

Results of Nature Culture Shown in Lavish Profusion

NORTH PLATTE VALLEY



The accompanying picture shows the booth of the North Platte valley exhibit. The products which this exhibit shows are almost wonderful and have caused many a spectator to want to live where such results can be attained.

North Platte valley land is available at very low prices now and offers great opportunity for prospective settlers. Farms here can be made to pay for themselves in two years. The land is mostly irrigated and the ability to turn water onto the land when needed insures the crops. The valley now produces beets in large quantities and they pay big returns. Alfalfa, potatoes, dairying, poultry, all are proving immensely profitable and the homeseeker would do well to investigate this rich valley where wealth is abundant.

The booth at the Land show is under the auspices of the Commercial clubs of North Platte valley, aptly termed "The Valley of the Nile."

PU FORT POWDER BOOTH



A revelation to many was the lecture of Edward Lewis, expert on explosives, representing the E. I. Du Pont Powder company of St. Louis. He revealed to the astonishment of many the possibilities of dynamite in farming.

These possibilities are considered a greater improvement than irrigation. Some of the chief uses of "Red Cross" dynamite, sold by the Du Pont people are clearing land of stumps, trees and boulders; plowing, draining swamps, digging ditches, etc.

Farmers would do well to examine closely the details of this useful article and have the attendant in charge at the exhibit of the Du Pont Powder company explain its uses.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY, SALEM, OREGON



A distinctive feature of the Land show, unique and in a class of its own, is the panorama of the Willamette Valley and the City of Salem. George L. Schreiber is the creator of this work, which was exhibited at the State Fair of Oregon, and where it created such a sensation that the business men of Salem and the County Court became sponsors for sending it here.

The panorama depicts the beauty of the valley and the happy auspices under which the fruits, grains and hops are grown and harvested, a place such that every one exclaims "I would like to live there." Looking at the pictograph, which is a perfect representation of the valley and the city of Salem, one exclaims with Mr. Schreiber, "Of what avail is all the product of a country, the luscious fruit, the grain and other bounties of the earth if they are not an asset for peace, contentment and happiness."

SHINN BOOTH



"Shinn" is the trade mark of the best lightning protector. You are entitled to the best there is in lightning rods and you'll get it if you order from W. C. Shinn of Lincoln, Neb.

The Shinn rods absolutely prevent the storm-clouds from reaching the building. This is a most desirable protection and people would do well to visit the Shinn exhibit at the Omaha Land show.

DAWES COUNTY, NEB., BOOTH.



The Chadron Commercial club did well in sending this exhibit of Dawes county to the Omaha Land show, for, judging from the remarks of admiration of many spectators it will result in many new settlers in that locality.

Dawes county is situated in the northern tier of counties of Nebraska, with only one county separating it from Wyoming on the west.

The healthful climate and rich soil of this section offer unlimited opportunities to the settler and prospective purchaser. The products at this booth show only too plainly what message Dawes county sends to all. "Come here and prosper, in the Dakotas."

DAWES IS EMPIRE IN ITSELF

Formerly a Great Cattle Range, it is Now Garden Spot of Nebraska.

TILLABLE AREA IS IMMENSE

Chadron, County Seat, Has Normal School, Catholic Academy, Five Ward Schools and is Thriving Little City.

Situated out in the northwestern corner of Nebraska, 62 miles from Omaha, close to the state lines of South Dakota and Wyoming, is Dawes, one of the best and most prolific counties in the Antelope region. It is almost an empire in itself, being thirty-six miles square and is said to contain more tillable land than any other area of the same size in the state. Generally speaking, Dawes county is an agricultural section, but some years ago it was one of the greatest cattle ranges known. Since then the big ranches have been broken up to great degree, though some of them are still intact. The county is the best watered of any in the state, the White river flowing across the north and the Niobrara across the south end. There are numerous tributaries, all fed by springs and furnishing an abundance of water. On the high lands, away from the numerous streams, good well water is obtained at a depth of from thirty to eighty feet. The soil is a black, sandy loam, under which there is a clay, extending to a great depth. Generally speaking, the surface of the county is slightly rolling, though on either side of the two rivers is rugged and covered with heavy timber, much of which is pine.

Dawes Has Six Mills.

In Dawes county there are six saw mills and the annual cut is sufficient to supply the home demand for lumber, and if the present method of conserving the pine is continued, it will furnish enough lumber to meet the demand of the entire county for the next twenty years. Besides the pine, there are large areas along the rivers and creeks that are covered with maple, elm, hackberry and cottonwood, all of which, when converted into lumber, is unexcelled for inside work and finishing.

Chadron is the county seat of Dawes. It is a modern little city of 3,000 inhabitants, on the Northwestern, which railroad company here maintains machine shops, which give employment to about 200 men the year through. It is also a division station on the same road. The city is the site of one of the state normal schools, which has an enrollment of 175. Here the state owns eighty acres of land and has buildings that have cost \$100,000. In addition to the normal, there is a Catholic academy that cost \$100,000, and has a large attendance. The city high school cost \$15,000 and the ward school, \$20,000. Thus it will be seen that the Chadron educational facilities are as equal of those of any city in the country.

The business streets are broad and well kept, while the buildings that line them are of brick and stone, and filled with shops that would be a credit to towns twice and four times its size.

Residence District a Gem.

So far as the residence district is concerned, it is a gem. The houses are all of good style of architecture, neat and kept painted. They sit in large yards with broad lawns, while rows of shade trees line the streets. The city has electric lights, sewerage and a water system that cost \$100,000, and is owned by the public.

The court house is a fire-proof brick and stone building, nearly new, and cost \$75,000. A \$5,000 library has just been completed and is supplied with more than 50,000 volumes of books.

The other principal towns in Dawes county are Crawford, with 1,500 population, and Whitney, Wayside, Burdo and Hemmingford, smaller, but all good trading points. Owing to the way in which the railroads cross the county there is no point that is to exceed eighteen miles from a market town. All through the county land is cheap, unimproved ranging from \$15 to \$18 per acre, the price depending upon the quality and the nearness to market. Improved farms sell from \$24 to \$30 per acre, the price being governed to a degree by the improvements.

There are two flouring mills, one at Chadron and the other at Crawford, having capacities of 100 barrels per day, each, and they run every day in the year, their output coming to eastern Nebraska, where on the Omaha market, the Dawes county product is always in good demand.

Owing to the soil and climate conditions there has never been a crop failure in Dawes county, wheat averaging twenty bushels to the acre, oats, forty; barley, forty, and corn, thirty-five.

Alfalfa is one of the leading crops, it affording three cuttings per year of from one to three tons per cutting and selling at from \$1 to \$1.25 per ton. In addition, after the last cutting, the alfalfa will raise a seed crop of four to five bushels per acre and sells at from \$10 to \$12 per bushel, the product going all over the world.

Potatoes is another great crop. The acreage is large and the yield enormous, often running as high as 200 bushels per acre.

These crops are all raised in Dawes county without irrigation, the rainfall, which runs from twenty-four to twenty-six inches annually, being sufficient to keep the ground in the best of condition during the entire year. The climate is ideal, being neither cold in winter nor hot in summer.

Dawes county was first settled twenty-six years ago. Prior to that it was the home of the Sioux Indians, who later gave way to the stockmen and their immense herds, who held undisturbed sway until about six years ago, when the real invasion of the farmers started. Since then the increase in population has been rapid. One of the best farming sections in the county is the Esther table, a level plateau, twenty by thirty miles in extent and as level as a table. Here the black loam runs to a depth of six to eight feet, producing a fine grain of all varieties as can be found anywhere in the world.

The Dawes county exhibit was gathered largely through the efforts of J. M. Cain of the Chadron Commercial club and William Chisholm, president of the organization. In automobiles they drove over the county for days interesting the farmers and inducing them to bring in their exhibits. In the Commercial club there are a large number of farmers and ranchmen, and as a result in the north gallery at the Land show Dawes county has one of the best and most complete agricultural exhibits that can be found. There is nothing in the grain or vegetable line that is not shown.



TRACY BROS. BOOTH.



At the entrance to the main building of the Land Show stands the booth of Tracy Bros. company. This firm is doing the largest jobbing business in cigars in Omaha and south Omaha. They also cover western Iowa and eastern Nebraska by their salesmen and do a nice business in these parts.

The leading brands of the Tracy Bros. company are the well known 5-cent line of Te-Be-Ce, and the popular 10-cent La Truda. They also sell a large variety of popular clear Havana goods. They have two stores, one located at 1515 Douglas street and the other at 1513 Douglas street.

This firm has been doing business here for nearly twenty years and has earned the patronage and good will of thousands of people. Charles A. Tracy and Thomas H. Tracy are the brothers who give this corporation its name.

SHERIDAN COUNTY BOOTH.



This booth, showing the possibilities of Sheridan county, Nebraska, lands, is the Sheridan County Boosters' association.

Sheridan county is in northwest Nebraska, 412 miles from Omaha, 100 miles from the markets of the Black Hills and 300 miles from Denver. The main line of the Chicago & Northwestern crosses the county on the north and the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy crosses it on the south.

Every kind of crop in a northern climate can be raised here, with wheat, oats, rye, barley, speltz, millet, corn, alfalfa, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables included.

The products of the county exhibited at the Land Show are attracting much attention and many have expressed a desire to live there.

ARDMORE S. D., BOOTH.



H. E. Fendike and Lou Gayhart brought the accompanying exhibit to the Land Show, and it shows adequately what awaits prospective settlers in Ardmore, South Dakota.

The United States government has established an experimental farm two miles from Ardmore, \$10,000 being appropriated for the development of the soil and \$15,000 to cover cost of buildings. This is the strongest evidence we know of to recommend the land approximating Ardmore to homeseekers and purchasers.

Prosperity awaits those who will accept the welcome of the Ardmore people to come there. Plenty of rain is had in this section and corn and wheat average thirty-five bushels to the acre.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD BOOTH



In accord with their usual spirit of welcome and progressiveness, the Woodmen of the World placed the booth shown here at the Land Show and interested many people, both members and prospective ones.

Mr. Unitt is in charge of the booth and will be glad to furnish any information to those interested in this great and useful organization.

The Land Show management feel particularly glad to have the Woodmen represented, since the organization was founded and chartered here in Omaha and draws its membership from the territory west of here to a great extent.

DELTA COUNTY, COLO., BOOTH.



One of the prettiest exhibits at the Land show was this one showing the products of Delta county, Colorado.

O. Y. Baker, orchardist, is in charge of this exhibit and he may well be proud of it. The products shown here explain to some extent the heavy influx of people to this section and the prosperity in store for them.

A poor man can buy good land in this county and be no longer poor, for the crops are sure. Fruit growing is especially profitable here and the fine specimens at the booth prove conclusively what Delta county will do for those who will come out to this rich section of Colorado.