FIVE MILLIONS MORE BANKED

Vast Increase in Nebraska Deposits During the Past Year.

RULINGS BY SUPERINTENDENT FOWLER

Compulsory Attendance at Public, Private or Parochial Schools—Nebraskans Report on Nicaraguan Conditions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Deposits in state and private banks in Nebraska increased over $5,421,000 in the year ending December 10, 1901, the day of the last bank statement. There was a slight decrease since the September statement was made, but it was not as great as expected at this season of the year. A summary of the statements at the close of business on December 10 last was issued today by Secretary Royse of the State Banking board, and with it is appended the following statement:

It is gratifying to know that while a greater reduction in deposits might reasonably be expected at this time of the year they were on December 10, 1901, but $444,611.26 less than on September 30, 1901, the date upon which the high water-mark was reached. The total deposits in state banks on December 13, 1900, were $931,024.92 less than on September 20 of the same year.

The report of the condition of the state banks on December 10, 1901, showed an average legal reserve on hand for the protection of depositors of 39.79 per cent, while the amount required by law is only 15 per cent.

Although millions of eastern capital is constantly seeking investment in Nebraska at low rates of interest, and many of our farmers who but a few years ago were endeavoring in vain to borrow money are now loaning to their neighbors, the very generous surplus and profits that the banks are reporting, together with their increased dividend payments, are indications that the permanent conservative and legitimate financial institutions of the state are being protected and liberally patronized.

The slight effect now produced by local or partial crop failures as compared with former years is in a great measure due to the general improved and stable condition of the financial and business interests of the country, locally, as a result of the people of our state educating themselves as to the most profitable natural resources of our soil, and by applying their energies to the pursuits of industry most adapted to the respective localities. The eastern portion of Nebraska is conceded to be as good an agricultural country as can be found in the world, and while much of the western portion of the state was but a few years ago considered a waste, of sandy desert and worthless plain, it is now, in many localities, successfully farmed. That portion of which there is now not a little, under irrigation, yields enormous crops. The balance, consisting of many thousand acres, is covered by an abundance of rich natural grasses, upon which thousands upon thousands of fine native cattle feed and fatten the year round, and from where hundreds of wealthy ranchmen hail, many of whom were a few years ago western cowboys, commanding but meager wages, and where many thriving and promising little cities have sprung up.

West Making Rapid Strides.

From the condition of the banks and other business institutions of the state it is clearly apparent that the west is making rapid strides toward the representation of a very liberal share of the wealth and business of Nebraska.

With our resources properly employed, our business interests and financial institutions conservatively managed, Nebraska must rank as one of the most prosperous and wealthy states in the union.

The abstract of the condition of the 438 banks under state supervision, reporting at the close of business, December 10, 1901, shows a condition most gratifying in every detail. The fact that deposits at the close of the year of a partial crop failure throughout the state show an increase of $5,421,574.17 over that of a year ago, and that there is an increase of legal reserve of $2,471,691.53, an increase of surplus and profits of $274,731.71, an increase of loans and discounts of $3,341,012.05, an increase of capital paid in of $217,460 and a substantial decrease of $69,183.80 in bills payable and rediscounted paper is an assurance that the business interests of the state in general have arrived at a point of firmness and stability where local and partial crop failures do not produce the general disturbance and demoralizing and depressing effects that were so apparent in years past.

Summary of All Reports.

Following is the summary of all reports:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$25,779,553.20
Overdrafts	393,530.24
United States bonds	7,060.00
Stocks, judgments, etc.	451,516.62
Due from banks and bankers	10,193,347.02
Banking house furniture and fixtures	1,238,915.26
Other real estate	523,584.97
Current expenses and taxes paid	592,630.17
Premiums paid	4,884.78
Cash	2,276,069.41
Other assets	152,135.20
Total	$41,523,166.87

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 7,254,050.00
Surplus fund	1,198,629.38
Undivided profits	1,650,890.36
Dividends unpaid	5,628.98
General deposits	31,315,633.54
Notes and bills rediscounted	38,376.20
Bills payable	79,958.41
Total	$41,523,166.87

Rulings by Superintendent Fowler.

Superintendent Fowler today made the following official rulings, which he says are important in view of the controversy regarding the questions involved:

The following are the rulings of this department relative to compulsory attendance at public, private or parochial schools:

In answer to the question whether pupils not less than 7 nor more than 14 years of age are required to attend school for a period equal to two-thirds the number of weeks the school district in which such person may live is required by the laws of the state to maintain a public school in order to share in the apportionment of the state school funds, or two-thirds the number of weeks of school voted at the annual meeting or determined by the school board in cities, it is the ruling of this department that it is two-thirds the number of weeks the school district is required by law to maintain a public school in order to share in the apportionment of school moneys. See section 14, subdivision 1, school laws of Nebraska for 1901.

Public Schools the Standard.

In answer to the question whether the attendance of children at a school where the English language is not spoken and only the first principles of arithmetic are taught, almost the entire time being devoted to reading and writing a foreign language, for pupils not less than 7 nor more than 14 years of age, may be considered as meeting the requirements of the law, it is the ruling of this department that in case exemption is claimed on account of attendance at a private or parochial school, as provided in this law, or on account of attendance upon suitable instruction elsewhere given, the public school in the district where such person may live must be the standard of requirements in order to meet the demands of this law. This includes the number of weeks they shall attend school, the course of study they shall pursue therein and the fitness of the instructor. Relative to the course of study, the legislature has prescribed but a single subject that shall be taught in the public schools of this state, viz., physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and other stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. Other subjects are left to the officers of the district board, who shall have the power to cause the pupils to be taught in such branches and classified in such grades or departments as may seem best adapted to a course of study which the school board of any district shall establish by the consent and advice of the county superintendent. The parent, however, has a right to make a reasonable selection from the prescribed course of study for his child to pursue, and this selection must be respected by the school board, as the right of the parent in that regard is superior to that of the trustees and the teacher.

Teaching of Foreign Languages.

If it were the opinion of a majority of the district officers that it would be to the best interests of the school to include a foreign language as one of the branches in the course of study, they would have the authority to do so by the consent and advice of the county superintendent. Such foreign language should not be used as the medium of instruction in other branches, but it may be studied simply as a language. Therefore, any private or parochial school, or any instruction elsewhere given, in which the English language is not spoken, and only the first principles of arithmetic are taught almost the entire time, being devoted to reading and writing a foreign language, for pupils not less than 7 and not more than 14 years of age, is not fulfilling the requirements of the law.

But before this law can be carried into effect the county superintendent must secure the adoption of a course of study in every district of his county as set forth in section 3, subdivision v, School Laws of Nebraska for 1901. The trustees of a high school district have authority to prescribe the course of study for their district.

Any person having legal or actual control of any child or children subject to the provisions of this act, who shall violate or fail to comply with the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than $5 and not more than $25.

Boards of education in cities shall appoint one or more truant officers. In any case where the district board in districts other than city districts shall not appoint any person as truant officer, the director shall act as such truant officer.

These rulings are based upon the counsel of the attorney general; section 3, subdivision v, School Laws of Nebraska for 1901; sections 1 and 2, subdivision xvi, of said laws, and the decision of the supreme court of Nebraska as set forth in the Nebraska Reports, vol. 31, p. 552.

Supreme Court Cases.

The call for the next sitting of the supreme court, which begins January 13, contains eighty cases, and is as follows:

O'Neill against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, Sarpy; Meister against Boyer, Cuming; Commercial State bank against Rowley, Nance; Harrison against Hancock, Burt; McCormick against Scott, Greeley; Chambers against Barker, Douglas; Ramser against Johnson, Lancaster; Stafford against Harman, Douglas; Washington county against David, Washington; Randall against Phelps County Mutual Hail association, Phelps; United Trust company against Hughes, Wheeler; Rites against Argubright, Lancaster; Anthony Loan and Trust company against Fiorelli, Douglas; Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company against Klatt, Douglas; Ames against Miller, Cass; Iowa Loan and Trust company against Hogg, Buffalo; Iowa Loan and Trust company against Pope, Buffalo; Iowa Loan and Trust company against Devall, Buffalo; Gullion against Traver, Cass; Thomas against Thomas, Douglas; Taylor against Reis, Douglas, Dahlstrom against Smith, Douglas; Lewis against Fast, Gage; Bowman against Bellows Falls Savings Institution, Douglas; Flonagle against Thiele, Cuming; McBride against Whitaker, Buffalo; Shrake against Laflin, Dawson; Mensen against Laflin, Dawson; Jones against Miller, Gage; Bonawitz against DeKalb, Jefferson; Omaha Savings bank against Simeral, Douglas; Nebraska State Guarantee Building and Loan association against Kleikke, Butler; Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company against New York, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad company, Clay; Curtis against Osborn & Co., Dixon; Polk county against Nance county, Nance; Horbach against Boyd, Douglas; Ollinger against Fisher, Richardson; Fergus against Nims, Richardson; Lincoln against Janesch, Lancaster; New York, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad company against Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company, Clay; Nelson against Harlan county, Harlan; Jones against Cleary, Douglas; Orr against Omaha, Douglas; Berggren against Omaha, Douglas; Hutchinson against Omaha, Douglas; Mercer company against Omaha, Douglas; Brown against Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, Lancaster; Nebraska Loan and Trust company against Hulbert, Buffalo; Snell against Margritz, Colfax; First National bank, Pawnee City, against Hazels, Pawnee; Lydick against Chaney, Burt; Hobbs against Warman, Custer; Male against Dahlgren, Custer; McCormick Harvester Machine company against Mills, Dawson; Doolittle against American Savings bank, Douglas; Farmers' and M. Irrigation company against Cozad Irrigation company, Dawson; Wolf against Haslack, Platte; Van Dusen against Buckner, Custer; Sutliff against McCormick, Antelope; Nebraska City Building and Loan association against Clary, Otoe; Christie against Patterson, Douglas; Holmes against Dovey, Cass; Nebraska City Building and Loan association against Wright, Otoe; Williams against Taylor, Lancaster; Raymond against Schreiver Bros., Dakota; Struve against Republican Valley Railroad company, Furnas; Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insurance company against Sasek, Saline; Bellevue against Bellevue Improvement company, Sarpy; Biart against Myers, Sarpy; Clark against Thornburg, Gage; Blodgett against Jensen, Lancaster; Sadler against Knights' Jewel company, Douglas; Cowin against Platt, Douglas; State Mutual Insurance company against Susek, original; Morrison against Lincoln Savings bank, Lancaster; Leo against State, Douglas; Weston against Herdman, Lancaster; State ex rel Plattsmouth Telephone company against Fawcett, mandamus; Weston against Falk, Lancaster; School District of Auburn against Boyd, Nemaha.

Nebraskans at Nicaragua.

F. A. Harrison of Pawnee City, accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, returned today from a visit in the territory of the proposed Nicaraguan canal. They left San Francisco last October and returned by the east coast, stopping a few days in Washington. "We went inland from Corinto and passed forty days looking over the country," said Mr. Harrison. "Nicaragua is a wonderful, though undeveloped country. It has good resources and would be a rich, thriving country in the hands of northern people."

In Washington Mr. Harrison discussed the conditions in Nicaragua with the federal authorities and appeared before the house committee, which has the canal matter for consideration.

Omaha, Kansas & Gulf.

Articles of incorporation of the Omaha, Kansas & Gulf Railway company were recorded in the secretary of state's office this afternoon. The articles set forth that it is the intention of the company to erect a railroad, with branches, from a point in or near Omaha, through a portion of Douglas county, and thence south through the counties of Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, Johnson and Pawnee to the state line. The capital stock authorized is $500,000, and the incorporators are: Richard Nevins, jr., of St. Louis, James M. Woolworth, W. A. Paxton and John A. Creighton of Omaha, J. G. Gilmore of St. Louis, F. W. Blees of Macon, Charles M. Chamberlain of Tecumseh, A. S. Story, C. A. Schappel and J. N. Eckman of Pawnee City. The company was organized December 16 and began its legal existence today.

The Porter-Ryerson-Hoobler company of Omaha has incorporated under the laws of the state, to deal in pharmaceuticals. It is capitalized for $100,000, and its incorporators are: Harry Cartan, William E. Hitchcock, Julius Kessler, Frank F. Porter, Maurice W. Ryerson, Joseph M. Richards, William G. Sunderland and George W. Hoobler.

KELLEY, STIGER & CO.

January Linen Clearance Sale

A $15,000 Linen Clean Up.

This sale is not an ordinary happening. It's that final once-a-year clearing when cost is completely lost sight of. Again the cutting knife has been used judiciously and our low prices in an emphatic bid to close out every yard of Table Linen, Cloths, Napkins and Towels before taking our annual inventory.

70c and 75c bleached and unbleached table linen now 49c yard.

80c extra heavy unbleached Scotch table linen now 57½c yard.

$1.00 extra wide bleached Irish table linen now 69c yard.

$1.15 extra wide satin damask Irish table linen now 75c yard.

$1.35 heavy bleached and unbleached Barnsley table linen now 89c yard.

$1.50 finest grade of silver bleached table linen now $1.15 a yard.

$2.00. Bleached table linen, heaviest ever imported, a great bargain, now $1.29 yard. New patterns to be added Monday morning.

$6.25. Full dinner size napkins to match above cloth, now $3.98 dozen.

Irish table cloths, with border all around in 2, 2½, 3 and 3½-yard sizes, worth $2.85, $3.75, $4.50 and $5.50, now $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50 each.

Dinner size napkins to match, $3.00 dozen.

NAPKINS

$1.35 bleached napkins now 98c dozen.

$2.00 silver bleached napkins now $1.35 dozen.

$2.25 bleached napkins now $1.50 dozen.

$2.75 bleached napkins now $1.98 dozen.

$3.50 bleached napkins now $2.48 dozen.

$3.75 bleached napkins now $2.75 dozen.

$6.00 bleached napkins, extra large, $3.95 dozen.

Russia Crash 5c yard.

Most everyone is acquainted with the absorbent and wearing qualities of Russia Crash, it can be utilized for any purpose and the price has never been less than 10c yard. Our price in this sale, 5c yard.

TOWELS

16⅔c huck towels, large size, now 10c each

18c huck towels, large size, now 12½c each

22½c extra fine huck towels, large size, now 15c each.

25c and 30c huck and bath towels, large size, 19c each.

35c, 40c and 48c Devonshire huck towels, figured and plain, 25c each.

BED SPREADS

$1.35 extra large honeycomb spreads now 98c.

$2.00 crochet fringed bed spreads, cut corners, now $1.39 each.

$3.50 hemmed Marseilles bed spreads now $2.48 each.

$4.50 fringed Marseilles bed spreads, cut corners, now $3.00 each.

$5.00 hemmed Marseilles bed spreads, now $3.25 each.

Great Sale of New Muslin Underwear at Money Saving Prices

Worth is the First Consideration With Us.

Excellent materials, generously full garment, careful sewing, tasteful styles.

Come, See and Compare

Here is a list of a few special numbers.

Night Gowns

At 50c Good Muslin Gowns, in three styles, 2 insertions in yoke and plain tuck, with cambric ruffle.

At 75c Good Cambric Gowns, tucked yoke, with embroidery insertion, tucked cambric ruffle.

At 85c Fine Muslin Gowns, tucked and lace insertion yoke, with cambric ruffle, edged with lace.

At $1.00 Fine Muslin Gowns, bias tucked, with embroidery insertion yoke and embroidered ruffle.

At $1.00 Fine Cambric Gowns, square neck, with wide embroidery insertion and hemstitched ruffle.

At $1.25 Fine Cambric Gowns, square neck, with blind embroidery insertion and embroidery ruffle.

At $1.40 Fine Cambric Gowns, bias tucked, and hemstitched yoke, finished with wide embroidery, insertion and deep embroidery ruffle.

At $1.40 Fine Cambric Gowns, square neck, with two rows of embroidery, insertion and embroidery ruffle.

At $1.50 Fine Cambric Empire Gowns, yoke with three rows of embroidery insertion, finished with beading and ribbon and embroidery ruffle.

At $1.75 Fine Nainsook Gowns, V-shaped yoke of embroidery and lace insertion and lace ruffle.

At $2.00, 2.25, $2.50 and $3.50

A magnificent line of still finer Night Gowns, Nainsook and Cambric, square, round and Empire effects, daintily trimmed with embroidery and lace.

Corset Covers

At 25c Fine Cambric Corset Cover, with shirr string, hemstitched tucked yoke and hemstitched ruffle.

At 40c Fine Cambric Corset Cover, with shirr string, finished with beading and embroidery ruffle.

At 60c Fine Cambric Corset Cover, French shape, with fine embroidery edge.

At 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, and 1.65

Fine Cambric, with lace and embroidery trimmed.

Skirts

At 75c Good Muslin Skirts, with deep tucked flounce.

At $1.00 Good Muslin Skirt, with deep flounce, edged with Medici lace and dust ruffle.

At $1.50 Fine Cambric Skirt, with double flounce, tucked, and dust ruffle.

At $2.00 Fine Cambric Skirts, with double tucked train and dust ruffle.

At $3.00 Fine Cambric Skirts, deep ruffle, with wide point Paris lace insertion and lace ruffle, with train.

At $4.25 Fine Cambric Skirts, deep flounce, with five rows of wide lace insertion and deep lace ruffle.

At $5.00 Fine Cambric Skirt, deep flounce, with four rows of Point de Paris insertion, lace flounce and dust ruffle edged with lace.

At $5.75 Fine Cambric Skirt, trimmed with six rows of lace insertion, with double flounce of insertion and lace.

Drawers

At 25c Good Muslin Drawers, with five-inch cambric ruffle, hemstitched.

At 40c Good Muslin Drawers, with umbrella ruffle, tucked and hemstitched.

At 50c Good Muslin Drawers, with cluster of tucks and embroidery ruffle.

At 65c Fine Cambric Drawers, with hemstitched tuck and wide embroidery ruffle.

At $1.00 Fine Nainsook Drawers, deep cluster of tucks, with blind embroidery ruffle.

At $1.65 Fine Cambric Drawers, umbrella flounce, with fine lace insertion and wide lace edge.

Extraordinary Opportunity

25 dozen best quality Mousquetaire suede kid gloves, 8-button length, tans, browns, gray modes and blacks, reduced from $1.75 per pair to

69C PER PAIR.

LADIES' HEMSTITCHED SHEER LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.

Warranted every thread linen, ¾-inch hemstitched, 15c quality, reduced to 10c each.

SLIGHTLY MUSSED HANDKERCHIEFS.

Odds and ends, scolloped, embroidered, hemstitched, etc., slightly mussed by handling; regular 25c, 30c and 35c qualities, all reduced to 19C EACH.

AN UNUSUAL OFFERING.

25 pieces of colored dress goods, fancy mixtures, stripes, etc., reduced from 50c yard to 25C YARD.

15 pieces 48-in. all wool plaids, very pretty for skirts and suits, reduced from $1.00 per yard to 50C YARD.

GREAT REDUCTION.

Ladies' flannelette wrappers $1.50, reduced to $1.00; $2.00, reduced to $1.50.

Tremendous cut in ladies' French flannel tailor-made correct fitting shirt waists.

All our $2.25 quality reduced to $1.50; all our $3.25 quality reduced to $2.50; all our $4.25 quality reduced to $3.00.

All handsomely tucked and stiched in all the new shades.

Cut prices on rainy-day and walking skirts. Largest assortment in the city from $4.50 to $15.00. Perfect fitting and latest shapes.

Scotch Ginghams

100 pieces imported Scotch gingham, 29 and 31 inches, our regular 25c quality, some of these are slightly soiled. Entire line on sale Monday at 12½c yard.

20 Per Cent Discount

ON ENTIRE STOCK OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S WINTER UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY· UNION SUITS, PANTS AND VESTS· TIGHTS, CORSET COVERS,

Infants' Vests and Bands.
Silk Union Suits, Silk Pants and Vests.
Cashmere and Wool Hosiery.
Fleece-lined Hosiery.

TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT

on entire stock of men's and boys' winter underwear and hosiery, union suits, shirts and drawers, cashmere and wool hosiery, men's and boys' flannelette night shirts.

TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT

on entire stock black dress goods, colored dress goods, waistings, challis, etc.

TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT

20 per cent discount off all our outing flannels, half wool shirting flannels, wool skirting flannels; also French flannels, Eiderdown and embroidered edge baby flannels and flannels of every description, 20 per cent off.

TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT

20 per cent discount off all our fleece blankets, white and gray woolen blankets, bath robe blankets, slumber robe blankets, cotton filled comforts and down comforts of every kind, 20 per cent off.

FIFTY PER CENT DISCOUNT

50 per cent discount off all our high grade embroidered French flannel waist patterns. This means an opportunity to get $6.00 patterns for $3.00, $4.50 kind for $2.25, and $3.50 kind for $1.75; 50 per cent off.

Fur Scarfs, Collarettes and Muffs Regardless of Cost.

We still have a few of our late arrivals in LONG COATS, RAGLANS AND JACKETS, thoroughly up-to-date in style, latest materials, correctly tailored, which we are now offering REGARDLESS OF COST. OUR FIRST IMPORTATION OF NEW EMBROIDERIES ARE NOW ON SPECIAL SALE—Elegant designs in Irish Point, Venetian Point, Crochet, Hand Drawn effects, Blend Work, Etc.

CORNER FARNAM AND FIFTEENTH STREETS

DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Table Rock People Celebrate the Completion of the Building.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Yesterday was a gala day at Table Rock on account of the formal opening of the new school building. The day was consumed in exercises and in the evening a dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the school was given by the High school class, assisted by local talent.

Introductory remarks were made by the principal, L. W. Wimberley, after which a prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Shamel, who afterward presented the school with a finely-bound bible.

A short tribute was paid to J. G. Fisher, a member of the school board, who died December 17, 1901, by the secretary of the board, M. H. Marble. The address of welcome was given by Miss Selma Shorter, one of the graduating class. Remarks were also made by Dr. W. H. Wilson, president of the board, State Superintendent Fowler then gave an address, which was highly appreciated by all.

Two original poems, written expressly for the occasion, the one, "The Old Schoolhouse," recited by Miss Lela Wimberley, and the other, "We've Got a Bran New Schoolhouse, Pete," recited by Max A. Marble, were received with applause and both were called out at the evening entertainment at the opera house to repeat them. Full settlement has been made for the new schoolhouse with E. Whitney of Humboldt, the architect.

Hand Caught in Shredder.

HARVARD, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Ezra Stone, living at Giltner, caught a hand in a shredder while shredding cornstalks, which made necessary amputating the arm just below the elbow. Stone has a wife and five children to support from his labor, which makes his affliction serious.

RETAINS THE MARRIAGE FEES

Retiring County Judge Says They Are His by Right.

SUPERVISORS TAKE THE OPPOSITE VIEW

Instruct County Attorney to Institute Proceedings for Recovery Against Adna R. Bowen.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—When A. H. Bowen retired from the county judge's office this week and turned the office over to his recently elected successor, Harry S. Dungan, he withheld all the money he had received during the last two years for performing marriage ceremonies. The fees amount to $303. Bowen contends that said fees are not contemplated by the statute for which he is accountable, and therefore refused to pay the same, as demanded by the Adams County Board of Supervisors. The county board immediately passed these resolutions:

Whereas, in relation to the foregoing report, said Adna H. Bowen being personally present before the county board in open meeting at a regular session thereof, formal demand was made upon said Adna H. Bowen to enter the fees for performing such marriage ceremonies mentioned in the foregoing report in the fee book of said office and to pay said fees, to-wit, $303 into the treasury of Adams county; and,

Whereas, the said Adna H. Bowen, being present before said board, as aforesaid, for the reason that he does not consider said marriage fees such fees as are contemplated by the statute for which he is accountable, refused and does now refuse to pay the same as demanded; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the county attorney be instructed to institute such proceedings to collect such fees and to compel the entry of such fees in the fee book of the office of the county judge and the payment thereof as he deems necessary in the premises

Mr. Bowen contemplates fighting the case to the end.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER NEW ROAD

Two Tecumseh Capitalists Added to Directorate of Omaha, Kansas & Gulf Line.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—New impetus has been put into the proposed railroad the last few days by the presence in the city of Richard Nevins of St. Louis in behalf of the proposed Omaha, Kansas & Gulf line, which is to be built from Omaha to Emporia, Kan. Nevins' visit to Tecumseh was of a business nature in connection with the road, and while here he aroused the citizens to a considerable extent. C. M. Chamberlain and P. H. Hopkins, local capitalists, were added to the directorate. It is proposed to have at least two members of this body in each county the road will pass through and Nevins announces that the capital required to build the proposed railroad has been secured, and that the surveying through Nebraska will soon be taken up, the same work having been completed in Kansas. It is probable the new line will connect with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Omaha and with the Missouri, Kansas & Texas in Emporia, thus putting it into a great north and south transfer agency.

Telephone Company Elects Officers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Plattsmouth Independent Telephone company has elected these officers for the ensuing year: Tom E. Parmele, president; Charles C. Parmele, vice president; T. H. Pollock, general manager; J. N. Wise, secretary. A 10 per cent dividend was declared. It is understood that the company has purchased the independent telephone system in Kearney and that Will Staddleman, former manager of the Parmele theater at Plattsmouth, will take charge of it next Monday.

BANQUETS ITS EMPLOYES

Dempster Mill Manufacturing Company Entertains Stockholders, Salesmen and Others.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—One of the most elaborate banquets ever given in Beatrice was served tonight at the Paddock hotel by the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company to the officers, stockholders, traveling salesmen and employes.

The guests began to arrive early and at 9 p. m. the large parlors and drawing rooms on the second floor were taxed to their utmost capacity, many standing in the corridors and in the lobby below. Gilliland's orchestra furnished music and a vocal and instrumental program was made a part of the evening's entertainment. There was a piano solo by Miss Elizabeth Hemler, recitation by Miss Helen Rhodes, instrumental music of her own composition by Mrs. J. W. Burgess, after which the guests were ushered into the large and beautifully decorated dining room.

At the conclusion of supper speeches were the order of the evening, J. W. Burgess, secretary of the company, acting as toastmaster. These toasts were responded to: "Typewriter," B. W. Manville; "Western Poets and Corporations," M. T. Cummings; "The Arkansas Traveler," George D. Kidd; "Expansion," R. H. Yale; "Dictator," Miss May Leary; "The Tenderfoot," Thomas Adams, manager of the Kansas City branch; "Country Hotel," W. B. Brown; "Kirks," D. W. Carre; "1902," C. B. Dempster, president of the company.

WITHDRAWS CONTEST CASE

McDermott Decides to Allow Democrat to Remain in Office, Without Molestation.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The contest case of Charles McDermott against County Judge S. S. Krake, in which McDermott claimed title to the office of county judge, was withdrawn on Wednesday by the republican contestant, who paid the costs.

The newly elected county officers took possession of their respective offices yesterday. Fred W. Kloke, republican, succeeds H. W. Phillips as sheriff. S. S. Krake, county judge, remains, this being his third term of office. He enters upon his office with a clear title, the pending contest proceedings having been withdrawn. Albert F. Walla, democrat, enters upon his third term as county clerk. Fred Meyer, republican treasurer, is a new man, succeeding H. Koch, democrat. Superintendent of Schools J. A. Stahl, democrat, succeeds M. K. Manning, who served six years. George Smith, surveyor, displaces G. A. Heller, who has held the office sixteen years. The coroner for the next two years is Dr. S. A. Sammons of West Point.

Judge Decides Contest Cases.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—County Judge F. E. Bourne today handed down his opinion in the contest case for sheriff. The court sustained the objection filed by the attorneys for the plaintiff, which avers that the case being dismissed by the party who filed the same and who paid all costs at the time of dismissal, cannot be reopened, and that the case being dismissed and the judgment rendered before any papers were filed by Samuel Moore or any other objector. The plaintiff's attorneys further state that this being done, the court has no jurisdiction to proceed further with this case and neither has it the right to substitute Samuel Moore in the place of W. S. Tilton, who brought the action.

The defendants accept the opinion of the court and have made application for a copy of the transcript, which is considered as an indication that the case will be taken to the district court upon error.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING COWS

Young Man at Auburn Sells Cattle that Do Not Belong to Him.

AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Ralph W. Kimler was arrested by ex-Sheriff Cole just as he was boarding a B. & M. train at Auburn yesterday. He was charged with selling two cows, belonging to J. W. Lash & Sons, to a butcher at Auburn. For one of the cows he received a check, which he had endorsed at the bank. After the charges were made against him he pleaded guilty and went to jail in default of $800 bail.

Kimler is 22 years old and is of a respectable family. His parents live at Auburn and are grieved over the conduct of their son, for whose education they had worked hard.

SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WRECK

Former Nebraska Man is Hurt on Great Northern Railroad.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—D. E. Wilcox, who until four months ago ran a drugstore at Wood River, was seriously injured in a railroad wreck at Collisburg, Mont., Monday. Wilcox sold out his store at Wood River last September and went to Montana, where he was working for the Great Northern railroad in the capacity of foreman. It was while working as such that the accident occurred. News just received by relatives at Wood River state that his condition is serious.

County Officials Take Their Posts.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The newly elected county officers took the oath of office Thursday afternoon. John T. Hill was sworn in as sheriff and has taken his son into his office to act as deputy. W. H. Davis has charge of the county clerk's office and has taken D. P. Blankenvilles of Roseland for his deputy. Prof. W. A. Julian is in charge of the county superintendent's office. Harry Dungan presides over the affairs in the county judge's office and Miss Sadie Bigelow has been selected as his deputy. Will Brookley remains as county treasurer and W. N. Burgess recorder of deeds. A. P. Slack, William Vastine and John Evans are the newly elected members of the county board.

Establishes Rural Mail Routes.

HARVARD, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—During the last week Captain H. A. Clark, from Cheyenne, special agent of free delivery routes, has established four routes, each comprising a drive of twenty-five miles, out from Harvard in each direction. Charles Pembroke, L. S. Martin, George H. Robertson and William J. Johnson were selected as carriers, but the time to begin the work of delivery has not been set.

West Point Couple Seeks Divorce.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A petition for divorce was filed in the district court by Henry F. Ahlmeier against his wife, Kate Ahlmeier. The grounds alleged are extreme cruelty and assault with deadly weapons.

MANGLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

L. B. Hatfield of Yutan is Victim of Locomotive.

STRICKEN IN THE MIDST OF A JOKE

One of the Oldest Settlers of Saunders County So Shockingly Injured that His Recovery is Doubtful.

YUTAN, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—I. B. Hatfield, one of the oldest settlers of Saunders county, is dying at Dr. Korber's drug store in a mangled condition, having been struck by the engine of an extra freight train at Yutan at 4 o'clock. Mr. Hatfield was standing near the Westbrook grain elevator jocularly showing a dime to a bystander when he was caught by the pilot of the extra and before the train could be stopped he was carried 150 yards. His left foot was broken, his cheekbone injured and his nose was mangled. The doctors say that his brain was contused and that he will probably die.

BUTTE TO GET THE RAILROAD

Northwestern Purchases Land Adjoining Townsite and Intends Completing Road by September.

BUTTE, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—General Manager Bidwell of the Nrothwestern purchased a quarter section of land adjoining Butte today for an addition to the town site. The road will be completed by September. This action kills off several aspiring county seats. Butte people are satisfied and happy.

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