

# ARDMORE NATIONAL BANK,

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 20, 1904.

Capital Stock and Additional Liability, : : : \$200,000  
Surplus and Undivided Profits, : : : 29,000

\$229,000

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As is our custom we extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all, and especially to our customers and friends.

Our country has been blessed with good crops, and in the main, good prices, and a large measure of general prosperity ending the year.

The Ardmore National Bank has shared in this prosperity, and being grateful for the confidence and patronage it has received, the officers, directors and stockholders express gratitude and a desire to be of still greater benefit to the community. We invite the town and country people to join us in holiday congratulations and all are given a cordial invitation to come and feel at home in our banking office.

We are grateful not only for your confidence and the support given us, but for another holiday season without death or disaster to any of our patrons or competitors in business and that the near future promises so much for Ardmore, our community and the "Beautiful Indian Territory." Soon all over this fair land we will have county organizations, county government, good churches, good school houses and good tenant houses, good roads and many other blessings and advantages attending statehood. Soon, land title in this country will be generally, as good as in Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, or elsewhere.

Many among our best farmers have prospered here and have gone with their money to Texas and other states to buy lands. In our opinion, this has been very unwise. This is the favored land by nature, and we believe soon will be by our laws.

The Indian Territory is neither north nor south—it is a between country—growing everything in abundance that can be grown in either of the sections mentioned above.

The Indian Territory is a most favored land in climate and diversity of privileges.

We do not want to lose, but gain

good farmers from the less favored states, who will engage in practical farming and diversify crops according to the opportunity the climate affords.

Let us raise cotton to be sure, but let us be sure to raise an abundance of "Hog and Hominy."

If our farmers will make cotton their surplus crop and raise everything to provision their families and feed their stock, prosperity will be within the reach of all. Let us cultivate just the amount of land that we can manage in a practical farm like way, thinking less of the number of acres and more of the cultural methods we employ. We hope that the acreage over the entire cotton belt will be reduced 50 to 75 per cent.

With such reduction, and an average season, the farmers will realize 50 cents for cotton next year.

Those who have not sold their cotton have an object lesson in low prices. If this acreage of 1904 be repeated in 1905, and an average season prevails, 5 cent per lb. will be assured, which will mean bankruptcy to the cotton raiser.

The remedy is diversification, economy and the saving of loss and unnecessary expense incident to over-cropping on cotton. If the farmers who have held their cotton feel that they cannot raise as much cotton next year for the price cotton is worth today, the Ardmore National Bank will make liberal advances on their cotton and carry them over until another season; but this will not be profitable unless the total acreage be largely reduced.

This crop will most likely prove more than 12,000,000 bales, and another as large means 5 cent cotton and a general distress in the cotton belt.

Wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and that "King Cotton" may not remain longer de-throned, is our sentiment.

C. R. SMITH, President.  
LEE CRUCE, Cashier.

## A Shakespearean Treat.

Mr. Joseph Shipman is in Ardmore today in the interest of his New York company of Shakespearean players headed by Miss Charlotte Burnett. The company is appearing in a limited number of one night stands, and it rests with the people themselves whether we will have one performance by this universally fine organization. The entire tour is by subscription, the only being placed where a hundred or more of the best class of theatergoers signify their appreciation of the attraction.

Mr. Shipman's company is appearing in that most enjoyable and side splitting comedy, "Twelve Nights," which has not been seen here for a number of years. The masterpiece of Shakespearean comedy is rarely played, but during the past year it is quite the vogue, and last season had an extended run at the Knickerbocker Theater, New York City.

Mr. Shipman has given the play a superb mounting, both in scenery and costumes, and the company is the strongest that has left New York in recent years. A few hours work this morning was most encouraging, all of our most prominent citizens who were interviewed signified their pleasure by becoming patrons, but as the desired amount has not been reached, the list will be left in the hands of Mr. Robinson, who has until Tuesday next to secure the guarantee.

## OLD SOUTHERN WAR DEBTS.

That is a pretty scheme some speculators have concocted to raid the South and compel several of the states to pay the millions of bonds issued by the carpetbag government after the war. The recent judgment of the United States supreme court in the case of South Dakota against the Carolina has started up all who came into possession of these worthless securities. Under the constitution a private citizen cannot sue a state, so South Dakota came into possession of these bonds through a private citizen who donated them. The suit was brought and sustained.

The idea now is that private holders may, by donating these bonds to states, lay the foundation of suits by the holding states to recover. Some citizens of Philadelphia has tendered Iowa ten bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, but it is hardly probable that the officials will permit the Iowa government to become a cat's paw for any such fraudulent purpose.

## When Cheerfulness Abounds.

When the spirit of Christmas is in the air, when cheerfulness abounds on every hand, when the sorrow-stricken is given more sympathy and the unfortunate and destitute are more generously clothed and fed; when the New Year is dawning, it is but fitting that I, who have enjoyed a generous share of trade during the past twelve months, should give some expression of my gratitude and invite you to give me the same liberal share of your trade in 1905. A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.  
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## A Merry Christmas

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Today is the last day of the Burton-Peel Dry Goods Company sale. It being a day before Christmas, the store will undoubtedly be crowded, and the receipts on this account more than double any day this week. The many items commented upon, the wonderful success of this sale, is undoubtedly yet fresh in the minds of the public. Hence there is very little to say. However, no resident of Ardmore should fail to step into the store. Late tonight when the doors close a sale without a parallel ceases. Long will this be in the minds of the public. The immense sign will be taken down Monday, and business will be resumed as usual. Two thousand dollars worth of pennies were used up in making change for the ten days. The bank had to order them direct from the mint in Philadelphia, Pa.

A wife should endeavor to beautify the home, not grumble at the lack of ornaments.

When a woman is going away on a visit she never finishes packing her trunk until after the expressman calls for it.

A wife should confide in her husband, but need not worry him with petty troubles.

A lawyer does not become a necessity merely because he knows no law.

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