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"The Northwest" will appear monthly, conveying timely and accurate information to those interested in farm, business, industrial and professional opportunities in the Northern Pacific Country.

It will be the purpose of those assembling material to present information for the farm settler on opportunities for profitable crop, livestock and fruit production; up-to-the minute information on conditions; stories of success of those now located in the territory and current purchase and rental listings.

Those interested in business and industrial opportunities will find information relative to new developments and trade territories which will be of assistance in deciding upon openings where capital can be invested with most likelihood of security and success.

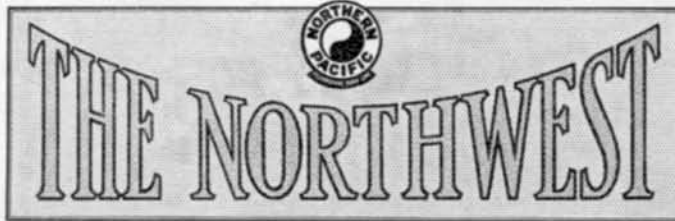
Those seeking professional openings will secure from the columns of "The Northwest" a picture of conditions along the line of the Northern Pacific which will enable them to select a promising location.

It is hoped that this publication will give the reader a personal acquaintance with a country that needs more capital and more man power for the development of its great potential resources. It is a new country, yet the prosperity and contentment of its present people testify that it is one of proved opportunity.

Readers may feel sure that misrepresentation and over-statement will not be found in columns of "The Northwest." It is dedicated to the program of upbuilding sound agriculture and sound business in the Northwest through honest settlement efforts.



Northern Minnesota Offers an Ideal Combination for Farm and Recreational Life

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AUGUST, 1927**THE MONAD**

The Monad was selected as the trademark for the Northern Pacific Railway because its historical significance, according to Chinese mythology, so peculiarly fitted the background of this great railroad's early history and subsequent development.

"The Great Monad" of China, after which the Northern Pacific trademark is closely patterned, was originally designed by ancient Chinese philosophers as symbolic of their idea of the creation of our present world—the two commas representing in their minds the two great forces that made heaven and earth; the two great commas laid together form a complete and perfect circle representing our present world with its opportunity for human life. The Chinese thus diagrammatically express the transformation of the universe from chaos and confusion to order and the opportunity for the life and happiness of the human race.

With this historic setting, what could be more fitting as a trade-mark for the Northern Pacific Railway—the pioneer of the Northern transcontinental railroads that opened up for the first time that great expanse of country from the Great Lakes to the North Pacific Coast? As the trade-mark of this railroad, it symbolizes the revolutionary change in transportation for the Northwest—change from the ox teams of the early treasure-hunting pioneers to the luxuriant passenger service and the reliable and economical freight service rendered today by this great transportation system. As the two commas brought order and opportunity out of chaos, according to the Ancient Chinese, so this railway tapping the Northern Pacific Country with its two ribbons of steel, has opened up a new empire of opportunity for the people of this country.

Districts Featured

It would be obviously impossible to discuss in any detail all the various districts along our entire system in each monthly edition of this publication. It has been decided that we will feature in each successive issue, in orderly fashion, the different sections of Northern Pacific territory from the Twin Cities to the North Pacific Coast, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

The grouping of our territory from an agricultural standpoint into twelve districts we realize is arbitrary, yet we believe it to be quite natural because of similarity in soil, rainfall and topographical conditions in the various districts. We feel that by this method we can convey to the reader, during the course of a year, a fairly comprehensive picture of the entire territory and its opportunities and there will not be the confusion which usually attends an attempt at discussing the wide range of conditions in a limited space. The grouping decided upon is as follows:

Northern Minnesota.	The Pan Handle of Idaho.
The Red River Valley.	The Palouse and Big Bend countries.
Central North Dakota.	The Valleys of the Yakima and the Walla Walla country.
Western North Dakota.	Central Montana.
Eastern Montana.	The Bitter Root, Clark's Fork and Flathead Valleys.
Central Montana.	Western Washington, Oregon.

A Buyer's Market in Farm Lands

A noted student of economics and of rare acumen and sound business judgment recently stated that the next group of big fortunes in the Northwest are going to be built up from investments in farm lands—not lumber, not mines, not in industry, but from that class of investment which is now going begging—farm lands. Many far-sighted investors who have already seen the handwriting on the wall are quietly acquiring title to the choicest offerings of temporarily distressed farm property.

A Wall Street operator who has been uncannily successful in his stock manipulations, recently made this significant statement in the daily papers, as his formula for success: "I buy what somebody is anxious to sell and I sell what somebody is anxious to buy." A liberal interpretation of such a system means purchases in groups of investments that are under pressure because of temporarily unfavorable economic position and sales in groups of investments that are temporarily riding the crest of a wave of high values because of underlying favorable economic conditions. There has been much regularity in these cycles of prosperity and adversity, and it will be strange indeed and altogether without precedent if farm lands and agriculture are not now headed back toward definitely better times.

It should prove profitable for the investor as well as the intended settler to study these columns from month to month and come to a conclusion as to that part of the Northwest in which to invest in farm lands while good lands are still for sale at bargain prices.

A buyer's market offers a time to buy, both for the bona fide farm settler and the investor in farm property.



Minnesota Largest Producer of Butter

In Minnesota the dairying industry has been developed to a point exceeded only by one other state. Minnesota is the largest producer of butter in the nation. The market and the facilities for marketing dairy products are already established. In this section the demand is in excess of production. The settler in Northern Minnesota need concern himself only with production; the markets and agencies for distribution already are adequate to meet present requirements, and extensions are assured as production demands. The same can not be said of much other new country.

There are 825 creameries in Minnesota, 640 of which are farmer owned and operated. These creameries are affiliated into a state organization that standardizes the quality of the butter sold and has established almost a world-wide reputation for Minnesota butter. Eighty per cent of the farmers of Minnesota are actually engaged in dairying in some form at the present time and some idea of the stupendous volume of dairy products that are produced by these farmers is given in the following figures for last year prepared by the Commissioner of Agriculture for Minnesota:

Creamery butter	\$109,785,161.71
Farm butter	7,000,000.00
Cottage cheese	36,300.00
Factory cheese	1,986,600.00
Whey	60,000.00
Powdered buttermilk	360,000.00
Ice cream	5,626,000.00
Market cream	5,000,000.00
Market milk	37,000,000.00
Milk fed to livestock	800,000.00
Skimmilk	5,000,000.00
Total	\$172,654,061.71

Minnesota has a 7,000 mile trunk highway system, maintained and patrolled by the State Highway Department.

Kraft Cheese Company has built its fourth factory in the Bitter Root Valley at Grantsdale, Montana.

Idaho dairy farms produced more than \$18,500,000 in butterfat last year. Production has gained 500 per cent since 1919.

Texas and Bermuda are a great distance from Montana, but Joseph Coughenour, rancher near Corvallis, Mont., believing that the warmer Montana valleys offer a fertile field for the growing of onions, has set out 36,000 Texas and Bermuda onion plants.

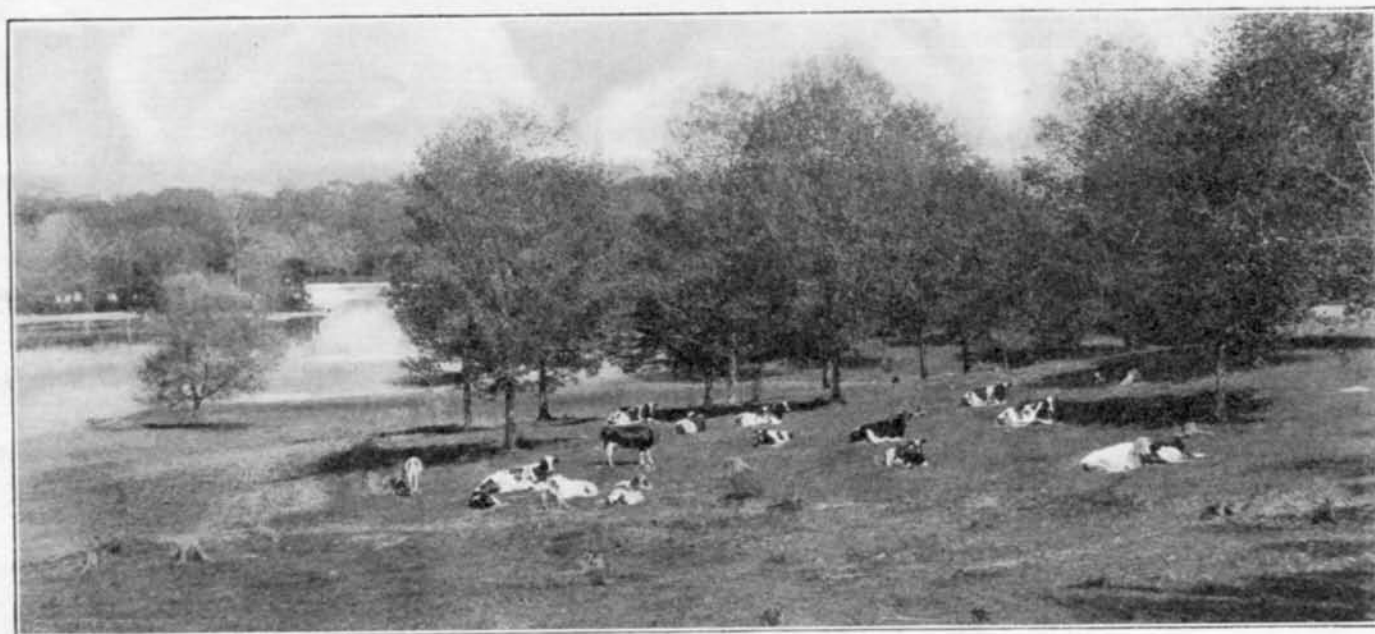
Commercial apple production in Montana is now entirely confined to the MacIntosh apple, which, when properly graded and packed, brings the highest price in the New York apple market of any variety grown. Recently a car of Montana MacIntosh apples from the Bitter Root Valley was sold on the New York market for \$4.01 a box, the top price on the market.

Three very successful homeseekers' "all expense" tours from St. Paul have been conducted to the Northern Pacific country, the first to North Dakota, the second to Montana, and the third, just completed, to Washington and Oregon. These tours included from 300 to 500 miles in auto trips, covering various agricultural districts, and have been of great value to homeseekers in enabling them to select a satisfactory location.

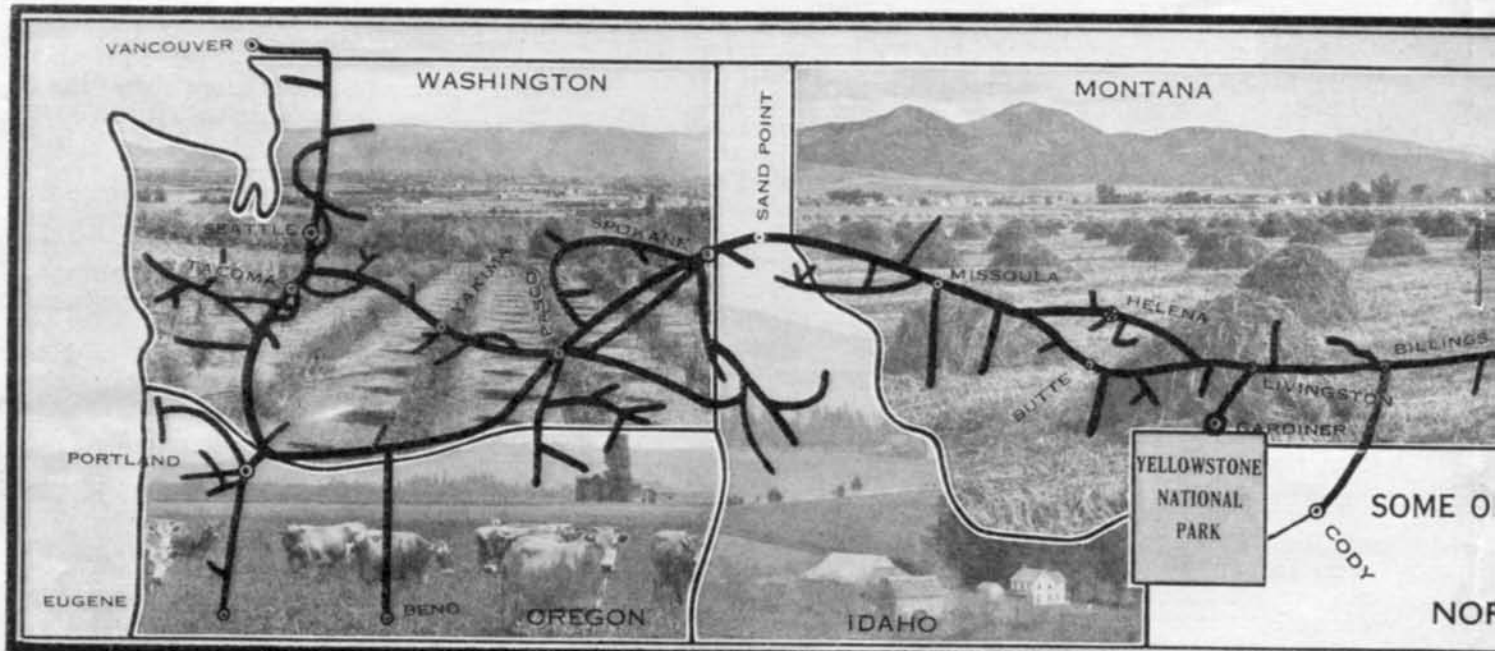
ROUND TRIP HOMESEEKERS' AND SUMMER TOURIST FARES

—the latter on sale to North Pacific Coast points, daily to September 30. Homeseekers', first and third Tuesdays—every Tuesday to certain points. Liberal stop-over privileges, permitting thorough investigation. Let me help plan your trip.

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Northern Minnesota is a Natural Home for the Dairy Cow.



NORTHERN MINNESOTA—

Bounded by the rich farming country of Central Minnesota on the south, the Red River Valley on the west, on the north by the lakes and streams of the Rainy River chain separating it from Canada, and on the east by Lake Superior and in part, Wisconsin, lies a developing empire of over 35,000 square miles with a land surface of nearly 19,000,000 acres.

The soil is all of glacial origin and of several types, many of which are of unexcelled fertility. The climate is mild and attracts thousands of tourists each summer; winters are no more severe than generally experienced throughout the northeastern part of the United States. Rainfall is adequate, regular and dependable. Hail and destructive windstorms are practically unknown. A total failure of crops never has been experienced. The region is conceded to be one of the healthiest in the world for man and animals alike.

Opportunities for New Settlers

It is in this section of Minnesota that the settler with moderate means finds his greatest opportunities. Once covered by pine, hardwood and brush, the cut-over lands require only clearing of stumps and small brush to be brought into a high state of development. It is a country of well developed farms with good buildings lying neighbor to the modest home of the newcomer who is just starting to clear his land. Each year sees many small farms being opened up.

This region is called the Red Clover Country because it is one of the best clover growing sections in the United States. Clover is a natural crop and with the timothy which grows luxuriantly, fur-

nishes most of the hay. Due to the wonderful clover pasture and hay meadow, this country is particularly adapted to dairying, but it also produces hogs, beef cattle and sheep. The latter are especially profitable in grazing cut-over lands not yet cleared.

Potatoes, oats, barley and wheat are other leading crops with corn each year being grown in increasing quantities. Poultry and egg production has been developed to a considerable extent in many localities, and truck gardening is profitable near the larger cities.

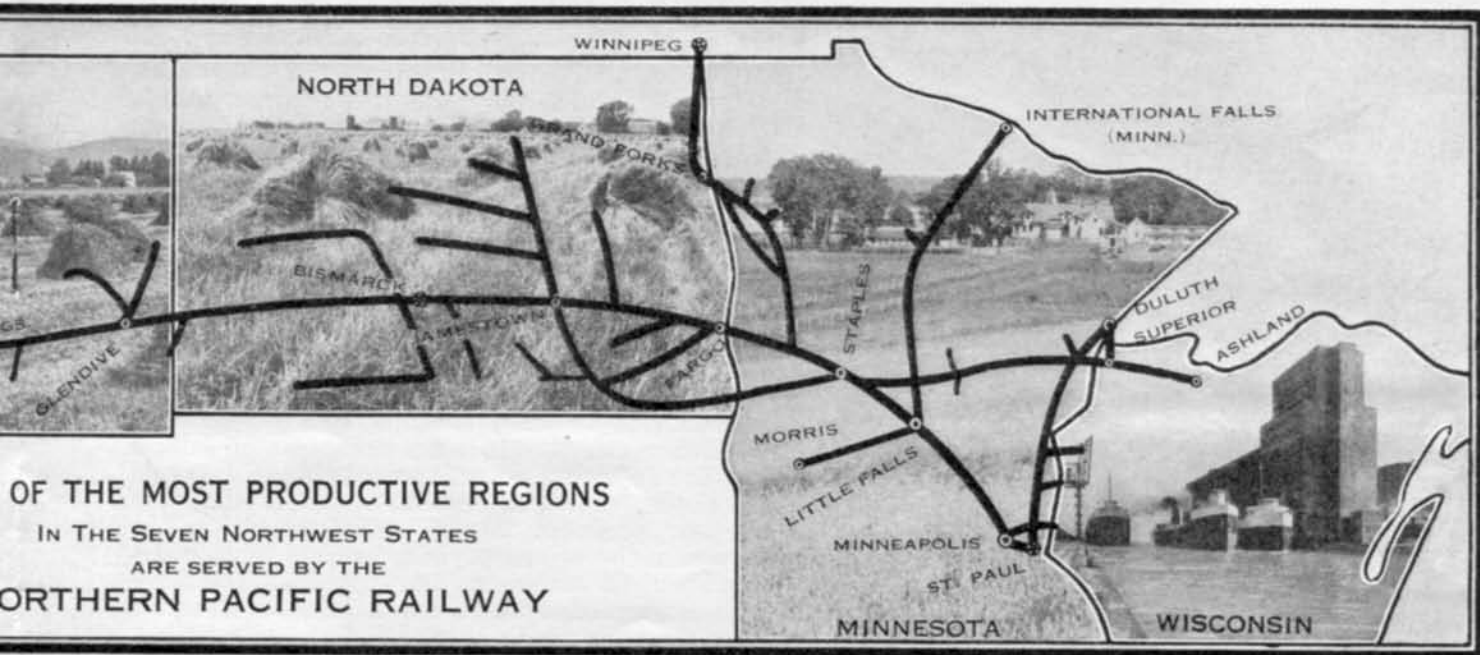
Marketing facilities have been developed and nearly all farms are within easy reach of shipping centers. For much of the timber removed, there is usually a ready market as cordwood, railroad ties, mine props, fencing or pulp wood so that wages can be made while the land is being cleared.

This Red Clover Country has a strong appeal to the man with limited capital because of the opportunity to take new land and by improving it gain a profit from his labor as well as from the direct farm returns. It gives him an opportunity to become an independent home owner which he will find in few other sections. With a small clearing for garden and pasture, a few head of milk cows, hogs, sheep and poultry, the family living is established.

Community Life Established

High standards of community life have been established and a great deal of pride is taken in the good churches and modern schools found throughout this region.

There is no need for the homeseeker to locate far from existing settlements and maintained high-



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-The Land of the Big Red Clover

ways, for thousands of acres are available along good roads and accessible to railways and community centers. No settler should buy until he has actually visited and investigated the land he intends to settle upon, and has satisfied himself by reasonably thorough inquiry of disinterested persons in the vicinity, of the desirability and value of the tract in question for his purposes.

Capital Required

The question is often asked as to how much capital a man should have before undertaking settlement in Northern Minnesota. Certainly one should not do so with less than \$1,000 in cash or property. It is true many have made a success with less, but it has entailed much pioneering. If a homeseeker can come with \$2,000 to \$5,000, so much the better for him; with the increase of available capital his progress will be correspondingly rapid. A homeseeker with more than \$5,000 can work marvels with a tract of Northern Minnesota land in converting it into a farmstead worth many times the investment in productive return and actual cash value, and do this in a small fraction of the time otherwise required to achieve the same results.

Land Prices Low

Well located, fertile land may be had adjacent to thriving settlements, where agricultural development is already well under way at \$25 to \$50 per acre. Some will be found with sufficient cleared and plowed land to enable the settler to make an immediate start in profitable farming, dairying and livestock growing, within this range of price. Good raw land can be purchased at \$7 to \$20 per acre. The price of land, of course, is largely influenced by its character as to soil and vegetation,

ease of clearing, accessibility to roads, school and villages.

Adequate railway transportation and splendid highways are found in this region, and no homeseeker intent upon establishing himself on virgin soil in new country like this will do justice to himself and his family if he fails to take advantage of them to look this country over before going further.

Land o' Lakes

Leave your heartaches and say good-bye
To the man-made world that is half a lie.

Weary of striving to reach your quota
Come to your Mother—Minnesota.
Leave your locks and guns behind.
The honest are neighbors to their kind.

Wife and children—for their sakes
Come, ye weary, to Land o' Lakes.
Sky of blue and rippling rills,
Waving gold and grinding mills,
Clean bred stock, so fair to see,
O, come to "Land o' Lakes" with me.

Mother Minnesota will help you start,
She only asks an honest heart.
An earnest effort, man to man,
She will bring your smiles all back again.

Climb her hills and wade her streams,
Know the romance of your dreams.
Twilight lowers over the hills,
The last bird song softly stills.
Peaceful quiet will fill your breast,
As you with Nature blend in rest.

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James Eldridge Phillips.



South Seeks Minnesota Seed Stock

Minnesota potatoes now have a national reputation both for seed and for table use. Thousands of carloads of potatoes are annually moved from Northern Minnesota to the large market centers. This state is also one of the chief sources of supply for the Triumph potato used as seed for the first crop in Texas and Oklahoma. A similar reputation is rapidly being obtained for the Carmen types, the Early Ohio, and the Burbank varieties. In short, the potato industry in Minnesota is as yet in its infancy, and visiting buyers predict that the possibilities are limited only by the ambition of the farmers.

Poultry Does Well at Barnum, Minn.

Coming to Barnum, Minn., 8 years ago with about \$2,500, Mr. Charles Point purchased 80 acres of unimproved land. He started clearing at once and built some small buildings. Today he has a nice set of buildings electrically lighted, about 25 acres under plow, 5 cows, team of horses and about 1,000 chickens. Barnum furnished a ready market for his eggs and cream, and from records which Mr. Point keeps, the following figures were obtained showing his income from 800 laying White Leghorn hens November, 1926, to April, 1927, inclusive:

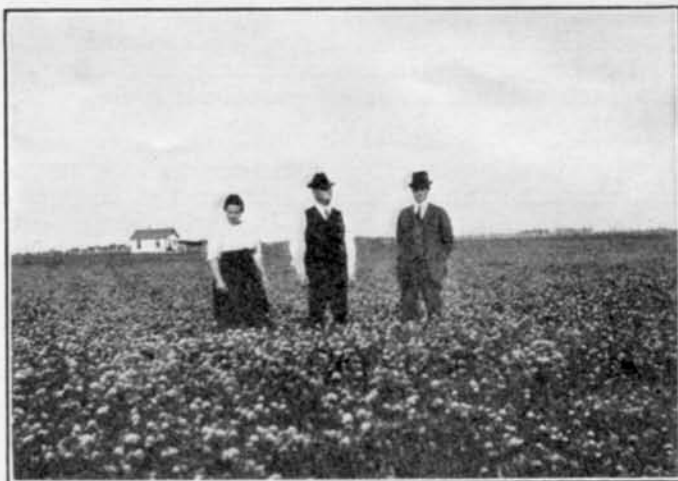
Eggs sold	\$1,701.42
Chickens sold	232.82
Total receipts	\$1,934.24
Cost of feed	813.90
Net profit in six months.....	\$1,120.34

In addition to this his 5 cows brought him an income during this time of \$386.17.

The Raising of Clover Seed in Northern Minnesota Is a Big Source of Farm Revenue

During last fall and winter there were shipped from the town of Littlefork, Minn., 237,440 pounds of clover seed which has brought the farmer an average price of 22½¢ a pound. Many of the farmers in this locality are laying their plans to go into this on a larger scale than ever before. Here are statements made by some of them who are pleased with the returns this crop is making:

In 1921 Mr. Austin Johnson purchased seven forty-acre tracts of State land at Littlefork at \$7 an acre. This was originally covered with pine and poplar, but had been logged off a number of years ago and the stumps were then well rotted. Forest fires had burned the slash on this land, leaving it in good condition for easy clearing. Four years ago Mr. Johnson cleared 110 acres at a cost of \$17 an acre. The following year he sowed this to oats and alsike clover, which, on account of late seeding and a dry year, produced only 35 bushels of oats to the acre, where the ordinary yield for oats in this section is about 65 bushels an acre. In 1925, 100 acres of this land yielded up to seven bushels of clover seed an acre, for which he received \$10.20 a bushel. Last year he harvested from four to seven bushels an acre from this tract for which he received \$12.30 a bushel. Mr. Johnson thinks the time never was any better than right now to start a farm in Northern Minnesota. There are hundreds of acres near Littlefork which can be purchased for ten or twelve dollars an acre, and cleared for \$20 an acre, and one clover seed crop will pay for the land and the clearing of it.



Mr. Constantin in His 40 Acre Clover Field, Who Authorizes the Statement Below

Mr. Paul Constantin located near Littlefork in 1913, and has grown clover for hay each year until a couple of years ago, when he began to realize he could make more profits by threshing out the seed. Last year his clover yield was fairly good, and he threshed out eight bushels of alsike clover to the acre which he sold for 27 cents a pound, netting him almost \$130 an acre. He uses the straw for sheep and young cattle, and says this makes a very good feed, especially for sheep. Mr. Constantin intends to make clover seed his main crop from now on, as it is easily grown and nets a good profit.



OPPORTUNITIES

Each month there will appear in this column, descriptions of farms for sale or rent, which will be typical selections from the territory covered. Names of owners or similar propositions will be submitted on request. Tell us what you want.

Minnesota

120 acres near Northome, Minn. Level land, partly improved. Has a new two-story log cabin residence 16x24, good spring of water near house. This is cut-over land. Since the days of logging it has been burnt over and the major part of the land is wide open. Very little work will put the entire place on a paying basis. Plenty of post wood, fuel and salable timber left suitable for building purposes. A nice grove of pines standing near the cabin. Close to market. Price \$1,800. \$800 cash, balance on terms to suit. This property is on a good road.

150 acres about 4 1/2 miles from Bemidji, Minn., on good road. Nice grove, good house and other buildings, good well. 80 acres under cultivation, more acreage easily cleared. Price \$30 per acre. Terms.

80 acres about six miles from Wadena, Minn. Has 50 acres in fields, 20 acres meadow, balance pasture. Hip roof barn, good six-room house, chicken house and other buildings, good well. Price \$68 per acre, \$1,000 cash, balance easy terms.

Truck and dairy farm three and a half miles from Little Falls, Minn. 59 acres, clay loam soil with clay subsoil, 25 acres under cultivation, 8 acres in tame grass, 25 acres pasture. Has running water in pasture. Good six-room house with cement basement, barn, corn crib, hen house, and garage. Two good wells. Adapted for gardening. Berries do well. Price \$75 per acre, \$2,000 cash, balance five years at 6 per cent.

North Dakota

320 acres three miles from Lisbon, the county-seat of Ransom County, North Dakota, on main traveled road. Black loam soil with clay subsoil, gently rolling, considerable fencing, artesian well which forces water to any building on the farm. Good set of small buildings. Price \$55 per acre, 20 per cent cash, balance on the amortization plan in 24 years.

Improved farms with buildings near Hurdsville, North Dakota, adapted to general and live-stock farming. Price \$35 to \$50 per acre, \$1 to \$2 an acre cash, balance on crop payment. Land lays level to gently rolling, rich alluvial soil over clay subsoil. Here is a splendid opportunity for a man who has some livestock and equipment.

320 acres seven miles from Tower City, North Dakota. Good house, large barn, granary, hog house, chicken house, well house. Lally lighting plant, good water, black loam soil with clay subsoil. All tillable, 5 miles of fencing, 1 1/2 miles to school. Price \$60 per acre, about \$2,000 down, balance long time at 6 per cent.

Montana

In the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, Eastern Montana. 69 acres all irrigable, one-room house, well and pump, ring fenced, clay loam soil. 46 acres leveled and ditched. On graded highway, one mile from Crane, Mont., and to school, railroad station and beet dump. Crops raised in 1926—Alfalfa 27 acres, corn 16 acres. Price \$3,000, \$300 cash, balance half-yearly payments of \$123.66 each.

80 acres irrigated land near Hamilton in the Bitter Root Valley, Mont., on main highway. Good five-room plastered house, barn 40x100, trench silo, chicken house, hog house, machine and wood sheds, garage, and ice house. Water costs but 25c per acre per year for unlimited supply. Is an ideal dairy ranch, or could be used for the cultivation of sugar beets or other garden vegetables. Price \$10,000, \$3,500 cash, balance on easy terms.

80 acres 3 1/2 miles southeast of Charlo in lower Flathead Valley, Mont. In good state of cultivation, four-room house, good barns, granaries, etc. All fenced and cross fenced and all irrigated. 25 acres in alfalfa, balance wheat. Abundance of stock water. This will make an ideal dairy farm for someone. Price \$6,000, \$2,000 cash and easy terms on balance.

Idaho

320 acres on good road 6 miles from Moscow, Idaho. 260 acres in cultivation, family orchard, general grain and stock ranch. Has a Federal loan of \$7,500. Good seven-room house, excellent barns and out buildings. Price \$75 per acre, very reasonable terms to the right party.

Washington

108-acre dairy and poultry ranch, 1 1/2 miles from Goldendale, Wash. About 20 acres under plow, 3 acres bearing orchard, 40 acres small brush easily cleared. balance small timber and pasture. Some fine garden and berry land on the place. Good water from city pipe line. Large new house, garage, barn and out buildings. Buildings could not be duplicated for less than \$5,000. Price \$6,500, \$2,000 cash, balance reasonable, terms.

Irrigated lands in the Yakima Valley, Wash. 40 acres of which 24 acres are cultivated, 36 acres are tillable, 4 acres pasture, house, barn, corn crib, hen house, garage, well. Fenced. 1 1/2 miles east of Sunnyside, Wash. Price \$5,000. 30 acres, one mile from Outlook, Wash. 20 acres cultivated 10 acres pasture, house, barn, hen house, shed, s'l'o. fenced, deep well. Price \$4,200. Approximately 15 per cent cash, balance on amortization plan over long term of years.

Seventy acres, 3 miles from Rochester, Wash., and 9 miles northwest of Centralia. 30 acres in fine creek bottom land, balance is rolling upland, 30 acres of which is in cultivation, balance good pasture. Five-room house, barn large enough to accommodate 20 head of stock. Place is well fenced, a nice creek runs through the farm and there are several springs on the upland portion. Soil is exceptionally good. Price \$5,000 including a good team and all the farm machinery, \$1,000 cash, balance ten years at 6 per cent.

10 acres on Vashon Island in Puget Sound between Tacoma and Seattle. All tillable, seven-room house equipped with bath, hot and cold water, electric light, telephone. Good water with electric motor to do the pumping. Barn, chicken house, and work shop. There are 168 fruit trees, consisting of pears, apples, Italian prunes, and cherries, some loganberries, raspberries, blackberries and strawberries. Soil is dark sandy loam and very productive. Good boat service and auto transportation to Tacoma and Seattle. Price \$6,500, \$2,500 cash, balance payable semi-annually, with payment of \$500 or more at the end of each year until paid, interest 6 per cent. \$6,000 cash will buy this place.

Oregon

40 acres in Columbia County, Oregon, 6 1/2 miles from town, one mile from school, sandy loam soil, 6 1/2 acres in cultivation, balance stump pasture, some level and some rolling land, trout stream running through the place, house and barn with water piped to house. Small orchard of pears, prunes, cherries and apples. Price \$1,700 half cash, balance to suit.

20 acres in Clatsop County, Oregon, on paved highway, two miles from school and town, tideland, very rich. 15 acres in cultivation, 2 acres timber, balance pasture. All level except one acre, creek runs through the place, small house and barn of nominal value. Price \$4,800 on terms. Price includes 20 cows, 30 hogs, geese, chickens, ducks and all implements.

Business Openings

Good opening at New York Mills, Minn., for a new and modern bakery with up to date restaurant and lunch room. Population 1,000.

At Wadena, Minn., there is a cannery equipped for corn and peas, owned by Reid Murdoch & Co., Chicago, which is temporarily shut down and can be bought reasonably. Population 3,000.

At Crookston, Minn., there is a good opening for a potato warehouse and produce house combined. A good location is available on N. P. tracks.

We have recently received reports from all along the line relative to business, professional and industrial opportunities, and have on file a list of nearly 300 such openings.



Comfortable Farm Homes Nestle in the Forested Beauty of Northern Minnesota

NEW BRANCH LINE OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY IN EASTERN MONTANA TO TAP RICH FARMING AREA

Construction has been started on a 62-mile branch line of the Northern Pacific, from Glendive to Brockway, Montana, via Circle, county seat of McCone County, to what is known as the "Redwater country," passing through Dawson and McCone Counties. It is hoped to have at least a part of this line completed in time to handle the 1927 crop.

This branch will serve one of the richest agricultural areas in Montana, development of which has been retarded by lack of transportation facilities.

Practically every community in McCone County has welcomed one or more new settlers during the last few weeks, and with the better roads and warmer weather hundreds are looked for.

F. S. Kalberg, formerly publisher of a newspaper at Circle, Mont., and one of the county's first farmers, but who for several years has been in the realty business in Minnesota, returned to Circle recently bringing two immigrant cars and a new tractor and farm equipment. Mr. Kalberg has always been a consistent believer in eastern Montana as a grain producer, but having holdings situated 50 miles from railroad transportation, ceased farming operations until assured of railroad service.

George Reinemer of Illinois arrived at Circle last week with a banner displayed on the rear of his car which read "Going Back to Circle and McCone County, the New Corn Belt." Mr. Reinemer was formerly one of the good farmers of this county, but left for the same reason as many others—lack of railroad transportation.

Flathead Attracts Many Settlers

Over a hundred new farm families have located in the fertile Flathead Valley, Lake County, Montana, during the past year.

A barbecue was recently given at Charlo for the new settlers, to enable them to get acquainted with their neighbors in the Valley. It was a very enjoy-

able occasion, especially for the new settlers, many of whom had just arrived this spring.

The Lower Flathead Valley is on the Pacific slope, in Western Montana. It nestles at the base of the Mission range—the American Alps—and extends south from Flathead Lake, the largest body of fresh water in the United States west of Lake Michigan. The irrigation project is organized under the Federal Government Indian Service. Farming is becoming highly diversified, with dairying occupying a prominent place. It is a most attractive valley to homeseekers, as is evidenced by the large number of families who have moved there recently.

Scientist Says Pacific Northwest Will Take Lead

The Pacific Northwest is destined to be the future center of world prosperity and culture, according to a survey of the "scientific probabilities" made by Dr. J. Russell Smith, professor of economic geography at Columbia University.

Discussing his conclusions in an interview published by the American Magazine, Dr. Smith explains:

"The more one studies the factors that have produced flourishing civilizations, the more unbounded becomes his confidence in the future of the area extending 400 miles along the Pacific Coast of Oregon and Washington, and including the cities of Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham, Vancouver and Victoria.

"Basing my assertion on past history and on economic and industrial conditions of today, it is here that I expect American civilization to reach its maximum. I expect this area to outstrip New York, overcoming soon the advantage which the metropolis has had of an early start.

"In the Northwest of which I speak, I anticipate that, man for man, Americans will eventually realize their greatest achievement, almost certainly their greatest physical achievement, perhaps their highest mental achievement in science, literature and the arts."



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