

Will Remain in Dakota

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Roy and Irby Hopwood, two North Dakota boys who have been residents of this section of the state for a number of years, have just returned from points in Montana in quest of some of the fine land purported to be found in that great state. It appears that the report of large areas of land still lying idle, awaiting the advent of the settler, are true but that the reports of extremely rich farming lands are grossly exaggerated, and they say that after looking the country thoroughly over they decided to return to North Dakota well satisfied that this state afforded better opportunities for the average tiller of the soil than the much boasted lands lying in the state of Montana to be had free for the price of the filing fee.

In their travels they touched on territories surrounding the country tributary to Havre, Gascoie and Big Sandy, near the Big Sandy river. The Hopwood boys claim that nowhere in the territories mentioned have they seen anything to equal the outlook of the territory in the vicinity of Courtenay and in most parts of this state. Grass was extremely short for the time of the year and, in many instances, of sparse quantity. The grain gave no evidence to compare favorably with that of this state and in their own words they "saw nothing in the line of land that

we cared to file on or buy for speculation or a home."

The precipitation there was much below the average in comparison with the amount of rain had in North Dakota and yet people who have resided in the vicinities traversed claimed it to be much above the average of that territory.

The land that looked good to them was in the basins and valleys where exorbitant and prohibitive prices were asked for farms, stretching far out of reach of the ordinary man with a limited supply of capital. The Hopwood brothers have decided to remain here, satisfied that this country is good enough for them.

This is an object lesson and it would not be amiss for many to take heed and profit thereby without going through the same experiment. Many people are attracted by the wonderful stories told of the "finest land in the world" by some energetic real estate booster, a good deal of which proves to be, after actual comparison, superheated atmosphere.

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Miss Gladys Foster and brother, Harold, autoed over from Jamestown Saturday morning. Miss Foster remained over Sunday as the guest of Miss Laura Ferguson.

Miss Anna Croonquist is home from Northfield, Minn., where she has been attending the high school, graduating June 3. She will remain here during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Joos and Miss Elizabeth Joos, of Jamestown, were guests at the Feckler home Tuesday.

Mrs. T. R. Clemo went to Valley City Tuesday morning to visit with her mother, Mrs. Schaffer.

Miss Mae McBride spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Anna Brewer.

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