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The acreage devoted to oats in Nebraska aggregates 2,019,096, according to the estimates of the state board of agriculture. The production is 52,222,066 bushels and the cash value of the crop for the year amounts to \$17,233,241.78. The estimated payroll of the Nebraska manufacturers last year was \$15,622,304. Thus the Nebraska oat crop for this year would meet a year's payroll with almost two million dollars to spare.

The annual Nebraska Apple Show, under the management and direction of the State Horticultural Society, will be held at the auditorium in Lincoln during the mid-winter agricultural meetings next January. The 1914 apple show will be the biggest and best ever, and for two prime reasons. First, this year's apple crop was unusually good, and second, the Horticultural Society is profiting by the experience gained in former exposition efforts. Nebraska raises the finest apples in the world, and the most of them, and the proof will be offered at the Apple Show in Lincoln next January.

The pupils in the public schools of Lincoln are not depending wholly upon text books for information. With the co-operation of Lincoln manufacturers and wholesalers the school children are being given object lessons in manufacturing and merchandising. Every day sees some department of the schools going through some big plant, accompanied by teachers and plant managers. The pupils are shown every process of manufacture and have the details explained as fully as possible. The interest manifested by the pupils is intense, and the manufacturers and merchants are confident that they will profit by the increased interest in home institutions. Recently a delegation of school children visited the Commercial Club building and were shown through every department and the club's activities fully explained to them.

Boards of Education throughout the state, appreciating the value of the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association in Omaha, November 5th to 7th, are granting leaves of absence on full pay so that the teachers may attend the sessions. Schuyler and Seward have taken steps which will permit their teachers to attend the sessions of the association at the expense of the school district. These boards have offered to pay the railroad fare of the teachers and to give

them full pay. Other Nebraska cities who have requested their teachers to attend the sessions are Neligh, North Platte, West Point, Grand Island and Benson. A record attendance is anticipated for preliminary advices to the Bureau of Publicity indicate most schools will send their full teaching force. The program this year is an especially strong one, being featured by eleven men and women of national reputation. In addition, a program of entertainment has been provided which will supplement the attractions of the meetings.

Whatever criticism there may be concerning Governor Morehead's proclamation of good roads days in Nebraska, the state will certainly enjoy no little amount of permanent improvement as a result of the combined efforts of hundreds of energetic Nebraskans, who laid aside other work for two days last week, to improve the highways says The Nebraskan. The old time idea that good roads were of benefit to motorists only is rapidly passing away. The farmer, the man who really uses the roads more than any other business man in the state, reaps a benefit which he enjoys every month and week of the year. Along with the improvement of the worst stretches of roads will come other improvements of highways. Long needed bridges will be built, and more care will be given dangerous points as the intersections of roads and railroad tracks. The increasing interest in making and maintaining good highways will eventually result in a vast system of excellent roads in Nebraska and when the work has been accomplished, every loyal citizen of the state will point to the result with pride. No improvement is of such universal benefit and can be accomplished with so little expenditure of cash, as good roads. Labor is the chief factor in making good roads, and the man who could not afford to expend several dollars, can, at certain seasons of the year, well afford to donate a day or two of his labor. The result is gratifying not only to the man with the automobile, but to the man with the loaded wagon, as well.

Plowing With Gasoline

Are we entering an age of power farming? The interest shown in the recent power plowing demonstration held at Fremont, Nebraska, would at least indicate that the farmers would like a small practical engine for ordinary farm work. Thirty-five traction engines, varying in size from 12 to 80 horse power, were used by the various companies for plowing a large field of tough gumbo soil.

According to Professor L. W. Chase of the Department of Agricultural Engineering of the University of Nebraska, the lightest engine weighed 5,000 lbs. and the heaviest 24,500 lbs. Twelve weighed less than 10,000 lbs., and the interest seemed to center around the engines of about this type.

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Nebraska's Corn Crop

During the year of 1913, according to tabulations made by the state board of agriculture, the Nebraska corn crop amounted to 90,229,395 bushels, valued at 70 cents a bushel the crop is worth \$63,260,558.

The yields and values for the past five years were as follows:

Year	Bushels	Value
1912	194,376,780	\$98,626,071
1911	133,400,303	\$7,310,196
1910	178,923,128	\$7,877,546
1909	169,179,137	\$8,124,871
1908	178,399,780	\$9,299,878

The Devastating Onion Nematode or Celworm

It has recently been discovered by investigators in the Bureau of Plant Industry that the onion nematode or celworm, a pest long since known to do great damage in Europe, Africa, and Australia to onions, hyacinths, rye, oats, potatoes, lucerne, etc., not only exists in the United States, but has already begun its career of devastation, in accord with its old scientific name, *Tylenchus devastatrix*.

Onion seed is subject to attack as soon as it germinates. The plants become affected when quite young, producing twisted and swollen leaves. Later the bulb swells considerably at its upper end and becomes soft and puffy. Thereupon splitting takes place and the whole bulb rots away. The worms are seldom over one-twentieth of an inch long and are very slender and transparent, so that their presence is not generally detected by the naked eye and the grower therefore often remains in ignorance of the cause of his losses. Onion plants infected with the nematode have a peculiar stunted and distorted appearance, usually attributed to drought, poor soil, or other natural cause. Hyacinths and other bulbs are attacked in a somewhat similar way.

Much money and energy have been expended in the study of this pest and the means that may be employed to combat it. The simplest and most effective remedial measures are as follows:

1. Uproot and burn plants as fast as they show signs of disease. This can be done during the ordinary operations of culture.
2. Deep and thorough plowing, aiming to turn the surface soil exactly bottom side up, so as to bury the worms at least 6 inches deep. This eases without curing, and is not applicable to all soils.
3. Rotation of crops, allowing sufficient time between two plantings of onions to starve down the pest. Crops that may be used in rotation are any but the following: Rye, oats, onions, hemp, potatoes, clover, lucerne. Any of these, being subject to the disease, might simply increase the pest. Corn and barley are to be recommended as resistant crops suitable for starving out the pest.

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In the County Court of Webster County, Nebraska.
In the matter of the estate of James McPartland, Deceased.
CREDITORS OF SAID ESTATE will take NOTICE that the time allowed for filing claims against the same is six months from the 24th day of October, 1913; and for payment of debts is one year from the 24th day of September, 1913; that I will sit at the county court room in the Court house on the 24th day of April 1914 at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. to hear allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
Dated this 26th day of September, 1913.
(Seal) A. D. RANNEY, County Judge.