

# DEVILS LAKE AND RAMSEY COUNTY

## A FERTILE AND PROSPEROUS SECTION OF NORTH DAKOTA

### DEVILS LAKE

Devils Lake is a beautiful city, located on the north shore of Devils Lake, in the southern portion of the county of which it is the county seat. The city is situated on the Great Northern railroad 405 miles northwest of St. Paul. Devils Lake was established in 1883, organized as a village in 1884 and incorporated as a city in October, 1887. The city contains seven very fine churches of the different denominations, a graded public and high school, with an attendance of about 600 scholars. The city schools of Devils Lake are justly the pride of the people. The graded school has eight grades leading up to the high school, and the high school is one of the best in the state. There are fourteen teachers, and are of the very best, a public library, with over 1,000 volumes, two banks, with a combined capital and surplus of \$125,000, five hotels, four elevators, two machine shops, doing all kinds of machine work. The Devils Lake Improvement company own the water works and electric light plant, which the city can be proud, brick yard, employing about twenty men, three newspapers, Inter Ocean, Devils Lake Free Press and the Devils Lake News, which

Dakota, and are thinking of coming to the state, the writer will give what information he can on why the banker county in North Dakota. Some of the facts taken from the Devils Lake Inter Ocean will show you why you should come to this county. In the first place you can buy the best land that ever lay out doors from \$10 to \$20 per acre on very easy payments and all farming land. "Some years ago when lands in Ramsey county were too cheap to sell we began to advertise the advantage of that section and promised immigration and increased value for lands. Our advertisements brought the settlers, who improved the county, and the soil land in Ramsey county two years ago from \$12.50 to \$40 an acre, whereas \$3 to \$8 would have been an exorbitant price a few years back for the same land." Such is the testimony of one of the most experienced land men of the west. Why this marvelous advance in price? A gentleman recently remarked to the writer that in an experience of seventeen years in Iowa land that cost \$120, the yields of grain were not that good as those of a well tilled Ramsey county farm. The average price of land in Iowa is \$80 per acre. It can readily be seen that if North Dakota land will yield as great if not greater returns in grain than Iowa land, that the former must naturally increase in value until they reach a point equal to Iowa lands. The vast tract

vest practically every dollar they get ahead in more Ramsey county land, so that the money bank by the time they really that which is in circulation as business funds. Few states in the Union are blessed with greater natural resources for live stock raising than North Dakota. Possessing a good location, and a fertile soil that produces wonderfully nutritious grazing, she has vast possibilities before her as a great meat producing state.

Up to the last few years the raising of live stock was confined principally to the western section of the state. The farmers raised wheat almost exclusively on the land that now this is all changing. Our most progressive farmers are paying closer attention to the rotation of the crops and raising more sheep, cattle and hogs.

President Roosevelt signed the proclamation providing for the opening of the ceded lands in the Devils Lake Indian reservation. The land is to be disposed of by a registration and sale to persons who provided for the opening of the ceded lands of the Rosebud reservation. The Devils Lake Indian reservation contains about 8,000 acres, of which approximately 650 homestead entries may be made. The registration will close at 5 o'clock P. M. on Sunday, August 29, at Devils Lake and Grand Forks, N. D., and will begin Aug. 8 and run until Aug. 29.

The drawing will be held at Devils Lake, beginning Aug. 24. The entries made at the Devils Lake land office and will be held at Devils Lake, N. D., and will proceed for sixty days. Any will be subject to homestead entry, and payment of \$4.50 per acre. Only qualified persons will be allowed to participate in the drawing, and each person must register for themselves, except honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, who will be entitled to make homestead entries through agents.

The proclamation reserves 1,553 acres for the Fort Totten school, and also makes reservations for the Protestant Episcopal church, the Wood Lake Presbyterian church, the mission of the Sisters of Charity, the St. Paul's school, St. Jerome's church. Ninety-two acres are reserved for the Devils Lake Indian reservation, and 825 acres for a public park at Sully's Hill.

The president also issued an order today so changing the Devils Lake, Rosebud and Grand Forks land districts as to flow all the ceded lands into the Devils Lake district.

Twenty years and was mayor four years. W. H. Reid is the proprietor of the Hotel Reid, which has been established in 1885 and is one of the solid banks. O. Whipple, president; H. E. Baird, vice president, and F. H. Roulter, cashier. Mr. Baird is one of the large land owners of the county.

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Sevilla Hotel, Devils Lake, N. D.

are a credit to the town and county. Devils Lake is the division point for the freight crews of the Great Northern railroad. The Devils Lake Driving association, organized in 1902, Devils Lake has a full complement of business houses of every line of goods and trade you may mention, and the stocks of goods carried by the firms of this town would do credit to a town of 25,000. The city has a population of 2,000 people, and growing rapidly, and you cannot find a vacant dwelling or business place in the city. The city is represented in the North Dakota National Guard by Company D. The Devils Lake Chautauqua association and the North Dakota state military encampment grounds are situated on the north shore of Devils Lake. St. Paul's college, Catholic institution of learning, is located two miles south of the city.

The Ramsey county court house is one of the finest in the state, costing \$85,000. United States land office. The North Dakota School for the Deaf is one of the best managed institutions in the state and the best teachers money can procure. The Mercy hospital was opened in 1885 and is one of the main institutions of the city. There are two sanitariums, two sick wards, operating room, physicians' offices and about fifty rooms, and all modern conveniences. This is the receiving and distributing point for a rich agricultural and stock raising district, also for the Fort Totten Indian reservation. The city has laid steam-heat connection with Fort Totten and Minneapolis.

The city has three miles of cement walks and by fall this will be increased to six miles. The city has a new mayor, Mr. F. N. Whitman, who has the city at heart and intends to make Devils Lake the first city of North Dakota.

of land heretofore open for homesteaders has retarded this advance, but within the last few years when good homesteads are practically a thing of the past, the older sections, this is the cause of the recent rise in land values in this county until every quarter section is occupied. Nor will investments at higher prices be hindered for the present prices of land, men are realizing good returns. With net profits of \$10 an acre, a thing very profitable on an investment of \$20 or \$30 per acre, means a profit of 50 to 75 per cent. The peculiar thing is that prices in Ramsey county are as low as they are. An investigation will prove that the surface and soil of what is termed the lake belt of North Dakota, of which Ramsey county is the best portion, is, for all agricultural purposes, the very best to be found in the great Northwest. The surface is a gently undulating or rolling prairie, the very best surface for farming, as the depressions or sloughs collect the water from the surface of the land early in the spring, so that the higher lands become surface drier much earlier, and consequently permit the planting of grains much earlier than can be done in the valleys and uniformly level prairies. The crops are planted earlier and mature before the autumn frosts which frequently ruin those on the low and level lands. The sloughs formed in the depressions dry up during the summer and afford the best hay in the world without cost except for the cutting.

**Soil**

The soil consists of a rich alluvial loam from two to three feet deep, underlain with a strata of clay which forms the subsoil, and possesses a remarkable ability of collecting and retaining moisture. The soil ingredients are practically inexhaustible and consist principally of soluble silica, lime, potash, soda, phosphoric acid, nitrogen and unlimited quantities of vegetable humus. The deep freezing and consequent spring thawings dissolve these elements and raise them to the surface to support plant life. The lake region is bounded on the east by the Red river valley, from which it is separated by a well developed ridge of hills forming the shore of the geological lake which occupies the valley. The eastern border is the range of sand dunes, and the consequent light and sandy soil. It can thus be seen that Ramsey county is in the very best of the garden spot of the Northwest and is truly the land of opportunity. The surface and soil conditions are just what is needed to develop and mature the famous No. 1 hard wheats, which are becoming the bread staple of the world.

There are fifteen national and state banks doing business within the borders of Ramsey county. These banks are all in a prosperous condition, and are doing a decidedly large business, while the large resources seem almost incredible they are not absolutely facts.

Then, too, it should be remembered that there are no mines or manufactures in Ramsey county, and that the money which forms the banks of the county to do business is that primarily of the agriculturists. It is therefore easy to comprehend the actual wealth of the farmers of the county. It is a fact also that the average North Dakota farmer, especially those of Ramsey county, neither carry large sums of money in old socks, nor keep large time deposits in the banks at 3 per cent interest, but in-

### Facts About the Reservation

The opening of the Devils Lake Indian reservation affords the greatest opportunity for the homesteeker that has been offered in the Northwest, and it is an opportunity for the last quarter of a century. It lies on the southern shore of the famous Devils Lake, and has all the advantages of rolling prairie land, with plenty of timber and some of the best soil found in North Dakota. It is, of course, in the very heart of the Devils Lake region, and has scores of advantages for the homesteeker of the country never enjoyed. It is only six miles from this city to the western part of the reservation, and the entire country surrounding Oberon and Sheyenne are only a few miles from the reservation. The reservation is settled with prosperous farmers, so that the homesteeker can be sure to secure claims in the very best of an established community, having all the advantages of an old settlement. The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific form an acute angle with the reservation lying well in the point. The land is therefore easily accessible from either side by trunk line railroads. There need be no long, trying journey of days overland to reach the newly acquired homestead. The homesteeker can step from the train and in an hour be upon his claim. He is at once convenient to markets, to post offices, to society and to hundred other things that those who usually secure homesteads do not have until after long weary journeys. The hardships of the pioneer need be experienced. The land will be marketable just as soon as it is private, and it will at once possess the same value as the other lands in this part of the state. It will cost \$4.50 per acre from the government, which is the primary cost, while other raw quarters in this part of the state, which are practically equal, are selling at this time at from \$15 to \$20 per acre. The cheapness of the reservation lands is thus apparent. It is well known that when the great West was nearly all an open country and its agricultural wealth dreamed of by the Indians were located upon the choicest spots. This is why these reservation lands

house in the city. This is a thirty-room home, just opened.

The Ramsey County bank is one of the leading banks in the state. It has a very large farmer clientele. C. J. Fisher, president, is a St. Paul man, and one of the old settlers of the state. E. J. Chamberlain, vice president, is also an old Minnesotan. Blanding Fisher, cashier, J. J. Burtcher is manager of the Burtcher Tailoring company. This firm has been in business for six years and gives the best of satisfaction.

E. O. Brainard is the manager for the Robertson Lumber company, and has been in the lumber business for ten years and is former of Dubuque, Iowa. J. D. Robertson, president; Alvin Robertson, vice president, and J. L. Robertson, secretary.

Charles Anderson is manager of the Anderson store, one of the general merchandise stores of the city, and owns a 520-acre farm three miles from Cray.

D. B. Thompson is the proprietor of the Devils Lake Steam laundry, having been in business two years, and was in business in twenty years at Grand Forks.

W. A. Hamilton is manager for F. H. Stoltz lumber and coal yards, was postmaster for five years, and has been in Devils Lake for eighteen years. He has twenty-one lumber yards in North Dakota.

John Gordon is proprietor of one of the leading livery, training, feed and sale stables in the city. Although the stage line between Devils Lake and Fort Totten.

Miller & Baker are dealers in grain and fuel, ground feed and the old season's elevator has a capacity of 30,000 bushels. Established in 1897.

C. W. Green is proprietor of a very fine drug store, and was the organizer of the fire department. Has been in business thirteen years. He is a dealer for Devils Lake.

F. C. Nekrum is one of the wholesale and retail dealers in this section of fresh

No place, however, can rob North Dakota of its charm and sunshine, and especially is this true to the chosen site of the North Dakota Chautauqua, situated on the bank of Devils Lake, the salt water inland sea. Visitors to the world's fair at St. Louis may spend many hard earned dollars in enjoying the fantastic undertaking of St. Louis citizens, but few will experience half the enjoyment, rest and recreation that is afforded by a visit to the assembly during its twenty-four-day session, which opens July 4, and closes July 15, and about the same dates each year.

The Devils Lake Chautauqua is the greatest summer resort in the Northwest, and is among the most beautiful in the whole country. It is situated on the northern shore of the great inland sea of the prairies, named from the Indian, Devils Lake. This irregular shape of the water, the remains of one of the great geological lakes of past ages, not only possesses all the beauty of the inland ocean itself, but the fact that the lake has no outlet, gives its waters many properties not found in the ocean itself. Bathing in it is far more pleasant and invigorating than at the famous sea shore resorts. The Chautauqua grounds are located in a beautiful grove of native forest of several hundred acres extent, whose shore line is washed by the waves themselves. Here, then, are combined the pleasures of the ocean beach and the mountain forest, something that no other Chautauqua possesses. A fortnight spent at this beautiful resort with its cool nights, pleasant breezes, and its splendid boating and delightful bathing, is equal to a month at almost any other summer resort. The programmes presented are a splendid combination for the intellectual and the amusing. First-class lecturers, high class specialists and entertaining diversions are combined to make the session of the Chautauqua assembly meetings the most attractive in the Northwest. Coming as they do between seed time and harvest, the farmers with their families can enjoy the same pleasures that are experienced only by the wealthy in the older states. This beautiful white city in its woods is only five miles from the city of Devils Lake, from which it is reached by a short line railroad.

The secretary, Mr. Edgar La Rue, is doing all one can do to make a place that the people of Dakota can enjoy for an outing and bring their children. This resort is a great help to the city of Devils Lake in the summer, for it brings the people of the state here.



Bird's-eye View of Devils Lake, N. D.

There are also considerable improvements of a public and sectarian character within the boundaries of the reservation. At Fort Totten, now abandoned, are located a Catholic mission and school for Indian children, under the supervision of Rev. Sully's Hill. Devils Lake has been bridged at two points, one at Pelican point, giving easy access to the reservation. Devils Lake, with mercantile and other trading advantages equal to those of the larger cities, with the land of opportunity, where the homesteaders will transact their land business with the government, and which city in all probability will become the future county seat of the opened territory. Within a very few months after the land is opened to settlement, a number of enterprising citizens will dot every quarter section, schools and churches will be built without delay, and within a year from the opening of the Devils Lake reservation will be one of the best and richest farming sections of the state. All this, too, will be possible without the settlers experiencing the long years of privation, isolation and hardships invariably attendant upon a homestead life on the frontier. There will be all the marvelous advantages of the homesteader, but without the disappointments and privations. The homesteader will begin practically in a community a quarter of a century old. One thing to make this county and reservation a success is people, progressive, energetic and industrious. The writer is under obligations to the publisher of the Inter Ocean of this city and M. F. Neff, editor of the Devils Lake, for the information of this country. For further information write to M. F. Neff, Devils Lake, N. D., or to a few of the leading business firms of the city of Devils Lake.

The Dakota Machinery company was organized in 1903 and employs twenty people. They handle threshing machines, rubber and leather belts, all kinds of foundries, machinists, do boiler work, -imping and steam heating, and have a very large and complete stock of machinery. The president, Mr. William Thresher, company at St. Paul for fifteen years as assistant manager.

J. Goldberg is proprietor of a very large furniture store and has a full line of carpets, rugs, and is a complete house furnisher. He has 7,000 square feet of space in his store, and has been in business four years.

W. J. Wiseman runs one of the leading clothing stores and carries a full line of hats, caps, shoes and gents' furnishing goods; has been in business for

and salt meats, fish, game and oysters in season. Mr. Cocksburn has been one of the city council since 1888.

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guns and ammunition. Mr. Wellington will have plenty of wheels to make the race for lands on the reservation.

Louis Hansen has been in Devils Lake for six years, and came from Hudson, Wis. He is the main jeweler and optician in the city every county. He has a very fine store and the best of goods, also full line of optical tools.

### RAMSEY COUNTY

For the information of the people in the East and those without the state who are interested in Ramsey county, North

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## HARVARD'S BUTLER IS GOING TO MARRY

Presents Pouring In From All Quarters of Globe Upon Old Lunch Tender

Farmer Had Been Tossed and Gored When Heroic Rescuers Came to His Aid

SEATTLE, June 19.—E. X. Labounty was gored and tossed in the air by a bull in a corral this week. His wife, sixty-five years old, rushed to his assistance and made heroic efforts to save her husband, and Noah, their fourteen-year-old son, attacked the bull with a pitchfork. Mr. Labounty received probably fatal injuries.

When he fed the animal at 5 o'clock Labounty, instead of carrying a fork as usual, took off heavy club. For a few seconds after the attack the old man managed to keep the animal away from him with the club, but finally the bull became the master. Labounty was thrown many feet in the air. After having tossed his victim, the bull was stamping him when Mrs. Labounty and her son ran to the man's aid. Although old, small and frail, Mrs. Labounty grabbed the bull by both horns. Whether by some unnatural strength or because the bull was taken by surprise she forced him back from the head of the little woman the boy drove the prongs of the fork deep into the side of the bull's head.

Enraged by the sudden attack from a new quarter, the animal turned and presented itself, and dodged the horns of the beast with the agility of a bull fighter. He was fighting for time to allow him to scale a high fence. When the opportunity came the boy dropped the fork and rushed for the fence, gained the top and dropped panting on the other side.

"Butler" is the famous "hot-dog" dispenser and fancy-drink compounder in the little lunch room of the Harvard Union—the university club. Without doubt he is the most popular character Harvard has ever had, and his wedding promises to be unique in history. Invitations were sent to all the famous old graduates now living, including President Roosevelt, and all the clubs will be represented at the occasion. Gifts have already begun to flow in, and look as if the genial lunch tender would be fairly overwhelmed. They come from all quarters of the globe, from the Philippines and Japan. One present is a wedding trip to the St. Louis exposition, which some interesting graduates living in Cambridge have provided for.

"Butler's" inspiration to extend a wholesome invitation to Crimson undergraduates came to him after he had gone systematically through the college catalogue and found that he knew almost 2,500 students by name. One day last fall, two weeks after college opened, ten freshmen came in for something to eat. One of them made a bet that "Butler" didn't know their names. He lost, for "Butler" knew their full names.



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