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Thanksgiving Reflection

Oh, where is that turkey, that big turkey
gobbler,

The one with its legs tied up with a string;
So tight that it could do nothing but hobble.
The one our subscriber had promised to bring.
We long to behold him, and roast him and eat
him.

And then our story of Thanksgiving to tell.
That long ranged neck turkey,
That corn fattened turkey,
That love feasting turkey,
That struts round the well.

There seems to be an unusual amount of railroad accidents reported in the dailies of this week caused by trains colliding and in some places by heavy snow and wind storms.

The snow storm of last week extended from Denver to the Atlantic and from Dakota to Texas and especially in the eastern states did great damage. At Chicago all communication with the outside world and with its own suburbs were completely cut off by the falling of the telegraph wires, they being unable to hold the heavy weight of snow and ice which stuck fast to them. In the streets of the city snow and slush was piled high and locomotion made difficult and dangerous. Other eastern cities are reported in about the same condition.

Now is the best time to invest in Nebraska soil and those who are permanently located here will do well to remain. Such a drought as we have had in the past two years has never been known before in the history of the state and it is only reasonable to suppose that it will not come again with the present generation. From all over the state comes the report that there is plenty of moisture and that the ground is in excellent condition. We have already had two good falls of snow this fall and at the present writing sleighing is the best known here for three years last past. Everything confirms the prediction that the drought period is broken and hereafter will only be known in history. An era of prosperity may confidently be expected to commence with next year.

NEBRASKA RAINFALL.

The agricultural experiment station of the state university has just issued a press bulletin regarding the rainfall in Nebraska for the past twenty years that contains much valuable information, and it is especially valuable to those who have commenced to loose faith in the state.

The first important fact that it contains is that the entire west has suffered more or less severely from drought for the past three years, Nebraska being more seriously affected than some of her neighbors. The almost total failure in 1894 and the partial failure this year naturally caused a feeling of unrest and many to become so discouraged that the question has been raised in their minds whether they would not better forsake their farms for a more favorable locality.

In view of this feeling the officers of the experiment station have collected data, showing the average rainfall not only in Nebraska but also in the states immediately surrounding us. These figures show that Nebraska is as well favored in this respect as any of her sister states, Dakota showing less and Minnesota and Iowa showing only a slightly larger precipitation. This is taking the average for the past twenty years, including the three years of drought.

The average rainfall per year in

Nebraska is 23.58 inches. In 1891 it was largely in excess of that amount, 1893 showed 16.8, in 1894 it was 13.31, while this year it has been 18.

A further investigation shows that nearly 70 per cent of our yearly rainfall has been during the five growing months, from April to September. In this respect there is no state that has averaged better than Nebraska. The further fact is shown that the precipitation during July and August, the corn maturing months, has been 3.56 and 2.63 respectively—an abundance.

The bulletin closes with the following sensible remarks:

Thus it appears both from a comparison of our yearly rainfall for the past nineteen years with that of other states and from a study of its distribution through the months of the year, that the past two or three seasons have represented climate conditions which are exceptional rather than normal, and which are to be expected occasionally rather than ordinarily in Nebraska.

A Profitable Kaffir Craze

The farmers of Oklahoma have been experimenting with the new Kaffir corn, and they are now ready to declare that it will bring more money to the farmers of the United States than all of the famous gold mines of the Kaffir country from which it comes. An enthusiast writes from Guthrie that a short season of experiment proved that the new corn would mature a full crop in the driest and hottest test on the high western plains. Now he says a more thorough trial has developed the fact that "whether the season was wet or dry, cool or hot, long or short, this new product would thrive on all kinds of soils with the minimum of care and cultivation, and planted any time between the 1st of April and the middle of July it would mature an absolutely sure crop of grain and fodder before the frosts of autumn. It will grow luxuriantly on the sod of newly broken ground, produce fine crops either on bottom or upland, is a natural enemy of weeds and will be as clean with two cultivations as Indian corn will be with four times as many."

In Oklahoma and southern Kansas so much of this corn was produced last season that the people hardly knew for a time what to do with it. They found it good in its natural state for table use, but did not realize its real commercial importance until a miller of Medicine Lodge, Kas., ground it into meal. This was found in every way equal to corn meal. Then the miller experimented a little more and finally produced a product that they say will "create a revolution in the world's breadstuffs." It is Kaffir flour. Bread made from it is sweet to the taste, highly nutritious and satisfactory to the eye, being about the color of the best graham bread.

The talk coming from Kansas and Oklahoma about the hardiness and productiveness of the new corn, and its value as a food product, is pitched at so high a key that we must make considerable deductions for the enthusiasm of the men who have brought it out. But it is well worth trying in western Kansas and western Nebraska. It will join well with alfalfa and the stock industry in carrying wealth to that region.—State Journal.

STATE IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

To all friends of irrigation in Nebraska:—The Third Annual Convention of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association will be held in Sidney, Nebraska, on Wednesday, and Thursday, December 18 and 19, 1895. The ablest experts and speakers of national and state reputation on this highly important question of irrigation will be in attendance and will deliver addresses and read papers upon the various phases of this agricultural science.

The representation in said convention will be as follows: The Governor of the State is requested to appoint twenty delegates from the state at large. The State Board of Agriculture, the State Labor Commissioner, the State University and the University Agricultural Department, ten delegates each. All Farmers' Institutes, Granges, County or Local Agricultural or Horticultural Societies, connected with the development of agricultural interests in Nebraska not herein otherwise provided for, ten delegates to each organization to be chosen or appointed as the officers of the respective societies or organization named shall decide. Each Irrigation Association larger than a county will be entitled to a delegation of all its officers and fifteen additional delegates. Each Local Irrigation, Association will be entitled to a delegation of all officers and ten members. Mayors of cities are requested to appoint ten delegates each, village five delegates, presidents of Boards of Trade and Commercial Clubs five delegates each private and denominational colleges, three delegates each and labor organizations, local or state, shall be entitled to three delegates. Every regularly organized Irrigation Ditch Company shall be entitled to three delegates. Editors of Agricultural and Irrigation publications in Nebraska will, on presentation of credentials showing their present position or occupation, be entitled to seats in the convention.

A general invitation is extended to all past and present members of Congress from this state, all past and present State Officials, the present members of the Nebraska Legislature, and all County officials now holding office, to attend as delegates. And we hereby extend a cordial invitation to all. Come and give your presence and your efforts to the most important movements ever inaugurated in our state. Reduced railroad rates will be obtained on all railroad lines.

For further information see the daily and weekly press, or write to the President or Secretary.

State Irrigation Convention Com.
JOS. OBERFELDER, President.
CHAS. CALLAHAN, Secretary.

From Litchfield Monitor.

The epidemic of typhoid fever in this county has abated.

The soil is in good condition for grain sown this fall, and everybody is confident of a splendid crop next season.

Rev. A. B. Beckolt's youngest child is still very sick, being partially paralyzed, and his condition is considered critical at this writing.

J. M. Amsherry who formerly published the Mason City Advocate, will establish a paper at Ansley called the People's Advocate and will issue the first number this week.

The chicken pie social at Mrs. Potters was quite well attended and those present greatly enjoyed the occasion. The proceeds go towards purchasing an organ for the W. R. C.

The three year old son of William Sellers, living on Clear creek, a few miles northwest of Litchfield, fell from a wagon Sunday afternoon, the hind wheel passing over his abdomen, from the effects of which he died before the arrival of a physician.

Mrs. Haddix, mother of Scott Haddix of Clear creek, arrived from West Virginia Thursday evening. Mrs. Haddix's trip may be mentioned as rather remarkable, from the fact that she is 82 years of age and totally blind, but through courtesies at the hands of the train employees and passengers, the trip was made with comparative ease and comfort. Mrs. Haddix resided for years near Sweetwater, this county, in the days of early settlement, and has many acquaintances in this vicinity.

A husking bee was gotten up by the Woodman camp of this place, to crib John Nave's corn. John has been seriously sick for several weeks, and this neighborly act will ever be kindly remembered by John. Eight teams were in the field and thirty acres of corn was cribbed in one day. Such work is always lightened by the Christian motive which prompts the deed, and those participating generally manage to squeeze a little fun out of the job. In this instance it was a husking race, and C. E. Haller proved himself the fastest in the field. Al Randolph second, and Will Garrett third.

The Litchfield school has organized a Literary Club and will give an entertainment of that kind every two weeks on Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:30. The entertainment given last Wednesday was a good one, but owing to the fact that everything is not in smooth running order, the program was rather abbreviated. Miss Ada Minshull's recitation was especially good, and others who participated did themselves very great credit. The "Semi-Monthly Budget" is the name of the society, and the first issue, edited by George Eckhout and Laura Gray, was "great." A penny is charged at the door to defray expenses of fuel and light.

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SHERMAN COUNTY IRRIGATION WATERPOWER AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.
To all whom it may concern: You will take notice that on October 23 A. D. 1895 the Sherman County Irrigation Waterpower and Improvement company, at a meeting of its stockholders duly called and held at its office in Loup City, Nebraska, amended article six (6) of its Articles of Incorporation to read as follows, to-wit:
"The highest amount of indebtedness to which said corporation shall at any time subject itself shall not be more than two thirds (2/3) of the paid in capital stock" and that an instrument in writing, duly executed and acknowledged by said corporation setting forth said amendment was on the 28th day of October, 1895 duly filed for record in the county clerk's office of Sherman County, Nebraska, and was also filed on the 28th day of October, 1895, in the office of the county clerk of Valley County, Nebraska, and in the office of the secretary of State of Nebraska.
Done under the hands and seal of said corporation this 28th day of October, A. D. 1895.
THE SHERMAN COUNTY IRRIGATION WATERPOWER AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.
By its Board of Directors,
A. P. CULLEY,
Cashier.
G. H. FISHER,
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R. J. NIGHTINGALE,
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