

Worthington Advance.

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Connecticut went Democratic on Tuesday last, the Democrats electing the Governor and the Legislature. Wait. (Republican) is elected to Congress.

The New York Sun says that over one-half of all the confirmed drunkards who take refuge in the Inebriate Asylum at Binghamton, are permanently cured of their morbid appetite. The official statistics on the subject, which have been published, cover seven years, and a very large number of cases.

Mr. Duncell, having been called upon by the secretary of the navy to name a candidate for the naval cadetship at Annapolis from this congressional district, will cause a competitive examination to be held at Owatonna on the 2d of May next for that purpose. Candidates are required to be between the ages of 14 and 18 years. The names of the board of examiners will be announced in due time.

THE NARROW GAUGE. The Spirit Lake Beacon, speaking of the proposed narrow-gauge road from Sibley to Fort Dodge, says:

There is little doubt but that the project outlined above can, if rightly managed, be carried into execution. The route proposed is a very direct one, and traverses a comparatively level country.

But it seems to us that the most beautiful line is from Worthington to Fort Dodge by way of Spirit Lake. That route could be made almost an air line and the distance would be less than 100 miles. This would give Spirit Lake railroad communication with the coming railroad center of Worthington. It would be a good joke on us if our Sibley friends should steal our thunder, take our narrow-gauge railroad scheme from us, and put it through right under our very noses.

THE BRANCH ROAD. The facts in the following letter from Governor Miller are given with a view to publication, and we prefer to give them in the Governor's own words:

LE MARS, April 3, 1876. A. P. MILLER, Esq., Dear Sir: Upon condition that we secure the stipulated bonus in Rock County, we have secured every dollar of the sum required to complete our branch road from your place to Lu Verne by or before the first day of October next, and if the bonus be voted it will be so completed.

Col. Drake, Col. Merriam and Horace Thompson, Esq., telegraph from New York that the money is ready so soon as the bonus is voted; and Gen. Bishop writes that if the vote be favorable, he will immediately thereafter finally locate the road, and will commence its construction so soon as the frost is out of the ground, and will cheerfully furnish employment for all the men and their teams in your county and Rock that are desirous to labor.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the pleasant relations that have ever existed between yourself and your people, and our company, I earnestly hope that you and the citizens of Worthington will not use their influence against the bonus upon which (and only which) the consummation of the enterprise depends.

Very truly yours, S. MILLER, Agent.

The company are unquestionably in earnest about building the branch, as they cannot afford to lose the immense carrying trade which the country will afford to the first road which taps the magnificent wheat region west of us.

We do not know that any influence is being exerted from this county upon the people of Rock County to induce them to vote against bonus to the branch. It is plain to be seen, however, that Worthington must suffer considerably in retail trade from the time the branch is opened to Lu Verne until the Southern Minnesota reaches us.

In the end, we do not know that it will make much difference. What we want here, first, last, and all the time, is the Southern Minnesota, or some other direct eastern outlet. We know that the fair-minded among our people, almost to a man, feel kindly toward the St. Paul and Sioux City company, but the benefits of a direct eastern outlet are so patent that nearly all men, whether in favor of bonus or not, admit it.

A rumor has been current for some days that the managers of the Southern Minnesota say that if Rock County will give them a bonus they will build to the State line this year. Such a proposition, put in definite shape, could not fail to make most of our people favor the Southern Minnesota westward rather than the branch, because it would give Rock County just what they are asking, viz: a railroad; and at the same time save us from the apprehended loss of trade the coming fall and winter, and give us competition a year sooner than expected.

The Farmers Union urges upon its readers that they sow their wheat as soon as possible after the frost is out of ground sufficiently "to permit the soil to work in a thorough and efficient manner." By some strange law of nature the action of the frost on seed which has a tendency to produce a better crop, say at least four years out of five, than if sown after the frost has ceased to visit us. We do not know why this is so, but experience has demonstrated that such is the fact. But the rule does not apply every year. Once in a while late sown wheat gives the husbandman a very good yield, while early sown wheat hardly ever fails to give a satisfactory return to the farmer, especially if it is properly cultivated on good soil. On the other hand we do not care how rich the ground is, and how thoroughly the soil may be worked, late wheat frequently fails. It does not make half an average crop. In order to be sure of a good crop, let when be put in at the very earliest possible period. It will pay.

TRYING TO CONVERT AN EDITOR.

Mr. Heister, the Evangelist, having been attacked by Dana, through the N. Y. Sun, sent the belligerent editor a Bible. He then got Hammond's meetings at Washington to pray for Dana, and will send him a verse of scripture every day for a year.

This is considered a stupendous undertaking. We remember some years ago when a young man hung for a day or two on the edge of Niagara Falls. Thousands of people gathered on the shore, and men offered hundreds of dollars to any one who would save the young man. Every effort was made to throw ropes to him, and men and women wrung their hands and offered up agonizing prayers for his rescue. Hourly despatches were sent over the country announcing the condition of affairs, and the daily newspapers were filled with dispatches describing the efforts of the people and the agony of the situation. No efforts, however, availed. After clinging for many hours with a desperate tenacity to the rocks, the young man's strength gave way. He threw his arms above his head and with a mighty wail that was heard above the thunder of the Falls, went down into the watery abyss.

This may serve to symbolize Mr. Dana's danger and the efforts which are being put forth to save him. We hope they may be more successful than the efforts to save the young man who went over the Falls.

WHAT AN ADVANCE READER THINKS OF ROWDYISM. The following letter is from a gentleman in Toledo who contemplates making Worthington his home. We give it because it shows how a reader abroad, free from the bitterness and prejudice generated by the enemies of the ADVANCE, views the matter. This gentleman is worthy of a hearing for he has brought up in that city a family generally recognized as a model one, and he no doubt knows the importance of good home-training.

We say to this gentleman, and to all others who contemplate coming here, come on and throw the weight of your power and influence against rowdyism, intemperance and every wrong. We promise to sound the note of warning, and to help nip all these things in the bud. It is not, as this gentleman sees, the outcropping of rowdyism which would deter any one from coming, nor is it the publication of the fact. The one thing that could deter any one is that any portion of the community worthy of any respect, could take sides against a newspaper which denounces it. The fact that it is denounced and put down is exactly what will induce settlers to come. The time is not far distant when every man who took any part in the action against the ADVANCE for denouncing rowdyism, will be ashamed of his conduct.

TOLEDO, O., March 20, 1876. EDITOR ADVANCE: In your last issue you refer to some resolutions signed by citizens, in which they denounce your course in having noticed the conduct of some of the rising generation of your place as being unbecoming, and the stepping stones to worse habits and a worse life. As I am a reader of your paper, and familiar with the showing you have made of the conduct of the above youth, I thought that perhaps the effect produced on my mind would be of use to all concerned.

I feel interested in the future success of Northwestern Minnesota, and as morally a part of any community's money as well as social value, I feel like helping on the right. It is probably the result of too much single-blessedness that you are inclined to take exceptions to being disturbed in your quiet slumbers, and that skunk odor is rather coarse for nusk, especially in your rarefied atmosphere. But when I saw that the young men had turned their energies to forming bands of negro minstrels, I began to think that was just the kind of youth I wished to land in my family amongst. It may be fun now, but it can end in nothing but evil.

And you were right in asking the citizens to raise their voice against the outcroppings of rowdyism among the youth, both for the good of the youth and the rest of the community. We cannot be too careful of the habits of the young. But when the citizens or any portion of them took action against your course in condemning and encouraging rowdyism (for that was the effect, they made the worst mistake in the world, and unless they take speedy action to set themselves right, they will reap what they have sown, a crop that will be a curse to the community for years to come.) I feel that you are doing a noble and commendable thing in your rarefied atmosphere. We must prune, though it be very unpleasant to the parent and child.

TO THE CENTENNIAL. The Chicago and North-Western Railway will, on and after May 1st, 1876, and until October 1st, 1876, have on sale in all its coupon ticket offices, (including the ticket offices at Omaha), round-trip excursion tickets to Philadelphia and New York and return for centennial visitors. These tickets for the round trip will be sold at one and one-half of the usual rate for a trip one way.

They will be of two classes, but will be sold at the same rates. One class of tickets will be good east of Chicago, going and returning by the same route, and the other class will be good east of Chicago, going by one route and returning by another, thus affording to the purchasers a choice of routes and chances to see various parts of the country.

Neither cars nor trains will be charged for excursion parties going to the Centennial by this or any other road, nor will rates be less per person for parties large or small. Every person going will have to pay the same as is paid by his neighbor. No other road will be permitted to sell round-trip tickets to the Centennial at less rate than is quoted above. Reduced rate tickets reading only to the Centennial will not be sold, and the rates made are all for the full round trip. All agents for the Chicago and North-Western Railway will be glad to answer all inquiries in regard to them.

The Martin County Sentinel says it will be three or four weeks before the damage to the Southern Minnesota Railroad will be repaired.

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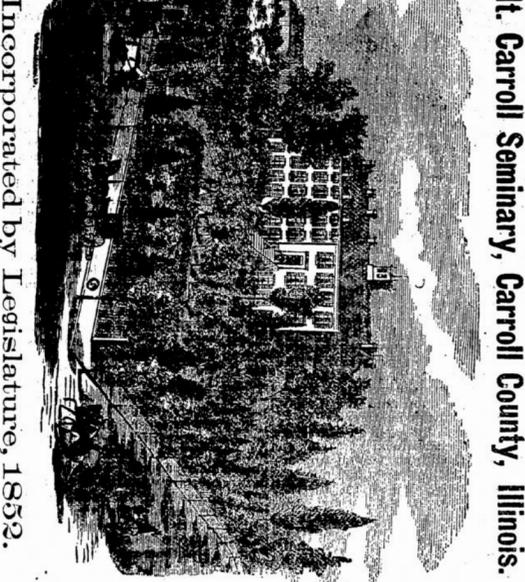
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Worthington, Minn., January 27, 1876.—4-21-ly.



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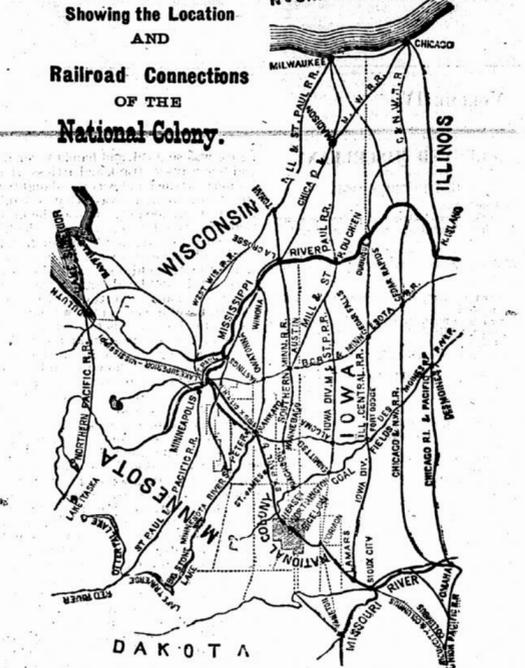
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MAP Showing the Location AND Railroad Connections OF THE National Colony.



THE NATIONAL COLONY.

The National Colony is located in Southwestern Minnesota and Northwestern Iowa. It comprises twelve townships of land in Nobles county, Minnesota, and three and one-half townships in Osceola county, Iowa, the land being undulating prairie, watered by streams and lakes and having a soil of sandy loam from two to four feet in depth. There are twenty townships of land in Nobles county, and it is admitted on all hands that this colony lies in the very heart of what is called the "CREAM OF THE PRAIRIES." Southwestern Minnesota, by general consent, long since took the name of the "GARDEN OF THE STATE."

LAKES. There are some fifty lakes, great and small, in Nobles county. The principal ones are Lakes Okabena, Ocheeda, Indian Lake, and Graham Lakes. Within a radius of eight miles of Worthington there are over twenty-four miles of lake front.

STOCK-GROWING. The numerous lakes and the luxuriant grasses of this region adapt it to stock-growing in an eminent degree, and a number of the settlers are arranging to engage in stock growing, dairying and cheese-making.

RAILROADS. The Sioux City & St. Paul Railroad runs in a southwesterly direction across Nobles county, keeping the people in daily communication with both St. Paul, distant 177 miles, and Sioux City, distant 92 miles. It is confidently expected that within a few years the southern Minnesota road will be extended across the State, from east to west, passing through Worthington. Another proposed road is a narrow gauge coal road to the Iowa coal fields, which will, in due time, no doubt be built.

Founding of the Colony. The National Colony was founded in the Spring of 1872 by Miller, Hunniston & Company, of Ohio. The town of Worthington was laid out the year before and a few houses were erected in 1871. The greater part of the government lands were taken up the first year, but there are still some vacant lands to be had in the colony.

Towns and Villages. There are three towns in the county, all of which are railroad stations, viz: Worthington, Bigelow and Hersey.

WORTHINGTON. Is the county-seat, and is a thriving town, drawing trade from nine of the surrounding counties. It is situated on West Okabena Lake, a beautiful sheet of water, having a circumference of about six miles, and presenting upon its shores many elevated sites for residences. It furnishes sand, gravel, boilers, ice and water in abundance for the town, as well as nothing of boating, fishing, gunning, etc. The business of the town is represented by four stores of general merchandise, 4 carpenters and builders, 3 hotels, 3 lumber yards, 3 hardware stores, 2 drug stores, 2 shoe stores, 2 meat stores, 2 blacksmith shops, 2 fuel yards, 1 bank, 1 furniture store, 1 confectionery, 1 clothing store, 1 millinery store, 1 harness shop, 1 livery stable, 1 grocery, 1 feed store, 1 printing office and 1 steam flouring mill. The professions are represented by 3 physicians, 2 lawyers, and 2 dentists. There are three church organizations in the place, viz: Methodist, Presbyterian and Union Congregational. The Presbyterians and Union Congregationalists both have neat church edifices, and the Methodists own the large building known as Methodist Block, containing Miller Hall, in which they hold services. The various societies are represented by a Masonic Lodge, a Good Templar Lodge and a Post of the Grand Army. The principal buildings of the town are the Okabena Flouring Mills, erected at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and having five run of stone; the Worthington Hotel, built at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$14,000, and the Methodist Block, costing about \$7,000.

Worthington has a good graded school, with three departments now in operation, under the Independent District plan. A fine School Building has just been erected at a cost of from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The Worthington Seminary is now in operation under the management of Prof. E. C. Hill, assisted by an able corps of teachers.

In culture and character, the people of Worthington are admitted to be far superior to those of frontier towns generally. The temperance feature of the Colony, which excludes the liquor traffic, has attracted the better class and excluded the more vicious class of settlers. We know of no place in the west where an investment in town lots will pay better.

BIGELOW. Is a thriving village located some ten miles southwest of Worthington, near the Iowa line. It is a railroad station and contains a post office, 2 general stores, 1 hardware store and tin shop and 1 grain warehouse and feed yard. A cheese-factory will be opened there in the Spring and the village promises to be a brisk trading point.

HERSEY. Is another railroad station and village located about eight miles northeast of Worthington. It contains a post-office, hardware store, lumber yard, hotel, etc., and is located in a beautiful and fertile region, and has a promising future before it.

Temperance and Education.

The National Colony is founded upon a temperance and educational basis. These features entered into the original plan of Dr. A. P. Miller and Professor R. F. Hunniston, the founders, and were among the chief inducements which brought to this locality the intelligent class of people who have located here. No intoxicating beverages are sold in the colony. The town charter of Worthington prohibits the liquor traffic. The educational interests of the town and county are in the hands of advanced men, who appreciate the importance of superior educational facilities and who will have them whatever they may cost. A few years hence will witness the establishment of the Worthington Seminary upon a permanent basis. There are now about forty school districts organized in the colony.

PROGRESS OF THE COLONY.

The progress of the National Colony has been steady notwithstanding the obstacles which the people have encountered. For two years, the crops of the farmers have been partially destroyed by grasshoppers, leaving a considerable number of families destitute and dependent upon public aid, but notwithstanding this the colony has steadily progressed in population and improvements. There is constant inquiry from men of means for lands within the limits of the Colony and the Colony Company and real estate dealers are in communication with numbers who expect to locate here in the near future.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Southwestern Minnesota is probably its chief attraction. We have the climate of the mountains and the soil of the river bottoms. The atmosphere is dry and is almost applicable for all pulmonary and bronchial affections. Consumption and ague are unknown here, and the exhilarating air gives energy to constitutions which would succumb in a more humid climate. The abounding good health and energy of the people are a source of constant remark and congratulation.

ADVANTAGES.

The advantages of this region are briefly summarized as follows: Fertile soil, convenient markets, and beautiful climate; superior school, railroad, school, church and other privileges; no ague, no consumption, no liquor traffic, no desperadoes, no ill-fitted. The National Colony is a community founded, this by other communities; upon legitimate and recognized business and social principles, without any combination or any peculiar feature other than the exclusion of the liquor traffic.

Address Miller, Hunniston & Co., Worthington, Minn.