

**TALK ON CORN**

J. O. Pettis Writes From His Missouri Home.

Durham, Mo., Feb. 1, 1908.  
 Editors Denison Review:—Although an unpleasant task, you have done Crawford county corn growers a service by reporting the decisions of the judges at your late corn show. We can hardly believe the case is as bad as your experts made out, for Crawford county soil is far from being exhausted, but methods pursued there will in time bring humiliating results. Continued cropping with corn and deep culture will work irreparable mischief, especially to hillside lands.

In the early days of Crawford we were about compelled to do this. Small grain though usually a fair crop was subject to blight, rust, damage by insects and storms. To grow it involved a large outlay for seed, machinery, granaries, with expense of harvest and threshing and when sold in competition with Minnesota and Red River wheat brought less net returns than corn.

Corn was king. It was sent eastward. At the seaboard much of it, also thousands of tons of oil meal, were shipped to England and used by John Bull to fatten his mutton and beef. In the south where cotton was king the same processes were carried on for a century.

Planters impoverished their land growing cotton for English mills. Mr. Bull paid for these soil robbers in manufactured goods, pitting his steam power against our hand labor with the result an American citizen, as a laborer, did not earn as much as one of John's spindles. In time we found a way out by using cattle and hogs as mints and converted our corn bullion into gold dollars right at home. The south never discovered their folly, but raised a war when they could not take their slaves into the territories to continue the soil depleting industry.

Aside from the sacrifice of human life the war has been worth to them all it cost. The awakening of southern farmers dates to the time President Harrison made a tour of their states and from the platform of his car preached the gospel of agriculture from the text, "Diversify Your Farming."

Conditions have changed. Soil tillers have a better present than past and may expect a better future than present.

Government statistics of agriculture for 1907 are forthcoming and are interesting, more so, when compared with reports of previous years. While the corn crop fell a little below 1906, it was up to the average of recent years. Illinois, Iowa and Missouri are yet the center of the corn belt, each state producing far and away more corn than any state outside this trio. Missouri ranks second with its 1907 crop and we believe within five years will be in the lead. It appears that Illinois and Iowa have reached their acreage in corn growing. Their numerous mines, railroads, manufacturing plants, etc., require many thousands of workmen. By combination or trust they are able to compel farmers to compete in the labor market for help at wages that can scarcely be earned in the cornfield. Also land values, taxes and rents are so high—the population to be fed so dense, farmers can now raise corn crops that will scarcely bring larger net returns per acre. Dairying, the raising of meat animals, fruits, etc., are now lucrative industries, which admit of rotation and require less manual labor. A large per cent of corn land will be sown to alfalfa—the farmers out go for hired help diminished his income, increased by the sale of higher priced products and his land constantly improving in fertility instead of being depleted by continued growing of corn which perhaps exposes the soil to the wasting of the elements more than any other farm crop.

In Missouri, conditions are different, land values are lower, labor cheaper. The area of corn culture will be increased by many thousands of acres, yet unimproved, such are forest lands now being cleared and rich bottom lands being redeemed by engineering skill. In three counties of southeast Missouri, six hundred miles of drainage canals have been constructed within the last three years, reclaiming a large area of as good corn and cotton land as there is in the Mississippi valley. For hundreds of miles along the Mississippi the Missouri and other streams are leagues of choice lands that can be put in order for farm crops at a cost that will be trifling compared with the value it will then have.

Progress is in the air. Farm institute work is being pushed and is meeting with encouragement and success in nearly every district. Our agricultural college at Columbia is doing for us what yours at Ames is doing for Iowa. Corn talk men with their corn car exhibits are sent over the roads to give out new thought and awaken new ideas. During the latter part of last summer a professor from

**Muslins and Wash Goods**

- Unbleached Sheeting, hand twist cotton, this week, 90-inch, 25c, 81-inch..... 23c
- Pillow Casing, bleached, 45-inch, serviceable, hard twist cotton, this week..... 13c
- Bleached Muslin, yard wide, two special standard brands, yard 9 1/2c and..... 8c
- Ginghams, in seersucker skirting stripes and checks, 10c grades at..... 8c
- Eiderdown Velour Flannel, best patterns, 18c grade, yard..... 11c
- Dress Percaloes, double fold, medium and dark colors, yard..... 6c
- Apron Ginghams, Lancaser, standard grade, blue or brown checks, yard..... 6c

**Sale of Bedding**

- Bed Comforters, medium weight; silkolene covered, 72x78 inches, \$1 75 value, special..... \$1.29
- Cotton Fleece Bed Blankets, steel gray, 11-4 size, this week..... 95c
- 10-4 Wool Blankets, white, gray, sanitary or plaids, shell stitched edge, pair..... \$2.98
- Pillow Cases, 45x36 and 42x36 inches, well made, 3-inch hems, regular mill price 12 1/2c, sale price this week..... 10c
- Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, spoke stitch, linen finish, sale price..... 16c
- Sheets, 72x90, no seams, 3-inch hems, special at..... 69c

the college invited the boys of a certain community to meet in camp for one week, saying he would bring a tent, with all necessities and everything should be free. He expected 40 boys, but had 60 the first day and later more. Each morning he gave lectures, the boys using note books and pencil. Afternoons were spent with games and studying plant growth, with things practical and useful. With the last day came examinations, also the boys' parents and sisters, with well filled baskets for a picnic dinner. The best thing about that outing, many of those boys will take a full course at college and when they go out to their life work they will stand on the shoulders of their fathers, see farther, reach higher and accomplish more along all lines of agricultural science. J. O. Pettis.

**Schleswig**

Geo. Hoiten and daughter, Sarah and Laura, visited at the C. C. Walters home in Kiron Sunday, returning the same day. The latter remained until Monday.

Mrs. Claus Rusch and daughter, Ella, were Ida Grove visitors Thursday.

Miss Jesse Cook of Dunlap, commenced her duties as teacher in the 2nd room of our school Jan. 27th. Her pupils seem very glad to see her again.

Mrs. Frank Jones was on the sick list last week, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Jurgen Schroeder and son Raymond, are visiting since last Monday in Armour, South Dakota, at the home of Paul Stapleton.

S. B. McGarvey returned from Hawarden, Iowa, Friday, where he had been looking after telephone interests.

Ed. Reimers of Denison, visited at his parental home east of town on Monday.

Died—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Jahns, east of Schleswig, passed away Feb. 2nd. The little one had been sick for a long time, and everything had been done to restore it to health that was possible. She was the pride of her parents. She has one sister who will miss her greatly. Little Olga was one year and three months old, was born in Germany, and came to this country with her parents last year. The remains were laid to rest in the Nissen cemetery Monday. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Witt living south of town, underwent a light operation Monday. The little one has been tongue-tied since birth, but was relieved of this by Dr. Jones Monday in Schleswig.

Emil Peters assisted in the McGarvey drug store during Mr. McGarvey's absence last week.

Grandma Schroeder is visiting at her son Julius' home east of town since Sunday.

Miss Ida Fueter, who has been visiting friends here for some time, departed for Ida Grove Monday.

Gladys Girard is on the sick list since last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wells and daughter Fern, and Mrs. John Hoiten, Floy Carter and Joe Kearns attended the Golden wedding of Mrs. Well's parents in Wall Lake last week.

**NOTICE.**

Piano tuning, Voicing, and action regulating. Having returned from the East, will be at home for three weeks, and will do tuning, voicing and regulating. Work Guaranteed. Russell H. Norman.

**The Boys**

MAIN STREET DENISON, IOWA

**Winter Coats and Furs Reduced**

- \$7.50 Long Black Kersey Coats..... \$ 2.98
  - \$13.50 Cheviot Coats..... 6.95
  - \$27.50 Black Tight Fitting Coats..... 16.95
  - \$25.00 Fine Fabric Jackets..... 14.75
- Fur Sets, Fancy Neck Scarfs, Pillow shape Muffs, Fur Throws, all go at reduced prices.

**Rug Bargains**

- Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, regular \$17.00 quality, at..... \$12.50
- Wilton Velvet Rugs, 9x12 feet, beautiful oriental designs, \$24 grade, at..... 17.48
- Kashmir Rugs, 6x9 feet, heavy and reversible, rich blue pattern, this week..... 6.50
- Dexter Velvet Rugs, 27x54 inches, neat designs, rich colorings, this week..... 98c
- Cook's Linoileum, the extra heavy kind, 6 feet wide, per yard..... 49c

**Men's Shirt Sale**

Men's Laundered Fine French Percaloe and woven Madras Negligee Shirts, cuffs attached and detached value to \$1.25, choice of large line at..... 78c

**Good Values in Fine Silks**

- Black Peau de Soie, 36-inch, rustling lustrous black, \$1.75 quality, per yard..... \$1.38
- Guaranteed Black Oil Boiled Taffeta, yard wide special this week, yard..... 89c
- 36-inch White Washable Habutai, extra heavy quality, special, yard..... 59c
- Colored Japanese Wash Silk, heavy quality, 22 inches wide, yard..... 39c
- 27-inch Rough Shantung Pongee, brown, regular 98c grade, yard..... 69c

**Remarkable Lace Values**

- Allover Embroideries, suitable for entire waists or yoking purposes, simple or elaborately figured, the regular \$1.48 values, special, per yard..... 69c
- Embroideries, widths up to 12 inches, beautiful patterns, on sheer Swisses, cambrics, and nainsooks, yard..... 12 1/2c
- German Torchon Laces, neat edgings and insertions, for underwear purposes, the kind that usually sells for 10c, this week yd..... 3 1/2c
- German Torchon Laces, insertion to match, many pretty patterns, in widths for trimming pillow slips, etc., 15c qualities, per yard..... 5c
- Waist Nets, best quality, regular price up to \$1.19, an exceptional bargain, yard..... 79c

**Proceedings of Board**

Denison, Iowa, Monday, January, 5th, 1908.

The board of supervisors of Crawford county, Iowa, met in their office in Crawford county court house, this the 6th day of January, 1908, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in accordance with adjournment.

Called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by C. H. Molter, chairman.

Members present, C. H. Molter, H. D. Baeth, John Cook, Thos. Ahart and John Holland.

Minutes of Saturday, January 4th, 1908, were read and on motion stand approved.

On motion the following claims were allowed:

- Herman Grill, coal for court house heating..... 45.30
- Reimer plumbing, trustee Hanover twp..... 12.10
- Denison twp trustee and clerk..... 7.00
- W. M. Welsh Co, supplies for supt..... 27.10
- Review Publishing Co, publishing board proceedings..... 137.00
- Review Publishing Co, blanks for county attorney..... 2.25
- F. M. Hinman and Andy Fisher, witnesses at coroner's inquest over bodies of five Austrians killed near Ellis..... 16.50
- Henry Hatter, serving subpoenas in case of State of Iowa vs Hassens, claimed \$2.00, allowed..... 5.80
- T. W. Swatman, sharpening road plow and cutter..... 50
- F. L. Hoffman, expense visiting schools during December..... 14.88
- F. L. Hoffman, expense attending conference of county supts at Des Moines..... 12.56
- M. J. Conway clerk Denison twp..... 2.00
- W. Meyer, claims for supt..... 20.00
- M. Cole, coal for Mrs. Tillett..... 5.55
- C. E. Dobler, trust West Side twp, looking after sewer..... 4.00
- John Schumann, trustee West Side twp looking after poor..... 4.00
- G. M. McCarren, raising John Olson's house..... 5.00
- Stewart Lumber Co, coal for John Dee..... 14.90
- Stewart Lumber Co, culvert pipe..... 130.00
- Shelby County, on half cost of bridges on line of Crawford and Shelby cos..... 133.12
- J. A. Scott, bridge irons..... 2.85

Resolved by the board of supervisors of Crawford county, Iowa, That the following members of the board be appointed a committee on settlement with county treasurer:

- Baeth and Ahart.
- With auditor,
- Cook, Holland and Molter.
- With clerk,
- Cook and Holland.
- With recorder,
- Cook and Holland.
- With superintendent,
- Molter.
- With sheriff,
- Molter.

Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon to meet at 1 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.  
 Board met at 1 o'clock.

On motion following claims were allowed:

- C. S. Dempster, J. P. transcript, State of Iowa vs Alfred Schroeder..... 2.50
- C. S. Dempster, J. P. transcript, State of Iowa vs Jake Kaplan..... 4.05
- C. S. Dempster, J. P. transcript, State of Iowa vs John Unland..... 4.00
- C. S. Dempster, J. P. transcript, State of Iowa vs J. R. Thiede..... 3.33
- W. M. Lana, painting 600 caps on bridges..... 416.25
- W. M. Lana, bridges..... 120.00
- W. M. Lana, culvert pipe..... 120.00
- Denison Hospital and Sanitarium, hospital services for Chris Hansen..... 3.00
- Denison Hospital and Sanitarium, hospital services for Alice Murdock..... 48.85
- Denison Hospital and Sanitarium, hospital services for Oliver Hybke..... 20.00
- Denison Hospital and Sanitarium, hospital services for Otto Larson..... 20.00
- Denison Hospital and Sanitarium, hospital services for Thomas Kirk..... 21.00

Board adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m. to meet Wednesday, January 8th, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m.

C. H. Molter, Chairman.

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

Wednesday, Jan. 15th, 1908.

The board of supervisors met in their office at 9 o'clock a. m. in accordance with adjournment.

Members all present.  
 Called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. by C. H. Molter, chairman.

Minutes of Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 1908, were read and on motion stand approved.

On motion following claim was allowed:

- W. E. Fishel, House rent for Mrs. Tillett, 4 months..... 24.00

Balance of forenoon was taken up by checking county officers' books

Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon to meet at 1 o'clock p. m., Afternoon Session.

Board met at one o'clock.

Auditor's report of fees collected for the months of November and December, as deeds, bonds, plats, estray notices and redemptions, the sum for thirty dollars, which has been deposited with county treasurer as shown by receipt hereto attached.

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

On motion report was approved.

Auditor's annual report of permanent school fund:

- Jan. 1st, 1907, On hand in notes..... 2473.22
- Jan. 1st, 1907, On hand in cash..... 1986.78
- ..... 4460.00
- Jan. 1st, 1908, On hand in notes..... 2187.39
- Jan. 1st, 1908, On hand in cash..... 112.61
- By transfer by order of State Auditor..... 7000.00
- ..... 9189.00
- Jan. 1st, 1907, Cash on hand..... 1886.78
- Loans paid in..... 3125.13
- ..... 5011.91
- By transfer by order of State Auditor..... 5000.00
- Jan. 1st, 1908, Cash on hand..... 112.61
- ..... 5124.51

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

On motion report was approved.

I, M. J. Collins, County Auditor, hereby report of the mullet tax levied and collected from the first day of June, 1907, till Jan. 1st, 1908:

- Amount due last report..... 150.00
- Interest and cost on same..... 52.60
- Amount levied to Jan. 1st, 1908..... 900.00
- ..... 1102.60
- Total amount collected..... 982.60

On motion report was accepted.

We, the appointed committee on settlement with M. J. Collins, County Auditor, beg to report that we have examined Auditor's warrant books and find warrants issued on accounts of county, bridge, poor, insane, soldiers relief, road, county institute, levatee and court house bond funds up to January 1st, 1908, to be correct and have cancelled same as required by law. Also have examined the various claims and find warrants issued thereon to be correct.

Also have examined the permanent school fund account and find on hand in notes the sum of \$2187.39, and the sum of \$112.61 on hand in cash, in the hands of the county treasurer, amounting to the total of \$2300.00.

Also have examined reports from the 7th day of January, 1907, to the first day of January, 1908, as bonds, deeds, redemption, estray notices, plats and title decree of court, and sum of \$274.24 all of which he has deposited into the county treasurer as shown by receipts hereto attached.

Also have examined mullet tax account from July 1st, 1907, to January 1st, 1908, and find that \$900.00 has been levied and that \$982.60 has been collected, all of which we respectfully submit.

On motion report was accepted and committee discharged.

For Rent—A barn, stalls for two horses, good loft, room for buggy. Reasonable rates. Inquire of A. L. Strong, or at 102, Chestnut St. Denison, Iowa. 4-1f

**Review for fine Job Work**

On motion following claim was allowed:

- W. E. Fishel, House rent for Mrs. Tillett, 4 months..... 24.00

Balance of forenoon was taken up by checking county officers' books

Board adjourned at 12 o'clock noon to meet at 1 o'clock p. m., Afternoon Session.

Board met at one o'clock.

Auditor's report of fees collected for the months of November and December, as deeds, bonds, plats, estray notices and redemptions, the sum for thirty dollars, which has been deposited with county treasurer as shown by receipt hereto attached.

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

On motion report was approved.

Auditor's annual report of permanent school fund:

- Jan. 1st, 1907, On hand in notes..... 2473.22
- Jan. 1st, 1907, On hand in cash..... 1986.78
- ..... 4460.00
- Jan. 1st, 1908, On hand in notes..... 2187.39
- Jan. 1st, 1908, On hand in cash..... 112.61
- By transfer by order of State Auditor..... 7000.00
- ..... 9189.00
- Jan. 1st, 1907, Cash on hand..... 1886.78
- Loans paid in..... 3125.13
- ..... 5011.91
- By transfer by order of State Auditor..... 5000.00
- Jan. 1st, 1908, Cash on hand..... 112.61
- ..... 5124.51

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

On motion report was approved.

I, M. J. Collins, County Auditor, hereby report of the mullet tax levied and collected from the first day of June, 1907, till Jan. 1st, 1908:

- Amount due last report..... 150.00
- Interest and cost on same..... 52.60
- Amount levied to Jan. 1st, 1908..... 900.00
- ..... 1102.60
- Total amount collected..... 982.60

On motion report was accepted.

We, the appointed committee on settlement with M. J. Collins, County Auditor, beg to report that we have examined Auditor's warrant books and find warrants issued on accounts of county, bridge, poor, insane, soldiers relief, road, county institute, levatee and court house bond funds up to January 1st, 1908, to be correct and have cancelled same as required by law. Also have examined the various claims and find warrants issued thereon to be correct.

Also have examined the permanent school fund account and find on hand in notes the sum of \$2187.39, and the sum of \$112.61 on hand in cash, in the hands of the county treasurer, amounting to the total of \$2300.00.

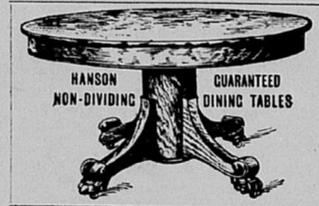
Also have examined reports from the 7th day of January, 1907, to the first day of January, 1908, as bonds, deeds, redemption, estray notices, plats and title decree of court, and sum of \$274.24 all of which he has deposited into the county treasurer as shown by receipts hereto attached.

Also have examined mullet tax account from July 1st, 1907, to January 1st, 1908, and find that \$900.00 has been levied and that \$982.60 has been collected, all of which we respectfully submit.

On motion report was accepted and committee discharged.

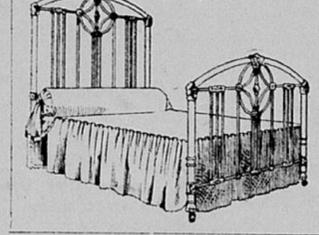
For Rent—A barn, stalls for two horses, good loft, room for buggy. Reasonable rates. Inquire of A. L. Strong, or at 102, Chestnut St. Denison, Iowa. 4-1f

**A \$3.00 Adjustable Table FREE**



**With each outfit sold by us in February and March.**

This table is very useful and suitable for all purposes.



For the special benefit of the young couples and the farmers who will move this spring, we will give

**10 per cent Discount**

**ON ALL Furniture, Carpets and Rugs DURING FEBRUARY**

Make your selections now. You can get the goods when you need them, we will store them free of charge.

**Special low prices on bed room suits. We have a large stock. Prices from \$14.00 up.**

Come in and see the \$25.00 Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet to be given away free July 4th. Every \$1.00 purchase counts on the cabinet.

**Bartcher Bros.**

Where you see the big sign on Broadway.  
 Your Marriage Certificate Framed Free.