

Pope County--Its History and Great Development

Pope county was named for Gen. John Pope, of Kentucky. The seat of justice is Glenwood, 140 miles northwest of St. Paul. Prior to the advent of the railway the town was little different from the ordinary land-locked interior places at which the inhabitants of the surrounding country appeared semi-occasionally to receive and forward mail, purchase home supplies of groceries and dry goods, and exchange neighborhood gossip and discuss the doings of the outside world. The advent of the railway changed all this, and instead of the modest hamlet of a few hundred people it is a bustling city of nearly a thousand and a half population, enjoying all of the conveniences of modern civilization, electric light, telephones, water works and daily trains on the great transcontinental lines, the Soo and Northern Pacific. Glenwood was platted in 1866 by Kirk J. Kinney and Alfred W. Lathrop. The town is well named, it is an enclosed glen in the woods, Lakeview, or Lakeside, would have been as appropriate, for it is built on the shore of a pretty lake as can be found in this state of pretty lakes. The lake appears as Whipple on some of the maps, White Bear on the early maps, but Minnesota was the name by which it is known at home and on up-to-date maps. Originally it was White Bear, but it conflicted with the name of St. Paul's resort lake, and the legislature was asked to change it to Whipple in honor of the late bishop. This change was made without the consent of the people interested, and they picked out an Indian name, Minnewaska. In remembrance of an aboriginal maiden celebrity who formerly lived on its shores, a name more euphonious and appropriate. The legend has it that a man who carries a pebble from Minnewaska's grave will never prove inconstant, nor find her lover faithless. The pebbles for many rods around have all disappeared.

The railways approach the town after a long run over the wide prairie, and the first sight is a delightful and attractive scene of roofs rising out of the foliage, and stretching away for eight miles is seen the waters of the lake, a scene at once as striking as it is attractive, and gradually rising from the depot to the head of the lake Minnesota avenue has a length of about a mile and a half. Along this street are many of the principal buildings, before it reaches the landing are the grounds of the County Agricultural society. Immediately around the town are hills reaching a height of over 200 feet, which gradually descend to the foot of the lake on the level prairie at the town of Starbuck. The whole shore is fringed with timber.

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M. F. Nugent has lived in Pope county for thirty-five years, which has given him an acquaintance that serves him well in his local real estate business, a business, however, that under his active methods, extends outside, his lists showing many good propositions in North Dakota and Canada. Mr. Nugent is one of the city fathers, now serving his first term.

The Globe has its friends among the county officers, particularly the sheriff, Theo. Thorson, who has lived in the county twenty years, serving half of that time in his present position, and Anton E. Brantors who is serving his second term as treasurer. Mr. Brantors has lived in the county a good while, a portion of the time teaching school. The corner also must be included, Dr. Edward A. Eberlin, a graduate of the medical department of the

University of Minnesota, and who enjoys a good practice, considering the universal helpfulness of the community.

C. M. Sather has the leading drug store, carrying everything usually found in a complete establishment of the kind. He has been in business for just up the hill, where God unseals Those lovely springs so pure and sweet, We build across the sloping hill, Where issue bright sparkling waters Meet."

Dr. Carl A. Fjelstad was a surveyor on the Soo and Northern Pacific railway, before he decided to take the medical course in the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated with high honors. He has lived in Glenwood for eight years and enjoys the confidence of the public.

The general merchandizing establishment of I. S. Sells and Co. is one of the institutions of Glenwood and would do credit to a much larger town. The house began business eight years ago. The company is Andrew Lund, who entered the firm two years ago. It is a reliable store managed by reliable men.

B. A. Benson is a native of the county, and for five years has been in the jewelry business. He has had practical training in all branches of his calling and is known for his fine watch work and skill as an engraver.

One of the important business concerns of Glenwood is the Freedman association, dealers in general merchandise, lumber and all kinds of building material. It was organized in 1874. C. T. Wollan is president, with whom is associated a number of the leading men of the county. The association also owns the Pope County bank.

For two years the firm of L. R. Linn & Co. has been in the lumber trade, carrying a large stock of building material. The business is managed by Mr. Linn, who, by careful attention to the needs of the public, has won confidence.

Henry T. Ronning opened up a law office a year ago, after having been private secretary for Congressman Eddy for two terms. He is a native of the county, and it goes without saying that he has a promising business future.

There are two lively stables, F. C. Helbing having been in business for six years, and W. C. Fleming for two years. Each also runs a dray line, and each furnishes on short notice good rigs and careful drivers for commercial travelers to visit the country for business or sport, for the country gives in season good chicken shooting, and the many lakes abound in fish.

Frank Burns & Son are in the meat business, opening their shop a year ago, and already enjoy a nice trade. The senior of the firm is an old timer,

having homesteaded over a quarter of a century ago. The E. W. Co. grain commission house has its branch here in the hands of John J. Trinker, who for the past year has been looking after its interests.

The Minton is the principal hotel, and during the summer season turns away many persons who wish accommodations for the season, but who cannot be taken care of by the exclusive of the commercial travel. It is large and well furnished, and the proprietor, G. C. Gage, meets the wants of an extensive traveling public that has made the hotel a place of resort.

The Lakeside house, managed for seven years past by Mrs. L. J. Thomas, has recently been enlarged and refurbished, and gives special attention to transients, caring for them at a cost of \$1 a day.

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Rasmussen is president, and H. Johnshoy vice president. The president has his banking life at River Falls, Wis., in 1887, and remained there until where he is firmly entrenched, both financially and personally. The bank has been one of the strong factors in the upbuilding of the town, the result of its good work being felt from Paris very first. W. I. Carpenter & Co.'s lumber yard is in the hands of an intelligent and active manager, who reads the market. The yard has everything desired by builders, the only millinery store and dressmaking establishment is that of Miss Henrietta Nane, who for five years has been supplying the ladies of this town and surrounding country with goods in her line.

The legal limb of the law in Starbuck is C. O. Ostlund, who opened his law office a year ago, after graduating from the University of Minnesota. His father has managed the B. J. Jones twenty-eight years ago. M. Ostlund is associated with A. G. Englund in the land business. The latter is mayor of the village and one of the leading merchants, making a specialty of hardware and farm implements.

The principal hotel is the Minton, under the proprietorship of Joe Wood, who formerly managed the Paris at Benson, Minn. Mr. Wood understands his business. He regrets that his hotel is not four times larger so as to take care of summer visitors. He owns one of the few steam launches on the lake. Halverson & Hendrickson are agents for Hamm's St. Paul beer. The former has managed the B. J. Jones, Minn., and the latter from Cokato, Minn. The other saloon man is Anton Carlson, who has been in business four years in Starbuck, coming from Barron county, Wisconsin. Mr. Carlson is assistant chief of the fire department.

CYRUS.

This thrifty and growing village came into existence in 1882, being platted by O. H. Dahl and Charles Olson, under the name of Scandinavia, but owing to a conflict of names the post office department changed it to Cyrus. The Northern Pacific railway was built the same year, but the growth was slow until two or three years ago, since which improvement has been the order of the day. In all directions an attractive landscape spreads away to the horizon. The site recalls the lines of Sir Walter Scott: Far to the south and east, where lay, Extended in succession, landscape Deep waving fields and pastures green, With gentle slopes and groves between."

The exception to this is that the north and west about included, as the view everywhere is beautiful, and with the beauty there is the utility of grain fields, pastures and gardens, from which springs the prosperity of the county. It is questionable if any town of its size in the state has a greater area of fertile agricultural land tributary to it. The shipments of grain and live stock from the railway station here is proof of the general excellence of the surrounding country.

The town other than within ten miles of Cyrus, Morris, Starbuck and Hancock all being about that distance away. As a result, Cyrus is a good trading point, there being several good

MINNEWASKA HOSPITAL.

The second town in importance and population in Pope county is Starbuck. It was laid out in 1881 by James D. Poier and Andrew Hoganson. It is ten miles from Glenwood, is on the Northern Pacific railway, and enjoys a most attractive location on the shores of Lake Minnewaska. No town of its size in the state has a finer system of sewerage, and it is known as the "Harvest Queen," does much custom work. The company is composed of Alex Pelt and A. L. Hegland. Mr. Pelt is the miller.

The Bank of Cyrus was organized in 1901, and has made itself a most useful adjunct to the work of building up the town. W. J. Carson, of Glenwood, is president, and O. E. Bjorgaard, cashier. It does a general banking business, makes loans on farm property, buys and sells land on commission, and handles collections. The financial standing and business integrity of the president of the bank assures the Bank of Cyrus as a safe and competent institution.

Henry E. Olson carries a large stock of merchandise and is widely known for his excellent methods of doing business which has given him a strong hold upon patronage which comes from the tributary territory of neighboring towns. It is men like Mr. Olson that help to make towns grow.

Lee & Barness are also dealers in general merchandise and carry a large stock. They have only been in business a little over a year, but already enjoy a trade very satisfactory to them. They are young men and possess the good sure to carry them to success. Mr. Lee is village recorder.

The Cyrus Courier is a neat looking and well conducted paper of eight pages, seven columns to the page, of which A. E. Bradley is editor. Mr. Bradley is to be commended for his courage and ability, his courage for undertaking to get out a paper, setting the type and doing all the work, without even have been in a printing office before he entered his own, and his ability for getting out a really excellent sheet.

Robert C. Gust is the furniture man and musical instrument dealer of Cyrus. He also handles sewing machines and keeps all paper, carpets, etc. He is also the undertaker of the town and the only broom manufacturer in the county. Mr. Gust was born in Pope county, and has lived here since his sight when two years old. He was educated at the Fairbairn school for the blind and is an accomplished musician. He has the only public hall in the town, a room 24x79 feet, over his store room. Mr. Gust manages his business very successfully and goes about the store and town with surprising ease, and keeps himself well informed as to what is going on in the world by having The Daily Globe read to him.

Ever Thompson is the pioneer hardware and farm implement dealer in the town and has earned the confidence of the public by fair methods in business and daily uprightness of daily conduct.

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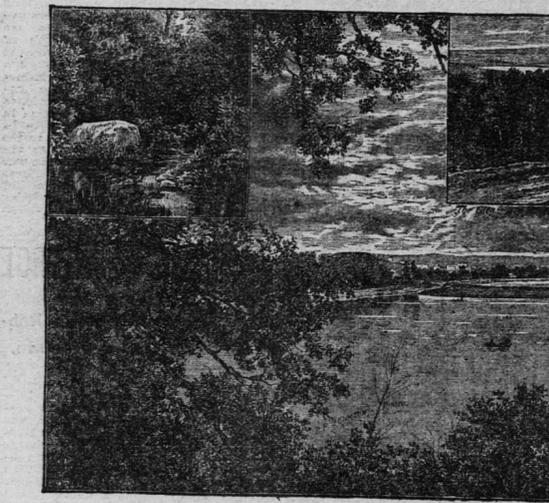
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