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## ORLEANS TO ATWOOD.

Descriptive Narrative of Beaver Valley and Adjacent Crops, Resources and Prospects.

Atwood, Kansas, August 11th, 1897.—

(Special to THE McCOOK TRIBUNE.)

The general rain of the 5th of August of

six or eight hours duration thoroughly

soaking every part of the Orleans and St.

Francis country and adjacent territory,

has painted the fields once more in bright

hues and robed the verdure and foliage

with a freshness akin to spring.

The scorching heat and withering winds that

blew from the Southland bringing in its

path the dream of brown fields, blasted

hopes and ruined prospects touched not

the fertile valleys and fields of this rich

country as it did the counties of Southern

and Southeastern Kansas and left them

a withered waste.

Although this belt was slightly damaged in isolated spots,

the general outcome is the greatest gen-

eral crop that this section has ever wit-

nessed, barring not the year of golden

prosperity, 1891. The Beaver valley,

Atwood east, is a garden of agricultural

beauty unsurpassed, and the year of 1897

is the year of golden laurels for the Or-

leans and St. Francis branch of the Bur-

lington. This is no creation of the brain,

no vivid imagery, but facts upheld by liv-

ing witnesses in the products of the soil

seen everywhere for 100 miles west of

Orleans. Innumerable wheat stacks loom

up on the distant divide, purpling alfalfa

on the bottoms, and rank corn that will

soon bend its amber treasure and pro-

claim that Corn is still King.

From Orleans to Cedar Bluffs is the

alfalfa belt, and although much of the

Queen of the Meadow is raised success-

fully as far west as Blakeman, Kansas,

the bulk of this luxuriant and profitable

clover is seen east of Cedar Bluffs or near

the line of Nebraska and Kansas. It is

natural to this locality and does better

here than any part of the West, not bar-

ring the valleys of California and Colo-

rado. A gentleman who has taken the

trouble to study the question finds that

alfalfa in the valley of the Beaver is not

surpassed any where in the United

States. Wheat is threshing a big yield;

one field near Hendley went 40 bushels

per acre; 30 bushels per acre is heard

near Traer, Kansas. A farmer near

Cedar Bluffs will have to car loads.

Mr. Bliss' field, 8 miles west of Atwood, yield-

ed 30 bushels per acre; another field near

that place measured 33 bushels per acre.

Rawlins county can boast of the largest

fields of wheat; Mr. Hasting, near Blake-

man, has 600 acres; another farmer 960

acres, and one 1,100 acres. 200 to 400 is

a common thing. Rawlins county has

22,500 acres of Winter wheat and about

25,000 acres of Spring wheat and 43,000

acres of corn. A farmer near Atwood

sowed 10 bushels of oats and threshed

500 bushels from the field sown with the

10 bushels. Decatur county has 98,000

acres of corn in splendid condition, and

with another good rain will have at least

2,000,000 bushels of corn. The corn and

wheat in Red Willow, Furnas and Harlan

counties are first-class; these counties are

threshing the greatest wheat crop in their

history, and the corn is destined to be

the best ever gathered. At Wilson-

ville, Beaver City, Hendley, Stamford,

Danbury, Lebanon, Orleans, Alma and

Republican City comes the daily narra-

tive of great yields of wheat gathered

from farmers while they are unloading

the plump, golden berry of superior

wheat that generally grades No. 2. This

year has been a record-breaker for alfa-

ffa; it is so plentiful that it brings only \$1

to \$2 per ton. This is an ideal stock

country, with plenty of corn in sight, al-

ffa in abundance, and pure water. It

is no wonder that all eyes are turned to

the Beaver valley af long trains of fat

beefees and porkers pull into Orleans,

Nebraska, and the remark is often made,

"Wonder where they come from". A

firm from South Omaha is going to ship

110 car loads of cattle to be fed in the

Beaver valley. By what we can learn the

valley will be a vast feeding ground this

season for local and eastern shippers.

One thing is noticeable along this line,

and it is an omen of better times, and

that is the new cribs and granaries that

are being built by the farmers, and it has

not been seen for years. In the language of

the trainmen, the "ps west of Or-

leans are sort of a "racketjack", and

any one who believes that this is an ex-

travagant picture, let him come and see

or write.

Hendley, Nebraska, shipped the other

day 9 car loads of wheat and the train all

told had 22 car loads, and still threshing

has hardly commenced. It is feared that

there will be a car famine this season.

All the empty cars have been hauled to

Nebraska points. Business is good both

east and west between Orleans and At-

wood. Merchandise freight is on the

increase, the merchants are buying hea-

vier, collections are made more promptly,

and better times are near. H. C. S.

## MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

HOWARD HILEMAN was on the sick-list, first of the week.

O. FROST was in the city, Saturday, guest of his son, Milton, going east on 4.

PROF. H. H. WATT, the Chicago piano tuner, spent the early part of the week in the city.

DR. A. P. WELLES has been ill and confined to the house, but is better and able to be about.

R. O. PHILLIPS of the Lincoln Land Co. was here, Monday, inspecting company interests.

MRS. J. A. HARRIS returned home, Friday night, from her visit to Republican City friends.

M. STERN of Chicago was in the city, Monday, looking after his business and investments here.

MRS. HENRY SMITH returned home, last evening, from a long visit in Michigan City, Indiana.

MRS. G. L. LAWS came up from Lincoln, Tuesday evening, and is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Noren.

MISS SARA LOWMAN will depart tomorrow night for Chicago, to purchase fall and winter goods.

REV. J. W. HICKEY arrived home, Wednesday evening, from his vacation of a month in Boston.

MRS. M. E. BARGER expects to go to St. Louis on the 16th to buy her fall and winter millinery goods.

J. T. BULLARD was down from Palisade, Monday and Tuesday, going to Omaha, Tuesday evening.

MAYOR TROTHER spent the early part of the week up in Colorado, arranging for the purchase of an elevator.

MRS. J. E. KELLEY and Edna went down to Hastings, Sunday morning, to be absent a week visiting relatives.

MRS. MEHAFFEY arrived from Pittsburgh, Wednesday night, and will make her sister, Mrs. T. B. Campbell, a long visit.

JONAS ENGEL left Thursday morning, for Chicago, to purchase an extensive stock of goods for the fall and winter trade.

MRS. K. K. STANGLAND, Miss Hannah and Jimmie returned home, Sunday night, from their visit of a few weeks in Minnesota.

MRS. A. N. ALLEN arrived from Colorado Springs on Sunday night, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Thordrison.

C. W. KNIGHTS spent part of Monday in the city, on his way from Cambridge to Denver. His condition is one of great feebleness.

M. A. HARTIGAN was up from Hastings, Monday, on legal business connected with the Strasser-Stern affairs here, now in litigation.

SENATOR A. A. WELLER of Unadilla was up, the first of the week, on business connected with his large mercantile interests here.

SHERIFF NEEL went in to Lincoln, last night, to arrange for the removal of Frank Brainerd to the asylum, which is now overcrowded.

J. C. HARLAN of the Cambridge Kaleidoscope and O. W. DeWald of the Trenton Register viewed us by electric light, Friday evening last.

C. L. DEGROFF was up from Nebraska City, Sunday, on business connected with his interests here, which he found in very satisfactory condition.

MRS. FRANK FREELOVE of Valley Grange precinct is in Colorado for her health, which has not been good for the past two years, but which is now improving.

STATE TREASURER MESERVE spent Sunday on his ranch south of the city, coming up from Lincoln on 3, Saturday, and returned to the capital on Sunday night.

MRS. W. D. BURNETT and Lillie left, Thursday, for Wisconsin, on an extended visit. The other children will remain with Red Cloud and Lincoln relatives meanwhile.

FRED LEPPER, son of C. W. Lepper of Coleman precinct, arrived home on Sunday night, from Iowa, where he has been for the last year or so.

MRS. ISAAC MOORE of the Driftwood will leave early in September for Santa Monica, California, where she will visit for month or so at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Grey.

MISS MIMA RICHARDSON treated her scholars in music to a picnic in Fitch's grove, last Friday. A wagon and hayrack served as the vehicle for transportation, and it goes without saying that a joyous, gladsome time was had.

## The Mortgage Record.

A summary of the record of mortgage filings and releases for Red Willow county for the half year ending June 30th, is as follows:

### FARM MORTGAGES.

Month.	Fil'gs.	Am't.	Rel's'd.	Am't.
January.....4	\$2,230.93	6	\$3,572.00	
February .....	1,515.00	8	2,862.63	
March.....10	3,692.96	28	9,728.00	
April.....10	4,338.0			