

NIAGARA, MARINETTE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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NEW NIAGARA.

Good Prospects of a New City on the Menominee River Near the Falls.

CAPITALISTS NEGOTIATING FOR LAND.

Three Marinette Parties who Own the Property Visited Here Sunday. Interviewed by a Tribune Scribe. Several Offers Made.

A new townsite may soon be platted on the banks of the Menominee river, near where the big plant of the Badger Paper Co. is located.

A postoffice, known as Niagara, has already been established, and with a hotel and general store, today constitutes a settlement that is destined to become one of the leading industrial cities on the Menominee river. The land upon which the coming city is to be built, if at all, is owned by three Marinette parties, who came into possession of the property three years ago when there was little prospect of it ever being converted into streets and business squares. These men have repeatedly refused offers from parties who are interested in the several water powers along the river, but have held on to their possessions with the good judgment and

forethought so characteristic of the coming business men of today.

The owners, Messrs. Fred C. Burke, Arthur Robeck and John O'Connell, were in the city Tuesday from Marinette. The visitors spent the day looking over the land and returned home on the St. Paul train in the evening. In order to verify a rumor to the effect that a townsite would be platted there this fall, a reporter for the Tribune interviewed the owners.

"We have nothing for publication now concerning this proposition," said Mr. O'Connell in answer to a question by the scribe, "but it's possible that within a few weeks we will be in a position to give the readers of the Tribune a piece of news that will be interesting at least to those who own property near Niagara. We own 240 acres of choice land adjoining the Badger Paper Co's. [*sic - Co.'s*] property and it's the only place in that vicinity available for a townsite. Our visit here today was prompted by several capitalists who are interested in the water power there, and it is their purpose, I believe, to secure control of the entire tract and plot [*sic - plat*] a townsite on that portion nearest to the paper mill."

"What is the cash consideration offered you by these parties," was asked of Mr. O'Connell. "That is a private matter," answered the gentleman from Marinette, "but I will tell you that if the deal goes through the cash consideration will be \$3,000."

The property in question consists of six forties lying directly below the paper mill. Two of the forties are in Sec. 9, twp. 36, range 20, while the remaining four are in sec. 16, twp. 36, range 20.

The St. Paul Railroad company have [*sic - has*] been surveying a line through the land with a view of building a branch from the main line to the mill. If the prospective purchasers succeed in securing control of the property it is possible that a townsite will be established at an early

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date, and many improvements for the good
of that section will naturally flow.