

FIGURES ON STATE BANKS

Secretary of the Banking Board Gives Out a Statement.

COMPILATION OF THE REPORTS SUBMITTED

Financial Institutions in Nebraska Show a Healthy Condition of Business—An Increase of Loans and Deposits.

LINCOLN, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The secretary of the state banking board has just finished the compilation of the reports of the state banks and the abstract makes a most interesting statement. The reports were made to show the condition of the institutions at the close of business, December 31. The total number of banks reporting is 253. The abstract is as follows: RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$17,000,214.57; Overdrafts, \$20,391.94; Stocks, securities, judgments, \$20,165.01; Due from national, state and private banks and bankers, \$1,114,723.56; Real estate, \$1,227,296.70; United States bonds, \$1,329,852.33; Premium on bonds, etc., \$1,375.08; Other assets, \$2,285.98; Cash items, \$2,043.28; Cash reserve in banks, \$1,930,048.25; Total, \$28,132,097.32.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$7,532,921.70; Surplus fund, \$96,051.75; Undivided profits, \$1,127,092.79; Dividends unpaid, \$1,231,100.14; General deposits, \$18,225,180.14; Other liabilities, \$1,231.00; Notes and bills payable, \$20,238.10; Bills payable, \$20,238.10; Total, \$28,132,097.32.

By a comparison with that of July 1, 1898, this report shows there is an increase in loans and discounts of \$2,458,261.68; a decrease in capital stock paid in of \$30,180; a decrease in the cash reserve of \$177,228.42; and an increase in deposits of \$555,548.60.

The legal reserve is 38 per cent, as compared with 50 per cent in the July report. That "increase of loans indicates that banks are finding use for more money. Increase of deposits at this time of the year is to be expected, and is a good indication."

Lincoln Local Notes. Little Willie Pierce, whose parents live at University place, was fatally strangled yesterday by the lodging of a beam in his winter pipe. Death took place a short time after the accident.

J. M. Cameron went to Mechanicville, Ia., yesterday afternoon with the remains of his wife who died at her home in this city Wednesday. Mrs. Cameron lives besides her husband, two small children and an aged mother and father.

Charles Little, the Lincoln osteopath who was arrested recently, charged with practicing medicine without a certificate, had a hearing yesterday afternoon at 10 o'clock over to district court in the sum of \$250. Mr. Little claims that he is not a breaker of the law in treating the afflicted, but says that if the higher court finds him amenable to the law he will adjust himself to it.

The committee appointed on charter revision held a meeting last night, but the attendance was so low that the three sub-committees having their reports ready decided to leave them until more of those supposed to be interested in the matter were present. The committee on officers will recommend that the charter provide for the election of five councilmen at large and that the entire board shall be abolished, the councilmen performing the duties now falling to the excise board. It will also be recommended that the city election take place in November each year at the same time as the general election.

SEVERE STORM ON THE PLAINS. Stock suffers from sudden arrival of snow and bitter wind. WYOMING, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—One of the coldest and most disagreeable storms of the season reached here early last evening and continued during the night. A cold wind blew from the north at the rate of forty miles an hour, a hard snow accompanied it. The weather here this morning is very cold and it is feared that stock in this vicinity has suffered to a considerable extent.

EDGAR, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A very sudden change in the weather here yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock. The temperature fell in less than two hours to zero and a heavy wind sprang up from the north. The weather for the last six weeks has been remarkably fine.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The warm weather of the last few days was succeeded this morning by a cold wind from the north. About 8 o'clock it began to snow and is still snowing. The ground well covered.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—It commenced snowing last night at 7 o'clock and about a half inch of snow fell, accompanied by a high wind. The mercury fell 40 degrees in twelve hours.

NORTH LOUIS, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—A severe cold wave commenced about noon yesterday and was accompanied by heavy snow for several hours. The temperature fell 60 degrees during the night.

Boy Loses a Hand. WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The 13-year-old son of H. G. Sadtorf met with an accident yesterday while hunting that necessitated the amputation of his

hand. The barrel of the rifle had become choked with mud and exploded, shattering the boy's left hand.

RICH FIND MADE BY OFFICERS. Search Warrant Reveals a Large Quantity of Stolen Goods.

LYONS, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—O'Dean of Arizona township has been placed under arrest. A few days ago W. W. Lester of Arizona township had a lot of clothing taken from his clothesline. In the morning they discovered the track of a horse and cart that came there and turned around and went back the way it came. A son of Mr. Lester followed the track to the place occupied by O'Dean. Lester had a search warrant sworn out and Deputy Sheriff Stapleton went to the house designated to make the search. He had not proceeded far until they found a sackful of shoolers and hams hid in a manure pile. They also succeeded in finding the clothes, which were his in a grain sack on the top of a shed covered with hay. Stimulated by their success, the officers continued their search and found a lot more hams and shoolers and more clothing which were identified as belonging to Late Davis and a bride that belonged to Joe Adams. Six sacks of flour were found which had been stolen from Mr. Lester. In the search the officers ran onto two loaded revolvers, two shotguns, one of which was loaded, and in the house were ladies' gold watches, two bicycles, two violins, one cornet and several other articles of clothing. In fact, most anything can be dug up on the premises. Other search warrants have been issued.

Court at Dakota City. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The family troubles of Henry Orberling and wife were aired two days this week in the district court before Judge Evans in the case for divorce of Anna Orberling against Henry Orberling on the grounds of cruelty. Judge Evans granted a separation and an equal division of the real estate, the personal property to go to Orberling and he to pay the costs, about \$150.

Prosperous Year. RANDOLPH, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The last year has been the most prosperous in the history of the town. Farmers have just completed husking a bountiful crop of corn and the present price is bringing plenty of money into the country. The merchants report trade the best they have ever experienced and everybody feels that prosperity has come for sure.

Counterfeit is Captured. JUNIATA, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—J. S. Burke, alias McNamara, was arrested here last night for forging counterfeit money. A full set of tools for forging purposes was found in his possession. He was taken to Grand Island last night by a deputy United States marshal. Counterfeit money has been circulated here since last July.

Mad Man from Indian Creek. WYMOR, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—John Shearer, a laborer who works on the county lands of Indian Creek, became intoxicated yesterday and drove his family from the house, firing at them and narrowly missing his mark. He resisted arrest and defied the marshal with a shot gun, but finally was overpowered and placed in jail.

Cunningham Found Guilty. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in the case at Audubon, which has heard the testimony against James Cunningham for the murder of his child, returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree. The date of trial of Arthur Palmer, his supposed accomplice, is not yet fixed.

Return of Alleged Forger. YORK, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Sheriff Lancaster returned today from Greensburg, Ia., where he arrested and brought with him H. B. Kemble, who is charged with having forged checks in this city. Kemble is now in jail awaiting trial.

Flag on Slightly Ground. PETERSON, Ia., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Captain W. H. Lyon, mayor of this town, will raise a large flag on his ranch on January 1. The staff will be seventy-five feet high and

the flag will be seen easily from four counties.

BYRAN AT THE TABLE ONE MORE. Chief Guest of the Travelling Men's Club at Lincoln. LINCOLN, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—W. J. Bryan was tendered a banquet in this city tonight at the Lincoln hotel by the Travelling Men's Club. It was the third annual banquet given by the club and covers were laid for nearly 300 guests. The banquet hall was decorated with old glory and over the end of the banquet board was placed a large life-size picture of the guest of honor and at the other end a picture of Thomas Jefferson. Hon. Joseph W. Bailey of Texas was advertised to be present at the banquet and respond in the toast, "Democracy" but on account of illness in his family in Washington he was unable to come to the city. The speakers were Governor Holcomb, James Menahan, G. M. Hitchcock, W. D. Oldham, W. A. Poynter, J. G. Johnson, J. B. Weaver and W. A. Bryan. Mr. Bryan responded to the toast, "America's Mission." A. J. Weaver of Falls City, member-elect of the state legislature, acted as toastmaster. Governor Holcomb responded to the toast, "The Duties of Being Governor."

Governor-elect Poynter, closing his toast to "Nebraska," said: "With high hope we look to the future, when, in 1900, Nebraska shall again furnish the leader, who at the head of the united forces of reform, will set the standard of bimetalism to certain victory."

Bryan was the last speaker. He spoke briefly, and after complimenting the club for its fidelity to the Chicago platform, made a few remarks on the subject of imperialism, which, he said, for the first time in dollars and not in duty. He said that a colonial policy was wrong in principle and unwise, and he predicted that it would prove unprofitable in practice.

Employees Settle a Difference. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The troubles at the State Industrial school resulted this afternoon in a fight between L. B. Peterson, one of the teachers, and Pat O'Shea, night watchman, in which Fenner was much bruised about the face and head. The encounter grew out of some affidavits which, it is stated, Fenner attempted to procure, reflecting upon Fenner's character. Later Fenner and O'Shea were suspended and the superintendent will lay the matter before the governor.

BUSINESS AT YEAR'S END

Foreign Banks Look to New York to Dictate Rate of Exchange.

RECORDS OUTDONE IN PRODUCE EXPORTS

During Eleven Months \$283,018,204 Worth of Breadstuffs and Grain Sent Abroad—Exports Never Have Been Equalled.

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The triumph in finance has been largely due to industrial progress. The output of pig iron has been about 11,640,000 tons, the greatest yet reached in any year by 2,000,000 tons, and greater than Great Britain ever turned out. Exports of iron and steel have been larger in spite of net exports of pig iron in the month of 163,000 tons. Exports of iron and steel in the month of 163,000 tons, against \$37,644,528 in value, against imports of \$13,497,017. Prices shown for the year in the table of commodities have been unbrokenly higher than in any previous year, with the exception of a few commodities, and the lowest to the highest and for finished products not 4 per cent. Textile industries have done a vast amount of work, and abnormally low prices of cotton, both deterring purchases.

In three months cotton reached 5.31 cents, the highest price for forty years, the greatest yield ever known being followed by receipts since September of 337,000 bales, larger than the amount of exports. Exports have, as greatly. Toward the close recovery came with accounts of some destruction by storm and the price reached 5.87 cents, giving a strong impulse to the market. Exports in the calendar year have been 3,425,200 bales, a little greater than in any previous year. The average price for the year was 5.31 cents, the highest since 1891. Exports of wool have risen 7 per cent and closed at the highest price in the history of the world, enormous stocks held, wool was so lifted that buying both of wool and of goods was checked early in the year, but slow decline in the price of wool has since been reflected in the price of goods. The price of wool was 232,451,131 pounds at the three chief markets, so that the mills have probably used less than a full year's supply and the stock was so excessive a quantity that it was not so much as in previous years.

Failures in the United States for the week were 262 and in Canada 262; total, 524. In 1897 the total was 492, and in 1896 416 and the corresponding week last year, of which 395 were in the United States and twenty-one in Canada. Of failures in the United States, 177 were in the United States and 147 in liabilities exceeding \$5,000 and 178 liabilities less than \$5,000. For four weeks of December the total number of failures was \$11,069,605, against \$10,368,558 in the year.

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