

MINNESOTA.

Population 1,301,826.....Rep. Plur. in 1892, 21,903

Rep. vote, 122,823; Dem. 100,920; Peop. 29,313; Prohib. 14,182.

STATE CAPITAL, ST. PAUL.

MINNESOTA is bounded north by British America, east by Wisconsin and Lake Superior, south by Iowa, and west by Dakota. Its extreme length from north to south is 330 miles; breadth varies from 183 miles in the center to 262 on the south line, and about 330 on the north border; land area, 83,365 square miles. The surface is generally an undulating plain, diversified with rolling prairies, dotted with lakes and groves, with frequent timber belts. The northeast is generally rugged and hilly, with immense forests and much marsh land. The Red River Valley is a dead level. The southeast is a beautiful rolling prairie region, while the surface rises from the undulating prairies of the south and southwest to the Hauteur des Terros or Heights of Land in the northwest. It is thought that the northeast may develop valuable mineral resources, iron ore being said to abundant, but the yield of minerals is at present unimportant. There are productive fisheries of white fish and lake trout in Lake Superior. The soil is fertile, about two-thirds of it being adapted to the cultivation of cereals and general farm produce. Very large quantities of spring wheat are raised even as far as the Manitoba line, while corn grows well all over the State. Oats, barley, hops, flaxseed, and hay are leading products. The cereals range in the following order, wheat, oats, corn, barley, rye and buckwheat. Wool growing is remunerative in the southwest. Maple sugar is an important product. Cattle, horses, and swine are largely exported, and pork packing is a valuable industry. Manufactures are rapidly increasing in number and value. The leading branches are flour and grist mill products, lumber and woodenware, carriages, furniture, and cooperage, while boots and shoes, brick, leather, lime, saddlery, and woolen goods are also extensively manufactured. There are 81 Counties in Minnesota; newspapers are published in 79.

AITKIN CO. (N.E.C.).....Pop. 2,462

Rep. vote in 1892, 445; Dem. 217; Peo. 33; Pro. 16.
Generally undulating, diversified with forests and lakes; soil fertile. Lumbering chief industry. COUNTY SEAT, Aitkin, pop. 787.

	Circ	
Age	Dem.....Aitkin †	1420
Independent	Ind	"
Republican	Rep	1450

ANOKA CO. (E.).....Pop. 9,884

Rep. vote in 1892, 1,002; Dem. 720; Pro. 133; Peo. 44.
Undulating, diversified with forests and lakes. Products—Wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, wool. Lumber and flour chief articles of export. COUNTY SEAT, Anoka, pop. 4,252.

	Circ	
Anoka County Union	RepAnoka †	750
Herald	Rep	1,250

BECKEE CO. (N.W.).....Pop. 9,401

Rep. vote in 1892, 892; Dem. 509; Peo. 447; Pro. 199.
Elevated; several lakes, one of which, Elbow Lake, in the northeast, is the source of the Red River of the North; soil productive; grain crop important. Large manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, Detroit, pop. 1,510.

	Circ	
Journal (Eng. & Scand.)	Temp ..Audubon.....	"
Record	RepDetroit †	1,100

BELTRAMI CO. (N.W.).....Pop. 312

Rep. vote in 1892, 67; Dem. 44; Peo. 25; Pro. 1.
Elevated, with forests and lakes. No statistics. No Papers.

BENTON CO. (E.C.).....Pop. 6,284

Dem. vote in 1892, 575; Rep. 426; Peo. 132; Pro. 23.
Undulating, prairie and forest; soil fertile in parts. Products—Wheat, corn, oats, hay. COUNTY SEAT, Sauk Rapids, pop. 1,185.

	Circ	
Free Press	Dem.....Sauk Rapids †	1650
Sentinel	Ind.Rep	700

BIG STONE CO. (S.W.).....Pop. 5,722

Rep. vote in 1892, 575; Dem. 435; Peo. 130; Pro. 135.
Chiefly prairie; soil fertile. Products—Wheat; live stock. COUNTY SEAT, Ortonville, pop. 763.

	Circ	
Advocate	IndClinton	"
Enterprise	IndGraceville.....	1,100
Phenix	Rep	"
Big Stone Co. Journal	RepOrtonville †	1000
Herald Star	Rep	750

BLUE EARTH CO. (S.).....Pop. 29,210

Rep. vote in 1892, 2,673; Dem. 2,307; Pro. 558; Peo. 271.
Rolling prairie; forest and lakes; soil fertile. Superior facing and foundation stone; pottery; fire and common brick clay. Products—Wheat and oats; large corn, barley, potatoes, butter, hay; dairying; live stock; valuable; live stock. Lumbering; flour and saw mills. Cement factory. COUNTY SEAT, Mankato, pop. 8,538.

	Circ	
Herald	RepAmboy	1720
Herald	Dem.....Good Thunder	300
Union	Ind.RepLake Crystal	450

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
POPULATION: Census of 1880. * Estimated. † County Seat.