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GOOD NIGHT.

BY T. B. ALDRICH.

Good night! I have to say good night
To such a host of peerless things!
Good night unto that fragile hand
All queenly with its weight of rings;
Good night to those uplifted eyes,
Good night to chestnut braids of hair,
Good night unto the perfect mouth,
And all the sweetness nestled there—
The snowy hand detains me, then
I'll have to say good night again!

But there will come a time, my love,
When, if I read our stars aright,
I shall not linger by the porch
With my adieus. Till then, good night!
You wish the time were now. And I.
You do not blush to wish it so?
You would have blushed yourself to death
To own as much a year ago—
What! both those snowy hands? ah, then
I'll have to say good night again.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.

Its Location, Early History and Prosperous Growth.

Population, Trade and Prospects.

Interesting Description of the Country Tributary to it.

The following letter is from the pen of L. W. Powell, Esq., correspondent of the Chicago *Republican*, who spent several days in this city a short time since. The communication appears in the *Daily Republican* of the 14th inst:

ST. CLOUD, MINN, Aug. 10th, 1867.

Lord Jeffrey enjoins upon the tourist to write of those things which make the most agreeable impression upon his mind. In obedience to this injunction, we made a few notes of, and purpose to write about what we saw in and about St. Cloud, Minn., for the impressions made were certainly agreeable. The great freshet swept away the ferries across the Mississippi immediately after we crossed to St. Cloud, and these being the only means of access to the place from the eastern side of the river, the direction of approach by rail from the south, compelling us to remain here a few days—a necessity we did not, and presume never shall regret.

THE PEOPLE OF ST. CLOUD

are hospitable, generous, and genial. The traveler is amazed to find a city of its size and degree of development at this distance from the commercial centers. Eastern people expect to find themselves on the confines of civilization—the frontier—when they get to St. Paul and Minneapolis, but the mistake is dispelled when they travel north and west from these points up the valleys of the Mississippi's tributaries, and even to and beyond the international line into the British Possessions. It is really a matter of surprise to these Eastern people to witness in these, to them far off settlements, the progress made in the arts of civilization and refinement—rivaling old New England towns.

THE RAPID MARCH OF EMIGRATION

is in the direction of Minnesota, as the land west of the strip lying immediately west of the Mississippi river, and east of the Rocky Mountains, is generally a barren waste, and unsuited to the purposes of agriculture. The emigrant is welcomed to the fertile plateaux of this Northwestern region—to the enjoyment of its boundless advantages, which enrich his industry with generous recompense; the supply from the broad table lands here is almost inexhaustible, and thousands are partaking. Minnesota, its brow radiant with the luster of freedom, and loins girt with untarnished cincture of loyalty, is among the first States in the rivalries of the arts of peace. Thousands are yet needed to develop its untold agricultural and mineral resources.

The "march of empire" and of civilization is westward. In the republics and governments of old they sought centers, and were confined within narrow limits—within city walls, in short, and barbarism surged up to their very gates. In our day Christian civilization marches abroad, and occupies the land, bringing in its trail railroads and steamboats, barbarism, ignorance and sloth, retreating before its resistless march. The history of the growth of the Western States of America exhibits a population constantly receding from the centers of commerce in search of the cheapest and best soils—those yielding the largest returns for the labor bestowed and capital invested. The disadvantages of distance from market is overcome by the ratios of return to capital. The tide of emigration has been from New England to New York, thence to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. It has never found a more inviting field than the belt of verdure of which the latter State is a part.

LOCATION OF ST. CLOUD.

St. Cloud is the seat of Government of Stearns county, on the west bank of the Mississippi river, on a high plateau, seventy-six miles in a northerly direction from St. Paul. It is about two miles below the point of confluence of the Sauk river with the Mississippi, and the natural outlet and market for the famous Sauk Valley, and a large extent of country to the north and west, bordering this valley, with all of the business and profitable trade. The country up this valley is thickly settled by a hardy and industrious population. Near the mouth of the Sauk in the Mississippi, is a fall in the river known as "Sauk Rapids," furnishing an excellent water power, which contributes to the advantages that tend to build up St. Cloud, and may, at a comparatively small cost, be brought into St. Cloud by canal, which would increase the power by the addition of the fall between the rapids and this place.

The great Northern Pacific railroad, from Superior to the Pacific, bearing the large transcontinental commerce which will flow through this channel, is projected through St. Cloud, and will, if constructed, add to the importance and facilities of the place. This city is now the terminus of the First Division of the St Paul and Pacific road which runs up the east side of the Mississippi to a point opposite, where the depot and grounds are.

SCENERY.

With the calcareous formations of the lower Mississippi end at or a little above the Falls of St. Anthony, the picturesque escarpments, which give such bold and graceful outline to the scenery below, and the Upper Mississippi, sinks but a few feet below the level of the surrounding country. The left bank in the vicinity of St. Cloud presents a continuous level of from ten to twenty feet above the river, with a succession of fine terraces. The western shore, on which St. Cloud is situated, is higher, well wooded, and dotted with occasional lakes. The tributary valleys on this side are marked by the same moderate elevation of banks, and abounds in timber. One of the most prominent of these is the

SAUK VALLEY,

drained by the Sauk river, and as this is the country of which St. Cloud is the direct outlet and market, we make special mention of it in this connection. The extent of country which this river permeates is unsurpassed in fertility by any in Minnesota; stretching east and west a distance of eighty miles, and a breadth at its widest expansion of thirty-five miles, constituting the valley proper. Dense masses of timber, numerous groves and fat prairie lands characterize this valley—a profusion of lakes, timber, and rich soil, all of which pay tribute to St. Cloud. This river is fed by numerous lakes, and generally forms the line of demarcation between the timbered belt of the eastern slope of the Mississippi and the naked Savannahs that stretch southward to the Minnesota River. The eastern shore of the Sauk is beautifully wooded, while its western terminates a plain apparently boundless.

This valley is densely settled, and west and north of it is settled more or less thickly for a distance of one hundred and thirty miles and more. Sauk river rises in Oaskis Lake, which is eighty miles from St. Cloud, and is the terminus of the valley proper. Further west is the same rich clay soil, similar to the best Illinois prairie. Due north from Oaskis Lake, about sixty miles, is Otter Tail Lake, on the road from St. Cloud to Fort Abercrombie, and settlements extend to that point and somewhat beyond, though not as dense. Fifteen miles from Otter Tail, at a point called Rush Lake, is a settlement of German Catholics, with nunneries and all the institutions of the Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, this whole valley is very largely settled by Germans, and they are all Catholics, and constitute a vigorous and industrious population. For a distance of fifty miles above St. Cloud, it will be found that it is largely and mainly settled by this class, having their schools, churches, and other institutions of the Catholic Church. Further up are Americans, Swedes and Norwegians.

At Battle Lake, which is called the most charming in Minnesota, six miles south of Otter Tail, between Battle and Clitheral Lakes, is a settlement of Jo. Smith Mormons, consisting of eighteen families. They occupy one thousand acres of choice land, all well fenced and stocked, and well cultivated. This land is an average of one mile in width, and is divided into farms extending across from side to side, each family occupying a separate farm. The barbarous and outrageous system of polygamy is not practiced or tolerated here, be it noted to the credit of this quiet and industrious settlement, who have thus banded together and secluded themselves that they might enjoy their religion undisturbed; and they will certainly be permitted to so long as there is nothing in their practices to offend decency or the public taste.

On the east side of the Mississippi the soil is sandy and abounds in timber; on the west side the surface is a deep, rich black loam, with a clay subsoil, and well drained. St. Cloud is situated on a prairie, skirted by woods. Wild fruits grow luxuriantly here. We have seen growing in this vicinity a delicious large wild plum, which is improved by cultivation, though quite rich growing wild. The soil is of about the same character back for hundreds of miles—alternate rolling prairie and woodland. This soil produces quickly and abundantly. It being of a dark color, and sandy, more readily absorbs and retains the heat, and produces more rapidly, and is ready for the seed earlier in the spring than the lighter colored soil. The gardens in this latitude are earlier than in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois.

The Rev. George Stewart, of this place, a gentleman and a scholar, by the way, who has traveled a good deal in this upper country, is one of the Government Commission of clergy appointed to oversee the Indian payments, informs us that he saw, at a point one hundred and forty miles above here, a field of rye that within five weeks of the time of sowing was fully headed out, the straw attained its growth, and would be ready for harvest in a few days. This will serve to illustrate the peculiar feature of the soil we have mentioned. That produces abundantly we also have evidence from the same source; he walked through a field of oats where the straw would average five and one half feet in height, and, though imperfectly harvested, yielded *ninety-five* bushels to the acre. This statement the reverend gentleman repeated as a fact coming within his own observation, and made it emphatic that there might be no ground of doubt even to an incredulous mind. In what other States of the Union do we find such soil?

LAKES.

The lakes of Minnesota, with their sylvan associations, form one of the prominent charms of its rural landscape. They are scattered in chains and groups or isolated gems, all over the State forming an immense system of reservoirs, feeding the sources of all the streams, and supplying the atmosphere with perennial supplies of moisture for the summer months, and are a guaranty against drouths. It is estimated that there are ten thousand of them in the State. While Minnesota is far from the sea it is still the best watered State in the Union, owing its abundant rains to its system of lakes, every one of which is a reservoir for the rain in wet weather, which it reserves to fill up the river in dry.

Within a distance of fifteen miles from St. Cloud are no less than eight lakes, all abounding in fish and game. They vary from one to five miles in length; the banks skirted with trees, the water clear as crystal down to the pebbly bottoms. They give variety and beauty to the landscape, soften the air, and lend all their charms and attractions to make this section a lovely place for residence. There is, after all, a law of compensation in nature—one section possesses what another lacks—the advantages are distributed and equalized somewhat.

EARLY HISTORY.

The country back of St. Cloud was purchased of the Indians in 1852, in a treaty made by Hon. Alex. Ramsey and Luke Lea. That which constitutes the site of St. Cloud had been owned by the Sioux since 1827, and used by the Winnebagoes as a hunting ground. It was ceded to the Government in 1855, since which time only has this section claimed kindred with civilization.—This point had been a Winnebago trading post for a number of years. In 1854 John L. Wilson took possession of the land here as a "squatter," before the Government had made a survey. He laid out a town under a legislative act authorizing him to do so. Previous to this time a town had been laid out on the opposite side of the river, about three miles above, called "Sauk City." It was then about as large as it is now. The proprietors sold lots to a number of Germans, and when they learned that they (the Germans) proposed to erect shanties in which to sell their favorite beverage, lager beer, those proprietors made it a condition of sale that no liquor or beer should be sold on the lots. The enraged Teutons at once came to this point, which Mr. Wilson had plotted and named St. Cloud. Lots were freely *given* them, and shanties were erected and beer sold. This was the *urbs condita* of St. Cloud. Sauk City is in *statu quo*. St. Cloud obtained the settlers by tolerating the sale of beer. Sauk City has the satisfaction of having refused to allow its sale and lost the settlers—neither of which have since troubled it. In 1854 it

"Wrapped the drapery of its couch about it,
And lay down to pleasant dreams."

and no one has since disturbed its quiet and peaceful slumber. *Requiescat in pace.*

St. Cloud from this period on has grown rapidly, and now has a population of about thirty-three hundred.

In 1856 Geo. F. Brott entered a section of land adjoining St. Cloud on the south, laid out a town, and sold and deeded lots. A legal contest ensued, and it was decided he had no right to make such entry. After a complicated and entangled contest, Congress came to his relief, and passed a special act, securing to him such part of the section as had not been pre-empted. This gave rise to a series of suits, as pre-emptions had been made. The whole matter has recently been decided in favor of Brott, though "Lower St. Cloud," as it is called, has never been used for anything more than sites for residences, mills, &c. The business is done in the city proper, which has been named St. Cloud, in obedience to the well established precedent in this State of naming towns in honor of some saint; at least, we know of no other reason.

The County of Stearns was organized, and so named from Hon. C. T. Stearns, a member of the Legislature at the time, since a resident of the place a number of years, now living in Mobile, Ala. St. Cloud, was made the county seat, and a fine brick court-house was erected. Notwithstanding the obstacles it had to encounter it has grown steadily and substantially, its main streets are lined with neat stores, presenting a scene of activity and thrift. In 1857 came the general financial crash; and in 1858-9 millions of grasshoppers came down from the British Possessions, an army of invasion that destroyed every green thing that came in their way; and in 1862 the Indian war broke out which, while it frightened the people here, proved their financial salvation. Previous to this time the finances of this section were in a most lamentable condition. This war had the effect to bring money into the country, raise the price of wheat and all kinds of grain to figures never before realized or anticipated. The harvest that season was a bountiful one.

The Indians came within a few miles of the place, spreading consternation and terror among the people in the country and this city. A fort was built by the citizens fire and bullet proof, of sufficient size to contain all the inhabitants of the town and surrounding country, and the streets barricaded. The city then had a population of about 700, and as soon as the Indians were driven out, commenced its rapid growth, and has since continued, uninterrupted. With the magnificent country back of it, and its internal resources, we can see no reason why its continued growth should be impeded.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

This city received its charter in 1862, without going through the preliminary steps of a village government. Its first Mayor was Hon. L. A. Evans, now Judge of this county. Its present Mayor, Hon. A. B. Curry; Clerk, John Zapp; Treasurer, Andrew Schroeder; Attorney, Capt. Oscar Taylor; Aldermen: Joseph Broker, J. H. Owen, J. H. Kelley, and Lorenzo Enderlie, each representing a ward, the city being divided into four. The assessed value of property in the city is $2,500,000; real value much more. An efficient fire and police department is organized.

REAL ESTATE.

It is a fact worthy of note, and decidedly creditable to St. Cloud, that real estate here has been gradually rising since the town was established. It is also an omen favorable to the present status and future growth of the place. The best business lots on St. Germain street and Washington avenue range in value from $25 to $50 per foot. Unimproved lands, within a radius of ten miles, can be had at from *five* to *ten* dollars per acre; improved land at from eight to thirty; and it has about the same value up the valley for seventy miles, and on stage routes. Government lands may be had on location from College scrip, warrants, &c., in most of the counties about here. Under the Homestead law a farm of 160 acres may be had at a total cost of not over $14. These lands, consisting of meadows, timber, and prairie, offer unsurpassed advantages to settlers. There are a number of real estate agencies here. Our acquaintance was with those of Pinney & Mulliken, and T. C. McClure—both reliable. The United States Land Office is located here; Hon. H. C. Watt, Register, and H. C. Burbank, Esq., Receiver.

BANKS.

There is no bank of issue here, the number of National banks allowed in this State by the act of Congress having been organized before the application from this place was reached. There are two private banks, S. B. Pinney's and T. C. McClure's. J. G. Smith & Co. are erecting a fine cream brick bank building, 22 by 50 feet, two stories. It will be open for business about the first day of September next. All these banks receive deposits, and do a general business.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

The following denominations are represented here and have church edifices: Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, and Catholic. The latter is the largest society; indeed, nearly as large as all the others combined. The German Catholics have nearly completed one of the largest church buildings in Minnesota, built by the aid of the Order of Saint Benedictine. It is 60 by 130 feet, steeple 130 feet, with cross which surmounts it, 140. It will cost about $55,000. An organ is being made in St. Cloud for it. The Society is also building a school-house, and residence for the priest near by. Rev. P. M. Stukenkemper is the priest in charge.

The public schools are not in the most flourishing condition, on account of the number of Catholic and other private schools, leaving the former without adequate support. In connection with the Episcopal church is a flourishing Parish school, taught by Frank Coolbaugh. There are 1,100 scholars in the city between the ages of four and twenty years.

HOTELS.

The two principal houses are the Central and Stearns. The former is favorably located at the business center of the city, and is well kept by J. E. Hayward. The Stearns House is outside the business part of the town; it is kept by Capt. Tilton. The former does the main part of the business, and is continually full.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

The largest business in the dry goods line is done by Burbank Bros., who keep a general assortment, and wholesale and retail. This house and many others are doing a considerable wholesale business with the Red River settlements. Since the completion of the first division of the St. Paul and Pacific road to this point, most of the Pembina carts, which bring down furs and take back supplies, stop here and ship goods to St. Paul by rail, and buy many of their supplies at this point. The annual business of the above firm is about $150,000. They occupy two stores.

Denison & Fox, Pickit & Abbott, J. F. Bell & Co, T. W. Tenvoorde & Co., and others, have each fine stores dealing in dry goods, groceries, and a general assortment. All are doing more or less business with the Red River country in furs, robes, &c. The assortment of goods is first-class, stocks large, containing some of as choice qualities as can be found anywhere.

Hardware.—Clark & Co. do an annual business of about $100,000 in hardware, farming tools, boots and shoes, &c. Mr. Clark also has an interest in a flour mill at Cold Springs, 15 miles up the Mississippi, and is engaged largely in lumbering on the Elk river, where he has several thousand acres of pine. His business is extensive. C. F. & W. Powell are the pioneers in the hardware business here—established in 1856—and are doing a thriving business. McIntyre & Castle, hardware and stoves, put make a specialty of agricultural implements. They are the wholesale agents of the State for the Quincy Stove Co. They sell reapers, mowers, and all kinds of farming implements and machinery. Savecool, Hope & Grovenor deal exclusively in agricultural implements.—They have sold 260 reapers this season. They occupy a wareroom 20 by 90, filled to its utmost capacity. They sell Hapgood Young & Co.'s plow, from the Chicago Plow Works.

Clothing.—E. C. Carns has a good assortment of clothing and cloths, and two other stores of the same class also have fair stocks.

Groceries.—Most of the business houses deal more or less in groceries, as is the case generally in such towns. Morse, Newell & Co., Sims Bros., and Spencer & Co., with other smaller stores, do an exclusive business in this line wholesale and retail.

Jewelry.—A. W. Bush has a neat and well filled jewelry store—a good assortment of first class goods. He has just secured the services of a first class workman from Chicago. There are other smaller watch-repairing shops.

Drug Stores.—Ticknor, Tolman & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in drugs, medicines, paints, oils, &c., occupy a store 22 by 70, two stories and basement; do a large annual business. S. Marlatt is the pioneer druggist in St. Cloud, and has a neat, well-filled store. There are two or three others, also.

Boots and Shoes.—E. C. Smith deals exclusively in boots, shoes, and leather, wholesale and retail. He is the pioneer of this business here. This line of goods are sold at several other places.

Books.—The St. Cloud Bookstore, J. M. Rosenberger, is filled with an assortment of books, stationery, and fancy goods; also deals in papers and magazines. J. E. West & Co. also have a book and fancy store.

MILLS.

Union mills, Messrs. Burbank & Gorton are located on Sauk river, about three miles above. They have four run of stones, and capacity to make 300 barrels of flour per day.

Arnold & Sims also have a flouring mill on Sauk river, two run of stone, and capable of making 100 barrels per day.

E. M. Tobey & Co. have a steam lumber mill in the city, with a capacity for sawing 4,000 feet per day. C. Bridgman has a mill near the above, of about half the capacity.

About 3,000,000 feet of lumber are sold here annually. Material for making an excellent article of brick is found near here, and two brick yards are engaged in the manufacture.

TRANSPORTATION.

A large transportation business between this point, and the Government forts above is carried on from here. C. A. Ruffee, of Sauk Centre, is the Government contractor; J. B. Mills, of this city, conducts the business, and employs 450 teams, mainly oxen, though some mules and horses are used. He will transport 2,000 tons of Government freight this season, also 100 tons of Indian stores. H Gager does the transportation business from this point for the Hudson's Bay Company, handling about 400 tons during the season. This is also the headquarters of the stage company's line to Montana and other points north and west.

MANUFACTURING.

Besides the manufactories mentioned above, a large establishment for the manufacture of wagons, under the superintendency of H. V. Ditmar, late of Chicago, has just commenced operations, and is also putting up, in connection, a manufactory of hubs and spokes, run by a twenty-horse power engine. John E. Clark manufactures doors, blinds, and sash. Several other manufactories have sprung up, and their number is increasing.

RESIDENCES.

The bank of the river, on the bluffs, affords some of the finest residence sites we have ever seen. Mr. H. C. Burbank has a fine brick residence on this bluff, in the midst of a natural park. There are a number of others surrounded with beautiful yards and gardens, evidencing taste and refinement. Among the best are those of Joseph Broker, A. B. Curry, J. W. Tenvoorde, T. C McClure, S. B Pinney, and Dr. Wm. R. Hunter.

THE PRESS.

St. Cloud has two well conducted local papers, of which the people may well be proud, for they are a credit to the place. They are both weekly—the JOURNAL, Republican, and the *Times*, Democratic in politics. THE JOURNAL