

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF
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NOTES ABOUT NEBRASKA.

In order to form an idea of the wonderful growth of Nebraska's agriculture, it is only necessary to trace it during the past six years. The area of improved farms in 1878 contained 4,000,000 acres; in 1880, 5,000,000, and the present area does not fall short of 7,000,000 acres.

The corn crop of 1877 was 22,817,143 bushels; of 1880, 65,150,134 bushels; of 1881, 101,275,900 bushels, and of 1882, 120,000,000 bushels. The latest reliable estimate of the state's agricultural production and value of same is that of 1882, as follows: Corn, bushels, 1,01,269,456; acres, 23,132,625; value, \$24,356,136. Wheat, bushels, 27,481,300; acres, 1,772,500; value, \$17,550,000. Oats, bushels, 21,550,000; acres, 50,151; value, \$4,256,000. Ryegrass, bushels, 1,926,000; acres, 64,177; value, \$350,128. Barley, bushels, 3,623,880; acres, 16,500; value, \$1,300,846. Buckwheat, bushels, 20,000; acres, 2,000; value, \$10,000. Total value of cereals, \$42,656,350.

Next to her agriculture, is Nebraska's stock interest. The raising of cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., has risen to an amazingly large figure. Instead of raising so much wheat, farmers are wisely devoting their time and attention to stock. While there are many large ranches and immense herds of cattle in the western portion, the farmers in all the portions of Nebraska are putting on a good supply of the very best to be had and they find it much more profitable to raise stock than grain.

The progress made is wonderful. Against 99,250 sheep for 1877, the returns of 1882 show 199,455, while those for 1884 put the number at 340,000. In pigs the increase was much greater, being from 424,064 for 1877 to 1,241,724 for 1882. At present these interesting animals exceed 3,000,000. The number of neat cattle by the returns of 1877 was 159,520, and with the drives last year of stock cattle from other states, it cannot fall short of 1,000,000 now. Some of the cattle ranges, extending for the most part on government lands, require nearly seventy miles of wire fence. The value of the live stock June 1, 1882 was \$33,600,000, it is now upwards of \$50,000,000.

As to railroad communication, Nebraska is exceptionally well supplied. The greatest drawback is the distance to markets, but as we get rates for long hauls that is not as bad as it might be. Coming to our state of manufacturers, that employ forces of men is of great benefit in building up home markets for our surplus products, and the encouragement our people are giving this is a good omen for a change. The state has 2,522 miles of railroad, valued at about \$30,000,000. The principal railroads, both of which are first class, are the B. & M. and Union Pacific, both of which are first class lines, crossing the state east and west, in entire length, over 400 miles. There are several lines running north and south, that directly connect the state with the principal southern markets as well as northern. Other great lines have come into the state and will in due time move across it, carrying with them competition, new enterprises, much capital and progress. Among them we may mention the North-Western, the Milwaukee, Sioux City & St. Paul, the Platte and others of less note.

One of the clearest aspects of husbandry in Nebraska is the success with which people have met in raising fruit, apples, peaches, grapes, cherries and the different berries common to the temperate zone being profitably and successfully produced.

There are some thin beds of coal in the state, but the larger share is brought in from other and adjacent states. It sells all the way from \$4 to \$10 per ton. A large portion comes from Wyoming and Colorado. Timber is being grown quite rapidly. Near every farm has a fine grove of forest trees. Stone for building purposes is abundant in many portions of the state and of excellent quality. The yield of corn is from 40 to 75 bushels per acre, wheat from 15 to 30. There is an abundance of clay for the manufacture of brick, and good pottery clay is plentiful.

Grasses do exceedingly well, while wild grass hay is abundant and cheap. Wild fruits abound along all the streams. There are fine forests of pine along the north western line. The climate is dry and exhilarating, the mean temperature being about 30 degrees in winter and 65 in summer. There is always a good breeze to counteract the heat. The winters are generally dry and mild, with little snow. There are but a few days of extreme cold when the mercury gets below zero. The principal rains are in May and June. The bottoms are long and delightful, giving the farmer ample time for storing their grain. Irish potatoes are very prolific and are always a sure crop. Sugar cane is raised in a large extent and proves a profitable crop, the sugar made therefrom being of a superior quality. Cotton is also raised and is a success.

Small quantities of cotton are being established and managed with large profits in nearly all the more important towns. Butter always commands a good price. Good cows can milk bring from \$30 to \$50.

The state has three representatives and two senators in congress. The legislature meets every two years and is restricted to 40 day's session by the constitution. The members draw \$3 per diem and ten cents for mileage. The state has no debt. The rate of taxation for state and county is light.

What do you buy your wash board soap? At Hacker's.

JUDSON.

We had a Christmas tree in district No. 90 and had a good time. Another couple made happy on Christmas day, Bert Cameron to Miss Lila Deeks, at the residence of the bride's parents by the Rev. J. G. Armstrong.

Cattle in our neighborhood are in good condition to stand the winter.

This weather is rather hard on the winter wheat. This day freezing.

Mariel Dec. 25, at the bride's residence by the Rev. J. T. Suther. Mr.

PRairie Home.

We wish you all a happy New Year. It is reported that Mr. Lee's family is sick with the arctic fever.

Some of our farmers have been losing their hogs with disease.

The trustees of District 41 are talking of buying another mouth of school.

By the late marriage in this vicinity, we have lost the "king bachelor."

A Scotch family have recently come to our neighborhood.

Mr. Finney Hale, let his horses loose by accident which cost him a day's work before finding them.

CALIFORNIA honey and Boston brown bread at Hacker's.

GATHERTON.

We are having winter in earnest now, get out your sleds boys. This pretty cold weather is hardening your jump to thaw the ice out before the fashion.

There is a large amount of corn to husk yet.

Mr. Bartlett lost five head of cattle, was reported to have eaten corn stalks.

J. A. Andrews is rustling in Pine Hill this week.

The Christians at Prairie Gem were a success and everybody is satisfied.

A B Householder and John Spaur have gone to Iowa to visit.

There is to be a big wolf hunt here on New Years. There has been six wolves seen in a pack by different parties.

The Plainview literary society will wrestle with the following question at its next meeting: Resolved that the negro has more cause to complain against the white man than the Indian.

J. S. Frazee is going to put down a drive well.

The Standard Inquirer wants to engage a few more writers for that paper.

Please you send us names if you are the question often asked now days. The name is short and prices low. We hear of some farmers selling wheat at 50¢. Does it pay? Does it pay at 40?

The Chicago Times says there are 100 persons ready to apply for every post office in the county. How about Gatherton? Where are they?

By Jimoo.

MARYSTOWN, Kansas flour at Hacker's. Try it. The best.

PLEASANT HILL.

It is an old proverb that the three first days of December is a synopsis of the three winter months, but where is the man who dare say that the 1st day had any resemblance of the rest of the month.

There is a series of meetings being held at the school house in District No. 15 by the Revs. Parson and Vaughan of the denomination of latter day saints or church of God.

The Pleasant Hill Literary and Debating society is a success in the point of members. The house is crowded at each meeting with eager spectators anxious to see the show. The journal published by Story and Co. is just too large. It excels anything published west of Omaha.

Mrs. Agnes Schuyler, who has been spending the summer in Hall County returned to her uncle, C. C. Cox's a few days ago.

Grandpa Storey has returned from his visit to Iowa and is with his daughter, Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Frank Phillips of Guide Rock will swing the birch in No. 15 this winter commencing Jan. 3d.

Mr. Allen Carpenter and family, once residents of this neighborhood but now of Adams county is visiting at Mr. Salomon's.

An old fashioned singing school is about to be organized in No. 15 by Mr. Brubaker.

In the last issue of the Crisis we notice the marriage of our esteemed friend Mr. Fred Slesper. We have known Fred from his infancy almost and a better boy is hard to find, and we wish you success Fred, and may your journey on the troubled sea of life ever be pleasant with just squalls enough to dispel the monotony of time is the wish of your old friend.

E. X. FOONER.

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