

News from Over the State

Latest Report on Banks.

Again have the deposits in the Nebraska state banks reached a new high mark. While the people of the east are complaining of tight money and low reserves and feel panicky, plain people of the fertile Nebraska prairies have placed on deposit during the last year more than \$1,250,000 in excess of the amount in the banks at the time of the September report last year, when a new high level was reached. The reserve at this time is 36 1-3 per cent., one-third of one per cent. less than it was at the time of the September report last year. At the same time there has been a healthy increase in deposits, the number of depositors has shown a marked increase, especially during the time intervening since the last report on June 9. During that interval the number of individuals who have placed their faith in banks has increased by 13,871, or more than ten per cent.

Secretary Roysce, of the state banking board, said of the latest report: "Compared with the statement of September 15, 1902, the present report shows that deposits have increased \$1,745,220.79; loans, \$1,614,511.72; capital, \$329,700; number of banks, 20; reserve increased one-third of one per cent.; increase in depositors, 14,589. Compared with the statement of June 9, 1903, three months since, deposits have increased \$1,006,299.12; loans increase, \$130,459.54; reserve increase, two per cent.; number of banks, increase, three; capital stock, increase, \$24,750. State banks now hold a reserve of 36 1-3 per cent., the legal requirement being 15 per cent. The number of depositors at the date of this report was 135,829, being an increase of 13,871 over the number reported June 9, 1903. The total number of banks reporting at the close of business September 5, 1903, was 496.

Bloodhounds As Witnesses.

The question of the competency of bloodhounds as witnesses in criminal prosecutions has been brought to the supreme court of Nebraska. The case is that of George W. Pratt, of Nemaha county, convicted of burglary and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. In his appeal Pratt alleges he was convicted mainly as a result of the bloodhounds trailing him from the place where the burglary was committed to his own home, where a stolen purse was found. In his brief, filed in behalf of the state, Attorney General Prout admits part of Pratt's contention, that the dogs are incompetent to take the oath and are not subject to cross-examinations, but otherwise, he maintains, they are fit silent witnesses and as such their testimony is as conclusive as that of a man in circumstantial evidence.

Hypnotist Causes a Stir.

A great deal of excitement was caused at Papillion over the discovery of the body of an unidentified man, about 35 years of age, in a vacant building south of the bank. Passersby saw the body through the window and at once the news spread over town that the body was that of a murdered man. While the different theories were being talked over a stranger came upon the scene and stated that the man was not dead but under a hypnotic spell. The stranger proved a traveling hypnotist who had placed this man under a spell and had laid the body in the window of this building for exhibition purposes.

Cut Off His Salary.

Samuel I. Gordon is no longer police judge of the city of Omaha. He met his Waterloo in the supreme court when the court decided that Louis Berka was the regularly elected and qualified judge of the court and that Gordon was no longer entitled to draw the salary of the office. After winning salary suits galore because the city changed his pay from \$2,500 to \$1,200 during his term of office, Gordon brought suit against Mayor Moores to compel him to sign his salary warrant for the year 1902, during the time Louis Berka has been the judge, having been elected in 1901.

Alleged Bank Robbers.

Three men, giving the names of Frank Gordon, John Carroll and Walter Dillon, were captured by the sheriffs of Buffalo and Hall counties and detectives from Lincoln at a farm house near Shelton. They were in bed and offered no resistance, though heavily armed. The officers charged that they are the men who cracked the safe of the bank of Byron a few days ago and secured \$2,000. Bank bills aggregating \$800 were found hidden in the house. The men were taken to Grand Island.

Cannot Remember His Wanderings.

Frank Bender, who disappeared from his home two weeks ago at North Lincoln, leaving his team standing in the field which he was plowing, was found in the road about seven miles north of Lincoln. He was ragged and torn and emaciated and showed the effects of his two weeks' roam around the country roads. He had no recollection of his wanderings.

Claimed Contract to Kill.

William Frymire, the young German farmer who last February shot and killed Mrs. Fred Pulse, near Eastis, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Frymire and Mrs. Pulse, who was Tracy Odenberg, were sweethearts, when Pulse appeared as the successful rival. Frymire is said to have declared that he had a written contract with Tracy Odenberg in which it was agreed that if the woman should marry anyone before October he, Frymire, was to have the privilege of killing her. Less than a week after the girl became Mrs. Pulse, Frymire shot at the couple one night through a window of their house. His shots went wild and he then entered the house, pushing aside Pulse, who was trying to protect his wife. Frymire shot four times through the door at the woman, one of the shots passing through her stomach. After placing Pulse out of the way, Frymire went into the room where his victim lay bleeding from the wound and pounded and kicked her in a merciless manner, using his revolver and boot. Taking the body in his arms, he carried it to his buggy, placed it in the seat beside him and took it to a schoolhouse about two miles distant, where it was discovered.

Letters the Cause of Trouble.

Because it is alleged she sent letters through the mail which should not have been sent, Mrs. Mary Lemke, of the neighborhood of Cheney, has been arrested. For several months an epidemic of anonymous letter-writing has convulsed the neighborhood of Walton and Cheney, east of Lincoln. Half a dozen or more persons, some of them men and some of them women, were the recipients of letters and postal cards of a decidedly scurrilous character. Some of them were unsigned. Where a signature was appended it is declared by the person whose name was affixed to be a forgery. The preacher has not been exempt. The other day he received one inviting him to the house of Mrs. Minnie Eldenburg for a night, on pleasure bent. Mrs. Eldenburg's name was appended. It is not her signature at all. Some wives got letters that caused them to grow suspicious of their husbands and the fires were lit for a general conflagration of domestic happiness.

Kidnaped His Child.

John Sturke, of Topeka, Kan., and another man kidnaped a child from the home of Lincoln Garrison in Nebraska City. The child is a son of Sturke. About a year and a half ago Sturke's wife died at the home of Garrison, who is her brother-in-law. On her deathbed she gave the child to Mrs. Garrison, who has had possession of it. Sturke has tried to get possession of the son through the means of the law, but the courts have refused to give him its custody. The other day Sturke and another man went to Garrison's to see the child. Sturke asked Mrs. Garrison to get him a drink of water and while she was away for the moment Sturke grabbed the child and ran.

Jansen as a Colonizer.

Paul Jansen, of Jansen, has purchased 50,000 acres of land of the Saskatchewan Land company of Winnipeg, and has secured an option on 50,000 acres more. He has also arranged with the Canadian government to locate 1,000 families on homesteads adjacent to the land purchased. Mr. Jansen is a Mennonite and is planning to locate a Mennonite colony on his new purchase.

Nebraska Will Have No Building.

The Nebraska commission of the St. Louis exposition has decided not to undertake to erect a state building on the exposition grounds, but to request the management of the fair to give them additional space for the Nebraska exhibit, which, from present prospects, will be both large and interesting.

Young Man's Horrible Death.

A young man named Schroeder, while pitching bundles into a thrasher ten miles northwest of Papillion, lost his footing and fell headlong into the separator. His body was crushed, going entirely through the machine, while small pieces went out through the elevator.

So Long as It Is Sour.

The Nebraska state chemist has discovered that the liquid branded as pure food apple cider vinegar is neither made of cider, malt nor grain, but so long as it is sour and makes people's mouths pucker it ought to pass muster as vinegar without being subject to fine and imprisonment.

Little Girl Starts Blaze.

The large barn on the farm of Joseph Sparks, near Ellis, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. One horse perished in the flames and two others were so badly burned that they will probably die. The fire was started by a little girl who was playing in the barn with matches.

HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE.

Old Soldiers Living at the National Military Home at Leavenworth Can Cast Ballots in That County.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 12.—Through a decision of the supreme court, rendered Saturday, old soldiers who are living at the national military home at Leavenworth are given a right to vote in Leavenworth county. It is decided that the state law permitting the veterans to vote does not conflict with the constitutional provision that persons who go to almshouses or asylums cannot acquire residences there for voting purposes. This reverses a decision of the court rendered several years ago by Chief Justice Doster, when the right of the inmates of the state soldiers' home at Dodge City to vote was questioned.

Dockery Will Stand by Morrow.

St. Louis, Oct. 12.—Judge Adams, in the United States district court, has fixed November 3 as the date for the trial of W. A. Morrow, Gov. Dockery's official stenographer, who was indicted for alleged complicity in the naturalization frauds. Between now and the time of the trial Mr. Morrow will probably continue in his position in the governor's office. Gov. Dockery, who came with him to St. Louis, gave out an authorized statement Saturday night in which he expressed his intention to stand by Morrow.

Immense Map of Missouri.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 12.—C. F. Marbut, professor of geology and mineralogy in the University of Missouri, is at work on the largest map of Missouri ever made. It will be more than 12x15 feet, will weigh several hundred pounds and will show every creek, post office, road, railroad, city, town and hill in the state. In addition to this it will show the various geological formations. It will be a relief map.

\$1,000,000 for Third Wife.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—An ante-nuptial agreement, under which the bride-to-be will receive \$1,000,000, in lieu of her dower rights, is said to be a legal formality which will precede the wedding of Richard T. Crane and Miss Emily Hutchinson. Mr. Crane is a septuagenarian, and is the president of the Crane company, elevator manufacturers. This will be the groom's third marriage.

Will Take Millions to Repair Damage.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 12.—The Delaware river began to recede about midnight and continues to fall rapidly. The Lehigh and the Bushkill are still backed up for miles and everything along their banks is flooded. It is impossible to estimate the loss or even approximate it, but in Easton and towns up and down the Delaware it will take millions to replace the bridges and repair the damage.

Coming to Iowa to Study Agriculture.

Ames, Ia., Oct. 11.—Prof. Z. J. Zintheo, of the department of farm mechanics at the Iowa state college, has received a communication from G. F. Rush, of Kent, Eng., asking for information in regard to this department. Mr. Rush is organizing a party of Englishmen to study agriculture in this country. They will visit Ames to take work in farm mechanics as students.

Cuba Falls to Get Her Loan.

New York, Oct. 11.—For three weeks eminent representatives of Cuba have been vainly trying in New York to secure the first loan (\$35,000,000) the little nation has sought since its emancipation. It was stated by Gen. Maria Menocal, one of the commission, that Cuba may be compelled to contract her loan in some foreign country.

Fatally Wounded with Birdshot.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 12.—C. R. Toothman, a crack gun shot, was fatally wounded near here yesterday. He says it was an accident, but attending physicians believe he was shot by some one else, as a charge of birdshot entered the lungs at the back. Toothman refuses to answer questions.

Farmer Swindled by Strangers.

Houston, Mo., Oct. 11.—Two strangers who gave their names as Friedley and Welshman, swindled John W. Teer, of Evening Shade, Texas county, out of about \$1,200 by giving notes and bogus security. They bought several horses of Teer and left the country.

Another Tribute to McKinley.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 11.—A monument to President William McKinley, erected by the town, was unveiled Saturday in the presence of thousands of persons. Among the speakers were John D. Long, who was secretary of the navy in McKinley's cabinet.

Arrested at the Courthouse.

Hannibal, Mo., Oct. 11.—Robert Menefee was arrested by Sheriff Bowen while he was trying to secure a license at Palmyra to marry Miss Bertie Gilker. The couple eloped to Palmyra and were at the courthouse when Menefee was taken into custody.

Evangelist Moody's Widow Dies.

East Northfield, Mass., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Dwight L. Moody, widow of the evangelist, died Saturday afternoon at her home. She had been suffering for some time from an internal trouble. She was 60 years old.

MORROW IS INDICTED

Dockery's Stenographer Charged with Crimes Against the Ballot.

Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis Charges a Well-Known Politician with Wholesale Naturalization Frauds During the Election Three Years Ago.

St. Louis, Oct. 10.—The federal grand jury late yesterday returned indictments against W. A. Morrow, assistant private secretary to Gov. A. M. Dockery, and Thomas F. Barrett, formerly marshal of the St. Louis court of appeals. The indictments were reported to Judge Elmer B. Adams, of the United States district court, and charge the defendants with aiding, abetting and conspiring to fraudulently naturalize aliens. It is charged that Morrow and Barrett, in October, 1900, procured by fraud naturalization papers for ten alien residents of St. Louis county and had them placed in the hands of the foreigners.

Morrow has been in the governor's office for ten years, having been originally appointed by Gov. Stone and retained by Govs. Stephens and Dockery. United States Marshal Morsey left for Jefferson City last night to bring Morrow into court to give bond.

Barrett will be tried within the next few weeks upon indictments previously found against him in connection with fraudulent naturalization of foreigners in the court of appeals. He is charged in the earlier indictments with issuing the papers to aliens in an irregular manner.

BOLD BREAK FOR FREEDOM.

Convicts in Utah State Penitentiary at Salt Lake City Partly Successful in Their Attempt.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 10.—As a result of a well organized and partly successful attempt at a wholesale delivery of prisoners at the Utah state penitentiary last night one prisoner was killed, one guard was shot and wounded, another man was beaten almost into insensibility, three prisoners were wounded and two others under death sentences escaped.

The outbreak occurred about 6:30 p. m., just as the prisoners were being placed in their cells for the night by Guards Wilkins and Jacobs. The affair went through with such vim and precision that it must have been carefully planned beforehand. Two of the prisoners overpowered Wilkins and Jacobs, the former being shot and slightly wounded and the latter frightfully beaten. The convicts took the prison keys from the guards and released five other prisoners who had already been locked up. The seven prisoners then compelled Guard Wilkins, notwithstanding his injuries to march at their head and with the assistance of ladders found near the workshop proceeded to scale the wall.

FRUIT EXHIBIT BURNED.

Fire in Kansas City Destroyed a Large Collection Being Prepared by Missouri Horticultural Society.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10.—Fire early this morning destroyed all of the Missouri fruit exhibit which is being prepared for the world's fair and Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis next year. The loss to this alone will amount to several thousand dollars. The fruit was being prepared in the basement of the Syndicate building at the northwest corner of Seventh and Wyandotte streets under direction of L. A. Goodman, secretary of the State Horticultural society, and represents the summer and fall's work. The greater part of it cannot be duplicated before the fair opens.

A POLICEMAN'S COOLNESS.

A Terrible Catastrophe Prevented at the Coronation Ball at the Coliseum at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 10.—Only the coolness of the police prevented a terrible catastrophe at the coronation ball last night. Ten thousand people were in the Coliseum, where the coronation was taking place, when it was noticed that the floor above was sinking. A policeman notified the people that they would have to move down on to the dancing floor in order that another electric light might be placed. After they had left the gallery they were notified of the danger in which they had been.

Woman Drummer Sues for Slander.

Salina, Kan., Oct. 10.—Lucille C. Fry, a woman drummer representing a Kansas City firm, has filed suit in the federal court against J. T. Sallards, of Salina, for \$10,000 damages. She says she was stopping at a hotel in Salina and as she started to leave Sallards accused her of entering his room and stealing \$50.

Paid \$4,500 for a Kansas Horse.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 10.—Just before the second heat in the Transylvania race E. E. Smathers bought from Dick Donley, of Wichita, Kan., the horse Kent, who took second place in the heat. The price was \$4,300.

WOULD DISCARD THE BIBLE.

Nebraskan Keeps Up His Fight on School-Teacher Who Persists in Reading Scriptural Passages Each Day.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 13.—Another Bible case opinion will have to come down from the supreme court before long. It is Daniel Freeman, the relator in the famous Gage county case, and he wants the court to issue a preremptory writ against the school board of district No. 21 to prevent the reading of the Scriptures in the district schools. Freeman claims that the present teacher in the fated district is given to the habit of reading the "King James version" of the Scriptures which, in his original petition, he asserts was not a good rendering of the original text and in some places unorthodox. His suit was based on the theory that as a tax payer he had an interest in preventing the use of the school as a place for the inculcation of a creed.

WINCHELL NEAR THE TOP.

Frisco Official Will Have Supreme Charge of All Lines of the Rock Island-Frisco System.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Charles A. Goodnow, as announced, will sever his connection with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad as general manager at the end of the present month. B. L. Winchell, now vice president and general manager of the Frisco, is to be third vice president of the Rock Island and will be given supreme charge of the affairs of all the lines of the system. It is also stated that Mr. Goodnow's position as general manager will not be filled after his retirement. Mr. Winchell will be the chief executive officer in the west.

SAYS AMERICA MUST AID.

Outbreak in Cuba Feared If Money Is Not Secured to Pay Demands of Cuban Soldiers.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Dispatches from Havana announce that the commission sent by Cuba to negotiate a loan of \$35,000,000 for the payment of revolutionary army claims failed to obtain the loan either in Wall street or in Europe. One of the Cuban cabinet officers is reported to have spoken as follows: "The army must be paid, else the republic cannot survive another 24th of February, and unless the American government gives its moral support to our attempt to raise the loan sought for such payment, we cannot hope to secure a dollar."

INDICATES GREAT STORMS.

Scientists Have Discovered a Spot on the Sun with a Width of 25,000 Miles.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 13.—One of the largest spots that has appeared on the sun in recent years has just been discovered by John A. Brashear, chancellor of the Western university of Pennsylvania. Its area is so great that it can be seen by the naked eye if a smoked glass is used. This one has an average width of 25,000 miles. In square miles its area is 12 times that of the earth. The spots on the sun indicate great solar storms. The present spot is probably the largest that has been seen for many years.

Atrocities Among Flathead Indians.

Browning, Mont., Oct. 13.—Disensions among several bands of Indians on the Flathead reservation culminated in one of the worst tragedies recorded in this part of Montana for several years. Seven Indians were cruelly murdered in their beds and two others wounded. Reservation officers have made four arrests and the accused are confined in the guardhouse here.

London's Birth and Death Rate.

London, Oct. 13.—It inspires one with a sense of London's bigness to learn that someone is born here every 40 seconds in the 24 hours, and that someone dies every minute and a quarter. A recent official announcement declares that during last year 131,278 children were born in the metropolis and that 79,924 deaths occurred.

Tuxedo Eam Gave Way.

Suffern, N. Y., Oct. 13.—The Tuxedo dam above the town of Ramapo broke Monday and the water burst through and tumbled down upon the village, carrying everything before it. Houses, barns, fences and livestock were swept down the current. Only timely warnings prevented a tremendous loss of life.

1,150,000 Acres Withdrawn from Entry.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 13.—A special to the Miner from Great Falls says that the Great Falls land office yesterday received instructions from Washington to withdraw from entry under the desert land law all lands in the district lying south of the Missouri river. The order affects approximately 1,150,000 acres.

Gold in the White River Country.

Aurora, Mo., Oct. 13.—A story comes from the White river country, 40 miles southeast of here, along the construction work of the White River railroad, now building by the Missouri Pacific, of the finding of a gold mine in one of the tunnels being constructed through the mountains by that road.