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And he gazed surprised on a well known scene,  
A Christmas gathering at the farm.  
For a country play was on the screen.  
When the absent son returned at last,  
Filled his gray-haired father's heart with joy,  
While his loving mother laughed and cried,  
As she clasped once more her long lost boy.  
Tears dimmed the eyes of the country lad,  
Yet he had a vision of far away,  
Of the little home where he was reared,  
And his father and mother, old and gray,  
Who longed to have some word from him,  
Who longed to see his well loved face;  
The boy felt a pang of real remorse,  
And rising quickly left the place.  
When rose the sun on Christmas day,  
It brighter shone than e're before,  
On the little cottage at the farm,  
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## CEMENT POSTS ARE NOW BEING USED FOR FENCING

Stone, Rail and Board Fences in Nebraska Being Replaced by Woven Wire—Heavy Wires Much More Durable and Cost But a Trifle More.

(By L. W. Chase, Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Nebraska.)

THE question of fencing in the prairie states is as yet quite largely an unsolved problem. Probably there are few states in the union where a solution of the post part of the fence problem is more needed than here in the states west of the Mississippi, and especially the states west of the Missouri. In the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas there is very little native timber and only a small per cent of what timber there is can be considered as post material.

Red elm has been used some, but its life as a post is only about one year. Ash, cottonwood and some of the other comparatively soft woods have a life of only from two to four years. Black walnut, locust and hickory are all used some, but their life is only about eight or ten years. White oak has about the same lasting qualities.

Of the cultivated timbers, Osage orange is the most popular as a post-timber. This is a slow growing wood, but is very hard and the heart wood seems almost proof against the attacks of the various fungi. Posts have been observed which have been in the ground for twenty years and only the sap wood has decayed away. The greatest objection to these posts is their scarcity and the trouble they give in attaching the wire. They are so hard that it is nearly impossible to penetrate them with staples, and when the staples are driven the posts will soon season check at the point where the staple has entered and permit the latter to drop out. The best fastener to hold the wire to these posts is a small wire wrapped around both post and line wire.

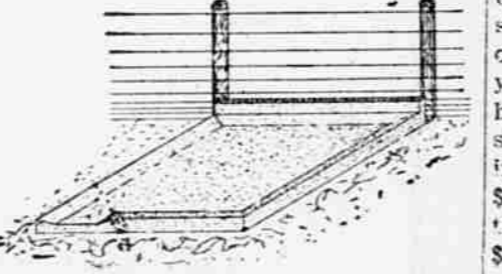
Some men are experimenting with catalpas for fence posts. They are a quick growing tree and make a fair post at the end of fifteen years and have a life of from ten to twelve years. When a grove has been cut it is allowed to grow again; then the saplings are trimmed so that only one grows from each stump. Those who have tried them say they can make a profit on land valued at \$100 per acre by raising catalpas on it.

Cement posts are being used considerably of late. These posts cost from 23 to 65 cents each, depending on the size of the post, the kind of reinforcing and the cost of labor and material.

### CONCRETE FEEDING FLOORS.

By L. W. Chase, Department of Agricultural Engineering.

It is hard to talk feeding floors to any farmer who has never used one, but whenever he has once experienced the pleasure of feeding hogs on a concrete floor, or even a plank floor, he is always ready to voice his praises to



THE GENERAL PLAN TO FOLLOW IN MAKING A CONCRETE FEEDING FLOOR.

his neighbor. There are no figures showing the saving of feed by the use of a good feeding floor, neither can we find any figures showing that hogs do better when fed upon a feeding floor, yet very seldom do we find a farmer who has ever used a feeding floor but who will say that a feeding floor saves its own cost in feed every year.

Recently several concrete feeding floors were made on the university farm and a definite record was kept of the time and material on the two floors which were made first. The floors were laid upon four inches of cinders, the rough concrete was 3/4 inch thick, while the top or face was 1/2 inch thick. The proportions of the material for the base or bottom of the concrete were 1 part cement, 2 parts sand, and 5 parts 2 inch stone. The top was 1 part cement, 1 1/2 parts sand, and 2 parts stone. It took a man and team two hours to haul and place the cinders, which was figured at 35 cents. It required 15 hours common labor at 17 1/2 cents and 5 hours' time of a mechanic at 30 cents. All told, the labor amounted to \$4.83; 5,500 pounds of 2-inch stone which cost 10 1/2 cents per hundred on the ground at the works, 5,800 pounds of sand which cost 5 cents per hundred on the ground, 1,000 pounds of chip which cost 10 1/2 cents on the ground, and 21 sacks of cement were used which cost 45 cents per sack on the ground, making the material cost \$19.17, or the two floors cost a total of \$24, which means that it cost 7.5 cents per square foot. If the cement used in this floor had been 30 cents a sack, as it is now, the two floors would have cost \$20.85. If the floors had been made of 2-inch plank, which cost \$26 per thousand, the material alone would have been \$22 and the labor of smoothing the ground and

rial. These posts, as commonly made, are not as strong as the average wood post, but do very well for field and pasture fences. Because of the sharp corners on these posts the stock, especially horses, seem to enjoy rubbing on them more than on round posts. For this reason it is well to put the posts on the opposite side of the fence from where the horses run. In a line of sixteen posts, thirteen were broken off in the lot where horses were running, while in a line of the fence twice as long and where cattle were running on both sides no posts were broken. The horses rubbed the three posts which were not broken until they leaned six inches and they were set thirty inches in the ground.

At one time red cedar posts were used a great deal, but because of the increased cost these posts are being replaced with white cedar, a post material which is not proving very durable.

Although barbed wire has ruined sufficient stock in the prairie states to pay for enough woven wire to make all the fences in that section of the country, it is still the stand-by as a fence material. It is not only the fence for the poor, but it is a fence for the rich, and both use it.

Stone walls, rails and board fences are being replaced by woven wire. The latter is fully as durable, far more sightly, and much cheaper. In buying this fence, however, farmers are making a great mistake in getting too light wires. The heavier wires are much more durable and cost but a trifle more. No. 9 line wire should be the minimum size and it would be better if all the cross wires were this size.

Mr. H. E. Horton, a noted fence man from Chicago, is quoted, pertaining to a fence made up of No. 9 wire, top and bottom, with No. 11 intermediate stays and line wires and a fence made of all No. 9 wire, as follows:

	Light	Heavy
Fencing .....	33c	45c
Posts .....	18c	18c
Setting post and fence 5c		5c
Total .....	53c	68c

The heavier fence in place cost 66 per cent more, while its life is several hundred per cent more.

a total of \$25.02, which would be \$1 more than they cost when made of concrete with cement at 45 cents per sack, or \$4.17 more than the concrete floors would cost at 17 cents per sack. Most farmers have their own sand and gravel pits, so that all the sand and gravel would necessarily cost would be the handling. Ordinarily it costs about 50 cents per yard to haul sand from the pit a distance of 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile. Since there are about 4 yards to these two floors, it would have made the cost of the sand and stone amount to only \$2.00, thus reducing the cost of material from \$19.17 to \$11.45, thereby reducing the cost of the floors from \$24.00 to \$16.20, or \$8.14 each.



**PROFESSOR J. H. FRANDSON.**  
Professor J. H. Frandson has recently been elected professor of dairying in the University of Nebraska. He also has charge of experimental work in dairying in connection with the agricultural experiment station. Professor Frandson graduated about ten years ago from the Iowa state college at Ames, Ia., receiving a Master of Science degree from that institution. He was later connected with a large commercial creamery at Portland, Ore., as chemist in their experimental laboratory. Four years ago he went to the University of Idaho at Moscow, Ida., as professor of dairying, and has built up a strong department in that institution. Professor Frandson was induced to accept a position in Nebraska feeling that the opportu-

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To all persons interested in the estate of Stephen Bolles, deceased:

You are hereby notified that Marilla Bolles, executrix of the last will and testament of Stephen Bolles, deceased, has filed her final account in said matter and a petition for final settlement and discharge and that the residue of said estate be assigned in accordance with the terms of said will. Said final account and petition will be heard in the county court room, in the city of McCook, in said county, on the 29th day of January, 1912, at one o'clock p. m., and you are hereby cited to appear and show cause, if any, such exists, at the time and place above designated why said account should not be allowed and said petition granted.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 5th day of January, 1912.

FRANK M. COLFER,  
(Seal.) County Judge.  
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**Notice.**  
To the creditors of the estate of Carrie M. Farnsworth, deceased.

You are hereby notified that the time for filing claims against said estate expires June 29, 1912, and that the county judge of Red Willow county, Nebraska, will sit on the first day of July, 1912, at the hour of nine o'clock a. m. to examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance.  
Dated December 23rd, 1911.  
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