

## On the Road With The Herald Traveler

(JOHN O. BAYNE)



We have driven over Box Butte county now for almost three months and we have told the readers of The Herald what the farmers have done and said and how they have prospered, but have had little to say ourselves. Today as we have nothing else to do we thought we would tell the people some of the things that we have seen. We have seen wheat that was as good as we have seen any place—wheat that would make from thirty to forty bushels per acre, and on the other side of the fence perhaps the wheat would not make ten bushels. Now, what is the cause of this difference? Sometimes it has happened that the good wheat was on new ground or back setting, but we have noticed that on the same kind of land there is the same difference.

What is the cause? It is the way the soil was prepared or the time it was seeded. What is true of wheat is also true with all other crops that are raised here. This is more noticeable in the potato fields than any other kind of crops. Some of the fields of spuds are as good as they can possibly grow and some are very poor. The good and poor may be in adjoining fields. Now, why the difference? We think that we can tell what is the trouble and most any good farmer if he had driven over this county as we have, and kept his eyes open and talked with the farmers as we have, could tell just about what the trouble is.

There are just a lot of mighty good farmers in this county and all one has to do to find them is to drive out some of these fine days and you will not have to be told where they live, for you can find them without being told. We have never asked if Mr. So-and-so is a good farmer. We could tell when we looked over his place, and if he is not a good farmer there is the evidence to convict him without anyone telling on him.

We don't want to create the impression that Box Butte county is any different from any other county or that the farmers are different from other farmers. They are not; but we will say this, that in our opinion there is no place in the state where good farming will pay any better than it will right here in this county. There has been the notion among a lot of farmers here that they could plant and sow almost any time and get a crop. Perhaps they may get something; but if they would plant and sow in season, and not try to farm so much that they could not farm it as it should be farmed, this county would build its average up to the equal of any in the state, and the farmers would make more money than they do at the present time.

This is an easy place to farm, we know, but there are too many men who farm enough for about three men and the result is that it is poorly done. One of the reasons for this is that the land is owned in large holdings and there are not farmers enough to farm all the land as it should be done. What is needed here is about four times as many farmers in this county and the farms cut up in smaller tracts, for this is a splendid farming country and one that will bring larger returns for the labor expended than most any place that we have ever seen. There are men who are making their spuds produce from one hundred and fifty bushels to as high as two hundred and

fifty, and others who get only from sixty to eighty on the same land in the same season. Now, that is too much difference.

Some will tell us that potatoes are too expensive to raise. Others have made a fortune out of them. From what we can learn, this is as good a place for spuds as any place in the United States where there is dry land farming, and it is fast coming to the front as a seed potato country. The south is finding that the seed from this part of the state produces better and is more free from disease than any that they can get elsewhere. Box Butte county has a great future before it, if the farmers will get together and work to that end—to raise the best and form a potato growers' association and sell nothing but the best to the southern buyers. Then there will soon be built up a business that will take all the potatoes that can be produced in this county at a price that will make good money any year and some years there will be prices that will repay doubly for the trouble in selection and grading.

What is needed (in our opinion) is more good farmers in this county, smaller farms, more summer tilling and intensive farming, and you will see more progress in this county than any other place in the country, for the soil is here, the seasons are here, the air and water are of the best there is any place and the nights never get so hot but one can sleep under cover and get rest. The people of Box Butte county are the finest we ever met.

Paul Burri was born in this county. He now owns eight hundred acres and is operating fifteen hundred two miles northwest of Hemingford. He has one hundred and fifty acres of wheat, twenty-five of oats, fifteen of corn, sixty of spuds and eight of millet. In our talk with Paul, he told us that he had farmed the place for seventeen years and never had failed to raise a crop. He believes potatoes are the surest crop but thinks hogs and corn, with alfalfa, is the easiest money and a combination that is hard to beat, as hogs will do all the husking and board themselves. He also said he thought summer fallowing is the thing for this country, as one can get two crops with the expense of one. Last year Paul harvested spuds that went two hundred bushels per acre and sold for eighty-five cents per bushel. We call that some return for one crop.

J. A. Spangler came to this county five years ago from Iowa. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of good soil three and one-half miles northwest of Hemingford, and is operating three hundred and twenty acres. He has one hundred and thirty acres of wheat, twenty-five of oats, twelve of rye, eight of corn, four of alfalfa and forty-five of spuds. John says that spuds are the best crop to raise here for they never fail and that hail does not ruin them as it does other crops. He tells us that this year is a good average for the time he has farmed here.

John Morris came here from Saline county twenty-nine years ago and owns three hundred and twenty acres of very fine soil. He has sixty acres of wheat, twenty of oats, twenty of corn and forty-two of spuds. John says that potatoes are the best single crop, but thinks one should raise corn, hogs and alfalfa along with them. He

says, too, that winter wheat is a mighty good crop here, and that dairy cows pay about as well here as any place he knows of.

Henry Kohrman has lived here all his life and owns nine hundred and sixty acres. He has thirteen acres of wheat, twenty-five of oats, fifteen of rye and ten of corn, thirty-two cattle, fifteen horses and twenty-six hogs. Bruce says that spuds are very good, but thinks hogs and corn, along with dairy cows, is the line to follow here as well as any other place.

Carl Myers came here from Howard county three years ago and is operating with Frank Marshall eight hundred acres. They have one hundred and twenty acres of wheat, fifty acres of oats, thirty-five of corn, fifty of spuds, twenty of alfalfa and twenty of cane and millet. They have twenty-three cattle and twenty horses. Frank says he is not going back to Howard county, as he can do so much better here, and that he has the best crop of wheat and oats this year he ever raised any place.

Frank Marshall has lived here all his life and is operating with Carl Myers eight hundred acres of land. Frank thinks that corn and hogs are the best things to produce here, as they can be raised with the least amount of labor and expense. He says that spuds are a very good crop and never fail.

William Annon is a product of this county and is operating three hundred and ten acres—one hundred acres of wheat, fifteen of oats, fifteen of corn, twenty-five to alfalfa, eight to millet and forty-eight to spuds. Will says that spuds are the best single crop but thinks one should do mixed farming and that hogs, corn and alfalfa are always winners.

Frank Moeller was born in the house that he now occupies and owns. He is operating sixteen hundred and forty acres of good soil six miles north of Hemingford. He has fifty-five acres of wheat, twenty-five of oats, ten of rye, ten of alfalfa, ten of millet, ninety cattle, fourteen horses and twenty-five hogs. Frank says that spuds are the best crop, but thinks one should milk plenty of cows, as they pay well as anything for the labor. He thinks the crop this year is a little above the average—in fact, the best for some time.

Joseph Carter came here from Iowa four years ago and is operating three hundred and twenty acres of land. He has one hundred acres of wheat, twenty-five of oats and seventy of spuds. Joe says that spuds are the best crop here and thinks the crop this year is a little above the average.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter, Friday July 22 a fine nine-pound boy. Both mother and son are doing well, the father recovering. Mrs. W. H. Cowman of Council Bluffs, Ia., is here taking care of her daughter.

James McKinstry came here from Iowa three years ago and owns three hundred and twenty acres of good soil, three miles north of Hemingford. He has forty acres of wheat, twenty of oats, eight of spuds and fifty of alfalfa. Jim tells us that he came to this county for his wife's health and that she has completely recovered and feels fine. In talking crops with him, he told us of his spud crop for the three years he has farmed here. The first year he planted twenty-five acres and harvested thirty-five hundred bushels, which sold for 60c per bushel, the second year he planted thirty-two acres, harvesting twenty-two hundred bushels, which sold for \$1.75 per bushel, and the third year he planted thirty-eight acres, harvested five thousand bushels, and sold them for 80c. This land has been farmed for thirty-five years and he has grown fine smooth spuds each year. This is a very good showing, it seems to us.

### LIFE MORE COMPLEX.

An Ohio physician declares that the length of a woman's second toe indicates her disposition, and he warns us against women with long ones. What the dickens! Must the fellow who goes courting carry along an X-ray machine?—Boston Transcript.

## Nebraska Has Fewer Women Farmers Than Any State in the Union

There are fewer women farmers in Nebraska than in any other state of the union, statistics of the United States census for 1920 reveal. The percentage of farmerettes and farmeresses in Nebraska is 1.9. Rhode Island has the largest proportion of the fair sex engaged in agriculture, 7.2 per cent. Next come Mississippi with 7 per cent; Connecticut with 6.9; Alabama with 6.4; and Massachusetts with 6.2.

In the entire country, there are 261,553 women operating farms, compared with 6,186,813 men, or 4.1 per cent of the former and 95.5 per cent of the latter.

The foregoing figures were compiled by the state bureau of markets from advance sheets sent out by the Washington census bureau. These additional facts are gleaned from the same source: Of the 6,186,813 male farmers, 3,737,326 were owners, 67,726 were the managers and 2,381,725 were tenants. The 261,553 female farmer operators were distributed as follows: 187,709 owners, 763 managers and 13,021 tenants. In 1920, 60.4 per cent of all the male farmers were owners, 1.1 per cent managers, and 38.5 per cent were tenants, while 71.8 per cent of all the female farmers were owners, 0.3 per cent were managers and 27.9 per cent were tenants.

The total land area in farms on January 1, 1920 was 955,676,545 acres. Male farmers operated 929,787,145 acres or 97.3 per cent of the total farm acreage, while female farmers operated 25,798,400 acres, or 2.7 per cent. The states leading in the number of acres in farms operated by women were Texas with 2,806,251; Georgia with 945,166; Mississippi with 931,030; Alabama with 919,382; Montana with 908,761; Missouri with 880,610; and Kentucky with 871,407. The average size of the farms with female operators was 98.6 acres, and the average for the farms of male operators was 105.3 acres.

### Herald Want Ads—Results.



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**"BULL"**  
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### POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Hamilton and Underwood insurance agents were in this neighborhood estimating grain loss Tuesday.

Floyd Trine moved his thrashing outfit at McCorkle camp and began thrashing Tuesday.

McCorkle and Barger visited at the McCorkle camp Wednesday.

Howard Lore, Arthur Denton and the Misses Marguerite and Annabel Lore motored to Alliance Saturday evening.

James Eaton and Mrs. Elsie Elsie was callers at Lerec Monday, Mrs. Elsie going to Wyoming.

Harve West and James Eaton came out from Alliance Tuesday afternoon. Harve is going to work for Eaton in the hay camp. Harve says he has to go to work as he has no chewing tobacco. We didn't think that would even stir him up.

Guy Speaker went to Denver last week and purchased an auto.

A. G. Isaacson left Thursday morning for Chicago and New York on a buying trip. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

### GIVES WIFE GLYCERINE MIXTURE

A retired merchant whose wife suffered for years from catarrh of the stomach finally gave her simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-ka. ONE bottle produced great results. Because Adler-ka acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel it removes all foul matter which poisoned stomach. Relieves ANY CASE sour stomach or gas on the stomach. Often CURES constipation. Prevents appendicitis. Harry Thiele, druggist.

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OP-TOM-E-TRIST

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Lordly elk roam the pasture lands; bison still graze the plains; the vanishing big horn pose against the sky; the graceful antelope may still be seen—fleet, shadowy; the wise beaver plies his age-old trade; the big and little bears clown and make friends with you.

### To Wild Animal-land —through Gardiner Gateway

Nowhere else in all the world besides can you find Nature so spectacular. Geysers spurting, gem-tinted hot springs bubbling, thundering cataracts, the indescribable glory of the Grand Canyon! Fresh wonders thrill you a hundred times a day in Yellowstone.

### Out, Cody Road

See Coyd, Wyo., "Buffalo Bill's" home town, stupendous Shoshone Canyon and the gigantic Government dam, higher than the New York Flatiron Building. Motor over this "Most wonderful 90 miles of America" —without side trip or extra cost.

Then to Colorado; Denver—the gateway to Colorado's "Land Among the Clouds," where numerous and varied side trips await the taking (Rocky Mountain National-Estes Park—refuge of peaceful tranquility and exquisite beauty, an easy side trip).

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H. L. ORMSBY,  
Ticket Agent

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If it is your intention to ever make use of your homestead right, NOW is certainly the time to do so, for the desirable vacant government lands, open to settlement, are going rapidly.

If you have not already used your right and are eligible to homestead, you can take up to 640 acres out in Wyoming, in sight of the snow-capped mountains. The men who do our locating know the country like a book and our proposition in assisting you to find the land and to make your filing will save you both in time and money.

Ex-service men should take advantage of the time allowed them by the government for their service in the army. It shortens the time required on the homestead.

Call, write or wire for particulars.

**Lloyd C. Thomas**

Reddish Block

Alliance, Nebraska

## IMPERIAL

TO-NIGHT

Bryant Washburn

—IN—

"A FULL HOUSE"

"SOCIETY DOGS"  
COMEDY

WEDNESDAY, 27th

Sessue Hayakawa

—IN—

"THE FIRST BORN"

COMEDY  
"LET ME EXPLAIN"

THURSDAY 28th

Ruby DeRemer

—IN—

"HIS TEMPORARY  
WIFE"

COMEDY  
"HIS JONAH DAY"

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