

NEBRASKA ADVERTISER

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

A Change of Seed Wheat Likely to be Made in Nebraska.

The Question is Discussed by a Large Number of Grain Buyers.

Omaha Republicans.

A meeting of the grain buyers of the state, principally those who were the guests of the board of trade Friday night, was held at the rooms 1116 Farnam street yesterday morning.

Mr. Burnham gave many interesting facts showing that crops raised from seed wheat from other states were almost invariably from two to five bushels more to the acre than those raised from seed grown here.

A guest of the board stated that during the grasshopper plague of some years ago, farmers were compelled to ship in their seed wheat, and raised the following season wheat that was four or five pounds heavier to the bushel than that of former years.

A discussion then arose on the best varieties to be imported, and Mr. Morse asked the president's opinion on the subject.

Mr. Burnham replied that, in his judgment, the hard flint wheat of the northern states was the best, and repeated that the matter should be left to a competent committee to make thorough trial of various varieties.

Mr. McLennan, of Wahoo, who spoke from an experience of nine years in the business in this state, remarked that when wheat-growing first assumed considerable proportions, the farmers all used the Canadian "Golden Drop," and that until the in-and-in sowing had done its work, Nebraska wheat was high grade.

Mr. Clark, of the Waterloo mills, endorsed Mr. McLennan's ideas except in regard to the production of an early wheat, which would be of the requisite hardness.

Mr. Burnham asked if the farmers would adopt a new seed wheat if it were furnished them without time or trouble lost on deciding the best variety.

Mr. Clark replied that it would hardly be universally taken into favor at once, and cited the farmers of Minnesota, who were a long time in making up their minds to sow hard or flint.

The president remarked that as there seemed to be no question that a new variety was needed, the only thing to do was to decide on the best one.

Mr. Clark said that he also distributed the "Mammoth" seed from Bell Creek, and that it had been extensively used in Washington county.

The question by Mr. Himebaugh whether flint wheat was not best for old and soft wheat for new ground was answered in the affirmative.

On motion of S. B. Reynolds, of David City, the whole subject was referred to committee of five, with Mr. Burnham as chairman.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Allen:

Resolved, That the grain shippers of Nebraska do urge upon the farmers of the State the importance of sowing better varieties of seed wheat, and recommend that more attention be given to raising the standard of Nebraska milling grades by careful selection of seed wheat of the varieties adapted to this purpose.

in Nebraska. [To be decided hereafter.]

The motion was seconded by Mr. McLennan, of Wahoo, and was the subject of animated discussion, was put to a vote and adopted.

The discussion of the subject then became general and Messrs. Merriam, Reynolds and Ashburn made remarks similar to those of Mr. Clark, as did Col. Chase, Messrs. Himebaugh, Merriam and others.

A permanent committee was appointed with power to act in the matter. The committee consists of: Hon. Leavitt Burnham, chairman, P. C. Himebaugh, John McCormick, W. C. B. Allen and Thomas Gibson.

The last named gentleman offered each gentleman present a quantity of the fertilizer manufactured in this city, to test on their farms.

After an extended discussion of the question it was decided: (1.) That a desirability of a change of seed wheat exists. (2.) That there should be a variety of seeds used. (3.) That it was possible to comply with the requirements of all sections of the state.

A circular will shortly be sent out for the purpose of collecting information as to the needs of every part of the state, as follows:

SEED WHEAT CIRCULAR. BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, 1116 FARNAM ST., OMAHA, NEB., JAN. 28, 1882.

DEAR SIR—At the meeting of the grain men of Nebraska, held at the board of trade rooms, Omaha, January 28, 1882, the undersigned were appointed a committee to consider the necessity of change and improvement in seed wheat throughout the state, and to adopt methods to carry such changes and improvements into effect.

For the purpose of intelligently acting in this matter, this circular is addressed to all grain dealers in the state, from whom the following information is desired:

Question—1. Is a change of seed in your section desired by the farmers and grain growers?

Answer.—2. How much and what kind of wheat is desired?

Answer.—3. Will you agree to receive, distribute, collect and remit for such wheat as is required by your section, or so much of it as can be secured?

Answer.—4. Will you be responsible to the Omaha National bank, as the financial agent of this committee, for the amount of wheat taken at your station, and agree to remit so it on receipt of the grain by you, collecting from those to whom you distribute as soon as convenient thereafter?

This committee and all parties interested in, or connected with the whole matter, act without compensation, and the wheat is to be furnished those who actually sow and use it, and for their special use and benefit at actual cost. The whole purpose and object of this movement being to improve the character and quality of seed throughout the state.

Wheat must be furnished in not less than car load lots at any one station.

As this committee or some one representing it must be responsible to the parties from whom grain is purchased, it is necessary that payments be made at once on delivery of grain to the station engaging it.

The exact cost cannot be stated, but from information before this committee regarding rates, etc., it is thought that it can be laid down at from \$1.60 to \$1.75 per bushel.

Please answer promptly to this circular, addressing all communications to W. C. B. Allen, secretary of the committee.

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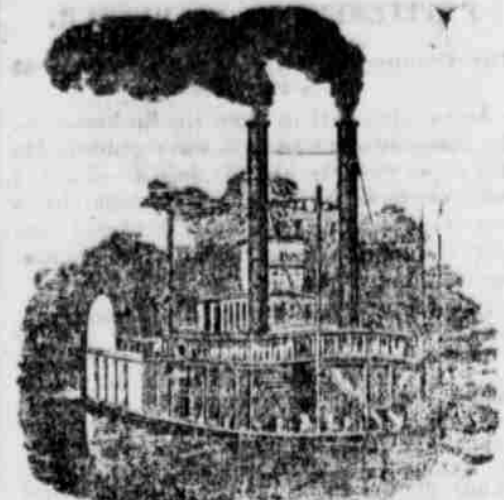
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