

DOES IT PAY TO BUY IOWA LAND?

Iowa State-Wide Publicity Commission Deals Out Some Interesting Facts Concerning Iowa.

LAND SELLING AT \$400 AN ACRE Ten Years Ago Same Land Was Selling at From \$75 to \$100, Iowa Land Best Investment

"Now," said the dry-goods-box orator, "There ain't no money to be made in Iowa land any more. It's too high. Nobody is goin' to have anything left when he pays a hundred dollars an acre for land and figures interest on his investment, taxes, and payments. Why, I can remember when good Iowa land could be bought for ten dollars an acre. In them good old days there was some sense in investin' your money in real estate, but there is nothin' left in the way of snags."

And then the d-g-b orator meandered slowly down the street with his weather eye out for somebody who might invite him to have a drink. Ten years ago when the very best farms in the country were selling at from \$75 to \$100 an acre, the ubiquitous, theoretical financier talked gravely and learnedly, as well as statistically, of the impossibility of further advance in the price of land, but somehow theory is not always sustained in practice, and today we are not surprised when farm land in Iowa sells for \$400.00 or \$500.00 an acre. Neither are we astounded when we learn that it is possible to buy land at what seems to be a very high price and make a profit on it far greater than was possible in the palmy days when there was plenty of land for sale at \$100.00 an acre.

For instance, A. D. Rose paid \$100.00 an acre for a piece of land lying a couple of miles east of Ogden, and last week sold it for \$200.00 an acre. A Fort Dodge real-estate agent drove out into the country three or four miles to look at some land that he understood was for sale. He found one tract that he, personally, sold four years ago for \$100.00 an acre, for which last week \$225.00 an acre was asked with \$200.00 offered.

The County Clerk at Webster City paid \$100.00 an acre for a quarter-section three years ago, and very recently sold it at \$150.00 an acre, making a nice little profit of a little better than \$7,000. Near Reinbeck, in Grundy County, Tom Copley has just bought a sixty acre farm for a home, paying \$400.00 an acre for it.

An Ida County farmer was recently offered \$225.00 an acre for his 40 acre tract by an Illinois man. The offer was refused and the owner was asked to fix a price, but refused to do so upon the theory that the farm was worth as much to him as anybody else would be willing to pay for it.

FIRST COUNTY OFFICERS IN IOWA Were Elected in 1834 and Took Office in 1835.

The first counties in Iowa were the counties of Dubuque and Des Moines established in 1834 by the legislature of the Territory of Michigan and including practically all of east-

tern Iowa divided by a line running due west from Rock Island. "The supervisors of the county of Des Moines, Michigan Territory, convened at the house of William D. Ross in the town of Burlington on September 29, 1835," says Dr. C. R. Aurner in a "History of Township Government in Iowa" recently published by the State Historical Society of Iowa. "There were present, as constituting the board elected in the fall of 1834, Isaac Leffler, Francis Redding, and Ebenezer D. Ayers. Benjamin Tucker was appointed clerk after the board had proceeded to business. In Dubuque county the records for 1835 do not appear; but in May, 1836, the proceedings are similar to those cited for the county of Des Moines. Francis Gehon, William Smith, and John Paul constituted the first board of supervisors for Dubuque county while Warner Lewis was the first clerk."

RICKETTS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Conyers and Miss Martha Baak visited at Kiron Wednesday.

Miss Lulu Brethauer visited with friends at Kiron Thursday.

Fred Kuhlmann and family, who have been visiting friends in various parts of Minnesota, returned Wednesday.

P. Langholdt transacted business in Mapleton and Danbury Wednesday.

Hugo Rix and Fred Kuhlmann were Sioux City business callers Friday.

John Corveny moved into his house which he purchased from Hugo Rix Friday. The Rix family will also stay in the same house for another week or so until Mr. Rix's new house is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jacobsen left for Ute Saturday to be present at the family reunion of the Jacobsen family, as some of the boys expect to leave for Montana this coming week and it might be a long time before they will all be together again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomsen, from Des Moines, transacted business in our city Saturday.

Chas. Muehls left for Clinton Friday, he receiving word from Germany that there is some estate due him, he having to appear before the German council at Lyons.

The Austrian-Servian war is being felt here, as Mr. F. Machille received word from the Austrian government to be ready to return to his native country. Mr. Machille belongs to the reserves and intends to leave as soon as word is received to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Voss, who have been visiting their children and family the past three months, left Tuesday for their home in Los Angeles.

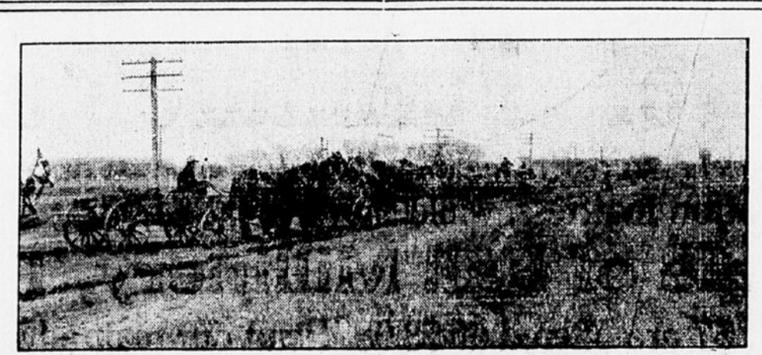
Shipments for the week were as follows: T. J. Munster, 2 cars of hogs to Chicago; Nye Schneider Fowler Co, 2 cars of corn to Clinton.

Wm. Koepfen has commenced to excavate for a new house on his lot.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

Efficient Work on the Lincoln Highway in Nebraska



A recent issue of the Central City, Nebraska Nonparell says: "It would be difficult to believe that any portion of the Lincoln Highway receives more careful attention or more enthusiastic efforts from its officers than that given the Platte Valley route, by its president, H. E. Glafelter, Merrick County Consul for the National Lincoln Highway Association. In a recent letter sent out to all the Local Consuls of Merrick County, Mr. Glafelter said in part: 'If your soil is clay or gumbo, after a rain place four inches of sand over the surface, have your township crown your section with a blade-grader and maintain it with a split-log drag after every rain, you will have an ideal sand and clay road—the best dirt road in the world.' The illustration shows County Consul Glafelter's instructions being carried out."

SCHLESWIG ITEMS

Mr. Klotz, who was hurt in an automobile accident near Holstein while on his way to Lake Okoboji a week ago, is somewhat lame yet, but is feeling fairly good.

John Boll, the book-keeper at the German Bank, has been seriously sick the past two weeks with typhoid fever and under the care of a trained nurse. For awhile little hopes were entertained for his recovery. Dr. Bliss, of Omaha, was called Friday in consultation with one of our local physicians and we are glad to state at present writing that John is much improved.

Two children were baptized by Rev. Wetzel at Preiden's church last Sunday. Laverne LaPrantz and Alvera Lohse.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Christiansen and little boy, of Ricketts, were Sunday guests at the M. A. Hollander home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spahn motored to Ida Grove Saturday, where the latter had some dental work done.

Miss Ella Kruger, of Omaha visited here with friends the latter part of last week. Sunday she went to Ida Grove for a longer visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hargens and children, of Ricketts, Sunday at the Dr. W. H. Schultz home.

Mrs. Ernest Rosburg left Monday for her home at Osmond, Neb., having spent a couple of weeks here visiting relatives.

Miss Caroline Hollander left Sunday for Chicago where she is taking medical treatment.

Miss Theresa Rohwer went to Ida Grove Sunday for a week's visit with friends and relatives.

A deal was closed on Saturday afternoon in which Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Thiede, of Boyer, became the owners of the Paul Jensen property, consideration being \$3200. Possession is to be given March 1, 1915. Mr. Jensen contemplates buying lots and erecting a modern residence in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hollander went to Chicago Sunday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Aug. Schultz, father of Dr. Schultz, celebrated his birthday Sunday at the Hugo Wegand home. A number of friends and relatives participated.

The Larkin club ladies treated their husbands to a picnic dinner Sunday at the John Petersen home about one mile from town. A goodly number were present and all report a very pleasant time. The Misses Rosa and Alma Hindricksen, of Charter Oak, are visiting their cousins in the Chas. Reinking home.

Chas. Reinking transacted business in Ida Grove Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen, of Ida Grove, came Sunday and are visiting at the Henry Andresen home. Mrs. Petersen is a sister of Mrs. Andresen. The Denison base ball team came up Sunday to cross bats with the local team. Our boys won the game, the score being 4 to 5.

Miss Nellie Girard returned from the hospital at Ida Grove last Monday where she had an operation performed on her nose.

Mr. Hannes Sachau, of Denison, was a Sunday guest at Fred Mohrs. Henry Riessen was a business caller in Denison Sunday.

The Misses Lamore and Louise Reinking gave a watermelon party Sunday afternoon to a large number of their young friends. The afternoon was a most enjoyable one.

Mrs. Gus Girard has so far recovered from her recent illness to be able to dispense with her nurse.

Mrs. Gustav Jahn, who several weeks ago underwent an operation, is getting along nicely and is expected to return to her home here this week.

The M. G. R. club ladies will enjoy a meeting with Mrs. M. A. Hollander Wednesday this week.

MANILLA ITEMS

Mrs. Heywood and son, John, of Marcus, arrived here Monday for a visit with her brother, Mr. W. B. Liggett and family.

Mrs. Alice James and daughter, Elizabeth, returned to their home in Sioux City Friday.

The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian church were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Ed. Smith on her lawn Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. N. Gaumer and daughter, Dorothy, left for Adel Monday, where they will spend a week with Mrs. Gaumer's sister, Mrs. S. T. Smith.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson went to Deafness Tuesday to care for a patient.

Frank Perry is having a new house erected on the lot next to the T. N. Case residence. This is the sixth house built in Fair View this summer.

Miss Sylvia Cooper returned home from the summer school at Cedar Rapids Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weed and children and Miss Gladys Leitner, of Sioux City, are visiting at the Messing home. B. H. and C. A. Duffington homes.

Mrs. Ed. Baber returned home from Chicago, Thursday, where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Bear.

Geo. Riggs is relieving messenger Tracy on the main line who is taking a week's vacation.

Miss Bethel Goin, who has been visiting with her brother, Dr. L. S. Goin, returned home Sunday.

Contracts have been signed for the equipment of Manilla's new municipal electric light plant. The buildings are to be completed and the plant ready for operation by December 1, 1914.

The Chicago Giants, a colored team, will play with the local team here Friday, August 7. This team played at Manilla last year and won by the score of 7 to 5. They are reported much stronger than last year but our boys have also stiffened up and expect to show them a good time.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Closing prices: Wheat—Sept., 86½c; Dec., 91½c. Corn—Sept., 67½c; Dec., 62½c. Oats—Sept., 35½c; Dec., 37½c. Pork—Sept., \$18.45.

Lard—Sept., \$9.67½; Oct., \$8.87½. Ribs—Sept., \$11.32½; Oct., \$10.75. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$5.67c; No. 2 corn, 74¢@75¢; No. 3 white oats, 32½¢@34½¢.

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H. J. Willy and family left here Thursday for a short fishing trip at Madison, S. D.

B. P. Blair returned Tuesday evening from his visit with relatives in Hardin county and in Des Moines.

Eugene Baber has been wiring houses for electricity in Buck Grove the past week.

Mrs. P. A. Jackson was an Omaha visitor Monday.

The renovation of the Presbyterian church has been completed. The outside of the building and the walls on the inside have been oiled and it has been fully equipped for electricity.

Sunday school will be next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; church at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Samuel McCorn, of Sioux City, will lead in the services on Sunday, August 9, and also on August 16.

Through a deal made with Mr. J. L. McLeod the past week, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wahl have taken charge of "Mac's Hotel." Mr. and Mrs. McLeod expect to leave soon for an extended visit in California. When they return they intend to build a new home.

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DR. COFFEE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT.

Owing to the number of inquiries I am receiving about my new absorption massage treatment, I wish to state this system of treatment is a combination of mild, absorbing remedies and certain forms of massage that I have been using very successfully for several years in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. It relieves all ordinary forms of eye diseases, falling sight and blindness caused from granulated lids, inflammation, growths, scums, iritis, glaucoma, will hairs, eye strain and other chronic eye troubles where the structure of the eye, are not too badly damaged. I have restored sight to many blind people. For instance, a lady was led into my office, blind in both eyes from scums. In two weeks she could see to go everywhere alone, the disease disappearing rapidly. This treatment is very successful in ordinary forms of deafness, especially those cases caused from catarrh, in grippe, exposure to cold, acute fevers, mumps, discharges from the ears. Where the disease has not too badly damaged the structures it should be curable. I have restored hearing to many cases who had been afflicted from 5 to 40 years. Another case, a gentleman 78 years old was brought to my office a short while ago totally deaf in one ear, so deaf in the other he had to use a speaking tube to hear even loud voices. Had been growing worse for 25 years. In 2 weeks he could hear a conversation without the speaking tube in the good ear, and the hearing was coming back in the totally deaf ear. I shall be glad to examine any case and explain my new system of treatment free of charge. If possible, come to my office for a personal examination. If you cannot come, write me a description of your case. I will give you my opinion by return mail. I have a painless method of straightening crossed eyes, and a perfect system of fitting glasses. I have been in Des Moines about 16 years; practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. Offices in the Davidson Building, corner 8th and Walnut Streets. Office hours, 9 to 12; 1 to 4 on Sunday hours. If you are coming to Des Moines to the State Fair, August 26th to September 4th, be sure and see me.

DR. W. O. COFFEE, Davidson Bldg., Des Moines, Ia.



Dr. A. H. Weber

THE EYE AND EAR DOCTOR WILL BE AT

HOTEL DENISON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Mr. Bert Steiner, the well known and popular druggist, cured of serious Optic Nerve disease by Dr. Weber.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 1, 1903. I hereby wish to publicly express my appreciation and sincere thanks to Dr. Weber for his marvelous cure of my eyes. My eyes began to trouble me about six months ago. I did not pay any attention to them at first, not thinking anything serious was the matter. My sight gradually became more dim every day, and almost before I realized it everything was cloudy and appeared blurred, and then I knew blindness was coming upon me. I could not recognize people only by their walk and voice. I could not see ordinary print at all, and could no longer attend to business as a pharmacist.

Something must be done. I was personally acquainted with Dr. Weber and had known of his reputation and skill for years. He made a thorough examination of the inside of my eye and found I had the much dreaded optic nerve disease. Under ordinary methods of treatment this disease is considered incurable, but I started treatment with Dr. Weber's new method and my sight gradually returned so that in a few months' time I was again enabled to resume my duty as a pharmacist and I am thankful to say that Dr. Weber restored my sight and am able to see perfectly well. I can recommend Dr. Weber to all having eye trouble.

Very truly yours, BEIT STEINER.

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Iowa State Fair AND EXPOSITION DES MOINES, IOWA

Aug. 26-Sept. 4, 1914

The Lay of an I-o-way Hen

"Here's to the Iowa hen—her son never sets,"— From speech of an Iowa Congressman.

In the current burst of "Life" Arthur Guiterman bursts into poetry in expanding on the story of the prosperity of the Iowa farmer, told by an Iowa Congressman. Guiterman not only had a good subject, but he wrote good poetry about her, as witness the following:

Declare, declare, ye Muses fair, Whence comes the wealth, I pray That fortune spills on the man who tills The fields of I-o-way.

For he takes his fling as a money King And his wife as a social queen, And the serfs bow low as they watch him go Enthroned in his limousine.

Is it corn, is it oats, is it cows, is it shoats, Is it colts with limber legs, Or peas or beans, that swell his means? All these; but most 'tis eggs.

'Tis eggs the which have made him rich, A billion every year. All hats off, then, to the eminent hen The spouse of the Chanticleer.

For she seldom flies, and she never tries To dance, or vote, or play. But sticks to her nest and does her best; For the good of I-o-way.

She sticks to her nest and does her best; Then blame her, ye who can, If, justly proud, she cackles out loud Like a new-fledged congressman.

Well may she praise those eggs she lays, Her billion, white or brown; Four hundred times a million dimes We pay for them in town.

And (Saints forbend,) if end to end Ye place those ovals straight, The line would reach from Coney's Beach Clear west to the golden gate.

Or east, perchance, to Paris, (France,) Or pretty near to Rome. But,—bless the bird! poached, boiled or shirred, Her fruits remain at home.

Then break an egg in the cup, I beg, An egg that was laid today, And we'll drink the health of that fount of wealth, The hen of I-o-way. —Arthur Guiterman in Life.