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THE YEAR'S FAILURES

They Have Been Fewer in Number Than in Any Year Since 1883.

Smaller in Amount of Commercial Liabilities Than in Any Year Since 1881.

Trade Somewhat Quieter Since the Holiday Trade—The Outlook Satisfactory.

New York, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dun & Company's Weekly Review of Trade today says:

No correct report of failures in 1899 can be made until the year has closed. The failures thus far reported are fewer in number than in any year since 1883, and smaller in amount of commercial liabilities than in any year since 1881. The aggregate of defaulted liabilities is $120,160,000, but nearly two-thirds of the banking liabilities were added within a few days, the aggregate reaching about $30,000,000. The commercial liabilities have been almost $89,260,000, though exact returns for a few recent failures are not yet obtainable. In no other year except 1881, with defaulted liabilities of $81,155,932, and 1880, with $65,752,000, have failures been as small since the agency commenced quarterly returns in 1875. The average of liabilities per failure is less than $9,500, the smallest in any year of the twenty-five.

The week has been exciting only at Boston, where the failures growing out of speculation and the efforts to reestablish banks and firms suspended have not given the week a holiday character. Yet general business is thoroughly safe and prosperous.

The speculative troubles come because the volume of legitimate business and the unprecedented distribution of profits, interest and dividends made it no longer possible to carry some stocks on borrowed money. Prosperity itself placed a check on speculative ventures.

Wheat and cotton speculation has taken a holiday, prices scarcely varying, and the movement of both is surprisingly small. Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, have, in four weeks, been only 8,278,618 bushels, against 19,874,587 bushels last year, and Pacific exports 3,314,271 bushels, against 3,856,608 bushels. The corn exports continue about as large as last year, but cotton exports this month have been less than half last year's, with some decrease on takings of spinners.

The industries are closing the most extraordinary year of their history. Electrical developments in light, heat and power, in making cataract work, performing wonders in production of materials and providing transportation all over the land, deserve especial attention.

For such reconstruction, the increase in demand for iron and steel products is the great feature of the year. Prices have not changed the past week, though demand for some products improved a little. The average of prices closed 119.5 per cent higher than Jan. 1 for pig and 102.8 per cent higher for products.

Industries which depend on individual consumption have gained less, though more than population. Consumption of cotton has been larger than ever, with an average advance of 29.5 per cent in prices of goods. Wool has been raised by speculation 35 per cent, but has been very largely consumed with great demand for goods, which have advanced but 17 per cent. Stocks now held are said to be 157,398,897 pounds. Of boots and shoes, the east has shipped 400,000 case, or 9 per cent more than last year, and 27½ per cent more than in 1892, but prices have advanced only about 11 per cent since Jan. 1. In all these products trade shows a continuing strong demand, although quiet in the holiday week.

Failures for the week have been 221 in the United States, against 252 last year, and twenty-five in Canada, against twenty-two last year.

Bradstreet's Review.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet's today says:

Holiday quiet and stock taking impart an appearance of dullness to general distributive trade, broken, however, by fair activity in re-order business to fill up the stocks depleted by the heaviest holiday trade that has ever been experienced. Anticipation of spring trade wants has given a more than ordinarily active appearance to business in dry goods at New York, while in industrial lines the efforts of manufacturers to keep up with filled order books is resulting in unusually active operations. Following the flurry in money stocks and in some lines of speculative commodities noted last week has come, as was expected, a more cheerful tone and a firming up of quotations is noted in such staples as cotton, which was affected by last week's money developments, and also in hog products, coffee, copper, tin and lead. Aside from these features prices have displayed exceptional firmness, cereals holding up especially well.

The strength of textiles is still a feature, which finds justification in current statistics of large season's receipts and sales of wool and in reports of enlarged old and heavily increased new capacity in manufacturing lines. Another example of this is found in the fact that although the wool receipts at Boston for the year aggregate nearly double those of a year ago, the stock held at the close of the year is actually smaller than it was at the end of 1898. One of the last of the manufactured textiles to feel the impetus of expanding demand, cotton thread, has this week been advanced. Boot and shoe statistics point to an increase of shipments from Boston of 400,000 cases over the preceding year, and although recent mild weather has dulled the demand, the outlook in this trade and in hides and leather is one of considerable strength.

In iron and steel seasonable quiet as regards new business is observable, but unabated activity on earlier booked orders is reported. A gain in other metals is a feature calling for note this week. Hardware is seasonably quiet.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 3,610,557 bushels, compared with 2,813,714 bushels last week and 6,292,625 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 163,984,197 bushels, against 121,528,709 bushels last year.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,226,259 bushels, against 3,910,000 bushels last week, and 3,659,745 bushels in this week a year ago. Since July 1 this season corn exports aggregate 121,637,145 bushels, against 50,950,635 bushels during the same period a year ago.

Business failures for the week number 220, as compared with 221 last week, and 218 in this week a year ago. For the year failures are the smallest in number for seventeen years past and were it not for a few heavy financial suspensions in December the liabilities which will exceed those of 1892 slightly would have been the smallest for twelve years past.

Business failures for the week in Canada number twenty-two, as compared with twenty-nine last week, and sixteen in this week a year ago.

THE GRINNELL NEWS.

O. T. Frisbie's Turkeys Stolen—The Year's Improvements—Ramey's Remarkable Case.

Special to Times-Republican.

Grinnell, Dec. 30.—O. T. Frisbie is mourning the loss of six turkeys, not the ordinary common turk of commerce, but a breed of bird that assumes gigantic proportions when at his best.

The Herald man, according to a yearly custom, has figured up the amount of the cost of new buildings this year. It amounts to $128,875, besides $20,190 in additions and improvements, a total of $149,065, which is above the average of the past ten years, which is about $125,000.

Charles Doane made a business trip to Marshalltown yesterday.

The Latter Day Saints will have services on Sunday evening, Dec. 31, at 7:30. The meeting will be held in their hall and there will be preaching.

W. H. Shahan was married to Miss Lottie McIntire at Bloomfield on Christmas day.

There will be services in St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday morning; sermon by Rev. S. J. Hoyt, of Davenport.

A strange tale is told of H. M. Ramey, for many years in the furniture and undertaking business in Grinnell, and who, with his wife, Mrs. Kate Ramey, for several years a teacher in the public schools, left here for California some years ago. While driving alone one day he was found helpless, almost senseless by the roadside. For five years or more he was unable to stand upright, owing to what was thought to be a broken back. Word came to Grinnell a few days ago that Mr. Ramey was at a divine healing establishment at Englewood, Ill., and was able to walk with two canes. He believes that he will fully recover the use of his limbs and that his trouble will finally disappear.

Mr. A. P. Cook invites his friends—which means all who know him—to call at his house today and shake hands in congratulation of having reached his 87th birthday. Old as he is he comes down town every fine day, some five or six squares.

Mrs. F. C. Monroe, who, with her babe, has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. B. V. Ruff, returned to her home at Palo today. Mr. Monroe is railway agent at Palo.

MARKETS BY WIRE

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 30.

Cattle — Estimated receipts, 300; steady; beeves, 4.15@6.50; cows, 2.00@4.60; stockers and feeders, 2.00@4.85.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 24,000; active, 5 lower; mixed, 4.10@4.37½; heavy, 4.20@4.40; light, 4.05@4.35.

Sheep — Estimated receipts, 1,000; steady; natives, 4.15@4.65; lambs, 4.00@5.75.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 30.

Wheat—December, 65⅝; May, 69⅝.
Corn—December, 30⅝; May, 32¾.
Oats—December, 22¼; May, 22¾.
Pork—December, 8.90; May, 10.45.
Lard—December, 5.45; May, 5.82½.
Ribs—December, 5.35; May, 5.52½.
Barley—36@45.
Flax—1.09½.
Rye, Clover and Timothy — Not quoted.
Butter—Steady; creameries, 16@26; dairies, 15@22.
Eggs—Firm, 17½.
Poultry — Firm; turkeys, 9½@10; chickens, 7@8.

New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 30.

Wheat—May, 75.
Corn—May, 39.
Oats—Nominal.
Butter—Strong, 23@28.
Eggs—Steady, 23.

St. Louis Produce.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.

Wheat—Cash, 69; May, 71¼.
Corn—Cash, 30½; May, 31½.
Oats—Cash, 23½; May, 24⅞.

Peoria Produce.

Peoria, Dec. 30.

Corn—Steady; No. 3, 29¾.
Oats—Steady; No. 3 white, 23@23¼.

Local Markets.

The following prices quoted are as nearly correct as it is possible to obtain. The quotations are for prices paid by dealers, corrected Saturday afternoon.

GRAIN AND FEED.

W. H. Sloppy reports the following prices:

Wheat—53@54.
Oats—19½.
New corn—22.
Rye—41.
Barley—27.
Hay—Tame, 9.50; wild, 8.50, selling price.
Timothy—85@90.
Clover—5.00.

CORN.

The Glucose Sugar Refining Company quotes a price of 25 cents per bushel for corn of No. 3 grade and better and 23 cents for dry, sound, new corn.

LIVE STOCK.

Receipts today, 600.

Brittain & Co. are paying the following prices for hogs in wagon load lots:

Selected light, 140 to 350 pounds, 3.80.
Selected heavy, over 350 pounds, 3.80.

Stags and piggy sows graded according to quality after reduction. Rough includes thin old sows, milky bellies and hogs unfit for packing. Premium hogs must be smooth and fairly well fatted.

All hogs subject to government inspection.

PROVISIONS.

Marshalltown grocers quote the following prices for country produce:

Potatoes—20@25 cents per bushel.
Beans—2.00 per bushel in trade.
Eggs—18 cents in trade.
Butter—Dairy, 18@19 cents in trade.

POULTRY.

Commission and cold storage houses are paying the following cash prices:

Ducks—4½ cents.
Spring chickens—5 cents per pound.
Old chickens—4½ cents.
Old turkeys—5 cents.
Young, plump turkeys, 6½ cents.

POULTRY SHOW PRIZES

List of Awards at the Exhibit of the Marshalltown Poultry Association.

Premiums Are Well Distributed Among Local and Non-Resident Fanciers.

Special Premiums Offered by the Association and Others—Close of the Show.

The annual exhibit of the Marshalltown Poultry Association came to a close today. It was the best show of its kind ever held in this portion of Iowa, but was very poorly patronized, probably because of the prevailing zero weather and because people are worn out and inclined to be economical after the Christmas season.

The following are the various prize winners in the twenty-one classes on exhibition:

S. C. BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

H. C. Hansen, city—Fifth, hen; third, pen.

Mrs. E. L. Bodley, Newton, Ia.—Fourth, cock.

J. M. Holt, city—First, cockerel; second, cockerel; second, pullet; third, pullet; third, pullet; fifth, pullet; first, hen; fourth, hen; first, pen.

Heath & Ball, city—First, cock; third, hen; fourth, pen.

E. Lee, city—Second, cock; second, hen.

H. S. Shivvers, Knoxville, Ia.—Third, cockerel; fourth, pullet; first, pullet; second, pen.

A. K. Sercomb, Jefferson—Fourth, cockerel.

J. T. Molloy, Laurel, Ia.—Fifth, cockerel; fifth, pen.

E. J. Robb, city—Third, cock; fifth, cock.

Total entries, 153.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Mrs. M. A. Smith, Gilman—Third, cockerel; first, hen; third, pullet; fifth, pullet; second, pullet; first, pen.

E. T. Barker, city—Second, cock; third, hen; second, hen; first, cockerel; fourth, cockerel; fifth, cockerel; fourth, pullet; first, pullet; second, pen.

Hans Peterson—Second, cockerel.

Total entries, 48.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Elmer Brintnall, Aurora, Ia.—First, cockerel; first, pullet.

Gus Weber, city—First, cock; fourth, cockerel; third, cockerel; second, hen; fourth, hen; second, hen; fifth, hen; third, hen; second, pen.

William Niederhauser, city—Fourth, cock; fifth, hen.

M. E. Rigg, city—Fifth, cockerel.

J. T. Molloy, Laurel, Ia.—Second, cockerel; first, hen; third, hen; fourth, pullet; second, cock; first, pen.

D. T. Smith, city—Third, cock.

Total entries, 53.

Light Brahmas:

H. C. Hansen, city—Third, pullet; fifth, pullet; third, cockerel; second, pen.

Dr. N. E. Mighell, city—First, cockerel; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, hen; fifth, hen; fourth, hen; second, hen; first, pen.

H. W. Lounsberry, city—Fifth, cockerel; second, cockerel; fourth, pullet.

W. H. Matthews, city—Fourth, cockerel; first, cock; first, hen; third, pen.

Total entries, 58.

BUFF COCHIN.

Harry Early, Liscomb—Fifth, pullet; fourth, pullet; third, cockerel; first, cockerel; third, cock; first, pen.

Mrs. T. Binder, Conrad—Second, cockerel; fourth, cockerel; first, pullet; third, pullet; first, hen; second, pullet; fifth, cockerel.

Total entries, 29.

BLACK LANGSHANS.

Gerhard Bros., Ellsworth—Fifth, hen; third, pen.

Heath & Ball, city—Second, cock; fourth, hen; first, hen.

L. L. Conner, city—Third, hen.

William H. Ford, city—First, cock.

G. F. Slingman, city—first, cockerel; fourth, pullet; first, pullet; fifth, cockerel; third, cockerel; first, pen.

Mrs. Alleela Myers, Diagonal, Ia.—Fourth, cockerel; second, cockerel; second, hen; third, pullet; second, pullet; fifth, pullet; second, pen.

Total entries, 44.

SILVER-LACED WYANDOTTES.

Ed Weber, Laurel, Ia.—Third, pen.

W. C. Payne, city—Fourth, cockerel.

M. F. Gard, city—Fifth, cockerel; first, cockerel; second, cockerel; third, cockerel; first, pullet; fourth, pullet; fifth, pullet; third, pullet; second, pullet; first, cock; second, hen; third, hen; first, hen; first, pen; second, pen.

Total entries, 46.

SINGLE-COMB WHITE LEGHORNS.

J. F. Kennard, city—First, cockerel; second, cockerel; third, cockerel; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet; fifth, pullet; first, pen.

Total entries, 14.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.

William H. Ford, city—Fifth, pullet.

J. H. Skiff, city—first, cockerel; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet; fourth, hen; fifth, hen; first, pen.

E. J. Robb, city—First, hen; second, hen; third, hen; second, cockerel; third, cockerel; fourth, cockerel; second, pen.

Total entries, 41.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.

Mrs. Charles Satia, city—Third, cockerel; first pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fifth, pullet; first, hen; first, pen.

L. L. Conner, city—First, cockerel; second, hen.

W. J. Pine, Norway, Ia.—First, cock; second, cockerel; fourth, pullet.

Total entries, 20.

WHITE-FACED BLACK SPANISH.

Peter Anderson, city—First, cock; second, hen; first, pullet; second, pullet.

W. J. Pine, Norway, Ia.—First, cockerel; first, hen; third, hen.

Total entries, 11.

BUFF LEGHORNS.

Theodore Scharle, Dubuque—First, cockerel; second, cockerel; fourth, cockerel; first, pen.

Heath & Ball, city—Fourth, hen; fifth, hen.

C. Yetley, city—First, pullet; fifth, pullet; third, cockerel; first, hen.

G. F. Slingman, city—Second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet; fifth, cockerel; second, hen; third, hen; second, cock; second, pen; third, pen.

Total entries, 47.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS.

E. J. Robb, city—First, cockerel; first, hen; second, hen.

Total entries, 3.

BLACK MINOREAS.

Gerhart Bros., Ellsworth—First, cock; first, cockerel; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet; first pen.

Total entries, 6.

WHITE HOLLAND TURKEYS.

E. J. Robb, city—First, hen; first, cock.

Total entries, 2.

HOUDANS.

S. B. Mills, Ames, Iowa—First, cockerel; first, pullet; first, hen.

Ed Weber, Laurel—Third, hen.

William Niederhauser, city—First, cock; second, hen.

Total entries, 15.

TOULOUSE GEESE.

E. J. Robb, city—First, old gander; first, old goose; first, young gander; first, young goose.

Total entries, 4.

BROWN-BREASTED RED GAME BANTAMS.

Gerhart Bros., Ellsworth—First, cockerel; first, pullet.

Entries, 2.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.

Lee A. Bates, city—First, cockerel; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet.

I. E. Hubler—First, cockerel; first, hen; second, pullet.

Entries, 9.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

Mae Ennis, city—first, hen; third, hen; fourth, hen; fifth, hen.

E. J. Robb, city—First, pullet; second, hen.

Entries, 8.

PEKIN DUCKS.

J. W. Lynch, Green Mountain—Fifth, drake; second, drake; first, duck; third, duck; fourth, duck.

W. H. Matthews, city—Second, old drake; first, young drake; second, duck.

D. T. Smith, city—Second, young drake; fourth, young duck; fifth, young duck.

E. J. Robb, city—Second, duck; third, young drake; third, old drake; first, old drake.

Entries, 20.

BROWN LEGHORNS.

W. H. Matthews, city—Second, cockerel; first, cockerel; third, cockerel; first, cock; first, hen; second, hen; third, hen; fourth, hen; fifth, hen; first, pullet; second, pullet; third, pullet; fourth, pullet; first, pen; second, pen.

Total entries, 25.

Birds scored, 658.

Pet Stocks—Two peacocks, cage pigeons, two ferretts, white rats, three black-breasted red games, first prize, Earl Ennis; two Irish gray games, first prize, Guy Dilley; four Newfoundland pups.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

The following special premiums, offered by the association, were awarded:

Silver cup for the best S. C. barred Plymouth Rocks—J. M. Holt, city.

Silver cup for the best pen of white Plymouth Rocks—J. T. Molloy, Laurel.

Silver cup for the best pen of Light Brahmas—Dr. N. E. Mighell, city.

Silver thermometer for the best pen of S. L. Wyandottes—M. F. Gard, city.

Silver cup to the best pen of Buff Leghorns—Theo Scharle, Dubuque.

Silver cup to the best pen of silver Wyandottes—J. H. Skiff, city.

Special premiums of poultry food and subscriptions to journals were also given for high scoring of birds.

The following prizes were given by the Marshalltown Buff Plymouth Rock Club:

Silver cup, best pen of buff rocks; thermometer, best shaped female; silver cup, best surface colored bird; silver inkstand, best under-colored bird—Mrs. M. A. Smith, Gilman.

Club trophy, best display of buff rocks; fancy thermometer, best-shaped male—E. T. Barker, city.

Silver match case, best pen of buff Cochin bantams—Lee A. Bates, city.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

Union Rally to Be Held by the Young People Sunday Night.

Commencing with a praise service at 9:30 tomorrow evening the Young People's societies of the city will hold a watch night service at the Presbyterian church. Ten-minute addresses have been assigned to the various pastors as follows:

"Practical Work for the Union"—Rev. Scott.

"Relation of the Young People's Society to the Church"—Rev. Williams.

"Relation of the Church to the Society"—Rev. Van Ness.

"Young People's Influence in Revivals"—Rev. McCrea.

"Victories."—Rev. Parsons.

"Prospects"—Rev. Boardman.

The addresses will be interspersed with musical numbers, and the meeting will be brought to a close with a consecration service, led by Rev. F. W. Russell. This is an innovation in our city and will no doubt be largely attended.

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