

The crop conditions in this section of the state are very serious and even if we had all kinds of rain now only half a crop could be expected. The past ten days of hot dry weather has set all kinds of vegetation back and crops are going back rapidly every day. It has threatened rain time and again but all signs seem to fail in a dry year. It is a repetition of 1900. It is lucky that our farmers and business men are able to stand a failure better than they could a few years ago, nevertheless, unless we get immediate relief business will be paralyzed. Orders are being countermanded and there is a general stoppage of contemplated improvements. This condition does not apply only to North Dakota but to the entire northwest. Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Montana and the Canadian northwest are all in the dry belt this year. We can only hope that rain will come soon and give us relief so the farmers can get part of a crop in order to get their seed back.