

No. 2548  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF  
**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

at Valley City, in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business, December 31, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$748,821.80
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,769.95
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00
Other bonds to secure postal savings	5,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc., (school warrants) on hand (other than stocks), including premiums on same	26,010.14
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	9,000.00
Less amount unpaid	7,500.00
Banking house, \$12,215.00; furniture and fixtures \$5,000.00	17,215.00
Other real estate owned	10,469.66
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	13,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities	\$ 13,193.41
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	64,875.06
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	78,068.47
Outside checks and other cash items, \$607.58; fractional currency, \$161.54	18,207.50
Notes of other national banks	769.12
Lawful money reserve in bank:	
Specie	\$ 24,140.95
Legal-tender notes	14,155.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	38,295.95
Total	\$989,639.53

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	\$ 16,012.44
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	4,159.81
Circulating notes	11,852.63
Due to banks and bankers	25,000.00
Demand deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$261,400.08
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	145,332.86
Certified checks	1,156.02
Cashier's checks outstanding	941.00
Postal savings deposits	1,294.73
Time deposits:	
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	\$277,310.40
Deposits subject to 30 or more days' notice	51,658.54
Total	\$989,639.53

State of North Dakota, County of Barnes—ss:  
I, John Tracy, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN TRACY, Cashier  
Correct—Attest:  
HERMAN WINTERER,  
ROBT. ANDERSON,  
DARBY O'MALLEY,  
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1915.  
R. W. BASSETT,  
Notary Public, Barnes County, N. D.  
My Commission expires April 11, 1916.

**REGULATIONS TO GOVERN TRANSFERS.**  
Washington, Jan. 8.—Regulations to govern the placing of stamps on conveyances of real property in payment of the war tax, were issued last night by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn. The tax is fifty cents on deeds that amount to over \$100 and less than \$500, with fifty cents additional for each \$500 or fraction over \$500. The regulations made it plain that where the consideration is nominal or \$1, the tax must be computed upon the actual value of the property conveyed, liens deducted, and the executor becomes liable for the penalty if the

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
**Middlewest Loan & Trust Co.**

At Valley City, in the state of North Dakota, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1914.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$65,334.35
Securities deposited with state treasurer	50,300.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	59.59
Bonds, warrants, stocks, tax certificates, claims, etc.	571.61
Due from Agents	4,948.75
Furniture and fixtures	1,938.97
Due from other banks	\$13,516.54
Checks and other cash items	1,912.72
Cash	3,945.04
Total	\$140,722.93

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	800.21
Deposits for savings accounts	\$3,490.37
For safe keeping on demand	11,376.00
For safe keeping on time	14,919.99
Due to trust (trust funds)	109.59
Due to other banks	8,816.35
Bond Reserve	38,242.30
Total	\$140,722.93

State of North Dakota, County of Barnes, ss:  
I, T. Melvin Lee, secretary of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. Melvin Lee, Secretary  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Jan., 1915.  
(Seal) E. A. Schultze,  
Notary Public, Barnes County, N. D.  
[My Notary expires Aug. 5, 1920.]  
Correct—Attest:  
Frank White,  
Ludwig Lee,  
S. J. Bergan,  
Directors.

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Your choice of hats given away with every coat or suit sold at half price. Miss C. M. Lagerstrom.

**THURSDAY'S DAILY**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1915.

Mrs. J. L. Hanson left today for Finley, N. D., where she will spend a few days visiting with relatives.

C. K. Otto has returned to the city from Minneapolis, where he went last week and made a short stay attending to matters of business.

Mrs. G. Eno of this city will leave on Sunday morning for Ossian, Iowa, where she will visit for sometime at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Ewing.

Miss Henrietta Baumez of Hannaford is visiting at the home of Mrs. Harry Jones for a few days. She expects to leave Monday to resume her duties as teacher near Hannaford.

Mrs. Robert Fairbanks and son Roy, and also her daughter Mrs. Matt Kessler have gone to Minneapolis, where they went to consult a specialist regarding the health of Mrs. Fairbanks, who has been in poor health for some time past.

The Misses Adolpha and Florence Hedstrum left yesterday on No. 4 after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their parents in this city. Miss Florence went to Chicago, where she will continue her study of music at the Conservatory there, and Miss Adolpha went to Minneapolis, where she is studying music.

T. J. Lee was in town yesterday to attend the Equity meeting and remained until today. While here he made the Times-Record office a social call. Mr. Lee is one of Barnes county's most successful pioneers having accepted a fair share of the world's goods and raised a family of useful citizens, one T. Melvin of Valley City and County Commissioner Lee.

Former Sheriff H. C. Stenshoel with his family moved on Saturday into one of the E. M. Lavery houses on Tenth Avenue, and formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. I. Wold, who moved to the Hotel Rudolf.

J. P. Anderson, who lives north of Sanborn, is spending the day here and he is a good neighbor, having got out of bed late at night last summer to assist a Times-Record representative out of a bad mudhole and since he would take neither money nor thanks he was listed with the best fellows that live in the county. He is accompanied by Ed. Quist who is also enjoying the day meeting friends and looking over the city.

Alex McFadgen is quite ill at his home on Elm Avenue.

C. P. Stearns of Rogers is here today attending court and incidentally meeting his many friends who are all glad to see him here.

Willie Murphy of Sanborn was among the out of town callers in Valley City yesterday, looking after matters of business.

Wm. Holheim of Landford, N. D., is a visitor in Valley City, and is accompanied by Mrs. Holheim. Mr. Holheim is well known throughout the state, and he was formerly secretary of the State Press Association. He has the appointment of secretary for the Panama Exposition and he is on his way there for a year's stay, leaving for California tomorrow evening.

W. W. Smith took up his new duties as postmaster the first of the year, and the affairs of his own office, of the W. W. Smith Insurance Agency, will be assumed and in charge of Miss Jean Smith, who is very efficient in this line of work, and who has been connected with the offices of her brother, Mr. Smith for some time, and therefore is indeed very capable of having charge and taking the responsibilities of such office.

The Ladies' Aid of the German Lutheran church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Schmidt. This was their annual business meeting and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Steve Bush.  
Treasurer, Mrs. Feldtman.  
Secretary, Mrs. Spelker.

The finances were found to be in excellent condition and after the business meeting a pleasant time was spent, after which refreshments were served.

Charles Cork of Fargo is a business caller in the city today.

George Hendrickson is in the city taking in the Farmers' meeting.

Robt. Bowen and his niece Miss Mary Flavin returned to the city Monday having spent the holiday visiting relatives at Litchville.

Doctr and Mrs. J. E. Featherstone have returned to the city from Minneapolis, where they made a short visit and spent several days after the beginning of the new year.

At a business meeting last night of the Methodist Sunday school the following officers were elected for the new year: O. A. Barton, superintendent; H. A. Beckendorf, assistant superintendent; C. F. Jensen, secretary; John Blume, treasurer; Dr. C. E. Hunt, chorister; Miss Sanderson, superintendent of the Junior Department; Miss Rawlins, superintendent of the Primary Work. The Home Department was placed under the direction of Mrs. Heide while the Cradle Roll is to be under the charge of Mrs.

**V. C. MEN PATENT VALUABLE INVENTION**

Automatic Shocker Will do the Work of Two Men at Small Cost—The Problem of Harvest Help Seems to Be Solved.

Chaffee. Mr. C. C. Chaffee who has held the office of superintendent for the past two years and under whom the work has steadily grown, expressed a desire to be released from his office both because of the demands of the work and also because he felt that another should be given the position. The new superintendent will be perfectly familiar with the work, having been the assistant during the last year. All the workers are looking forward to another successful year's work.

Kindred will hold a poultry show Jan. 13 to 15.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Enerson left on Monday of this week for a trip to California, they will spend some time at San Diego, and will also visit numerous other points, and expect to be gone for the remainder of the winter season, and escape some of the cold weather here.

Miss Bertie Thorkelson of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, was an arrival in the city on Monday, for a visit with her mother Mrs. A. Thorkelson and family, who are spending the winter here. Miss Thorkelson will remain in Valley City for a couple of weeks or more. She is a guest at the home of her brother, A. C. Thorkelson on Seventh Avenue.

Miss Nancy Featherstone, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Featherstone, entertained a group of friends on Wednesday at her home on First street. The little girls went in the morning and took their dolls, and stayed to dinner at noon time, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The P. E. O. Sisterhood will meet this evening with Mrs. O. G. Libby at her home, 409 South Sixth street. A paper on Moliere's comedy, "Tartuffe" will be read by Miss Chrissie Budge followed by reading of portions of the comedy.

One of the pleasant social affairs of the new year took place last week, when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sorenson entertained at a dancing party in honor of Miss Hannah Murray of Fargo who was the guest of Mrs. Paul Featherstone for several days. The apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson was prettily decorated with Christmas bells and the floral decorations were poinsettias and narcissus. A large number of guests tripped the light fantastic until a late hour when a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. During the evening, those guests who did not dance, played cards and Mr. Harold Poole won the prize for high score.

Valley City friends of Miss Vera Bassett, formerly of this city, and now of San Diego, California, will be indeed very much pleased and interested to learn that Miss Bassett was appointed as one among others, to assist in placing the Art Exhibit, at the San Diego Exposition. She has been employed in such work during the past several months, and the work will continue during the Exposition period. Miss Vera is a sister of Ray Bassett, of the First National Bank force, and she has a host of friends here of which this news will be of interest.

LOST—A Small, black, curly, bob-tail Cockerel Spaniel dog. Kirk Taber, 521 Tenth Ave. 1-11-1td

**BROTHER-IN-LAW OF CZAR KILLED**

Berlin, Jan. 11.—A wireless dispatch from Constantinople tonight says that Grand Duke Alexander Michilovich, a brother-in-law of the czar, has been killed in action at Mianduaub.

Grand Duke Alexander Michilovich reported killed in battle at Mianduaub, married the Grand Duchess Xenia, eldest sister of the czar, on March 25, 1875.

The grand duke visited America on a secret mission in the fall of 1913. Reports at the time said that he was here in connection with placing a large order for rapid fire automatic rifles for aeroplane use. The grand duke was a guest of Mrs. John Astor at Newport while in this country.

Mabel, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Newell, of Sherbrooke, received a painful injury when she was hit in the eye by a nail that had been fired from a Christmas popgun in the hands of a little cousin.

A clearing sale at the biggest reductions ever known. Miss C. M. Lagerstrom. 1-4-d-w-tf

The hardware dealers of the state are looking forward to the convention which is to be held in Fargo in February. The hardware men are anxious to try the new auditorium.

The district court at Billings county has started at Medora.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1915.**  
Faltine Nebauer and J. J. Engen received the papers this morning granting a patent on a grain shocker on which they have worked for a couple of years. It is claimed for the new invention that it can be sold for about \$75, and that it will attach to any binder and can be adjusted to shock and size shock from four to 16 bundles and do the work even better than can be done by hand. The machine is called an Automatic Grain Shocker and will either set the bundles up the same as by hand or will automatically set them on end and tie them with twine as in tangled grain where they might fall apart.

There is a keen demand for harvesting machinery that will save labor and the work of the inventors of this shockers will be watched with interest. No plans have as yet been made for placing it on the market although several propositions are under advisement.

**MAMMOTH LIVE STOCK SALE**

To provide a better sale for pure bred live stock in the state, several breeders have formed what will be known as the Northwestern Breeders' Sale Association.

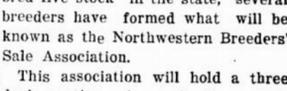
This association will hold a three day's auction sale at the Fargo Fair Grounds the last week of March.

Entries of stock will be solicited from northwestern breeders and it is expected a large amount of registered stock will be offered for sale.

The offering will be composed of all breeds of draft horses, beef and dairy cattle.

Mr. E. S. DeLancey of this city has been appointed to manage the sale and it is predicted he will make it an event.

Mr. DeLancey informs us that provided a sufficient amount of stock is entered the advertising and arrangements will be of such a scale to make it the largest thing of the kind ever held in the northwest.



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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$268,870.40
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	\$2,106.62
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	\$50,000.00
Other securities deposited to secure circulation (book value)	50,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure postal savings (par value)	None
Other bonds to secure postal savings	\$ 1,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	\$4,500.00
Less amount unpaid	750.00
All other stocks, including premiums on same	750.00
Banking house \$30,792.01; furniture and fixtures \$3,707.99	43,500.00
Other real estate owned	14,947.18
Due from Federal Reserve bank	4,500.00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities	\$80,031.87
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	40,382.53
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	60,464.40
Outside checks and other cash items, \$5,105.00; fractional currency, \$166.66	7,998.32
Notes on other National banks	6,261.75
Federal Reserve notes	2,955.00
Lawful money reserve in bank	590.00
Specie	\$11,780.85
Legal-tender notes	15,780.85
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	4,036.00
Revenue stamps	2,500.00
Total	\$480,826.22

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$48,004.46
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	\$18,904.45
Circulating notes	\$ 8,224.49
Less amount on hand and in treasury for redemption or in transit	50,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than above)	17,491.59
Demand Deposits—	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$105,558.58
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	34,571.67
Certified checks	3.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	559.09
State and municipal deposits	17,099.34
Deposits with notice of less than 30 days	158,391.78
Time deposits—	
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	140,806.88
Deposits subject to 30 or more days' notice	140,806.88
Total	\$480,826.22

State of North Dakota, } ss;  
County of Barnes }  
I, H. C. Aamoth, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. C. Aamoth,  
Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1915,  
T. S. Henry,  
(Notary Public, Barnes County, N. D. My commission expires June 5, 1918)

Correct—Attest:  
(SEAL) A. H. Gray,  
James Grady,  
C. J. Lee  
Directors

**T**HE call of the comptroller of the currency for a report of the bank's condition for the 31st day of Dec. 1914 comes at a very appropriate time to our mind, it being the last business day of the year. In many respects, 1914 was an unusual business year. From peaceful prosperity the pendulum swung overnight to financial stress and depression. All due to conditions brought to a climax thousands of miles from our shores.

The past few months, in which business over the country has readjusted itself to the radical changes imposed by a World War, have brought to American business sagacity and methods, an unparalleled record of achievement.

This Bank has again proven its worth since it passed thru this last financial stringency without re-discounting or borrowing one dollar, nor crowding a single man who was unable to meet his maturing obligation on account of the poor crops.

The year 1914 leaves nothing but pleasant recollections to the officers of this bank, and we are entering upon this new year with a cash reserve of over \$92,000 which assures us that we will be in a position to take care of our many customers until another crop is secured.

"Make This Bank Your Bank"