

BIG DITCH IN NELSON COUNTY

Will Be Over Three Miles Long
and Will Drain About 300
Acres.

A big ditching project will be started north of town, in Nelson county, shortly.

The ditch will be $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles long and will drain about 300 acres of good farming land. It will start at Ottofy lake and will drain Mud lake on its course, emptying into the Sheyenne river.

The machine that will do the digging is at work near Coopers-town and is doing excellent work besides at a much cheaper price than could be done by a force of men, and in a much shorter time. The machine digs a ditch six feet deep, 18 inches wide at the bottom and five feet wide at the top, and leaves a clearing of three feet on each side.

The proposition of the ditch has been agitated for some time but not until last week has any definite action been taken. It will afford the farmers of ample drainage, and will give each one considerable more land that has heretofore been untillable.
