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## HOLT ALL RIGHT— SURE THING

(Omaha Bee.)

O'Neill, Neb., May 20.—(Special.) According to conservative estimates there are in Holt county 75,000 head of cattle and 15,000 head of sheep, representing an actual value of \$2,300,000. The number is increasing rapidly all the time and the people here are certain that they have the best stock county in the state on account of the immense amount of hay that is put up here and which is necessary for winter feed for stock. There is no disputing the fact that Holt is the best hay county in the state.

No man in Holt county is preaching prosperity any stronger than the county treasurer, who was elected two years ago as a populist. This official said to the writer today:

"Land in this county is selling 40 per cent higher than it did three years ago and more farms are changing hands than for many years past. The best of it is that most of those who are buying land are the men who have lived here the longest. They are increasing their holdings and the money they are using to make the purchases has been accumulated right here in Holt county. In the meantime taxes are being paid up faster than ever before. This spring the payments are coming in so fast that we don't have time to balance our books."

Another man who was enthusiastic over the prosperity of Holt county was the banker from Stewart, a little town in the west part of the county. He said that money was getting to be a drug on the market in his locality. He said:

We used to run through our notes quite often and notify people to come in and settle but we don't have to do that any more. They come without notices. It has been two months since we looked over the list for the purpose of making notices. Our bank with a capital stock of \$5,000, has

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\$80,000 in deposits, where two years ago it only had \$30,000 and the money all belongs to the farmers."

The figures from other banks in Holt show equally good. The combined deposits at present amount to \$330,000. One institution had \$88,000 in 1896, \$101,000 in 1897, \$122,000 in 1898 and has \$199,890 at the present time. The cashier complained that there was about \$60,000 on hand without a borrower.

The mortgage record of the county also shows general prosperity. During the last half of 1898 the cancellations of farm mortgages exceeded the filings by \$80,000 while during the first four months of the present year the indebtedness on farms has been reduced \$31,000. The new mortgages filed are almost all because of the purchase of lands in the county.

An O'Neill banker told to day of a German farmer who came in a few days ago to pay for a piece of land that he had just bought. The old man produced \$800, the price agreed upon, the money being in bank bills in a roll, tied up with a piece of thread. When he paid it over he said: "You see what a fool I am. I could have bought that land for \$200 three years ago." "Yes, but you didn't have the \$200," said the banker.

"That's so," said the farmer. "The \$200 was harder to get than the \$800 is now. The people down in my precinct all went off on the free silver idea and we didn't have a dozen silver dollars in the neighborhood. Now we all have money." There is much good farming land in Holt county and small grain does especially well. The crops are in fine condition and there is a prospect of an abundant yield. In this locality there is a better profit in small grain than in the eastern counties, for the reason that the investment in land is so much smaller. As much wheat can be raised on \$10 an acre land in Holt county as on \$50 land in some of the old counties of this state and Iowa.

Some stir is caused in this county by the building of the new railroad north from Atkinson. When the new line was first projected there was much doubt expressed as to the scheme. Local men seemed to be behind it and prominent among them were some whose combined credit at a bank three years ago would not have been good for \$25. Yet they have actually made a good start on the grading of twenty miles of the road in the last month and yesterday was the first pay day of the laborers, when \$2,000 or \$3,000 in cash was distributed.

Politically, there is no question about the improvement in Holt coun-

ty. In 1890 there was a combined majority of 87 votes over the republicans. This was in 1893 reduced to 725, in 1896 to 551, 1897 to 469 and in 1898 to 346, while in the last election the fusion members of the legislature had less than 200 majority. There is this year a strong inclination on the part of the "reform forces" to break away from fusion, and no one need be surprised if there are three tickets in the field this fall. The free silver theory is no longer a "tie that binds" the fusionists together and the prevailing prosperity has induced many to come back to the republican party, where they belong. F. A. H.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

(By Frontier Correspondents.)

### STAFFORD SAYINGS.

Farmers are listing corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Poscon visited at Mr. Bergstrom's last Sunday.

Mike O'Neill finished hauling his baled hay and has returned to O'Neill.

Mrs. Brobst went up to Ainsworth Tuesday evening, returning home Friday morning.

Mrs. Ward went to O'Neill Saturday to attend the commencement exercises of the O'Neill high school.

John Carr sent his cattle out to his Dry Creek range last Thursday. He has a number of men at work repairing the fence.

Edgar Adams came up from Norfolk Friday intending to drive to Page, but the rain continuing he took the train for O'Neill.

Dan Gallagher, an old resident of Stafford has sold his cattle and horses, rented his farm for several years and will very soon take a trip to Ireland to view again the scenes of his childhood.

There were about thirty in attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. Rev. Blain of Page preached a very instructive sermon. A collection was taken up to purchase song books for the school.

We had a little excitement here the other day. The boys going home from school frightened one of the teams that were hauling baled hay and they ran away. They were finally caught by Dan McGrane. The driver was thrown from the wagon but fortunately was uninjured. The boys scattered when they seen the mischief they had done.

### VENUS ITEMS.

J. Weliman went to Creighton Tuesday.

The boys in blue are now home from Cuba.

D. Thompson was over from Page Tuesday.

J. Walker was in this vicinity last Wednesday.

A. Bruce had business in Ewing last Wednesday.

Mr. Anderson, "the village smithy," has a new wheel.

Mr. Martin went westward last Thursday to look up a location.

The rain last Friday was very beneficial to corn and small grain.

Messrs. Collins and Anderson went to Page Sunday on their new wheels, although it was very muddy.

### WOMEN IN TROUBLE.

The Approach of Motherhood is the Occasion of Much Anxiety to All. Every woman dreads the ordeal through which she must pass in becoming a mother. The pain and suffering which is in store for her is a source of constant anxiety, fear and dread, to say nothing of the danger which the coming incident entails. The joyous anticipations with which she looks forward to baby's coming gives way to an indescribable dread of the ordeal which will soon approach and have to be endured.

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