

NORTH DAKOTA.

Population 182,719.....Peop. Plur. in 1892, 181

Peop. vote, 17,700; Rep. 17,519; Prohib. 899.

STATE CAPITAL, BISMARCK.

NORTH DAKOTA is bounded north by Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, South by South Dakota, east by Minnesota, and west by Montana. Length, east to west, about 355 miles. width, about 200 miles. Land area about 75,000 square miles. The Missouri River furnishes navigation for boats of three to six hundred tons burden. The Red River of the North, also navigable, drains the great wheat valley on its eastern border. That portion of the State east of the Missouri River is mostly rolling prairie; the soil on the Missouri Slope being a black, sandy loam, with clay subsoil; while in the Red River Valley it is a vegetable deposit of unsurpassed richness. West of the Missouri river the land is more broken, with stretches of excellent farming and grazing lands along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. In the north is a group of hills of moderate elevation known as Turtle Mountain. In the southwest is a district of eroded clay hills, called the "Bad Lands." Most of the latter forms good grazing ranges. The northern and central parts are especially adapted to the raising of wheat and other cereals, potatoes, vegetables and the earlier varieties of corn. The Red River Valley is not equalled on this continent for wheat production. The principal crops of the State are wheat, oats, barley, corn, potatoes, dairy products, butter, cheese, and wool. The rainfall is not great, but seems sufficient for ordinary years. The Missouri River and all small streams and lakes are lined with timber, and west and north of Bismarck are found inexhaustible beds of lignite coal. There are 55 Counties in North Dakota; newspapers are published in 27.

ALLRED CO. (S.W.).....Pop. —.
 No election returns.
 Grazing, the leading industry. Unorganized.
 No Papers.

BARNES CO. (S.E.).....Pop. 7,045
 Peo. vote in 1892, 918; Rep. 635; Pro. 33.
 Fine rolling prairie; soil a vegetable mold with clay subsoil and very fertile. Products—Wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, hay and wool crops. Flour mills and brick yards. COUNTY SEAT, Valley City, pop. 1,089.
 Enterprise.....Local.....Sanborn..... 400
 Farmers' Alliance.....Ind.....Valley City †..... 712
 North Dakota Patriot.....Dem....."..... 520
 Times-Record.....Rep....."..... *912
 News.....Wimbledon.....

BENSON CO. (N.).....Pop. 2,460
 Rep. vote in 1892, 419; Peo. 175; Pro. 15.
 Comparatively level; soil black loam, clay subsoil, very fertile and well watered. Products—Wheat, oats, barley, flax, hay, wool and vegetables unsurpassed; live stock. COUNTY SEAT, Minnewaukan, pop. *200.
 Benson County News.....Prohib. Leeds..... 300
 North Dakota Siftings.....Rep.....Minnewaukan †1,060
 Echo.....Oberon..... †250

BILLINGS CO. (S.W.).....Pop. 170
 Rep. vote in 1892, 47; Peo. 17.
 Grazing and mining the leading industries. COUNTY SEAT, Medora, pop.—.
 No Papers.

BOTTINEAU CO. (N.).....Pop. 2,893
 Peo. vote in 1892, 290; Rep. 175; Pro. 8.
 Agriculture and stock raising are the leading industries. COUNTY SEAT, Bottineau, pop. 145.
 Courant.....Rep.....Bottineau †..... *624
 North Dakota Eagle.....Rep.....Willow City..... 750

BOWMAN CO. (S.W.).....Pop. 6
 No election returns.
 Grazing the leading industry. Unorganized.
 No Papers.

BUFORD CO. (Ex.N.W.).....Pop. 803
 No election returns.
 Farming and stock raising are the leading industries.
 No Papers.

BURLEIGH CO. (C.).....Pop. 4,252
 Rep. vote in 1892, 640; Peo. 233; Pro. 10.
 Mostly prairie and gently undulating; 6,000 acres of timber land; soil rich loam, clay subsoil; several good coal mines. Products—Wheat, barley, oats, flax, potatoes and other vegetables; cattle and sheep raised very successfully. COUNTY SEAT, Bismarck, pop. 2,136.
 Settler.....Rep.....Bismarck †..... 1650
 Tribune (evg.).....Rep....."..... †300
 Tribune.....Rep....."..... †2,200

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
 POPULATION: Census of 1890. * Estimated. † County Seat.