

CLAY COUNTY GROWS UP REMARKABLE

An Empire in Extent, Rich in Soil and With a Thrifty and Prosperous Population, Clay Is One of Minnesota's Banner Counties.

Clay county, Minnesota, contains thirty congressional townships, over 1,000 square miles of Red river valley soil, the richest in the world. The census of 1870 gave it 92 population, while that of 1900 was 172,000. The rate of increase is 20,000, owing to the very decided growth of the last three years. As densely populated as Massachusetts, it would crowd more people so there is still room for more population. Intensive cultivation of the fertile soil means enormous increase in the production of staple crops and necessary increase in population and wealth.

The county was organized in 1872 and named in honor of Henry Clay, the Kentucky statesman. The total assessed valuation of all property in the year was \$7,428,514, the rate of taxation being 24 mills less than the average of the state. Of the 30 items enumerated on the assessor's roll Clay county made a good representation in each, a fact showing the general diversified character of its development.

The Red river valley is distinguished for its hard wheat, and Clay county is in the territory of the best wheat while wheat is still a staple crop, all the cereals and vegetables of the north are produced. Corn is a sure crop, while potatoes, like high corn, in both quality and yield, and under the same care are now shipped every season South and East for seed. Dairying and stock raising are also profitable industries, and instead of the money crop, money is coming in every month in some form, and as a result there is uniform business ease.

Clay county is well supplied with railways, and the Northern, Southern and Northern Pacific main lines passing through it, and with branches give a total mileage exceeding 145 miles, with 22 towns and stations, so that no part of the county is without telegraph, telephone and express service. A good deal of the grain produced in the county is handled at the mills, and the remainder is shipped into 98 school districts, with 120 houses, and the standard of education is as high as in any rural section of the state. The graded schools of the chief towns are of the best, and are supplemented by two colleges at the county seat. The surface of the county is gently rolling prairie, the eastern part verging into woodland, while the west has a share of the timber which fringes the wooded Red, the river that divides the county from North Dakota.

The first American settlement in the county was at what is now Georgetown, in 1839. The first store was on Bay trading post, with Indians and buffalo roaming the county at will.

Moorhead. The chief town and county seat, was laid out in 1871. The first settler was John Smith, who now lives at Alexandria, Minn. The town was named for William Gray Smith, a member of the Jay Cooke firm, first promoter of the Northern Pacific railway, and several of the streets of the town bear his name. The prominent members of the Moorhead family, in the early days of the town steam-boating was quite an industry, boats running from Moorhead to Winnipeg. Swing bridges span the river connecting Moorhead with Fargo, the streets of the town running to the river bank, and to many intents the interests of the town have been identical. Congress has granted permission for the building of a new bridge, to be used by a trolley line, and before 1904 has been completed. The streets of both will be traversed by a modern trolley car.

Moorhead is well laid out, with wide streets, the residence streets being lined with shade trees. The business streets are wide, and are miles of substantial sidewalks. The city owns the water works system and electric lighting plant, with a lower rate for consumers than is common in most small cities. The city has a number of public franchises which will exceed \$3,000, a sum to be applied to a sinking fund to further reduce the already low rate of interest. The city has a number of public franchises which will exceed \$3,000, a sum to be applied to a sinking fund to further reduce the already low rate of interest. The city has a number of public franchises which will exceed \$3,000, a sum to be applied to a sinking fund to further reduce the already low rate of interest.

Moorhead is served by a charter school, and in 1900 a charter was adopted by popular vote, and under its wise provisions every public interest is carefully guarded, which fact in connection with the activity in farm lands has given the city a right push forward, and not in a day, has general conditions been better. Moorhead has a future, as can readily be seen by a study of the situation. Railways reach out in six directions into a rich and growing farm district.

Agriculture is the basis of all wealth, and nowhere else are there finer chances for practical farmers. On the right side of the bank ledgers show that the practical farmer is busy in Clay county.

Moorhead is not only a charming residence city, but has educational advantages of a high order. Besides the high school and a fine system of graded schools, the state normal school, Concordia college, and a large Catholic parochial school add to the educational resources of the city. The population of the city is now placed at about 4,500. There are eight churches, three banks and eight newspapers. The first newspaper in the Red river valley was established at Moorhead in 1872, and the Red River Star, with W. B. Nichols editor. The Daily News is the oldest existing paper, edited by Richards & Titus, who not only make a good paper, but have a well equipped office. The News was long edited by Col. George N. Lamphere, now secretary of the Minnesota state soldiers' home, and a writer of rare ability and of great worth. D. W. Meeker, a former St. Paul newspaper man of many parts, is at the helm of the Citizen, and guides it well. The Citizen, a new candidate for public favor, is published by Mallinger & Zeller, young men who have made a good start.

The three banks of Moorhead are strong institutions and jointly represent resources in excess of \$700,000. The First National, of which John Lamb is president, was organized in 1872, and was established by the late report shows its business to be \$237,696. The officers are old-timers. Mr. Huntoon came in 1885 to take the superintendency of the Moorhead schools, studied law, practiced in Minneapolis, and returned to assume his present position in 1895. He is also a breeder of thoroughbred cattle and swine. The Moorhead National was organized in 1892, and F. W. Porritt has been cashier from the start. P. H. Lamb is president. It has resources in excess of \$25,000, and is a well managed concern. The First State bank of Moorhead opened May 16, 1903, with \$25,000 capital, and shows present resources of \$35,000. M. T. Weam, a well

known Minneapolis business man, is president, and O. J. Kittelstad, for many years county auditor, is cashier. The officers and stockholders are all men of means.

One of the best known citizens of Moorhead is Solomon G. Comstock, who came in 1871, was the first county attorney, and after six terms in the legislature went to congress. He is a large property owner, and takes an active part in public matters. Hon. W. B. Douglas, present attorney general of Minnesota, began his official career in 1884 as city attorney of Moorhead. The present mayor of the city is A. N. Nye, a native of Wisconsin, and a brother of the famous "Bill" Nye and of Frank M. Nye, a well known Minneapolis lawyer. Mr. Nye has lived in Moorhead since 1887, and been county attorney four terms. Altogether he is a splendid example of what a well poised young man can make of himself.

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George E. Perley, member of the legislature from Moorhead, is a New Hampshire man by birth, and a graduate of law in Boston, coming to Moorhead in 1884. He is an extensive dealer in real estate.

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James M. Witherow, city attorney, is a native of Ireland, coming direct from the Emerald Isle when a boy with his parents, and has graduated from the University of Toronto, N. D. He is a graduate of Carleton college, and is a state normal school, and has lived nine years in Moorhead and read law in attorney General Douglas's office. He has made his own way in life since his sixth year, and deserves his well earned position and success.

Duncan F. Macnab is a wholesale and retail druggist, seventeen years in Moorhead, has six years of previous drug experience in St. Paul, and is a native of Ontario. Last spring he organized a company to manufacture and distribute a vegetable hair tonic and dandruff, and the demand for which exceeded ordinary fare. He has a branch office in St. Paul, and has decided views on public questions, and was prohibition candidate for mayor in the last election.

P. J. Sullivan and A. R. Charest are proprietors of the Twentieth Century hotel, and have a fine establishment. Mr. Sullivan was an up-to-date stock man in Moorhead, and was long chief of police and a terror to the lawless.

A. Swentisen has been seven years in Moorhead in the jewelry trade, and carries a fine stock. He was the first president of the state board of opticians, and was the first state optician, and four other states now have similar boards.

Beck and A. J. Wright have been in the furniture trade since 1885, and carry everything in their line. Mr. Beck is city treasurer.

A. J. Norby, one of the city aldermen, has lived in Moorhead for eleven years, coming from Lake Park, Becker county, his birth place. He recently engaged in the grocery trade with O. Hilde, and the new firm is doing a fine business.

The M. T. Weam & Co. clothing house is the largest in Moorhead. Mr. Weam lives in Minneapolis, but his firm is well looked after by his partners, and has a fine stock. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and has made his own way in life since his sixth year, and deserves his well earned position and success.

Robert Neubarth has been a cigar manufacturer in Moorhead for twelve years, and carries a fine stock. He makes good goods, having a demand for his annual output of 100,000. His specialty is the "Belle of Moorhead."

Charles D. Weighman, for five years cashier of the Great Northern railway at Moorhead, is now manager of the Western Union telegraph office, and reports for the state of the insurance business of the state. G. E. Lewis, J. Pierce Wolfe came from St. Peter, Minn., eleven years ago, and does an insurance and loan business. He is a native of Minnesota, and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and has made his own way in life since his sixth year, and deserves his well earned position and success.

Dr. Lewis Nelson is a native of Lake Park, Becker county, and came to Moorhead two years ago, and opened his present dental office, and has one of the finest equipped establishments in Northern Minnesota. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and has made his own way in life since his sixth year, and deserves his well earned position and success.

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George H. Sweetland, representative in Moorhead of the Valley Lumber company, is a man who has made many friends in four years of residence by his uniform courtesy to the public. He is a native of Maine, and lived many years at Hillsboro, N. D.

C. E. Remley has lived twenty-six years in Moorhead, much of the time in the clothing business, but for the last couple of years in the grain commission and farm implement trade.

O. E. Flaten has been the photographer of Moorhead since 1878, and owns one of the best equipped galleries in the Northwest.

Jacob Klefer came in 1878, and is a wholesale dealer in liquors and cigars. He has been mayor, councilman, county commissioner, or in some other position continuously, and gives his time freely and cheerfully to the public interest. His store is one of the fine business blocks on Front street.

The Pederson Mercantile company has been in business for ten years, wholesalers and importers of wines and liquors. The store is owned and operated by M. Simonitsch, and turned out a high grade of carbonated drinks. Mr. Simonitsch also wholesales cigars, and is a representative of the Val Blatz Brewing company, and last year did a business of \$100,000 mark.

Ole Thorstensen has lived in Moorhead twenty-two years, and is a North-western agent for the well known John Gund Brewing company, of La Crosse, Wis., one of the foremost concerns of the kind in the West.

A. J. Rusted came from Grand Forks ten years ago and engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor and cigar trade, and has a fine stock. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and has made his own way in life since his sixth year, and deserves his well earned position and success.

The Columbia hotel is in competent hands, the Holbeck Bros., who have had long experience in caring for the public. The Columbia was originally the Jay Cooke house, and is commodious in all appointments.

Barnesville. This enterprising town is located in the southern part of Clay county, and is an important division point on the main line of the Great Northern railway. The impression is common that it is largely dependent on the railway shops as the basis of its prosperity. This is true to some extent, like any industry that depends upon a large number of men, but Barnesville has back of it a fine tributary agricultural country that brings to its elevators an annual crop of grain that last year pushed away up to one million bushels. Besides grain, there are other products of the fertile acre all about, live stock, butter and many things that are in demand.

The town was laid out about twenty-seven years ago by F. E. Thompson and C. O. Wetherill. The first wheat buyer there and who practically inaugurated the present elevator system of the Northwest, and who now lives in Fargo, and Mr. Thompson remains an honored resident of the town he has seen grow up on the virgin prairie and in the growth of which he has been an important factor. He is still actively engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business. He has served the people in the legislature and in various other positions, as mayor, councilman, and county commissioner.

Barnesville is well laid out, with wide streets, and with shade trees in the residence sections. The principal shops constitute the principal industry, employ from 150 to 160 men, mainly engaged in repairing and rebuilding locomotives. C. T. Walters is general superintendent, and C. J. Foley is in charge of the boiler shop. Both are old timers with the company, and both are competent and popular.

The original town was laid out in 1874, on both sides of the line between Barnesville and Humboldt townships. Some years later additions were made and called New Barnesville, and a rivalry sprang up between the two places, each having its own local officials and newspapers. In 1899 the two councils drafted a charter which was readily adopted, and the interests of the two were united, and merged, and the impulse given to the upbuilding of the town by the union has resulted in a push ahead not possible under previous conditions.

The city owns and operates the electric light plant, and the service is satisfactory and profitable. There are four elevators, a 100-barrel flouring mill runs night and day, owned by A. C. Henderson, who has been there ten years. The church and school facilities are of the best, the children being cared for in two fine day schools, while the spires of six churches are seen rising above the trees in various parts of the town. Assumption church, belonging to the Catholics, is the finest structure; indeed, it is the largest and handsomest church in the state outside of the Twin Cities. It was completed in July, 1901, at a cost of \$25,000. Rev. J. A. Scholten, a regular and pastor, and has a congregation of 170 families. The parochial school, conducted by the Benedictine Sisters, has an attendance of about 200 children.

After the union of the rival towns, the two papers, the Review and the Record, kept going, occasionally showing a little of the old spirit, until August last, when the two united to form the Record-Review, and L. Benshoff, a well known and successful local editor, took the management, and he is giving the people a model paper, and the people are supporting him to judgment from the very liberal display of advertising shown in every issue. He prints regularly eight pages, and finds it necessary to occasionally add a supplement of two pages.

The town has a good water works system, drawing a supply from a branch of the Red river, which, widening out into a pond in the city limits, gives skaters an outdoor rink in the winter, and a swimming pool in the summer. For fire protection there is a well organized fire company, provided with a steam engine.

There are two banks, both strong institutions, in the hands of good men. The First National bank was organized in 1877, and F. E. Thompson is president. P. E. Thompson, vice president; Charles R. Oliver, cashier, and Syver O. Solum, assistant cashier. It has a capital of \$50,000, and resources of \$200,000. The Barnesville National bank began operations as the Farmers and Mechanics' State bank in 1896, but in 1901 it changed to the National System. It has a capital of \$25,000, and

resources in excess of \$100,000. E. B. Hawver is president; John McGrath, vice president, and M. D. Hawver, cashier. The Hawvers came from Preble county, Minnesota.

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The McCortland Land company began business here last year. A. A. McCortland, president; R. A. Horton, vice president, and C. A. Whittlessey, secretary, are Iowa men, and brought experience in the land business to Barnesville. The company is engaged in the center of a coal mining industry, further investigation shows an extent to the vein already discovered. While the vein is not yet shown to be an "easy street" now, the result of a seven-foot vein of bituminous coal, a fact which produced no little excitement, and the feeling naturally is that the strike will prove to be an important one. No coal has heretofore been found in Minnesota, and should this find-turn out to be any more than a geological curiosity, it is shown in the opinion that this state is not a coal belt. With coal underlying the fertile acres of Clay county, it means much to that part of Minnesota; indeed, the whole state.

Hawley. This prosperous little city is in the eastern part of Clay county, and commands the trade of as fine an agricultural country as any in the state. It is on the main line of the Northern Pacific, five miles west of the junction of the Winnipeg branch. That it is an important town is shown by outgoing shipments of over 500 car loads of grain, hay, potatoes, etc., exclusive of small shipments, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1903, the gross earnings of the station for the period being in excess of \$65,000. Hawley is well laid out, good sidewalks extend along the business and residence streets, while the well being and doing of the community, that the people want the whole community. That it is well and economically governed is evidenced by the low rate of taxation, 11 mills, in which it sets an example to many other Minnesota towns. It was platted in 1871, and originally named Bethel, but soon after it was changed to Hawley, in honor of Gen. J. R. Hawley, present United States senator from Connecticut, but at that time prominent in connection with the railway company.

Business interests are well diversified, some of the stores being metropolitan in extent of character of stocks carried, another indication of the well being and doing of the community, that the people want the best. The chief industry of the town is a flouring mill, which is tested to capacity to fill all orders. There is also a co-operative creamery doing a fine business. The churches are in fine number, and the local paper, the Clay County Herald, would be a credit in every way to a much larger place. It is all home print, the office being equipped with power presses and all of the accessories of a first-class country plant. The editor, John H. Reid, took charge in 1899, after a connection for eight years with the Glynndale News. He is fully alive to the needs of the town, and keeps things going. Four elevators are necessary to handle the grain coming from the fertile territory all about. The school children are comfortably cared for in a substantial brick building. There are three hotels, a steam laundry, two lumber yards, and various kinds of shops common to every active town. The postmaster is Mrs. Susan B. Fulton.

The State Bank of Hawley is one of the institutions of the town, and occupies a handsome block of its own. It was organized in 1892, and its management competent and careful, is in the hands of Ole Collie, who has been cashier from the first. Its resources, shown by the last statement, were \$133,944.

Guy Halvorson began the practice of law at Hawley six years ago. He is a native of Minnesota, a graduate of the Iowa state university, a student of two well known Northern Minnesota attorneys, Steenerson and Young. Besides his law practice he does a good business in loans and real estate. He is chairman of the county Republican central committee.

Walter Messing is mayor of Hawley, the right man in the right place, who has been a resident for twenty years, and a contractor and builder by occupation. He owns a choice farm adjoining the town.

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J. A. Aronson is owner of the Mill and Lumber store, and is the new proprietor of the Columbia hotel for nine years. It is the largest house in the city, and up to date in management and comforts.

Harold Keelley is the head of the Keelley Land company, and is an engineer on the Great Northern railway. He is also an experienced operator, and has been in charge of the land, and has located a good many new people about Barnesville.

Dr. W. O. Asselin is Barnesville's dentist. He is a native of Decorah, Iowa, a graduate of the Northwestern university, Chicago, and has been here twenty years, and a member of the Thirteenth Minnesota during the Spanish war.

E. A. Hoyt came from Iowa Falls, Iowa, in 1874, and his land office five years ago, and has been doing his share in pushing things along. He also runs a lively stable.

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The Hawver art studio, where everything in photography is furnished, is under the management of Mrs. Gertrude Hawver, who began the work here last August. She shows many fine specimens of portraits and views.

F. Beauchamp came three years ago from St. Paul, and opened the Palace barber shop, and has been doing his share in pushing things along. He is shown in a handsome two-story brick of his own which he recently occupied.

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George McDonald Sr. is proprietor of the City hotel. He came from Ontario in 1883, and began life here on a farm. He has six sons and seven daughters. James is in the meat business, John is a commercial traveler, George and Ernest are in the livery business, and William is a dealer in horses. The senior McDonald is still hale and hearty and has reason to be proud of his thirteen children.

H. F. Mensing is mayor of Hawley, the right man in the right place, who has been a resident for twenty years, and a contractor and builder by occupation. He owns a choice farm adjoining the town.

The Hawley Roller Mill company is composed of practical millers, H. Gains and F. Herring, the former for many years milling in Fargo. Their mill is busy with a large custom trade and makes the "Hawley Best" and "Hawley Pride" brands of flour.

Dr. O. E. Helmeck is the health officer of the town. He is a native of Minnesota, a graduate of the medical department of the Minnesota state university, has practiced six years in Hawley and lives in one of the pretty homes of the town.

W. M. Turkington and D. W. McDonald are in the feed and livery stable business. They are old and enterprising residents, have good rigs and take good care of commercial drivers.

Ben Eizenhoefer is the plumber and tinsmith of the town, a good mechanic and a busy man. He was for many years in the regular iron and steel business, and has had some thrilling experiences in Indian warfare.

Andrew Hanson and E. G. Merchant are dealers in meat and shippers of live stock. They recently opened their present market. Mr. Merchant was formerly proprietor of the City hotel and was also in the hotel business at Lake Park, Minn.

Roy Stewart represents the Peavey Elevator company. He is a native of the town, and has held positions with the same company at Crookston and Fargo. He has been in his present place for three years, is right up to date in his business, and during the winter he has had a fine club in winter games from neighboring town clubs.

Gustav Sjodal has for five years been local agent for the Andrews & Gage Elevator company and looks well after his firm's interests.

P. L. Elde is Hawley's photographer, opening his gallery seven years ago, and is up to date in his business. He also runs a barber shop.

Henry Dahl is in the restaurant business and knows how to cater to the tastes of his many patrons. He recently enlarged his rooms.

Ten Hours or None. CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Several days ago a number of the leading factories at Batavia, Ill., members of the Fox River Valley Manufacturers' association, informed employees that business conditions were such that it was imperative for them to have a ten-hour workday. If the unions could not agree to this, the employers said, it would be necessary to close down indefinitely. The unions refused to agree to the ten-hour day, and a number of the factories shut down today. This threw nearly 1,000 men out of work in Batavia. The factories closed were the United States Wind Engine and Pump company, the Newton Wagon company and the Challenge Wind Mill and Implement Manufacturing company.

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