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ALL who contemplate looking for new homes in the west will find superior inducements in Griggs county.

Nothing can be more convincing of Cooperstown's assured prosperity than the list of substantial and bona fide improvements for the year, given in another column.

Said Wm. M. Everts recently: "One is introduced to a new form of topography when he sees the vast plains of Dakota and the table lands of Montana. The agricultural resources of the country are limitless; and while it may not exactly become the granary of the world, it will certainly furnish us all the bread we can eat and to spare."

PEOPLE moving from eastern states to Dakota will find that it is to their best interests to bring very few if any farm implements or provisions. Our dealers in this county sell farm machinery just as cheap as eastern dealers, and if the emigrant waits until he gets here before purchasing he need buy only that which he absolutely needs. Groceries, provisions and dry goods are also sold at very close figures.

If the reader of this paragraph chances to be a merchant or a mechanic struggling along in an over-crowded town or city, eking out a precarious living, let this inspire him to pack up and check his goods for Dakota. If you are a merchant a profitable trade awaits your honest dealings; if you are a mechanic your services are desired at good prices, besides which Uncle Sam has a 160-acre home in keeping for your family. Delay not, for the opportunity may never knock at your door again.

THE crowning glory of Dakota is the elements of pluck, energy and enterprise possessed by the female portion of the population. For the sake of gaining a position of independence, they will cheerfully go on a claim and hold it during the allotted time, while their husbands are living in town in comfort, compared to the privation which of necessity the women are compelled to endure on the prairie. Last Monday Mrs. Barker, who owns a claim thirty miles from here, having business in the city, was so unfortunate as to miss the train. Though unaccustomed to walking long distances, she determined to reach the city on foot. Accordingly she set out at an easy gait and covered the entire distance in the wonderful time of six hours, an average of five miles an hour. She left yesterday on the train for the west and told a Herald reporter that aside from being a little foot sore, if necessity demanded it she could have repeated the trip on the same day.—Grand Forks Herald.

Advance of the Rustlers.

Under the above caption the Washington Star in a lengthy editorial on Northwestern resources exclaims:

"The same restless, speculative people that raised Chicago bodily out of the mud, and recreated it again and again out of the ashes, and then pushed on further northwest to the Mississippi and leveled the hills and filled up the valleys to make room for St. Paul with its busy population of 80,000, and as soon as that task was well under way moved a step further north and converted the great falls of St. Anthony into a mill race to make Minneapolis the biggest flour factory in the world with a duplicate population to that of St. Paul,—these are the same 'rustlers' that are now overrunning Dakota, building up railroad towns, river towns, valley towns, and starting wheat farms, raising grain elevators, and preparing generally to make that territory fulfill its manifest destiny of supplying the larger part of 20,000,000 bushels of wheat required annually to keep the Minneapolis mills going. Who can tell what limits to put to the growth of this New Northwest in the next twenty years, with such men to the front?"

He Had the Wrong Idea.

"My surprise," said a passenger to a reporter in Fargo, "at the class of people I meet out here is very great. I was prepared to meet a rough, uneducated set of men, and I find them all easterners of a pronounced type as regards the characteristic energy of that part of the country, and have so far in my trip come across very few of the genuine loafers that we meet so often on our corners in the east. Every one seems to be busy; I find no discontented men hanging around the stations as we pass through, and it seems as though this single fact ought to endorse the reports that have been circulated in regard to the advantages for men in every walk of life, that this grand Northwest offers to the people of today."

He Has Been Here.

An eastern editor who recently visited this section "boiled" his observations down into the following very concise information:

"Those going to Dakota will find that they are not going out of the world. They can buy farm implements and everything needed in farming at about the same prices as in the east, with freight added. Horses are being imported in large numbers and can be bought for from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars. Oxen sell from ninety to one hundred and seventy-five dollars a pair. Persons with an established residence there can buy stock with but little money down, and the balance in a year's time. Horses can go without shoes in Dakota as long as in any state in the union, there being no stones there. Common lumber is \$20 to \$22 a thousand, stock boards \$24 to \$27, shingles \$3 to \$4.50. Wheat is 90 to 95 cents. The variety known as the Scotch life is very popular. Spring wheat is raised almost exclusively. The average date of sowing is about the tenth day of April. Rainfalls are not frequent or severe. In the absence of rain the roots of cereals are supplied with moisture by the disappearance of the frost which penetrates to a great depth. On very small farms 300 bushels of very fine mealy potatoes are raised. Good drinking water is obtained at a depth of 15 to forty feet. The surface wells from ten to 15 feet are usually curbed with two inch planks. The deeper wells are bored or drilled and tubed with galvanized or iron pipe and at a trifling cost."

Dakota Character.

The people of the Northwest have a character of their own, distinct from that existing among inhabitants of eastern localities. Their peculiarity of character is due principally to the climate and other external conditions. The climate of the Northwest is crisp and bracing both in winter and summer, and engenders brightness and energy of character; in winter the weather is dry and frosty, and has a sparkle about it which makes an impression on everyone it touches. It is impossible to grow sluggish and dull under it. The man who does so will die. It is only the invalid whose physical system is so run down that he cannot brace himself against the frost and wind who is not benefited by our climate and has his life renewed by it. The same general characteristic pervades the summer season as the winter. Though there is an absence of cold the air is dry and bracing, and none of the languor ever exists which is so common in more southerly and moister latitudes.

There is another consideration which operates heavily, and perhaps with greater force than any other, to make Dakota men plucky and energetic, viz: that the country is new and requires a vast amount of hard work to be done, and the accomplishment of this work brings forth all the best energies of the people. Everyone who comes here has his mind made up to begin at the bottom and build up. He, as it were, starts life afresh, with the determination to succeed. This is a land of hard work. No one comes here who is not willing to do all he is able. There are so many industries to be opened up to get a new country in working order that drones have no place to exist here. The activity into which people are driven by the natural conditions of the country gives them a push and energy which only such a life can give.

The women of Dakota also develop a degree of spirit and pluck unknown to them in their eastern homes. They come with their husbands with a perfect willingness to share the hardships incident to pioneer life. They are willing to economize and bear the burden necessary to give them a good start in the world, and the way they adapt themselves to circumstances astonishes even themselves. The pioneer hardships are not of the kind they calculated on always. The ordinary comforts of life can be had here as readily as anywhere, only they generally cost more than in older communities. The chief change a woman has to experience in coming west is that she usually has more work to do. There is less female help here. This is not a country of servants. Every woman is her own mistress, and every woman has to be her own servant. Women often have to work in a way entirely unknown to them before they came. But they have strength proportioned to their duties. The amount a woman is able to go through in Dakota is a surprise to her. She accomplishes far more than was ever possible to her in her old home, and feels better for it. By labor, both men and women develop qualities of character distinctively western. They become more live, wide-awake and intelligent. Dakota is the place above all others for the development of character.

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