

Fremont City of Real Beautiful Homes

VIEW OF RAY NYE HOME



A beautiful and quiet city is Fremont. Like many other cities of eastern Nebraska, the abundance of shade trees is one of the first things that impress the visitor. Nebraskans do not have to be informed on this point, yet there are many from the east, newcomers to the state or county, who are interested in the early laws which exempted from taxation those who would plant sufficient trees. Sometimes they overdid it. At any rate, the easterner who gathered the impression that Nebraska is a treeless state will have to revise his conception of conditions as they now exist. Elms, maples, mostly of the soft variety, box elders and cottonwoods are some of the kinds most numerous. On some of the streets, which are not narrow by any means, the trees so nearly overlap each other as to make the effect most delightful on a hot day in summer. There are times, of course, when in a long storm there seems to be too much shade and darkness, but it is always easier to cut down a tree than it is to grow one.

The population is estimated at nearly, if not quite, 14,000. The city is well lighted by a whiteway system, inaugurated in 1910. The water comes from driven wells. It has a library, erected by Carnegie money in 1902 at a cost of more than \$15,000, with a circulation of 40,153. It has a high school, erected about two years ago, in place of an old, at a total cost of nearly \$200,000. It has a college with an attendance of 1,800, a normal school, and business course being included; a Young Men's Christian association, which recently paid a debt of \$30,000; a gayor and eight councilmen, the former republican and the latter democrat; only nine saloons, four having been arbitrarily eliminated within the last few months; four national banks, two savings banks and a trust company with a capital of nearly \$700,000; one daily paper, The Tribune, republican, and The Weekly Herald, which is politically a thorn in the side of its neighbor; more than forty trains a day, which enable one to make a round trip to Omaha and back five times within twenty-four hours; one good hotel, with more than fifty rooms, with hot and cold water in every room, and a new hotel in prospect at a cost of \$175,000; nearly ten miles of paving, mostly stone and brick, with additional work in progress; operations in progress on fifty new buildings and a new court house costing \$200,000 planned; eighteen churches, with a membership of more than 4,000; a pay roll of more than \$500,000 in its industrial concerns; seventy manufacturing and jobbing concerns; no slums; few foreigners and less than a dozen negroes in its population; three hospitals, a post-office, with receipts of more than \$55,000; a country club, with a membership of about 200; a small death rate and three undertakers, who, the town boosters say, are "starving to death."

The city's assessed valuation is about \$2,000,000. Its tax rate is 89 mills for city, county, state and other purposes. Those who pay for gas number about 1,000, and not quite half that number take electric light. The gas rate is \$1.25.

There are 2,800 telephones within the city limits. Six policemen guard the city by day, besides a traffic officer, and there are two night policemen. There are two picture show houses, two fine parks, where there is not only plenty of shade, but an abundance of seats. There are miles of good sidewalks of cement and a city ordinance forbids the building of any made of wood. There is a good sewerage system and the oldest inhabitant cannot recall an epidemic except those incident to children,

such as measles and scarle fever, which Superintendent L. A. Waterhouse says have the last year prevented the schools from accomplishing all that he had hoped for. In the neighboring lakes and in the Platte river, less than two miles away, there is plenty of good fishing and one does not have to go far from town to get game when in season.

There are more than 1,800 automobiles in Fremont. Protection against fire is afforded by a competent department, embracing two of the latest kind of motor trucks. Cupid last year claimed more than 300 couples. There still survive about forty veteran soldiers, and among the interesting events of Memorial day was

the participation in the exercises of J. W. Goff, who fought for the union at Chancellorsville, and Dr. T. C. Sexton, a former Virginian, who fought with the confederacy against him.

There are twenty lawyers in the city, and juries are not disposed to "soak" the corporations, as is the case in so many communities, without sufficient cause. Ten dentists attend to the people's teeth; two chiropractors are doing business; three osteopaths and twenty medical physicians also can be found, including Dr. Ira F. Richardson, who tells of having been a subscriber to the Omaha Bee for fourteen years.

Who could ask for more?

John Deere Company's Line

It is now readily conceded that the small tractor plowing outfit is economical even for the average farmer. A one-man outfit—one that is entirely controlled by the man on the tractor—is the one that proves most popular.

One of the great considerations in the successful operation of the one-man tractor outfit or in fact any sort of tractor is the efficiency of the plows. The ease and effectiveness of operation are the cardinal features, taken together with action of the plow when in the ground.

The John Deere Plow company has given many years study and effort to the development of their tractor plows and the John Deere Pony Tractor Plow No. 3, otherwise known as the High and Level Lift, is in high favor with tractor manufacturers and users.

At Fremont this year many of the machines shown will be equipped with various plow bottoms put out by the John Deere company. With the High and Level Lift, a slight pull of the rope attached to the trip lever

brings the plows out of the ground point first and lifts them a high level—not merely the front plow, but the rear plow lifts high as well. This feature is especially appreciated when operating in trashy ground, weedy stubble, corn stalks or heavily manured grounds. The bottoms will not dig in the ground or gather trash and clog up when turning at the end. It will not be necessary to get off the tractor and pull trash from under the point of the rear plow when making turns, because the rear plow lifts high. Likewise whenever it becomes necessary to cross or turn on plowed ground the bottoms will clear and not cut furrows or ridges.

Another pull at the same rope lets the plows down again and they go immediately to the standard depth.

Another advantageous feature of the John Deere is the high clearance. The John Deere company builds gang plows from "Grub Breaker" with its twenty-four-inch share down to the pony engine plow, also in gangs. Ten outfits of various designs will be shown at the factory at Fremont.



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marvel of the tractor industry. The manager says:

"Last year the Bull Tractor company made fifty-seven sales on the grounds at Fremont, shipping to Fremont a trainload of fifty-five Bulls. This year, on account of the demand being so heavy it is impossible to get together at one time so many tractors for shipment."

"The prediction that we made in January is being verified. Every light tractor factory in existence or that was in existence, will sell their entire output and the farmer is going to ask what tractor he can get instead of deciding on what tractor he wants. We feel that this is going to prevent many farmers from getting the Bull tractor who have already decided that it is what they want. We are planning on staging a twenty-four or more at the power farming demonstration—forty-eight-hour non-stop run and have secured forty acres of ground near the demonstration grounds at Fremont for this purpose."

Two-Plow Tractor Efficient

The fundamental facts which every farmer of today should know are the costs of operating the farm and the receipts and profits from each source on the farm by lessening the cost of labor of humans and horses. If these things are known it is certain that the farmer will increase his profits by the addition of facilities that reduce labor costs.

While it is well known that the horse cannot be entirely eliminated from the farm the small farm tractor can and does lessen his labor which he does but slowly and which wears him out.

Among the small farm tractors that are getting considerable attention today is the "Happy Farmer Tractor." Through many tests it has shown itself to be an efficient iron horse, in

some instances operating with satisfaction in ground and under conditions that were formerly thought impossible for a tractor to negotiate.

Recently in some tests made at Springfield, Neb., by the T. G. Northwall company of Omaha, the Happy Farmer tractor negotiated the hillsides and grades in such a manner as to convince the farmers and dealers that it is practical for that district of hills and grades.

The Happy Farmer tractor is a "two-plow" machine. Its front and rear wheel on the right side are on a line permitting them to run in the furrow. Eighty-eight per cent of the weight is on the traction wheels and it pulls two-thirds of its weight on the draw bar. The Happy Farmer will be among the tractors demonstrated at the Fremont meet.

Bull Tractor at Fremont Show

The Bull tractor will be at Fremont at the power farming demonstration from August 7 to 11, of course. The Bull tractor was at Fremont in 1914, when it was the only light tractor demonstrated. But the Bull tractor of 1914 was not the Bull

tractor of 1916. Two years of experience with 10,000 tractors in the hands of farmers has taught the manufacturer more about the light tractor industry than all the knowledge that anybody had before and the 1916 tractor has been rounded out to such a state of perfection that it is the



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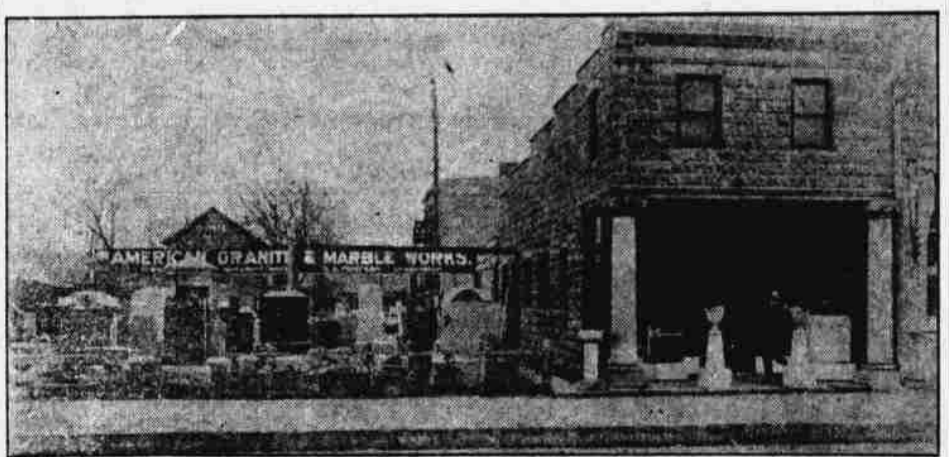
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