

NOW AND THEN.

The close of the year is drawing near and one can with profit give a moment to retrospection. What has the year meant to you? What have you accomplished? What is the aggregate of one more year of life? You have made mistakes, of course. You have done those things you should not have done, such things are expected. But as a whole has it been a satisfactory year? It should have been for nature has been kind and generous in her favors. Nebraska has never had a better year than the old one now preparing to go to its fathers. Never before have we had such general excellence of crops; never before has this county been blessed with things material as it has during the past twelve months. The wealth of this county is two hundred per cent greater at the close of 1906 than it was at the close of 1896. The tax books may not show it, but it is true nevertheless. What is true of the county is true of the nation. Every line of human endeavor is enjoying a season of prosperity unequalled in the history of the world. And of all trades, professions or employments, agriculture has and is enjoying the greatest measure of success.

Too many statistics are dry and uninteresting, but this being a purely agricultural region it may interest our readers to read a brief statement of the progress made along agricultural lines in recent years. From the following table you can derive an excellent idea as to what has been the increase of farm property since the year 1900 by comparing it with the years before:

VALUE OF ALL FARM PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES.	
1870.....	\$ 8,900,000,000
1880.....	12,180,000,000
1890.....	16,082,000,000
1900.....	26,439,000,000
1905.....	26,570,000,000

It will be noticed that the value of farm property has increased more in the five years just passed than it did in any ten years previous. This increase will be greatly augmented when the figures are in for 1906, for the year now closing has been unparalleled. This vast increase in farm values while greater than similar increases in any other line of labor, does not fully portray the prosperous condition of the American farmer. Take for instance

THE VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS	
1870.....	\$1,958,000,000
1880.....	2,212,000,000
1890.....	2,466,000,000
1900.....	4,717,000,000
1905.....	7,000,000,000

You will see by the above table that the increase is greater in the five years last past than it was for the thirty years between 1870 and 1900. This great increase is distributed among many people as for instance, the number of people engaged in farming in 1870 was 5,992,000 while in 1905, 11,500,000 people were following agriculture. Notwithstanding many more people are now farming than ever before, the per capita increase of wealth among farmers has steadily grown. The following table will show how much the per capita value of farm property has been for the past thirty-five years:

1870.....	\$1,495
1880.....	1,579
1890.....	1,878
1900.....	1,958
1905.....	2,310

And the end is not yet. As a matter of fact the beginning is just here. Great and wonderful as has been the progress during the last six years, the close student of conditions cannot fail to see that the development of the future will utterly dwarf anything the past has shown. Thirty years ago the late J.

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Sterling Morton said that Nebraska land would some day sell for \$100 per acre. The wise public laughed at the statement. The writer believes that Richardson county real estate will some day sell for an average of \$150 per acre, provided careless farming does not exhaust the soil. My reasons for such belief are that the giant strides of commerce, the rapid development of our country, the enormous increase in the population annually and the limited extent of the corn belt will enhance the value of our farm products year by year until the soil which produces them will pay good interest on the above valuation. Just as an instance let us speak of our wheat crop alone. Twenty years ago we consumed but 62 per cent of the wheat we raised and exported the surplus. Notwithstanding we are now producing much more wheat we are consuming 88 per cent and exporting but 12 per cent. In the near future our home market will more than consume all the wheat raised in America and we will import foreign wheat to supply our own demands. We all know what happens to the price when the demand exceeds the supply. The price of wheat will be kept lower, however, by the Dakota, Kansas and Canadian wheat fields. But where is the corn to come from with which to supply this constantly increasing home consumption? Canada, Dakota and most of Kansas will not raise corn. Climatic conditions have restricted the corn country to a comparatively narrow belt. All science cannot enlarge this belt. Richardson county is in this belt and will be one of the counties which will reap the magnificent harvest of the future.

There is but one thing to prevent the fulfillment of the

prediction made above and that is careless farming. There is land in this county that has not had a change in crops in twenty years. If men who farm like this could visit New England and see the farms that have been worn out and made worthless by such treatment they would learn a valuable lesson. I have seen farms in New England that you couldn't seed down with a hypodermic syringe. Don't ruin your farm. Give it a chance. Seed it down to clover, alfalfa, cow peas, in fact any of the legumes. Don't neglect the manure pile. It is one of the best friends you have. Some of our farmers are feeding their stock by turning cattle and hogs into the field just after the corn has passed the roasting ear stage and let them feed in this manner. It has proved successful with everybody who has tried it. The hogs get plenty of exercise, it saves the expense of husking and it distributes the manure over the field. If you own a farm in Richardson county you are not only assured of an independent living and a good home, but you have something to leave your children that will grow more and more valuable with the passing years. PROVIDED, you do not destroy it by careless farming.

Capt. W. S. Noyes, aged sixty-five years, a resident of Hastings for twenty-five years dropped dead shortly after entering the Bostwick barber shop. Mr. Noyes asked Lou Egelhoff, a barber, to assist him in removing his coat, and as Egelhoff turned to take the coat, Noyes said: "I might as well give it up, I'm going to die." He was caught in Egelhoff's arms as he fell and soon expired. During his residence there, Captain Noyes conducted the Lindell and the Denver house.

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Big Crop Potatoes.

The following clipping from the State Journal shows that the raising of potatoes in the northern part of the state is being carried on, on a large scale:

As the potato shipping season has about come to a close in this locality it has been very conclusively proven that Dakota county is fast forging to the front as one of the best potato producing counties to be found anywhere and that it is one of the best paying crops that can be raised. Nearly one hundred cars of potatoes were shipped from the different railroad stations on the "Dakota county bottom," and besides this it is a safe estimate that half that quantity was marketed in Sioux City by the wagon load. It is a safe estimate that 75,000 bushels of potatoes were sold by the farmers of this county at prices ranging from 30 to 40 cents per bushel. The acreage next year will be much larger, at it has been proven for several years past that the most profitable crop the farmers can raise is potatoes.

The highest yield this year was 300 bushels per acre. Not less than \$25,000 was paid for the potatoes so far sold by Dakota county farmers.

The colored people held forth at a dance in the Wahl hall last Thursday evening.

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S. W. GRIFFIN, Pastor.

M. E. Church.

The following services next Sabbath:
9:45 Sunday school.
10:45 preaching.
3:00 p. m. Junior league.
6:30 p. m. Epworth league.
7:30 p. m., sermon.
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening.
All cordially invited.
W. T. CLINE, Pastor.

First Christian Church.

Services of the First Christian church, Lordsday, Dec., 9th:
9:45 a. m., Bible School.
11:00 a. m. communion.
11:30 a. m., morning sermon.
3:00 p. m. Junior Endeavor.
6:30 p. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E.
7:30 p. m., evening sermon.
All are cordially invited and strangers and visitors in the city are kindly welcomed to attend all of these services.

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