

within county ..... 3  
 Total miles of service..... 290  
 Rural telephone lines radiate from Binford, Cooperstown, Hannaford, Sutton, Jessie and Walum within the county, while five towns outside tap parts of it.

Farmers are giving more attention to live stock of late years and the grade throughout the county has been raised to a high standard. The range horse used here fifteen years ago has almost entirely been supplanted by the well bred draught horse and instead of buying Griggs county is now shipping horses. A number of farmers are devoting their time to the horse and one is the owner of the Clyde Stallion which took the grand sweepstakes at the International Stock Show as the best bred American horse. The dairy cow is not as much in evidence as the beef and dual purpose ones, for grain growing has been so lucrative and appealed to the farmer so much more that few have cared to give any time to what they consider the drudgery of the dairy. But many have taken advantage of the ideal conditions of climate water and native prairie grass and are raising herds of short horn cattle, one farmer cleaning \$1,000 up on his exhibit of a home grown herd at four fairs. Hogs and sheep thrive as well on this grass.

There are 28 elevators in the county of which 6 are Farmer's Elevators. One of these being located in each of the towns—prices and grades have been influenced to the benefit of the farmer.

## SOME FARMERS WHO HAVE MADE GOOD

Many of Them Located in Griggs County With Nothing, And Are Now Independent And Enjoying the Fruits of Their Labor.

Knud Thompson, of Cooperstown, in an interview relates the successes of many of our well known Griggs county farmers, who have made good.

Mr. Thompson is a close observer and he has traveled over the whole state and as to the general condition of the different sections of the state he has a thorough knowledge. When asked how Griggs county compared with other sections, he said:

"I tell you, when it comes to farming; it is, of course, one of the best in the state. Why, I know of many farmers here that began with less than \$500, that are now worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and these men never did anything but farm. I will name a few of them: Jorgen Soma, Edward Michaelis, John Mills, Wm. Howden, Robert Bailey, Geo. Hartman, Albert Retzlaff, Chas. Arndt, Ole Thorn, Glen Dyson, Ole Feiring, Wm. Lucht, Herman Lucht, John Huso, Joe Miller, Gilbert Olson, Tolleph Ellefson, Ed. Zimprich, and there are many others."

Well, what about those who commenced renting land about eight or

nine years ago—have they made any money?

"Yes, sir, they have. There is R. S. Workman, he made \$8,000 or more; Harris Dorothy, \$6,000; Wm. Webber, \$12,000 in 4 years; Frank Graber more than \$5,000. These men all came here from Iowa and made this money on land owned by R. C. Cooper, and which was broken up in 1881 and has been cropped continually ever since. Lars Borreson, on one of Hammer & Condy's farms, in Lenora township, made more than \$25,000 in the last eight years; Gust Anderson has cleared more than \$10,000 on one of Iver Udgaard's farms; Herb Langford made more than \$8,000 renting the Langford farm; Charley Young, on the Newell farm, made more than \$10,000; M. M. Lunde, Jr., rented a 160 acre farm and sold more than \$2,500 worth of crop off it one year. Walter Wells farmed four years on Iver Udgaard's farm and made more than \$7,000. I could continue to name many more who have done about the same."

Was some of this above mentioned

land new when these renters commenced to work it?

"No, sir, it had been broken and cultivated for twenty years previous to that time, but the last eight or ten years have averaged better crops than the first twenty years. Oh, say, wait now, I want to give you a few more. There is H. G. Rohlwing, he made more than \$6,000 renting land the last six years. Albert Halverson, on one of L. Berg's farms, in Pilot Mound township, commenced farming in 1909 and has cleared more than \$3,000. He had not over \$100 when he started. John Norland came over to this county from Norway a few years ago. He has been renting land from Wm. Howden west of Cooperstown, began with nothing, and after four years' farming sold out and returned to his native land with \$7,000 in cash. A. L. Walen came up here in the spring of 1910 from Brooten, Minn., and rented a section of land west of Cooperstown from Andrew and John Berg. He had 560 acres in crop and the proceeds of the same amounted to \$8,840.50. The Walens did all their own work and earned considerable besides raising this crop."

"You can inquire of the parties I have mentioned and you will find that I have not been overstating the facts one bit. I rather have stated some of them too low. I want to give you the facts as near as I can. Some say that the farmers are not making any money. Let them name one man and I will tell you the cause. The country is not to blame for it."

## GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

Estimated Wheat Crop of North Dakota is About One-Seventh of That of The U. S.

A summary of preliminary estimates of crop production, and prices for the state of North Dakota and for the United States, compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

### CORN

STATE: Estimate this year 7,200,000 bushels, final estimate last year 14,000,000; price November 1 to producers 59 cents per bushel, year ago 60 cents.

UNITED STATES: Estimate this year 3,090,000,000 bushels; final estimate last year 2,673,000,000; November 1 price 61.9 cents, year ago 70.6 cents.

### WHEAT

STATE: Estimate this year 142,782,000 bushels, final estimate last year 81,592,000; price November 1, price 83 cents per bushel, year ago 97 cents.

U. S.: Estimate this year 1,002,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 891,000,000; November 1 price 93.1 cents, a year ago 97.2 cents.

### OATS

STATE: Estimate this year 92,470,000 bushels, final estimate last

year 64,904,000; price November 1 to producers 26 cents per bushel, year ago 36 cents.

U. S.: Estimate this year 1,617,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 1,141,000,000; November 1 price 34.9 cents, year ago 42.9 cents.

### BARLEY

STATE: Estimate this year 42,029,000 bushels, final estimate last year 28,275,000; price November 1 to producers 41 cents per bushel, year ago 42 cents.

U. S.: Estimate this year 236,682,000 bushels, final estimate last year 194,953,000, November 1 price 50.1 cents, year ago 51.7 cents.

### POTATOES

STATE: Estimate this year 6,880,000 bushels, final estimate last year 7,630,000, price November 1 to producers 37 cents per bushel, year ago 42 cents.

U. S.: Estimate this year 359,000,000 bushels, final estimate last year 405,921,000, November 1 price 60.8 cents, year ago 52.8 cents.

### FLAXSEED

STATE: Estimate this year 7,870,000 bushels, final estimate last year 6,972,000, price November 1 to producers 166 cents per bushel, year ago 118 cents.

U. S.: Estimate this year 18,400,000 bushels, final estimate last year 15,559,000 bushels, November 1 price 163 cents, year ago 118.7 cents.

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A DAY'S HUNT



A HARVEST SCENE