



## On the Road With The Herald Traveler

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Well, yes, we are getting some rain, but let it rain! It has not given us too much and just think what other parts of the country are getting—floods and hail with great destruction of life and property, and in some sections in the eastern part of the state, where the land is selling for \$200 to \$300 per acre, they are very dry and the crops are injured by this time that there will not be a good crop even with the most favorable weather from now on, while we in this part of the state have the best show for a bumper crop that we have ever had. It will take some unheard of calamity to beat this county out of a big crop this year. The crops are about all planted except spuds and there is plenty of time for them. The grain never looked better and all we can complain of is a few days' enforced lay-off from field work, but with a few days' hot sunshine we will forget all about that.

We have not been out to see our farmer friends for a couple of days, but it was not because we did not wish to see them, but it was a little dry and we were afraid we would catch cold so we stayed in town. Saturday we went down to the court house to see if anything had happened that would be of interest to the public and found our genial and efficient sheriff in and not very busy so we spent some time with him and were shown over the court house and jail. We find that the cells were all put in by the sheriff himself, Jim Miller was a boilermaker before being a sheriff. Of course, everyone knows Jim, as he is called, but not everyone knows that he was such a good workman as to build the cells in the jail, Jimmie and the writer were young men together about thirty years ago and some mighty good times we had in those days, too, and the chief of police was also in the bunch that was together—Charley and Jim and the Herald traveler.

Monday morning we wended our way north and the first place we stopped was the home of William Abrams, who lives about twelve miles north. We did not find Will at home, but we had a nice visit with the Mrs. She told us that they came from Wayne county three years ago and that they own three hundred and twenty acres of land southwest of Hemingford, but Will is not farming this year. He has charge of the Chadron road from the county line to Alliance, a distance of twenty-six miles. He and his brother, Theodore, do the work and it seems to us that they are doing a good job of it. The Mrs. tells us that she would not go back to the east to live as she likes the climate so much better here and one can do better than there.

J. J. Schefcik came here from Platte county three years ago and is operating sixteen hundred acres of land, two hundred acres to winter wheat, fifty acres to spring wheat, six to spuds, forty to oats, forty to corn and one hundred to alfalfa. The latter will be ready to cut in about ten days. Mr. Schefcik has a very fine home that was built last year, a full two stories with nine rooms and three in the basement. The barns and tool sheds are in accord with the house. J. J. says that this is the best place to get a start with a small capital that he knows anything about.

J. J. Watson came here from Illinois three years ago and likes the country very well. He owns a school section and is operating three hundred and twenty acres besides. He

has seventy-five acres of winter wheat, forty-five acres of oats, forty-five of corn, twenty-five of spuds and has fifteen acres of the best alfalfa that we have seen this year. It is about two feet high now. Mr. Watson is a carpenter by trade and works at his trade when he has time from the farm, but he has no boys to help him, although he has two of the nicest little girls that we have seen, and they are as handy as most boys their age, twelve and thirteen. Dorothy is thirteen and she is worth more than most boys of fifteen to work. J. J. says that this is the easiest place to get a start that he ever saw.

R. C. Worley, who lives sixteen miles north and two miles west of town, came here thirty-five years ago and the family owns twenty-eight hundred acres of good land and has it nicely improved. R. C. is building what we think is the largest hog house in the state. We have seen a great many of the best, but this one beats them all, being forty feet wide and two hundred feet long, with sixty-six stalls and ninety-nine windows in the roof, with water all through the house. If anyone has a larger hog house we would like to hear about it. Mr. Worley is farming eight hundred acres this year—two hundred to corn, one hundred and fifty to spuds, one hundred and thirty to winter wheat, one hundred to spring wheat and ninety-five to alfalfa, and he is breaking three hundred for winter wheat for this fall.

M. J. Walters was born here twenty-six years ago and owns two hundred and forty acres of good land and has it well improved. He is farming fifty-five acres to winter wheat, twenty-five to corn, twenty to rye, twelve to spring wheat and fifteen to spuds. M. J. says



G. M. Burns of the Burns Realty company came here twenty-one years ago, and has been a booster for this county all the time. He has owned from one to two sections of land all the time and keeps it working, for he has his land plowed and raises good crops. At the present time he owns section 26 in twenty-five—forty-nine and has two hundred acres in cultivation with fifty in spuds, and he has four hundred acres in hay. Mr. Burns tells us that it is only about twenty feet to water on his farm, that is six miles west of town.

he does not know anything about any other country, and says this is good enough for him.

Joe Tucek came here from Bohemia thirty years ago and owns one hundred and sixty acres and is improving it as fast as possible. He is farming thirty acres to wheat, ten to oats and fifteen to spuds. Mr. Tucek has had some very bad luck having lost his good wife and has two small children to take care of. His mother is helping him.

Rush Bird came here from Custer county three years ago and is operating three hundred and twenty acres. He has fifty to wheat, fifteen to oats, thirty to corn and forty to potatoes. We did not get to see Rush, but had a nice visit with the Mrs. and learned that they were well satisfied and that they like the country fine.

The Hennings brothers were born here twenty-seven years ago and they are operating eight hundred acres, five hundred of which is in cultivation. They have two hundred and seventy-five acres in wheat, forty to oats, one hundred to corn and forty to spuds. They say this country is good enough for them as it is easy to get a start here.

J. E. Barrett came from Iowa five years ago and is operating about eighteen hundred acres, with about three hundred in cultivation. He has two hundred acres in wheat, fifty to oats, thirty to spuds and eighteen to corn. E. J. says this is the best place to get a start in that he knows, and he is going to stay here a few years then go back to Iowa and take it easy the rest of the time.

### Great Interest in Big National Essay Contest

Various government agencies and national organizations are announcing the 1921 good roads and highway transport essay contest which is open to all pupils of high school grade. The national prize is a four-year scholarship in the university or college chosen by the successful contestant, the scholarship being offered by Harvey S. Firestone, well known tire manufacturer of Akron, Ohio, and is valued at \$4,000, which is sufficient to pay tuition and all expenses at the school.

J. W. Calvers, local salesman, gives further details regarding the contest. He says the essays must contain no more than 500 words. The subject is: "Good Roads and Highway Transport," and all essays must be in the hands of the local committee by June 15. School superintendents will be glad to give prospective contestants all information desired.

"Last year Mr. Firestone's scholarship offer was responded to by nearly a quarter of a million students," says Mr. Calvers, "the prize being won by Miss Katherine Butterfield of Weiser, Idaho. In addition to winning the scholarship, Miss Butterfield was recently paid the high honor of being called to Washington to receive her certificate at the hands of President Warren G. Harding."

"The idea of this contest is to bring before the pupils and their parents and everybody the urgent need for immediate improvement in the national highway system."

Dance at the Fern Room tonight. Link Dunn's orchestra.

### AT THE MOVIES

Tonight's attraction at the Imperial has a title with an intriguing sound—"The Frisky Mrs. Johnson." And the star, Billie Burke, ought to be sufficient to insure a pleasant evening's entertainment. Miss Burke has the role of Belle Johnson, a young American widow, who during the carnival season in Paris has been called "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson." Her sister, Grace, is the wife of Frank Morley, an American who neglects her and she drifts into an affair with Sir Lionel Heathcote. When matters reach a climax Belle goes to Heathcote's apartment to save her sister, even at the risk of losing the man she herself loves. Finally, after complications have reached a precarious state, Grace confesses everything to her husband and Belle starts on her deferred honeymoon.

Wednesday's feature is a Neal Hart film, "Danger Valley." It was filmed in the famous Death Valley of California, and the scenic effects are said to be something marvelous, among them an honest-to-goodness mirage. This is not a problem play, not a triangle story and it isn't of the lounge lizard or society drama type, but an outdoors yarn. The genial press agent says of it: "There is nothing in the film to incur the displeasure of the censor, but there is plenty to get you gripping the arms of your seat and holding your breath to know what happens next."

Thursday comes Mabel Normand in "What Happened to Rosa." The little comedienne is shown as the poor, underpaid, department store girl, Mayme Ladd, who has denied herself food in order to save her money for one real good time before she dies. Mayme visits a fortune teller Mme. O'Donnell. She is terrified by the action of the "Seeress," who makes weird motions and says: "Although you don't know it, your name is Rosa—Rosa Alvaro!" What happens when Mayme takes the advice of the faker seriously and masquerades as a Spanish senorita can be seen when you view the film.

Tourists who desire to avoid the heavier taxes in Paris will wear their old clothes and avoid the high-priced entertainments. The levy is to be graded on appearances.

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