

WESTBY

One of the New Towns on the Fairview Extension of Great Northern. Is Built on the State Line, Part in N. D. and Montana.

By R. E. Mosebach.

On the night of July 31, last year, the night air gently swayed the wheat fields along the eastern Montana line, and on the following morning whipped the American flag floating over the city of Westby. Almost quicker than you can tell about it the sturdy frontiersmen rallied to the cry, "A city of our own" and like a mushroom under cultivation, Westby blossomed forth.

Location.

Westby at present is situated on the state line where the Soo branch of west from Ambrose crosses into Montana. For purposes of railroad traffic the town is to be in Montana, but owing to the fact that the townsite is yet a homestead which is not improved up, Westby people have temporarily squatted on the Dakota side, and the town is now Westby, N. D.

The old town of Westby was only an inland postoffice, a mile south and two miles east of the present location.

When the place was finally established it grew up in less than a fortnight. People looked here like bees and settled in a wheat field, paying the farmers for the grain destroyed. A wild rush of building was begun and the lonely wheat field became a busy little town.

Territory and Field.

With the exception of the towns along the line to the east and west, Westby draws for a radius of 30 miles. Wheat is hauled in and shipped in bond from far beyond the Canadian line. There is a customs house here. On the south, Wildrose is the only point until you reach the main line of the Great Northern.

To Be Commended.

The settlements in this locality are mostly Danish. In view of the fact that these people, the vast majority of whom are old countrymen, have hauled their produce on an average of 30 miles, and real estate values are higher here than at any other place in Divide county, it is evident that the Danes, as we know them, are not to be classed with the undesirable citizens. The Danish farmers here are among the most thrifty class in this section of the state.

Bits of History.

The filing was opened in this district in 1910, but there were many squatters here as early as 1906. One of the big assets to this vicinity was the three-year homestead law, which brought actual settlers here rather than speculators.

One of the oldest citizens is James Hanson, the postmaster, who has been here for the past eight years. Nels Nelson and O. G. Sonnerud were among the charter members. They came here from the old town and were formerly a branch of the Ambrose Mercantile company.

The first business place in town was T. Olesen's Livery, which began operation August 1, and then came the Westby News. A hardware, general store and other business followed all about the same time. Both the bank and Kulaas Lumber company did business at the old town and moved here among the first. J. P. Neve, the blacksmith, also came from the old town.

The Danes have built a new church this year. A large and adequate school house has just been constructed. Other church organizations are the Norwegian Free Lutheran, Presbyterian, and German church.

The town took its name from the old place called Westby. The name is of Norwegian origin, meaning, "A town to the west."

They Sell Merchandise.

Larsen and Anderson opened their store here on Nov. 1, last year. They carry a full line of clothing, dry goods, groceries, shoes and ladies' and gents' ready to wear. A line of light hardware will also be a feature of this store in the near future.

These gentlemen are both wide-awake and active business men, such as we expect to do things for Westby and the community in which it is situated.

Grine Bros. do a large business in the furnishing line. They have other stores at Ambrose and Columbus. Harold Kampetin is a partner here and has charge of this store. They handle the Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothing and the O'Donnell shoes. Mr. Kampetin has been in this vicinity for the past three years, and at present has a store which is a merit to the town.

Hardware and Accessories.

Heavy and shelf hardware, furniture, farm implements, stoves and harnesses are carried in stock by the Westby Hardware and Implement company. This business, started Aug. 15, was among the first in the town.

The officers are: Ed. S. Lee, president; Harold Borg, vice president; and John K. Borg, secretary and treasurer.

The company makes a specialty of the "Keen Cutter" goods, Deere & Webber and I. H. C. machinery. It is a large establishment and carries a full line in all articles needed in the locality.

The City Market.

Mr. Thorpe has a neat and clean market, where he handles all kinds of

meats, fresh, salted and smoked. This place was opened in September and has enjoyed a good business ever since. Mr. Thorpe is an old pioneer in this vicinity and at the present time is still in possession of his homestead.

For Building Material.

You must go either to the Rogers or Kulaas Lumber companies no matter what the structure is to be. These people supply all the lumber in and about Westby.

The Kulaas yard came here from the old town where it operated for three years. The business has been transacted here since September 1.

C. O. Mann is the present manager. The yard handles all kinds of lumber, brick, roofing, etc., and the manager reports an excellent business, which observation seems to uphold.

In addition to the building material the company deals in fuel.

A. C. Scott is the manager of the Rogers Lumber Co. This yard was opened on November 5. It has a large and complete stock in all forms of building material. Much business is done at this yard especially with the farming people.

The vast majority of the lumber sold at both yards comes from Washington and Oregon. Building material used here is all shipped in.

The Livery and Feed Stables. The first business in town was the livery barn of John and Olesen. This was opened Aug. 1. Mr. Olesen has a large and clean place where he does an immense feed business in the fall of the year. He has a machine and does an auto livery business. The homestead southeast of town is still owned by Mr. Olesen and crops there were reported good last year.

The State Line Livery Barn was built during the first part of August. The first horse found too small so on November 10 there was an addition opened for use. Here you find good hay, good grain, and good service. There is also an auto livery in connection.

O. T. Jensen is the proprietor. Mr. Jensen came from Wisconsin and took a claim near here. The water is good at this place, free from alkali and salts.

Mr. Jensen has room for 100 head of horses but during the marketing season is still unable to accommodate all the teams that come for feeding.

The Grain Men. The Northland Elevator Co. opened a 30,000 bushel house at Westby late

farm machinery. He also has been here since the town started. Besides threshing machines, gas engines, cream separators, etc. Mr. Orchard carries a full line of shelf hardware and repairs to all kinds of farm machinery. The concern has a large warehouse, a good location, and do a big business. Mr. Orchard is a thorough believer in the big future for Warwick.

The Auto Man. In January 1913 F. H. Duttee invested \$3,000 in an auto sales and repair shop. Since that time he has done over \$8,000 worth of business. Besides making a specialty of repairing he sells the Ford, Overland and Studebaker cars. This garage is well equipped and the rapidity of its growth speaks volumes for the future of this community.

A Good Butcher. The City Meat Market of which John McIver is the proprietor has been enjoying a good trade ever since it was started in 1907. John T. Gawne is the manager. He carries a complete line of meat market commodities and cures most of the ham and bacon he uses. Also makes his own sausages. Mr. Gawne is a man of forty-five years experience and one who knows the meat business thoroughly.

A. M. Anderson. Wood and coal is handled by A. M. Anderson, of Warwick, who also grinds feed. Mr. Anderson is a resident of the town, and while the shortage on coal has made many people miserable in cold weather it has not happened in Warwick with those who place their order here. The feed mill runs daily and is but one of the by-products of diversified farming Mr. Anderson has been in his present business here for four years.

Horse Service. From the City Livery of which Benson & Son are proprietors, you can hire a team day or night. The barn is well located and all the rigs seem to be in good shape. The place is kept clean and in good order.

A Local Lumber Company. All kinds of building material is sold by the Bovey-Shute Lumber Co. The concern is owned by several parties. John A. Bovey being the president. It enjoys a good business extending over a large territory.

last fall. Ed. Pitheon came here from Minneapolis to buy for the company. Besides dealing in grain they handle flour, feed, and coal.

At the time the Overlanders were in Westby the Farmers Elevator Co. was in course of construction.

There was also considerable individual shipping besides the Customs office which allows shipping in bond.

The Farmers State Bank takes care of the money matters of the town. This institution is capitalized at \$10,000 and has a surplus and undivided profit of \$2,000. Its deposits amount to \$80,000.

The officers are Edward S. Lee, president; Peter Kulaas, vice president; Harold Borg, cashier and Elif Anderson, assistant cashier.

The bank is run on the conservative plan and is backed by the men who have the making of the town within their hands.

A Local Paper. A weekly sheet is published at Westby by R. V. Simmons, who is also the editor and publisher of the Ambrose Tribune. Mr. Simmons is an old newspaper man having been connected with several of the leading dailies of the state. While the circulation of the Westby News is still small it is a well edited and madeup weekly.

The Village Smith. One of the best blacksmiths in this section of the country is J. P. Neve who has a shop here. Mr. Neve came from the old town of Westby. He is an expert workman in both wood and iron.

Drugs and Sundry. Here also you find an excellent drug store. Besides carrying a complete line of prescription goods you can buy confection, tobacco, soft drinks and sundry articles.

The Feed Parlor. A hungry man in Westby has the alternative of two restaurants, and he generally takes to one. Both of them are good places to eat and do a large business. One place alone often serves over two hundred dinners a day during the hauling season.

Business is good in Westby.

Why Westby? All the advantages of a new and growing town are to be had here. There is the life, the action, the optimism, and the tributary district. Yet all this is within a few hours ride of Minot or even Fargo. Westby is the gateway to the northern part of Montana—the Great Northern put it "The Land of Opportunity."

When Not Busy. Your pleasure time will probably be spent at the Warwick pool hall. This is managed by F. C. McGovern, who also runs a barber shop in connection. Here too, you can buy soft drinks,

cigars and tobacco. The concern has been running for the past two years.

Places to Eat. For lunches, cigars, soft drinks, or board by day or week the Barton Restaurant is there to fill the bill. A. A. Burton is the proprietor—the man from Michigan. Here you get all home cooking which is much in contrast with the general fare. Mr. Burton has been here for the past five years.

And then there is the Hotel Warwick with H. L. Miller as the proprietor. Mr. Miller was formerly in the restaurant business and knows how to put out a homelike meal seasoned to your individual taste. Mr. Miller is there with a handshake and always greets you with a smile. He has just taken over this hotel and is fast bringing it into line with the commercial men. We can recommend it as a good place to stop—clean beds and a neat and tidy dining room.

The Money Dealers. The Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, capital \$10,000, was established in July 1907 when the population of Warwick was only 100. Morton Anderson is the president, C. O. Neve vice president, and C. E. Granner the cashier. The firm does a general banking business, and is located in a line building.

The State Bank of Warwick was established seven years ago with a capital of \$15,000. Of this concern D. N. Tallman is president, A. L. Berrig the vice president and I. C. Hougland the cashier.

A Stock Country. While other places in the surrounding country seem to adhere strictly to the grain crop, Warwick has turned attention more to diversified farming and stock raising. Mr. Hoagland, cashier of the Bank of Warwick, has shipped in from S. St. Paul seven hundred Black Pole cattle for dairy purposes. Some forty-eight hundred sheep were unloaded here in the early part of September. Alfalfa is being raised in large quantities here and the country is becoming a stock section fast.

Good Water. One of the big assets to this community is the good water. A sand bottom is reached at about eight feet. Water is obtained at fifteen feet, a nice clear flow that is exceedingly free from alkali.

General Interest. The crop conditions in this vicinity are good, but the country is most excellently adapted to dairying and cattle raising. Diversified farming is advancing by strides.

Near here we have people of historical interest, especially two personages of the Custer fight on the Little Big Horn. Gabriel Guessbacher, a hale and hearty old man who is the manager for the Valley Grain Company, claims to be one of the few who escaped the Custer massacre. Not far from Warwick in his little wigwam lives old Chief White Dog who led a division in the fight against Custer. These two men who fought to a finish on opposite sides now live peacefully within gun shot of each other.

The Schools. Warwick has a large and well equipped school building. The school includes all the grades and a two years' course in the general High School branches. In the High School there are two teachers. The attendance for last year was eighty-five.

Spent Day in Bismarck. Mr. Wilman, one of the prominent farmers of the northern part of the county, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

Sterling Man on Mission. Frank Rice of Sterling was a business visitor in this city Tuesday and Wednesday. He returned to his home on No. 8 yesterday.

Campaigning. County Treasurer W. J. Prater and Auditor T. E. Flaherty spent some time in the country Wednesday afternoon, campaigning for renomination.

David Craig in City. Assessor David Craig of Trygg township transacted business at the county court house Wednesday. The business related to the work of assessing the property of his home section.

Feyther and the Passon. After a Saturday afternoon tramp in Cheshire, writes a correspondent in the Manchester Guardian, I stopped at a little whitewashed inn, where I heard the following rustic story. On a bench outside half a dozen farm workers, with faces and bare arms richly sunburned, were relating reminiscences of bygone times.

"Did Ah liver tell yo' about ma poor old feyther and the passon?" asked a white whiskered sturdy veteran. "No? Well, passon mees feyther one day, an' ses 'e, 'John, Ah could find yo' a bit o' sun blowin' t' organ up at t' church o' Sundays if yo' don't mind.' 'Aye, thankie, sir,' ses feyther. 'Ah'd be very glad, but Ah doubt Ah hevna wind enough.'"

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