in excellent condition. The prospect for a heavy yield of wheat and oats is good, the cool weather of the past ten days having strengthened the plants. Corn, the main crop, has suffered slightly, but will recover. Corn is being plowed in some parts of the county. The gross acreage of crops in the county is greater than in former years.

DIXON.

Newcastle—The soil in this part of Dixon county is a little dry. Crops are from two to four weeks ahead of last year, large fields of corn having already passed their first plowing. The acreage is somewhat larger than last year. The outlook is good, although rain is needed.

DODGE.

Fremont—The increase of acreage of cultivated crops over last year is estimated at about 15 per cent; increased acreage of corn, from 5 to 10 per cent; oats, 10 per cent; winter wheat, decrease, 50 per cent. Small grain before the frost was looking well. The frost nipped the tops and set them back fully two weeks. On high lands grain has been very much injured by the dry weather and unless we have rain soon the crop will be light. Corn was not injured by the frost nearly as badly as at first reported. The frost seemed to be confined to well defined areas and considerable corn escaped untouched. Listed corn and that just coming up escaped injury. Early corn was frozen and some of it had to be replanted. Corn planting is very nearly finished. Potatoes were frozen down even with the ground by the late frost. They are coming up again in good shape. Beets are looking fine. Some damage has been done them by bugs.

HOLT.

Ewing—Prospects are very good. Small grain is looking well, while corn is recovering from the recent cold spell in fine shape. The acreage of small grain is not as large as usual, but the acreage of corn is nearly double. A fine shower last evening has greatly improved the appearance of all crops.

O'Neill—The crop outlook in Holt county is good. More rain has fallen this spring than in the spring of '92 and the ground is in good condition. The weather has been too cool for favorable growth. There is a smaller area of wheat and more corn. Probably one-third more ground is planted to corn than ever before. Corn looks fine.

KNOX.

Niobrara—The damage done by the frosts last Sunday and Monday nights was confined in the early planted fields. All crops in this county were planted late owing to the delay in procuring seed. The acreage will be 20 per cent less than last year. Corn is not suffering now, although rain will be needed very soon.

NANCE.

Fullerton—Small grain is beginning to show the need of rain. Rye and winter wheat will not make more than one-third of an average crop. Spring wheat and oats are looking exceedingly well, but must have rain soon to insure a good crop. Corn throughout the entire county is in splendid condition, with a perfect stand. Farm work is at least three weeks further advanced than ordinarily. Recent frosts have done but little damage. A larger crop will be harvested this year than ever before in the history of the county.

PIERCE.

Pierce—Crops never looked better. While we have been visited with seemingly heavy frosts the damage has been relatively light. The acreage of corn is a great deal larger compared with former years. Small grain is up to the average. Soil is in excellent condition and farmers feel jubilant over the flattering prospects.

STANTON.

Stanton—Crop prospects are by no means discouraging. The acreage is about 10 per cent greater than last year. Small grain is a little browned from the effects of the frost, but otherwise looks well. Early planted corn in some localities was slightly injured by the frost, but very little replanting was necessary. There was sufficient moisture in the ground to germinate the late planted corn. Cut worms are doing some damage. Small fruit was injured by the frosts. Rain is needed badly, but the general crop prospects of the county have seldom been better at this time of the year.

THURSTON.

Pender—A larger area of corn has been planted in Thurston county this year than ever before and the crop is looking well. The soil still has considerable moisture and is in good condition. Cold weather and light frosts have retarded the growth of corn and small grain somewhat, but no serious injury has been reported.

WASHINGTON.

Blair—In general crops look well. The frost has done a little damage in some portions of the county, mostly on the low lands. The county needs rain badly, nearly every farmer saying that all crops are suffering more from lack of rain than from frosts. More corn has been planted this year than last and about the same amount of small grain.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION.

Irrigation and Seasonable Rains Combined Render Prospects Favorable.

Northwestern Nebraska seems to be doing herself proud this spring. In no part of the state has irrigation come into such extensive use, and, as if nature was bent on helping the farmer who helps himself, the moisture drawn from ditches and canals has been supplemented by liberal showers. Altogether northwestern Nebraska is in better shape than ever before in the history of the state.

BOX BUTTE.

Hemingford—The spring has been late and dry, but all crops are looking remarkably well. The rains have made a wonderful development, and if June is equally favorable this county will have a grand crop. The acreage of all crops is about the same as last year, with the possible exception of wheat.

CHERRY.

Valentine—Soil getting dry. Early wheat slightly yellow. Corn sick from cold weather. Rye and oats compare favorably with crops of former years. The acreage of wheat is about two-thirds of former years. The stand is excellent. The acreage of other cereal crops is about one-half of former years. Damage by frosts confined to garden products.

DAWES

Crawford—Late snows and heavy rains during the early part of last month left the land in this part of Dawes county in excellent condition to start with. The weather for the past month has been cold and backward, the table lands as usual receiving lots of rain. Irrigation ditches are being pushed in every direction with great energy. The acreage of all crops is at least one-fourth greater than last year. All crops are doing finely and none were injured by the recent frosts.

DEUEL.

Chappell—The outlook for crops in this county, except in the irrigated portions, is very discouraging, as we have had no rain to speak of this spring and the ground is very dry. The acreage is about one-half of what it was last year and wheat and corn are the principal crops. Late frosts did very little damage, except to potatoes.

LINCOLN.

North Platte—Lincoln county crops are suffering from drouth. Work on irrigated farms is in advance of the season, while on upland farms it has about ceased on account of the dry condition of the soil. The average rainfall has been less than usual, taking the entire county. Recent frosts did but little damage. The acreage on the uplands is much smaller in comparison with former years and largely increased in the irrigated districts. Irrigated crops are in splendid condition.

LOGAN.

Gandy—Farmers all say that the soil was never in better condition to work and crops are progressing finely. Cool weather during the past two weeks has been very beneficial to small grain. Acreage from 60 to 75 per cent of former years. The general feeling is that there will be a small grain crop, with a fair prospect for corn. Rainfall has been a little better than the average. No damage by frosts. Outlook is good for a fine hay crop. Pastures are fine.

ROCK.

Bassett—Dry and cold for past two weeks and crops of all kinds are injured. Ground too dry and weather has been too cold for crops to make any progress and altogether the prospect is not bright. The acreage is not so large as last year. If we get rain soon there will be a good hay crop.

SIOUX.

Harrison—In some portions of Sioux county crops are in good condition yet, but rain is needed badly. Nearly all crops are in except corn, which will not be largely planted this year. The total acreage in the county will be one-fourth less than last year, while the wheat and potato acreage will largely exceed any former year. Recent frosts did no damage to speak of.

SHERIDAN.

Rushville—Prospect for a good crop is excellent. The total rainfall has hardly been up to the average. The total acreage of all crops will fall a little below last year. Recent frosts did no damage, except to retard growth of crops. General feeling hopeful.

THOMAS.

Thedford—The work of putting in crops is later this spring than usual. The acreage is about the same as last year. Comparatively not as much rain has fallen and the continued dry weather is causing the farmers to feel discouraged. Recent frosts did not do much damage.

CENTRAL SECTION.

Outlook Not So Favorable for Lack of Sufficient Moisture.

Central Nebraska presents an unfavorable report, as compared with former successful crop years. The rainfall has not been general over this section. Isolated counties have fared better than their neighbors, and this fact will account for the difference in the reports. Some of the heretofore best counties of this part of the state are in bad shape, the lack of rain being their general complaint.

BUFFALO.

Gibbon—Suffering badly for rain, especially in the eastern half. Ground dry and small grain is badly damaged. Corn is a good stand, but begins to show the effect of drouth. Wheat is a total failure. A large acreage of all crops was planted.

Ravenna—Crops of all kinds are suffering intensely. Rye and winter wheat are already ruined and spring wheat is injured fully 30 per cent. Corn is up, but is not growing.

Elm Creek—Crops in this end of Buffalo county are in good condition, having received a heavy rain on May 5, which only extended ten miles each way from this place. The acreage is about 80 per cent of former years on account of scarcity of feed and seed. Frost did but little damage. The new irrigation ditch will be running inside of ten days.

BOONE.

Albion—Small grain in some localities needs rain badly. Acreage of all kinds of crops larger than last year. Farmers are somewhat anxious for rain. The rainfall this spring has been normal. Recent frosts did but little damage except to gardens.

CUSTER.

Callaway—Wheat that was sown early is not in good condition. It was set back by the frost and there has not been sufficient rain to bring it out. Late sown wheat looks better, and with rain soon will make a good crop. Oats are scarce. So far the corn crop has not suffered from drouth, but it needs warm weather. The acreage of corn is probably up to the average.

Broken Bow—At the present writing Custer county needs rain badly. The western and southern portions of the county are suffering the most, but in the other eighteen townships wheat, generally speaking, looks well. Oats will not now make more than half a crop. Probably five-sixths of the corn is planted. Late planted corn is still waiting for moisture to sprout.

DAWSON.

Gothenburg—Small grain is dying, and in some sections south is past redemption. North of us, if we get good rains in a few days, the prospects are still good for an average crop. Corn is coming up slowly, on account of cold weather. About three-fourths of the cultivated ground has been planted, the other fourth lying idle on account of the scarcity of seed.

Cozad—Ground is getting very dry and wheat is suffering, having been damaged by recent frosts. Most of the wheat can hold out a week or ten days longer, barring hot winds. Corn is nearly all planted and a great deal of it is up. The total acreage of all crops is about three-fourths of what it has been for the past two years. Three of the four irrigating ditches tributary to this place have turned on the water this week and the work of irrigation for the season has actively begun.

GREELEY.

Greeley—The general outlook is good for all kinds of crops in this county, but we need rain. The acreage of grain of all kinds is about the same as last year. The soil is becoming quite dry. The rainfall has been less since March 1 than for the same period last year. Cut worms are reported as doing considerable damage in some parts of the county. Small grain, early millet and fruit suffered slightly by the recent frosts.

HALL.

Grand Island—The crop conditions in Hall county are very discouraging at present. Rye is beyond help and a good deal of wheat also. Oats can be saved if there is a rain. A good many rye fields have been replanted to corn. The acreage of all crops is up to the average. The frost did some damage to grass, but it would not have been felt had there been rain.

HOWARD.

St. Paul—The acreage of crops in Howard county is about the same as last year, with three-fifths of the whole planted to corn. Most of the balance has been sowed to oats, with a very small acreage of wheat and rye. The rainfall has been far below the average of former years. Soil is getting very dry. All crops are suffering intensely in about one-half of the county and all small grain is practically ruined and dried out.

MERRICK.

Central City—Crop prospects are good. Corn is doing well, the early planted looking a little yellow, but the late good. Small grain and pastures need rain. The rye crop and upland hay will be short. The hay crop on the low land is assured. The acreage of corn and oats is up to the average. Frosts have done little damage. Two and a half inches of rain has fallen during the past month.

SHERMAN.

Loup City—Crops look pretty well all over Sherman county, although the effects of the recent frosts show plainly on wheat and on grass on low ground. Oats, barley and millet look well. Corn is not doing so well on account of the protracted cold weather. Soil in this vicinity is dry on top for about an inch, and below this moist earth is found varying in depth from six to ten inches. Since April 6 we have had 3.73 inches of rain.

VALLEY.

Ord—So far Valley county is in pretty good shape and compares favorably with the season of 1891 at this date. If we get rain by June 1 we will be practically assured of a crop. The rainfall so far this spring has not been up to the average of the last ten years. Corn is about all up and some fields are being cultivated. Recent frosts did but little damage to field crops, although all grain was checked. The general feeling is one of anxiety.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

Increased Acreage and More Favorable Conditions in Many Sections.

The reports which come from the southeastern section of the state, comprising most of the oldest counties of Nebraska, are already of a favorable nature. The area of corn is greater than ever before and conditions generally favorable. The outlook for small grain is not so favorable. Farmers everywhere in the section seem greatly encouraged over the outlook.

BUTLER.

David City—Crops are in an average condition. Cold, dry weather and frequent light frosts have retarded growth. Ground is very dry, there having been but five inches of rain since January 1. Winter wheat and rye are looking well. The acreage of crops is fully up to the average. Present outlook is favorable for a good yield if the rainfall from this time on should be sufficient. Recent frosts did no material damage.

CLAY.

Fairfield—Acreage of all crops probably exceeds that of any previous year. Light early rains made the prospect look very encouraging, but we have now had no rain for six weeks. This fact, taken with the recent frosts, has made the prospects for crops far from good. There is no possibility of any wheat. With rain soon we may have part of an oat crop. Corn is still all right, and with plenty of rain we might have a larger crop than ever before. Farmers are still hopeful but anxious.

Harvard—The acreage of corn is from 12 to 15 per cent greater than for the average of 1893 and 1894 and is showing good color, although still small. Oats are looking badly, but a good rain within ten days will make a fair crop. The acreage of wheat is very light and the prospects for a crop only medium.

FILLMORE.

Exeter—Corn and oats are in very good condition and could not have a better stand. Oats are beginning to feel the effects of the loose dry dirt top soil, hot sun and winds, but will make as good a crop as last year if rain comes inside of ten days. Wheat, rye and barley will be a complete failure and so will grass. The only crops for which there is yet hope are corn, oats and potatoes. The acreage of corn and oats will exceed the past two years by more than one-third. Recent frosts did no serious damage except to garden truck and small fruits. Potatoes were simply set back for the time being.

GAGE.

Beatrice—The crop outlook in this county is reasonably favorable, with the exception of wheat. Cold weather has retarded growth of wheat. It has headed out very low and trouble is anticipated in harvesting the crop. With a good rain within a few days wheat will yield from fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. Oats look well and promise a good yield. Ground is in fine condition for corn and with a reasonable amount of moisture a splendid crop will result.

HAMILTON.

Aurora—The soil has seldom, if ever, been in better condition in this county. There is good moisture in the subsoil and corn could, at a pinch, get along for two weeks without more rain, but rain is needed for small grain. The acreage of corn is larger than in any former year in the history of the county, while the acreage of oats is also larger. Several thousand acres of alfalfa are in good condition. Frost did little damage to field crops, but garden truck has suffered in some localities. Farm work is well along. A good rain over the county would do much good, not only to the growing crops, but to the spirits of the people.

JOHNSON.

Tecumseh—Oat crops never looked better and with favorable conditions an enormous crop will be garnered. Wheat, too, is generally in a fine condition. Farmers are banking a great deal on their wheat crop. Rye, barley, cane, etc., are progressing nicely. Corn has been retared somewhat by the recent spell of cold weather, but a few days of warm weather will bring it out all right. Frosts have done but little damage, even fruit escaping with but slight injury. We will have a fair crop of apples, peaches, cherries and plums.

JEFFERSON.

Fairbury—The rainfall in this county so far this spring is below the average, but has been sufficient to put the ground in good working condition. Wheat was all winter killed and has been largely replanted to corn. The corn acreage will be 20 per cent greater than last year. Corn is coming up well and but few pieces were cut by the late frosts. Oats are needing rain, but if it comes within a week the prospects for a big crop are good. The rainfall since January 1 has been 4.73 inches.

LANCASTER.

Lincoln—The crop acreage of Lancaster county is fully up to that of last year. There is a larger percentage of corn and oats and less wheat. Prospects for hay are excellent. Small grain looks poorly. It is too early to estimate the corn outlook, as planting is just completed. Early planted corn has made slow growth, owing to unseasonable cold weather and lack of rain. Fruits and vegetables have suffered some from the recent frosts. The general feeling among farmers is that small grain will be almost a total failure, but the loss will be more than compensated by the corn crop.

NEMAHA.

Auburn—We have had no rain since the last of April, and but three good rains this season so far, and all kinds of crops are suffering for moisture. We cannot now have more than half a crop of wheat and oats. Corn is all planted and most of it up, but it is quite small yet, but most of the fields have a good stand.

NUCKOLLS.

Superior—Soil is in fair condition, but rain is badly needed. Corn is looking well, and although some was damaged by recent frosts it will come out all right with a good rain. Late planted corn is not yet up. Wheat is nearly all gone and oats will not make more than two-thirds of a crop even if we had rain at once. Farm work is further advanced than ever before at this time of the year. Frosts injured nothing but small fruits and gardens. Corn acreage is much larger than in former years, while the acreage of small grain is smaller.

OTOE.

Nebraska City—The cereal crops of Otoe county have not been injured by the recent frosts and cold weather, but their growth has been somewhat retarded. The crops under cultivation are looking very nicely. Rain is needed as badly as warm weather, but wheat, oats and barley would head out much faster and make heavier grain if there was a good rain. Everything depends on immediate rain. The total acreage is probably one-fourth greater than last year.

PAWNEE.

Table Rock—Crops in Pawnee county are, on the whole, as far along as they were at this time last year, with the exception of wheat, which was retarded by the recent cold, dry weather. Corn was ahead of the season until the frosts came, but it has regained its lost ground and is now in good condition. Oats are about the same as last year, when we raised a large crop. A good rain will put all our crops in splendid shape.

POLK.

Osceola—Acreage of corn is fully up to the average. Crops of all kinds are looking poorly by reason of cold weather and lack of moisture, but with plenty of rain in the near future all will be good. Polk county is very dry. Work is well in hand and farmers seem hopeful. Oats will not make more than half a crop, while hay is badly damaged by drouth.

RICHARDSON.

Falls City—The dry weather in this county has done very little damage and corn, wheat and oats are looking well, although many farmers say that if the dry spell is not broken soon the crops will be worthless. Many farmers have finished plowing corn for the first time. More corn and wheat has been planted this year than ever before. The rainfall has been light in comparison with former years. The recent frosts did little damage except to potatoes and garden vegetables.

SAUNDERS.

Wahoo—Crops are in good condition, considering adverse circumstances. Small grain is beginning to feel the effects of dry weather, but there seems to be enough moisture to keep corn from suffering. Cold weather has retarded the growth of corn, but with warm rains in the near future there will be an abundant crop. Acreage of all crops is about the same as usual. The rainfall has been less than usual, but has been distributed at opportune intervals and has kept the ground in good condition during the entire spring. Fruit was considerably damaged by late frosts, but grain did not suffer.

SARPY.

Papillion—The crop conditions of Sarpy county are not as good as usual at this time of the year, especially as regards small grain. Oats and wheat will be almost an entire failure unless we get rain in a very short time. Corn is looking fairly well and will stand the drouth for some time with good tillage. Pastures and upland meadows are suffering for moisture. Frost in some sections of the county nearly ruined the gardens, but fruit is reported all right.

SALINE.

Crete—Soil has been in excellent condition for working all spring, being comparatively free from weeds and having just the right degree of moisture. Crops are two or three weeks further advanced than usual. The total acreage is probably larger than last year. The rainfall has been less than normal, but seeds germinated readily and plants made a satisfactory growth. Growth has been too slow on account of cold weather and warm rains are needed badly. There is a general feeling of confidence among the farmers, conditioned upon an early supply of moisture.

THAYER.

Hebron—The soil is getting very dry on top and has checked the growth of small grain and corn. The acreage of corn is about the same as last year, while there is a slight increase in the area planted to wheat and oats. The rainfall this spring has been far in advance of the last two years. Recent frosts damaged oats 15 per cent. Early corn was damaged some, but will recover.

YORK.

York—Corn is not suffering for moisture and can stand dry weather for some time yet, if it continues cool, without any damage. Oats were cut some by the frost and are needing rain. Should we receive a good rain within the coming week we would have a good crop of that grain. But very little winter wheat remains in the county, most of it having been plowed under and replanted to corn or oats. Soil is very dry for two or three inches down. Below this will be found several inches of moist soil overlaying another strata of dry soil. It is this moistened soil between the two layers of dry soil that is keeping the corn. The acreage of corn and oats is greater this year than last. The recent frosts did no damage to crops in this county.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION.

Entire Republican Valley Hard Hit by the Prolonged Drouth.

The Republican valley seems to have suffered from drouth to a greater extent than almost any other section of the state. In most of the valley counties little rain has fallen and ground is too dry for successful cultivation. Within the past few days, however, rains have fallen in many parts of the southwestern portion of the state, and ten days hence the corn crop outlook will doubtless show much improvement.

ADAMS.

Hastings—Adams county never had a better outlook for a large corn crop than this year. Almost every field of corn in the county has had better care than ever before, and if we have rain within two weeks there will be fully as large a crop as the county has produced for many years. Wheat will not yield one-third of a crop. If we have rain within a few days there will be about one-half of an oat crop. The northern part of the county seems to report small grain in better condition than the southern, but the county in general is in much better condition than the people of this city believe or will admit. Farmers subsoiled more this year than ever before. Ground was wet down fully twenty inches early in the spring. Although it has not rained for five weeks the soil is still moist, but rain will be needed soon.

CHASE.

Imperial—The ground in this county is as dry as it is possible to get, and, with the exception of a few pieces, there are no small grain crops in the county. The acreage of corn is much less than former years, the ground being too dry to plow. High, cold winds, with but little rain, has been the rule since March 1.

DUNDY.

Benkleman—Dundy county is for a third successive year battling with the drouth. There has practically been no rainfall in this county this season. We had a blizzard of snow and slush about wheat sowing time and a few light local showers in different parts of the county, but only covering a small section. In most localities all small grain which came up has died, while in other localities grain failed to sprout. Considerable corn has been planted and has come up, but the continued cold weather has retarded its growth and the soil is now so dry that it is impossible to list fields that need replanting.

FRANKLIN.

Hildreth—Early planted corn is growing well; late planted fields are being injured by the cut worms, but with favorable weather will be all right. Wheat and rye are suffering and must have rain soon. Oats for the most part are good for some time yet. Potatoes are making a rapid growth. Recent frosts did no material damage. With rain in the near future Franklin will have one of her grand crops again.

FURNAS.

Beaver City—Small grain is in bad condition generally, although some fields will make a fair yield with seasonable rains. The acreage of small grain is not so large as usual. Corn planting is nearly finished. Some farmers have stopped listing on account of the dryness of the soil. Early planted corn looks well and is a good stand. The acreage is above the average. The rainfall has been about one-fifth of normal, but as the weather has been cool the damage to crops has been remarkably slight to what might have been expected. Rains soon would make a large corn crop and insure a partial yield of small grain.

GOSPER.

Elwood—Soil is very dry and rain needed badly. Rain must come in a few days to save the small grain. Corn is nearly all up and is a good stand, but not growing very fast. We have the biggest acreage ever planted in this county. Frost did little damage to growing crops, but fruit and gardens were slightly injured.

HITCHCOCK.

Trenton—Corn is in fair shape, with a good stand, but the crop needs rain badly. In portions of the county small grain crop is a total loss and farmers seem to have suspended corn planting pending rain. The acreage is not more than one-half of former years. In the western and northern parts of the county the farmers have hopes for a half crop. No serious damage from frost is reported in this vicinity.

HARLAN.

Alma—The condition of all small grain is very poor. Winter wheat and rye will be almost a failure, and spring wheat and oats, with rain within a few days, will make over half a crop. Corn is all right yet and will stand it without rain for a week or so. The acreage of wheat, as compared with last year, is about two-thirds, and corn about the same, or possibly a little greater than last year.

KEITH.

Ogalalla—Wheat, small acreage, not looking well, owing to dry weather, and some fields did not come up. Corn, small acreage, and a very poor stand. Some corn has not come up, owing to the drouth. The ground is very dry, grass is not growing and prospect for hay crop is poor. Only three-quarters of an inch of rain has fallen since March 1. Irrigated crops are all right, but are backward owing to cold weather.

KEARNEY.

Minden—The soil in this county generally is very dry and everything is suffering for rain. Rye is completely killed and wheat partly so. Oats are suffering, but will make a good crop, with favorable showers. Corn is up where the ground is moist and looks well. The general acreage in Kearney county is up to the average. Rainfall this spring so far has been one and three-eighths inches, but owing to the extreme dryness of the ground before the rains commenced much more moisture will be needed. Recent frosts did quite a little damage to oats, also to corn, small fruit, and were especially severe on garden truck.

PHELPS.

Holdrege—Crops of small grain are suffering now and will not make a full crop, no matter how much it rains from now on. Crops of corn are in normal condition, and the late planting seems best. The acreage of crops planted in this county this year is about the average. The recent rainfall in this county has been sufficient to make crops if the ground had been in normal condition. The frosts the past few days have hurt the crop and oats are yellow in some instances from the effects, and wheat, especially early wheat, shows the effects of the freeze, and corn is on the standstill.

RED WILLOW.

Indianola—Early planted corn is looking well, and with good rains soon prospects are good for this crop. A larger acreage has been planted than last year in the east half of the county, but in the west half it has been too dry for successful planting. The acreage of wheat is larger, but the crop is dying out and with the best of conditions during the rest of the season will not make half a crop. Frosts have done but little damage.

Rain at Grafton.

GRAFTON, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—This section received a soaking rain on Friday night, doing much good.

NOT LOOKING FOR FORBES

No Effort Has Been Made to Locate the Missing City Ex-Treasurer.

HIS BONDSMEN SAY THEY WILL NOT SEARCH

Neither Has His Family Taken Any Steps to Learn His Fate—He Left a Note Giving Brief Reasons for Going.

FREMONT, May 26.—(Special.)—There are no new developments in the matter of Forbes, the missing city ex-treasurer. His bondsmen say that there will be no effort on their part made to discover what has become of him, and as his family are unwilling to make any effort to learn his whereabouts it is probable that his disappearance will remain a mystery. He can be so easily identified that if living he must be sooner or later found. The note which he left is as follows: "Goodbye, all. May God bless you and deal kindly with you. Do not feel too hard toward me for doing as I have. Time may explain all to you. Do not worry about me, and think that you are all better off without me than with me, for I am of no use to you here. This is my reason for doing as I have. If any one inquires for me, it will be to do me an injury, and tell them that you do not know where I am. Do not make public a thing about this thing. Say as little as you can about it. Again, goodbye to all. Do not show this to any one."

The Woman's club held its last meeting of the season yesterday afternoon. Ross Hammond spoke upon the subject of what the men think of the Woman's club.

Memorial Sunday exercises were held at Love's opera house this morning. McPherson post, Grand Army of the Republic, L. D. Richards camp, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps were present in a body, the two former organizations in full uniform. The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Sisson of the Methodist church. It was one of the most eloquent and able discourses ever delivered here on Memorial Sunday and was listened to by a crowded house with rapt attention. Other parts in the services were taken by Rev. W. H. Buss, Rev. N. Chestnut, Rev. H. J. Dierks and Rev. H. W. Tate. The stage was handsomely decorated with flowers and draped with the banners of the different patriotic societies. Music was furnished by a large chorus choir.

Saturday evening will be long remembered by the Modern Woodmen of this city. A special train was run from Omaha, bringing 250 members, and there were large delations present from Arlington, Wahoo and other towns. At an open meeting, held in Masonic hall, D. M. Allen presided, and there were addresses by J. E. Frick, J. A. Elliott, Rev. H. W. Tate and others. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a meeting of the lodge held, at which the degree work was exemplied by a team from Omaha.

ADDRESSES FOR MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Judge Norris of Ponca Talks to the People of Randolph—At Other Places.

RANDOLPH, Neb., May 26.—(Special. Telegram.)—Union memorial services were held today in the opera house, all denominations joining. Judge Norris of Ponca was the orator of the day. At the close of the Sunday schools the children of the various schools formed in line, marching to the opera house, joining there in one body and filing into the house, filling up the galleries. George W. Wiltse presided, and after singing by the choir and an invocation by Rev. McIntosh, Judge Norris was introduced. The judge's address was strong, logical and entertaining. The exercises closed by singing "Nearer My God to Thee." Judge Norris also spoke this afternoon at the hall. His lecture was more particularly to young men and along patriotic lines. A large crowd attended and it was highly entertained. At the close a vote of thanks was given Judge Norris for both addresses.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The memorial sermon was preached by Rev. Father Murphy of the Catholic church at the opera house today in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. T. D. Davis of the Baptist church also assisted in the services. On Decoration day Rev. R. G. Adams of the Methodist Episcopal church will deliver the oration and fitting services will be held.

BUTTE, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Horton post No. 338, Grand Army of the Republic, will conduct the memorial services at Butte May 30. An elaborate program, including vocal and instrumental music, orations, etc., has been arranged, and the children of the High school will assist in the decoration of the graves of the honored dead.

ORD, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A union memorial service was held at the Methodist Episcopal church today. Rev. Mr. Allan preached the sermon.

M'COOK, Neb., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The Methodist church was filled to overflowing to hear the memorial sermon delivered by Rev. W. M. Taylor of Bartley, Neb. All the Protestant churches of the city joined in the services, which were attended by the Grand Army of the Republic post and the Woman's Relief corps in a body. Special music of an elaborate nature was rendered by the consolidated choirs of the respective churches. The services were throughout of an impressive and interesting nature. Old glory decorations were in evidence all over the church.

State Secret Society Notes.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Clay Center lodge No. 139, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, H. E. Stein; senior warden, A. J. Jenison; junior warden, J. H. Eller; treasurer, J. E. Wheeler; secretary, C. C. Blanchard; tyler, N. W. Johnson.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—At a public installation of officers and a banquet held in its hall last Thursday evening by Mount Horeb commandery, Knights Templar, the following new officials were installed: E. C., Sir Jesse T. Trenery; G., Sir Samuel P. Davidson; C. G., Sir John S. Harman; P., Sir Pitts H. Hopkins; S. W., Sir Jacob S. Dew; J. W., Sir William H. Hassett; treasurer, Sir Cornelius Woodley; recorder, Sir Charles B. Scott; standard bearer, Sir George B. Foster; sword bearer, Sir Horace W. Brandon; sentinel, Sir Charles A. Pierce.

WYMORE, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The Modern Woodmen of America held an interesting meeting Friday evening, five new members being initiated. The phenomenal growth of this order at this place is due to the excellent work of the officers and enterprising neighbors, who never sleep when work is to be done.

BUTTE, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—About twenty members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge of this city visited Fairfax, S. D., last Friday and participated at a banquet and hop given by the Fairfax lodge on the anniversary of the institution of their lodge.

Commencement at Hildreth.

HILDRETH, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the Hildreth schools were held last night in the Methodist church, with a large audience in attendance. County Superintendent S. Y. Harth and Rev. Mr. LeBar of Wilcox were among those present, and each made remarks appropriate to the occasion and presented the diplomas to the graduates. Those who were graduated were: Misses Emma and Lelia Neff, Addie Trumbull, Elizabeth and Katherina McNally, Grace Freman, Kate Troxell, Bertha Schoebel and Orpha Glenn.

The village board elected this spring failed to qualify in time, consequently the old board will conduct affairs another year.

Beaver City School Affairs.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual reception of the Alumni association of the Beaver City High school was held last evening. After giving welcome to the class of '95 a banquet was served and toasts were responded to. The officers elected for the year are: President, Archie Hadley; vice president, Lynn Roberts; secretary, Jennie Runyan. The school board of the city schools is waiting before taking final action in the election of principal and corps of teachers until the results of the crop prospects may be better determined. In the event of a continued drouth the force will be greatly reduced.

Farm Buildings Burned by an Incendiary.

ELMWOOD, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Friday evening L. Bailey and family, living five miles southwest of the city, came to the city to do some trading. Shortly after they left home their son-in-law, Mr. Williams, came along by the place and noticed a peddler with a one-horse rig in the yard. Williams made inquiry as to what the peddler wanted, and getting no civil reply he ordered him away. The peddler left. In about half an hour after the barn and outbuildings were set on fire. They were all consumed, also a large tower and windmill, one new wagon, buggy and harnesses. Loss about $600; insurance $100. The party that was seen at the place cannot be found.

Irrigation in Valley County.

ORD, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A petition is being circulated for the erection of an irrigation district between Burwell and Ord. A thorough canvass of the district shows almost every one in favor of it. They will connect with the ditch at Burwell and end at Dane creek, just north of Ord.

H. E. Babcock filed his petition with the State Board of Irrigation a few days ago for permission to use the waters of the Calamus from Burwell to Fullerton. The canal will be ninety miles long and water about 75,000 acres.

Passed Counterfeit Money at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—F. D. White, Lee Byers, J. D. Taylor, H. C. Hicks and J. D. Frazier were arrested today for passing counterfeit money. They started in to flood the town with bad half dollars and quarters and succeeded in getting rid of about $30 to saloons and popcorn stands. Frazier has turned state's evidence and given away the scheme. Three of the parties are ex-convicts. They will have an examination tomorrow before United States Commissioner Billingsley.

Ashland Wants the Encampment.

ASHLAND, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A great deal of dissatisfaction is felt here over the report that the University cadets have changed their place of encampment by going to Burlington Beach at Lincoln. The change seems to have been brought about by the railroad company refusing to give the cadets rates. Ashland citizens have been to a great deal of expense and trouble in making preparations for the affair. At present a committee is in Lincoln looking after the interests of Ashland in the matter.

They Were Bound to Fish.

GRAFTON, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Albert Garbe, living on the Blue, four miles north, swore out a warrant last week for the arrest of two Lushton young men for trespass, with assault and battery. The parties, he says, were fishing on his grounds, and when ordered off by Garbe's hired man, not only refused to leave, but clubbed him and threw him into the river in ten feet of water. For lack of evidence the case was dismissed.

Hardware Store at Wymore Robbed.

WYMORE, Neb., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The store of W. F. Rockwell, hardware dealer, was entered by burglars last night and a quantity of knives, razors, revolvers, etc., appropriated. The thieves broke open the cash register, but only secured 25 cents from that. The register was found about half a mile from the store this morning.

Death of an Old Settler.

ST. PAUL, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—James McCracken, one of the first settlers of Howard county, died here Friday morning, 78 years of age. Mr. McCracken came from Canada in 1879 and located in Howard county, where he for many years had one of the finest residences in the county. He was also the first postmaster at Warsaw. He left surviving him several sons and daughters.

Trolley from Butte to Stewart.

BUTTE, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—A project is on foot to secure the necessary capital for the construction of a trolley line between this place and Stuart. Boyd county has no railroad and the building of the line, which is said to be practicable, will put us in connection with the Elkhorn at Stuart, and ensure for that road the entire business of this productive country.

Dundy County Doing Well.

BENKLEMAN, Neb., May 26.—(Special.)—Home grown vegetables, raised by irrigation, are coming in quite plentiful now. An enormous acreage of potatoes and alfalfa is being cultivated under the irrigation ditches in this county and these will be the principal crop raised. Everything growing under the ditches is doing nicely.

ON CHARITIES AND CORRECTION

National Conference Opens at New Haven with Interesting Reports.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 26.—The first regular session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections opened at 9 o'clock yesterday at Alumni hall of Yale university. Robert Treat Paine of Boston presided, and the meeting was devoted to hearing reports from the states.

The first report read was prepared by Sheldon Jackson of Sitka, Alaska, but was read by H. H. Hart, the corresponding secretary of the conference. The report dealt largely with the question of intemperance, which prevails to an alarming extent in the territory.

John E. Coffin of Whittier, Cal., read a report from the state of California. He said the state legislature had passed a commendable act forbidding the sale of cigarettes. J. H. Gabriel, secretary of the State Board of Charities of Colorado, bore especially hard on Colorado politics, and made the statement that the state is more completely subject to the spoils system than any state in the union. He said the work done there in aid of the poor and helpless is excellent.

This ended the reading of reports for the day, and was followed by Dr. F. H. Wines of Illinois, who read a paper on the subject "The Ideal Function of State Boards in the Economy of the Commonwealth." Following this was a symposium on state boards, Clarence E. Snyder of the Wisconsin State Board of Control speaking in the affirmative.

Growth of the Tin Plate Industry.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Metal Worker says: The marvelous growth of the American tin plate manufactures in less than four years presents one of the most remarkable instance of industrial growth in history. From nothing it has become an established industry of large proportions, which already gives employment to 15,000 hands. At the present moment, so far as can be gathered from the latest reports, there are in actual operation twenty-eight tin plate mills proper, rolling their own black plates. Ten more are building, two or three of which are practically complete and ready to start up, while the majority of the others are expected to be in operation by July.

Mr. L. O. Tinkham

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