

every other field suffering greatly. Crops where the hail struck are totally destroyed.

Beatrice—J. C. Brown, a merchant of Burchard, and J. C. Fletcher of this city, two civil war veterans who were in Andersonville prison together, met here last night for the first time and talked over old times. Mr. Brown served during the war as a member of the Eighth Iowa cavalry and Mr. Fletcher the Third Iowa cavalry.

Fremont—The attendance at the Fremont normal school is the largest in its history, the total enrollment reaching 1,250. The increase is owing to teachers who are taking special courses in order to receive state certificates. The rooms in the dormitories are all taken and boarding house keepers in the northeast part of the town are having all they can accommodate.

West Point—The annual conference of the teachers of the German Lutheran parochial schools for the north Nebraska district is now in session at West Point. Forty teachers of the district are in attendance and the conference is proving a great success. The sessions are held in the St. Paul's German Lutheran church, under the presidency of Rev. A. R. E. Oelschlaeger, pastor, and close today.

Lyons—Robert Small, who has been in charge of the work for Phelan & Shirley at the big cut on the Great Northern railway, about twelve miles north of Lyons, has completed his work and expects to leave before long. Assistant Engineer McKellip, who has been in charge of this division, also expects to finish his work this week.

Fremont—The prospect of a new naturalization law which will make the obtaining of naturalization papers more difficult and expensive has stimulated naturalization business in the district court. Judge Hollenbeck has held two sessions for the purpose of issuing final papers to Fremont residents, some of whom have lived here for twenty years. Saturday it is expected that a carload of Stanton county would-be citizens will be here for their papers. There will be no session of the district court in that county until fall.

Beatrice—A party of Union Pacific surveyors was running lines south of the city yesterday, and it is reported that the company is making plans to remove its roadbed from the east to the west side of the river between Beatrice and Blue Springs. For years the floods have interfered with traffic over the present roadbed, which follows the Blue river for miles, and it is understood the company intends to seek higher ground by building a new line from this place to Holmesville and thence to Blue Springs on the west side of the river. By this change there would be no danger from floods.

Auburn—This vicinity had a rainfall of one inch which, following a rainfall of over two inches some days ago, makes the prospects for a good crop very flattering. Wheat is just ready for harvest and some of it is being cut. The yield is going to be above the average and the quality of the grain fine. Ten days ago the outlook for oats was very poor, but it has sprung up so rapidly since the rain that the farmers are predicting a large oat yield. The fields of corn are quite spotted and the corn seems to be farther back than usual, yet it has a good color and the prospects for a corn crop is as good as it usually is at this time of the year. If nothing happens to injure the fruit crop we will have a bouncer. The prospects for apples has never been as good within twenty years.

Broken Bow—The average assessed valuation of cattle in Custer county is \$3.59, and not \$2.59, as erroneously reported.

Schuyler—The hottest day of the season so far, was yesterday, the thermometer reaching 102 in the shade. The hot weather and the rain, which fell Monday, is the best kind for corn, which is growing rapidly. Work was started this week on the large Odd Fellows' hall, which is being built as

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a second story to the Odd Fellow's block. The hall is to be one of the largest and best halls in the state. The tinners of this city will put a large city clock in the tower.

Seward—Some farmers are reporting finding green lice on the corn. The lice have but recently appeared, and are getting to be a pest.

Beatrice—A grain buyer of this city stated yesterday that in his opinion the wheat and oats crop in Gage county this season would be better than the last, and judging from the yield of wheat reported from certain quarters, his statement is correct.

Seward—Samples of grain from the farms of the county shows that the kernels of the wheat and oats are well filled and will make a tremendous yield. Harvest will commence next week. One local dealer here has sold 50,000 pounds of binding twine.

Seward—Work is progressing rapidly on the Milford line west of the yard district. So much grading has been done that the location of the line can be followed from Emerald to Milford. At Milford piling is being driven for the Blue river bridge and the big steam shovels are working at both ends of the big cut.

Edgar—Harvest began in this section yesterday. Wheat is in splendid condition and is going to be a big yield. Some of the farmers say that they will have a yield of forty bushels to the acre if the season continues as favorable for the harvest as at present. Rain, however, is needed for the corn and oats as well as for the pastures and grass.

Beatrice—The Nebraska Telephone company yesterday connected up its lines with the Independent lines at Filley. This will place Beatrice in direct communication with seventy phones on the Filley line, thirty on the Dane lines, and 100 on the German lines up in Hanover township, thus covering the field completely in northeast Gage county. After all connections are made a nominal toll will be charged.

Seward—At the mass meeting held by the citizens at the court house, last Thursday night, in regard to the Eurlington leaving Seward four or five miles away from the main line of the railroad, speeches were made and a committee of nine was appointed. The Denver & Omaha railroad, which is supposed to be the Rock Island, is likely to come through here soon.

Fremont—All the local insurance agents of the city received notice this morning of an advance in rates all along the line of from 15 to 40 per cent, the latter being on paper mills, of which Fremont has none. School buildings are raised 25 per cent and almost all other classes of business the same. All stocks are raised 20 per cent, but there is no raise on mercantile buildings or dwellings. Fremont rates were already high and the

present raise business men consider uncalled for.

Fremont—Surveyors who are working on a railroad line west of this city are now in Colfax county, about ten miles north of the line of the Union Pacific, the line being a straight one from where it leaves the north-western corner of the city. The surveyors, which indicate a new town, are about ten miles northeast of North Bend, and an equal distance southwest of Scribner. Leavitt is passed about a mile to the north. Other surveyors are said to be in the field further to the northwest along the same line.

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WOMEN GROWING TALLER

From Leslie's Weekly.

The latest statistics relating to the human frame show that the average height of the American woman has increased one inch in the last decade, while the man has not gained a fraction of an inch; in fact, has lost a fraction. There is food for thought in these figures, yet it will not do to get hysterical about them, as some sensational newspapers have done. There is no reason to aver that the future woman will be a giantess and her consort a pigmy. Rather the deduction may be made that the woman is gradually losing her frailness and is approaching somewhat the virile strength and stature of the man. This is hailed as a consummation devoutly to be wished, because it will make for a future strong and vigorous race.

A century ago the woman of slight frame, petite and short, was the normal type. A large woman was looked upon as abnormal and masculine. In the last two decades woman has come into her own. She has won recognition from educationalists; she has left the fireside for the shop, store and office, thus competing actively with men in the arduous cares of daily business; she has been forced to develop her frame and strength because of this active competition. We see in the result of this so-called emancipation of women a larger, stronger and brainier woman.

The normal woman a decade ago was five feet five inches tall. She has added an inch, and probably will add another in another decade or generation. Then she will arrive at the average man's height. The craze for athletics on the part of boys and girls will tend to enlarge the frame, even if it does restrict the amount of knowledge. The frame of the girl is even more susceptible to the enlarging influence of exercise than that of the boy, by reason of centuries of repression.