

## Away For 24 Years

After an absence of 24 years, Louis Gray, one of the first men to locate in this vicinity, arrived here Monday evening for a short visit with his old friend, George Tucker. Mr. Gray first came to Stutsman county about 40 years ago, with his three brothers and owned 15 sections of land in Courtenay township and two sections at Spiritwood lake, part of which is now owned by Geo. Tucker.

E. F. Horn was his nearest neighbor at that time, and only a few now remain. They were here when there was nothing but hardships and no signs of a town where we now are. The land was purchased from the Northern Pacific railroad, which company had every other section for a distance of about 40 miles on both sides of the track.

They remained here for a number of years and began to loose money so fast that the three brothers picked up and left their holdings to one brother, who remained several years longer and afterwards disposed of all the land. Two of the brothers, Louis and the youngest one went to Oklahoma, where they entered the oil business and are still there, while a third one located in Toledo, Ohio.

This is his first trip here since leaving and he was surprised as he stepped from the train and noticed what a beautiful town we had, and also to see the country so thickly settled, something which seemed never to be realized when he left. He has been busy looking up the few remaining ones he knew when here, and among one found was E. F. Horn, which was a great treat to both. He will visit around this part of the country for a short time and return to his southern home where his interests keeps him closely tied down.