

lands in towns twenty-eight and twenty-nine, in ranges four and five, on Rib river, about fifteen miles west of Wausau, and as many north-west of Mosinee—Little Bull Falls. Lands in large tracts of equally desirable quality, lie on the east side of the Wisconsin, up the Plover, on the Eau Plaine, Eau Claire, Pine and Prairie rivers, which have not been so much broached as yet.

A glance at the map will show, that on each side of the Wisconsin, at some twenty miles distant from it, are the heads of the streams; those on the east, that rise in ranges 10 and 11, and fall into the Wolf River eastwardly, and into the Wisconsin westwardly; and on the west, those that rise in ranges, 1, 2 and 3, and fall into the Black River on the west, Yellow River on the south, and the Wisconsin on the east. These are never failing, clear spring brooks, and water every quarter section of the most choice hard-timbered lands.

The whole of this Upper Wisconsin country is without any considerable portion of broken or mountainous lands, being nearly a plane, just enough inclined to the southward to draw off the waters of the streams in a quick current. As before observed, after leaving the Wisconsin, the banks of which are a sandy, light soil, heavier lands, of gravel and loam, are found. Hence the selections for farming purposes, are mostly made near the sources of the streams, as above described.

In further proof of the fine soil of this Upper Country, we give here a communication from a highly intelligent gentleman of Wausau, descriptive of Marathon county:

"Marathon County is bounded on the north by the State line; east by Oconto; south by Portage; and west by Clark, Chippewa and La Pointe. It was organized February 9th, 1850. The county seat is at Wausau; area 6048 square miles. Its surface is gently undulating—sufficient to carry off the water, leaving no swamps but what are susceptible of the highest state of cultivation; and no inclinations so abrupt