

# ABOUT CROP CONDITIONS

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And Other Conditions—The Man  
Who Sticks is the Man Who  
Proves the Winner.  
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There is no use denying it. Crop conditions in this county and in the western part of the state are poor, and as a result a great many people will experience hard times.

The farmers are the principal sufferers, but the stringency will be felt in all lines of business. Money and credit has been too easy in the past and while times were good, and money plentiful little or no provision was made for such conditions as now loom up. The idea of conservation was entirely lost sight of. In the present crop failure there is a lesson which we all may learn and there are few of us to whom it will not apply—that is the lesson of economy. We must get away from the idea of stretching our credit until it cracks but rather play safe—and go slow.

Our forefathers until a generation or two ago lived comfortably and happy in conditions which we of this pampered age would consider the veriest hardship. They were healthy and strong, both in mind and body and accomplished much. They worked hard, lived within their means and usually kept out of debt. Perhaps they did this of necessity as in those early days there was no wide open system of credit such as exists to day.

It would not be expected that we should go back to the primitive conditions of our early American forefathers, yet we would do well to learn their lesson in economy and frugality.

What are we going to do is the question one will hear asked frequently these days. Just do the right thing. Stick to the land. These temporary reverses come to all sections. Even now we learn that South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, parts of Iowa and Minnesota are in as bad condition as we are, or even worse.

The history of all farming communities show years of droughts as well as years of good crops. It also shows that the man who stuck to the land during the thin years reaped his reward during the fat years, and made good, while the man who showed the white feather and pulled out is still a wanderer on the face of the earth, still seeking that Eldorado which lies just ahead but which he never reaches.

Every older section of this state has its old timers, men who today are in easy circumstances, many in affluence, surrounded by all the comforts that money can buy, who will tell you of passing through years of crop failures, hardships and poverty. They will also tell you that those who had faith in the country and stuck are now on easy street and those who got scared and ran are still on the run.

Prospects are none too bright but there is no cause for worry, because worry never did any good. There is, however, grave cause for some good, solid, hard thinking on the part of every one of us.

McKenzie county is a good county. There is no richer soil anywhere in this state. It has a productive soil and with proper farming methods and suitable weather conditions it will produce abundantly—  
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