

# Trail County, North Dakota

## The Wonderful "Goose River Country"

In the days of the old Hudson Bay company's trading posts over the northwest there was no territory in the Red River valley which in their opinion was so fertile, productive and well worth owning as the Goose River country, now embraced in Trail county, North Dakota, and the old opinion of those early pioneers in the northwest has been fully substantiated by the further development of the country. Nowhere in the entire Red River valley can there be found a territory which so richly returns to the tiller of the soil a magnificent profit of his labor as does Trail county.

Trail county was organized June 12, 1885. A large majority of the county are Scandinavians. Those sturdy sons of the north whose thrift, enterprise and honesty have been so well demonstrated throughout the northwest, and whose natural characteristics are written in history. There are some communities in which the inhabitants to a major degree are of German descent, while there are not a few American-born citizens.

Prosperity reigns in Trail county. Few of the lands are in the hands of mortgage companies, and there are a very small number of homes which bear any mortgages at all.

The richness of the agricultural soil of Trail county is clearly shown by the condition of the county banks at Hillsboro, whose aggregate deposits are at the present time in excess of \$600,000. This, in a purely agricultural district, is surely a good showing.

Trail county is one of the best counties in the Red River valley. It is watered through its central and western sections by the Goose river, with its several tributaries, and in the northern tier of townships by the Elm river and its branches. The eastern boundary of the county is formed by the Red River and extends about 40,000 acres of land in the county along the banks of the streams and the banks of the Grande Coulee.

The southern part of the county early became the paradise of the bonanza farmer. The northern part being outside of the railroad limits was nearly all taken up by homestead settlers. It is a land of small but very productive farms.

The crops of the county, as in all the sections of the Red River valley, are diversified.

Wheat has been the most successful crop, and there are many farms that have been more than paid for by the first crop, and have since that time paid for themselves over and over again. Settled in 1870, the county's population ten years later was 4,126. In 1880, 10,217, and now exceeds 15,000. The first wheat was sown in 1872, and in 1880 the product amounted to more than 34,000 bushels.

very gradual slope toward the Red river. The Goose river, with several branches, flows through the county in a general easterly course, affording excellent drainage. Trail county is essentially an agricultural county, and has within its borders about 1,500 farms.

**MAYVILLE**  
Mayville, a prosperous incorporated city situated on the Goose river and the Breckenridge and Larimore division of the Great Northern railway, about forty miles from Casselton, thirty miles from Larimore and 800 miles from the Twin Cities, and is in the western part of the county in the famous Goose valley country. Mayville is one of the most beautiful and thriving of the small towns of the Red River valley. It has about 1,400 inhabitants and offers the modern conveniences and comforts of living. The city is lighted by electricity and has an adequate system of water works owned by the city. The streets of the city are

In 1882 and does a very large business in lumber, wood and coal.  
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Grinager & Springen are proprietors of a very large department store and have a fine line of all kinds of goods to pick from. In business nine years. Size of store is 50x75 feet, one story and basement.  
Osman & Solberg are the proprietors of the main livery of the town and have about twenty fine turnouts and hack line, and do a large business.  
Kibber & Bethka run the leading meat market of the town and kill and cure all their meats. Been in business for three years.  
A. L. Thompson is the jeweler and optician of the city and has a fine line of goods. Been in business twelve years and came from Fillmore county, Minn.  
Hanson & Hanson are the druggists of the city and have a large stock of drugs, school supplies, wall paper,

gents' furnishing store, two implement yards, two lumber yards, one bank one hotel, five restaurants, one livery stable, one newspaper, the Portland Republican, John Lindelien publisher, two meat markets, two physicians, and the town would like a good lawyer, as a good lawyer would do well here. The town and the surrounding country has the best of pure water, schools, markets and good soil. You can raise anything. The merchants of the town pull together and in this way are building up a good town. "Keep your eye on Portland."

Following are a few of the main firms doing business at Portland:  
T. H. Arnold is proprietor of the leading meat market of the town, is a native of North Dakota and has been in business for one year. Was the first child born in Goose river valley.  
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Bejeld & Skattel are dealers in various merchandise, hardware, paints, oils and a full and up-to-date line of furniture. Have been in the state twenty-two years and in business twenty years.  
Beidler & Robinson Lumber company are the main lumber merchants of this county and have yard established over the state. This yard was established

in business eleven years. Mr. Kern has been in the state twenty-five years and was sheriff of the county for two years.  
A. J. Anderson is proprietor of the main furniture store, in business twelve years, and was the first man in the town; was one of the survey parties to this town.  
The Portland hotel is the leading \$2.00 per day house of the town. This is a three-story, thirty-room house, built two years ago, and is for sale cheap; steam heat throughout and gasoline lighted.  
The Portland implement company are dealers in all kinds of farm machinery; established in 1904. L. C. Goplerud, proprietor, and O. O. Field, manager.  
Anderson Bros. & Co. are the proprietors of a leading department store, 24x80 feet, and storeroom 24x40 feet. This building and storeroom are full of a fine stock of goods of all kinds.  
J. E. Fladeland, the mayor of the town, was born in Winona county, Minnesota. He is proprietor of a leading drug store of the town and owns 240 acres of land, also town property; came to North Dakota in 1877, and owns a number of thoroughbred

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Hanson & Bakke are one of the leading implement firms of the town. They began business two years ago and have built up a large trade. They handle a full line of farm machinery. M. E. Bakke is the city physician and has both lived in Hatton for ten years.  
Ed Colton & Co. are proprietors of one of the largest general stores at this place. The building is 60x80 feet and well stocked with fine line of dry goods, groceries, gent's furnishings and fur goods. Mr. Colton came to Hatton twenty-two years ago from Southern Minnesota.  
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