

FROST CAME LAST NIGHT.

The Forecast of the Weather Man Became a Reality.

FIRST FREEZE OF THE SEASON.

Garden Vegetation is Retired From Further Activity This Year—Some Corn Was Past Injury but the Late Planting Was Caught.

[From Wednesday's Daily.] The frost that was forecasted for Monday night, and again for last night, certainly succeeded in putting in an appearance on the latter occasion, and this morning leaves, plants and walks were covered with the white crystals, while the surface of standing water was covered with a scum of ice perhaps an eighth of an inch in thickness.

Every growing plant is certainly retired from further activity, but the probability is that much of the corn was far enough advanced so that it will develop from what little life yet remains in the stalks. The freeze came four days later than last year, but the four days have been damp, chilly weather, not favorable to the ripening process, so that vegetation is probably in the same condition, practically, that it was last year, when many of the fields of corn were soft and imperfectly developed.

Garden growths, fruits, and other farm products, that were unprotected have, of course, been practically ruined. Corn was the one great crop, however, threatened by a freeze, and was undoubtedly considerably damaged, owing to the lateness of the spring, and the impossibility of an early planting because of high water and incessant rains. The farmers, however, have harvested a big crop of oats and a fair crop of wheat, while the soft corn and the stalks make good feed for cattle, preventing any distress or hardship to the people of the country, but knocking off some of the profits that were in prospect.

According to the thermometer at Dr. Salter's government station the minimum temperature last night was 25 degrees, which is seven degrees below freezing, and was the same point reached by the first freeze of last year, so that it is safe to assume that the conditions this year are the same as last, with probably a slight advantage to the credit of last year owing to the lateness of this spring and the retarding of all farm work.

In this connection it will be of interest to readers to compare the frost of this year with that of preceding years. The table of frosts that follows was prepared by G. A. Loveland, section director at Lincoln, and covers a period of nearly fifty years. Mr. Loveland's observation takes in the entire state and it will be well to remember in considering the figures that as this portion of the state usually receives a frost before the southern portion, it would be fair to figure that the crops in this section have been usually retired before the dates mentioned. The dates for the first fifteen years have been taken from the records of E. L. Childs of Plattsmouth, and for the balance of the time the records of from five to twenty-stations scattered over the corn belt of the state, have been considered. Dr. P. H. Salter, who has kept a weather record at Norfolk during the past eight years, finds that frost has always visited this section before the 20th of September, and the frost of this year is later than the average. Mr. Loveland's table of frosts is as follows:

Table showing frost dates from 1857 to 1902. Columns include year, month, and day. Frost dates range from Oct. 15 to Sept. 12.

Omaha, Sept. 16.—Special to The News: Frost visited every county in the state last night. Reports here indicate that corn is only slightly damaged in the southern part of the state. There were killing frosts in the north and west. Frost is predicted again for tonight.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Following is the general summary of crop conditions as stated in a bulletin issued yesterday by G. A. Loveland, section director of the weather bureau: The past week has been cold, wet, and generally unfavorable for agricultural interests.

The mean daily temperature has averaged 4 degrees below normal in eastern counties and from 2 degrees to 9 degrees below in western.

The rainfall has been heavy in the eastern part of the state, generally exceeding an inch and in some places exceeding two inches; in the western counties it was much lighter, ranging from nothing to half an inch.

Thrashing and haying have been retarded by the rains and some grain and hay have been damaged. The wet weather this fall makes this work now much behind the normal stage

of advancement at this season of the year. Corn has matured rather slowly in southeastern counties, but has made more satisfactory progress in northern and western counties. Some early planted corn is now beyond injury by frost, but much of the crop needs two to three weeks of good weather. The late planted corn is just in the roasting-ear stage. Plowing and seeding have progressed nicely, with the ground in excellent condition in most parts of the state.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

W. J. Gow made the round trip to Plainview, today, on business.

Will Oxnam went to Lincoln today to attend the state university.

Night Watch Carl Pilger went to Stanton today to take in the county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor left this morning for Harlan, Iowa, to visit relatives.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in the city from Madison yesterday meeting old-time friends.

Rev. J. H. Clay is moving into the Baptist parsonage on South Fifth street, from North Ninth.

C. S. Bridge accompanied his daughter Helen to Lincoln today, where she will enter the university.

The Ladies' society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. E. A. Bullock Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa K. Leonard and Mrs. J. L. Leonard of Waterloo, Iowa, are enjoying a camping outing at Horseshoe lake.

Mrs. Harry Bain, Mrs. Wm. Ellenwood and Mrs. Wheelock of South Norfolk went to Neligh today to attend the carnival.

Mrs. E. C. Harris of Chadron passed through the city last evening on her way home from Fremont, where she had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harmon.

Al. Madsen has returned from Chicago, where he had a position with a shoe company. He will remain at home during the winter, and has a place with the Bee Hive.

Miss Myrtle Templin, who has been visiting friends at Wayne, Wakefield and Randolph since the convention of Baptist young people at Carroll, is expected home Friday.

Company L. N. N. G., is planning to give a military ball at the armory tomorrow evening, the proceeds from which are to be used to help defray the expenses of the company in camp.

Washington dispatches state that Solomon Murphy of Norfolk has been granted a patent on a rule attachment. Peter Bergland of Newman Grove has received a patent on a ditching machine.

Superintendent Reynolds was in Fremont yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harmon. Other railroad officials present were General Superintendent Hughes and Tax Commissioner Whitney from Omaha.

Geo. McCombs has returned from an extended trip through the west. In Denver he saw Will Meiers, formerly with Reed's barber shop, and he talks as though he might return to Nebraska for the "steenth" time.

C. D. Jenkins of the Fair store, who is something of a farmer himself, is optimistic regarding the frost visitation of last night, and says that only the corn that would never have matured anyway will be injured by the freeze.

Mrs. Younger has removed to her cottage on South Second street, and the boarding house at the corner of Madison and Second is in charge of Miss Hattie Mayhew of Battle Creek until her mother, who is closing up her affairs at Battle Creek, returns.

A large number of Norfolk people left today to attend the county fair at Stanton and the carnival at Neligh. The weather is all that could be desired for such events and large delegations were enticed from the city thereby.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Harmon of Chadron, wife of Superintendent Harmon of the Black Hills division of the Chicago and Northwestern, was held in Fremont yesterday morning, and the remains were laid to rest in the Fremont cemetery.

The Norfolk business houses that have been closing at 5:30 in the evening, except Saturdays, during the spring and summer, last evening remained open during the evening for the first time and will continue to keep open evenings during the fall and at least a portion of the winter.

The body of Guy A. Bush of Wayne was among those 302 that have recently arrived in New York from Manila on the transport Kilpatrick. He was a member of Troop E, Fifth cavalry. The body of but one other Nebraska soldier was aboard—F. P. Fosdike, Company C, Twelfth infantry, of Omaha.

C. B. Burrows left this morning for Madison, and from there he and Mrs. Burrows will leave for the west, visiting at Denver, Salt Lake City, and other points enroute to the coast, where they will remain several months, and perhaps all winter, visiting in California, Washington and Oregon.

Greatly Reduced Rates via Wabash Railroad.

Home visitors excursion to points in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, sold September 1st, 8th, 15th, and October 6th., at very low rates. Long limit, returning.

STANTON COUNTY FAIR.

Opening Day Has Prospects for a Good Exhibition.

AN EXCELLENT SPEED PROGRAM

Agricultural Products, Machinery, Fine Stock and Other Exhibits are Being Received and Placed—Officers of the Association.

Stanton, Neb., Sept. 15.—From a Staff Correspondent: The first day of the Stanton county fair opened bright and clear, after a postponement of the opening one day from the date set.

This is largely entry day and devoted to receiving and placing exhibits, but the indications are for a fine display of agricultural products. Many farmers are coming in today with samples of Stanton county's excellent yield of corn, pumpkins, etc. Merchants are also making preparations to represent their business with artistic assortments of goods.

Machinery and other manufactures from abroad are also represented and men are busy putting together and getting their displays ready.

The speed events will take place Friday and Saturday and Secretary J. S. Hancock informs The News' representative that the attraction along this line will be something great. Besides the local speeders fast horses will be here from South Dakota, Iowa, and many points in this state, including Madison, Battle Creek, Humboldt, Tecumseh, and other towns.

The fair grounds, southeast of town, are in excellent condition, much work having been put in on the buildings and track, and everything is in first class condition—a little muddy this morning, but the warm sunshine promises to soon dry it up.

Officers of the association are: Andrew Spence, president; George Barr, vice president; J. S. Hancock, secretary; John Schindler, treasurer; Jas. McKinney, superintendent of grounds; A. G. Moderow, superintendent of floral hall; R. Y. Appleby, superintendent of speed.

The Stanton County Agricultural society was organized in 1887, with a capital stock of \$10,000, to continue twenty years. It has had a county fair every year and is in a flourishing condition.

Among the side attractions at the fair will be base ball games Thursday and Friday between the Stanton and Pilger teams for a purse of \$50 for each game. Both towns have strongly organized ball teams and the contests promise to be swift and interesting.

The following is the speed program of the three days: Thursday, September 17. Trot or pace for 2:30 trotters and 2:35 pacers—purse \$100. Half mile running 2 in 3, catch weights, free for all—purse \$50.

Friday, September 18. Trot or pace, for 2:40 trotters and 2:45 pacers—purse \$100. Trot or pace, for 2:25 trotters and 2:30 pacers—purse \$125. Half mile running race, 2 in 3, for horses under 15 hands high, catch weights—purse, \$50.

Saturday, September 19. Free-for-all, trot or pace—purse \$250. Half mile running, 2 in 3, free-for-all, catch weights—purse \$50.

THE PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED.

Stanton, Neb., Sept. 17.—From a Staff Correspondent: On the second day of the Stanton county fair the weather is good, but the rain of yesterday has put the track in bad shape, and none of the speed events will take place before tomorrow. There is a fair attendance and the people are enjoying themselves at viewing the exhibits and taking in the amusement features that have been prepared for their entertainment. The management is more than pleased with the interest taken in the fair by the farmers and one of them states that the exhibits of farm produce and the displays of goods by merchants of the city are the best that have been shown for years.

The ball game between the Stanton and Pilger teams which had been billed for today and tomorrow has been called off, and it is probable that a game with the Indians of Bonesteel, S. D., will be put on to fill in the dates.

A Fine Bank Building.

The brick work on the new First National bank building at the corner of Main street and Nebraska avenue has been finished and the building will be rapidly pushed to completion. It will make a handsome home for the business of the bank. The building is sixty feet deep with twenty-five foot frontage, and is two stories in height. The contract cost of the building, finished up for occupancy, will be \$6,000.

The first floor of the building will be occupied by the First National bank people, and three elegant suites of office rooms will be finished up on the second floor. It is hoped by the bank officials to have the building ready for occupancy before cold weather comes.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

O. S. Hibson of Plainview was in town over night.

P. W. Singer of Winslow was a visitor in town this morning.

C. H. Kelsy was in Norfolk between

trains from Neligh this morning.

W. L. McAllister of Neligh transacted business in the city this morning.

Mrs. E. C. Hutton and daughter of Pierce were shopping in Norfolk today.

C. E. Burnham, banker of Tilden, was a business visitor to Norfolk this morning.

J. H. Hunter of Omaha, claim agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, is in town today.

Mrs. H. L. Snyder and Mrs. M. C. Hazen were passengers for Omaha this morning.

Mrs. E. O. Mount and two daughters returned Tuesday evening from St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. G. S. Warren and Mrs. H. G. Holst of Tilden were shopping in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rembe, who have been attending the Neligh street fair, will return home tomorrow.

C. P. Parish and Dr. F. G. Salter returned last evening from their duck hunting trip to Atkinson.

Superintendent G. K. Williams, of the federal building, has gone to Chicago for a visit with his family.

Rev. J. F. Poucher is again able to be out after a sickness confining him to his bed for six weeks.

Storrs Mathewson returned last night from Plattsmouth, where he had been on business for a few days.

The Ladies guild of Trinity church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. H. A. Carpenter.

Foreman Alke, of the federal building, left today noon for Chicago, where he goes to visit his family over Sunday.

Mr. James S. Lee and wife from New York City are visiting at the home of Henry Lodor. Mrs. Lee is a sister of Mrs. Lodor.

Mrs. Geo. Spear and baby have returned from their visit at Clarks and Columbus. They are now with Miss Mason for a few days.

Prof. J. A. Hornberger of Lincoln is in the city. He was formerly superintendent of schools at this place. He now represents Rand & McNally of Chicago in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock of South Fourth street are packing up their goods preparatory to moving to Orchard, where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Bessie Pratt of Kansas City, an aunt of N. B. Dolsen, and Miss Cora Holcomb of Kankakee, Ill., a cousin of Mrs. Dolsen, are guests at the Dolsen home in this city.

Hon. W. M. Robertson returned home at noon today from Neligh where he crowned the queen of the festival yesterday. Mr. Robertson is delighted with the carnival and may return tomorrow.

Frank Clark has taken the position of collector with the local exchange of the Nebraska Telephone company. The increasing business of the company made it necessary to keep a collector constantly employed.

George Berry, the sheep ranchman, returned home this noon from a trip throughout the Black Hills and as far as the Continental Divide on the mountains. Mr. Berry says there is snow all along the line in the hills.

The monthly meeting of the Co-operative association of the Omaha Rescue Home will meet Friday, September 18, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the home of Mrs. Weaver, 401, corner of Eighth street and Park avenue. All members are requested to be present.

The telephone linemen have been extending a line out to the farm homes of N. L. Taylor and Roy Hight. E. E. Harter, northwest of the city, has recently been connected with the system, it being necessary to set thirty poles between the local exchange and his home.

Geo. McCombs, who is just home from Denver, says that H. H. Hake is now running the St. James hotel in that city. One of his daughters has married a wealthy stockman and lives on a ranch. Fred Nye, Mr. Hake's nephew, is also in Denver running a wholesale house.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lenser of Tilden, who were married in that place yesterday afternoon, arrived in Norfolk today and will visit relatives and friends for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Lenser attended the Neligh carnival enroute on the wedding tour, stopping there until this morning.

Mr. D. Wheeler has a letter from Mrs. Wheeler, who is now in Seattle, in which she tells of the death of D. W. Green, at one time pension agent at this place. It seems that Mr. Green was in Seattle visiting the Ellis family, and one night last week he retired in his room at the hotel and the next morning at 8 o'clock he was found dead in bed, the result of heart disease.

G. A. Luikart, president of the Commercial club, has an invitation extended to the club to the third annual meet of the Mississippi Valley Futurity club to be held in Kearney, October 19 to 24, under the auspices of the Kearney Coursing club. Good grounds, good dogs, good rabbits, good sports, ample accommodations and the attention of the business men of Kearney are promised.

The Storrs Mathewson homestead of 150 acres, a mile north of the sugar factory, has been sold to Wm. Hagel from Plattsmouth, the consideration being \$10,000. Mr. Hagel has also purchased the Pofahl farm of 150 acres four miles northeast of town, paying for this \$4,800. He recently sold his farm near Plattsmouth for \$87.50 an acre, and comes here to invest in better land at less price.

FREEZE NOTHING SERIOUS.

More Money in Corn Than For Two Years.

THERE IS INCREASED ACREAGE.

The Average Amount Will be Marketed and that Which is Soft Will Go For Extra Measure as Feed. Farmers Interviewed on Conditions.

[From Thursday's Daily.] It is to be admitted that the early frost has given business men and farmers alike a severe fright, but when the condition comes to be analyzed it is found that the country is not nearly so bad off as was feared. As compared with last year, when there was also an early frost, it is very much better, and it will average up with the general run of years in this section of the state. More acres of corn were planted than ever before and the yield is far beyond any previous season, so that some of the corn can be spared from each field and still leave a good average crop. One farmer tersely expresses the situation when he says he has as much good corn as he ever had and the soft corn thrown in for feed.

It is believed by persons who have been giving the matter a careful study since yesterday morning that the country will get more dollars out of the corn crop this year than it has in the past two. There will be as much marketable corn in the country as usual and there will be much more to be sold in the shape of beef and pork. The valleys were worse hit than the uplands, but even on low ground the corn that was planted early escaped without injury. A year ago the first frost completely killed the stalk but this year the sap does not seem to be generally injured. The nipping of outside leaves, where the sap in the stalk is still alive, merely tends to hasten the ripening of the ears, and it is believed that after a day or two this will be found to be exactly the case in the majority of fields.

The corn that is injured is far enough advanced to make practically as good feed for stock as though it had been untouched by frost. The crop is so immense in the country that the quantity will make up all loss and the amount of marketable corn will be as great as any average year.

The condition summarized is that corn is damaged no worse than last year, but there are more acres planted and a greater yield, and the result is that there will be as much marketable corn to be shipped out of the country as last year, besides a great stock of soft corn left for feed.

A number of farmers were seen in regard to the situation yesterday and this morning, and while as a general thing they are inclined to look at the matter through blue glasses, yet the interviews bear out the statement that the country is not half bad off.

Col. Cotton, after driving out to the Storrs Mathewson farm north of town, announced that his fields had suffered very little injury. This land is located on low ground next to the river.

Burr Taft, living south of town next the Elkhorn, says he has eighty acres in corn. Twenty acres was planted late and is frosted. Of the other sixty acres fully seventy-five per cent is now good hard corn.

G. A. Luikart drove out west of town last evening. The first field he examined was that of Mr. Kruse. Here he found fifty per cent out of the way of frost—the other half will shrivel some but will make good feed. In the Obed Ranch field he found an occasional ear soft, but not more than ten per cent is injured and that will make good feed. In the field of Mr. Raasch, sr., the corn is as good as any average year.

Jorges Mittelstadt, living west of Hadar, thinks the corn in that section is very little hurt.

Wm. Stransky, living on the Bruce place northeast of the city, says his crop is not injured.

A. B. Childs, living six miles north-east, says his corn was planted early and is all right.

C. J. Fuhrman, living in the same neighborhood, says he has a heavy crop. The first planting is in good shape, but there is some soft corn in the second planting. He says he has as much good corn as he expects to raise and the soft corn extra.

Anton Huebner, living northwest, says his field is badly hurt, probably one-half of it frosted.

Herman Marten says his field is spotted, some of it good and some bad, and he estimates that one-half is touched.

Agriculturalist C. E. Burnham of Tilden says the corn crop is pretty well paralyzed by his way. This agriculturalist did not have a full night's sleep last night, having come in on the early train, and he was a little dyspeptic as well as pessimistic.

W. H. Bridge is of the opinion that the frosting of the outer husks will hasten the ripening process and get it out of the way of more severe frost.

D. Rees has been in several corn fields since yesterday morning and examined them carefully. He believes corn is not damaged materially, that the main stalk is practically un injured and that even the soft corn will mature. Seventy to seventy-five per cent of the corn is uninjured today.

Al. Low says the frost was a blessing, that it will make the corn ripen up.

G. B. Salter reports that 75 per

cent of the corn is matured. The damage is injured according to the time of planting from 10 to 50 per cent. There was no frost last night, as predicted by the weather man yesterday. Today is quite a considerably warmer and it is doubtful if his prediction of frost tonight will come true.

DOINGS OF COMMISSIONERS.

Met at Madison Last Week to Allow Bills and Hear the Quarterly Report From Poor Farm.

Madison, Neb., Sept. 8, 1903, 1 p. m. —Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. All members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved. On motion the following bills were allowed: Geo. Zimmerman, bridge work, \$ 28 00 R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, 25 00 R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, 126 00 R. L. Lovelace, bridge work, 51 45 C. M. Boyles, bridge work, 44 70 H. J. Morris, bridge work, 19 00 J. R. Manning, helping surveyor 27 00 J. J. Vaage, 6 wolf scalps, 12 00 W. H. Lowe, surveying, 51 90 M. Abts, repairing typewriter, 1 00 Geo. Kaul, salary for August, 40 00 C. W. Crum, salary for August 100 00 Joe Kilpatrick, bridge work, 5 00 Chittenden & Snyder, repairing grader and caring for election booths, 9 25 W. H. Stocker, drugs, 6 75 State Journal, books, 50 00 Newman Grove high school (tuition), 90 00 J. H. Kierstead, hall rent for election purposes, 10 00 James Connelly, bridge work, 3 00 J. A. Rainey, fees, state vs. Dugan, 5 00 Theo. Willie, bridge work, 21 00 C. L. Laubach, nails, 23 15 John Krantz, livery, 5 00 G. E. Moore, hardware, 1 90 D. D. Brunson, livery \$52.75 applied on tax, 85

On motion board adjourned to 8 o'clock and September 9, 1903.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Report of T. J. Taylor, Superintendent of poor farm was accepted. Report as follows:

Battle Creek, Neb., Sept. 8, 1903.—To The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Madison, Neb. Gentlemen: I herewith enclose the following bills which have been incurred during the second quarter of the year C. E. Hansen, 2 20 C. E. Flores, 1 95 Maas & Human, drugs, 1 55 Frank Rusiek, 4 95 Fred Scheerger, 11 60 L. F. Merz, 35 M. L. Thomson, 16 63 H. B. Baker, 22 63 H. Miller, 19 36 Morris & Co., 1 70 J. R. Martin, merchandise, 11 70 Boyer & Osborn, 9 70 Joseph Dittrick, 2 60 Hall & Meineke, 40 Joseph Severa, 70 Thos. J. Taylor, 123 75 J. E. Saunders, 18 15 William Sessler, 44 00 Total, \$291 92

The following persons are now on the farm: Jude Boseman, Anton Tyrell and Chada.

Respectfully submitted, Thos. J. Taylor, Supt.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

M. L. Thomson, merchandise, \$ 15 00 J. Severa, merchandise, 70 C. E. Hansen, blacksmithing, 2 20 Chas. E. Flores, merchandise, 1 95 Frank Rusiek, 4 95 Maas & Human, drugs, 1 55 Fred Scheerger, implements, 11 60 L. F. Merz, hardware, 35 H. B. Baker, lumber, 22 63 Jos. Dittrick, blacksmithing, 2 60 Boyer & Osborn, merchandise, 9 70 Hall & Meineke, 40 Howard Miller Lumber Co., lumber, 18 33 Morris & Co., drugs, 1 70 J. R. Martin, merchandise, 11 70 Thos. J. Taylor, salary, 123 75 Battle Creek Roller Mills, grinding (paid), 18 15 William Sessler (paid), 44 00 George Theile, caring for insane person, 2 00 Hope Publishing Co. notes, 5 00 J. H. Donovan, printing School News, etc., 33 25 Herman Radenz, ditching 1-2-3-4, 125 00 Fred Neuwerk, bridge work, 25 00 F. E. Barnum, printing, 17 25 Claus Young, soldiers relief committee, 75 00 H. W. Winter, commissioner's salary for 2 months and money advanced papers, 83 40 S. J. Finnegan, commissioner's salary for 2 months, 102 85 Chris Schmitt, commissioner's salary for 2 months, 89 95 An affidavit was filed by Lars M. J. Vaage, assessor for Shell Creek precinct for 1902, that he made a mistake in assessing lot 4, block 1 of S. B. Cain's addition. The lot was assessed as an improved lot, whereas it is unimproved. The tax was reduced accordingly.

On motion board adjourned to October, 6, 1903, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Emil Winter, County Clerk.

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