

GOD'S OWN COUNTRY.

A Pennsylvanian Tells What He Knows About the Missouri Slope.

The BANNER CITY has been fortunate to secure a copy of the following correspondence, which requires no introduction. Mr. Munson informed us of his intentions about a colony, and gave the BANNER a copy of his letter before mailing, hence our good luck in being able to produce this evidence for the benefit of those seeking homes in the west, especially in the Missouri valley.

KITTANNING, Pa., July 27, 1882. FRIEND MUNSON: I have waited in vain for news from you about the Dakota country, where you have settled. It was only yesterday that your brother Bob told me you had located near Bismarck, in Burleigh county, D. T. He says you have found a perfect paradise for farmers. Myself and others, including your old friend Harry Mathews, are fully determined to join you this fall. Crops here are poor, wages hardly enough for a laborer to live on; strikes everywhere. No man can buy land here unless he is rich. I want you to answer this just as soon as you can, and give us some facts about the wonderful Missouri country.

Yours, JOHN L. JELLY. BISMARCK, D. T., Aug. 10, 1882. FRIEND JOHN: Yours of the 27th is at hand, and according to your wish I take the first opportunity to comply with your request.

The first halt I made after leaving old Kittanning was at St. Paul, where the land agents of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroad were promptly on hand, offering to sell me land in the Red river valley at such prices as to induce unsuspecting land hunters to purchase before visiting the country. I came very near being caught myself, as I afterwards discovered. I then visited the North Pacific railroad land office, where every opportunity was offered me to acquaint myself with the entire northwest. I carefully studied the lay of the country and concluded to see Dakota as far west as Bismarck before locating. I took the Manitoba train for Crookston, Minn., where I found every other man I met had land for sale. I then visited the United States land office and inquired about government land, but learned that I could find none within forty miles of a railroad that was worth anything, and that all the railroad lands had gone into the hands of land sharks, who love to bleed honest land hunters. I concluded that the Minnesota side of the Red river valley was no place for me, and struck back for Fargo, where I found matters a little better than at Crookston. I found the best land had been gobbled up by speculators of every kind. Prices for everything were extravagant. I returned to Fargo and stayed several days. I was advised to try the upper Red river valley. Up is south here, as the Red river runs north. The country in the upper valley is, if anything, better than what I saw north of Fargo; but again, all the good land was taken. I came back to Fargo and determined to go west. In Fargo I found the officials of the North Pacific very accommodating in their efforts to give me all necessary information. The first day west I stopped off at Valley City, as I had been informed that there were fair chances to get enough land convenient to the railroad to suit my original idea of forming an Armstrong county colony. Nothing more than a good quarter section, 160 acres, here and there, could be had owing to the great rush of immigration westward. I took the cars the next day for Jamestown, or Jintown, as it is usually called. The country north and south of Jintown was an improvement on any section I had so far visited. Here I met a former resident of Armstrong county, from Kelly's station, a resident of Burleigh county, near Kidder. He advised me to visit the great Missouri river valley before locating. I did so the next day, and landed in Bismarck in the evening. The opinion I formed of Bismarck was not favorable, but after a couple of days in the city I found it a live, energetic business town, with all the conveniences of Kittanning, but ten times as much rush and push among the people, who are most sociable as, as a class, I have met since leaving home. The advance of the grand rush of emigration is just beginning to make its appearance. I did not find everybody willing to sell his farm as in other places, but all seemed quite satisfied to keep what he had and get more land at the present low figures. I visited the United States land office which is located here, and was very much surprised to find so much government land subject to entry and so convenient to both railroad and river, and every other section, or the odd numbers, owned by the North Pacific railroad, for sale at \$4 per acre, with a rebate of \$1.25 for every acre cultivated by the purchaser. The price alone captured me, but I was determined to see the country before purchasing. Securing the services of Mr. Edward Sloan, a very accommodating gentleman, as a guide, we started on our trip up the Missouri river which is north here. The river is navigated 1,200 miles north and west of Bismarck, and by steamers carrying as high as 1,000 tons. The first day out we halted at Painted Woods, about 30 miles north of Bismarck. I had determined to appear indifferent as to character of the country visited, be it good or bad. The first notable farm encountered was that of ex-President Hayes, six miles north of Bismarck. There were over 500 acres of wheat and oats in one "patch," well advanced and fully three weeks earlier than any I saw in the Red river valley. My surprise and astonishment at the magnificent prospects compared with what I had seen elsewhere, overcame my seeming indif-

ference, and I frankly told Mr. Sloan my experience on the Minnesota and Dakota side of the Red river. He laughed moderately and said, "This is only a fair sample of the entire country." I found it only too true. The further we went the better the country seemed to grow. It's enough to make a man curse the circumstances that keep him tied down in the monopolized sections of "good old Armstrong," as we used to call it. The country around Painted Woods is equal to the best I ever saw. From there we made an extended trip east and south, striking the railroad at Clark, seventeen miles east of Bismarck. I told Mr. Sloan I had seen enough, so we drove back to town along a stream called Apple Creek, where we found the crops somewhat better than on the famous farm of President Hayes. I had found the country I started out to find. Nearly every foot is tillable and gently rolling. Heavy rains have no effect on farming operations here as in the Red River valley. I lost not a moment before I took a homestead and tree claim, and made arrangements to purchase an entire section of railroad land adjoining. I now own 640 acres of railroad land, and by simply complying with the United States land laws will own 320 acres more, enough to make a man a millionaire in poor old Armstrong. The great rush of land hunters to this unequalled section of North Dakota is just beginning, and I earnestly advise you and all your friends to lose no time in getting here. Millions of acres of the finest land on the American continent await the thrifty farmer on the Missouri slope. Now is your time to come, every month will increase the valuation of everything. In writing you at such length, is for the purpose to give you all the facts and my experience in detail. The best is yet to be told. I will commence by stating that I have 300 acres ready for crops next spring. I can now give you positive facts in relation to the crops in Burleigh county for 1882. As a whole, wheat and oats are the finest I ever saw in my life, and when the threshing machine gets to work you will hardly believe the figures. Harvest is now about half finished. You know me too well to doubt my statements, unreasonable as they may seem to eastern farmers. I have visited a good many farms within the past ten days, and my conclusions are based on my own and the judgment of others who do not differ very much from my own estimates. The wheat crop of Burleigh county will average thirty bushels to the acre; oats, seventy-bushels; potatoes, 300 bushels; and all other vegetables in proportion. Barley will certainly average forty bushels to the acre. This is what I determine a fair average for all the crops. Occasionally I have seen wheat that will go over forty bushels to the acre, and oats that will crowd ninety bushels to the acre. You can hardly believe these figures. I would do so myself had I not had the best of proof. I have seen the bundles of grain so thick, cut by self binders, that you could jump from one bundle to another over acres and acres. All these statements may astonish you, but if you are able to get here before threshing is over you can see for yourself. Wheat, if not injured before threshing, will average sixty pounds to the bushel, and all No. 1 hard. Oh, this is God's own country. Come at once, and bring all that can come. Tell Jim to quit the railroad and come, too. I saw corn yesterday in a field near Bismarck, owned by a gentleman named Quinlan, that ranged from 9 to 11 1/2 feet high. How high is that? Write me before you and your friends start, and I'll be on the lookout for you.

Yours respectfully, JOHN L. MUNSON.

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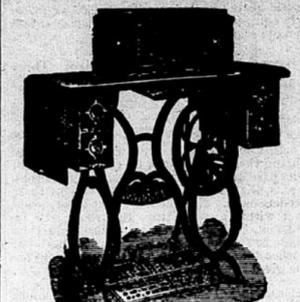
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Notice of Contest-Timber Culture.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bismarck, D. T., Sept. 11, 1882. Complaint having been entered at this office by Edward R. Mathews against Geo. E. Freeman for failure to comply with law as to Timber Culture Entry No. 156, dated July 29, 1880, upon the southwest quarter, section 12, township 139 north, range 73 west, in Kidder county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that the said Freeman has failed to break or cause to be broken five acres of said claim the first year, also has failed to break or cause to be broken five acres the second year, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 25th day of October, 1882, at 2 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. JOHN A. REA, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Bismarck, D. T., Sept. 20, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at this office at 2 o'clock p. m., October 23, 1882, viz: Richard V. Fara.

D. S. No. 332, filed May 10, 1880, alleging settlement same day for the south east 1/4 of north west 1/4; northwest quarter; southeast quarter; east half; southwest quarter; section 10, township 139, range 79 west; and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Frank E. Young, Michael Maycox, Wm. Fornoy and Thomas Griffin, all of Burleigh county, D. T., and post-office address Bismarck, D. T. JOHN A. REA, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Bismarck, D. T., Sept. 16, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at this office at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 24th day of October, 1882, viz: Leroy S. Clemans.

H. E. No. 251, made February 10th, 1881, for the southeast quarter of section 2, township 139, range 81 west, and names the following as his witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: A. Logan, W. G. Smith, Chas. Chamberlain and R. Murray, all of Burleigh county, D. T. Postoffice address, Bismarck. JOHN A. REA, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Bismarck, Dakota, September 2, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at this office, October 17, at 2 o'clock p. m., 1882, viz: THOMAS PORTUNE.

Homestead Entry No. 419, made Oct. 7, 1881, for the ne 1/4 sec. 26, township 140, range 80 west, and names the following as his witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz: John Quinlan, Conny Malloy, Charles H. Galloway and John Walden, all of Burleigh county, D. T.; postoffice address, Bismarck. JOHN A. REA, Register.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bismarck, D. T., Sept. 18, 1882. Complaint having been entered at this office by James A. Pearce against Julius Resholt for abandoning Homestead Entry No. 356, dated June 13, 1881, upon the southeast quarter of section 22, township 139 north, range 72 west, in Kidder county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 31st day of October, 1882, at 2 o'clock p. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. JOHN A. REA, Register.

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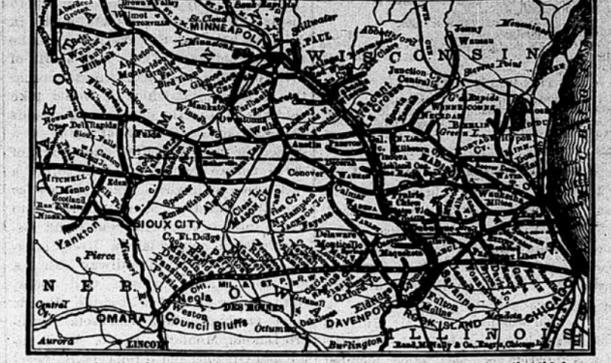
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