

ation for manufacturing enterprises, and should be visited by every person contemplating the establishment of such enterprises in this region.

The altitude of Dayton is sixteen hundred and sixty feet above the sea. The greatest yearly rainfall known was thirty-three and one-half inches, and the least, nineteen, the average for a series of years being twenty-six and one-half inches. This is an altitude and average rainfall which experience in this region shows to be the best for grain culture, and the prolific yield of wheat is ample evidence of it. The highest temperature recorded was 109 degrees, in August, 1885, and the lowest was -26 degrees, in 1884. The mean annual temperature is 49 degrees. The summers are dry, and the heat, even at the highest temperature, is not as oppressive as in the moist atmosphere of the Mississippi valley. Harvesting and haying may be carried on leisurely, since the crops are in no danger of being damaged by rain. There is no swamp land, and the water is good, hence malarial fevers do not abound. Consumption is almost unknown. No particular form of disease may be said to prevail, but pneumonia and rheumatism are apt to visit those who expose themselves carelessly in the winter season. Mosquitoes, fleas and other insect pests do not exist in sufficient numbers to become an annoyance.

Next to Dayton, the largest community in Columbia county is Huntville, seven miles below the city. It is situated on the Touchet, and on the line of the O. R. & N. Co. It has a flouring mill, store and shops. Washington seminary, an institution maintained by the

United Brethren, is situated there. An endowment of \$10,000.00 helps to support it. The building cost \$15,000.00, and can accommodate two hundred students. There is also a good public school building. Marengo, on the Touchet, has a flouring mill, store, blacksmith shop, feed stable and school house. Riparia is the railroad terminus on Snake river, and Starbuck is the point of junction of the Pomeroy branch. Neither possesses more importance than that of a railroad station and shipping point. Covello is an interior village, ten miles from Dayton, and has a store blacksmith shop, public hall and school house.

It has been several years since good government land could be found vacant within a few miles of Dayton, and the same may be said of any town of size in that region. Good railroad land may be purchased at from \$2.50 to \$7.00 per acre, in yearly installments for ten years. Deeded land may be had at from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre, and good improved land at \$30.00. There are to be found many who have taken up land claims, who will sell at a reasonable price, being persons who, for many causes, fail to succeed, or who never intended to actually live upon and cultivate their claims. A man with a little money to invest can secure a good home in the vicinity of Dayton, and avoid from five to ten years of pioneer life, labor and hardship, which he would be compelled to endure if he sought unclaimed land in a new and undeveloped section. All desiring to know more of the possibilities of this region, are advised to send to the Board of Immigration, at Dayton, for a descriptive pamphlet recently issued.