

NARY AND ITS PEOPLE

A South of Bemidji Suburb which Has Not Been Overlooked by the Goddess of Prosperity. Not Crippled by the Recent Fire. Good Business Point.

Nary is in Hubbard county just eight miles southeast of Bemidji, on the Brainerd & Northern railway. It is a new place, having been built up since the railroad came through two years ago. Nary is a small hamlet. It consists chiefly of three general merchandise stores, one hotel, two saloons and a sawmill. Add to this five residences and a schoolhouse and you have summed up the building proportions of Nary. The town has the advantage of being surrounded with a fine agricultural country. The lumbering industry in that vicinity is good but will not last forever. Future hopes of the people are based upon the richness of the soil. They claim the land to be the best anywhere, and prove it by showing the immense crop of wheat, oats and potatoes yielded to the acre. One mile from town is a man with two acres of land under potatoes. A man offers to bet a dollar that the yield will aggregate at least a thousand bushels. And so it goes. The people of Nary are proud of their homes and are boasting of it. They see new virtues arising daily that no other place under the sun possess—because they love their home and are contented with it.

Virtually, Nary is but three months old. Last June the fire fiend ravaged the town. Every house, barn and shed in the place fell beneath its sway, and all the property resolved into smoke. Cinders and ashes were left as souvenirs of homes. The poorest man in town was placed on the same footing with the best to do. No insurance was carried. But the spirit of energy and pluck that pervades throughout this country was dominant in Nary when it needed it most. The homeless built as best they could under a contrived plan. The stores were re-built and filled with goods. The saloon buildings were re-erected and the doors to fantasm were again opened. The hotel man was the only one too discouraged to rebuild. He left town. Another man took his place, Mr. N. J. Case, who erected a new hotel 24x40 feet two stories high with a kitchen 14x24 feet. It is nicely located and conveniently arranged. It is neat and clean. The proprietor, Mr. Case, and wife are fine people. They delight in accommodating and entertaining their guests, and set up a table good enough for any man in America. We take pleasure in recommending this hotel to the public.

J. R. Roach is the pioneer merchant. He opened the first store at Nary. He enjoys a very large trade in the winter season, and makes money. His store building was filled up with general merchandise to the extent of \$6000. In common with others, the entire property was destroyed by the recent fire. He had no insurance on his stock and his loss was total. His new store building is an improvement over the old one. It is stocked up with new goods. Mr. Roach is the postmaster of the town and he appears to be very prosperous.

The second general store in Nary is owned by Tuller, Terpening & Coleman. This firm owns five stores, one in each of the following towns: Bena, Deer River, Cohasset, Cass Lake. Mr. Coleman runs the Nary store and lives with his family in the store building. They too were burnt out and rebuilt. They were the only people in town to receive insurance. They carry a good stock of all the necessities of life. Mr. Coleman is a very pleasant gentleman to meet, and his business

qualifications entitle him to a big trade.

There is still another store in town. It is owned by the Northwestern Hardwood Lumber Co. This one is of minor importance. Most of the trading is done with men in the company's employment.

The mill is not running at present, having closed down July 15, when it finished sawing all the logs on hand. It will reopen in October. The firm makes a specialty of sawing hardwood. The owners of the mill are men of Minneapolis and Brainerd. Mr. A. B. Moses is looking after the company's interest at present.

There are two saloons in town. One owned by John Davis and another by J. C. Croon. They have very respectable looking places and claim to deal in nothing but the choicest wines, liquors and cigars.

All the business men in Nary, excepting two are bachelors. All excepting the two married men were out of town in some place or another during the writer's visit there last Friday. It is in evidence that married men with families make the best citizens. Let's join the ranks of the bachelors and become more useful men, fellow bachelors.

Nary has a schoolhouse of which the people are justly proud. In dimensions it is 28x40 feet. It is a wooden building and is very nicely finished and furnished with the best and most modern fixtures. Single desks are used. Charts and maps are in abundance. One of the citizens told the writer that there are not enough children in town to go anywhere near filling the school building, but he hoped they will soon be able to fill it. Let us hope so with him.

DELEGATES.

Following are the delegates elected from their various precincts to the republican county convention today, as far as we have been able to learn:

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| BEMIDJI VILLAGE. | |
| C. R. Martin, | Wm. McCuaig, |
| Al. Hazen | |
| ECKLES | |
| B. H. Majois | A. N. Morgan |
| Thos Brennen | J. Thayer |
| | P. O. Stensrude |
| PEOPLE | |
| R. Johnson | S. Randall |
| Marcus Foss | J. C. Lyon |
| Anthou Eliason | Joe Hindahl |
| TURTLE RIVER | |
| W. Hyatt | A. S. Gordon |
| Hancock | F. Vettleson |
| P. Maltrud | Chas Tevberg |
| LIBERTY | |
| A. P. Bloom | TURTLE LAKE |
| H. Becker | C. S. Smith |
| Fred Chale | H. Silver |
| | F. VanTassel |
| MAPLE RIDGE | |
| C. Brenner | NORTHERN |
| — Smith | F. Bardwell |
| | Joe Steidl |
| | J. H. Rendell |
| BEMIDJI TOWN | |
| Ed. Rako | FRON |
| Geo. Barnby | Z. W. Lindberg |
| Ole Rosby | G. G. Moi |
| | S. T. Bjella |

Extension.

It is well authenticated that work on the Brainerd & Northern extension will begin next Monday, and that 26 miles of the line will be finished this season. B. F. Sullivan has secured a grading sub-contract of four miles, and O'Mally, Clay & Dennessy, for 16 miles.

It is also understood that the railway company has taken the advice of the PIONEER, and will let the lake front alone, passing westward through the village. They came to this conclusion after an interview with Mayor Dudley who went to St. Paul Sunday in response to a call for that purpose.

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