

INTELLIGENCER ANNUAL BANK STATEMENT.

Showing the Condition of the Commercial Banks of Wheeling at the Close of 1897, 1898, 1899 and June 30, 1900, and Close of 1900, Compiled From Information Furnished by the Banks for the Wheeling Intelligencer.

Table with columns for Banks, Capital, Deposits, Discounts, Surplus, and various financial metrics for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1900.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Dean, of New York, for the benefit of the nurses' quarters in the City Hospital, only a silver offering is asked.

Mr. Frederic Dean, of New York, the writer and lecturer of musical matters, is spending the holidays with his family in Wheeling, and will remain until after his lecture recital on the "Song Writers of Europe," to be given on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 2nd.

The singing of Mrs. Frederic Dean was a revelation. She has a voice of lovely quality, facility of execution, and a true cantabile style.

"Mrs. Dean's full, rich voice met with hearty response." "Mrs. Frederic Dean is a lady of engaging address with a wonderfully flexible and well-disciplined voice."

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In Wheeling During the Year Just Closing, as Shown by the Intelligencer's

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The Showing is an Unexpectedly Heavy Increase—All of the Banks Did Well.

SURPLUS INCREASED LARGELY

Indicating That a Satisfactory Business Was Done—Details of the Shipment.

The Intelligencer's annual bank statement—the only yearly publication made in Wheeling that is indicative of the business of the year—shows deposits at the close of business on December 26, aggregating \$9,857,819 for the twelve banks of the city transacting a commercial business. Adding to this the \$900,000 deposits of the Mutual Savings bank, which transacts only a savings business, and the deposits are increased to \$10,437,819. For the commercial banks the increase for the year is \$432,222, with the Mutual it is \$1,043,322.

In loans and discounts, the increase is from \$8,967,555 a year ago, to \$7,698,996 or \$320,411. With the Mutual's increase of \$100,000 the total increase is brought up to \$420,411.

Deposits. A comparison with three years ago, when the first Intelligencer bank statement was published, shows deposits to have increased from \$6,933,798 to \$9,857,819, or \$2,924,021, being 63.4 per cent, a showing that is without precedent in this city. When an increase in deposits of \$2,924,021 was shown a year ago over the preceding year, owing to the tremendous amount of money put in circulation here through the several industrial deals that had been recently put through, it was freely predicted that there would be little or no increase at the close of 1900, and possibly a decrease. Now that an increase of \$432,222 is in evidence, it will be realized that Wheeling is indeed enjoying an era of unprecedented prosperity. No figures could be more eloquent. Not only has the abnormal increase at the close of 1899 been kept in circulation at home, but nearly a million is added. The details of increase in deposits each year since the close of 1897 are shown in the following tabulation. (The increase for June 30, 1900, is for the half-year):

Loans and Discounts. An analysis of the figures of loans and discounts for the three years since the close of 1897, indicates that the "Wheeling money market is in a much easier condition. While at the close of '97 loans approached within \$123,852, of deposits; that item is now \$2,259,453 less than the deposits. Three years ago Wheeling was just recovering from four years of industrial depression, and there was a demand for all the money the banks could place. Now, after a period of prosperity without a parallel in this section, the banks have more money than they know what to do with. But, while the difference between deposits

Women are vastly more patient than men. It is scarcely believable that a woman, suffering past all telling, can attend to business, and bend and stoop beyond all this she smiles, she bends and stoops about her customer. A man might swallow down an oath or keep back a groan, but his face would be like a thundercloud, and his voice scarcely disguise his irritation.

For women who suffer from backache, bearing-down pains, or other pains due to womanly diseases, there is no other medicine equal to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It regulates the womanly functions, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription" and it is entirely free from opium, cocaine and all other narcotics. A vegetable preparation, it cannot disagree with the weakest condition.

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and discounts is so much greater, there is still a very heavy increase in the amount of discounts now as compared with the close of 1897, for the amount amounting to \$1,728,430. Discounts increased \$730,411 for the year, while for the preceding year the increase was \$1,054,232, and the year ending December, '98, showed a decrease in discounts of \$56,214. The figures in detail are as follows:

Table showing Loans and Discounts for various years, including 1897, 1898, 1899, and 1900.

Surplus and Profits. Under the head of surplus and undivided profits, the really excellent condition of all the Wheeling banks is shown. During the year just closing surplus has increased from \$571,578 to

\$673,430, or \$101,852, being nearly 20 per cent. The increase in surplus for the year before was \$36,520, and for the year ending December, '98, but \$316. The figures in detail:

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Field of Sports.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION. Of Base Ball Clubs Formed Friday, at Chicago—Five Cities Admitted, Including Toledo.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—At a meeting held this afternoon and evening, in the Great Northern hotel, the Western Association of professional base ball clubs was formed. No officers were elected, this action being deferred until next Wednesday, when an adjourned meeting will be held in this city. The members of the association as far as determined upon, are: Kansas City, Minneapolis, Detroit, Louisville and Toledo. Eight clubs in all will comprise the association, but those present at the meeting to-day declined to say what the three other cities would be, saying that they would be taken from a list of half a dozen places which had made an application for membership.

The management of the association will be under the patronage of the American League.

SPORTING COMMENT. There will be seventeen starters in the Twentieth Century six-day bicycle race next Monday morning at the Park Square Garden, in Boston. Those who have already arrived there are Louis Gimms, of Pittsburgh, and Archie McEachern, of Canada; Charles Turville, of Philadelphia; Oscar Babcock, of New York; Bob Walthour, of Atlanta; Frank Waller, Joe Downey, Alexander McLean, Hugh McLean and W. C. Stinson. The "foreign fraternity" is expected to-morrow. It will include Jean Fischer, Jean Gougault, Muller, Anconter, Fredericks, Kaser and Tysner, of Germany.

Harry Varlow, who was a passenger from New York on the White Star steamer Majestic, in the course of an interview at Liverpool, said the American people had treated him most hospitably, but that the American golfers had still much to learn, as neither the players nor the links were up to mark. He intimated that he intended to return to the United States soon, but that he had not decided whether he would settle here.

Hamburg, the son of Hanover, will go under the hammer at Madison Square Garden next month. The great colt will be the star at the sale that will scatter to the winds the stock of the Blitzer Root stock farm, the property of the Marcus Daly estate. Hamburg was foaled in 1895, being bought as a yearling by John E. Madden, in

Wheeling League. Teams. Won. Lost. Per Cent. Wheeling..... 21 6 77.27

Muscle League. Last night's scores were as follows: MUSCLE COLTS. 1st 21 3d Total

BLACK CATS. 1st 24 3d Total

heard from may and may not bring the total shipments of the year to 19,000,000 gross tons, but in any case the exact figures, as determined late in January, will vary 1 per cent either way from the estimate of a round nineteen million.

In addition to the foregoing figures, a sixth range has shipped ore during 1900, for the first season. The Helen mine, of the Michigan range, Canada, has shipped about 62,500 tons this season, of which one cargo, amounting to 2,456 tons, went to an American port, the balance being taken by a firm at Deseronto, Ontario. It is expected that the Helen will ship 250,000 to 300,000 tons next season. The size of next year's tonnage from the iron ores of Minnesota and on other things than the ability of the property to actually mine the amount named, as it has a very large body of ore, and a large body of Bessemer grade. Explorations in progress this season in the Michigan district lead to the belief that a considerable number of good mines will be opened on this range within the next few years.

In addition to the Michigan, there is another Canadian iron range which may be taken into consideration. This is the Atkotton, which lies in the eastern portion of Algoma, north of the St. Lawrence and Vermilion ranges of Minnesota. It contains iron ore of a quality much of which is titaniferous, and of great quantity of small value in the present stage of metallurgical knowledge, though the iron ores of Minnesota and Canada containing titaniferous ore eventually be utilized, under some improved process of smelting. That the Atkotton must soon be called on to add to the enormous quantities of iron ore consumed in American furnaces is certain, and there are indications that such action will be taken within a short time. In this connection account should be taken of the like iron and steel industry in Canada.

A Promising Start. A promising start in that direction has already been made in Prince Edward Island, and in view of the remarkable development of mining industries in Canada within the past decade, and further considering the enterprise displayed by our Canadian cousins in

building trans-continental railroads, and in all ways planning and working for the development of the great natural resources of their country, it would indeed be surprising if no attempt were made to manufacture within Canadian borders at least a portion of the wealth of iron ore found north of the United States boundary line.

It has apparently been generally felt that there was no danger of a shortage of high grade ores in the Lake Superior field, and even two and three years ago owners of high-grade mines sold their properties at nominal prices. As a matter of fact, there is a likelihood of a dire shortage of Bessemer ore, not in the remote, but in the immediate future, and it would scarcely be an exaggeration to state that such a shortage is already making itself felt. For the past two seasons the mines of the world have been unable to produce as large quantities as could have been marketed with ease. The demand for ore must increase, and it is difficult to figure where the Bessemer ore is to come from to meet legitimate requirements. Despite the great activity in exploratory work, and the location and opening of many promising new deposits, there is not as much Bessemer ore in sight now on the older ranges as there was two years ago, and the Michigan Bessemer are scarcer than was believed even recently as two or three years ago. The independent owner of a good mine of Bessemer grade who gives away his ore, or sells it without a profit, is remarkably deficient in business sense. Despite the power of the company and the fact that such a mine has the whip-hand, if he will only believe it, it would be wiser for him to close his mine, if he is able to pay taxes, than to sell his ore except at a good profit. There are few investments for the profits from his mining operations equal to that derivable from merely leaving the ore in the ground for a few years.

Garnegie Company the Master. As matters now stand, the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, has so much the strongest strategic position, as a maker of steel, miner of ore and owner and lessee of high grade mines, that it may be said without danger of exaggeration that his concern is absolutely master of the American iron and steel industry, and perhaps also of the iron trade of the world. The Federal Steel Company, and the third place is so far behind that it is scarcely worthy of mention in the same paragraph.

The year 1900 was a profitable one to the mines and a prosperous one with labor. Wages are again good, and prompt to sell his ore, and to invest in steel, and to mine-workers for the year 1901, the present, in many ways, is slightly larger output next year than has been secured in 1900, but in all likelihood the increase will not be large. The anticipated danger from lack of vessel capacity to transport ore has been proven a bluff, and the lake shippers are eagerly keeping up with the demand for ore carriers, and the third place is so far behind that it is scarcely worthy of mention in the same paragraph.

McDonald Wore. The condition of Samuel McDonald, who killed Auditor Morris, is considerably worse to-day. The change is due to a renewal of his efforts to thwart the measure necessary to his recovery. He refuses to take nourishment and assists in anything that is likely to bring a fatal result.

Editor Complains of Whitecaps. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—D. A. Jennings, of Columbus, Ohio, has filed suit in the United States court against about twenty citizens, men and women,

Advertisement for Tongaline, featuring the text "What can be cured shouldn't be endured." and "Tongaline cures rheumatism." Includes a small illustration of a person.

Advertisement for McFadden's Corduroy Pants for \$1.98, featuring the text "BEST CORDUROY CORDUROY" and "McFADDEN'S SHIRTS, HATS, SHOES."

Advertisement for Mutual Savings Bank, featuring the text "MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK" and "1521 Market Street."

Advertisement for The National Exchange Bank of Wheeling, featuring the text "THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK OF WHEELING" and "Capital \$200,000 Surplus \$50,000."

Advertisement for Pittsburg Securities, featuring the text "PITTSBURG SECURITIES MAKE GOOD INVESTMENTS."

Advertisement for Bank of Wheeling, featuring the text "BANK OF WHEELING CAPITAL \$200,000 PAID IN WHEELING, W. VA." and listing directors and officers.



DAINTY FLANNEL WAIST.

The flannel waist is leading itself to many schemes of decoration, the most effective of which perhaps is the application of white silk in various conventional designs. This model in rose-colored flannel has the entire front tucked and turned back in revers, which are ornamented with the white silk applique. The plain white space within has a similar design.

SOCIETY

Wheeling Society as it evolved in the end of the nineteenth century, is about ready to stand at the grave of that century, and many entertainments were crowded in for its last hours, notable among which was the Vance reception complimentary to the Princeton College clubs.

Mrs. Kate Lamb yesterday afternoon delightfully entertained at luncheon, in honor of Miss Freeman, of San Francisco, and Miss Bessie List, of Washington, the visiting guests of her daughter, Miss Louise Lamb. The affair was daintily appointed and enjoyed.

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