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SCENE

PIONEER LIFE

1896

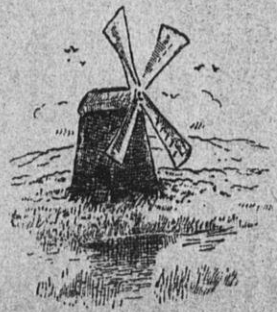
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NORTHERN WISCONSIN


Along
the Line of the

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD.



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A WORD IN EXPLANATION.

 HIS LITTLE SOUVENIR is issued for the purpose of presenting to you a few views of some of the Pioneer Homes in Northern Wisconsin. These pictures show, plainer than words, what an honest industrious man can do in a few years. The lands which are now being offered for sale to homeseekers, and which are near to the railroads, and within easy distance of good schools and churches, are being purchased by a thrifty industrious class. There are neither cyclones nor blizzards in this part of the country to make life miserable to the pioneer; but a healthy bracing climate, and rich productive soil, where abundant crops can be raised without fear of drouth or other undesirable contingencies.

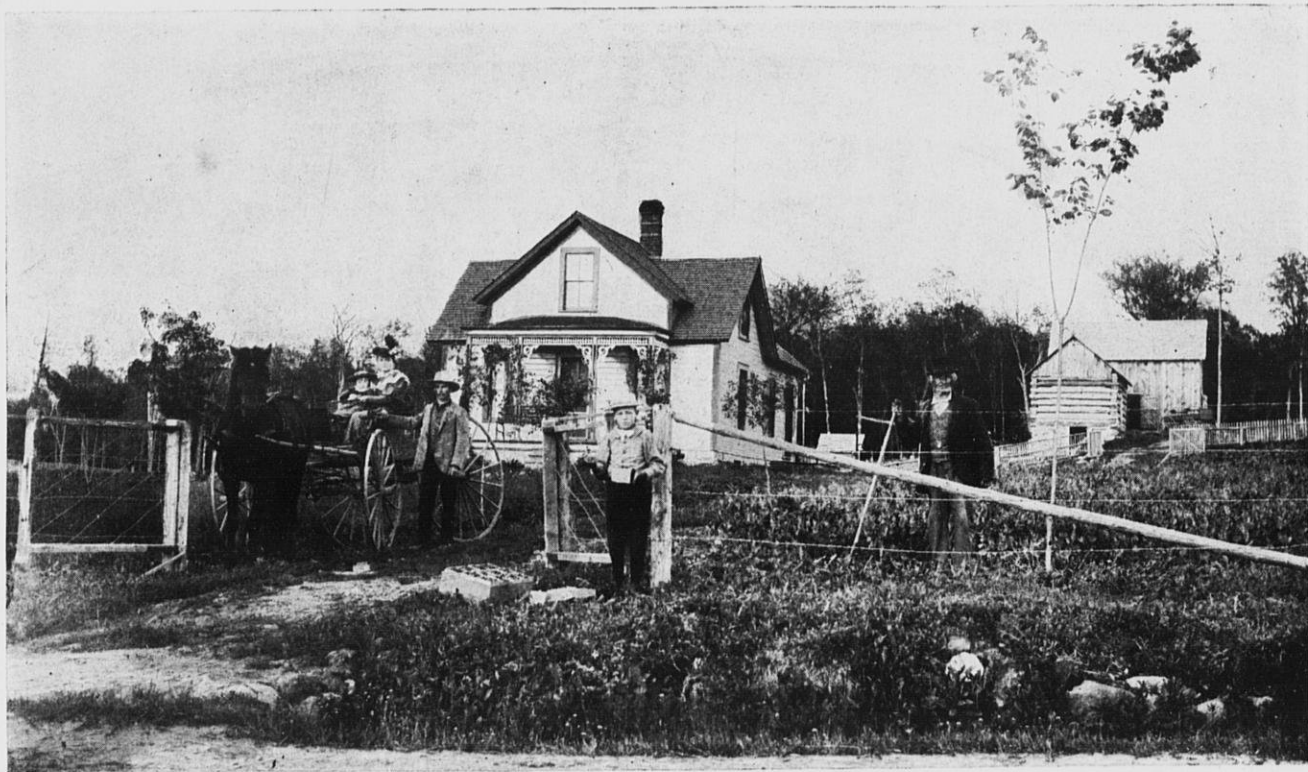


A START IN PRICE COUNTY.

This view was taken three weeks after this family took up its residence, Nov. 1, 1896. They were without means, but from work getting out timber from the land, they will live in comfort during the winter and have a nice clearing for crops in the spring.



This view shows the temporary residence of George Asyerer, near Phillips, Price County. He came from Switzerland and bought this land Oct. 15, 1896. He has employment at good wages for the winter, and will enlarge his dwelling in the spring. The parties on the left of the picture are in charge of the Wisconsin Central Railroad land agent, upon a tour of inspection.



Home of Conrad Flicker, near Phillips, Price County, Wis., carved out of the forest. This shows what a young man of good heart and muscle can do, though not blessed with much means on the start.



View of field of Dent Corn owned by John Carstens, near Medford, Taylor County, Wis. Mr. Carstens is one of Taylor County's prosperous business men, and stands in the foreground in this view.



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Pulling stumps on farm of Chas. Paustenbach, near Medford, Taylor County, Wis. In the background is shown a large clearing from which stumps have been cleared.



A second crop of Clover, near Medford, Taylor County, Wis. No better clover can be grown in any country than is raised in Taylor County.



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This view shows a load of hay grown and baled by Mr. August Jaeger, upon his farm about four miles from Phillips, Price County, and is now being taken by Mr. Jaeger to market. Hay grows wonderfully well and is readily sold at good prices.



FRONT STREET, MEDFORD, TAYLOR COUNTY, WIS.

Medford is the County Seat and has a population of about 1,800. It has a large tannery, stave and heading factory, saw mill, excelsior factory, flour mill, brewery and cheese factory. It also has Catholic and Protestant churches, both English and German.



Roller Flour Mill of A. J. Perkins & Son, Medford, Taylor County. Good Prices are always paid for grains which are ground into flour and feed.



Shaw's Sole-leather Tannery at Medford, Taylor County. Thousands of dollars are paid to settlers annually for hemlock bark. The price paid for bark at the tannery is \$4.00 per cord. There are similar plants at Rib Lake and Perkinstown, Taylor County, Prentice and Phillips, Price County, and Mellen, Ashland County.



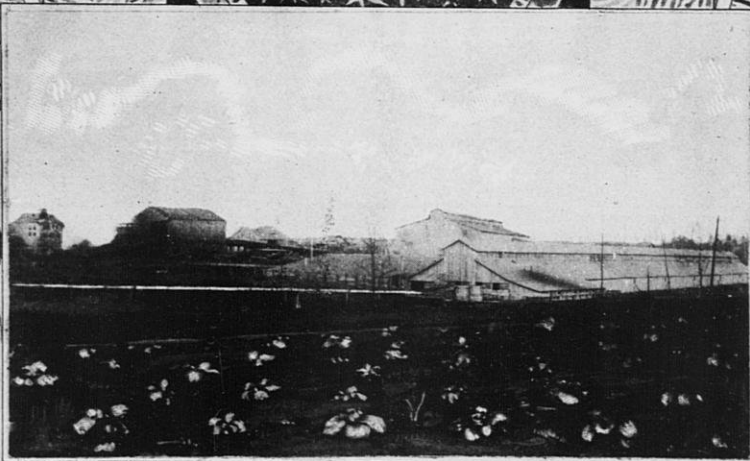
The farm of Chris. Klein, near Phillips, Price County, Wis., showing herd of fine dairy stock. Mr. Klein located about eight years ago, with but little means to start with, and is now a prosperous dairyman.



A field of Oats near Phillips, Price County, Wis. Ready for harvesting. Standing shoulder high. In the background is shown a mixed hemlock and hardwood forest.



SHERIFF RESIDENCE & COUNTY JAIL
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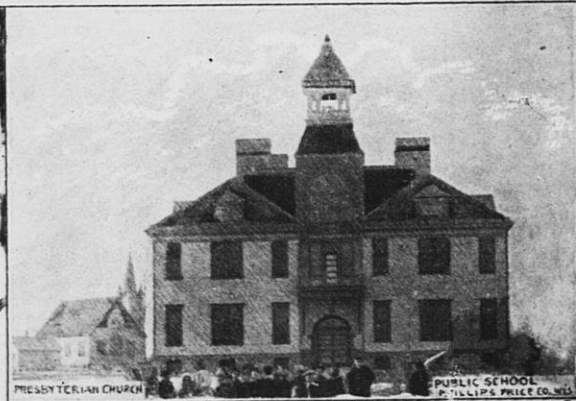


GENERAL VIEW OF FAYETTE SHAW'S TANNERY
 FORE GROUND SHOWING PORTION OF M. THAYRES GARDEN.
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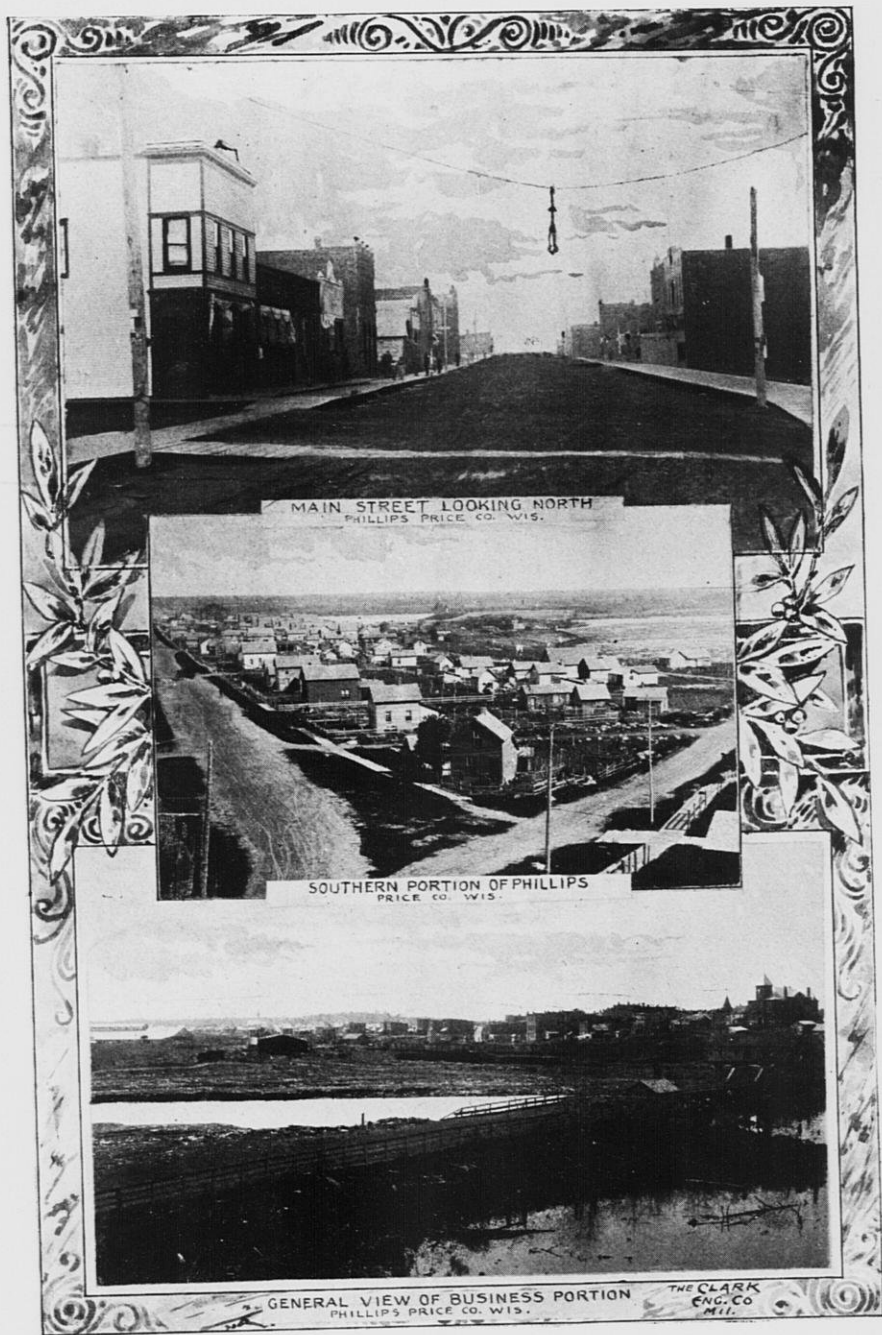
VIEW AT PHILLIPS.

Phillips is a pretty city of 2,000 inhabitants and is the county seat of Price County. It is equipped with fine water facilities, and has the benefit of electric lights and sewerage. The tannery shown above uses hemlock bark at the rate of sixty cords daily. The hides are shipped from South America and the leather product is marketed at Boston.



VIEWS AT PHILLIPS.

The saw mill of the John R. Davis Lumber Company has a capacity of fifty million feet annually and employs many men. This company also operates a box factory and planing mill. The Price County Court House was built and fitted out at a cost of \$24,000, while the school house above shown cost Phillips \$15,000.



VIEWS AT PHILLIPS.

Phillips was entirely destroyed by fire July 27, 1893, and within one year was rebuilt as shown by above views, which were taken in July, 1894.



MARK RICHARDS ENG. '13

View of cabbage and onions planted between rows of raspberries, blackberries and currants on M. A. Thayer's Fruit Farm, Phillips, Price County, Wis. Mr. Thayer has about eighty acres all in small fruit and vegetables.



Field of potatoes on the farm of Oswald Scheller, in the town of Ogema. Mr. Scheller, like the majority of his neighbors, began farming in Price County without money.



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TEMPORARY QUARTERS OF JOHN H. WALLACE AND TIMOTHY WOODHOUSE.

These parties have been in Price County but a few days. After making two trips from his home at Logansport, Ind., where he for many years rented a large farm, Mr. Wallace thoroughly satisfied himself in regard to soil, climate, etc., and determined to locate near Phillips. He brought Mr. Woodhouse, his son, and the son of a neighbor who will follow. His family will come on in the spring after a dwelling house has been erected and furnished.



A party of homeseekers from Indiana, who were led to investigate conditions in Price County, on account of the determination of John H. Wallace to settle near Phillips. They enjoyed a season's hunting while engaged in looking over the lands. Some of them have selected their lands and will return in the spring with their families and goods. The log shanty is used as a camping place. This view taken Oct. 15, 1896.



A typical country district school house in Price County.

HOW TO JUDGE LANDS.



THE BEST WAY to ascertain the possible value of lands for farming purposes is to inspect the growing crops in fields and gardens lying as near as possible to the lands in question. There are now so many settlers in Northern Wisconsin that the newcomer can in about every instance gain material help in this direction.—*From Prof. W. A. Henry's Hand-book for the Homeseeker.*

If you desire information of any kind relative to lands in Northern Wisconsin, or excursion rates, etc., together with maps or other literature pertaining to this section, write to

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