

NEBRASKA LEADS

The Cost of Producing Corn in Nebraska.

THE AVERAGE COST PER ACRE.

Reports From 535 Farmers Give an Average Cost of \$6.45 Per Acre--While in Iowa the Average Cost is \$7.78 an Acre

The assertions of the calamity howlers that a man in Nebraska cannot farm and keep out of the poorhouse may now be dropped and the question taken up: "Can corn be raised profitably?" Few have observed no doubt that corn can be raised profitably, but, in order to satisfy a general demand, Deputy Labor Commissioner Andres has obtained reports concerning the cost of producing corn and his compilation shows that the cereal is raised in Nebraska at an average cost of a fraction over \$6.45 per acre, several dollars lower than the average cost in Iowa, which is the only state affording figures for comparison. The commissioner, through the courtesy of the county clerks, obtained the names of ten substantial farmers from each county and estimates were received from 585 of them. The questions asked were: Interest on value of lands at 8 cent (estimate per acre), taxes; seed; listing or planting, including plowing; harrowing and rolling; cultivating; husking and cribbing; and other additional expenses?

These questions were taken as a basis for computing cost of production, the items of fertilizing, fencing, cost of crib room being excluded is not necessarily pertinent.

The deputy labor commissioner has compiled the reports, as shown below, by counties, without arriving at any conclusion or being prepared at present to make any suggestions concerning the significance of the returns, but the reports themselves contain interesting material. A report from one county was sent in containing an estimate of cost per acre at \$17.85. It contained \$500 for family expenses, which included pay for the family physician, midwife, horse doctor, preacher, and even the lawyer. It was indorsed by the farmer's alliance lodge, but was not considered by the labor commissioner, being the only one cast aside.

From Dodge county comes a report with an estimate of \$9.35 per acre on land two miles from Fremont, land that is worth \$40 per acre and has averaged \$50 per acre for thirty-five years. Another from the same county gives an estimate of 7.05 per acre, forty-five bushels per acre, making the cost 15 1/2 cents per bushel.

A report from Franklin county is made on a basis of allowing \$2.50 per day for a man and team.

A Lincoln county man states that he loses the profit on forty acres at \$212.

Several reports contain charges for irrigation as additional cost. These charges range from 25 cents to more than \$1 per acre.

A Red Willow county farmer says farmers "can raise corn very well at present prices and farming can be carried on cheaper than in the east part of the state. More can be made here. The country is all right." The cost by counties, containing the highest and lowest, together with the average without fractions of a cent, gives a general cost per acre of corn production of \$6.45 and .45 of a cent.

For the county of Cass the highest is \$9.80 and the lowest \$6.37; average, \$7.87 per acre.

TWO STATES COMPARED.

The average cost per acre in Nebraska of \$6.45 compares more favorably with the cost in Iowa of \$7.78, as given by the labor commissioner of that state, although the Iowa estimate includes cost of fertilizing, cutting stalks, cost of crib room, shelling, hauling to market, fencing repairs, etc., tax on horses, but less investment on land. In Iowa the cost, less shelling and hauling to market, is \$8.55; less shelling, \$9.58; but including all the various items reaches an average cost of \$10.33 per acre, which brings the cost per bushel to 30 cents.

On the other hand the average yield per acre for Nebraska, according to government reports, is 32.8 bushels for ten years past, and the average price has not fallen below 60 cents. According to government reports only 33 per cent of Nebraska corn is hauled to market, while 66 per cent is consumed on the farm. If the average cost of production per acre is \$6.45 and the average yield is 32.8 bushels per acre the average cost of producing the bushel is a fraction over 19

cents. The cost per bushel in Iowa is given at from 23 to 30 cents, according to the items of expense incurred in production. The average yield per acre of 32.8 bushels in Nebraska is sent out from Washington, but reports from Nebraska farmers show as high as 50 bushels per acre and the lowest is only 27 bushels. Although a very few farmers report that corn raising is not profitable the compilation of the labor commissioner is considered as a complete refutation of the assertion.

C. H. Sheldon was nominated yesterday by the republicans for governor of South Dakota.

Frank Pose, a young man living at Kearney, was drowned yesterday.

The national democratic committee met yesterday at New York city and William F. Harrity was elected chairman, in spite of Tammany.

The republicans of Michigan yesterday met in convention and nominated a full state ticket, with J. T. Rich for governor.

THE ROUND-UP.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES SATURDAY.

Geo. Spurlock was yesterday granted permission to practice at the Cass County bar.

Lehnhoff Bros. will move the first of the month into V. V. Leonard's building on Main street.

The first ward primaries will be held in the building formerly occupied by Harry Kuhney as a barber shop.

Remember that the republican primaries will be held Saturday afternoon. Every republican in the city should make it apoint to attend.

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The parties that have been at work the past three days cutting the grass and weeds in Garfield park have not been doing the best of work and it might be well that it be looked after.

The little 2-year old girl of Police man Fitzpatrick fell down stairs yesterday afternoon and broke her left leg. The little girl fell a distance of eight feet. She is resting easy to-day and getting along as well and could be expected.

Tony Cornelius, of Kearney, the champion hose coupler of the world, has challenged George Fox, the noted hose coupler of Yankton, S. D., to a hose coupling contest for a purse and the championship medal.

Notwithstanding the ladies got scared out by the threatening storm last evening and the wind blowing down a grearter part of their decoration, they returned to the park and had their garden party and made it a success both in a social and financial way. The band failed to put in an appearance as was expected.

A dispatch to the Lincoln Journal this morning, dated Ashland, says: "Burglars made a raid on the city Wednesday night in a wholesale manner and succeeded in securing considerable booty, consisting mainly of small articles. Owing to the heat, doors and windows were freely left open and the robbers had easy access to almost any residence in the place. It is positively known that ten or twelve houses were broken into and many articles of small value stolen. The heaviest loser was R. J. Porter, who was relieved of \$15 or \$20. The burglars were very bold, taking things from rooms where persons were sleeping. They are not known, but are supposed to be parties living in Ashland."

Last Wednesday evening Mathew Gering of Plattsmouth addressed the democratic club of this city. His remarks might have suited many of the democrats present, but as we heard one say, "it was abuse of the republican party from one end to the other," and another, "that when a man says that every good thing that has been done to benefit the country was introduced by the democratic party, we know that he lies and any such reasoning as that will not help the cause, for people know better." It goes to show that his remarks were not satisfactory to all of them at least. It put the writer in mind of McKeighan's speech to the independents here two years ago--they all agreed that McKeighan could talk, but they forgot to post him on their views on different questions before he commenced talking and it was too late afterwards. Gering said he had studied the silver question the past three months and was prepared to say that he had taken one side or the other, but left his hearers in the dark as to which side he had taken.--Weeping Water Republican.

MADE A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

Friday, October 21, Appointed Columbus Day by the President.

As provided in the joint resolution approved June 29 last, President Harrison to-day issued a proclamation appointing Friday, October 21, 1892, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, as a general holiday for the people of the United States.

"On that day," says the proclamation, "let the people, so far as possible, cease all toil and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and appreciation of the great achievements of four completed centuries of American life."

Columbus stood in his age as the pioneer of progress and enlightenment. The system of universal education is in our age the most prominent and salutary feature of enlightenment, and it is peculiarly appropriate that the schools be made by the people the centre of the day's demonstration. Let the national flag float over every school house in the country and the exercises be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duties of American citizenship.

In the churches and other places of assembly of the people let there be expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people."

World's Fair Notes.

An exact fac simile of the San Louis Rey mission, perhaps the finest and most celebrated of all the famed old mission ruins in Southern California, will be seen at the world's fair.

The Kentucky building at the world's fair will be a typical representation of a southern colonial mansion, one of the distinctive features of which is great pillared porches or verandas.

"We were overwhelmed with the magnitude of the preparations for the world's fair. Yes, it is on a much grander scale than was the world's fair in Paris. We must admit it. * * * Of course I cannot give anything like definite figures, but the commercial display alone which France will make will not fall short of \$20,000,000 in value. We will have over here an exhibit of everything the country of France produces." These are the words of Baron Alfred de Vialar, one of the three special French commissioners, who recently visited Chicago to arrange for the erection of the French building at the fair.

One of the novel exhibits in the marine section of the transportation department at the world's fair will be 200 pen engravings of American steam vessels, beginning with the Clermont and following down a typical series to the present day. The pictures will be sent by the New York Seaboard, a marine paper.

The republican primaries will be held in the city Saturday, July 23, from 4 to 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which will be held at Weeping Water, Tuesday, July 26 for the purpose of electing delegates to the state and congressional conventions, which meet in Lincoln and Nebraska City respectively. The First ward is entitled to 8 delegates; the Second 8; Third ward 11; Fourth ward 9; Fifth ward 4.

Must Come to Time.

The bill passed by the house to enforce reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and Canada provides that when the president shall be satisfied that passage through any canal or lock connected with the navigation of the St. Lawrence river, the Great Lakes, or the waterways connecting the same, of any vessels of the United States or of cargoes or passengers in transit to any port of the United States is prohibited or made difficult or burdensome by the imposition of tolls or otherwise, which he shall deem to be reciprocally unjust and unreasonable, he shall have the power to suspend the right of free passage through St. Mary's Falls canal so far as it relates to vessels owned by subjects of the government discriminating against the United States.

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Notice to Contractors. Sealed proposals will be received by the secretary of the board of education until 6 o'clock p. m., Saturday July 23, 1892, for the construction of one two story, four room brick building on the lots 10, 11 or 12 in Stedman's addition in accordance with plans and specifications on file at the First National bank of Plattsmouth. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check of \$200. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Education. J. I. UNRUH Sec'y.

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