

# UNCLE SAM'S FIGURES SHOW REGION AROUND NORFOLK IS RICHEST, MOST PRODUCTIVE SPOT ON PLANET EARTH

## Ten Counties Tributary to Norfolk Yield \$75,000,000.00 a Year in Farm Products--Twelve Times as Much as the Gold Mine Region of the Black Hills

At the banquet of the Norfolk Ad club, given to 550 traveling men, railroad men and business men on Friday night, June 23, G. L. Carlson, editor of Carlson's Breeders Review, said in part, speaking on the subject, "The Country Around Norfolk:"

"The one weak thing in the development of our home territory lies in the fact that we do not know ourselves; that we have at best but a small understanding of our possibilities; and that we know even less about the soil upon which we live.

"Since they have confined me to the country around Norfolk, I am going to confine this paper to our immediate country, that is to say to our present trade territory in which we have little or no competition.

"I might, and perhaps should, have included Cuming county, for we have a greater claim upon that county than any other city, but if one wants to start something, all he has to do is to claim something which some other member of the family claims, and you are quite sure to get all that is coming to you, and Cuming county is claimed by Omaha, Sioux City and Fremont, too, so it is probably best that we keep out of their quarrel.

"Now I am going to confine myself to the ten counties of Boyd, Knox, Cedar, Wayne, Pierce, Antelope, Holt, Boone, Madison and Stanton, a territory aggregating 8,460 square miles, or 5,376,000 acres, and at present supporting a population of approximately 160,000 of America's best men, women and children.

"I shall say nothing in this paper of the territory extending into Wyoming on the west, or to the Black Hills to our northwest, or of that part of South Dakota lying south of the White river to our north and which is rightfully ours as a trade territory, for I was expected to confine myself to the country around Norfolk.

**Neglecting Fertile Soil.**  
As a preface to future remarks, it may appear strange to many of you, but it is none the less a fact, that of the 5,376,000 acres lying immediately around us, and practically every acre of which is highly productive and easily cultivated, only 3,336,000 acres are ever have been cultivated and made to produce crops. We are not only neglecting good fertile soil, but we are not producing as much from the cultivated portions as we might.

"Every man present this evening has probably heard it said, that if we say a thing often enough we will not only get to believe it ourselves, but we will succeed in making others believe it. You have probably read many times that within the Black Hills district could be found the richest 100 miles square in America, and most of you believed it. The Black Hills district is a mighty fine country, peopled with a mighty fine people, with a climate unsurpassed and I shall say nothing this evening to take from them the advantages that are rightfully theirs, but let us compare this famous 100 miles square with the ten counties I have named, and these ten counties are considerably smaller than 100 miles square—to be exact they make a territory but ninety by ninety-three and one-third miles.

"In this comparison I shall use no street gossip—no hearsay evidence—but instead I shall confine myself to figures given us by the agricultural department of our national government as to the actual products of these two districts. For these successive years the annual produce of the Black Hills district was about \$3,500,000, and one year—the banner year for the Homestake mine—the entire

district, including live stock, grain, fruits and vegetables produced almost, but not quite, \$6,000,000. This is a grand production of new wealth to be created by such a district, and wealth produced from the earth in any form is a creation of wealth, a form of wealth which never before existed, and well may the people of the Black Hills point with pride to such a production.

**75 Million Dollars a Year.**  
But what were we doing around Norfolk at that time in the way of producing new wealth? Why, these ten counties of which I have made mention last year produced in grain and grasses alone \$27,000,000. The value of the live stock sold and shipped out of these ten counties exceeded \$2,500,000. Our hens laid 17,000,000 dozen eggs, and those eggs alone sold for \$2,950,000. The poultry sold in these ten counties was worth \$1,200,000. Our cows produced a little more than 6,000,000 pounds of butter and the butter, milk and other products of the cow sold for \$2,000,000. The dairy and poultry products alone exceeded the value of the products of the richest 100 miles square in America. Our grains and grasses sold for about ten times as much as the richest 100 miles square in America, while our grains and grasses and fruits and vegetables and poultry and the live stock and dairy products sold for more than \$75,000,000, or twelve and one-half times as much as did all the products of the Black Hills district.

"If a mining district, or even an entire state, can boast of a mine with a market value of three or four million dollars, it is considered good business to advertise the fact to all the world, while the value of the farms and live stock of the ten counties around Norfolk have a market value exceeding \$200,000,000 and yet very few of us are aware of the fact right here at home.

"The market value of our Madison county farms and live stock will amount to \$25,000,000 and this one county only 576 square miles of land—368,840 acres—produced last year in grain and grasses, live stock, poultry, eggs, butter, milk, fruits and vegetables \$7,000,000, and yet it has been advertised so little that few people know there is such a county in Nebraska.

"Are we doing anything else out of the ordinary? Let us see. I have the figures for only twenty-three years, but for the past twenty-three years the ten counties around Norfolk have taken first place in corn yield per acre over any other like area in the corn belt twenty-two times. Only in 1894 has it ever lost the position of first place, when it lost to the ten counties in southwestern Iowa, known as the Nishna district. In twenty-three years we have been first in the yield of oats eighteen times and in the production of wheat sixteen times.

"Scientifically speaking, that which makes this possible—that which gives us a good crop when other parts of the country produce but little or nothing, is found in the fact that the loess soil district, which includes so much of eastern Nebraska, and which is composed of a deep deposit of silt, clay and fine sand, is the principal formation in these ten counties, and is in most places covered with a thin deposit of sand or a sandy loam, serving as a mulch to conserve moisture. This makes it possible for us to grow a good full crop of grain with less moisture than almost any other part of the known world. It is now known that with good tillage, uniformly good crops can be grown on such soils with an annual rainfall of sixteen inches.

**Wires All Burned Out.**  
Norfolk was cut off from the outside world all of Monday forenoon, lightning having burned out dozens of telegraph and long distance telephone wires. No connection with Omaha was possible and as a result the Associated Press leased wire running into The News office was out of commission and not a line of telegraph matter was received for the noon edition of this paper.

**Two Racers Are Injured.**  
Two race horses were injured and all Norfolk race track stables excepting five stalls blown down, in Sunday night's wind.

**Secretary Royse Sends Notice of First Assessment to Bankers.**  
Lincoln, June 28.—Secretary Royse of the state banking board, from reports sent in from 658 state banks, finds that there are \$86,253,568.72 of average daily deposits subject to the guaranty deposit law. As computed by Secretary Royse, one-fourth of 1 percent of that amount, to be levied

and we get some ten inches more than that every year.

**The Soil of North Nebraska.**  
I believe that facts will bear me out in the statement that no part of the world has made more men and families prosperous than this territory around Norfolk. Thousands who came into this district from fifteen to thirty years ago with nothing but their health and an ambition to make a home for themselves and their families are today worth in land and personal property from \$15,000 to \$50,000 each. These men have not only made themselves prosperous, but they have helped to make others prosperous and they have made of this a land of plenty, a land of fine homes, good schools, elegant churches and altogether one of the best countries in which to live.

"No time will be better than this for a brief study of the geology of the soil upon which we live. In discussing or analyzing the soils and rocks of a country we speak of the results of nature in causing a deposit of any kind to be deposited upon the earth's surface as a formation. That we may have a better understanding of the soil of our own district I will make brief mention of the several formations which we find at the surface in the different parts of the state. While many different formations are exposed within the state, those which have produced the soil are few in number, and all of them are of recent origin. The Niobrara formation is found along the lower Niobrara river and along the Missouri to near the east line of Dixon county. This formation is also found

along the Republican river, and consists of chalk rock. The soils produced by the decomposition of chalk rock are light colored and not very productive, but when mixed with an abundance of humus, or vegetable matter are quite productive.

"On the top of the Niobrara formation we find the Pierre shale—or the Pierre formation. This consists of dark, slate colored or gray shale, and is generally spoken of as soapstone, spongy or blue clay. In breaking down Pierre shale for soil we are given a stiff, sticky clay, which is the gumbo of Sioux, Dawes, Knox, Boyd, Holt and western Keweenaw counties. This soil is always very fertile, but requires more moisture than any other of which we know, and is quite often found containing alkali in excess.

"In the extreme western part of the state, we find the Brule formation overlying the Pierre shale. This Brule formation consists of a peculiar shade of yellow clay, often quite hard or stony in structure. The Brule clay is very easily eroded, and forms the typical "bad lands" of the west, sometimes weathering into fantastic shapes, from which are formed all the buttes of the west.

"The Loup formation consists of the large quantities of gravel, sand, silt and clay washed from the mountains beyond into western Nebraska and covering the Brule formation. Most of the soils west of the sand hills are of this formation.

"In ages past eastern Nebraska was covered with an ice sheet in the form of a glacier, and as this glacier was pressed onward and forward it constantly dropped much material in the way of clay, sand, gravel and boulders and this material was dropped in a most uneven and unsystematic manner. This is known as the glacial formation, and this formation remains at the surface in several counties of eastern Nebraska.

**The Rich Loess Formation.**  
By far the most important deposit were broken down. A big birch in the yard of Mayor Friday was snapped off.

**First Golf Trophy is the Burton Cup.**  
The first golf trophy for the Norfolk Country club, has been put up. It's the Burton cup.

**Dr. Bertha Ahlmann.**  
Dr. Bertha Ahlmann died at her home at 208 South Fifth street at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the effects of kidney trouble, caused by a runaway accident four years ago when

of the state is that which covered some of the Loup formation of the west and much of the glacial formation of the east, and which is known as the loess formation. This formation is found at the surface in many parts of eastern Nebraska, east of a line drawn from the mouth of the Niobrara river southwest to Dundey county. It is in the loess districts of the world that we find the world's most productive soils and it is because of this that I have at some length described the several formations of our state.

"No man has yet been able to demonstrate to a certainty the origin of this loess drift. I have already said it consisted of silt, clay and fine sand. The silt would suggest a water origin; the clay would suggest a glacial origin, and the fine sand would suggest a wind origin, and this is all we know about it. But whatever its origin, the man or people who live upon a soil composed of this loess formation have occasion to feel that they are the favored of the earth.

"This formation is found in parts of Germany and in the plains of the great Hoangho or Yellow river of China, and it is in these two districts that history records no loss of a crop as a result of dry weather.

"We are not only likely to overlook the real worth of those things which are with us and around us, but we are just as likely in our investments and in making the locations for our future efforts to forget that agriculture is more permanent in character than any industry of which we know. If correctly titled the soils around Norfolk will be producing food for many many thousands of years hence. This is not an idle assertion, for we know that the people of Greece are producing crops on the lands around Athens where Demosthenes tried the first recorded agricultural lawsuit centuries before the birth of Christ. They are growing better crops today in England than did the Romans upon the same soil nearly 2,000 years ago. They are producing better crops in most parts of Europe today than they did upon the same land before the existence of an America was known to them and they are growing just as good crops in China at the present time as they did upon the same land before the birth of Confucius.

**Norfolk's Opportunity.**  
The future possibilities of the country around Norfolk is beyond the comprehension of men now living. The ten counties around Norfolk have a total area of the kingdom of Belgium and the 11,300 square miles of Belgium with a soil less fertile than ours is supporting a population of 7,500,000. The ten counties around Norfolk are capable of growing all the food required to sustain a population of 5,000,000 people and give plenty of land for homes, streets and parks.

"The water power available at Norfolk, from two rivers, will in general, be worth millions of dollars in manufacturing enterprises. Not enough attention is given to developing this now.

"In conclusion—  
If each and every one of us will do our duty in helping to conserve the fertility of our soil, in doing all we can in real home building, in building and maintaining good roads, and at no time become careless about maintaining the present high standard of our schools, the country around Norfolk will forever remain one of the most prosperous and progressive districts of America.

she was making a call to treat one of her patients. At that time she was thrown from the buggy and one kidney was torn loose. Since then she had suffered continually. She grew worse during the past two weeks and Sunday afternoon she passed peacefully away.

Funeral services will be held from the Christ Lutheran church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ahlmann was born at Braunsberg, Pomerania, Germany, on April 11, 1859. In 1883 she was married to William F. Ahlmann. To this union nine children were born, of whom three are living—Arthur, William and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Ahlmann came to the United States from Germany in 1878 and settled on a homestead in Pierce county. In 1889 they came to Norfolk.

**Frohloff-Tiegs.**  
At the Christ Lutheran church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, occurred the wedding of L. W. Frohloff and Miss Metta Tiegs. Rev. J. P. Mueller performed the ceremony, after which a large assembly of guests were entertained at a luncheon.

**Chamberlain.** He sued for damages because the city restrained him from digging an artesian well near his mill.

**Edgar Berry.** An aged and respected citizen of Armour, died.

**Jack Hofer.** Of Elgin and Louis Kover of Newport were each Sunday visitors in Ewing.

at a luncheon. Mr. Frohloff is an employee of the Fair store and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frohloff of Rock Rapids, Ia. who were present at the wedding. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Gottlieb Tiegs, retired farmers living on South Third street, at whose residence the young couple will make their home for the present.

**Hosking Items.**  
The boys and young men are practicing and making ready for the Fourth of July celebration in our village, which promises to be on a scale never before attempted in this vicinity.

Friday is the last day of our school term, having extended rather far into the hot season. Rumor has it that our school directors have engaged for the next school year four instead of three teachers, with a lady as principal.

Edgar Swanson and wife will move into the house now occupied by E. Behner as soon as Mr. Behner's residence in the north part of town is completed.

Luther Swanson, who is now at Excelsior Springs, Mo., to regain his health, writes that he is rapidly improving.

Before another month will have passed we will have F. Sederstrom in our midst again. He is at present sojourning in his native country, Sweden.

The fine residence of W. Weick, eight miles north of town, is almost finished.

After a long absence, Mrs. L. Ramer, formerly Miss Lillian Foster, is visiting with her baby at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foster.

Edwin Schemel, who has been staying here the past two weeks, part of the time acting as depot agent while Mr. Hager was absent, left Thursday for Fordyce, where he holds a position as agent.

The Misses Margaret and Helene Schemel and Dorothy Green entertained at a lawn party at the Dr. Schemel home in honor of the Misses Reed and Moran.

**Ewing.**  
Josie and Emma Sanders went to Elgin Monday to attend commencement exercises of the Elgin parochial school. Their sister, Miss Alys, is one of the graduates.

At the school meeting Monday afternoon M. T. Sanders, P. M. Conger and James A. Butler were elected trustees. Those with W. H. Graves, W. D. Bakke and A. Dahl comprise the entire board. The estimated expenses were figured at \$3,500, with the district in splendid financial condition.

A large crowd of sweetening humanity sought relief last Sunday along the shady banks of Sievers' and Pickered lakes, but no great catches have so far been announced.

Harry Lobb visited over Sunday with friends in O'Neill.

The John Berigan company shipped in 500 head of steers from South Dakota Saturday and on Monday they took them again to Graver Bros., who took them out to their ranch.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Burk Wood was operated upon at St. Joe's hospital, Omaha, and is getting along nicely.

A number of young people from Atkinson, Emmet and O'Neill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grady last week.

William Beck is building a new residence on his place just south of town.

D. B. Huston, traveling for an eastern hardware firm, stopped over Sunday with his cousin, D. A. Huston.

Winfred Butler and Uldricka Dahl went to Omaha Tuesday as delegates to a Sunday school convention.

Louie P. Firstenberg and bride, the latter a sister of Mrs. Leo Wood, are expected to visit in Ewing this week.

Rev. Father Rose drove to Spaulding in his motor car last week, accompanied by M. T. Sanders.

Fred Beck traded his 280 acres of land near town for a 100-acre tract said to be very valuable in Monroe county, Ia.

Miss H. Helen Lackey has returned from college at Monmouth, Ill., and will spend her vacation at home.

Trenches are being dug on Main street in East Ewing for the laying of gas and water pipe. J. S. Weaverling, S. W. Green and Contractor Davis are each going to have gas and water installed in their homes.

John Kay of Neligh visited his many friends in Ewing Sunday.

Caesar Winner of Stanton, a member of the firm of Wunner Bros. of this place, was a guest of his brother John over Sunday.

M. P. and Eva Morris of Wheeler county, a brother and nephew of D. T. Morris, are paying him a visit and will remain until after the Fourth.

Rev. Mr. Lackey of the United Presbyterian church held an outdoor service Sunday evening on account of the extreme heat.

Boardman Watson, formerly a traveling salesman but now a homesteader in South Dakota, has been visiting a few days with his sisters, Mrs. J. N. Kay and Miss Nellie Watson.

A camp meeting, it is said, will be held by the Free Methodist denomination seven miles from Chambers, commencing July 7.

Mrs. S. E. Borden and daughter went to Battle Creek Thursday to visit her sister. Her husband went down on Saturday and accompanied them home Sunday.

D. T. Morris is shipping eight cars of hay which he has sold to Sioux City parties.

Jack Hofer of Elgin and Louis Kover of Newport were each Sunday visitors in Ewing.

**SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE.**  
Edgar Berry, an aged and respected citizen of Armour, died.

The contract has been let for a new \$60,000 school building at Howard.

Congressman Burke may enter the race for Gamble's seat in the senate.

Hans Quambler has been given a judgment of \$8,854 against the city of

Chamberlain. He sued for damages because the city restrained him from digging an artesian well near his mill.

The Madison chautauqua opened today and will continue in session three weeks.

The C. H. Nichols of Homestead has closed his office and will practice in Omaha.

The Fourth of July celebration at Golden will be featured by several horse races.

The board of education has let the contract for a \$1000 school building at White Lake.

Mrs. Tina Bestman, aged 82, a Gregory county pioneer, is dead at Fairfax after a long illness.

Madison has been troubled greatly with tramps. Sixteen of them occupied the jail one night last week.

The annual joint fair of Fall River and Custer counties will be held at Buffalo Gap September 19, 20 and 21.

James Barnasser died in Chamberlain. He was among the original pioneers of Chamberlain and was 77 years of age.

The Canton camp meeting, under the management of the Sioux Falls district of the Methodist church, will be held this year from July 6 to 16.

Richard Muhler of Tama, Ia., was overcome by fumes in a well at Sturgis and died within a few minutes after being hoisted to the top.

The remains of an unknown man were found in the ruins of the Milwaukee warehouse at Chamberlain, which mysteriously caught fire at midnight.

Dr. H. A. Hartwich of Howard was married to Miss Myrtle Rosenberg of Madison at the home of the bride's parents.

John Steffes, a resident of Strool, S. D., died in an Aberdeen hospital as the result of a knife wound received in a quarrel in a butcher shop at Strool.

During a quarrel over 25 cents Ben Dotsen bit Ben Badger, a contractor at Spearfish, over the head with a shovel, inflicting injuries that may prove fatal.

Death from drowning in a slip pail was the fate of the little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bailey at their farm home a few miles north of Watertown.

Nisland will offer a big free barbecue as a Fourth of July attraction.

Fire at Lake Kampeska, the Watertown summer resort, destroyed three cottages.

Northern Tripp county crops were considerably damaged by a wind and hail storm.

While bathing in the Jim river near his home twelve miles north of Huron, Jacob Hugel, a farmer aged 33, was drowned.

The Yankton chautauqua will be held the week beginning July 19 and ending July 25.

Charles Storr was killed near Wolf, say when he fell from a rapidly moving freight train.

Mitchell will employ the Sioux City guaranty plan to finance new enterprises for that city.

O. H. Juckett of the Belle Fourche National bank has been elected cashier of the Farmers' State bank at Nisland.

Gov. Vessey reappointed R. S. Basford of Redfield insurance commissioner; W. F. Bancroft of Watertown state game warden, and A. M. Cook of Vermillion food and drug commissioner.

Rev. Frank Fox of Redfield, S. D., died in a hospital at Des Moines, Ia., where he had been taking treatment for several weeks.

Jacob Bergen, a lumber dealer at Nisland, will leave this week for Ruff, Wash., where he has business interests and will make his future home.

Thorton W. Brisbane, for years a resident of Yankton and at one time county judge, died suddenly in Minneapolis. He will be buried in Yankton.

The contract for the new Butte county court house at Belle Fourche has been let to Phillips & Burke of Leeds, who put in the lowest bid with \$34,820.

Congressman E. W. Martin met with water users under the Belle Fourche project at Nisland to investigate whether the government project was giving satisfaction.

**DROPS OFF SKYSCRAPER.**  
But This Human Fly is Caught by Comrade and Life Saved.

Chicago, June 28.—One of the human flies, whose agility and lack of nerves make skyscrapers possible, lost his balance today and toppled from the twentieth story of the new Heisen building.

Ordinarily the foregoing statement would present the story, but not so in the case of Patrick Eastice, for there was a hero at hand in the person of John Murray, and Eastice probably will be at work again tomorrow.

The latter toppled from a beam just as scores of other structural iron workers have done, and some of his companions did not even turn their heads to see the mangled form which their minds conjured up as lying on the pavement below. Murray was working on the nineteenth floor and saw Eastice fall.

He reached out and grasped the falling man by the tough workman's blouse. He was not able to hold the weight, but gave the descending body a swing inward and the latter landed on the eighteenth floor on a pair of cross beams.

He was bruised, but that was all. Murray looked down, saw that all was well, and resumed riveting.

**Further Storm Damage.**  
Neligh, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Reports from the wind, hail and rain storm Sunday night are becoming more generally known since the telephone service and main traveled roads are getting in better condition.

Within three miles southwest of Neligh, on the farm of Wood Bros., their corn crop is reported as damaged to more than \$1,000. Columbus Penn., who has a farm in that neighborhood, states that he had forty acres of corn

being more than two feet high, that was beaten into the ground. The corn on his place was stripped, as well as other fields in that vicinity; nothing was left but a few inches of the stalks," he said.

A large new barn belonging to Arthur McKillips was completely demolished by the wind. Mr. McKillips resides about nine miles southwest of this place.

**Winside Storm Damage.**  
Winside, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Winside was visited by a heavy rain Sunday night, doing considerable damage, also some good. About 1,000 feet of railroad track was washed out.

The barn of Edward Ulrich was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Mr. Ulrich lost three horses and a lot of grain.

Quite a number of bridges and a lot of fence was also washed away and destroyed.

**Coal Dealers in Session.**  
Kansas City, Mo., June 28.—One thousand delegates from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri attended the first annual convention of the Interstate Retail Coal Dealers association, which met here today for a three days' session. The question of securing legislation requiring railroads to weigh shipments of coal at its destination will be considered.

**Noted Indian Warrior Dead.**  
Burlington, Okla., June 28.—It was learned here today that Left Hand Pooos of the Arapahos died at his home near here several days ago. He was 82 years old and one of the most famous warriors of the early days of the west. One of his most prominent fights was the massacre of Major Joel H. Elliott and nineteen men the day General Custer fought the battle of Washita, near the present town of Cheyenne, Okla. The bodies of the slain men were not found for a week.

**"Lost Child" Found.**  
Tekamah, Neb., June 28.—The mysterious "lost child" case, which brought up the farmers north of Tekamah, is believed to have been solved. It has developed that a new family named Carter had moved to a farm across the ditch from the Elliott farm a few days ago, which fact was not known to the farming community of the west side of the ditch. The Carters had a little child about the size of the one supposed to have been lost. The child was absent from home Sunday afternoon a little over an hour, and this leads to the belief that it crossed the ditch and went over to the Elliott home, where it played with the children, who not having before seen it, were led to believe that it was some strange child.

**Lindsay Defeats Humphrey.**  
Lindsay, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Humphrey went down to defeat Sunday at the hands of the Lindsay team on the Humphrey diamond. This is the second time Lindsay has defeated Humphrey this spring, both times by the score of 3 to 1.

**Laurel Defeats Winside.**  
Winside, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Laurel defeated Winside in a fast game of ball at Laurel, score 2 to 0. Batteries: For Winside, Siman and Pomeroy; for Laurel, Basenger and Kemp. Hits: Laurel, 4; Winside, 4. Errors: Laurel, 0; Winside, 5. Struck out: by Siman, 8; by Basenger, 7.

**Niobrara Beata Verdigre.**  
Niobrara, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Niobrara won a victory over Verdigre's fast team on the Verdigre grounds. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of Niobrara. Batteries: Verdigre, Dunaway and Barta; Niobrara, Mackey and Barrell. The second nine played with the Center team at Coar yesterday. The score was 11 to 12 in favor of Center.

A good shower visited this locality. It was greatly needed and probably saves the corn crop. A cool breeze makes the atmosphere more endurable after the torrid heat of the past week.

**Bassett Wins Again.**  
Bassett, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Bassett ball team crossed bats with the Johnson team on the Bassett diamond and trimmed them up to the tune of 11 to 1. Batteries: Bassett, Stockell and Curtis; Johnson, Williams and Campbell.

**Score by Innings—**  
R Bassett..... 1 0 0 5 0 5 0 x—11  
Johnson..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1  
This far Bassett has won nine out of ten games; only two of which have been played on our home grounds.

The team is engaged to play Springfield on July 3, at Alnsworth, and expects to meet a strong team.

**Pierce 10, Stanton 1.**  
Pierce beat Stanton yesterday afternoon, 10 to 1. Batteries: Pierce, Gore and Pitt; Stanton, Seidel and Hopper. Hits: Pierce, 3; Stanton, 2. Errors: Pierce, 2; Stanton, 5.

**No Rooting at Ball Game.**  
Tilden, Neb., June 28.—Special to The News: Tilden won the game with the deaf muties by a score of 10 to 4. In the first inning the visitors started at a lively gallop and earned a run. But after the home team had succeeded in piling up six scores the play was somewhat loose. A couple of errors on each side cost runs, but after the middle of the game was reached, both teams played snappy ball. Considering the handicap which their infirmity places upon the muties, one must admit that their play is little short of marvelous. They appeared to get as much fun out of the sport as their more fortunate opponents who have the full use of all their senses. The game was witnessed by a large crowd, but was marked by almost an entire absence of "rooting."