

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

**The Middlewest Loan & Trust Company**

at Valley City, in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business December 31st, 1915:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 71,285.85
Securities deposited with State Treasurer	51,400.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	212.24
Bonds, warrants, stocks, tax certificates, claims, etc.	8,812.50
Due from agents	2,573.82
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,002.00
Due from other banks	\$4,807.92
Checks and other cash items	1,041.04
Cash	4,546.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,395.08</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus or reserve fund	4,025.15
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,805.76
Deposits, for saving accounts	\$ 11,270.59
For safe keeping, on demand	47,471.30
Time certificates of deposit	37,405.93
Due to other banks	18,702.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$226,681.49</b>

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 11th day of February, 1916.  
J. E. JONES,  
Notary Public, Barnes County, N. D.  
My Commission expires Dec. 27, 1919.

Correct—Attest:  
FRANK WHITE,  
S. MASON,  
LUDVIG LEE,  
Directors.

Joseph Doyle, U. S. marshal, was in the city between trains Monday, on his way from Carrington to Fargo.  
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Bergman is very ill with pneumonia, the critical point not having been passed yet. Their many friends await anxiously the outcome of the case.

Miss Florence Engen has so far recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis as to be able to return to her home on Sunday and is improving rapidly.

Miss Emma Dorr, of Crookston, Minn., arrived Monday evening for a visit at the O. N. Bergman home.

Olaf Olson, of Hobart, is visiting his brother, Rev. Martin Olson, of this city for a few days.

Mrs. D. B. Berlin, of Wimbledon, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. W. M. Greenwood.

Miss Klara Bonbus went to Minneapolis Monday evening for a visit with her sister.

Mrs. Geo. C. Hager is rapidly recovering from her recent operation at the Riverside hospital.

L. A. Fournie left Tuesday night for his home in Minneapolis and on Saturday will be married to Miss Marguerite Carmichael at Stillman Valley, Ill.

Miss Charlotte Stahlem is visiting in Minneapolis and will return home the latter part of the week accompanied by her mother and sister who have been visiting there the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Eckel are rejoicing over the birth of a son Tuesday, mother and son doing nicely.

Frank White returned Tuesday night from Fargo and will go to Bismarck Thursday morning to attend a meeting of the board of regents.

Prof. Rudolph Achter returned Tuesday evening from McHenry where he went Monday to speak before the Mutual Improvement League.

Miss Lola Markley has been confined to the house with a severe cold for the past three days and has been absent from her post in the First National Bank.

W. J. Curren is confined to his home with illness.

Jas. Buttrey is in Grand Forks on business matters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stiles had three or four friends in to spend the evening and enjoy lunch with them Tuesday. Cards were played and a pleasant time passed.

CLUB OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOYS ENJOY SOCIAL EVENING

The eighth grade of the Ritchie school enjoyed a sleighride Tuesday evening, chaperoned by Miss Mayme Brewster and Miss Anna Merwin.

Mrs. Sam Hall and daughter, Helen, returned Tuesday afternoon on No. 4 from the western part of the state, where she has spent the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Wallace very hospitably entertained a group of the city teachers at a turkey dinner Sunday. The guests were Miss Margaret Plank, of the High school, and Miss Mayme Brewster and Miss Anna Merwin of the Ritchie school.

Rev. W. C. Lyon went to Fargo Tuesday and spent the day with his father, S. S. Lyon, who celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary that day.

Mr. Lyon walked down stairs for the first time in six weeks with his son's help and is rapidly recovering from his long siege of inflammatory rheumatism. Rev. Lyon returned home in the evening.

Mrs. B. A. Wallace received word several days ago that her father, Peter Mennie, who was visiting his daughter in Chicago, had been struck by a streetcar and injured. It was feared for several days that he was severely injured, as he is an elderly man, but later reports state that he is doing nicely, there being no bones broken and he is rapidly improving.

Mrs. C. F. Mudgett left Sunday night for Minneapolis for a short visit. C. F. left Monday night for the same point and from there they will make a tour of southern points, including Florida and over to Cuba before returning. They will be absent about three weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Davis is looking after the household in their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr returned Wednesday morning from a trip through the south, having been absent from the city a month. They visited New Orleans, Biloxi, Memphis, Cincinnati and Chicago as well as other points during their journey, and report lots of water in the southern part of the country. They also report having enjoyed fresh strawberries and cream at ordinary prices, which makes one long for summer.

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The Congregational Sunday school class that is taught by Rev. Hand held their club meeting Tuesday evening at the home of William Greenwood, Jr. Nearly all the boys of the class were present and a general good time enjoyed. There were games, a spelling match, and a business meeting, after which lunch was served and the boys agreed that their club was an enjoyable organization.

**MANY ENJOY LONG HIKES LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Saturday afternoon Prof. B. A. Wallace took a number of Rurals out for a hike and on their return they were welcomed at the Wallace home, where a warm reception awaited them in the way of a wienie roast.

Mrs. Belle Spurr and Prof. McMullen piloted a party of "across-country" hikers out over the snow for about a six-mile hike and in spite of the severe cold none of them suffered any frost-bites. On their return they were warmed and refreshed with a wienie roast before the open fire at the McMullen home. These outdoor recreative ideas of the Normal school were indulged in by many of the students and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many kind friends, neighbors and relatives for the kindness and beautiful floral offerings tendered in our bereavement in the loss of husband and father.  
Mrs. Monson and family.

**MINNIE LAKE**

Mrs. Nels Olson has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Northridge returned home the latter part of last week after visiting points in the east. Norwegian Lutheran services will be held at Minnie Lake church Feb. 27. F. A. Smith left last Wednesday for Sycamore, Ill., on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Henricks have gone to Illinois where they are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Aug. Helgendorf. Andrew Brudevold, who lives at Fargo, is out here looking after farm interests.

Joe Johnson returned home from Minneapolis, where he has been visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Jennie Marsh visited at the John Egger home Thursday evening. Two of the young men of this community who were out visiting one Sunday evening were lost in the snow storm.

**WEST PRAIRIE**

Among the Hastings callers on Saturday were Overt Norgaard, and Carl and Leonard Johnson.

The Willings Workers met with Hazel Erickson last Saturday. A good meeting was reported.

Oscar Holberg returned home last week after spending the past six weeks visiting relatives in Washington and seeing the west.

Severt Skolness was entertained at the Simon home Sunday.

Thomas Skorpen took in the concert given by the Wisconsin U. band at Valley City Friday evening.

Mrs. Selbo returned home the fore part of the week from Valley City, where she has been under the doctor's care for the last two weeks.

Mary Simon left for Valley City last Thursday where she is employed. Where is our Young People's Society?

Mrs. E. Olson left for Cloquet, Minn., on Friday to visit relatives.

Overt Nordgaard visited at Johnson's on Sunday.

Charley Simon spent Sunday evening at Vondracheks.

Ole Olson visited with the Selbo boys Monday.

O. Selbo was a county hub caller Monday and Tuesday.

Charley Simon was one of the fortunate ones to hear the Wisconsin U. band last Friday evening. He returned home the following day.

**Entertained With "Gab"**

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Greenwood entertained a few of their friends Saturday evening at their home on Eighth avenue south. Those present say "hilarious" is the only word that fitly describes the occasion. After a straw vote on the various mayoralty candidates was taken, the host announced that he, as business manager, and his wife as editor in chief, had decided to start a daily newspaper. The guests promptly secured positions on the editorial staff and in a short time a full eight page edition of "The Daily Gab" was off the press and the various departments such as Beauty Hints, Social Events, Market Reports and others were being eagerly read by those present.

After discussing "preparedness," mostly in the shape of delicious hot refreshments served by the hostess, the guests departed voting Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood delightful entertainers.

**Entertained Young Men**

Rev. and Mrs. Vermilya served a delicious supper in the dining hall of the M. E. church Monday evening, to the members of Rev. Vermilya's Sunday school class. There were 21 young men present, and they surely did justice to the elegant repast that had been prepared for them. The decorations were emblematic of Valentine's Day, hearts being very much in evidence, beautiful carnations and potted plants also added to the attractiveness of the dining table. After the inner man had been satisfied, a motion was made to reorganize the class, and Gordon Vallandigham was elected president for the ensuing year. A committee on social affairs was also elected. Rather than have an elected booster committee, each member pledged himself a committee of one to boost for a larger and better class.

The evening passed rapidly, and upon leaving the boys voted Mr. and Mrs. Vermilya royal entertainers.

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The Store of New Styles and Good Service

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**\$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50**  
**\$30, \$32.50, \$35, \$37.50, \$40 and \$45**

**We Are Headquarters for Pretty Party Gowns**

We are showing a lot of very pretty Party Gowns in white, pink, blue, maize and green, in a big range of new models. You will find our prices very reasonable. Come in and see them—



**\$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$20 to \$25**

**Exclusive Agents for "Gossard" Corsets in Valley City**

**ASHTABULA**

Mr. and Mrs. John Kock went to Valley City Wednesday, returning Thursday.

School attendance has been small the last few weeks on account of the bad roads and weather.

Christ and Henry Ludwig and Henry Kolsyth returned home Tuesday from a trip through Minnesota.

Low Stanley was a caller at A. H. Anderson's Tuesday.

Mrs. Kolsyth went to Valley City Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Downs spent a few days at Luther Brown's last week.

Ed Wolf is in the hospital in Valley City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hass were Tower City callers Saturday.

Henry Kolsyth marketed hogs in Valley City Friday.

Bill Gahlhoff spent Sunday and Monday at Fred Dahls.

Henry Kolsyth was up at Alfred Alderman's Tuesday.

A. H. Anderson and Chas. Rodewald went to Valley City Saturday and were caught in the storm Sunday morning while on their way home. They were obliged to stop at the Percy Person's farm and did not get home until Monday.

**BEREA**

Dist. No. 10 are enjoying their hot lunches this winter.

C. C. Chase was a caller at the Joe Neakle home one day last week.

Jack Kramer, Jack Leondorf and John Neakle drove to Valley City last Saturday night.

J. P. Peterson, of Grace City, was a business caller at Valley City last Friday.

Matt Leondorf and John Neakle were business callers at Sanborn last Saturday.

Anna Neakle, who has been assisting Mrs. J. C. Monson for the past two months has again returned to her home.

Susan Kraemer assisted Mrs. J. D. Kraemer with the work.

Mr. Logan was a caller at the C. M. Nelson home last Friday.

Henry and Albert Nelson were callers at Valley City last Saturday.

Marie and Theresa Kraemer were callers at the M. D. Leondorf home last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Driece and family spent Sunday at the A. A. Algo home.

A few of the young folks spent Friday evening at R. Kunze.

**Surprised on Her Birthday**

Saturday afternoon about 30 friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Ed. Jacobson and surprised Mrs. Edith Bourbonnais, who is making her home this winter with her brother, Mr. Jacobson. It was her thirty-first birthday and the guests came loaded down with well filled lunch baskets. After an afternoon spent in crocheting and social chat the baskets were opened and a delightful lunch was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bourbonnais was presented with a purse of money besides many useful and beautiful gifts. She was greatly surprised and highly appreciated the attention shown her and the lovely gifts.

**GREEN**

Mrs. Hager was taken very sick last Friday evening and Saturday was removed from her home to the hospital at Valley City, but at last accounts she was doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davidson were at Valley City on Monday.

Quite a number of our young people heard the Regimental band from Wisconsin last week.

Our mail carriers have been pretty regular considering the roads.

Fay and Harlo Stillings were at home over Sunday.

Arthur Davidson visited at Ole Kjellands Sunday.

Farmers' club meeting at Ole Hansen's farm Feb. 17.

Fred Nelson transacted business at Valley City last Saturday. It is rumored that Dan Wilson will not buy wheat at Berea next year.

**Valley City Captures Game From Casselton**

Last night the Valley City High school basket ball team came to life and defeated Casselton by a score of 29 to 11. Fast playing was the feature of the game. The Casselton boys showed good team work but were guarded so closely that all their plays were broken up before they were fairly started.

Ten players were used by Valley High and all showed the spirit that would win for any team. Coop easily played the best game of any on the floor. He showed great form at center both in floor work and basket shooting, having 21 of the 29 points to his credit. Cook easily had the tipoff at center the second half and started the plays in the right direction.

Nelson, Anfinson and Soudahl played a great game at guards the first half and held the visitors to five points, while with Martin and Stenshoel in the last half only six points were added.

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**SIBLEY TRAIL**

John Langer left Tuesday for his home in Minnesota.

Katy Weller is at present working at John Wielands.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Driece and family spent Sunday at the A. A. Algo home.

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G. Weller was a business caller in Valley City the last part of the week.

H. Ebleys spent Sunday at the J. Wieland home.

Mr. Alfred Algoe, of Hope, was in the city Monday and was a caller at the Times-Record office, renewing her subscription to the Weekly.

Mike Huber and John Windish from Fingal, appeared at the office of the clerk of court Tuesday and declared their intentions of becoming naturalized citizens.

The state board of Chiropractic examiners held a special examination here Monday. Eight applicants took the examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nagel are the proud parents of a fine baby boy which arrived to brighten their home Monday afternoon. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Congratulations.