

CROPS ALONG THE ELKHORN

Detailed Report of the Condition in the Counties Reached by that Road.

CORN IS MAKING A SPLENDID SHOWING

Up to Date the King Has Suffered Very Little from Bad Weather—Small Grain and Grasses Daily Set Back by Drouth.

Below will be found telegrams gathered by the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway officials from stations along the line of that road in Nebraska:

ADAMS COUNTY.

Hastings—One and three-eighths inches of rain last night. Corn fully three weeks in advance of one year ago, and the prospects for a good crop are very flattering. Oats will make about half a crop. Wheat has been plowed under and the ground put into corn, increasing the acreage of corn from 15 to 25 per cent.

ANTHONY COUNTY.

Neigh—Corn crop is in a very prosperous condition. Wheat and oats show prospects of being half a crop on account of dry weather and frost.

BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Elgin—Weather is very dry. Small grain is looking fair. Some is being plowed up on account of being burnt out. Corn looking well, but rain is needed very badly. The outlook all around is rather gloomy for the farmers of this vicinity.

BLAINE COUNTY.

Oakdale—Corn is doing well and not injured very much by frost, but small grain is injured very much. Some pieces look as if they would not make anything. Farmers are replanting some of their fields to corn. Small grains will all be low average.

BOYD COUNTY.

Walther—Corn is doing fine, outlook is good for a large crop. Wheat will make about two-thirds of a crop, and oats about one-third of a crop. Had good rain Monday night.

BRAZOS COUNTY.

Bradish—Small grain will be half a crop if there is plenty of rain during balance of time. Prospects for corn are good. Rain needed very bad.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Albion—Frost and dry, hot winds have damaged oats and wheat. Prospects now are that oats will be about 40 per cent of a crop and wheat about 60 per cent. Corn is held back by frost about three weeks, but is coming now all right.

CLAY COUNTY.

Lorette—Frost and dry weather have injured all crops. Oats will not make over one-fourth of a crop. Wheat and corn are badly damaged. Corn is looking well, but needs rain badly.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Petersburg—Small grain is badly hurt by frost and drouth. It will be a total failure unless rain comes soon. Corn needing rain, but looks well yet.

BROWN COUNTY.

Johnston—The condition of crops in general is good and look well, but if we don't get a rain soon they will be a failure. Most everything is beginning to dry up.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Albion—Corn is doing very well and will stand two weeks more dry weather without much damage. All small grains have been greatly damaged by drought and even a heavy rain now would not make over one-fourth of a crop of wheat and oats.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Long Pine—Corn and wheat in this vicinity on low ground are in good condition. The oat crop has been badly damaged by hot winds.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Octavia—Small grain will make about one-fourth of a crop. Corn is doing well, but needs a rain this week. Grass is very dry and damaged by frost.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Brainard—Small grain is almost all dried up and will hardly pay to harvest in this vicinity. Corn is doing and looking well so far, but needs rain. No rain here of any account for about four weeks.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Dwight—Small grain and grass are very badly dried up. No rain here of any account for about four weeks. Small grain will make one-half a crop unless we have more rain soon. Corn is doing very well, with a good stand, and the average is very large. Had a light rain last night.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Albion—Corn is looking well, but needs rain. Poor prospects for small grain.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Bruno—Corn is doing nicely and the outlook is very good. Wheat will be about one-fifth of a crop. Oats will be about one-fifth of a crop. No rain.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Linwood—Prospects for a full crop of corn are good. Small grain will be almost an entire failure.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Millerton—Oat and wheat crop a total failure. From present outlook corn cannot make anything without lots of rain on account of subsoil being entirely dry.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Surprise—Corn is looking good and prospects for a crop are good. Small grain will not exceed 20 per cent. Some places no good. Hay crop entirely gone.

BUTLER COUNTY.

David City—Corn is looking fine yet, but rain is needed this week. Small grain and grass burned out.

CLAY COUNTY.

Inland—Corn and potatoes are doing well, but grass and small grain are mostly killed out by the drouth.

CLAY COUNTY.

Elkhorn—Wheat, oats and flax are very poor. Two nice showers within the last week have helped corn very much, which seems to be doing nicely.

CLAY COUNTY.

Harvard—Nice rain night which brings corn in fine condition at present. All small grain and hay a failure.

COLFAX COUNTY.

Leigh—Corn is looking well. Being late small grain looks bad. Will make one-third crop if we have rain.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Clarkson—With favorable weather small grain will make about one-third of a crop. Corn is looking well and will stand the drouth ten days yet.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Howell—Corn prospects are good; wheat all right yet, but needs rain very badly. Oats very light.

CHERRY COUNTY.

Cody—Crops generally are looking well. Rain very much needed, but crops are not damaged yet.

distally small grain might yield about one-third of a crop. Corn is all right if rain comes within a week or ten days.

Irrigation—Small grain prospects poor, about half a crop. Corn is all right yet if we get rain soon.

DAWES COUNTY.

Chadron—Crops of all kinds need rain badly, more especially on the valley land. The table land is all right yet, and with rain in the next few days crops will be in good condition.

Whitney—Corn is in good condition and doing well. Oats not injured as yet. Wheat and rye badly damaged by dry weather. Must have rain very soon to make even half a crop of small grain.

Crawford—Crops at the present time are all right, but the moisture is about exhausted, and crops will be badly damaged if no rain falls in the next few days.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Exceter—Had a good rain last night. Corn is looking well, and if everything is favorable it will make a good crop. Small grain is almost a failure. Farmers have plowed up a large per cent of their planted corn in its place. What is still standing will be used for feed.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Geneva—Nice shower here Monday night. Corn prospects are that there will be little if any wheat to ship. Oats probably not more than enough for home use. Corn prospects very good, the frost not appearing to have done much damage. The stand is good as ever, and acreage about 10 per cent over last year.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Martland—A nice rain last night brightened the prospect for corn, which is looking well. Wheat and oats are too far gone for the rain to do much good. Probably they will make one-third of a crop. Some fields have been cut for feed.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Sawyer—The prospects for a full crop of corn are good, but no show for small grain to make anything.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Stuckley—The crop of small grain is nearly a failure. Corn is doing well. Fine rain last night placed it out of danger for the next two weeks.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

Stockham—Wheat and oat crop almost a total failure. Corn is growing well and prospects look favorable. Had a nice rain Monday night which will help things wonderfully.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

O'Neill—The small grain prospects are very poor. Corn has not been damaged to any extent yet. Potatoes will be late and may be caught by frost this fall. Chicory is doing well, but must have rain soon.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

Stuart—Corn is doing well, but needs rain. Small grain is almost a failure. Rain would not help it much. Hay is in very bad shape. Rain would make a fair crop.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

Creighton—All kinds of grain in good condition—about the same as last year. Rain is needed.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

Vergere—With favorable weather the small grain will be about two-thirds of a crop. Corn is looking well, and with favorable weather will make a large crop.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Davey—Small grain will not make more than one-half a crop. Corn is doing quite well. Had a light rain last night, but need a good soaking one.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Lincoln—Good rain last night will be beneficial to the corn crop, but too late for small grain.

MADISON COUNTY.

Tilden—Corn is in good condition, the late rains having brought it out in good shape. Small grain did not grow well during the dry weather, and in some places is dried up considerably. Prospects are that we will not have an average crop in small grain.

MADISON COUNTY.

Battle Creek—Farmers and dealers think wheat, corn and oats will be about 75 per cent of a full crop in this section. Small grain is doing well and coming ahead rapidly, but small grain is backward and needs rain badly.

MADISON COUNTY.

Meadow Grove—Corn is in fair shape for the season, but needs rain badly now. Small grain is in poor shape by reason of so much dry weather and the frost a few weeks ago, which has set it back. Farmers think they will not get much over a half crop if they do not have rain soon.

MADISON COUNTY.

Oak—Small grain will make one-fourth crop. Corn in good condition. We had a good rain Monday night.

NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Mora—Condition of small grain is very bad, but present outlook for corn good.

NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Superior—On account of the dry weather the small grain will not yield over 25 per cent of an average crop. The corn is in good shape and with a fair amount of rain will be all right.

PIERCE COUNTY.

Plainview—Small grain and corn looking fine. Prospects good.

PIERCE COUNTY.

Hadar—Very dry. Small grain cannot make more than one-half a crop. Corn is looking fine. Beets look well. Those that are up, about 200 acres around here, had to be planted over on account of frost.

PIERCE COUNTY.

Pierce—Small grain and corn is damaged some by frost and drouth, but both looking fairly well. A good rain is needed.

PLATTE COUNTY.

Cornlea—Corn is looking well and fully as far along as last year, but needs rain badly. Oats and wheat nearly gone. Cannot make one-third of a crop for lack of rain.

PLATTE COUNTY.

Creighton—Small grain of all kinds looking very bad on account of frost and dry weather. Corn is looking well and will be a good crop if the season is favorable.

PLATTE COUNTY.

Lindsay—Corn is looking well and needs rain badly. Oats and wheat are looking bad and will not be more than one-third crop unless we have a favorable weather from now on and if it don't get rain soon will be nothing to speak of at all.

PLATTE COUNTY.

Humphrey—Corn is doing well, but small grain is injured some by the frost, but there are fair prospects.

ROCK COUNTY.

Basett—Crop prospects for this county and vicinity are: The average this year is unusually large, especially in corn, which shows splendid stand and is doing finely. We need no rain for a week yet. Potato crop is large and doing well. Small grain and grasses need rain. Wheat on low land looking fairly well, and if we get rain in the next week will make a fair crop.

ROCK COUNTY.

Seward—Small grain is reported a total failure. What has not been plowed up and planted to corn or cut for hay will be used as pasture. Corn is looking fine, but is in danger of some damage by worms and bugs on account of the dry weather. With plenty of rain from this on prospects for corn were never better.

ROCK COUNTY.

Seward—Small grain will be about a half crop. Corn is looking well and needs rain badly. Had another good rain last night, which improved the appearance of all kinds of vegetation very much.

is doing finely and promises well, but no show for small grain.

Beaver Crossing—Corn is doing well, but small grain is almost ruined. Big rain last night, but too late for the damage.

SIOUX COUNTY.

Harrison—All crops are looking well, but unless we get rain very soon they will be greatly damaged, and also blast the prospects for a hay crop. Expect to get rain in the north part of the county, which is tributary to the B. & M.

Hay Springs—Crops have never been in better condition in this immediate vicinity than at present, although on high ground they are beginning to need rain. About twenty-five miles south they have had little or no rain and crops of all kinds are absolutely ruined. Acreage of all ground about the same as last year.

Gordon—All grain is in fine condition except some late wheat, which needs rain.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Rushville—Corn in this section is looking fine. Small grain is in good condition. Rain is needed, however, to get a good crop.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Stanton—The condition of the corn crop at the present time is better than it has been in the past three years. Small grain is looking up, average per cent of it is good for feed and the dry weather, with slight decrease in acreage.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Pilger—The condition of crops in this vicinity is good. Corn and small grain is looking well, with prospects for a good crop of each if plenty of rain. Had heavy shower last evening.

THAYER COUNTY.

Davenport—Wheat and oats will be from one-third to one-half a crop, and corn is all right. Had a good rain here last night.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Hair—Small grain is badly injured by dry weather, and a large amount has been plowed under and ground planted to corn. Acreage of corn is very heavy, and generally well, but must have rain soon to make full crop.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Washington—Small grain needs good rain now to assure one-half crop. Corn is all right and looking well, but needs rain. Small grain is doing very well, but needing rain.

YORK COUNTY.

Gresham—A nice rain Monday night gives farmers renewed confidence in corn prospects. Small grain is almost a total failure. Some think there will be no oats or wheat out in this vicinity.

YORK COUNTY.

Henderson—Small grain has been badly hurt by dry weather. Corn is looking well. The rain of Monday night was the first of the season.

YORK COUNTY.

Houston—Corn generally looking well. Wheat and oats and hay are almost an entire failure.

YORK COUNTY.

York—Grass and small grain about burned up. Corn is looking nicely. Had a frost of an inch of rain last night which makes the prospect much better for corn crop.

YORK COUNTY.

Charleston—Good rain last night. Corn looking well and the outlook is good for a crop this season. Oats will be a very light crop. A good deal of wheat has been plowed up and planted to corn.

YORK COUNTY.

Thayer—Farmers say they have a good show for corn. Small grain is a total failure, nearly all having been plowed up and planted to corn. Good rain last night.

SEIZING A LIVE WIRE.

A Lincolnian Who Watched His Hands Burn

Describe His Sensations.

In view of the fact that death by electrocution is one of the modern methods of capital punishment, the experience of one who suffered all but death may be interesting. Much has been written and spoken on this subject since the introduction of the method into some states, and the following is only advanced as testimony for that reason. On Thursday, May 3, Charles Giles of Hays Station on the P., V. & C. railroad, a lineman in the employ of the Central District Telephone company of Pittsburg, was rendered unconscious by seizing a charged old wire while repairing on the top of a pole near Albia, Mo. The wire was an old crusted one, charged by having been crossed with a live wire. Mr. Giles was at the time resting on a cross bar, some fifty feet from the ground, and was only rescued from certain death by the speedy efforts of his fellow workmen. Within a few moments after his release from the deadly currents power, use of the limbs and voluntary muscles was resumed and the man was able to go home alone. The only actual damage done was by the wire itself. It burned the flesh of the left hand across the fingers almost to the bone, and that of the right hand not so severely. A representative of the Philadelphia Ledger visited Mr. Giles at his home in Albia, Mo. He was rather averse to telling of his sensations and experiences, but finally gave in. The peculiar features of the case are as follows: Mr. Giles states that the wire he grasped with almost fatal results was badly rusted and incapable of carrying a heavy voltage. To this alone he attributed his death. In reply to a question as to his feelings when he first grasped the wire, he said: "The first intimation I had of my predicament was a peculiar thrilling sensation. Thinking it was but the natural nerve rebellion against the rough crusted wire, I attempted to change my position. Then I found that my hands were powerless to release themselves. I couldn't even open them, but, seeking a spasmodic attempt to seize the wire tighter and tighter, as though I meant to crush it. I realized my position then, but was powerless to even call for aid. Before me mental powers were not paralyzed. There was no pain. Not even when I looked down and saw my hand burning and the slight smoke that came from the wire. My worst feeling was the realization that I would certainly be killed by this current, while the current kept gradually increasing its powers. It came in waves, seemingly, and ran all through me. No, my head did not pain me. Once or twice before I became unconscious, I seemed to be numb all over, but both times recovered my senses. Then a choking sensation became noticeable in my chest and throat. My respiration, as nearly as I can remember, was regular, but I seemed to be swelling up as though with wind. During all this time my burning hands did not bother me particularly. Finally I lost consciousness. I can't remember anything until I found myself standing on the balcony of my home and a couple of citizens hanging over me. I woke suddenly, as if from a dream. My head, arms, body and legs were just the same as ever. I found no difficulty in using them at will, and was able to descend the pole without assistance after a few moments' rest. The only moment I had of the previous experience was caused by the smarting of my hands after I was released. This has been my only difficulty since. I can sleep as naturally as ever, and have not suffered in any way that I can ascertain except for these hands, which are slightly impaired for present duties."

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Mr. Giles views the accident with that surprising unconcern usual with men who work amid dangerous surroundings, and views his escape philosophically as a very lucky one. The only real damage incurred by his unpleasant experience is a temporary "lay-off" from work, enforced by his burnt hands. Aside from that he says he is as back to work as soon as the burns are healed, as the burns take a longer time than principally to the rusty and rough wires. Although a skilled mechanic and well-versed in the phenomena of electricity, he is unable to account for some of his sensations, which differ from the experiences of men who have suffered in similar plight. The most extraordinary feature of the case is the fact that at the same time the nerves were paralyzed and unable to convey the sensation of pain. Another thing very unusual is the fact that he recovered the use of his senses so clearly and without any preliminary feeling of dizziness or loss of power. The cool manner in which he treated the whole affair makes it the more surprising.

SEIZING A LIVE WIRE.

A Deadly Weapon.

Congressman Sibley relates the following story: When he was a boy he was in a justice's court and heard two country lawyers trying a case. So great were their words and so loud their fury, and so violent their demeanor that he expected each moment to see them rush into the street and climb and climb in an open window, where he could find safety and fly if necessary. The case was at last ended. The plaintiff and defendant divided the coats and the lawyers divided the balance of their clients' ready money. With deadly hatred glaring in their eyes, the two lawyers left the justice's court and went around a block of a barn. The Sibley boy followed, and none too soon. The larger lawyer, standing not two paces from his antagonist, drew a weapon from his inside breast pocket and pointed it with deadly aim at his antagonist's head. The boy closed his eyes, but no report followed. The silence around him was broken by the hoarse tones of the big lawyer shouting: "For God's sake, Bill, leave half of it!"

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SHOTS BY FLASH.

Electric-Light Shooting at the Wild West Show.

The Wild West by electric light, says the Brooklyn Citizen, is even more inspiring than by daylight, the illumination, if not better, is more brilliant in effect, and the features and dress of the participants in the various tableaux, pageants and more vivid scenes are better seen in the artificial than natural light. The reason of this lies in the profusion with which the lamps are provided and the skill with which they are disposed around the great arena. The largest are lights are scattered around the grand stand before powerful reflectors (for a general illumination, and two strong search lights, such as are used by war vessels to examine the surrounding waters for torpedoes, are placed on the roof of the arena, in the hands of active and intelligent operators. These are flashed on the various bands of horsemen as they emerge from the cave-like entries at the rear end of the arena, and follow the party in their dash around the course to the starting point, the effect being remarkably good. When a single horseman, an Indian chief or a plumed color bearer follows his band, only one of the lights is needed, and the other plays among the horsemen already assembled.

Last evening was the first night performance, with which the critical proprietors themselves were fully satisfied. Everything was just right, even the marksmanship left little, if anything, to be desired.

SHOTS BY FLASH.

Shooting at rapidly moving small objects like glass balls and clay pigeons by electric light is a severe test of the skill of the marksman. But little Annie Oakley, Johnnie Baker and Colonel Cody himself did far better even after the little practice they have had than on Saturday afternoon. It should be mentioned that both balls and "pigeons" are whitewashed for night work, and the course of each is followed by the searchlight as it is thrown by hand or fired from the traps, and the electric lighting marksman to take a fair "sight."

SHOTS BY FLASH.

But the real beauty of the electric illumination is seen when the gigantic equestrian ballet and the musical dance take place. Then, from an elevated seat especially, the scene in either case is something long to be remembered, as the flash lights play first on the bright, brassy trappings and white uniforms of the Germans, then on the blue and yellow of the United States cavalry and on the red and blue of the American chasseurs.

SHOTS BY FLASH.

uniforms, or on the gay and picturesque costumes of the red men, whose decorations, made up in part of beads and tiny glass mirrors, show up well under the garish glare.

SHOTS BY FLASH.

Two Strong Teams.

Their Drawing Powers Pictured by a Vernacular Driver.

"That's a good team you have," said a New York Tribune man on the front platform to the driver.

"Yes, sir," answered the driver. "Better horses than you usually see on a car. Look as if they might pull a good load and be fast travelers."

SHOTS BY FLASH.

"Yes, sir, they do be so. I've draw 'em 'ree months, but could tell you something about them horses, sir."

SHOTS BY FLASH.

"All right—go ahead."

"I don't often mention it, sir; but you being a foinc judge of horses I'll make an exception, sir. There's only wan other team in the barn as good as these, the black and the bay, sir; that we calls Ajax and Bjax. Wan day I brought out the black team to change horses. I hooked on me team and jumped onto the platform. There was a new man driving Ajax and Bjax coming out just then to hook onto another car. The felly was new and there was a big crowd, and what did he do but lose his head, got rattled and hoon onto the ther ind of the same car I was on. We both started up at wan and the same time, and what do you think I done at the foid jump? Jer-kerked the horse in me, so, and each went cantoring off wid his ind bobbing on two wheels like a dump-cart, sir. The pappe that saw it that that astonished that that was my horse, sir."

SHOTS BY FLASH.

"Very interesting. Sounds reasonable, too. What became of the conductor?"

"That's the point where I show my love of truth, sir. The byz tell me that I ought to say that the conductor was standing in the middle of the car and we divided him like a wish-bone, but I don't do it, sir. I stick to the facts. The conductor was in my ind and stayed and collected as if nothing had took place, sir. Wan man wanted to pay only 25 cents because it were but half a car, sir, but the conductor wouldn't let it be. He said it were a two-wheeled heeb, and that settled the black-and-white spalpane. Good day, to ye, sir. Comin out and ride wid me again, sir."

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EXPANDED METAL STEEL PLASTERING LATH.

Every house that is plastered on