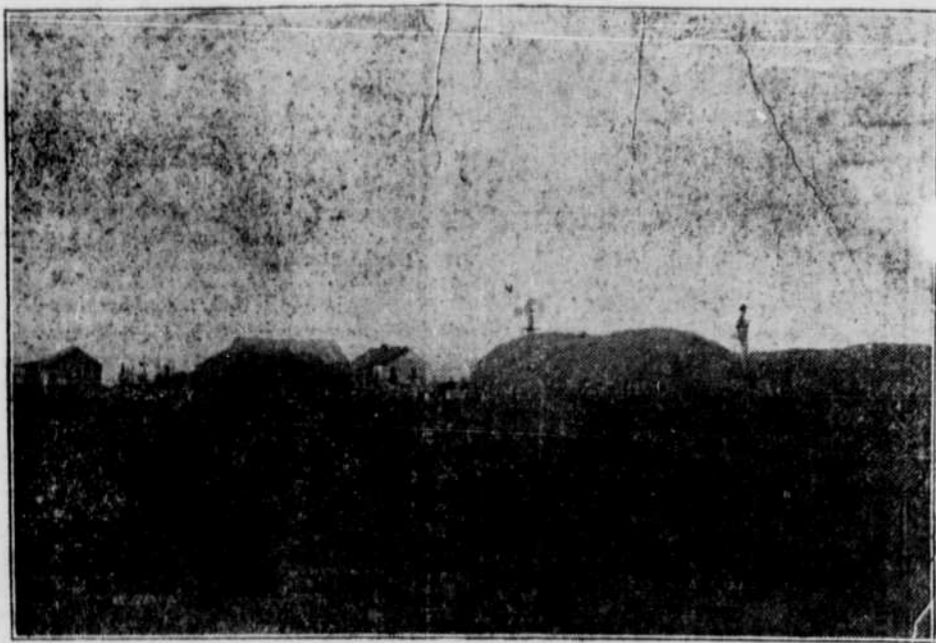


# Richest Soil On Earth In Sherman County.



Jacob Trachsel's Orchard Four Miles East of Goodland.

## MONEY RAISING WHEAT.

It costs \$7.31 to raise an acre of wheat, first and last; 20 bushels at 60 cents is a profit of almost \$12.69 an acre. Many fields produce 35 bushels. Multiply it by 500, a common acreage, and see where you are. You, too, would enjoy life.

The farmer's wife comes in for her share—and she deserves it. She has learned a great deal about the best modes of living in the past six years.

"You look lonesome!" remarked a traveler to a farmer who stood by the highway leaning discontentedly on a fork. "I am lonesome—my wife has gone east to put the girls in college and things are rather slow."

"Why didn't you go along?" "Couldn't. The folks made me put water all over the house, pump it with a windmill or the gasoline engine, and I have got to stay here and watch the plumbbers. The wheat was so good we had to spend the money somehow, and the women folks wanted this."

## ONE CROP PAID ALL HIS DEBTS.

I came here from Galesburg, Ill., in 1879. I first made a living by picking up buffalo and other bones which I hauled to Grinnell, Kansas. Later when settlers began coming in, I made some money locating homesteaders, and took up a claim myself. In 1895 I offered the cashier of the Sherman County Bank everything I had if he would take it and settle my debt to the bank and let me walk out. He persuaded me to stick, and gave me seed wheat on credit again. That year my wheat crop paid all my debts. I still own my original claim nine miles north of Brewster. I have 1,120 acres in one piece, and 400 in another, worth in all \$20,000, also, \$3,500 worth of cattle, 10 head of horses, besides my farm machinery. My personal property is worth \$5,000 and I have a \$2,900 home in Brewster.

R. T. HEMING,  
Goodland, Kans.



Improved farm five miles southeast of Goodland, Kansas.

## TWENTY YEARS EXPERIENCE.

I arrived in Sherman county in 1887, was the possessor of two horses and two cows; homesteaded one quarter section. I have not in my twenty years' experience failed to raise sufficient crops to maintain my family. During the year 1892, I sold my original homestead and purchased my present location, consisting of 480 acres.

I came here with approximately \$400, was on homestead five years making a good living. During that time, I paid \$2,100 for the new place, which now speaks for itself. Farming like all other enterprises, is a study, and should be conducted on business principles; my place is open to inspection to anyone who desires to call and I will be pleased to give any prospective settler my knowledge of the conditions and experiences for the past twenty years. As to successful fruit raising without irrigation, my orchard was started

12 years ago, and I would be willing to compare my apples or cherries for quality or quantity with the average orchard of the United States. Fruit can be successively raised in Sherman county. In making this statement, I have the evidence to show.

JACOB TRACHSEL.

## RIVERS.

Two streams, the Smoky and the Beaver are the only rivers found in the county. The Smoky river has running water in it during the greater part of the year, and at times is almost impassable, and has very treacherous currents. The Beaver is not as large as the Smoky, and has running water only during a portion of the year. The Smoky river is a tributary to the Kansas river, and the valley through which it passes has a great many springs.

## SCHOOLS.

The homeseeker of now is a man who wants a good school for his children and good society for his family as much as he does productive land. To him this district would appeal very strongly. There are no better schools or teachers to be found in the east, while the church spire is on every side. The High school system in this county provides the best of educational facilities. The school is free and eligible to pupils who can pass the examination. We have a college preparatory course and their diploma admits to the freshman year in any college in the state and also to the State University. Graduates from the Normal course receive a certificate valid for two years; and a complete business college course including commercial law.

D. C. Derby of Goodland had twelve young cherry trees that averaged a bushel of cherries to the tree last season of as fine fruit as can be found anywhere in the State. This ought to convince any skeptical person that good fruit can be raised here if proper care is given the trees.

If you wish to buy or sell lands or property, call on or write The T. V. Lowe Realty Co., Goodland, Kansas, as we have automobiles ready to take customers out to see the property and are always ready to do so. If you want a farm or home, now is the time to investigate this country, as land is steadily on the advance in prices, and lands are selling and changing hands rapidly and you will have to pay two or three times as much for land in the near future as you can buy our snap bargains for today.

## MARKETS.

The markets are unexcelled. This country is eviably situated in that regard. Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and the Rocky Mountain trade with its army of miners and of hungry money spending tourists, takes all the produce at high prices on a short haul and cries for more; and the trucker is not here subject to the caprice or honesty of the commission man either. Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Joseph on the east and Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo on the west pay the diversified farmer the same prices for his stock and his grain that are paid the Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska farmers for their products.

Come  
to  
Goodland.



Money For  
You In  
Sherman Co.  
Land.

## WHEAT, CORN AND LIVESTOCK.

We arrived in Sherman county in the spring of 1886, with team wagon and harness and the necessary farming implements a man would need in a prairie country, which consists of a breaking plow, mowing machine and a few other farm implements, amounting in all to about \$300.

We have raised more than enough grain and feed to supply our needs every year excepting the year 1894, since coming to this county. For a number of years we have been engaged in the stock industry in connection with our farm, and a great many years we raised corn from 25 to 40 bu. per acre; most of the seasons our wheat has made from 15

to 30 bushels per acre. Oats and barley ranging from 40 to 70 bushels per acre.

We wish to say to those looking for a new location that we do not know of any place where a poor man can earn for himself a home any quicker than in Sherman county. We have good schools, churches and all the advantages enjoyed by the settlers of an old settled country.

We wish to say further that our experience in corn raising has been that every year's cultivation has demonstrated that the longer land is cultivated the better corn we will be able to raise; this is true in the successful raising of many other crops. We will show to anyone coming here that what we have said is absolutely correct.

HERMAN & EARNEST GRIEGER.

## FROM AN OLD SETTLER.

I came here in 1878, and took a homestead. The first year I broke 45 acres and commenced raising wheat and have been at it ever since. The first few years I hauled to Benkelman, Neb. (100 miles) and sold at 40 cents per bushel and returned with a load of lumber—that would be a big job now—I have been richly blessed and today my sons and I own 2,860 acres of land, about one-half of which is incultivated and most all in wheat each year, with probably an average yearly yield of upwards of 15 bushels per acre. I think there are lots of renters and men working by day or night, in our eastern states, who, if they would come here and get a farm while land is cheap, would be better off than where they are, for a man who has push and is willing to work can get a start here quicker and easier than any place I know of. Besides wheat we raise corn, alfalfa, kaffir corn, millet, cane, cattle, hogs, horses and mules.

W. L. BOGART.

## TAXES ARE LOW.

Sherman county is out of debt and has money in the treasury. Sherman county owns its own court house, jail and other buildings, including a nice park. Her people are out of debt, 90 percent of the farmers in Sherman county own from 320 to 1,000 acres of land, besides having their places well stocked with high grade cattle and horses, and the best class of farm buildings and improvements.

## RAISED GOOD CROPS.

G. W. Gattschall and son, Fred who together have farmed the Harms place the last year raised good crops. The place consists of 560 acres of which 300 acres were put into crops. They raised this year 30 tons of millet, 45 tons of cane, 50 bushels of cane seed, 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, 1,000 bushels of wheat, and 2,700 bushels of barley. On a conservative estimate the crops raised are worth \$3,000. The place was farmed on shares; the owner will realize a little over \$2,000.

Goodland was platted and laid out in October, 1887.

## ELEVATION.

The highest record of elevation of Sherman county is at Kanorado, Kansas, on the Rock Island, 18 miles west of Goodland, and is 3,600 feet above the sea level. The air is rare and pure and of wonderful transparency. Cyclones have never occurred here in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The nearness to the mountains is supposed to prevent their formation.

Sherman, the finest county in the state of Kansas. Come and see.

## WESTERN KANSAS.

The reports received by Secretary Coburn, of the Kansas state board of agriculture, show that counties along the western border of Kansas are not only keeping up with, but in some instances surpassing the rapid growth of the rest of the state.

## A FEW SAMPLES.

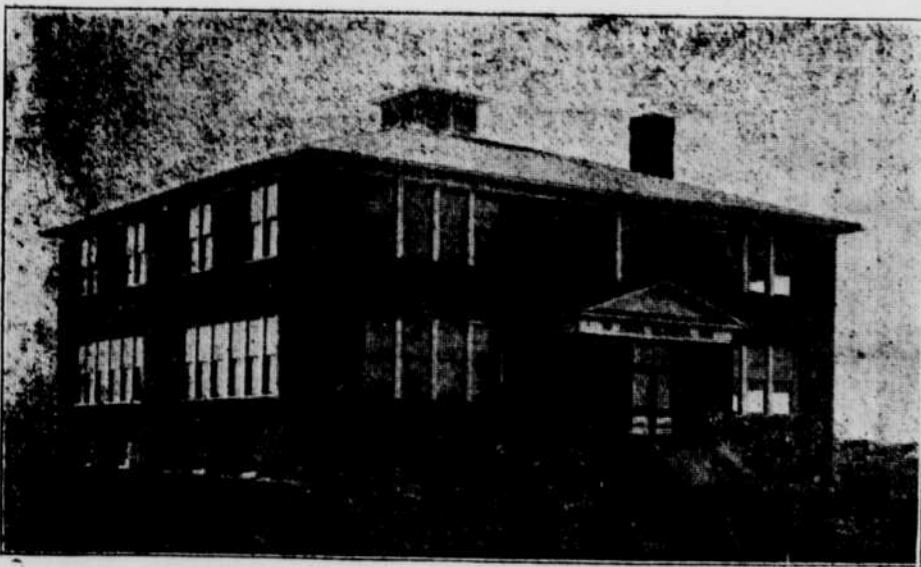
Look the following descriptions over they may interest you:

320 acres, 3 1/2 miles south of Goodland, all smooth, 160 acres in a fine state of cultivation, one of the finest farms in the state, offered at \$8,000.

160 acres, one mile south of Ruleton, all smooth, improved with a three room sod house in good repair, frame barn, corn crib and granary, well of splendid water with pump and wind mill, fenced and cross fenced, 100 acres under plow, a very fine farm, only \$3000.

160 acres ten miles north of Goodland, all smooth, native grass, well located as to school etc., \$2,000.

Will be pleased to send you a list of lands we have for sale upon request



Sherman County High School, Built in 1909 at a cost of \$30000 Goodland, Kansas.



Money Made Raising Wheat In Sherman County, Kansas.