

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

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The knowledge will be small consolation if you get stuck in the mud this spring, but Nebraska has come a long way since pioneer times in the development of its public roads and highways. A glance through pioneer reminiscences and the spring issues of early newspapers provides plenty of evidence that good old-fashioned Nebraska mud was one of the principal obstacles in the way of spring-time travel in old Nebraska.

Covered wagon emigrants, beating their way to Oregon, California, or Utah, frequently had trouble with Nebraska's mud—the Nebraska leg of the long journey almost always was undertaken in early spring. The trails became so badly rutted that wagons simply could not pass and new roads had to be marked out. (This, incidentally, accounts in part for the fact that the Oregon Trail may be several miles wide in certain parts of the state, notably southeastern Nebraska.)

In territorial times, roads were little better than trails; and when the ground thawed out in the spring they usually were impassable. Rural roads were not the only ones afflicted by the spring thaw. Village and city streets suffered in equal or greater proportion.

An editorial in the Dakota City Democrat, April 20, 1881, may be considered typical: "Last week this city was visited by shower after shower of April rain that reduced the condition of our streets to the consistency of paste. Pedestrians worked them up into a still worse condition with stegons and gutta percha boots, until the upper surface for two feet deep, was of the primitive nature of brick. Stilts and other pedal appendages, adroit jumping, and the aquatic knowledge of surgeons, were in much requisition. But this state of things could not last, so, the weather after being the cause of a monstrous amount of profanity, and the subject of universal remarks of an invidious nature, was induced—using language more expressive than elegant—to 'cry up.'"

Even the proud city of Omaha was afflicted with mud. Frank J. Burkley devotes an entire chapter of his excellent book, "The Faded Frontier, to 'Muddy Omaha.'"

He quotes from an early Omaha newspaper as follows: "We saw a dray laden with groceries sink into three feet of mud on Eleventh street near the northwest corner of Douglas street yesterday morning. Its freight had to be taken off and put on an express wagon before it could be moved from that slough of despond."

And here's a choice verse from the Omaha Herald, March 13, 1888, reproduced in The Faded Frontier:

"Some towns are famed for beauty,
"And others for deeds of blood,
"But say what you may of Omaha,
"It beats them all for mud."

Blackjack Not Enough
ALTOONA, Pa. (U.P.)—A user car dealer reported to police that a six-foot man who struck him over the head three times with a blackjack in a holdup attempt fled when he turned and hit him in the jaw.

Survives Wild Ride
WALLACE, Ida. (U.P.)—A seven-year-old boy survived a harrowing 100-yard ride down a log flume into Canyon Creek near here. Willy Frank was rescued from the creek suffering only bad bruises.

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Kuner's Champion PEAS

3 No. 303 (17-Oz. Cans) **39c**
Doz., \$1.55; case of 2 Doz., \$3.05

Preston Whole Kernel Golden CORN

2 No. 2 Cans **23c**

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2 No. 2 Cans **25c**

Le Sevillana Queen OLIVES

Full Qt. Jar **59c**
Full Pint Jar, 35c

POTATOES

Nebr. Washed Red Triumph, Large Size "A" 10 lbs. **35c**
100-lb. Bag (when packed) **\$2.85**
Hinky-Dinky is headquarters for Genuine Red River Select Seed Potatoes

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Fancy Long Green Fresh Tender Calif. 1-lb. Bundle **29c**

GRAPEFRUIT

Florida Marsh Seedless Sweet & Full of Juice lb. **10c**

ORANGES

Fcy. Fla. Seedless Juicy Valencia lb. **11c**

APPLES

Fcy. Calif. Seedless Navel, Large Sizes lb. **12c**

LETTUCE

Fancy and Extra Fancy Washington Delicious lb. **12c**

CELERY

Fresh Crisp Solid Arizona Iceberg, Ext. Lge. 4 Doz. Size Head **15c**

CABBAGE

Fresh Tender Fla. Golden Heart Large Well Bleached Stalks ea. **15c**

YAMS

Fresh Green Solid New Texas lb. **5c**

CARROTS

U. S. No. 1 Texas Porto Rican lb. **10c**

CARROTS

California Green Top, Large Bunches 2 for **15c**

CAULIFLOWER

Calif. White Snowball lb. **12c**

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Small Size Yellow lb. **10c**



Bonny Lass In Heavy Syrup
Black Raspberries
No. 300 (15-Oz. Can) **29c**



Blueberry Pie Brand In Heavy Syrup
Blueberries
No. 300 (15-Oz. Can) **29c**

SWANSON'S

Boned Turkey 6-Oz. Can **49c** Chicken Ala King 10 1/2-Oz. Can **47c**

WYLER'S

Chicken Noodle or Chicken Rice Soup Mix, 2-Oz. Pkg, 12c **3 for 35c**

ELLIS

Spaghetti & Meat Balls No. 300 (15 1/2-Oz.) Can **23c** Fancy Fresh Cucumber Pickles 16-Oz. Jar **25c**

SPRAY

Strained Cranberry Sauce, Ocean No. 300 (16-Oz.) Can **15c** Allwheat Pancake Flour 3 1/2-Lb. Pkg. **39c**

PILLSBURY

Pie Crust Mix 2-Pkg. Units **31c** Strained Assorted Foods 4 1/2-Oz. Cans **25c**

SWIFT'S

Strained Assorted Meats 3 1/2-Oz. Cans **19c** Baking Chocolate **HERSHEY'S** 1/2-Lb. Pkg. **35c**

NABISCO

Waffle Cream Cookies 6-Oz. Pkg. **25c** Semi Sweet Choc. Bits **ROCKWOOD** 6-Oz. Pkg. **19c**

SUPREME

Alpine Creme Cookies 14-Oz. Cello **37c** Creams Perfectly **Swiftening** 3-Lb. Can **76c**

PREM

Tender Beef Added 12-Oz. Can **41c** Armour's Dog Food 1-Lb. Can **13c**

BORAX

20-Mule Team 2-Lb. Pkg. **31c** Cat Food All Fish **TABBY** 2 15-Oz. Cans **23c**



BEANS & BACON

Otoe Large 52-Oz. Can **29c**

RICE

Gaylord Fancy Blue Rose 3-Lb. Cel. lo Bag **37c**
2-Lb. Cello Bag, 27c

LIMA BEANS

Large California 2-Lb. Cello **29c**

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COFFEE

Chase & Sanborn 1-Lb. Can **75c**

R-Best Halves, in heavy syrup No. 2 1/2 Cans **49c**

All In One, in heavy Syrup. Mixed No. 1 (16-Oz.) Can **17c**

Del Monte Fancy Pineapple JUICE 46-Oz. Can **39c**

Florida Gold Sweet Orange JUICE 46-Oz. Can **37c**

Florida Gold Sweet Blended JUICE 46-Oz. Can **37c**

Prattlow Mam. Green & White Tips Asparagus Picnic Can **29c**

Little Mill Spinach 2 No. 2 Cans **23c**
Down, in heavy syrup, cut sweet No. 2 1/2 Can **21c**

POTATOES

Food Club Fancy 14-Oz. Bottle **CATSUP** **18c**

Food Club Fancy Pint 8-Oz. Jar, 20c **Mayonnaise** **35c**

Summer Girl Salad 14-Oz. Jar **DRESSING** **35c**

Palm Maine Oil 3 1/4-Oz. Cans **Sardines** **29c**

Admiral Mustard 10-Oz. Can **SARDINES** **17c**

Golden Shore Chum 1-Lb. Can **SALMON** **35c**

Summer Girl, Reg. or Drip 1-Lb. Can **COFFEE** **69c**

Jane Whyte Choc. Thin 1-Lb. Box **MINTS** **39c**

Hersheys, Mars, Your Favorite Popular Brands Assorted Candy **BARS** Ctns. of 24 **89c**

Popular Brands **GUM** Ctns. of 20 **63c**

NORTHERN TOILET TISSUE

"Made of Fluff" Reg. Roll **8c**

OMAR FLOUR

10 Lb. Bag **89c**
5 Lbs., **47c**



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Chili Hot 2 No. 303 (17-Oz. Cans) **25c**

CLOROX

Cleans, Bleaches, Deodorizes 1/2-Gal Jug **29c**
Qt. 17c, Gal. 48c