

THE SURRENDER OF YORK

The Major General of The Bee's Corps Captivates the Metropolis.

Securing a Vast Quantity of Ammunition to "Blow" Up the Town.

General Review of the Business and Building Booms in York County.

And the Past and Present Prospects of the Metropolis Thereof.

Correspondence of The Bee. YORK, Neb., October 17.—The center of population in the state of Nebraska now lies very near to the city of York.

A CHAPTER ON CHANGES. Only three years ago this town was on our frontier, and it consisted of a few light frame buildings, nearly all one story high. It straggled around the court house square, and there was a little cluster of shanties on the hill to keep company with the depot, which addendum to York was, and still is, dubbed "New York."

THE RAILROAD had just been completed and York was the temporary terminus. Since that time the changes have been astounding. Not less than 2,500 souls now live in York and the depot burg adjoining.

Brick, stone, iron and plate glass are used by the builders of to-day. Space is valuable and the nooks between stores are eagerly sought after and utilized by enterprising dealers and mechanics.

Professional men have left these little shanty offices and now occupy "sky parlors" in brick blocks. The old style frame store with low ceiling and diminutive window panes is giving way to a class of stores that would do honor in many instances, to Farnham or Douglas street. The railroad went west to Aurora and then it took a right angle turn to the north and stopped short at Central City.

Four fine elevators have been erected and all of them are now busy late and early handling an average of over 2,000 bushels of grain per day.

During the months of August and September one firm shipped eighty-four cars of corn.

Hogs go out of York at the rate of two cars a day as an average for every day the whole year round. There will not be less than one thousand carloads of merchandise received here this year and yet six years ago I shot prairie chickens on the spot where all of this freight is now handled.

FARMERS WANTED. While this county has settled up with great rapidity, and while most of its wild land has been placed under cultivation, still there are yet large tracts aggregating several thousand acres that should, and soon will be, producing abundant harvests.

N. P. Lundeen, the B. & M. land agent at York has four thousand acres of virgin prairie to which he invites the intending immigrant. It is sold on long time and at a low rate of interest and the price per acre is nominal, not covering the actual value of this rich and thrifty land.

YORK COUNTY has 368,640 acres, and not one of them can be called poor. It is 1,600 feet above sea level, hence malaria, consumption and all the diseases common to the slough-spotted prairies of the more eastern states are never engendered here.

THE WINDS serve, with the aid of the windmill, which is now a recognized part of a Nebraska farmer's outfit, as a never-failing agent for stock watering, and in many places feed mills and other farm machinery are driven by it. The severity of the blasts is tempered by the growth of cottonwood or willow wind breaks which, in less than ten years, become trees, and in five serve the purpose for which they were planted. The wind purifies the air, making it extremely healthful and invigorating, and thus the gales which at first seem so rude and harsh are really a blessing to the people.

THE WEST Blue river, Beaver and Lincoln creeks, are streams that furnish numerous mill privileges not yet utilized. Efforts are now being made for the organization of a company to tap the Platte and turn a portion of its waters into Lincoln creek, and then all the towns from Aurora to Blue Springs will have a water power that cannot be affected by drought.

THE LAND. The surface is an undulating prairie, intersected with valleys gently sloping upwards until the high prairie is reached. There is no land here that is stony, sandy, swampy, hilly or in any way unfitted for tillage. The soil is a vegetable mould—rich, productive, inexhaustible. Nearly 15,000 acres are now under cultivation in this county.

THE CROPS. This year the corn stands so high that it looks like a young grove, and the average yield in York county will not fall short of forty-five bushels to the acre. Wheat is excellent in places, but poor in others, making a low average—probably not to exceed nine bushels to the acre. All other

crops are very good, especially oats and hay. Over two thousand acres of forest trees have been planted in York county, and the beauty of these artificial groves lends a charm to the landscape, while the services rendered by them are invaluable. Fuel is furnished, and a protection for stock when the winter blizzards are killing unprotected cattle. During the summer months they protect the crops from the scorching south winds, and render the gales harmless that would otherwise bend corn to the ground and blow fruit from the trees.

FRUITS. Over 20,000 apple trees, 10,000 peach trees, and 5,000 grape vines are now growing in York county, besides a large variety of other fruit-bearing trees.

CHURCHES. There are in all sixteen buildings in York county, besides every school house serves at times for church purposes.

SOME of these church edifices are spacious and well built and their number demonstrates that the spiritual man is not forgotten in the race for wealth, which is the all-absorbing occupation of Nebraskans.

THE NEBRASKA RAILWAY, a branch of the great B. & M., runs due east and west through the center of the county, and a north and south road is hoped for, and will be built ere long.

PRICES. Real estate in the city of York varies so greatly owing to location, etc., that anything like a list of prices cannot be given. In a general way it may be stated that unimproved lots run from \$10 to \$2,000. Farm lands can be had, wild prairie, for \$4 to \$8 per acre, with long time and at six per cent interest. Cultivated farms can be purchased at from \$6 to \$25 per acre.

Mr. P. Lundeen, of York, the agent for all B. & M. lands and S. Platte land company's town lots, will answer all inquiries from those who want particulars.

POPULATION. York county has nearly 15,000 inhabitants. Uncle Sam's census for 1880 gave it 11,700, but the increase since then has been great. The city of YORK

is divided into two towns, the major part being clustered about the court house and the smaller division being about half a mile north and having the depot for a center; the latter town should have had a separate letter and business directory, but the business men did not care for the distinction.

YORK, the county seat, is beautifully located on a gentle slope that extends northward from the banks of Beaver creek, and is the geographical center of the county, and far ahead of all competitors in point of population and business done. The city has four churches, three newspapers, a flouring mill, two excellent hotels and a large list of stores and shops.

The following concise and excellent exhibit of the EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES of York county is from the pen of the deservedly popular superintendent of public instruction, Prof. E. A. Armer.

"The county is organized into eighty-six school districts. They are of about the right size, containing from four to nine sections and of good shape. Not one is without a properly working organization, and nine-tenths of them are supplied with good frame houses, many with most excellent ones."

"Waco has a fine frame two-story building. Bradshaw has just finished one of the same character. "Each of these towns has a graded school of several departments, and is greatly interested in education."

"York has a first-class graded school of seven departments and five hundred and fifty pupils. One division of the primary department is situated in New York, it being in the same district, thus affording extra advantages to the little ones."

"The building is a two-story brick, having six fine rooms and a commodious hall. The Nebraska Conference seminary of the M. E. church is also situated at York. The building located on "East Hill" is a beautiful three-story brick. It presents an imposing appearance and adds greatly to the beauty of the town. This institution is only in its infancy—January, 1880, dating its establishment—but is flourishing finely and is destined to make York one of the leading educational centers of Nebraska."

"Another thing worthy of mention is the select kindergarten school of this place. It is, as yet, only in miniature, but is growing and affords a class and variety of instruction that is not given in the common schools."

"The county is blessed with an elevated class of teachers, who take great pains to fit themselves fully for their work and make the schools second to none."

"In the institute work it stands next in rank to the banner county of the state. Its people wisely consider education as the foundation rock on which the glory and welfare of any community rest, and therefore do not count it a thing of minor importance, but place it first in the catalogue of blessings showered by our country upon its children."

THE SOLDIER. The Grand Army of the Republic has established a post at York and it has a strong membership. If I remember rightly it has more members than any post in this department, but it is certain that no post has a grander phalanx of old veterans."

The York militia company handles their guns and execute field movements with wonderful precision, and under the gallant Capt. Scott they made a fine showing at the re-union. A beautiful sword, with gold embroidered belt and appropriately engraved scabbard, was recently presented to the captain by his boys. The York band is the pride of the townpeople, and they have a right to feel proud of it, for it would be an honor to any city in this state."

IMPROVEMENTS. A \$25,000 opera house is going up on the corner of the Square, near the Central house, Warden Nobes, of the penitentiary, is the investor, and Stout is the builder. The estimates call for \$25,000 building, with all the latest improvements and the best materials.

The Methodist seminary, now near-

ing completion, will cost \$12,000, and is a grand building of composite architecture. It is built of brick, two stories high with mansard roof and stone basement. It has \$25,000 in resources and an endowment fund of \$5,000, drawing 10 per cent interest. It is the only institution of learning in this state under Methodist control. All three of the Nebraska conferences are pledged to its support. The school is temporarily located in a frame building, awaiting the completion of the new structure. The faculty consists of four teachers and six lecturers. The scholarship is rapidly increasing, and before long this school will no doubt take place in the very front rank of Nebraska's educational institutions. S. M. Little, a leading hardware merchant, has recently completed a fine iron work to the business part of New York.

Brantmeier & Co., lumber dealers, have been doing a good deal of building this year, besides having a little interest in the new opera house. Their farm at Waco has been very productive, giving about forty bushels of corn to the acre, and thirty-five tons of timothy from twenty acres of ground. For this they refused \$6 a ton, and all because their large drove of choice cattle will require it all and more, too. No wonder York is booming with her building statistics, for the Badger lumber yards sells two or three car loads of lumber whenever it has a good day.

Warner & Cheney told me that the coal supply at York was very slim. Now this is a common complaint everywhere. Where is our Ponca coal mine? Nebraska will need it this winter. Warner & Cheney would like now to get a few car loads for customers.

Mr. F. D. Bell is now finishing off the finest block in town; it adjoins his lumber office.

Mr. N. V. Harlan, the mayor of York, is very busy fixing up cross walks and seeing to the general improvement of the city.

J. M. Young & Bro., grocers, are a new firm with a new stock in a new store.

Dr. A. K. Wyckoff, the druggist, has fitted up his store so that few in Nebraska can equal it.

J. J. Porter, M. D., has become the successor to Dr. G. W. Shidler. Green & Spears started two months ago to get rich in the grain business, and have already got about all they can attend to. A new pair of scales and other improvements have been put in.

The enterprise of western dealers is proverbial, and at the present time there are more holiday goods in the show-cases of York dealers than can be found anywhere else in the state. For instance, the display of W. L. Whedon, in the silverware and jewelry line, shows the latest and most superb novelties. The specimens of engraving will compare with any done by eastern workmen and the general workmanship is said to be excellent.

P. N. Blarthy, a former resident of Omaha, has just fitted up a store and put in stock a good assortment of musical instruments and sewing machines.

POLITICS. If there is a show for the old time monopoly cappers of York county at this coming election it is not visible to the naked eye, for the anti-monopoly ticket is in the field, led by men whom all parties seem to have confidence in and there is nothing to oppose it that is worth considering.

There is no democratic or green-back ticket in the field here. It is a straight fight and the lines are sharply drawn. Monopoly or anti-monopoly—that's the issue now.

GOOD-BYE. No town of the size of York has yet given THE BEE so liberal and universal a subscription list, and hence I cannot find words with which to convey my thanks to the people who accorded me so pleasant a reception. To my army comrade, Mr. H. H. Bowker, I owe this success. Through rain and mud he accompanied me, bound to see that his town had a good representation in THE BEE, and also determined to make my stay both joyfully and profitable.

Old veteran of the 1st A. C., here is "Ranger's" heart and hand, and may your next little store grow into a marble palace, filled with every dainty the world can furnish.

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The list of WEEKLY BEES now coming to the York postoffice is truly remarkable in number, and for this list I must thank Mr. J. E. Carter, Singer's boss sewing-machine salesman, and the best canvasser for the Weekly ever commissioned by RANGER.

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