

NEBRASKA CROP REPORT.

SOME RAINS AND GREAT CROPS

Except in Southwestern Part of the State.

The Week Ending Monday, August 24, 1896



Rainfall for the Week.

The past week has been cool and cloudy. The temperature has averaged three degrees below normal in the eastern part of the state and five degrees below normal in the western part.

The abundant rainfall in the southern portion of the state during the past ten days has been very beneficial to the corn crop in most of the section.

The cool, cloudy weather has kept the corn growing and in good condition, but it has not matured as fast as it would with drier and warmer weather.

Report by Counties.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

Butler—Corn has matured slowly this week because of cool, cloudy weather.

Case—Corn in splendid condition and nearing maturity. Some of the early varieties already safe and with favorable weather all will be safe by September 15.

Clay—Corn ripening fast and in splendid condition, promising an immense crop. Sugar beets in fine condition.

Fillmore—Very favorable week for the corn and prospects were never better for a full crop. Pastures are looking fine.

Gage—Farm work almost suspended on account of wet weather. Very little thrashing done. A great deal of grain out in shock and damaged.

Hamilton—Corn is doing finely and promises a large yield. Two or three weeks will place early corn out of danger from frost. Pastures good. Rather dry for fall plowing.

Jefferson—Largest grass crop for years but not much hay made yet on account of wet weather. Corn is ripening slowly but it will be out of the way of frost unless frost comes unusually early.

Johnson—Large amount of wheat still in the shock damaged beyond marketable value. Weather too wet for haying or thrashing. A good week for ripening corn and the crop will be the heaviest for years.

Lancaster—Corn is filling out very fast. Pastures are first class. Clear, dry weather needed for the ripening of corn. Some damage from hail two miles west of Firth.

Nemaha—Damp weather retards thrashing of wheat and oats, also keeps corn green and growing. Apples large and fine. Peaches abundant. Corn needs warm dry weather.

Nuckolls—Corn not injured as much as thought by the dry weather. An unusual amount of fall wheat and rye will be sown. An extra amount of fall feed is assured.

Otoe—Have been having more rain than is needed. Small grain is rotting in the fields. Corn looks finely. Hay crop never looked better.

Pawnee—The wet weather has interfered with the making of hay and damaged the maturing of early corn and caused late corn to make a large growth. Corn will make a heavy crop. Apples are doing finely and will produce a wonderful yield of cider. A large acreage of wheat will be sown.

Polk—Corn is doing well, maturing in good shape; that stripped of leaves by hail seems to be filling out well. Much plowing being done for winter wheat. Potatoes generally not so good as last year but acreage larger.

Richardson—Early planted corn is thought to be safe from frost while late planted will not be safe until 1st to 5th of September.

Saline—Corn has kept growing rather than maturing. Much plowing done. Some grain about ruined by wet weather. Corn needs only fair weather to ripen it and the crop will be large.

Saunders—A little too much rain for thrashing and hay making. Corn growing and maturing to perfection. Fall plowing excellent. Heavy crop of hay.

Seward—Conditions continue favorable for the corn crop and it is maturing nicely as a general rule, but continued dry in the southwest portion of county.

Thayer—Rain has revived most of the corn and the prospect is good for a full average crop. Most of the crop will be beyond danger from frost in two weeks,

but the late corn will require from three to four weeks. Thrashing and fall plowing in progress.

York—The corn crop is maturing well and unless there is an early frost there will be a very large crop. A large acreage of winter wheat is being sown.

NORTHEASTERN SECTION.

Antelope—The prospect is for the largest crop of corn ever raised in the county. The frequent rains have made it later than usual in maturing.

Boyd—All crop conditions continue favorable. Early planted corn out of danger of frost. Plenty of rain for all farm purposes.

Burt—Considerable plowing has been done, but not much haying or thrashing on account of rain. Corn has grown well but has been injured some in parts of the county by hail and high wind. Prospect for a very large crop.

Cedar—Plowing began and ground is in good condition. Corn is ripening fast and though blown down by high winds will not damage it much. A little too wet for hay making.

Cuming—Damp, cloudy weather is keeping corn green and growing. It is making a big growth but needs dry weather to mature. Thrashing and hay making retarded by wet weather.

Dixon—Considerable grain in stack and damaged some the past week. Corn filling out in good shape and will be frost proof after September 10.

Dodge—Past week has been damp and cloudy although slight precipitation has made hay making and out door work tedious. Hemp and sugar beets in fine condition; abundant pasture.

Douglas—The week has been too cool for corn and the crop will not be out of the way of frost before the 10th or 20th of September. Quite a lot of fall plowing is being done.

Holt—Corn in good condition; the early is out of the way of frost, late is maturing fast and well advanced for the season of the year. Some rye sown.

Knox—Cloudy, wet weather has put haying behind, even spoiling some hay. Corn will not need any more rain; both ears and stalks are large and well filled out.

Madison—Corn making excellent growth, but will require two or three weeks to get out of the way of frost. Sugar beets are doing well.

Platte—A very cool, damp week, unfavorable for curing hay or maturing corn.

Stanton—Corn continues to mature nicely and the prospects for a large crop were never better. Some fall plowing is being done.

Sarpy—Corn getting along well and the crop will be a heavy one. Some are leading early corn to stock. Quite a lot of smut in corn. Small grain is still being thrashed out of shock; the grain is damp and liable to injury. Nursery stock, trees and grapevines are growing finely.

Wayne—Wet, cloudy weather has greatly interfered with the thrashing and stacking of small grain, and some grain in the stack much damaged. The third crop of alfalfa in bloom. Pastures are green. Corn continues in fine condition and will be an unusually large crop.

CENTRAL SECTION.

Boone—Week cool, but little rain. Corn doing finely. Thrashing and haying going on; hay crop good. Too dry for plowing.

Custer—A cool, cloudy week, beneficial to corn and other crops. Corn is maturing rapidly. Hay abundant and good quality. Wild fruit plenty.

Dawson—Thrashing and stacking delayed by the rains, but plows have started. Early corn is safe from frost and late will be in two or three weeks. Potatoes not as good as last year. Fruit as good as ever known here.

Hall—Plenty of rain to make late corn. Much fall grain is being put in. Corn is well along and a frost would do little damage even now. It is hardly possible that frost will get corn in the county.

Howard—Rain is needed to facilitate fall plowing. Corn has not fired and is doing finely. Early corn will be a record breaker if frost holds off until September 10. Late corn will need two weeks more.

Loup—Early planted corn maturing fast, and will be safe from frost by the 10th of September, and much of the late planted will need the whole of the month of September to ripen.

Merrick—Half of the corn will be out of danger of frost by the end of the month. Late corn will need a month. Corn crop very good generally. Ground too dry to plow.

Sherman—Corn is maturing well and the greater portion of the early planted is now beyond injury from frost. The late planted will be a short crop.

Valley—Corn hardening fast. In some localities the corn is badly filled and the corn will not do much, but the large part is good and will soon be out of the way of frost.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION.

Dundy—The week has been showery and cool.

Franklin—Plenty of rain and ground in fine condition. Large acreage of corn which promises a heavy yield. Fall plowing is being rushed. A large amount of wheat will be sown this fall.

Frontier—The rainfall this week has revived corn very much all over the county. Fall plowing is in progress.

Furnas—The corn crop is very spotted in the county, some first-class some very poor. Rains of the past week very beneficial to all the corn that lived through the heat of the preceding week.

Hitchcock—Plenty of rain this week. Fall plowing in progress and some grain sown. Rain is too late to be of much benefit to corn but will improve the hay crop.

Harlan—Corn was much damaged by the dry, hot weather before the rain of the 17th. Corn in parts of the county is damaged 50 per cent. Alfalfa looks well.

Kearney—The wet, cool weather of the past week has largely eased the damage of the previous hot, dry week, but the entire crop is damaged some and a few fields nearly ruined. The crop as a whole promises to be a good one.

Phelps—A good growing week, corn not too far gone is filling out in good shape.

Red Willow—Some of the corn will be benefited by the rain of the 17th, but much of it was too far gone. The corn crop of the county will be much less than last year.

Wabasha—Corn is coming splendidly. Early corn is hardening and is mostly safe. Late corn needs dry weather and sunshine to get it out of the way of frost, it will take about three weeks. Conditions favorable for a large corn crop, probably the largest since 1880. A good deal of fall plowing has been done and some rye and wheat has been sown.

WESTERN SECTION.

Lincoln—Corn is fast maturing. Some corn has been badly damaged by drought and some by hail. The rain of the 20th and 21st wet the ground thoroughly and there will be plenty of corn.

The potato crop is about made. Scott's Bluff—Corn maturing rapidly some fields will be out of the way of frost by September 1, others will require 15 days longer. The rainfall has been sufficient to grow corn in most parts of the county without irrigation this season.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION.

Cherry—Dry week, corn maturing very fast. It is badly curled in some cases.

Keya Paha—The rain and cloudy weather retarded thrashing and haying. Corn is maturing fast and the prospect is for the best crop the county has ever grown.

Rock—A good rain which will help late corn and grass. Cool and cloudy weather. Hay is good and blue joint is still growing. Corn is hardening fast, but needs two more weeks.

Sheridan—Corn has improved during the week except in some localities where there was no rain the week before, most of it will be out of the way of frost by September 1.

G. A. LOVELAND, Section Director.

He is For Watson.

VIOLET, Neb., Aug. 16.—Editor INDEPENDENT: The Hon. Thomas Watson, in his book, tells his congressmen under the influence of liquor so forgot their subject as to be compelled to ask, "Where am I at?"

After twenty years of persecution, by firmly standing for principle, we have shown the justness of our cause, forced the republicans to show their hand, divided the democracy and so enlightened the masses on the subject of finance that old party ties are breaking, while the two parties responsible for our present condition are reaping the whirlwind of destruction.

Seeing this, we, the true party of reform, became intoxicated with the thought of victory, and we are waking just enough to ask, "Where are we at?" Having nominated W. J. Bryan, we find on the other end a national banker for vice president. National banks live by the nation's obligations. They are in favor of bonds, on which to base circulation, and if they can force the government to issue bonds until the market price falls to or below par then it will be easy for the banks to increase, at a profit, the circulation. Hence the banker is in favor of a gold basis.

To couple such a standard bearer with Mr. Bryan is simply to sanction a gold standard, while to stand firmly for Mr. Watson is to abolish banks of issue and place this government in the hands of the people.—W. E. Starkey.

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Jehu Baker.

Jehu Baker, who, as a republican, defeated William R. Morrison for congress in the twenty-first Illinois district, has been nominated this year by the people's party, with which he has been identified for several years. The democratic candidate in the district has withdrawn, being personally in favor of Baker, and it is probable that no one will be put on the democratic ticket in his place.

Jehu Baker is one of the remarkable men of this nation. He is a most profound scholar but modest and retiring. He was appointed district judge in the reconstruction period and administered justice in Clay, Platte and adjoining counties in Missouri in the days of the James Brothers in such a learned and dignified way that his person was always safe even in those perilous times.

No More Taxes.

Glasgow after next January, will levy no taxes, meeting all expenses from street railway lines, lighting and water plants that are municipal property. From this it would appear that for a city to own such things is fully as advantageous as for such things to own the city.—San Francisco Examiner.

A Dyed-in-the-Wool Democrat.

BIZZARDS' BAY, Mass., Aug. 25.—President Cleveland announced last night that David R. Francis, ex-governor of Missouri, had been appointed secretary of the interior, vice Hoke Smith resigned, and he will assume the duties of his office September 1.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 25.—David Rowland Francis, the successor of Hon. Hoke Smith, as secretary of the interior, was born of Scotch-Irish parents in Richmond, Ky., October 1, 1850. Supplementing his common school education in Kentucky, he was graduated from Washington university in this city in 1870, with the degree of bachelor of arts.

After three years apprenticeship in commercial life he organized the D. R. Francis & Bro. Commission company, which is still one of the leading firms operating at the merchants' exchange. In 1883 he was elected vice president of the exchange and later president. He has been a life-long democrat, and in 1884 was a candidate to the convention that nominated Cleveland for president. The next year he was elected mayor of St. Louis by a majority of 1,400, overcoming a republican majority of 14,000.

Under a long needed reform the city flourished under his administration. In 1888 he was elected governor by one of the heaviest majorities ever achieved by his party in Missouri, and his wise conduct of the office is still a criterion. Prior to the Chicago convention of this year, he was prominent in the ranks of the gold democrats and took a leading part in the effort to stem the rising tide of silver. In 1876 Mr. Francis was wedded to Miss Jennie Perry of St. Louis, daughter of John D. Perry, president of the La Cede National bank. Six boys were born to this union.

BRYAN'S RETURN.

He Will Reach Lincoln on September 5th.

W. J. Bryan will arrive in the city the 5th of September and remain several days before going south. The notification meeting the 8th promises to be the greatest political gathering in the history of Nebraska. Henry M. Teller and Charles Towne will probably be among the speakers on that occasion.

All the free silver organizations of the state will be notified and expected to attend.

Congressman Towne of Minnesota, the brilliant young orator, has often been requested to pay Lincoln a visit since his remarkable speech on silver in the house of representatives, but thus far his time has all been consumed in making the canvass for renomination in the Sixth congressional district of his home state.

A SAD AFFAIR.

An Iowa Young Man Suicides Without Cause.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Aug. 25.—Charles Northrup, single, aged 24, in a temporary fit of insanity, went to the cemetery at the edge of the city and shot himself in the temple. Agnes Hill, a young lady of his acquaintance, was out horseback riding with him early last evening, and when he left her at her home he handed her a note bidding her goodbye, several times stating he was going on a long journey. After he was gone she in haste ordered a horse and drove to her pastor, a Congregational minister, and in company with him went to the cemetery, where they found him lying across his mother's grave, having just breathed his last.

Northrup's father and stepmother said that early in the evening he seemed as bright and happy as ever and did not even know of his having a pistol, as none was kept in the house. It is supposed he purchased it in Omaha when he attended the Young People's Christian union convention last week. He was a member of the Congregational church in good standing, an active worker and most highly respected citizen.

NO PROTEST FILED.

The Nationalists Score a Point and Prohibit Gold Bugs Slumber.

A certificate of the chairman and secretary of the "national party" state convention held in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 5, has been filed with the secretary of state, setting out the names of the nominees of that convention for presidential electors and other state officers to be voted for at the November election. C. E. Bentley of Lincoln was nominated by this faction for president.

Under the ballot law of this state it has been considered that unless the candidates certified come as nominees of a party which has polled 1 per cent of the votes cast at the last election then they must be designated on the official ballot as being nominated "by petition" and a petition must accompany the certificate.

The national party is a new party in Nebraska, unless it is claimed that this faction represents the true prohibition party. The form of the certificate filed with the secretary of state is that of nominees of a regular political party having the standing under the ballot law entitling its officers to certify a nomination by a convention.

Another complication comes in. The certificate was filed with the secretary of state on August 17. The law gives only five days for filing a protest against the form of a certificate of nomination and no protest has been filed by the representative of the old prohibition party if there be any in this state.

Under the previous rulings of the courts it is understood that the secretary of state will not attempt to decide the question of the right of a body of men to the use of the name of a political party. It looks like the national party in Nebraska had made a move towards getting around some hard places in the ballot law.

Down on Wall Street.

Mr. T. J. McDonnell of Denver recently spent several days in New York city. He reports that:

"Everywhere in New York city is heard the sentiment, 'Wall street can't control us any longer.' The feeling is even more intense in New York against Wall street than it is among the farmers of the west. On the street corners knots of men may be seen, and it will be found in every instance that they are discussing Bryan and the financial issue. 'New York is all right when you get above the city hall,' is heard in hundreds of mouths. The speakers mean that silver will reign outside of the banking districts. It is a common thing to see a workman in his shirt sleeves warmly arguing political questions with an individual wearing a silk hat and polished shoes."

"There is difference between the feeling in New York and in the west. In New York the talk is largely about Bryan, while in the west it turns upon silver. In the east silver is, in many communities, taken as incidental to Bryan and in the west Bryan is an incident to silver. 'When Bryan told them at Chicago that every man who performs honest work is a business man, he was good enough for me,' was a remark which I heard from an intelligent looking workman on the streets of New York city. The remark met with an enthusiastic response and shows the character of the man who is entrusted with the national standard. I looked over many letters received at silver headquarters in New York. I was especially interested in letters from farmers of New York. Many of the writers stated that they had voted with the republican party, but their neighborhood was turning over en masse to free silver this year."

Campaign of Song.

Prof. A. B. Huckins the great campaign singer, who has for so many years labored in the prohibition cause, has come out for free silver and Bryan. He is now open for dates in Nebraska during the campaign. For terms, etc., address the state central committee at Lincoln.

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