

TEST OF SEED CORN.

What is Shown by the Omaha Commercial Club.

Results of First Test of 200 Ears.
Number germinating strong with good roots..... 55
Number not growing and showing no signs of life..... 45
Number alive, but weak, small roots and sprouts..... 62
Number mildewed, some sprouting before rot started..... 42

Actual number fit for seed..... 200

More worthless for seed..... 145
If all the seed corn which Nebraska farmers intend to plant this year is in as poor condition as 200 samples tested by the Omaha Commercial Club, just 27 1/2 per cent of it will grow and the state will have just a little better than one-fourth of a crop.

It was really a sad sight when the Commercial Club germination box was opened recently. Six kernels had been taken from each of two hundred ears last Thursday and placed in the box which was kept in the steam heated rooms until this morning.

Forty of the little cups were without a sign of life, which means twenty per cent of the corn will not grow at all.

In sixty-three cups the kernels had sprouted, but some had no roots and others had roots so weak they were not worth consideration.

But the worst looking cups were the forty-two which were filled with rotting corn—some cups almost full of mildew.

Thus the result of the test shows that 145 out of 200 ears are unfit for seed. Some might produce stalks, but would never give the farmers ears.

While this percentage is low, it would have been lower had not one sample of ten ears come from a professional corn grower who tests his seed, and the sample was either previously tested or taken from stock which had tested high. All ten of these ears grew and showed their ability to produce strong roots.

Other than these the best samples of corn came from the Watson ranch near Kearney.

The samples tested were from Petersburg, Blair, Kearney, Newman Grove, Waterloo, Norfolk, Hadar, Clay Center, Clarkson, Concord, Wakefield, Colridge, Omaha and two samples from grain companies which did not give information as to where the seed was secured.

As low as the Nebraska corn tests, I gave in this test three times as many strong ears as a test of Iowa corn made by the Des Moines Capital, which showed only eight ears in 100 would produce strong roots and sprouts, indicating its ability to produce corn.

In a sample of twelve ears from Petersburg but two ears were fit for seed. From Clay Center came a sample lot of ten ears, all of which sprouted and threw out roots, three ears of which were weak.

Three lots of ten ears each from Newman Grove gave this result: 13 strong, 12 weak and worthless, 5 no sign of life.

One of the best samples came from Clarkson. It was in two lots, seven ears altogether. Only one failed to show life; nine were good strong ears and seven rather weak—two weak to plant. No mildew was present in any of the samples from Clarkson. Samples from Kearney and vicinity were also free from mildew, while from Concord, Wakefield and Colridge came samples which mildewed badly and would rot in the ground if planted.

Douglas county samples showed 52 per cent good seed, but some samples of yellow corn mildewed quite badly.

This test was made in one of the latest testers, but said by experts to be one of the best which can be used. More than 100 hanks in Iowa have used the tester the last month in demonstrating that Iowa corn must be tested.

The kernels were taken carefully from each ear, four from around the center on various sides, one from near the tip and another from near the butt of the ear.

Placed in the tester, water at 90 degrees was placed entirely over the corn and it was soaked for fifteen hours. All the water was drawn off—not a drop being allowed to remain in the cups with the kernels. After twenty-four hours the trays were sprinkled and all the water drawn off. The room was from 65 to 88 degrees during the three days the samples were in the germinator.

Salem Essy, living in northern Garfield county who has been considered a harmless lunatic for some time, became violent and killed his brother, Thomas Essy, at whose home he was staying. Some few weeks ago Salem Essy was before the insanity board, but the commissioners did not find him serious enough, as they thought, to send to the asylum and his brother and sister agreed to care for him.

Prevent Crop Failure.
Corn growers face a crisis this year on account of the severe early frosts which seriously impaired the seed corn, says Prof. Holden.

If this frost bitten seed is planted this year, the yield will fall far below what it was last season and will be a serious loss to the farmers.

If I could give but one order to be carried out by every corn grower in Nebraska and Iowa it would be this: Make a thorough germination test of all seed corn to be used for planting this season.

Fifty Per Cent Not Good.
Robinson Brothers of Waterloo, Neb., have made from thirty to forty tests of corn from all parts of Nebraska every day since November 15. The corn was sent to them to test, as they buy 250,000 bushels or more each year for seed. This is the plain matter of fact statement made by the firm.

"Fifty per cent of the corn gathered before the snows early in the winter will not germinate. The corn gathered since the snows and early frosts is absolutely worthless as seed."

NEVER TASTED FLESH

Philadelphia Girl Vegetarian All Her Life.

Miss Ora Kress is Not Interested in the Boycott on the Meat Trust—She Bars Feathers on Her Hats.

Philadelphia, Pa.—There is one young woman in this city who is not at all concerned about the outcome of the anti-meat crusade, or the beef trust investigation, and that is Miss Ora Kress, a junior at the Woman's Medical college. Miss Kress is a vegetarian, not one who adopts it as a fad, but one who has never tasted meat from the time of her birth, 22 years ago.

Her father, Dr. D. H. Kress, superintendent of the Seventh Day Adventist sanatorium at Washington, D. C., is an ardent advocate of vegetarianism, and he has brought up his daughter in accordance with his views.

Miss Kress is none the worse off for her abstinence from meat. Healthy and robust, with a clear complexion, a pleasant temperament and genial disposition, she is the favorite of friends and fellow-students.

Time and again her charms endeavored to tempt her with a "strife, well done," or a brown turkey drumstick, but she resisted the temptation.

"Do you know, it often strikes me so funny," said Miss Kress, with a laugh, "to see people gorging the carcass of some dead animal or fowl down their throats. It is repulsive to me."

"Why kill living things for food when the earth is so generous with her bounty of healthful, nourishing food?"

"Do you believe in vegetarianism because it is healthful or because it is humane?" she was asked.

"Both," she answered.

"Do you wear plumes or feathers?"

"Oh, no; that would be inconsistent."

"Is not the human alimentary canal so constructed as to be able to digest meat and fat?" she was questioned.

"Fat, not meat," was the answer.

"Butter is fat, too. Then, it must be remembered that wheat and nuts contain a great deal of fat."

"The ancient Greeks, who attained the highest point in the development of the human form and who gave so much to the world that is beautiful and artistic, subsisted almost entirely upon vegetable food. Flesh food was a luxury to them, and when they ate meat abundantly they began to degenerate."

"Do you find your light food nourishing and satisfying?" she was asked.

"Do I look as if I were underfed?" she retorted. "And then remember that I work rather hard and need nutritious food."

Oatmeal, eggs, butter, milk, bread and ice cream are the principal articles of food in this remarkable young woman's diet. Sometimes fruit and candies relieve the monotony of her course.

"You see, we are not vegetarians in the fullest sense of the word," added Miss Kress. "Extremists insist upon vegetable food only, and place the ban upon milk and eggs, as well. We, however, use milk and eggs, because it does not require the killing of life. But fish, of course, is in the same category with meat."

Improved Cutting Blowpipe.
The cutting blowpipe, of which so many surprising things have been reported, has recently been improved in France in a way to render it more generally useful. Two inflammable gases must be employed. One is required to keep the metal at a high temperature. The other is oxygen to concentrate activity by oxidation along the line of the cut. For heating, either coal gas, acetylene or hydrogen is employed, but as there is sometimes difficulty in procuring a supply of those gases, the new blowpipe is arranged to use instead of the ordinary gasoline employed by motorists.

Ticket Speculators Victorious.
The ticket speculators in front of the theaters in Berlin, against whom the directors have made war, will remain active in their business. The authorities have decided that the speculators cannot be driven away from their haunts, but that they must not block traffic. The manager agreed to keep in reserve a certain number of tickets for every performance for those people who came late, and, inasmuch as the police cannot break up the business, they intend to petition for a law making the vending of tickets on the sidewalks a misdemeanor.

Superstition of Chinese.
The Chinese are a superstitious people, and think it a bounden duty to keep the body intact, and if by any misfortune they are compelled to lose a limb by amputation they invariably ask for the severed member and keep it in a box. Sometimes they will actually eat it, thinking it only right that that which has been taken from the body should be returned to it. On this same principle an extracted tooth will be carefully preserved or ground to powder and swallowed in water.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

March 11 Fairmont will dedicate the new high school building.
Wm. Hillert, Garfield county, died from fractured skull which he secured in a fall.

The Nebraska Suspendor factory has been incorporated at Kearney with \$15,000 capital.
The farm house of John Jenks, Saunders county, burned. Some of the furniture was saved.

At Union a thief was found trying to unload a car of merchandise. When officers arrived he had flown.
Rushville was temporarily without any city water owing to the bursting of the city main, due to the frost.

An appropriation has been made by the Burlington officials for a new depot at Peru, and plans are already drawn for it.
The highest price ever paid for hogs at South Omaha, \$9.10, was received last week by a woman who had a shipment from Curtis.

Rev. Father Petrasch of Beatrice who is traveling through Europe for the benefit of his health, writes that he will return home in April.
The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings will buy a moving picture machine for the amusement of the insane patients at the Norfolk asylum.

George Harmony, one of the oldest mail clerks on the Northwestern railroad, was found dead in his mail car near Casper. His home was at Chadron.

The Buffalo County Declaratory association meets in Kearney on Friday night, March 25. Each high school in Buffalo county is entitled to two contestants.

The hotel situation at Albion is still up in the air. The Commercial club committee has succeeded in getting some promises of stock subscriptions, but not enough yet.

County Treasurer E. H. Hosman of Otoe county left for Rochester, Minn., to be operated upon for a cancer on the right side of his jaw. He has been suffering with it for several years.

The village of Elm Creek, Buffalo county, is advertising broadcast and offering a grand prize of \$5 for a new name for the town. The present name has been worn for twenty years.

Fire destroyed the roundhouse of the Burlington at Table Rock. Everything of value was saved from the building. The origin of the fire is supposed to be from the explosion of a lamp.

A swindler got in his work in the neighborhood of Sterling one day recently. He sold a farmer the right to write insurance and make farm loans in the county, receiving a nice bonus for the privilege.

O. P. Sullenberger of Ponca went to milk his cow and feed the horse in the evening and when he returned to the house was badly cut about the head and was unable to give any account of what had happened.

Word has been received at Sutton of the death of Rev. T. S. Fowler, formerly pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later of Portland, Ore., where he had been making his home with a daughter.

Triplets were born to George Norton of Osceola. All are boys. The parents have a son, Carl, lacking a week of being a year old making four boys less than a year old. All are healthy and strong.

Carl McDowell, who has resigned his position on the rural route at Lyons, has, during the four years and eight months of service driven a distance of 42,784 miles, or very nearly twice around the world.

Arthur Anderson, colored slayer of Arthur Newell at Hastings, is lying close to death as a result of the amputation of his feet. The operation was made necessary by the freezing of both feet while he was hiding from his pursuers.

Many farmers of Nuckolls county are of the opinion that the fall wheat has been seriously injured, by the many sudden extreme changes in temperature and the unusually severe weather experienced during the winter.

Arthur Anderson, colored, murderer of Arthur Newell, white at Hastings, waived preliminary examination and was bound over without bail. His feet were frozen in his seventy hours' exposure and had to be amputated above the ankle.

The short course in agriculture and domestic science, conducted under the direction of the state university, closed at Franklin after a very successful week. Six instructors were constantly engaged and 300 students were enrolled. Franklin academy furnished fifty students.

Ed Watson, aged 52, living five miles northeast of Utica, dropped dead at Vandell's sale. He was engaged in conversation with a number of men and grew very much excited about the subject under discussion and, as he was troubled with heart failure, it is supposed this caused his death.

Gus Olson, machinist at the Union Pacific round house in Columbus, had his leg broken as a result of the explosion of the air drum on a passenger engine.

W. H. Paddock of Holdrege is exhibiting an old and time-worn relic in the form of a metal tobacco box which came over in the Mayflower. It bears the date "1600" scratched on the inside of the cover, and on the outside the inscription "Mayflower, 1620." The box has been handed down from generation to generation in the Paddock lineage, always going to the oldest sons of each line.

Postmaster Schneider has received the plans for the new government building at Plattsmouth which it is expected will be erected this year. It shows the dimensions will be 56x76 feet.

Miss Charlotte Templeton of Lincoln State library was a Chadron with Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smith, Chadron librarian, and they catalogued the old books, which have been turned over to the city, as well as the new ones just purchased, so that now the city has possession and owns a fine 1,200 volume library.



BURDENS LIFTED FROM BAD BACKS

Weary is the back that bears the burden of kidney ills. There's no rest nor peace for the man or woman who has a bad back. The distress begins in early morning. You feel lame and not refreshed. It's hard to get out of bed. It hurts to stoop to tie your shoes. All day the ache keeps up. Any sudden movement sends sharp twinges through the back. It is torture to stoop or straighten. At night the sufferer retires to toss and twist and groan. Backache is kidney ache—a throbbing, dull aching in the kidneys. Plasters or liniments won't do. You must get at the cause, inside.

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How To Tell When The Kidneys Are Disordered

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Backache, headache, pains when stooping or lifting, sudden sharp twinges, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, painful, scanty or too frequent urination, dizzy spells, dropsy.

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Discolored or cloudy urine. Urine that contains sediment. Urine that stains the linen. Painful passages. Blood or shreds in the urine. Let a bottleful of the morning urine stand for 24 hours. If it shows a cloudy or fleecy settling, or a layer of fine grains, like brick-dust, the kidneys are disordered.

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"Will you be married with a ring?" he inquired.
The young man turned a helpless gaze on his companion, and then looked at the minister.
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