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## NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

**Ponca Advocate:** Mrs. William Frazier is seriously ill at her home in Ponca.

**Creighton News:** Miss Pearl Francisco of Royal, was a Sunday guest at the home of Mrs. C. W. Preston, returning home Monday evening.

**Neligh News:** Henry Francisco has commenced action in the district court against J. F. Curtis, J. A. Sutton and Antelope county, the object of which is to recover \$1,100 damages.

**Wynot items in Hartington Herald:** H. A. McCormick left for Omaha last week to visit his family for a few days. Mrs. McCormick returned with him and expects to visit here for a week. After school is out at Omaha, the entire family expects to move to Wynot and make their permanent home here.

**Ponca Journal:** Miss Esther Smith of Willis began work at the George Carter home Monday. Mrs. John Rahn is spending a few days visiting with her sister, Mrs. George Bartels, near Dakota City. Prof. and Mrs. Conrad Jacobson spent Saturday in Sioux City with Mrs. Jacobson's mother, Mrs. Ross.

**Sioux City Journal, 25:** Mr. and Mrs. Madison Leamer, of Dakota City, Neb., were the guests Monday and Tuesday in the home of Mr. Leamer's brother, Jacob Leamer. W. E. Surber has departed for Waterbury, Neb., being called there by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. A. H. Surber.

**Lyons Mirror:** Sunday guests at the Warner home were: Mr. and Mrs. Charley Frey, Mrs. Len Craig, Mrs. Mary Ann Frey, Miss Alice Johnson and Anna Stass. Mrs. C. G. Frey and Mrs. William Korth of Thurston were here Friday, guests at the Warner home, where their mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Frey, has been visiting for a week or two.

**Sioux City Journal, 27:** A double wedding was held at the home of Rev. Donald M. McIntosh, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church yesterday when Edwin C. Hoxie, of Sioux City, and Josephine Barron, of South Sioux City, Neb., were married, and Lucy L. Shane, of South Sioux City, Neb., was wedded to Ramsley M. Heffer, of Holston, Minn.

**Bloomfield Monitor:** T. H. Fairbrother came last week for a visit with his brother, R. L. Fairbrother, foreman at the Journal office. He is also a printer, holding down the job of foreman in the Journal office at Gordon, this state, the paper being conducted by B. S. Leedom, formerly publisher of the Osmond Republican and well known to many of our readers. The Monitor acknowledges a fraternal call from Mr. Fairbrother.

**Walthill Times:** Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mison and babe came up from Rosalie Sunday evening to visit at

the home of his parents. Mrs. T. A. Chase of Macy went to Dakota City last evening for a week's visit with her daughter, Miss Mabel Chase. William (Budge) Lamson, and Don Brownrigg departed Tuesday for Excelsior Springs, Mo., to work with Geo. Lamson in a gymnasium he has opened.

**Walthill Citizen:** Miss Nettie Allen went to her home at Hubbard on Friday, to remain until Sunday. Mrs. Charles Darnell came down from Jackson Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Will Darnell. Mrs. L. M. Cooley of University Place, who had been visiting relatives at Wakefield, stopped off here Saturday to visit at the W. H. Maon home. She returned home Tuesday.

**Randolph Times:** E. J. Huey of Crofton was an over Sunday visitor in Randolph. He has sold out his garage business there and will seek a location elsewhere. L. V. DeVore went to Dakota City on Monday to represent the Community club in the road matter that is causing such friction in Dakota and Dixon counties. The matter is of interest here as having a bearing on our highway to Sioux City.

**Emerson Enterprise:** Mrs. John Watson visited Wednesday at the home of her niece in South Sioux City. Mrs. George Hahn went to South Sioux City Wednesday and spent the day at the home of her sister. Amos Linafelter, from Waterbury, visited here Tuesday night at the home of his brother, Henry. Anthony Simmons from Nacora, spent Sunday at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Adolph Zastrow. Mrs. Joe Heene and children from Nacora, visited a few days here last week at the home of her brother, Jack Kerwin. Mrs. Clyde Meyers and Mrs. Chas. Rockwell were called to Homer Monday by the serious illness of their father, John Church. Mrs. Nick Jensen and daughter went to Nacora Tuesday and spent the day at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Wolfe, who is reported to be very sick with pneumonia.

**Matrimonial Ventures**  
The following marriage licenses were issued by County Judge McKinley during the past week:  
Name and Address. Age.  
Sam Mirkin, Sioux City. 22  
Sarah Peterson, Sioux City. 15  
Herman A. Zastrow, Hubbard, Neb. 31  
Emma Nelson, Hubbard, Neb. 32  
James Dillon, Sioux City. 23  
Sophia Elsworth, Sioux City. 21  
Walter W. Lerwill, Sioux City. Legal  
Hannah Brenard, Sioux City. Legal

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## WHAT DOES IT COST TO PRODUCE AN ACRE OF OATS

(From Farm Bureau News)

When the packers, the railroads, or any other large concern sets out to justify their rights to charge certain prices or to ask for legislation which may seem unreasonable, they at once show their books to justify their claims. To assist in furnishing reliable figures for the State Farm Bureau Federation, and for their own knowledge, 15 farmers began in the spring of 1920 to co-operate with the Dakota County Farm Bureau in keeping cost records on oats.

The method employed in this work, for most of these farmers, was for the Farm Bureau office to each week mail the co-operators a card on which to report back the work done. The actual records were then kept by Bureau. This method assured promptness and accuracy. The completed records are now being returned to the person furnishing the data.

These records were kept in all parts of the county and in all cases represent the farmer's entire crop. So far as can be determined, they are a fair average for the county. Both man and horse labor are figured in hours. This eliminates errors from different lengths of days worked and takes care of pieces of days, giving a unit on which all can accurately report. Man hours were charged at 40 cents per hour. This was figured at an average of seventy dollars per month, with thirty dollars for board, and allows for 4% lost time. Extra labor used for harvesting and threshing was charged at the price actually paid. The horse hours were figured at 20 cents per hour for each horse. This figure is estimated to cover feed, interest on investment, and depreciation, and is not high when it is known that the average horse hours per acre, as reported by the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station, is only 118.5.

The following table sets forth the labor factors:

Record No.	Acres	Man Labor	Horse Labor	Hours per Acre	PER ACRE COST
19	95	459	63	1114	5.510.74.34
20	15	117	0	202	7.813.55.32
21	22	122	0	212	5.519.64.12
22	22	147	9	329	7.514.96.38
23	75	283	0	567	3.87.63.04
24	20	172	18	388	9.516.97.14
25	20	106	14	308	6.915.45.48
26	5	24	5	64	6.012.84.96
27	50	354	27	776	7.615.56.14
28	40	297	54	818	8.820.47.60
31	25	140	0	300	5.612.04.84
33	16	101	0	217	6.213.65.24
34	47	157	0	297	3.36.32.58
36	35	200	36	488	6.713.95.47
37	23	189	0	488	8.221.28.52

Seed, time and threshing are figured at the prices actually paid for them or at their market value. The use of machinery was charged for at the rate of five cents for each hour of labor, a factor which has been determined by the experiment station. Storage was figured against the crop at 1 1/2 cents per bushel. Hail insurance was only found in one record, No. 34, where 74 dollars were paid on 47 acres. Record No. 27 has a very high cost per bushel and a low yield. This was caused by sweetclover taking a large portion of the field which reduced the average yield.

For the use of land, five percent interest on its actual value and the taxes were charged against the crop of land owners. These lands ranged in value from \$200 to \$300 per acre. The taxes varied from 67 cents to \$1.95 per acre. Renters were charged what they paid per acre. In the case of share renters only their portion of the crop was charged with the expense when finding the cost per bushel. Records Nos. 22, 24, 27 and 34 are from rented farms.

Table 2 summarizes the cost elements:

Record No.	Seed	Man Labor	Horse Labor	Threshing and Storage	Rent, Taxes, Interest	Total Cost per Acre	Yield per Bushel
19	2.61	2.49	2.36	1.47	.91	10.85	20.50
20	3.67	3.12	2.70	1.61	1.12	13.99	26.75
21	2.27	1.86	1.93	2.31	.03	16.95	27.27
22	1.14	2.90	2.95	1.73	.13	2.5	.697
23	1.95	1.51	1.51	1.48	.74	16.25	23.44
24	2.13	3.94	3.85	1.68	1.13	9.60	21.84
25	1.50	3.10	3.08	1.37	1.13	16.23	26.41
26	2.90	2.42	2.56	1.95	1.16	16.23	27.07
27	8.53	1.03	1.0	.81	1.0	2.5	1.83
28	5.03	3.72	4.09	2.41	1.42	11.26	25.23
31	4.02	2.24	2.04	1.21	.08	14.21	24.09
33	3.00	2.54	2.71	2.05	1.02	10.79	22.11
34	1.52	1.34	1.26	1.86	2.22	8.00	16.20
36	3.00	2.83	2.75	2.58	1.16	11.30	23.65
37	2.63	2.94	2.72	2.60	1.43	11.38	21.12

A study of the labor units in table 1, should be of special interest to farmers, as these factors may be converted into costs representing any wage scale. It is readily seen that

there is a wide range in both man and horse labor. A comparison of the cost, per acre of table 2 shows that under 1920 conditions, even with high priced help, the labor cost is a relatively small item and for that reason the crop should not be neglected if a reasonable increase can be secured thereby.

Table 3 shows the average cost per acre of the various elements entering into production.

Items	Cost per Acre	Percent of Total Cost
Man Labor	2.69	11.2
Horse Labor	2.70	11.3
Seed	2.51	10.4
Use of Land	13.15	54.3
Threshing and Twine	1.89	7.9
Equipment and Storage	1.18	4.9
TOTALS	\$24.10	100.

The average yield per acre for these 15 farms was 26.6 bushels, while the average yield for the county over a period of years is around 38 bushels. The average total cost per bushel is 95.5 cents, whereas if the crop had been an average yield it would have been reduced to 63.9 cents per bushel. There were a total of 510 acres covered by these records.

## CARING FOR THE YOUNG ORCHARD

(From Farm Bureau News)

Fruit trees, like children, need early training to make them form good habits. Too often trees are bought, set out, and forgotten until the time comes for them to bear. At this time drastic measures are necessary to put the tree in shape for producing good crops. Large limbs frequently have to be removed to permit sunlight to get into the center of the tree and to eliminate crossing branches. Large limbs are exceedingly undesirable since they afford excellent places for cankers to gain entrance. Removing large limbs likewise disturbs the equilibrium of the tree which is detrimental to regularity in bearing. The time to start training the tree is the year it is set out. Every year after that give a little timely attention and there will be little use for a saw. The tree will live longer and bear better and larger crops in years to come, than where pruning is neglected for four or five years and then a heavy pruning given.

In setting out the trees, strongest branches should be on the south side and the tree leaned a little to the south to counteract the tendency of the tree to grow to the north. Immediately after the tree is set out, it should be pruned to equalize the top and root system. In taking the tree from the nursery row, one-half to three-fourths of the root system is removed. An equal or greater amount of top should be removed. But where, how and why?

For Nebraska conditions the central leader should be retained to protect the center of the tree from our intense sun. In addition, three or four should be left to form the scaffold or frame work. These branches should be distributed so that there is a distance of 5 or 6 inches between branches. In this manner crotches are avoided which in later years split off.

In addition, they should be shortened in to 12 or 14 inches to a strong bud on the outer side. The new bud grows fastest as a rule and if this bud is on the outside, the tendency will be for the tree to spread. This treatment is especially necessary for upright growers like Whitney No. 20. The central leader should be shortened in to 20 inches to a strong bud on the south side of the tree to force the growth to the south. During the summer it is well to go over the trees once or twice to remove little limbs that

to develop a well balanced large top and a large root system. It is necessary therefore to cultivate the orchard. Cultivated crops such as vegetables, strawberries or corns are well suited for use in the young orchard. The trees receive the benefit of cultivation and the ground is made to pay for the labor. Grains, cane, fruits and grapes are not well suited for the orchard.

Should the trees be eight or nine years old and making no effort to bear, it is well to check their rapid growth by seeding the orchard to red clover for two or three years and the hay taken off. When the trees are well started on the road to productivity, break up the sod and cultivate it for a year or two. Then put the orchard to clover again.

E. H. HOPPERT,  
University of Nebraska.

## Official Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners

Dakota City, Neb., Feb. 21, 1921. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment with the following members present: Will H. Rockwell, chairman, Nels Andersen and J. J. Lapsley, commissioners; George W. Leamer, county attorney, and George J. Boucher, county clerk.

The matter of the various road petitions for change of state aid roads taking the attention of the board, no other business was transacted.

A request was made to the State Highway department to survey an alternate line of Oakland to Sioux City federal aid project and determine the economy of such a change. The alternate road is established as a county road and known as Homer-Winnabago bluff road and noted in yellow on accompanying plot. (The plot, or plot, referred to is a part of the petition on file in the said matter.)

Board adjourned to meet February 23, 1921.

GEORGE J. BOUCHER,  
County Clerk.

Dakota City, Neb., Feb. 23, 1921. The board of county commissioners of Dakota county, Nebraska, met pursuant to adjournment with the following members present: Will H. Rockwell, chairman, Nels Andersen and J. J. Lapsley, commissioners; George W. Leamer, county attorney, George J. Boucher, county clerk, when the following business was transacted:

The clerk was directed to notify parties interested in the petition for what is known as the Bartels road petition for road running from near Coburn to the Hubbard-Jackson road, to deposit with the clerk \$400.00 to cover cost of survey.

It was ordered that road overseer of District No. 18 be notified to open for travel the O'Neill road.

The clerk was directed to notify the Nebraska Telephone company that until further notice the county will pay the rental for phone at poor farm, but will not pay for toll charges for said station.

It was moved by Andersen and seconded by Lapsley that the county attorney take the proper procedure at once to have removed from the public highway running over and along the half-section line running north and south through section 4, township 28, range 9, in this county, also that part of the public highway running over and along the half-section line running north and south through section 33, township

29, range 9, in this county, outside of city of South Sioux City, the electric transmission line running from the city of South Sioux City, Nebraska, to the village of Dakota City, Nebraska, where the same is now obstructing said highway and where same is placed more than six feet within the boundaries of said road. Carried.

On order of the county judge, Ruth James was allowed mother's pension of \$30.00 per month for period of six months.

Bonds were approved as follows: Dan Hartnett, overseer road district No. 21. Patrick Gormally, overseer road district No. 18. Louis Pedersen, overseer road district No. 4. Joe Heffernan, overseer road district No. 9. C. B. Barnes, overseer road district No. 14. John Sohn, overseer road district No. 11. Chris O. Jensen, overseer road district No. 6. T. J. Rounds, overseer road district No. 3.

A. Ira Davs, precinct assessor Emerson precinct. L. J. Gardsell, constable, Omaha precinct. Fritz Anderson, constable, St. John's precinct.

The following bills were allowed on general fund: John H. Ream, board of health, \$2.00. A. C. Christensen, same, \$3.50. George H. Hays, same, \$3.25. M. J. Fennell, same, \$1.75. Walter E. Miller, postage, telephone, electric light, advances sheriff, \$113.13.

Allowed on road dragging fund: D. A. Casey, labor, \$27.00. Levi Howard, labor, \$3.00. George Peary, labor, \$6.00. T. J. Rounds, labor, \$26.00. Theo. Peters, labor, \$3.55. Claim of Geo. Hays for dragging, rejected.

Board adjourned to meet March 5, 1921.

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