

BEAUTIFUL BROWNS VALLEY

A Lovely Country in Which the Business Man Thrives Amidst Surroundings That Make Life Worth the Living.

Back to the time when the commonwealth of Minnesota was admitted to the family of states in the Union, Browns Valley was known to the early settlers of the West. As early as 1856 this point was an important Indian trading post, such post being presided over by Maj. Joseph R. Brown, a prominent character in Minnesota territorial days and an active member of the state's early history. His sons, Samuel J. and Angus, succeeded their father in business, and in 1872 laid out the townsite of Browns Valley, but the village experienced practically no growth until the summer of 1880, when, attracted by the prospect of a railroad, the population reached perhaps 250 souls. In the fall of that year the Northern and Southern branches of the Great Northern railway reached the latter place and the town at once became the important commercial center for a territory fifty miles west, forty miles north and twenty miles south and east of it, and it has ever maintained the prestige thus early established. Midway on the western boundary line of Minnesota, some 200 miles from St. Paul, at the terminus of the Browns Valley branch of the Great Northern railway, nestled in a picturesque valley, two miles wide by four miles long, surrounded by beautiful sloping hills, broken occasionally by deep-seated ravines, stands a wide, sturdy growth of natural timber, which valley serves as dividing ground between the heads of the magnificent lakes, Big Stone and Traverse, is this prosperous and growing little Western city with a population of 1,200 inhabitants, two-thirds of whom are Americans, one-fourth Germans, and the remainder Irish and Scandinavians. With its trees, its lakes, its pretty homes, its living springs of pure crystal water, Dame Nature has lavishly grouped at Browns Valley advantages that are seldom found collected in any of the towns in the state.

Public Schools—Browns Valley people take great pride in pointing to the excellent educational advantages of the town afforded by the public schools. The state high school here ranks second to none in Minnesota as to its modern improvements, the thoroughness of its training in the several branches of learning, its splendid library and well equipped laboratory. Its graduating class in 1902 consisted of fifteen members and a class nearly as large will receive diplomas at the close of the present school year.

Aside from the regular course of all similar educational institutions in the state, Browns Valley high school has had in successful operation during the past three years a special commercial or business course. In this course bookkeeping and shorthand are taught, a special instructor of exceptional ability being employed to superintend this important part of the work. Aside from the commercial course, Browns Valley is one of only thirteen high schools in Minnesota selected by the state high school board to receive special state aid for the establishment and maintenance of a normal or teaching department, and the same has been maintained during the past two years with marked success. These special features and the excellent work done in the other departments have placed Browns Valley well to the fore as the educational center of Western Minnesota.

The rate of taxation in Browns Valley for school purposes is only about 20 mills the present year, with prospects for a still further decrease in the years to come. Persons looking for a home and who value good educational advantages, cannot do better than to locate in this pretty Western town.

Churches—Browns Valley is the center of a religious community, made manifest by its numerous church edifices. The Episcopal church is held in regular worship in them. Here is found the Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran, each holding its own building. The first three named having especially large and well-equipped structures.

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Fraternals Societies—Many of the fraternal orders are well represented here, viz.: Masons, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen, Court of Honor and their several auxiliaries. All of these lodges have large and increasing memberships and they add much to the social enjoyment of the people of the community. While your correspondent was in Browns Valley the Masonic order gave its annual reception, ball and banquet, and he can say it was one of the most happy social events he ever witnessed.

Commercial Interests. Browns Valley is a very well represented in various lines of business. It has:

Two banks, 5 general stores, 3 grocery and confectionery stores, 1 gent's furnishings, 2 hardware stores, 2 jewelers, 1 millinery emporium, 1 pop factory, 4 livery barns, 4 hotels, 1 bakery, 4 blacksmith and machine shops, 1 wood-working establishment, 1 wagon factory, 3 farm implement firms, 2 lumber yards, 5 large elevators, 1 100-barrel flouring mill, 1 creamery, 1 furniture

brick structures. Nearly a million bushels of grain from the crop of 1902 were marketed in this city. Aside from grain, farmers tributary engage extensively in the raising of cattle, hogs and poultry, and two or three resident buyers furnish ready market at all times for all kinds of live stock, and this point has come to be recognized as one of the largest live stock shipping points of any town in the western part of Minnesota. The creamery now con-

duct court in this city, of Jay Manson, of Egan, as receiver of the bank.

tinuously operated is making a splendid grade of butter and furnishes a ready market for the products of the farmers who are increasing in number very rapidly. In fact, to make a long story short, Browns Valley is in the midst of an agricultural section that is especially adapted to diversified farming, and the people who live there are not too far north as to be outside the corn belt; on the contrary, it is decidedly within it, and a very large acreage was this year devoted to corn, nine-tenths of which fully matured and was a most prolific yield, despite the unusual wet weather during the early part of the season. The writer can report a yield of sixty to seventy bushels of corn per acre, and former residents of Illinois and Iowa say that they have met with equally as much success growing corn here as they ever did in their native states. The territory tributary to Browns Valley is without doubt one of the richest agricultural sections to be found in any portion of the Northwest. A failure of crops from drought has never been known, and the large lakes and various streams, which empty into them, furnish excellent drainage of the territory on either side, so that despite heavy rains, the surface of the soil quickly dries, farmers never experience difficulty in getting out their fields and roads are in excellent condition twelve months in the year, so that a mixed vehicle is an unfamiliar sight in this section.

Persons seeking new locations for farming purposes cannot do better than to look over the territory tributary to Browns Valley. While there are no government lands to be taken, the section is comparatively thinly settled as compared with older states, there being on an average less than two farms to every section of land. Prices range from \$20 to \$35 per acre, according to improvements. When it is considered that as much and perhaps more can be realized from \$25 per acre land here than can be obtained from \$75 per acre land in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and other Middle and Eastern states, it would seem to be a very wise move for farmers to dispose of their holdings there and invest here. We have as good schools, as good churches and as good markets as can be found anywhere, and are well equipped with long-distance and rural telephone lines, and rural mail delivery is being speedily established.

Summer Resort—As a summer resort for tourists, as a central point for boating, fishing and hunting, Browns Valley is an ideal spot. Located midway between Lakes Traverse and Big Stone, each of which is thirty-five miles long by from one to two miles wide, in the waters of which there is an abundance of the finest specimens of fresh-water fish, and where all kinds of feathered game abound, it is truly a real sportsman's paradise. The lake shores on either side are lined with beautiful groves of native timber, where outing parties delight to pitch their camps, and the public drives along the shores are among the most delightful to be found in any country. For lakes or a splendid view with various steamboats and gasoline launches which do a thriving business in season in the line of excursions, etc. Browns Valley has already gained some reputation as a resort for invalids in search of health. In the center of the city are two artesian wells and the medicinal qualities of the water are being proved from the hillsides which surround the village there flow innumerable springs of pure, cool water, and from these the city obtains its supply for the public waterworks system.

Great Northern Railway company, the attorney of Gen. Leonard Wood, the plaintiff for \$5,000.

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Affairs of the Northwest

CONTEST STARTS AT RICHARDS

Controversy Over Townsite Develops New and Important Phase.

Special to The Globe. CASS LAKE, Minn., Dec. 20.—When the settlers and squatters on the townsite of Richards appeared to make proof at United States land office yesterday a contest was started which will undoubtedly be appealed to the highest courts. Ernest Fleming, of Bena, Minn., who is represented by Judge White, of Duluth, filed a protest against the acceptance of the proof of the Richards townsite boomers, alleging that they were not actual settlers upon the land, and that their settlement was made for speculative purposes. The Richards people have retained Judge Matthews, of Washington, as their counsel. Judge Matthews has arrived and it is expected that several days will elapse before all of the witnesses are examined.

A protest has also been filed by Maj. Scott on behalf of the Indians, who claim that they will lose the valuable timber on the townsite if the Richards people are allowed to carry out their plans. Special Agent Goodwin, of St. Cloud, is present to assist the register and receiver at the hearing.

Great interest has been shown in the Richards townsite matter, as the settlers were twice driven off by the Indian police, and finally permitted to remain on the townsite by order of the secretary of the interior.

WAS A SUICIDE.

Henry La Grose is Found to Have Thrown Himself in Front of Train.

Special to The Globe. NORTHFIELD, Minn., Dec. 20.—It is believed here that Henry La Grose, who was killed by a Rock Island passenger train at Dundas, committed suicide. He was walking along the track toward the train and it seemed strange that he did not see or hear the train, which whistled going at a high rate of speed though, and could not be stopped in time to save the man. It developed later, however, from the story of a witness, Miss Ruby Sanford, that La Grose threw himself under the train with suicidal intent.

Catarrh and Hay Fever.

Liquid Cream Balm is becoming quite as popular in many localities as Ely's Cream Balm. It is prepared for use in atomizers, and is highly prized by those who have been accustomed to call upon physicians for such a treatment. Many physicians are using and prescribing it. All its medicinal properties of the celebrated Cream Balm are contained in the liquid form, which is 75 cts., including a spraying tube. All druggists, or by mail, Ely Brothers, 66 Warren St., New York.

Messrs. Ely Bros.—I sold your Liquid Cream Balm to Mr. Wm. Lam-berton, 1415 Delachaise St., New Orleans; he has used two bottles, giving him most satisfactory results. GEORGE W. McDUFF, Pharmacist.

BLAMES TRAIN DISPATCHER.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury on the Fatality at Adel.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 20.—A coroner's jury investigated the wreck on the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, near Adel, last Sunday, in which three lives were lost, and held that the wreck was due to the carelessness and mistake of D. W. Sleater, the seventeen-year-old engineer operator at Olive, who failed, it is said, to carry out the instructions of Dispatcher Lytton, at Des Moines, in the delivery of orders.

ROB NEBRASKA BANK.

Safe is Blown Open and the Operators Got Away.

KENNARD, Neb., Dec. 20.—Three crooksman robbed the Bank of Kennard today, securing \$3,000, and made their getaway in a motor car. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerin. After the robbery the men stole a team and buggy and started in the direction of Omaha. Sheriff McKinley found the horses and buggy near Omaha.

Court Reaches Criminal Cases.

Special to The Globe. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 20.—The civil cases which were on the calendar for the present term of the state circuit court in this city tonight, the death of and Judge Jones has announced that the trial of criminal cases will commence tomorrow morning. The first case to be tried will be that of the state vs. J. J. Loftus, a former section boss of the Omaha Railroad company, who was arrested last summer on the charge of having stolen the curtains, bedding and other furnishings from a sleeping car while it was in a wreck near Salem. The stolen articles were found a few days ago in the lot of a barn at Montrose, where they are alleged to have been hidden by Loftus. The defendant is prepared to make a strong defense, which prosecution expects to produce a chain of evidence which will be complete in every particular.

Farmers' Insurance Company Elects.

Special to The Globe. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 20.—One of the most successful farmers' insurance companies in the Northwest is the Hanson County Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance company. The annual meeting of the officers and directors has just been held and the report of Secretary L. Plagman shows it to be in very good condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. G. Phelps; secretary, Ludwig Plagman; treasurer, Carl Lehman; directors, Theodore Roster, Walter Slade, M. M. Ewers, George Labbers, Stephen Fabry; auditing committee, L. P. Chapman, S. A. Piper, George Letcher.

Girl is Missing.

Special to The Globe. NORTHFIELD, Minn., Dec. 20.—Chief of Police Ramage of this city, has received a letter from Ed J. Conroy, superintendent of the Minneapolis police, asking him to make a search for a girl fifteen or sixteen years of age, daughter of T. C. Thorber, who was killed at Ferguson Falls, Minn., last week. The girl's name was Bella, or Isabella, and her sister thought she was adopted by some Methodist minister.

Loggers Are Busy.

Special to The Globe. TWO HARBORS, Minn., Dec. 20.—Logging and pulpwood operations are exceedingly busy along the north shore of Lake Superior this season and a large number of men are being shipped to convenient points for distribution among the camps. More men are being sent to camp this winter than ever before, and these are finding their way into the camps back from the lake. An average of about two feet of snow covers the

Soft Iron Ore is Found.

MENOMONIE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Soft iron ore has been discovered on the farm of John Kirkland, in the town of Red Cedar, this county. Heretofore it has been necessary to send to the Gogebic range for soft ore to mix the hard ore that is being mined at several places in this vicinity, and the discovery of soft ore here is regarded as a valuable find by the iron men.

Cars Run at the Soo.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 20.—The creditors of the Traction company have patched up a truce so that cars will run for soft ore for all kinds of live stock, and this point has come to be recognized as one of the largest live stock shipping points of any town in the western part of Minnesota. The creamery now con-

Red Cloud is Dying.

PINE RIDGE, S. D., Dec. 20.—Red Cloud, the celebrated Sioux chief, is dying in a tepee in a corner of the yard surrounding the little wooden house which the government built for him here years ago. He is eighty-five years old, almost blind, scarcely able to hear and so feeble his death is likely at any hour.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

Special to The Globe. CROOKSTON, Minn., Dec. 20.—In the case of Louis Ellington, an administrator in the estate of Fred Neiman vs the



Thomas F. Smith, Who is Believed to be the Choice for New Deputy Chief of Great Democratic Political Organization.

Secretary Thomas F. Smith, of Tammany Hall, New York, although quite a young man, is likely to cut a big swath in politics during the coming national campaign. Secretary Smith is described as a bundle of nerves, all springs, energy and dash. He thinks and acts quickly and evidently has a big future before him.

COMING POWER IN TAMMANY.

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SLAVERY EXISTS ON ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

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NEW CURRENCY SYSTEM FOR CHINA IS URGED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The commission on international exchange has received from Prof. Jenks the conclusions of the monetary commission of Japan regarding the proposals of the American commission for a uniform coinage system based upon the gold exchange standard for China.

STEAMER HUTCHINSON SMASHES THROUGH ICE

Lake Boat Makes Her Way From Detroit to Buffalo Under Own Steam.

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FAMILY OF GEN. WOOD POSTPONES MANILA TRIP

Mrs. Wood and Her Children Do Not Sail on Transport Kilpatrick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With the Second United States cavalry, six troops of which came here from Fort Ethan Allen, Va., and the remainder from Fort Meyer, Va., the United States army transport Kilpatrick, bound to Manila by way of Suez, left port today. It is expected that the voyage will occupy about fifty days. The Second cavalry will relieve the Fifteenth cavalry, which has completed its two years' foreign service.

ASSETS OF BUSTED BANK OF LITTLE OR NO VALUE

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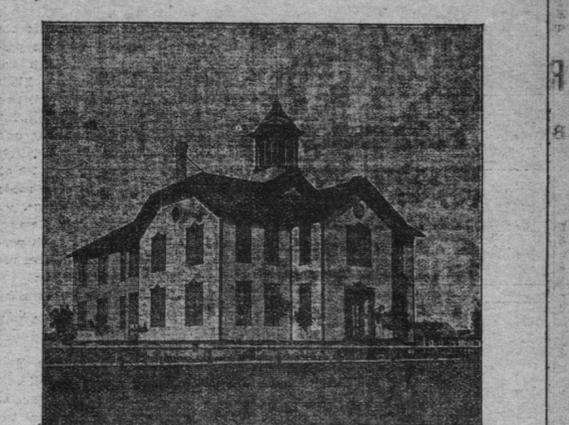
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REASONABLE INDUCEMENTS FOR SUCH ENTERPRISES.

There is suitable clay here for the making of good brick; there is the proper kind of sand and gravel for the manufacture of concrete blocks; potatoes grow in abundance as do all kinds of vegetables, and a starch and canning factory would no doubt prove profitable enterprises; a well equipped tannery would do a thriving business; a glove factory and a tool mill; liberal inducements would no doubt be offered for the erection of an up-to-date, modern hotel, and there are but few places to be found where such a hotel would prove a better investment.

Following are a few of the leading business men of the town, all over the West: Paul Bros. are dealers in general merchandise and have a very fine store. E. Freeston, mayor of the city and gives good satisfaction. H. Wentworth runs the leading livery business and exchange stable of this section, and is the owner of Ole Munson, the 2-2 1/2 pacer, and is offering him for sale.

Lundstrom & Bowman run the leading meat market of the city, and have been here thirty years. Travers County bank was established in 1881. Capital, \$25,000. Surplus, \$10,000. Deposit, \$150,000. Also real estate and fire insurance. George H. Becker, president, and W. M. Becker, cashier. D. C. Sullivan & Co. are dealers in