

On the Road With The Herald Traveler

(JOHN O. BAYNE)



Tom Koemich came here from Howard county eight years ago and is operating three hundred and twenty acres that belong to John O'Mara. He has ninety acres of wheat, fifteen of oats, twenty of spuds and thirty-five of corn. Tom says that hogs and corn are the best crops to produce in this country and thinks they should be cultivated on a larger scale. He likes this country better than Howard county and thinks the land here is worth more money than land in either Howard or Sherman counties.

Ed Zoehol came here from Howard county eight years ago and owns four hundred and eighty acres of good soil and has just completed a fine new bungalow that is modern. Ed says that spuds is the best crop for quick returns but thinks that hogs and corn are the best in the long run and the easiest as the hogs will do so much of the work and never complain about the wages or the long hours. When asked how he liked this country this is what he said: "Why, I prefer this country two to one over Howard," as he could make money easier and faster here.

J. M. McClain, one of the old timers here, having come from Iowa thirty-five years ago, owns thirty-one hundred and forty acres of Box Butte county soil. He has one hundred and fifty acres of wheat, forty of oats, sixty of rye, two hundred of corn, eighty of alfalfa, one hundred cattle and two hundred and fifty hogs. J. M. says he has been successful in raising all kinds of small grain and corn but thinks there is more money in corn and hogs than anything else, and thinks this country all right for a poor man as they can produce as much here as they do in the east on land that seeds much higher.

Ed Reeder came here from Iowa twelve years ago and owns four hundred and eighty acres that he operates alone. He has twenty-five acres of oats, seventy-five of corn, twenty-five of alfalfa, twenty-five cattle, sixty hogs and eleven horses. Ed says that corn and hog raise the best where one is as far out as he, because the hogs will do a great share of the labor of husking the corn. He tells us that he never saw a year here that he did not raise a good crop.

Jefferson H. Rathburn came here three years ago from Nance county and bought three hundred and twenty acres of fine soil. He has sixty acres of wheat, ten of oats, twenty of barley, twenty-five of corn and ten of spuds. J. H. says that he likes this country so well that he has no intention of going back, and as soon as he can, is going to raise hogs and corn and alfalfa.

Chester Ross came here from Wisconsin thirty-five years ago and owns sixteen hundred acres of good soil. Chester owns the old half-way house where the stage station use to be from Alliance to Hay Springs. He is farming quite extensively and has reduced the cattle herd. He has one hundred and eighty acres of wheat, sixty of oats, one hundred and twenty of corn, ninety of alfalfa, and two hundred of flax, seventy-five cattle, forty horses and one hundred and twenty hogs. Chester says that in his opinion that hogs and corn is the best combination as both as a sure crop because there is no cholera and if one will farm right corn will always make a crop.

H. W. Olsen came here from Montana three years ago and is operating three hundred and twenty acres, has thirty-five acres of wheat, fifteen of oats, fifty of corn and five of spuds. They like the country fine and would not go back.

R. H. Lochman came here from Germany thirty-five years ago and owns eleven hundred and twenty acres of good soil and has the best of improvements, having just completed a fine large house that is modern. It is all finished in quarter-sawn oak. He also has a very fine large barn. He has one hundred acres of corn, ten of alfalfa, one hundred and two cattle, thirteen horses and one hundred and thirteen hogs. Mr. Lochman says that this country has a great future before it, and thinks that things are just starting on an up turn. He says that corn and hogs are best for this country but not to forget the cattle.

John O'Mara came to this county April 11, 1885, and as far as he knows there was only one man in this part of the country when he came and that one beat him only two or three days. Mr. O'Mara had an experience that he will never forget. When he first came he knew nothing of the Nebraska blizzards and the first week he was here it commenced to rain and rained for two days, then turned to snow and snowed for two days. They had no protection for man or beast, except the wagon; no hay for the stock, and no fuel except boxes that were in the wagon. He tells us that the horses ate the wagon box about all up. Now Mr. O'Mara owns 1,120 acres of good land and has it nicely improved with a modern house, with all the improvements that make for convenience, and has the best orchard that we have seen in this county that is just coming into bearing. The trees look as thrifty as trees do in the fruit country of the east. We were curious to know how he grew such nice trees when the neighbors could not get trees to grow, so asked John how he did it. He told us that it was all in the way they were cultivated. In the first place he plowed the ground by plowing lands just the width of the tree rows and planted the trees in the furrow. In cultivating, he worked the soil back to the trees, the next year plowed the soil away from the trees again and repeated the same operation. He cultivates the trees about every ten days and tells us that his trees never want for moisture. At three years old the plums bore more fruit than the family could use, but the present season the late frost got all the bloom on both plum and apple trees. He has about 500 trees of all kinds—apple, cherry and plum—and they are all healthy trees. John has one hundred acres of wheat, thirty of oats, eighty of corn, twenty of spuds, sixty of alfalfa, twenty cattle, sixteen horses and fifty hogs. John says that hogs and corn make the easiest and best money, if you let the hogs do the husking of the corn. He thinks this the cheapest and best land for what it will produce of any place he knows.

C. F. Sulzbach came here from New York city nineteen years ago and owns fifteen hundred and twenty acres of land. He has thirty acres of wheat, fifteen of spuds, sixty of corn and thirty-five acres of the best of alfalfa. He told us it made two and one-half tons per acre the first cutting this year. He has sixty cattle, seventy hogs and twelve horses. Charles was

never out of the city until he came to this country and knew nothing about the farm, but has made good. The first land he bought he paid \$125 down, money he had saved by working out at very small wages, and now he has all the land clear with the exception of one quarter.

C. G. Turner came here from Grand Island five years ago and is working at his trade, which is that of a carpenter, builder and painter. He lives on East Seventh street in Belmont addition.

James Krejci came here from South Dakota thirty-six years ago and homesteaded the place where he now lives. He has just completed a new house of nine rooms and a full basement. He owns eight hundred acres of land fifteen acres of oats, five of millet, forty cattle and ten hogs. James says that the best and easiest money is with cattle and hogs. We were invited to dinner here and we enjoyed a good friend chicken dinner with lemonade and lemon pie and everything. The Krejci brothers were born here. There are three of the boys and all work together, and they have surely made good. They own forty-seven hundred acres of land. They have one hundred and seventy of rye, fifteen of alfalfa, eight of spuds, and three hundred and sixty of corn, three hundred cattle, eighteen horses and six hundred and twenty-eight hogs. The boy says that corn and hogs are the best things to raise but try and produce a little of everything. They boys started with very little money and have done the best of anyone we have seen so far. While not entirely out of debt, they could pay out at any time they choose.

John S. Gerdes came here from Illinois thirty-one years ago and owns nine hundred and sixty acres of good level land. They have twenty acres of wheat, twenty of oats, forty of corn, and ten of rye, and seven of spuds, sixty-two head of cattle, and thirteen head of hogs. John says that out as far from town as he is—fifteen miles—mixed farming and stock-raising is the thing to do. He says that a man can get a home here easier than any place he ever saw, but he advised not to buy too big a place, as that is the trouble here. Land is cheap and so many buy so much more than they should.

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POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Miss Bessie Underwood returned home Sunday from a stay with Mrs. De France.

Dr. Bowman was called to De France's, as one of their hired help is quite sick.

Mr. Bird, Jr., is improving fast, we are very much pleased to learn.

Miss Simpson, Howard Lore, Arthur Denton attended the ball game at Nichols' Sunday.

Fred Wills motored Miss Iva Wilkins and Howard Essex home from the ball game to Alliance.

Foyd Trines' father and two sisters are visiting him from the east. Mr. and Mrs. Bowler were callers at Lore's Friday evening.

Leggett's harvesting outfit left for home Saturday south of Alliance.

Frank Vaughan attended the dance at Craft's Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Epler took dinner with J. Dillon's Sunday. Then they all attended Sunday school at the Johnson school house.

Bowlen and Somp went to hunt horses up at Fowling postoffice Sunday.

Miss Alma Schwaderer and Lester Hashman visited with friends near Hemingford Sunday.

Miss Rebecca Schwaderer is house maid for Leo Hashman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon went fishing at Kilpatrick Dam Friday.

Ernie Wienell, Edgar Hashman and the Misses Marguerite Lore attended the dance at Craft's Saturday evening. They reported a fine time.

We are about to lose our mail route if more don't get a hurry up on them and put their mail boxes out. This is the report of our mail man.

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