

Coal in Oliver County—*Lignite* occurs at many points in this county and it is quite likely that the New Salem seams extend north into this area. In T. 141 N., R. 86 W., a 6-foot coal bed is reported in secs. 33 and 36, and a 5-foot bed in secs. 3 and 11. Coal is said to be abundant in sec. 28, T. 141 N., R. 83 W. A bed 6 feet thick is reported in sec. 9, T. 142 N., R. 86 W., and a 7-foot bed in sec. 9, T. 142 N., R. 85 W. In the eastern part of the county, near the Missouri River, lignite is mined for local use in the northern part of sec. 7, T. 142 N., R. 81 W. In the easternmost of the small strip pits the bed measures 3 feet 6 inches, but is said to contain much dirty lignite. There are probably two beds here, the upper being mined farther west, up the draw. These beds are about 80 feet above river level.¹