

## THE COURTENAY GAZETTE

subjects, so fair, so handsome, so promising.

The last four years the state's average wheat production has been 156.7 bushels for every man, woman and child in it. During the same time she has grown 54,825,000 bushels of flaxseed out of 103,985,000 produced in the United States. The per capita value of live stock, January 1, 1905, was \$113.60. North Dakota's wealth is about \$1,900 for every man, woman and child. Let the states that can beat this, all things considered, stand up and remain standing until counted. Money is plenty, times easy, debtors are becoming creditors, bank deposits are increasing and interest declining and prosperity is healthfully booming.

North Dakota bears acquaintance. The visiting stranger looks around in surprise and admiration, returns to his home and speaks well of us. The longer he stays the better he likes our environs and the better mention he makes of us. North Dakota is a good state to move to, to settle in and to live in. It is a good state to do business in. It is a good state to acquire land in and to build up a home in. It is a good state to get on in, the world in. It is a good state to educate children in. It is a good state to fall asleep in and be sepulchered in.

Others see us as we see ourselves, and when we accept the judgments of others as to us we are safe and stand on authorized footing. Major E. E. Critchfield, commenting on the great American Desert in the Agricultural Advertiser, writes: "Nowhere else in North America have people come so near to making a country to order as in the Dakotas." In writing about the creameries, in pent up astonishment and admiration he exclaims, "My!" Encomiums on North Dakota have heretofore been discredited as giddy panegyrics, but the truth is now out and the well informed everywhere are according to her rank and honors proportionate to her worth and deserts. If in sixteen years of statehood she has forged her right to her present guaranteed eminence among the commonwealths of the republic, with the development of a mere moiety of her wonderful resources scarcely more than entered upon and many yet remaining untouched, we have little cause to fear for her future grandeur and exaltation in the necessaries it takes to make a great people. In the constitution of the middle west North Dakota is an acknowledged factor; the middle west of late years, with the evolution of its possibilities in infancy, has become a potentiality forcibly in evidence not only in the councils and affairs of the nation but in the mar-

kets across the seas as well. North Dakotans have good reason to felicitate one another on their great good luck and happy lot. It seldom falls to an agricultural people to be equally fortunate, where trouble and drawbacks are at a minimum, where successes and comforts and contentment are at a maximum.

Horace Greely forecasted the future with a prophetic foresight and struck a resonant keynote when he said, "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country."

### MR. GEORGE ERNEST BOUER

George Ernest Bouer was born in Detroit, Mich., on February 2, 1873. While he was yet young he went to Manistee, Mich., where he lived with a sister for some time, and then went to Milwaukee.



GEORGE ERNEST BOUER,  
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At the age of 12 he went to Denver where he started in as a newsboy in order to earn money to pay his way through school. By this means of support he acquired a good education and then started out to do business. His first situation was in the capacity of office boy of the Denver Water Works Company, but before he had been with this company long he

was advanced and soon was assistant cashier, which position he held for three and one-half years. After this he went to Chicago to make his fortune and happened to be there when the great money panic struck the country and it is needless to say that he came a long way short of reaching the goal for which he started out. Everything being at a standstill in the great city he started for the harvest fields of North Dakota and finding that this was a good country for a poor man to cast his lot in he remained and has never had occasion to regret his coming. Mr. Bouer is engaged in the insurance and loan business and is also justice of the peace of Stutsman County and is always busy. He thinks there is no country like North Dakota and is not looking for a new location.