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Webster County Condensed.

Webster Co., Neb., lies in the Valley o the Republican, is 150 miles west of the Missouri River and touches the State line on the South. Winters are mild and dry; very little rain or snow falls in that season so little in fact that cattle live all winter with no hay or grain. Plenty of rain falls in the spring and summer. The summers are no disagreeably warm, as there is always a cool breeze especially in the evenings. The county first began to settle in 1870. In 1871 the county was organized with a population of 15. Its population is now between 2500 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organized school districts within its boundries and school facilities are therefore ample—better than those in some Eastern States. The apportionable school fund furnishes nearly enough money to pay teachers' wages. Farmers can buy R. R. land from $1.50 to $6 per acre—with ten years time. There is yet a considerable amount of government lands for home-steads and pre-emptions. As a stock raising country it is hard to excel. Cattle do well, and for sheep it cannot be beaten. It is just suited to that. Fortunes can be easily made by raising sheep as the expense of feeding is very small. That corn, oats, barley, potatoes, buck wheat, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, are grown here with little labor. 35 bushels of sod corn to the acre is nothing new. Wheat averages about 25 bushels to the acre. Fruit does extremely well. Every farmer has his orchard growing. Forest trees grow rapidly. Cottonwood, boxalder, whitewood, soft maple, and many other kinds of trees grow into timber large enough for fuel in about three years. Osage orange plants do nicely, and in a few years your live fences can be made. Mechanics find employment and fair wages. The very best and purest water is obtained by going from 5 to 100 feet. The cost is very small when the well is bored.—The e wells never go dry. The streams of this county are the Republican and its tributaries, which are as follows: on the south side of the river, Walnut, Dry, Buffalo, State, Penny, Cedar, Hicks, Ash, and Guide Rock creeks. On the north side are Willow, Elm, Cottonwood, Crooked, Indian, and Farmers creeks. In the north part of the county is the Blue river and its tributaries.

The soil of Webster county is a dark, rich vegetable loam. The wild grasses are nutritious and abundant, and make most excellent hay. Timothy, clover, Hungarian and millet will undoubtedly prove a profitable production. Those who have tried them so decide at least.

Our railroad prospects are good and we will have a road as soon as we really need one. But the farmers for years will find ready sale for surplus productions in the newer counties west and to new settlers. By the time these markets are closed roads for cheaper transportation east will be opened.

Our climate is healthful, the air pure and bracing, and sickness of any kind is almost a stranger to the people here.

The county seat, RED CLOUD on the Republican river, near the center east and west and a little south of the center north and south. In it are chances for business men of every branch of trade. The counties around it such as to war ant a good business in every kind of merchandise. Red Cloud and Guide Rock are the only two laid out towns. Further information can be obtained from any and a cent who advertises in this paper, or at this office.

Will it be out of place patient reader if we present ourselves in this column in a diferent light, and show ourselves to you in our best clothes, our old pipe exchanged for a cigar, in whose delicious fragrance our thoughts are purified and elevated, and in whose curling clouds of pure white smoke silently and gently ascending heavenwards the dreams of youth, the visions of beauty and the lofty ideals of younger days are hovering about us? There is some deep sentiment some pure emotion, some lofty purpose, some thing of genuine poetry throbbing in evry heart. Men in the world mingling and struggling with and against, their fellow men conceal the sentiment the poetry of their nature. But by the fire side, with their wives and their children about them the purity and sentiment of youth shines forth if not with the brilliancy of earlier days, yet with more mellow and richer lustre. In like manner a county newspaper with its advertisements, its local news and squibs, its politics and its worldliness, has its sentimental side as well, and longs to give utterance to its inner and better self, to give expression to the softer and holier emotions that agitate its heart. For far down in our heart of hearts hidden from view perhaps by the baser and worldly objects above it, but glowing still with a warm and lustrous light, is our youthful self with its dream of purity, its faith in religon and its reverence for good. So if agreeable we will go on and moralize, be sentimental perhaps, foolish. For after all men are foolish in the worlds eyes when the truest part of their nature reveals itself. We make a practice of concealing our real self of hiding it from public gaze. Come into yonder store, you will meet the best men of the town there, listen to their conversation. It is full of oaths, disgusting almost with ribaldry and obscenity. Foul mouthed, yet not foul hearted Coarse and rough spoken, yet beneath the rough exterior, there is a womanly softness, which with almost feminine modesty is shielded from the sneers and scoffs of their fellows. Men never reveal their true selves in the stores or the bar-room. It is not in the crowd, not in the streets or the confused jostle and scramble after wealth that the man is seen. In the sacred privacy of home and the almost equally sacred intimacy of friendship the scoffer is eloquent in the fulness and depth of his religious conviction, and the ribald is an idolater in the zeal and fervency of his homage to purity. We have faith in human nature, and believe that men are not what they seem. In our short experience of life there has been no man however vile his conduct, or however filthy his laoguage, who when probed to the depth of his being, has not discovered a genuine faith in religion, a genuine belief and reverence for virtue and purity. It is most assuredly the case with all of us. Yet our speech seldom betrays us. Is it because of our vileness that our fellows never here us save in coarse and vulgar jests at what we hold most sacred? Is it because of cowardice that we never manfully express our real conviction? Or is it that we think our neighbors unworthy of our confidence? Has it come to pass that only the baser part of our nature can be revealed while the pure and nobler qualities must be screened from sight.

Here our cigar went out.

IMPORTANT TO EMMIGRANTS.

To all who are anticipating removing from the east to the west to find homes, and have not already decided on any part of our beauty, let us say a word in favor of our county and the advantage we have over many other portions even in our own State. In the first place we have an abundance of timber for fuel and shall have for some time to come, which is an advantage possessed by very few counties. Ours is one of the best watered counties in the State, which is very essential especially to stock raisers. We still have some vacant land which can be homesteaded, and a large amount of railroad land that can be bought at very reasonable rates; which as yet, and will for some time to come, afford unlimited range for stock. It has been decided by those who have analyzed the native grasses, that they are more nutritious than the same grasses of the east. The climate is adapted to the growth of every kind of grain, generally grown in such latitudes. Winter and spring wheat are grown with great success. Unlike other new countries, a crop can be raised the first season, which is a great advantage to those who are just opening new farms. Flax is a quick and remunerative crop.—from 15 to 25 bushels can be raised on an acre. Good stone can be found all along the Republican river, which is a very great item in building. There are no hostile Indians in this part of the State. Many people in the east think we have savage tribes to the State, forgetting that they are the same tribes that were removed only a few years ago from states east of the Mississippi, and are now nearly all removed still farther west and south. Fences in this country are not required, as every one is liable for all damage done by their stock. Hedges can be grown with very little trouble, and in about three years form a sufficient barrier to guard against trespass from cattle. Our prospects for a railroad are quite flattering, and in all probability a road will be built up the valley in the course of a year or two at the outside.

COMMUNICATED.

STOCKADE, Neb, March 25th, '76.

ED. CHIEF.—It appears that winter has fairly set in, and that those who fondly hoped that the winter season would pass away without any snow and storms, and that spring and all its lovliness would dawn upon us before long, will be doomed to disappointment. Such is life.

The good people of this vicinity came near hearing a sermon preached lately, at least they thought they were going to be so favored. It appears that a minister of the gospel announced that he would preach in the old sod school house, on Elm Creek, on a certain night. Accordingly Deacon F—, who, by the way, is the Director of the district, went to work to make things ready for the occasion. In order that the hungry souls thirsting after divine truths might receive said blessing in comfort, the said deacon proceeded to shovel the snow out of the sod arrangement, he then went to a neighbor and borrowed some plank and an old stove, and all things was in readiness. The night set in dark, damp and dismal, and moreover it was snowing. Feeling that it was our duty to attend church at every opportunity, we groped our way to the school house. Arriving there we found no minister, and not much of a congregation. One man stood in the doorway with drooping head and woeful visage, probably meditating on the depravity of human nature. Another person was inside the house wrestling with the stove and a pile of wet wood, trying but in vain, to start a fire. It was evident that there would be no meeting that night, and we returned home a wiser if not a better man.

There has been a new postoffice established on Elm Creek by the name of Stockade, near the right of the old stockade, from which is derived its name. Our old friend, M. L. Thomas is duly installed as postmaster, who by the way is one of the old settlers, he having excavated the first dug-out, and broke the first furrow in Batin precinct.

Yours, etc, X

FEEDING YOUNG HOGS.

An experienced farmer, with whom we recently conversed, said he had always good luck with pigs, and a visit to his sties confirmed the assertion. Some notes on his management can hardly fail to prove interesting.

The prevalent idea that pigs should be kept constantly garowing is a good one, but liable, nevertheless, to mislead. It is not best to stuff pigs as full as they will hold, and especially those just weaned. The sucking pig gets his rations often and in moderate quantities of food the simplest and most easily digested. The sow's milk is full of flesh and bone-forming material, and promotes a steady and uniform growth, building up a frame without too great accumulating fact. Weaning time is naturally and justly regarded as a critical period, and here is where farmers are apt to err in high feeding with rich and concentrated food.

Cow's milk is excellent, and if most of the cream has been skimmed off, it probably comes naarer the pig's natural food at this tender age than any other. But milk is rejected as not rich and "fattening" enough and corn meal, the most cocentrated kind of food, is substituted in its stead. Now corn meal is altogether too difficult of digestion for weaning pigs, and at most should only be given in small proportions; with an exclusive corn meal diet the young pigs will stop growing longer or larger frames and begin to pile on the fat on carcasses too small for profitable feeding. A great deal better plan is to continue feeding milk, and this sparingly, adding a little bran and a very small quantity of corn meal. The last can be increased as the pigs become accustomed to the change of diet and their stomachs will bear a stronger food.

The wheat bran and skimmed milk supply the phosphates which build up the pig's frame, while a very little corn meal will supply the fatforming material which is taken from milk and cream, and at a greatly reduced cost. At no time should pigs be starved or stinted, but it is important to remember the pigs may be and with as bad results as from feeding too little. Great care is needed in feeding any kind of very young animals, and the pig, being especially piggish in his greed, is particularly liable to injury from eating too heartly. With all young animals growth rather than fat should be aimed at and phosphatic foods should be given as far as possible. Cleanliness in every stage of feeding of any kind of stock, instead of being used indiscriminately for stock of all ages.—*Rural New Yorker.*

The late storm extended through the Southern States, and did considerable damage. About eight inches of snow fell at Chattanooga, and there was a heavy fall at Raleigh, N. C., with intense cold, and the peach crop is believed to be killed. The storm was very severe at all points on the gulf. In Arkansas snow fell to a depth of ten inches, and trains were delayed. The storm was general and in some parts of the country considerable damage was done.

A dispatch from Indiana states that the town of Winchester has had a shower of fish. The sky being clear, sun shining, the shower of living fish commenced and several acre fell some about four feet long. It is supposed that the people of Indiana are better churchmen than their Kentucky neighbors and hence their shower was a Lenten one of fish instead of flesh.

Street preaching is not popular at Crete. Rev. Maxfield undertook to hold prayer meetings on the sidewalk, and was ordered not to do so any more. There is considerable excitement and the issue of street preaching threatens to enter as a disturbing element into the coming city and school elections.

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