

THE WEATHER OF OTOE

A Peerless County Wherein Thrift Garner a Golden Harvest... THE OPHICLEIDE IS NECESSARY THERE... Industry Tackles the Soil; Nature Does the Shouting...

PEANS OF PROGRESS AND CONTENT... Short Chapters from the Experience of Prominent Citizens... CITIES AND TOWNS BRIEFLY SKETCHED... An Outline of the Manufacturing and Commercial Superstructure Based on a Solid Agricultural Foundation...

The similarity of conditions, soil and climate of the various counties of the state of Nebraska makes descriptive articles of different counties from an agricultural and material standpoint more or less a repetition. The principal difference is that of age, the older counties, in the eastern part of the state, bordering on the Missouri river, have been first settled, and consequently showing a higher degree of development. Otoe county being a river county and one of the first settled has reached a stage of development not yet attained by newer portions of the state. Otoe county lies in the southeastern part of the state, bounded east by the Missouri river, west by Lancaster county, north by Cass and south by Nemaha and Johnson counties. It contains 533 square miles of territory, or about 38,000 acres. The soil is a deep, black alluvial of meekness soil, the soil has been amply demonstrated in fields which have been plowed every season for more than thirty years without the use of any kind of fertilizer, and which still produce an abundant crop as when first broken up. The soil is of remarkable depth, varying from twenty to eighty feet thick and is very rich. Cultivation and manure is needed for the production of the most beautiful crops, and this will be as true in the future as in the past. The county is now watered by the Little Nemaha and its tributaries, the former running diagonally across the county from the northwest to the southeast, the various smaller streams converge from every portion of the county. There are but few quarter sections not provided with living water for stock and other purposes. Groves of timber line the stream banks and the broad acres of cultivated timber have increased. The greater portion of the surface of Otoe county may be described by the term "rolling prairie" but there are broad stretches of level prairie and flat bottom along the streams, from one to two miles wide. Otoe is rich in its variety of products. There is not a vegetable, cereal or fruit known to the temperate zones which cannot be produced abundantly and in perfection. Small fruits and berries of all kinds are raised with little cultivation and bear profusely every year, while tree fruits, with the exception of peaches and apples, are raised in small quantities. Otoe is the banana fruit county of the state at the present time. Every farm has its orchard and many farmers make a specialty of fruit raising.

There are acres of orchards in the county of less than fifty, eighty or even a hundred acres. The Nebraska City farms took the main lead to give figures from each station in the county showing the number of barrels of apples shipped out, as shown by the freight books, and the aggregate was 67,489 barrels. This, of course, does not include apples consumed within the county, made into cider, dried, fed to stock, wasted or shipped from stations just outside the county lines. The total number of barrels of the total number of apples raised in the county last year, based upon the number of barrels shipped out, places it at over 100,000 bushels. The apple crop is the largest and valuable crop of the county, corn being the staple. Winter wheat is fast becoming the most profitable crop raised of all kinds in Nebraska, especially in Otoe county, the variety sown being the "hard winter," which is as sure as rye and yields as high as fifty-two bushels per acre, the average yield being thirty bushels.

city; F. M. Weitzel, deputy collector of internal revenue, and department of agricultural revenue, and department of agriculture. Nebraska City is also a candidate for the postmaster, Frank Holvey, the postmaster, is also a candidate of the building.

Nebraska City has four banks, with a combined capital of \$250,000. The deposits for last statement were \$950,528; loans and discounts, \$738,348. Merchants National bank, capital, \$50,000; W. A. Cotton, president; H. N. Shewell, cashier. Otoe County National bank, capital, \$100,000; W. L. Wilson, president; H. D. Wilson, cashier. Otoe County National bank, capital, \$50,000; M. L. Hayward, president; George A. Tenney, cashier. Farmers bank, capital, \$50,000; Logan Enyart, president; M. E. Catron, cashier.

Nebraska City has five newspapers: Nebraska City Press, republican; E. A. Brown, proprietor; Lambert Bellman, editor; published daily; the only morning daily in the county. Nebraska City News, daily and weekly; democratic; E. D. Marnell, manager; C. M. Hubbard, editor. Nebraska City Daily Market Reporter, a live stock paper, representing the local packing industry; E. A. Brown, editor and proprietor. Staats Zeitung, German, weekly, democratic; Jacob Buehly, proprietor; Charles Braun, editor. Otoe County Alliance, weekly, independent; Clarence Reid, editor.

The city has eight schoolhouses, 2,393 pupils, thirty-seven teachers. W. H. Gardner, city superintendent. An election has been called, submitting the question of voting \$24,000 in bonds for the erection of a High school building. The city has a population of 2,393. The city has a population of 2,393. The city has a population of 2,393.

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hotel, and a general business superior to many towns of twice its size. Ealingry, has two banks, Bank of Palmyra, capital, \$100,000; F. H. Catron, president; J. H. Catron, cashier; C. A. Sweet & Co., bankers, capital \$50,000; C. A. Sweet, president; N. E. Sweet, cashier; deposits, \$30,000; three-quarters farmers' money; one newspaper, Palmyra Items, republican, weekly, Thomas P. Morgan, editor. A large brick high school building, cost \$10,000, three teachers, 125 pupils. The Co-operative Union of Palmyra, Neb., Elevator company are putting in machinery for a fourth elevator.

On the Crete branch of the Missouri Pacific road, southwest part of the county, population, 250; one newspaper, Crete, republican; H. J. Horne, president; Charles Marshall, cashier. One newspaper, Douglas Enterprise, weekly, independent, Frank Childs, editor. Two elevators, three churches and good schools, ninety pupils and two teachers. The Methodist denomination has a preparatory academy at Douglas, one a fine brick building, costing \$10,000.

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NEBRASKA MANUFACTURES... Talks About the Men Who Make the Wheels Go Round... SOME NEW INDUSTRIES FOR THE STATE... The Coliseum Building, Being Put in Shape for the July Fair--Every Foot of Space Taken Except the Annex.

Broken Row is to have a vinegar factory. The Nebraska City starch works has shipped a carload of starch, 35,000 pounds, to Denver. H. A. Barber will raise broom corn quite extensively and manufacture it into brooms at Pender.

The Union Life Insurance company is spending \$500 on an exhibit, that will be something unique in its line. The Theatrical Electric Light company has agreed to furnish motors for running the machinery at the exposition.

The material for the cob pipe factory is located on the cret at Greenwood, and will be shipped as soon as possible. Mr. Meeker will be in Seward in a day or two, and the factory will be in operation as soon as the building is completed.

John L. Durr of York is contemplating turning his mill into a starch factory. Nebraska already has two starch factories, but there ought to be many more.

The Court Has Decided Against Us. Last fall, previous to Mr. Hellman's death, he bought \$40,000 worth of spring and summer goods, of which \$15,000 worth was delivered prior to his death. The balance, \$25,000 worth, the estate refused to accept on the ground that they were closing out the business. But the manufacturers went to law and the consequences are that we find ourselves saddled with \$25,000 worth of new spring and summer goods that we had not calculated upon. There's no use to cry over spilled milk, however, so the best we can do is to get them off our hands, and as you know this is not a money-making sale, you will have the most astounding bargains placed before you ever heard tell of. The estate must be wound up, and the prices we will quote you will astonish and please you. The goods are brand new and the styles the latest in the market.

As a starter we open by putting all the wool casimere, worsted and cheviot suits, worth regularly \$8, \$10 and \$12 in one lot at \$4.50. Our show window is full of them. Among them are a lot of G. A. R. Suits. Warranted fast colors. Extra set of buttons, in square and round corners, all at \$4.50. In furnishing goods we mention the following to put you on your guard: A good stainless black hose 15c. The best crow black hose 25c. Solid colors tan, slate and brown 15c. The 35c suspenders all go at 15c. Light Weight Balbriggan Underwear \$1.00 suit, formerly \$2.00.

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