

LIVESTOCK LOSS EXCEEDS THAT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

MAY 12 CROP REPORT FEATURES LIVESTOCK MORTALITY.

Spring Plowing and Planting Not As Far Advanced As It Was At This Time Last Year.

The abandonment of winter wheat is approximately three times the usual and very severe in a few counties. The condition of rye is 89 per cent. Spring plowing and planting is not as far advanced as it was a year ago this date. Losses of live stock, particularly last year. These are the leading points in the report released by A. E. Anderson of the bureau of markets and crop estimates and Leo Stuhr, secretary, Nebraska department of agriculture.

About 11.5 per cent of the winter wheat crop is abandoned as compared to 4.2 per cent, the average for the period 1915 to 1922, excluding 1917 the year of extreme loss. This leaves approximately 3,499,000 acres for harvest as compared to 3,457,000 acres, the average harvested area of the past four years.

The condition of winter wheat is 82 per cent as compared to 92 per cent a year ago and the ten year average of 89 per cent. The present condition forecasts a production of 54,514,000 bushels as compared to 57,559,000 bushels last year.

With a few exceptions the abandonment is very light in the counties east of Merrick, Hamilton, Clay and Nuckolls counties. West of these counties, the losses range from average to very severe. The reported losses of important counties having the heaviest abandonment are as follows: Kearney 70 per cent; Adams, 60 per cent; Buffalo, 35 per cent; Lincoln, 35 per cent; Keith, 33 per cent; Deuel, 35 per cent; Cheyenne, 32 per cent; Kimball 30 per cent. The remainder of the important wheat counties in central and western Nebraska usually report losses up to 10 per cent, a few reporting from 10 to 20 abandonment. It is possible that in some cases the final abandonment will even exceed the above estimates. The cause of the abandonment was severe drouth last autumn, winter and during the early spring.

Livestock Mortality High.

The mortality of live stock during the past year is reported considerably higher than usual. The total losses out of each one thousand head of stock this year and last year are reported as follows: horses, 18 and 13; cattle, 37 and 25; sheep, 99 and 74; swine, 59 and 44. The majority of the counties report a severe loss of pigs. If the losses of pigs are as large as generally reported, the swine crop may even be less than last year in spite of the increased number of brood sows. It is hoped that the returns from the pig survey will give accurate information on the swine crop.

Some winter-kill of alfalfa is reported from central counties, due largely to drouth. The reserve supply of old hay is somewhat larger than the average but less than that of last year. The supply on farms is reported as being 13.7 per cent as compared to 22 per cent a year ago.

The winter wheat abandonment for the United States is 6,446,000 acres. The acreage remaining for harvest is 38,131,000 acres as compared to 42,702,000 acres harvested last year. The present condition of 83.5 per cent indicates a crop of 584,793,000 bushels as compared to 587,032,000 bushels last year. The condition of rye is 91.7 per cent which forecasts a crop of 59,152,000 bushels as compared to 57,918,000 bushels last year. The average of wild hay is slightly larger than last year. The acreage of tame hay is nearly the same as that of a year ago. Farm reserves of old hay are 0.792,000 tons as compared to 19,440,000 tons a year ago.

Total losses of live stock in the United States for the year ending May 1, 1922 and May 1, 1921 are as follows: Horses and mules, 386,000 and 369,000 head; cattle, 2,016,000 and 1,742,000 head; sheep, 1,293,000 and 1,223,000 head; swine, 3,082,000 and 2,946,000 head, respectively.

The state and federal bureau of crop estimates has released the following detailed report of crop conditions in all districts of the state, the first of its kind for the year, prepared after an exhaustive survey in each district and compiled from reports of the bureau's own correspondents:

Box Butte—Some pigs lost; 25 per cent dying. Cherry—Plenty rain, everything fine; abundance of hay and pasture; supply of cattle low. Dawes—Plenty of moisture; loss of early pigs. Sheridan—Plenty of feed for stock; soil in good condition; no loss in wheat but increase in acreage on new sod; alfalfa promises big yield.

BUSINESS MEN DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE FOURTH

(Continued from Page 1) other towns nearby could be induced to participate in the athletic contests.

Financing Up to Merchants.

R. M. Hampton thought that many Alliance people would prefer to go to the country on July 4, and that many of the country communities would make plans for celebrations. He thought that if Alliance started anything, the financing should be done by the merchants. He favored some plan to give away tickets with merchandise and arouse interest thereby.

N. A. Kennish declared that the people of the surrounding territory look to Alliance for their celebration. Ed Burr favored making the occasion one big day only, with no admission charges to entertainments. Floyd Lucas thought that perhaps the community celebrations had been planned in "self defense" because Alliance has

not been furnishing this kind of entertainment in recent years. He favored July 4, as did W. E. Spencer, who didn't care whether the celebration was started for one or two days.

J. H. Merville of Broken Bow was of the opinion that the business men should stand the expense of the entertainment. Custer county recently raised a \$9,000 budget, he said, to take care of public enterprises. He thought the celebration in his city this year would cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

J. S. Rhein advocated a one-day celebration with everything free. He thought that if more than one day were planned, some other date than July 4 should be selected. He thought the small towns and communities would co-operate with Alliance if it is decided to celebrate the Fourth here.

Thus Miller spoke in favor of a one-day celebration, and Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas said that he had interviewed a number of merchants, and the majority of them favor one big day's celebration, with all amusements free to the crowd and a barbecue and broncho races for amusements. Dr. A. C. Sechoch endorsed the idea of an old-fashioned Fourth. C. A. Newberry pointed out that Alliance has not put on a free entertainment for a number of years, and spoke enthusiastically for this plan.

The one-day celebration, with a free program and an old-fashioned lineup of events was endorsed by the committee, which will present its plans to the chamber next Monday. At that time, if the idea is endorsed, arrangements will probably be made for financing the celebration and securing the co-operation of nearby towns and communities.

These facts were reported to the state legal department Tuesday afternoon by County Attorney K. W. McDonald and Mrs. Mabel J. Thompson, treasurer of Morrill county, who consulted Assistant Attorney General Mason Wheeler as to how the county and its various subdivisions could lawfully proceed with the collection of taxes, the time having gone by in which the county board could act.

The confusion was reached with the only thing to do, under the circumstances is to let assessments for 1921 stand as they were originally returned by precinct assessors, and to collect taxes on that basis.

Had Made Wholesale Changes.

In equalizing the property of Morrill county for taxation last year, the county board changed real estate valuations in all but five precincts, raising some and lowering others. Personal property was boosted all over the county, from 5 to 40 per cent over the assessors' figures.

Bayard and Broadwater were two places where the largest raise applied. The municipal authorities there had requested the increase because revenues were badly needed to keep things going. The court holding will lower valuation and scale the tax receipts very materially.

Bridgeport, on the other hand, got a 20 per cent cut from the county board on its real estate. The Hobart decision restores the original assessment and taxpayers will have to foot the difference.

Failure by the county board to make its equalization on or before July 10, 1921, was responsible for the annulment of its action. The board did not order changes in the assessments until July 18.

Taxpayers at Bayard and Broadwater brought suit to prevent collection of taxes based on the increased valuations. When the two towns lose in revenues through the decision will be gained by taxpayers individually.

County Does Not Suffer.

Morrill county as a whole will not lose much of its revenue from the overturning of the equalization, due to the fact that real estate changes practically offset each other.

Personal taxes became delinquent last December 1, and have generally been paid in to the county and the various villages and school districts. Under the state law, the excess collected cannot be refunded. On the other hand, where personal taxes remain unpaid at this time and are increased by the Hobart decision, the increase will be charged and collected.

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Charter No. 5657 REPORT OF CONDITION OF Reserve District No. 10

THE ALLIANCE NATIONAL BANK

At Alliance, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business on May 5, 1922

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$372,322.80	\$	372,322.80
Total loans			709.92
Overdrafts, unsecured			
U. S. Government securities deposited to secure circulation	50,000.00		50,000.00
All other United States Government securities	38,000.00		88,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.			7,195.94
Banking house, furniture and fixtures			21,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	24,000.36		
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	142,410.91		
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States	3,103.37		
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	7,333.03		
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,505.00		179,352.67
Total			\$668,572.33

LETTING HIM DOWN EASY

A rich man, lying on his death bed, called his chauffeur who had been in his service for years, and said:

"Ah, Sykes. I am going on a long and rugged journey, worse than ever you drove me."

"Well, sir," consoled the chauffeur. "There's one comfort. It's all down hill."

ALL CLEAR NOW

"Money is the root of all evil" That is the reason that we are all trying to dig it up—Columbia Jester.

Go in' Fishin'?

Fix up your tackle box and be prepared for the big ones.

See your complete line of rods, reels, bass lures, trout flies, creels and tackle of all description.

Holsten's

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1922.

M. S. HARGRAVES, Notary Public.

COURT DECISION SWATS BAYARD AND BROADWATER

MORRILL COUNTY TOWNS ALMOST FLAT FINANCIALLY.

County Board's Juggling of Property Values Doesn't Find Favor With Court.

As a result of the recent decision by Judge R. W. Hobart holding invalid the entire tax equalization made last year in Morrill county, the town of Bayard is left flat on its back, financially speaking with \$200,000 of registered warrants estant and no funds in sight to pay them, while the Bayard school district with \$281,000 of bonded indebtedness, is also short of revenue, according to the Lincoln Star.

The town of Broadwater is similarly affected by the court ruling, but not to the same extent.

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The state of Nebraska owns \$50,200 of Bayard municipal bonds and \$19,500 of its school bonds, as investments of

the permanent school fund. Whether these can be paid at maturity is doubtful. So far, the interest payments have been met as they became due. The state also holds \$18,700 of Broadwater municipal bonds.

POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Mr. Stewart of Vale, Kas., is visiting his son, R. Stewart.

Lester Hashman, while driving out, got his hand hurt. He will be laid up for a few days.

Miss Anna Schwaderer visited with Mr. Frank Jones over Sunday.

Snake Creek played the Red Sox last Sunday.

Carl Hashman and family were Sunday visitors at Bill Hashman's.

Jim Wimmer was up from Alliance hunting horses in this vicinity Tuesday. He also called at Lore's.

Alex Underwood was a Tuesday caller at Bill Vogel's.

Peter Henst motored Miss Burns to Alliance Friday evening.

Irma Nichols is home after helping Frank Jones for a few days.

Mr. Nolan took dinner with C. Moore's Tuesday.

Cecil Beal and Bert Wilson win Suit and Overcoat

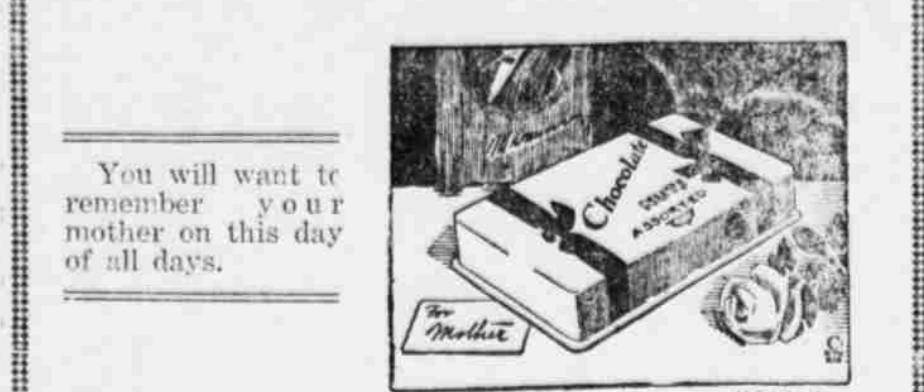
Cecil Beal won the suit sold for \$1.95 by the Parsons for the first man to enter the north door, and Bert Wilson of Holsten's won the overcoat for being the first to enter the north door. Both were on the ground at 5:30, both carrying boxes to sit on. A large crowd was waiting in front of the store for the opening, evidently with the forlorn hope that one of the holders of the vantage points would leave. Had either done so, there might have been a young battle to decide who had the place. Fortunately this did not happen.

Specials For The Week End

- 10c bar of Ivory Soap, two for **11c**
 - 35c Peroxide Face Cream, two for **36c**
 - 35c Boque Ramee' Talcum Powder, two for **36c**
 - 25c tube of Klenzo Tooth Paste, two for **26c**
 - 35c Tooth Brushes, two for **36c**
 - Regular \$1.00 Sorbo Rubber Sponges **49c**
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For the Sweetest Woman Ever



You will want to remember your mother on this day of all days.

MOTHERS' DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14th

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RECOMMENDS THESE PRICES ON STAPLE GROCERIES.

Everyone looks these days for saving on food stuffs. We have this in mind when we offer you the following specials for Saturday:

- No. 2 1/2 Bartlett Pears, can 29c
 - 3 cans for 85c
 - No. 2 1/2 Grated Pineapple, can 29c
 - 3 cans for 85c
- We still have a small selection of Del Monte Fruits left at per can 32c
- Standard Corn, 3 cans for 25c
 - Swift's White Laundry Soap, 13 bars for 50c

Lee Moore

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 - 2.—Every bearing is self-oiling.
 - 3.—No unsanitary cast iron bowl pit.
 - 4.—Absolutely easy running.
 - 5.—Sanitary and easy to clean.

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