

WADENA COUNTY.

AREA OF WADENA COUNTY.

The county is 30 miles in length, north and south, and 18 miles in width east and west, containing 15 townships, or an area of 345,600 acres, composed of prairies and groves of timber, the prairies being rich alluvial soil capable of raising as good wheat or other cereal crops as any land in the United States or Territories.

TIMBER AND WATER.

The amount of timber land in the county is estimated at 100,000 acres consisting of oak, elm, maple and tamarack in the southern portion and pine in the northern portions. The Crow Wing, Shell, Leaf, Wing, Red Eye Partridge and Cat rivers, and Union Creek and several other small streams afford an abundant supply of pure water. Wells can be made at a depth of from 12 to 15 feet.

LANDS.

There are 100,000 acres of government land in the county subject to pre-emption or homestead settlement. The Northern Pacific railroad company has 80,000 acres for sale at an average price of \$2.50 per acre and speculators hold about 80,000 acres which is for sale at an average price of \$4.50 per acre. Farms from either of these sources are in reach of any who wish to purchase as they can have plenty of time to pay for them out of the receipts of their crops.

POPULATION.

The population of the county is 2,100 composed principally of Americans with a few intelligent English, Scotch, German and Norwegians. These figures, however, will be too small by half by the time another crop is harvested.

CLIMATE.

The climate of Northern Minnesota is exceedingly healthy, being dry, pure and steady. The summers are simply delightful with long twilights and cool evenings. The winters are about the same length as in northern New York with the advantage of being more steady. The mercury runs perhaps a little lower, but the cold is not as disagreeable or penetrating.

ORGANIZATION AND GROWTH.

The county was organized by an act of the legislature approved Feb. 21st, 1873, and in 1874 the population was about 300. In 1878 4,000 acres were under cultivation and in 1879 (last year) 12,495 were under the plow or an increase of 8,495 acres. The average yield of wheat is from 17 to 20 bushels to the acre, although our good farmers find no difficulty in producing from 25 to 30 bushels per acre. Rye matures in 90 days and yields largely. Corn is successfully raised and a variety of vegetables do excellent. In 1877 Wadena county carried off five premiums including the sweepstakes at the Minneapolis Fair. There are three towns in the county along the N. P. railroad all of which are doing a good business and destined to be live-go-ahead towns. The county seat and largest town in the county is

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which was created the county seat by an act of the legislature approved Feb. 21st, 1873, and a building for the county officers has been erected here. The chances for removal of the county seat are only about two in a thousand and exists only in the fertile imagination of her enemies. The growth of Wadena has been indeed rapid. In the year of 1879 nearly \$30,000 were expended in buildings which was more than double her total valuation previous to that time. Out of 141,000 bushels of wheat shipped from the county in 1879 Wadena shipped 115,000 bushels and owing to the scarcity of elevator room in Duluth and the consequent inability of the railroad company to move the wheat, wheat which naturally seeks this town under favorable circumstances was driven away from her last fall. The amount which was thus lost to her last season is estimated at 200,000 bushels. These unfavorable circumstances are, however, being removed this year by the erection of large elevators in Duluth which is an almost certain indication that this town will regain this great trade. It lays entirely in the hands of the Northern Pacific managers to drive it away or to regain it and their policy assures us that they will adopt steps to realize the benefits of the latter condition. The regaining of this trade and the increased acreage in the 19 townships in Wadena and the northern portions of Todd and Otter Tail counties will give to this town for the fall of 1880 the trade of at least 400,000 bushels of grain. Besides this large amount of trade the development of Minnesota's richest portion, the Shell River prairies, will be another source of trade for Wadena and the importance of that country may be guessed at when it is known that 700 claims are taken there and the best lands yet to be bought of the R. R. company. The business men of Wadena have during the past winter opened a road to this country which travels the best portion of the county and many settlers have already taken claims on the road. Wadena possesses three religious societies, Methodist, Episcopal and Congregational, and a fine large school house presided over by accomplished teachers. The principal, Prof. George A. Whitney, is also County Superintendent and is a man deeply interested in the cause of education, and is doing much to elevate our school system.

The population of the village is so rapidly increasing that figures given to-day would be much too small in a few months hence. As an index to the business of this town we refer the intelligent reader to our advertising columns.

VERNDALE

is the next town in size to Wadena and is pleasantly located. It possesses a good school house and first-class teachers. Verndale is enjoying a fair growth and bids fair to be quite a village. She now has three general stores, 1 hardware store, 1 drug store, 2 blacksmith shops, 1 shoe shop, 1 butcher shop, 2 lumber yards and a news paper.

ALDRICH

This bright little village has a future prospect which has been to some extent overlooked by many, but the time is not far distant when she will spring into activity in a manner which will surprise even her best friends. Possessing as she does the trade of a large district of timber and farming land she has in addition the Partridge river which flows swiftly by on the western edge of the village furnishing water power enough

for four or five mills within a short distance. Aldrich has 2 stores, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 wagon shop and 1 saloon. During this winter she is getting into her railroad yards 80,000 feet of piling, 3,000 cords of wood, and 2,100 ties. During the season of 1879, she shipped nearly 7,000 bushels of grain, and the coming harvest will doubtless double it. No better point can be found for the establishment of a saw and grist mill than Aldrich.

The PALMER will be happy to furnish all information relative to this country in its power upon application.

WADENA POST OFFICE.

OPEN FROM 8 A. M. TO 8 P. M.
For Parker's Prairie Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 A.M.
Mail closes, going east, 9:30 A.M.
" " west, 3:30 P.M.
Money Orders can be obtained upon post-offices in all parts of the United States.
GILES PEAKE, P. M.

WADENA LODGE NO. 80. A. O. U. W



Meet at Hall in Wadena School House every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Brethren cordially invited.

Geo. A. Whitney, W. M.
H. F. Burch, Recorder.

LAKE PARK HOUSE,

LAKE PARK, MINN.,
N. J. BEMIS, PROPRIETOR.
This house has recently been improved and a first-class livery attached, making it the most complete hotel on the line. 2 11

J. W. HASSAN,

WATCHMAKER & JEWELER
Third St., Wadena.
All kinds of Watch and Jewelry repairing promptly executed. 2 10 1/2

DR. L. W. Babcock,

Physician & Surgeon,
All calls in the city or country promptly attended to. At present my headquarters are at the Rawson House awaiting the completion of my office. 31

C. G. STRASBURG,

Manufacturer and Dealer in
HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC.
Harnesses made to order on short notice. All work warranted.
2 10 THIRD ST. WADENA, MINN. 1 4

MRS. NETTIE JONES.

Third St., Wadena,
Milliner and Dress Maker.
Good goods; reasonable prices. 21

EUGENE E. LUCE,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Third St., - - - Wadena,
Collections in Wadena, Todd, and eastern Otter Tail counties a specialty. Also do a general Land Office business. v2 6 1/2

WM. H. BEMENT,

WADENA DRAY,
Orders left at the postoffice will receive prompt attention. 30 1/2

CHAS. O. BREWSTER,

Attorney and Counselor-At-Law,
AND SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY.

VERNDALE, - - - - MINN

W. W. Spalding, Jas. Cash

SPALDING & CASH,

COMMISSION BROKERS,

Cor. Superior St. & Fifth Ave. West,
Duluth, - - - - Minn.
General Brokers for the purchase and sale of Wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn, Farm Implementations, Machinery etc., strictly on Commission. 2 12 1/2

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between S. S. Gardner, Charles M. Maltby and J. Q. Ostrander copartners doing business under the name and style of the Wadena Mill company at Wadena, Wadena county, Minnesota is dissolved by mutual consent. Messrs Maltby and Ostrander will continue the business under the firm name of Maltby & Ostrander and pay all outstanding indebtedness against and collect all claims due said company.
S. S. GARDNER
C. M. MALTBY
J. Q. OSTRANDER

Jan. 7th 1880.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Rev. C. H. Dixon will preach in Wadena the second Sabbath of each month at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m.
Also in Verndale the first Sabbath of each month at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Rev. E. S. Peake will officiate at Wadena the 3d Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and at Verndale at 7 1-2 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Denley will preach in the School House, Wadena, the 1st and 4th Sundays in each month at 11 o'clock a. m. Prayer-meeting every Thursday night.

England Prairie, on the 2nd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock.
Verndale the 2d and 4th Sundays in each month at 2 o'clock p. m.
Bluffton first Sunday in each month at 3 o'clock.

Wanted.

Flour, feed, beef and pork in exchange for lumber at Victor Eiford's mill on section 14 h. e. and one half miles n. e. of Bluff on. 35 2m Eiford & Winsor.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITY RESTAURANT.

Day Board Reasonable,
A Complete Stock of Fruits & Candy.
Our restaurant is well appointed and our meals reasonable. Our fruit and confectionery department is stocked with the best the market affords.
GIVE US A CALL.
Remember that we are located on Front St. one door east of the Farmer, office, Wadena.
Presson & Ostrander. 33

ALLEN'S COUGH BALSAM!

For Coughs, Colds, Croup, Asthma, Indigestion, Hoarseness, Whooping Cough, Quinsy, Tickling of the Throat, Consumption and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. This is the best Cough Balsam ever made. It is perfectly harmless, very pleasant to the taste, and is the very best thing known to loosen a cough and heal the lungs. It goes right to the spot and effects an immediate cure.
We have sold it for years and have yet to hear of the first case where it has failed to give perfect satisfaction. This Balsam is entirely free from Morphine and opiates of every description, and is not intended simply to alleviate by stupefying the patient, but it is intended to loosen a cough and give permanent relief. Try it. Price: small bottles, 25 cents; large bottles, 50 cents. Prepared by
J. P. ALLEN,
Druggist and Manufacturing Pharmacist,
ST. PAUL, - - - - MINN.
For sale at Wadena Drug Store. 234

WADENA MARKETS.

Corrected weekly by C. H. Peake.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Wheat.....	95c	90c
Oats.....	35c	
Onions.....		50
RETAIL.		
Flour.....	3 25 to 3 40	
Salt per bbl.....	2 75	
Corn Meal.....	2 50	
Oats.....	40	
Potatoes.....	40	
Beans.....	1 50 to 1 75	
LUMBER.		
1st Common.....	\$14 00	
2d Common.....	12 00	
Shingles.....	2 to 3 00	
WOOD.		
Hard maple and iron wood.....	\$2.10	
White and burr oak.....	2.00	
Black and red oak.....	1.75	
Rock and red elm, tamarack.....	1.75	
White and yellow birch.....	1.75	
Jack pine and spruce.....	1.40	
Basswood and poplar.....	1.10	
All wood to be sound body wood, free from lumps and chunks.		
TIES.		
White and burr oak.....	30cts.	
Red oak, rock and red elm.....	24cts.	
Tamarack.....	20cts.	
White pine.....	18cts.	
All ties to be six inches thick, eight inch face and eight feet long exclusive of kerf.		

IF

You want a fine dress or business suit out and made to fit you perfectly, at very low prices, call or write to
MEYER & GALL,
TAILORS,
78 JACKSON ST.
ST. PAUL, - - - - MINN
17 1/2*

JOSEPH SWINDLEHURST,

BLACKSMITH,
WADENA, - - - - MINN.
Work Done in all Branches.
Horse-Shoeing a Specialty.

H. F. BURCH & Co.
NEW CASH STORE.
NEW GOODS.
NEW PRICES.
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
Goods sold at Bottom Prices for Cash, or in exchange for Farm Produce.

H. J. Harding, M. D.
Physician and Apothecary.
DEALER IN
Drugs, chemicals, Patent Medicines, Stationery, Tobacco, Cigars, Confectionery and Notions. Prescriptions carefully compounded, night or day.
All calls promptly answered in the country and the Northern Pacific railroad.
v2 9 1/2 **Farwell Street, Verndale, Minn.**
S. S. GARDNER, President. E. S. CASE, Cashier.

Bank of Wadena
Wadena, - - - - Minn.
DOMESTIC EXCHANGE BOUGHT AND SOLD.
LOANS NEGOTIATED
Trade and Mexican Silver Dollars Wanted.
GENERAL COLLECTION AND INSURANCE AGENCY.
150,000 acres of Choice FARMING LANDS for sale at LOW PRICES, and on easy terms of payment. 33 1/2

New Furniture Store,
NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY
Chauncy Potter & Co.
IN
Luce's New Building.
We keep the best Sewing Machines in the market for sale,
A full line of furniture, picture frames, and coffins. 25 1/2

Land Office.
S. S. GARDNER, Notary Public, E. S. CASE, Register of Deeds and Dep. Clk, Dist Court.
S. S. GARDNER & CO., - - - - **WADENA, MINN.**
General conveyancing neatly and promptly done. Abstract Titles Furnished. Taxes paid for non resident in Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail counties free of charge. Homestead entries made in Wadena and Cass counties. 33 1/2

MUSIC.
I am prepared to give lessons on the piano or organ at reasonable rates. Call at residence or Farmer office. MISS HATTIE E. BAILY.
MINNESOTA MAMMOTH.
A SEEDLING GRAPE THE COLOR OF THE DELAWARE
THE LARGEST HARDEST EARLIEST OF ANY GRAPE PRODUCED IN MINNESOTA.
It has stood the test for 15 Minnesota winters, bearing fruit without any protection or being taken from the trellis. It is double the size of any other grape grown in Minnesota, two weeks earlier than the Concord. Has a fine spicy flavor peculiar to itself and is as hardy as any wild vine grown in Minnesota.
These vines were raised at Excelsior where on the parent stem can be seen over 500 clusters on one vine this season and the vine has grown over 25 feet in length.
Strong vines for sale at \$1 each; \$5 per half dozen, \$10 per dozen. Cuttings 10 cents each. Sent by mail securely packed on receipt of price.
L. W. STRATTON,
Excelsior, Minn.

Notice.
This is to give notice that my wife Nina J. Witherell has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and that I will not be responsible for any debts of her contraction.
T. H. WITHERELL. 37 1/2
Notice
The Wadena Mills will start up again about the 10th. The terms of grinding will be the same as heretofore except on feed which will be reduced to 5 cents per bushel.
C. M. Maltby