

THREE-FOURTHS CORN IS BAD

Alarming Condition Developed by Test of the Seed.

OF 200 EARS ONLY 55 ARE GOOD

Had as is the Condition of Corn in Nebraska, That in Iowa is Still Worse, According to Test.

There is evident cause for alarm in the seed corn situation in Nebraska, according to the first extensive official test made of corn from all parts of the state to the Omaha Commercial club.

Here are the results of the first test of 200 ears:

Number germinating strong with good roots 16  
Number not germinating and showing no signs of life 40  
Number alive, but weak, small roots and sprouts 43  
Number mildewed, some sprouting before not started 41

Total 200  
Actual number fit for seed 116

Ears worthless for seed 14  
If all the seed corn Nebraska farmers intend to plant this year is as poor as these 200 samples, just 25 per cent of it will grow and the state will have just a little better than one-fourth of a crop.

It was really a sad sight when the Commercial club germination box was opened. Six kernels had been taken from each of 200 ears last Thursday and placed in the box, which was kept in the steam heated rooms until Monday. Forty of the little cups were without a sign of life, which means 20 per cent of the corn will not grow at all. In sixty-three cups the kernels had sprouted, but some had no roots and others had roots so weak they were not worth consideration.

Some Almost Mildewed.  
But the worst looking cups were the forty-two filled with rotting corn—some cups almost full of mildew.  
Thus the result of the test shows that 145 out of 200 ears are unfit for seed. Some might produce stalks, but would never give the farmers ears.

While this percentage is low, it would have been lower had not one sample of ten ears come from a professional corn grower who tests his seed, and the sample was either previously tested or taken from stock which had tested high. All ten of these ears grew and showed their ability to produce strong roots. Other than these the best samples of corn came from the Watson ranch near Beatrice.  
The samples tested were from Petersburg, Blair, Kearney, Newmans Grove, Waterloo, Norfolk, Hadar, Clay Center, Clarkson, Concord, Wakefield, Coiridge, Omaha and two samples from grain companies which did not give information as to where the seed was raised.

Iowa Still Worse Off.  
As low as the Nebraska corn tests it gave in this test three times as many strong ears as a test of Iowa corn made by a Des Moines paper, which showed only eight ears in 100 would produce strong roots and sprouts, indicating its ability to produce corn.

One of the best samples came from Clarkson. It was in two lots, seventeen ears altogether. Only one failed to show life; nine were good, strong ears and seven rather weak—too weak to plant. No mildew was present in any of the samples from Clarkson. Samples from Kearney and vicinity were also free from mildew, while from Copcord, Wakefield and Coiridge came samples which mildewed badly and would rot in the ground if planted.

Douglas county samples showed 32 per cent good seed, but some samples of yellow corn mildewed quite badly.  
This test was made in one of the plant testers, but said by experts to be one of the best which can be used. More than 100 banks in Iowa have used the tester the last month in demonstrating that Iowa corn must be tested.

How Test Is Made.  
Placed in the test water at 80 degrees was placed entirely over the corn and it was soaked for fifteen hours. All the water was drawn off—not a drop being allowed to remain in the cups with the kernels. After twenty-four hours the trays were sprinkled and all the water drawn off. The room was from 85 to 88 degrees during the three days the samples were in the germinator.

The Commercial club has sufficient samples to make another test of 200 ears, half of which will be placed in a tester, where damp dirt is used, the other half in the "water tester" used for the first 200 samples.

Creighton First in Oratory Test

Matthews Wins Over Crossland at Wesleyan, Latter Himself Discovering Error in Figures.

Frank Matthews of Creighton university instead of W. A. Crossland of Wesleyan university won first place in the state oratorical contest at Creighton last Friday evening.

The judges handed in their decisions which showed Crossland the winner the night of the contest and Matthews second. That verdict was accepted as correct and understood to be so until Monday morning Mr. Crossland called up Creighton university to inform it that its man had won first place and Crossland second.

"He beat me five points," said Mr. Crossland over the telephone. "I have just been adding up the figures and I find the judges made a mistake, which switches Mr. Matthews and myself, so I thought I would hasten to tell you and congratulate Mr. Matthews."

"It is very commendable indeed in Mr. Crossland to be the first to advise us of the error when it means so much to him and his institution," said Father Dooley, vice president of Creighton university. "It is especially honorable and praiseworthy since Mr. Crossland was the one who discovered the fact and had it to himself. Of course we of Creighton are happy to have won first place, but we cannot but regret that such a good loser as Mr. Crossland could not also have won."

COLONEL HALFORD IS INJURED

Head of Laymen's Missionary Movement Injured in Fall and Fractures Right Leg.

A telegram received in Omaha announces that Colonel E. W. Halford, formerly chief paymaster for the Department of the Missouri, fell from a train at Little Rock, Ark., Saturday, and suffered a double fracture of the right leg. The injury is expected to be a permanent one and will keep Colonel Halford for a time from activity as head of the Laymen's Missionary movement.

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All over laces in crochet, Venise, Oriental, braided, etc., fancy waist nettings, novelty appliques and medallions—bands and edges in crochet, Venise, Filet, Oriental, Chantilly and Spanish effects—many very unusual high class effects—white, cream, eoru and black—4 big bargain squares piled high—many worth up to \$1.50, at, per yard—

15c 25c 39c 59c

15c White Swisses at 5c Yard

Barred, striped and checked white Swisses, in lengths up to 20 yards—These are worth regularly up to 15c a yard—a special bargain for Tuesday, at, per yard..... 5c

Washington's Birthday Specials, Sweetland

George Washington Hatchets, filled with candy cherries, 10c each  
Cherry Tree Loga filled, complete will go at, 5c  
Tuesday Special—Nut patties in vanilla, strawberry, chocolate and maple—regularly 40c a lb., at, lb..... 19c  
Washington Birthday Souvenirs free to all customers at Sweetland at both fountain and candy department.

BRANDEIS STORES

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All Winter Suits \$7.50 and Coats, Choice of Stock

Still some good choosing from lines that had been selling at \$25.00 upward.



TUESDAY BARGAINS

Dress Goods Remnants—Tables full of very fine all wool serges, in all colors, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, good lengths—yard..... 39c

Silks—Fine bargains on sale Tuesday—Messalines, Peau de Cygne, plain and fancy Taffetas, in newest shades, 29c values 75c and 85c, at..... 29c

Cretonnes—For upholstering and draperies, about 20 pieces, 12 1/2c and 15c goods, floral patterns—Domestic department, yard..... 5c

Drawn Scarfs—Fancy hem-stitched and drawn goods, 18 x50 inch, for dressers and sideboards, regular 39c goods..... 18c

Ginghams and Zephyrs—200 pieces 32-inch fabrics, scores of new patterns and plain shades, 15c goods..... 7 1/2c

New Wash Trimmings—Beautiful, new goods—edges and insertions, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide for wash dresses, 500 pieces—at, yard..... 5c 7 1/2c 10c 15c 19c

Bed Spreads—Fine, heavy Marseilles patterns; made from nice, long threads; full bed size, hommed, \$1.48..... 98c

Palm Madras—At Domestic counter, 25 pieces, very neat new styles for house dresses; splendid colorings, will not fade; special, yard..... 9c

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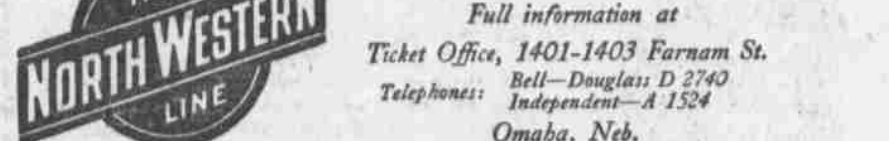
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Tuesday the Second Day of Twenty HAYDEN'S Twenty Third THE RELIABLE STORE Anniversary Sale

Saving opportunities all this week that you'll not find duplicated. Every day scores of new and delightful special bargains will be shown.

Magnificent Embroidery Bargains

In our Twenty-Third Anniversary Sale

Another opportunity Tuesday to secure the most delightful bargains in fine new embroideries ever shown in this or any other Omaha store.

Lot 1—Handsome flouncings and corset cover embroideries, regular 50c quality..... 25c  
Lot 2—Fine Skirt Flouncings, full 45 inches wide, and worth \$1.25 a yard, at..... 69c  
Lot 3—Allover Embroideries—Elegant line of patterns for selection, \$1.25 yard values, at 69c  
Lot 4—Bands and Insertings—Regular values to 20c yard—splendid assortment, at..... 5c

High Grade Wash Goods

FORENOON ONLY. All 50 and 59c silk mixtures, including rough pongees, etc., only one pattern to customer, at, per yard..... 37 1/2c  
All 39c fine wash goods, silk mixtures, will go at yard 27 1/2c  
Afternoon Only  
All 15c Scotch Ginghams 12 1/2c  
All 19c Scotch Ginghams 14 1/2c  
All 25c Scotch Ginghams 17 1/2c  
Other specials not advertised.

\$1.00 Natural Shantung Pongees 69c

An Anniversary Sale Special that should interest every silk buyer in Omaha. 25 pieces of this beautiful and most popular silk for spring, full 26 inches wide, that would usually sell for \$1 a yard, will be on sale Tuesday, at, per yard..... 69c  
Don't miss this delightful bargain opportunity.

Times Sales

From 9 to 9:30 A. M.—Merry Muslin, yard wide, full bleached, sells always at 5c. 10 yards limit, at, a yard..... 3c  
From 10 to 10:30 A. M.—\$1.20 sheets, seamless, made of Utica Mills, fine and heavy; sells over the counter at 50c. Six sheets limit, each..... 45c  
From 2 to 2:30 P. M.—All blues, 6 yards limit, at..... 5c  
From 3 to 3:30 P. M.—25c half linen huck towels—8 pairs to customer, at, each..... 15c  
From 4 to 4:30 P. M.—Shaker Flannel, regular price 10c yard—10 yards limit, at, yard..... 6c

23d Anniversary Sale of Towels

High Grade Linen Department. 10c each for large hommed huck towels, heavy and absorbent, worth 15c.  
15c each for extra large heavy hemmed huck towels, white and colored borders, worth 25c.  
19c each for hemmed and hem-stitched huck and satin damask towels, 30c value.  
30c each for grand assortment hemstitched pure linen huck towels, worth 50c.

GRAPE WINE—Pure home made, red or white, \$1.00 at, per gallon

Orders taken for Bottled Beer.

Grocery Sales for Tuesday

HIG HIGHLAND HAVEL ORANGE SALE TUESDAY  
Cheaper than apples, and the healthiest fruit grown to eat.  
The Highland Navel are the finest grown in California. They are not bitter or frost-tender. They excel all others for quality and the cheapest to buy.  
Special day for Tuesday at the following special prices:  
Regular 17 1/2c size, for sale, doz. 12 1/2c  
Regular 20c size, for sale, doz. 15c  
Regular 25c size, for sale, doz. 17 1/2c  
Regular 30c size, for sale, doz. 20c  
Regular 35c size, for sale, doz. 22 1/2c  
Regular 40c size, for sale, doz. 25c  
To any purchaser of one dozen or more of any size we will sell you one of the best silver plated Orange Spoons, guaranteed for ten years, for 50c.  
BUY FLOUR NOW  
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Several hundred beautiful new suits, samples submitted for comparison and selection and manufacturer's surplus stock. Charming new designs—\$15 to \$50 values—magnificent assortment for your selection Wednesday..... \$10-\$25  
See 16th St. Windows Watch Tuesday Papers.

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Woman's Home Companion..... 1.50  
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