

FREE LANDS.

Particulars and Details as to Their Whereabouts in the Great Bismarck District.

Register Rea Submits an Accurate Statement of the Lands Taken and Vacant.

One Corner of Dakota the Size of Ohio, or Forty-five Thousand Square Miles.

An Official Paper.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, BISMARCK, D. T., March 20.—The Bismarck district is one of the largest in the United States, covering an area equal to the state of Ohio, or about 45,000 square miles.

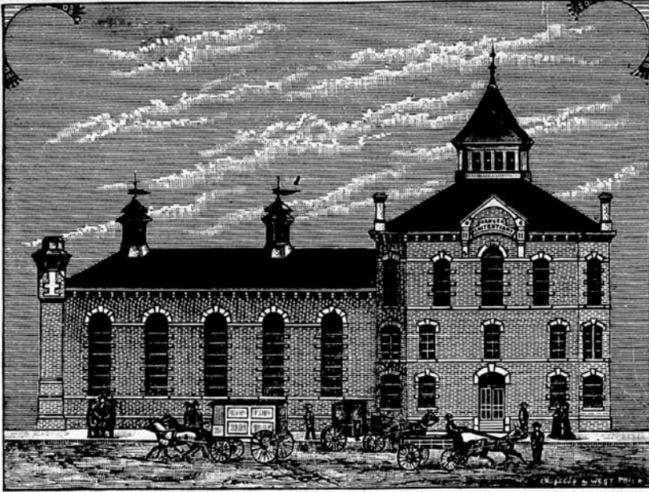
There is a bill now pending in congress reducing the price of government lands within the limits of the Northern Pacific grant to \$1.25 per acre. It is believed that this measure will become a law, and in that event we can safely count upon a large increase of people.

McLEAN COUNTY. An intelligent resident of McLean county has just returned from a trip all over the settled country lying north of us, and informs the TRIBUNE that in his trip he visited many of the homes of settlers.

IN BURLEIGH COUNTY the settlements run up the Missouri river to McLean county and down the Missouri to Emmons, and east along the line of the road to Steele. Of the country on the road there are three ranges, or eighteen miles, east and west, only thinly settled.

ALL OPEN. Going north from Bismarck, into McLean county, we find nearly all the lands in nine townships entered—homesteads and pre-emptions. Several more townships will be surveyed in this county next summer.

THE SETTLEMENTS in this district are not gathered together in any particular locality, but are scattered along the Northern Pacific for two hundred miles. In Billings county there is a farming community at Bellfield and a cattle center at Medora on the Little Missouri river.



NORTH DAKOTA PENITENTIARY AT BISMARCK.

proposed railways from Aberdeen and Ordway. We have reports of colonies and large parties booked for Emmons, McLean, Mercer and Morton, also the usual additions to Stutsman, Kidder, Burleigh, Stark and Billings.

The inexhaustible beds of lignite coal, which underlies so much of this locality, are of untold value to the settler. It makes excellent fuel, and can be supplied at a remarkably low cost.

One of the greatest advantages within the reach of the citizens of the Missouri river and western portion of North Dakota will be found in the native coal, which is found in unlimited quantities at almost every point in these regions.

The coal is a lignite—a never formation of coal than the bituminous coals—but as well adapted to general use. It is delivered to families at \$4.50 per ton in small lots, or delivered on the track in Bismarck in car load lots at \$3 per ton.

With stoves adapted to its use it gives much better satisfaction and does not cost half as much as wood, which sells at from \$3.50 to \$6 per cord; and less than one-fourth as much as the hard coal, which sells at \$14 per ton.

The largest farm in north Dakota is the Grandia farm, near Grand Forks, peopled east find it difficult to credit the wonderful stories that reach their listening ears.

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BURLEIGH COUNTY COURT HOUSE AT BISMARCK.

covering about 50,000 acres, and requiring the labor of 150 men at seed time and 250 at harvest. The largest cultivated area under one control is the 28,000 acres farmed by Oliver Dalrymple, west of Fargo.

Gems From Norton's Bulletin. A North Dakota farmer, with an investment of \$2,500, can make more money than the eastern granter who has \$10,000 lodged in his farm, and in addition, have the satisfaction of living among people that are alive every day in the year.

Ans.—Why is the cost of farming in the northwest less than in the east? Ans.—There are many reasons. 1st. The land is new and there are no fertilizers to buy.

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