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MAGNIFICENT STRETCH OF GENTLY ROLLING PRAIRIE—VERY FERTILE SOIL AND HEALTHFUL CLIMATE—THE PROSPEROUS TOWN OF McCOOK.

(Correspondence of The Hawk-Eye.)

McCook, Neb., Aug. 29.—Over forty years have passed since we first heard of the "Great American Desert in Nebraska." When four-ty-six years ago, we farmed in Iowa, twenty-eight years and moved to this, Red Willow county, over nine years ago, locating on the prairie; and after making a tree-claim entry we had \$4.35 left and no one that we were acquainted with in three hundred miles of us. Our stock of energy was unlimited. We removed the hives from the wagon and planting the ends in the ground stretched the cover on and moved in; and although on the high prairie with a commanding view for many miles in all directions, ours was the only sign of residence in sight. We were alone, and during the summer we saw but five men on the prairie upon which we lived. Get lonesome? you ask. No, we hadn't time.

We had unbounded faith in the fertility of the soil, and were laying the foundation for a home. The first Sabbath after establishing a residence we organized a Sabbath school, and as there were no one living within five miles to attend, it devolved upon us to discharge all the duties of all the officers, and answer all the questions asked by the superintendent. After a few months we went to Red Willow postoffice, (12 miles) to attend Sabbath school and learned, with regret, that it had closed for the want of supplies. At that time we had but one dollar in the world, but we handed one-half of that to the superintendent, Judge Buck, with the request that he be used in assisting to get supplies for the school. When the nation's birthday arrived we held the first celebration ever held in the township by breaking all the prairie we could until twelve o'clock, when we repaired to the shade (under the wagon), where we feasted on beans and corn dodgers mixed together in a pot, and eaten with any kind of spoon. After refreshments we proceeded to declare ourselves in favor of Red Willow county, first, last, and all the time. This county is in the southern tier, the third east of the Colorado line, and contains 400,800 acres of the finest laying, richest and most productive agricultural lands to be found in the west.

The general lay of the land is sloping, just enough to secure good drainage. These slopes are miles in extent, and the most beautifully located farms in the west are found here. There are large tracts of fine smooth land here where corn rows can be made five miles long on a straight line, without a break, and twelve miles in a row, and in some places one hundred and every foot tillable. There are no ponds or sloughs, and no red root, boulders, gravel, sand or anything else in the soil to hinder farming operations, and any common plow will scour. The soil is a dark alluvial loam, three to five feet deep, very productive, and is capable of supporting a population as dense as any portion of the east. It is peculiarly adapted to this country, absorbing moisture rapidly, yet retaining it near the surface with remarkable tenacity. There is no hardpan, but a rich porous subsoil, classified by geologists as "Loess deposit," and is productive twenty to fifty feet deep. We farmed in Iowa twenty-eight years have been in forty counties in that state, have traveled over 2,000 miles in this state of wagon and as much by rail, have been in Kansas; have crossed Colorado, been on the mountains and in the valleys, but for fine laying land, and fertility of soil, we found nothing to surpass and few places equal to the lands of this county. We raised corn here with two cuttings that produced 60 bushels per acre. Sod corn yields 20 to 30 and sometimes 25 bushels per acre. The same kind of crops that are grown in Iowa are grown here. Vegetables attain an enormous size and are of the best quality. Rye yields 20 to 30 bushels per acre, fall wheat 20 to 30, spring wheat 15 to 25. We usually have fine dry weather during harvest and haying, and we never saw any grain damaged or injured by wet weather, either in the shock or stack and hay is almost always put up without any rain on it. Alfalfa clover is cut three or four times each season and yields about two tons per acre each cutting and makes excellent feed for stock.

CLIMATE. The air is pure, light and free from malaria. Winters mild and short, with light snow fall; summer seasons long but not excessively hot, with cool nights affording refreshing slumbers and spring opens early. For the past five years we have not had a winter as cold as the one. Last spring corn planting commenced the first week in April. Ploughing can usually be done until December 1, and often until near Christmas. The season for farming operations is so long that farmers are never rushed with their work but have more time for recreation. There are six to ten weeks of Indian summer each fall with its fine days, cool nights and pure bracing atmosphere, giving a healthful tone to the system; while the pure blood pouring through the veins causing a flush on the cheek denoting good health, life and energy.

Acres is unknown. There are over three hundred fine days in the year, and but few really disagreeable days in the remainder. No cyclones have ever visited this section. The past winter was unusually severe, yet the ground was not covered with snow more than a week at any one time, and the roads were dry most of the time. This country is noted for fine roads, with little mud. For the past nine years there has not been a day a good team could not draw a ton ten or twelve miles to market. The winters being mild and short, little feed is required for stock. Aside from running in stalk fields, stock was not fed, the past winter, to exceed sixty days; and for the past nine years there has not been a day on an average, over three months a year. The prairie cover is principally with buffalo grass, which furnishes a good supply of winter feed. It is very nutritious and greatly relished by stock. When the falls are dry, which they are usually, this grass cures out and retains its nutritive properties to a remarkable degree. Up on the high prairie we are not troubled with mosquitoes, and have not seen a "green head," biting fly or a rat since coming here.

The Republican Valley, noted throughout the United States as one of the most beautiful and fertile valleys of the west, runs through the county from west to east, near the center, while Beaver creek, almost as widely noted for its fine, rich "bottom," and "Beaver slope" farming lands run through the southern part of the county; and the prairie between the two streams, and on the north side of the river, are as beautiful and rich farming lands as are in the west. Driftwood comes in from the southwest, and Red Willow, Coon and Dry creeks from the north, all emptying into the river in the county.

The main line of the Burlington and Missouri railroad from Chicago to Denver, runs through the county in the Republican Valley, while a

branch road runs up the "Beaver," and two more lines have been surveyed in the county while the Rock Island is looking Denverward by way of this county.

McCOOK is the commercial metropolis of the county and the Republican valley. It is situated on a fine plateau, back of which is a beautiful slope, slightly and attractive for residences, from which a magnificent view may be had of the Driftwood and Dry creeks skirted with fine groves, and Republican Valley with the river, like a silver thread, stretching away westward to the foot of the Rockies, and the railroad with its great smoke reaching from New York to San Francisco, carrying long trains from ocean to ocean. All combine to form one grand, beautiful scene. It is but six years old and contains a population of 3,000. The railroad has selected this as a division point for terminal service, where \$30,000 is disbursed monthly to its employees. One of the finest round houses west of the Mississippi is here located with stalls for twenty engines and ten more are now being added. The manufacturing machine shops, costing \$50,000 and giving employment to 1,200 men, have recently been located here. The Holly water system has been in operation for three years and the citizen enjoys the benefits that are derived from one of the best systems. There are twelve miles of pipe in operation; there is a brick engine house, and an engine with a pumping capacity of 500,000 gallons of water every twenty-four hours. The entire cost of the works is about \$70,000. The United States land office for this district is located here. There are three banks, all good solid institutions. Three live weekly papers, six hotels, five churches, one of the handsomest school buildings in this part of the state, and another under contract costing \$15,000, a hall 50x100 feet with stage and accessions, and nearly or quite all the civic societies represented. A fine cremery is located here. Twelve miles east is the town of

INDIANOLA, the county seat, with a population of about 1,200 energetic, wide-awake citizens. There is a fine brick court house and jail, although we have but little use for the latter as the citizens are law-abiding. There are two good solid banks, two weekly papers, two hotels, three churches and a handsome brick school house costing \$15,000. Here is located the Great Western Watch company. This is a stock company with a stock capital of \$250,000. We are informed the company has purchased a valuable tract of 400 acres adjoining the town recently. There is a fine large hall and the different mercantile pursuits are well represented. A fine flouring mill is located here. Six miles further east is the town of

BAHLEY. This town is two years old and has a population of about four hundred that are so peaceable and quiet that they have no earthly use for a lawyer and there is not one in the town. There is a good solid bank, a live weekly paper, and two hotels. Here is located the Malleable University, which is under the auspices of the M. E. church, who own a two-thirds interest in 2,000 acres of valuable land which is being located. The school grounds are laid off in a square containing 22 acres, upon which the main building, 78x130 feet, four stories high, and costing \$50,000 is now being erected. This will be an educational institution equalled by few in the west and surpassed by none in the east. By charter of the legislature it is a place of intoxicating liquors and all places of questionable character are entirely prohibited. The town is beautifully located on a fine plateau, nearly level, with a creek, skirted with fine groves, on the west, and the Republican river on the south. The next term of school will commence September 13, with a full corps of teachers. A cheese factory is located at that point. Lebanon is most beautifully located on Beaver valley, is a yearling, and a most promising yearling it is. There is one bank, a live weekly paper, a fine hotel and the different branches of merchandise represented with full stores. This town is surrounded by a rich agricultural country that is being developed rapidly.

This county is settled almost exclusively by Americans, and a more industrious, intelligent and kind-hearted class of people we never met. There are seventy-four school districts in the county and Sabbath schools in most of them, and preaching services in many. We have here what is known as "false" water, which is about on a level with the river, consequently the higher the land the deeper the water. My well is 207 feet, yet I get water much easier than in Iowa by the use of windmill and pump. The water is pure, of the best quality, nearly as soft as rain water, and the supply inexhaustible. A well tested and reliable water meter will furnish water for two hundred head of stock the year round. We use wood for fuel which costs \$1.50 per load. Posts sell at six and seven cents apiece, split out in the timber. The winter being mild and short not much fuel is required. Letters of inquiry enclosing stamp will be answered by William Coleman, McCook, Nebraska, Box 13.

We append a few statements: I spent much time and several hundred dollars traveling through the west, looking up a location. I selected Red Willow county, Nebraska as the best place I found. P. G. RIVAS. I have traveled extensively by river, been in every county in this state, for fine land and fertility of soil, I saw nothing to exceed Red Willow county, Nebraska. C. P. RISKIN. I tilled the soil in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. For productiveness I found no soil equal to Red Willow county, Nebraska. I have raised crops here without a failure. J. D. GREEN. We, the undersigned, are personally acquainted with William Coleman, who has for many years and is now residing upon his farm seven miles northwest of McCook. Statements made by him may be relied upon, and parties dealing with him will be fairly and honorably dealt with. A complete superintendent Burlington and Missouri railroad; George Hocknell, president First National bank; F. L. Brown, Cashier First National bank; V. Franklin, president Citizens bank; F. H. Spearman, cashier Farmers and Merchants bank; S. L. Green, state representative; Hon. J. E. Cochran, judge of the eleventh district; C. D. Cramer, ex-county clerk; George W. Roper, county clerk; J. H. Goodrich, Jr., county treasurer; W. O. Russell, sheriff; H. W. Keyes, county judge; H. Crabtree, county commissioner. County fair held October 2, 3, 4, and 5 1888. Come and see.

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