

# *\$1 per day going rate for labor*

Among intriguing records on file in the Washington County Historical Museum at Hillsboro is a Bureau of Labor report from Cyrus Walker, son of Mary and Elkanah Walker, concerning labor costs, probably in the early 1900s. No date is given.

Walker reports that he paid his farm workers \$1 a day and board or \$30 a month. For a man and his team he paid \$2.50 a day. Harvest hands commanded \$1.75 to \$2 a day and worked 14 hours!

Walker reported that the farm workers had to spend from \$100 to \$150 per year on clothing and shoes — it takes two good pair of shoes at \$7.50 each. He said the workers complained they could not save on their wages.