

as well as their representatives, worth y of our neighbors' and land owners' consideration.

Signed February 10th, 1895.  
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Committeemen.

To whom we respectfully refer land owners and farmers who contemplate making permanent improvements on their land.

Prospectus of The Nebraska Hedge Co. showing the cost and expense of fencing to farmers and landowners for the year 1879, as given by the U. S. census of 1880.

The wonderful development in agriculture and the improvements on land in the State of Nebraska during the last fifteen years make it quite impossible to correctly estimate the actual cost of building and repairing fences on land without the aid of U. S. census for 1890 which has not been given to the public yet. The following will serve in a way to give some idea of the advance in agricultural improvement.

In the State of Nebraska—	
Improved acres in 1860,	118,789
Improved acres in 1870,	647,031
Improved acres in 1880,	5,504,702
Number of counties in 1880,	65
Number of counties in 1890,	90
No. of improved farms in 1880,	63,387
Average size of improved farms in 1880,	157 acres
Cost of building and repairing fences in 1879,	\$1,249,975

The following will serve to give some idea of the amount of fencing required on first class farms:

To fence ¼ section into 40 acre fields,	960 rods or 3 miles
For one section in 40 acre fields,	12 miles
For one township in 40 acre fields,	432 miles
For Lancaster county, Neb.	10,368 miles
For the State of Neb. in 40 acre fields,	922,080 miles

Cost for above—	
Common wire fence over	\$197,532,800
First class wire fence,	368,332,000
Nebraska Hedge Co. fences,	295,065,600

Hedge Rows in England date back over 800 years, some in use we know to

be over 300 years old. There are perfect Hedges or Live Fences in the United States over 50 years in use. The lowest cost of keeping any fence in repair is equal to its first cost every ten years and the Hedge Row not to exceed its first cost in every 50 years. It is the only kind of a fence that is a permanent improvement on land, hence to have Hedge Rows grown by the Dayton System is a paying investment to the farm and not an expense, and good fences are a necessity and not a luxury. The well managed and paying farm is one with substantial as well as ornamental fences.

The Nebraska Hedge Company furnishes and plants out over 9,000 hardy Acacia plants to one mile, doing all of the planting and trimming while fence is growing. Where the plants or canes are of a sufficient size they are all bent in the root to an angle of 45 degrees and plashed to four horizontal wires, requiring 4 ½ miles of wire and 36,000 copper plated steel staples to each mile and driven in the cane by a special device or tool, making a complete Hedge and wire fence combined with no post to rot out or to re-set, no rows of bramble bushes nor sagging wire fences of little service to a farmer and an eye sore on the land.

Although the Nebraska Hedge Company own twelve United States patents covering this system of planting, dwarfing and plashing Hedge or Live fences and own their tools for doing their work they have no patent rights to sell nor do they take any notes or cash payments, etc. for any work only as it is completed. Their company is chartered for twenty years, has a capital of \$200,000 and is composed of responsible and reliable business men and farmers, whose sole business it is to grow, complete and trim Hedge Rows or Live fences for farmers and land owners.

FACTS.

Hundreds of thousands of rods of splendid hedge fence have been grown and completed under this system, giving evidence of the strongest kind in favor of living fences. All that is necessary to secure a perfect, practical, bog-tight and stock proof fence is dry and suitable ground, proper preparation of the row, and cultivation of the plants. Every farmer admires good fences because they are a source of profit and comfort.

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Cost of Fences. From the Ohio Farmer, December 6, 1884.

There is little information given in the statistics of agriculture, on the cost of building and repairing fences in 1879. It is given by states, and is as follows:

Alabama	\$1,702,609
Arkansas	1,579,144
California	2,119,826
Colorado	316,603
Connecticut	644,295
Delaware	228,592
Florida	386,190
Georgia	1,834,625
Illinois	5,925,225
Indiana	3,354,256
Iowa	4,624,773
Kansas	2,637,142
Kentucky	3,025,125
Louisiana	1,482,121
Maine	653,358
Maryland	1,167,750
Massachusetts	618,503
Michigan	2,975,744
Minnesota	1,316,895
Mississippi	1,560,119
Missouri	4,614,416
Nebraska	1,249,975
Nevada	210,721
New Hampshire	334,410
New Jersey	902,807
New York	4,915,017
North Carolina	1,859,854
Ohio	5,863,063
Oregon	787,047
Pennsylvania	5,507,456
Rhode Island	130,555
South Carolina	917,000
Tennessee	2,426,008
Texas	3,676,603
Vermont	307,962
Virginia	1,697,780
West Virginia	951,947
Wisconsin	2,620,459

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There is a large amount of Honey Locust and Osage Orange Hedges in this township. I have quite a quantity of both on my farm, but find the Locust far superior to the Osage, for it is not affected in the slightest by the hard Michigan winters, and will do well on any of our soils. The Hedge Company's system makes a close, firm basis, and reduces the trimming to such a degree that it is no longer any chore to take care of them. GEO. MCGEE.

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