this county. I was shown some letters by one of the large real estate companies, received by it in reply to inquiries for prices on certain lands, and I give you two or three as samples.

A gentleman living in Minnesota, who owns a section of land in Ransom county, says: "We have concluded to withdraw our farm from the market. This farm paid us 20 per cent on our investment net in 1904, beside the increase in value. If we should sell our money in that would begin to pay like Ransom county land. We prefer to buy some more just such land rather than sell what we have."

A gentleman living in Montana, who owns a Ransom county farm, writes as follows: "I am not anxious to dispose of my land in Ransom county unless a good round price could be had. I have just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast. I visited the principal towns

on the sound from Everett to Vancouver, thence back thru the country to Seattle, Washington, and I have concluded that North Dakota is the place for a man with moderate means. Cold weather is preferable to continued rain in the winter."

Another party living in South Dakota, who owns a Ransom county farm, writes as follows: "I have yours of the 3d inst. in regard to price of land, and in reply will say that I am not anxious to sell my land there, as it is a good paying investment. It paid me 10 per cent on an investment of \$25 an acre last year, and it is only about half broken up."

could multiply evidences of this kind, but these three instances given are a fair sample of the large number shown me by the party to whom I referred above. Were I desiring to buy land myself, I certainly would buy where not only the residents, but the non-residents had such faith as this in their lands, for values are certain to advance under such conditions. Every day I become more and more thoroughly convinced that Ransom county, North Dakota, is the place to invest.

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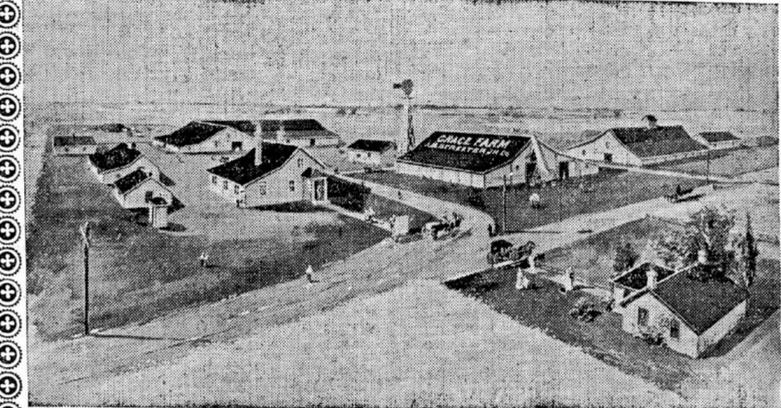
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WHO? WHAT? WHERE? Homeseekers WRITE TO F. I. TEMPLE, Denhoff, McLean Co. N.D.

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FOUR WHITE SHIRTS.

Twp. 134, R. 93, Hettinger County, North Dakota—Three of the gentlemen in this scene have just bought 160 acres each of the prairie on which the picture was taken. They also took Homesteads of 160 acres each. We sold them the land, and have many thousands more just as good at \$12.50 an acre. WM. H. BROWN COMPANY, 131 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.; Mandan and Richardson, North Dakota.

Richardton, No. Dak., Jan. 30th., 1905.

Mr. C. W. Mott, Gen. Emgr. Agt., Northern Pacific Ry. Co., St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: Replying to your letter asking what success I have had raising timothy—Nine years ago I planted ten acres of this crop. For six years I cut it for hay, which averaged two tons to the acre. The last three years I have pastured this field. I was so well pleased with the small patch of timothy that I planted fifty acres four years ago and have received the same results.

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Four years ago several of my neighbors and I built a creamery, which we run on the co-operative plan and the results have been very satisfactory. Since the creamery started I have been milking from 11 to 15 cows.

I am well satisfied here and would not care to sell my farm. This country is good enough for me and any man who is willing to work can do well here.

Yours truly, Peter Palm

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"KENMARE ON THE SOO"

A Hustling-Bustling-Wide-Awake Town a Fast Comer in Ward County, North Dakota.

Special Correspondence.

Kenmare, N. D., March 23.—I was up in Ward county this week and took a look at Kenmare. Talk about "Mr. Aladdin" with his "little old lamp" doing business in the old days! Why, these wide awake business men of Kenmare are building up this beautiful little city in a get-together, progressive way that would only give "Aladdin" as a builder about thirty cents per in this burg. Seriously speaking, in all my travels I have never seen a better illustration of what public spirit, push and energy will do than right here in Ward county. On the north shore of Middle Des Laes lake is this modern town with every advantage and up-to-date equipment of one of our big cities and educational opportunities that should appeal to every father locating in a new home and the best of churches and business establishments. If the man who is looking for a new home or the investor who wishes to get the best returns for his money could only look this town over the railroads would be running specials with tickets reading right thru to Kenmare. The man who locates in Kenmare this year is going to get good returns for his money here in Ward county. Surrounding here is where the homeseeker can gain happiness and prosperity by getting out that "old sock" or digging

up his surplus "coin" and putting his money into a farm near Kenmare. Kenmare farms are the best in the state. Situated as they are in the famous Des Laes valley, having a deep rich black loam with a heavy yellow clay subsoil, with a rainfall equal to any district in the northwest, there has never been a failure of crops. This splendid land can be purchased at low prices and on easy terms, making the Kenmare district a poor man's paradise. Hundreds of hard-working families, who have barely lived "from hand to mouth," "back east," on a rented farm, or a forty, have seized the opportunity, which is open to all, and are now the owners of 160 acres of the best land on earth, each year putting something aside "for a rainy day."

In some of the new settlements whole colonies have come from Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, and although some of these are but a year or so old, it is surprising to see the comforts with which they have surrounded themselves and the enjoyments they maintain. My advice to the farmer who has been paying rent back east is to spend one cent and write the Business Men's association of Kenmare, and he will find every hand extended and help given in this Homeseekers' Paradise. —Ward D. Williams.

Farm Lands. A HOME OR AS AN INVESTMENT write me for my prices and terms. I can sell you choice Farm Lands in the Famous Mouse River Valley at from \$8.00 to \$25.00 Per Acre in good settlements and near to markets and schools.

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