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Prairie Chicken

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Quail.

In an address by El Comancho in Madison, December 20, he stated that quail were exceedingly numerous in S.E. Nebraska previous to 1880. In 1880 or 1881 a severe sleet storm in spring killed most of them, and he personally found numerous frozen covies. After this storm there were no quail left except along the river bottoms, whereas previously they were scattered all through the draws which had switch willow cover. He could not remember how long previous to 1880 the abundance lasted or how soon after abundance was recovered. The whole thing sounds to me like an irruption (see north central report).