

AITKIN'S FLOOD WAS NOT SO BAD

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are not needy, one of them has been a substantial resident of the county for ten years.

A Fertile Region.

Aitkin county contains more than 2,900 square miles, equal to over one million acres. Much of it rivals in richness the Red River lands, and the crops this year are the finest ever known. The only part of the county which is subject to overflow, and the crops this year are the finest ever known. The only part of the county which is subject to overflow, and the crops this year are the finest ever known.



THEY BUILD NEAR THE WATER.

A Proposed Cut-Off Channel.

The Mississippi, from its junction with Swan river, in the northeast corner of the county, follows a southwestward course, and at Waldeck takes a decided bend to the south as far as Aitkin, where it turns northwesterly and,

with numerous turns and twistings, finally reaches Pine Knoll, which is nine miles by direct line to Waldeck, but many more by river. It is along this nine-mile line that it is proposed to dig a cut-off, which it is believed will relieve the river in the vicinity of Aitkin of much surplus water at periods of freshets and floods. Willow river, White Elk and Little Willow flow into the bend from the north, as do Rice river, the Sisabagina, Mud river and Cedar creek from the south. Willow, White Elk and Little Willow drain many lakes and an extensive basin. Rice river, Sisabagina, Mud river and Cedar creek drain seventy lakes and practically the entire southern half of the county. It is little wonder to people here that there are high stages of water at times along the reaches of the big bend, with six important tributaries of the Mississippi entering within the distance of a few miles.

The Overflowed Lands.

On the river between Aitkin and the lower extent of the flood district there are thirty settlers, eleven on the north bank and nineteen on the south. Ten of the thirty were high and their crops were barely touched by the water, if at all. Three hundred acres of cultivation is a fair estimate of the damage overflow in this district. On the upper river, between Aitkin and Waldeck, there are thirty-five settlers. Quite a number of them were too high for the river to reach. Those who were within the overflow limits had about 400 acres covered with water. To these estimates might be added a few hundred acres of tame hay meadows and they do not include wild hay or pasture lands. There are large areas of good pasture land to be had now and any quantity of wild hay for the cutting. Twelve hundred acres of land is a fair estimate of the overflow's extent in so far as it affected the ungrazed crops of those bottom-land settlers who are dependent in any important degree upon the product of their cultivated plots. The flood was within a foot of the highest experienced since 1854. It was not as high, by several feet as the floods of the sixties and seventies, which are recalled by the old inhabitants.

If the soil which characterizes the greater portion of the county is rich, the alluvial deposit in these bottom lands is the richest of all, and the bottom lands produce crops which tax belief. This particular quality of alluvium is said to be "lighted clay," and it is claimed there is very little of it in the world, what there is in the United States being found only in certain parts of the Ohio valley.

Plenty of Warning.

Many of these river-bottom dwellers work in the woods in the winter, on the log drives in the spring, or out cord-pole, either to help along or as a principal means of support. In the summer they cultivate a few acres of ground. They have lived here for years within the flood limits of one of the greatest rivers in the world. They know that whenever it rains the river will

rise, and newcomers have but to look at the steep water-cut banks and the high-water markings which everywhere abound, to see what the river has done in the past and what it may and probably will do in the future as long as water flows. They know that years may elapse before their lands will be covered again. This is the first time in four years. They also know that they can never count with certainty upon a crop; but when they do harvest, the return is so abundant that they are content to chance the river, for they claim to raise, with little toil, three times as much on the bottoms as they can any-

where else, and flood or no flood, they are not going away. After each overflow these lands become richer, if possible, than before, and each extreme flood marks the turn to a period of moderate high water, for high floods come at intervals of from eight to twelve years.

There is a constant market for all the wood these people will cut and lay down on the banks or haul to town. The steamboat men buy all that is offered, and many of the settlers have an abundance of timber to sell, both for fire and sawmills. There are four sawmills in Aitkin; three of them were shut down during the flood, and the mill owners are far and away the largest losers by the high water. Some of the river settlers will need seed next spring. Perhaps a dozen or fifteen may need some assistance this winter. Many of them have had their lands overflowed time and again. Some of them have been living on the river bottom for seventeen years. Three or four are newcomers, who saw for the first time what the Mississippi can do with its own bed when rainfall is bent on record-breaking and the rainfall this year was the heaviest of which postings have been kept. The majority of these people are respected in the community, and they can secure on their own credit in town whatever is needed. It will take a flood several feet higher than that experienced this year before the generosity of the people hereabout will be taxed to an extent greater than the ability to respond.

TO SAVE THE LAKES

Park Commissioner Says Dredge Is Needed. Park Commissioner J. W. Allen, who has returned from Chicago, where he went to inspect the dredging machine used at Lincoln park, is convinced that the Minneapolis park board own a dredging machine of modern type. A good suction dredge pretty soon, the city will have no lakes, as they are rapidly growing to weeds," said Mr. Allen today.

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GROUND STILL TOO WET

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS HARVEST BADLY DELAYED IN RED RIVER VALLEY.

Weather and crop conditions in Minnesota during the week ending Monday, Aug. 28, are reported by Charles A. Hyle, in charge of the local service, in the following bulletin:

Rain fell in nearly all parts of the state on the 23d or 24th, being heavy in the eastern half of the southern section. Scattered showers occurred on the 23d and 26th throughout the state. The weather was generally moderate during the week, still some high maximum temperatures were recorded on the 23d, 24 and 28th. Harvest is nearly completed in the middle section, and is well advanced in the northern section, except in the Red River valley, where, on account of the wet condition of the ground, fears are expressed that the already ripened grain may shell out before the binders can reach it, and some crinkling has already occurred.

Stacking is nearly completed in the southern section, and well advanced in the middle third of the state, while shock threshing was general during the week, except when delayed by rains. Good yields are generally reported from the southern section, also in some localities wheat is rather light; fair to good yields are reported from the central section, being much better on higher ground. Lighter yields are reported from that part of the northern section, where threshing has been done, yet the yield would be fairly good if the wheat could be cut in the Red River valley.

Oats and barley are yielding well, except in portions of the southern section, where considerable discoloration of barley is reported. Complaints of black rust damage continue from a few localities. Flax cutting is well advanced. A good second crop of clover will be cut in the southern section.

Corn is making rapid progress and is beginning to dent. It will require from two to three weeks for the bulk of the crop in the southern section to be safe from frost, and perhaps another week longer in the middle section. Potatoes are generally a fair to good crop, although considerable rot is reported from all sections. Flowering is general in the southern section, and has begun in the middle third of the state.

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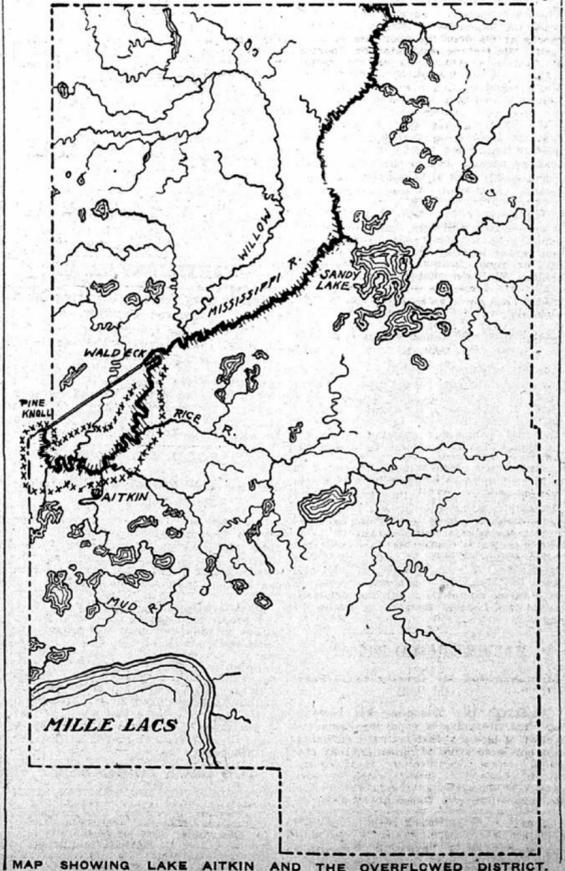
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