

MORTGAGED FOR MILLIONS

Reports of the Auditor on This Class of Indebtedness in Nebraska.

GENERAL DECREASE NOTED IN AMOUNTS

Over Nine Millions Less in 1895 Than in 1894—Farmers Getting Out of Debt—Lincoln Local.

LINCOLN, Feb. 29.—(Special).—State Auditor Moore today completed the record of the mortgage indebtedness of Nebraska for the year ending December 31, 1895. The total amount of mortgages for that year show a decrease of \$9,182,977.42 from that of the year of 1894. To offset this, however, there is a corresponding decrease in the total amount of satisfactions, the satisfactions of farm, town and city and chattel mortgages for 1895 being \$9,289,577.42 less than for the same period in 1894. The total decrease of farm mortgages is \$4,118,022.75; total decrease of chattel mortgages, \$3,237,257.52. In town and city mortgages, the 1895 there is a decrease of nearly \$2,600,000, and a corresponding decrease in the amount of satisfactions. The number of sheriff's deeds and other deeds in foreclosure are about the same for the two years. Following are the auditor's reports for the two years:

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Governor W. J. McConnell of Idaho has written Governor Holcomb, informing him that in pursuance of a recommendation made by the Northwestern Immigration congress, held at St. Paul, Minn., last November, he has called a similar congress to meet at Lincoln City, Idaho, on the 15th of May.

Governor Holcomb today issued a requisition for Jo Hoffman, who is wanted in Omaha for grand larceny, he being charged with stealing a bicyclist and a horse. The man is said to be under arrest at Council Bluffs, and Detective Cox of Omaha was named in the requisition as agent to proceed to Iowa and bring Hoffman back.

Representative Brady of Buffalo county was a caller at the state capitol today. Auditor Moore has not yet rendered his report on the audit of the deeds in foreclosure: Farm, 1,483; city, 1,053.

Postmaster Russell's Accused Slayer. BEATRICE, Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—Testimony for the defense in the case of William Henry, charged with murder, being this morning. Six witnesses were examined for the purpose of showing an alibi. Alexander Boone testified to having seen and talked with Henry and Zimmerman, the murderer, on the morning of the crime.

AWFUL DEATH OF A FARMER. Thrown in Front of a Corn Stalk Cutter and Mangled. STROMSBURG, Neb., Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—While Peter Stenberg, a farmer living nine miles west of this place was cutting corn stalks, the horses he was driving became unmanageable and ran in the runways. Stenberg fell in front of the cutter and became entangled in the knives and was horribly mangled. When the horses were stopped by neighbors it required some fifteen minutes to extricate the body from the machinery, and he died but a few minutes after being released.

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HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IN NEBRASKA

Two Inches Reported in Many Sections of the State.

WALKER'S MENTAL CONDITION.

Lexington People Inclined to Believe that a Crazy Man Will Be Hanged.

MR. MORRISON'S LOADED BILL

Measure that Would Have Repealed All Restrictive Liquor Laws Handed Off Just Before Roll Call Was Ended.

ONE WAY TO SETTLE A DISPUTE.

WEBSTER CITY WOMEN WANT TO VOTE.

CONVICTED AN IMPOSTOR.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—A jury after being out twenty-four hours today returned a verdict of guilty, as charged in the indictment, against Al Kaufman, impostor. He claimed to be a line inspector with the Postal Telegraph Cable company in western Iowa. His sentence will be given next week.

DUNLAP ELECTION EXCITEMENT.

LUNLAP, Ia., Feb. 29.—(Special).—The most intense excitement prevails in Dunlap over the election. Two factions are presented in the fight, which has been warm.

STRIKEN DOWN BY COAL GAS.

Entire Family Overcome Before Assistance Reached. CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Three of a family of eight dead and the other five dying in the frightful result of coal gas in the residence of Fred Stuenkel, a farmer living a few miles southwest of Chicago Heights, near Crete, Ill. county. Physicians attending the family say the mother and four of the children will die. The dead are: Della Stuenkel, aged 45, the father; ROSAMOND STUENKEL, aged 13, the mother; DELLA STUENKEL, aged 4, the daughter; Hulda Stuenkel, aged 10, the mother; Arthur Stuenkel, aged 8 months. The Stuenkel family has been prominent in Crete for nearly forty years and the news of their misfortune caused great excitement among the farmers of the vicinity. About 3 a. m. Mrs. Stuenkel was awakened by one of the children down stairs crying. The father, who was in the kitchen, was called to the room. The mother, who was in the lower room, was a large cook stove, which had been filled for the night. The mother and the father went down stairs, called to Rosa and said she feared the child was ill. She found her husband lying upon the bed, breathing in agony and moaning. She called to the other children to come down stairs. The baby, Reneta, had been crying and the mother had been up for some time. The father had gathered in the father's room each member began acting in a peculiar manner. The baby went to sleep. William fell to the floor and crawled into the kitchen. The mother became so dizzy that she had to leave the room. Rosamond remained with her father and in a short time the gas fumes overcame her and she fell to the floor. The father was found there dead several hours later. Not one member of the family seemed to notice the hot stove and the gas. The children ran about half dazed, always closing the door behind them. The mother, who was in the kitchen, recovered sufficiently to crawl into the yard. There he was seen by his uncle Henry from an adjoining house. The father was immediately sent for and everything possible was done for the surviving members of the family.

"HISTORY OF CRIPPLE CREEK."

lynched a Colored Man. BLACKVILLE, S. C., Feb. 29.—Melville Kennedy, colored, was lynched by a mob of thirty men at Windsor, near here, last night. Eight men, including Kennedy and another negro named Wade, forcibly carried Miss Sallie Webb to the home of a white neighbor. The mob was kept quiet by threats of death, and the young woman, who will become a mother in a few days, has until yesterday, kept the secret. The mob is now scouring the country for Wade, and will do anything to catch him.

TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

This house did not cost that, although that much money would scarcely tempt you to sell it if it was your home and located among those fine natural trees on Georgia or Virginia avenues. But the above amount and more will be expended in Omaha on the Transmississippi Exposition during the next two years. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of Omaha property has been purchased by eastern investors since January 1st and those Res Place lots will sell for double the amount we ask for them before you know it. Our present price is very low, and we will furnish the money to build such a home as the above. You should be interested in getting, at once, our terms, estimates on building, etc.

WOLF HUNTERS BECOME SWINDLERS.

SIYOU CITY, Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—By killing wolves in South Dakota, where a bounty of \$1.50 is paid for each scalp, and presenting them in this (Woodsbury) county, where the bounty is \$2.00, a gang of swindlers recently defrauded the county of large sums of money. Some time ago the authorities became suspicious of a man who was carrying a wolf scalp, and upon searching the cheat, Jack Whitman, the leader of the gang, has already been arrested and will be held for perjury and conspiracy to defraud the county.

JEFFERSON FAVORS ARBITRATION.

JEFFERSON, Ia., Feb. 29.—(Special).—A largely attended mass meeting of citizens held tonight to discuss the Anglo-American arbitration treaty passed strong resolutions favoring the same.

LOSS OF AN IOWA FARMER.

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CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO KILL.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 29.—Frank Peitz, a well known tobacco dealer, is under arrest, charged with an attempt to kill George Murphy, member of an Odd Fellows committee which sustained a charge against Peitz of weak-mindedness as an Odd Fellow. He will probably be found insane.

YOUTHFUL TRAIN WRECKER'S MOTIVE.

CHEROKEE, Ia., Feb. 29.—(Special).—The youthful train wrecker, Herbert Hathaway, who was arrested here while placing obstructions on the Illinois Central tracks Thursday evening, is feigning insanity. It is thought by a great many that the boy is weak-minded, but that he is not from wrong and that he should be punished according to law. John Hathaway, the boy's father, was defeated by the company in a lawsuit some time ago and the boy was trying to ditch the train out of revenge. The suit was brought by Hathaway to recover damages for an injury received while in the company's employ as a mechanic in the car shops at this place.

CASE OF LEPROSY IN IOWA.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—Lewis Korgabie, living near Winfield, in Henry county, a well-to-do German farmer, has been sick with most peculiar symptoms of paralysis for some time. The disease is called and it is its unanimous decision that it is a bona fide case of leprosy. He is 48 years of age and has a large family. The health of the county is greatly disturbed. While mercilessly whipping his horse today William Skinner lost an eye by the lash of the whip striking his own eye.

PROGRESS OF IRRIGATION WORK.

ORD, Neb., Feb. 29.—(Special).—The officers of the Springdale Irrigation company are advertising for bids for the construction of their irrigating ditch, so that they may have all preliminary work completed by the time the supreme court shall have reached a decision as to the constitutionality of the Wright Irrigation law. If this law is declared to be unconstitutional the ditch will be commenced on the ditch whether the bonds are sold or not. The intention is to have water running as early in the fall as possible.

POLK COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 29.—(Special).—This section has been having very windy weather for the past few days, but that did not deter the farmers from attending the institute that has been held for their instruction at the court house for the past two days. These institutes are doing good work and the class of farmers attend them. Dr. Peters of the State university spent both days of the institute here and gave the farmers much valuable information. The doctor understands his business.

GRESHAM POSTOFFICE ROBBERY.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 29.—(Special Telegram).—The postoffice at Gresham was robbed Friday night. The safe door was blown off and \$100 in cash and \$12 worth of stamps taken.

YORK COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

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NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES.

Wednesday a district meeting of Pythians will be held at Tecumseh. Masons of Superior gave a banquet Friday night for the candidates for grand officers.

MALVERN'S POLITICAL CONTENT.

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THE FARMERS AROUND NORTH BEND HAVE CONCLUDED TO RAISE 200 ACRES OF CHICORY THIS SUMMER.

At Dunbar Friday Mrs. Talbot of Ashton fell and broke her thigh. Her recovery is doubtful.

HERMAN HENDERSON PLEADED GUILTY TO BURLYGARY AND WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

An effort is being made by Tecumseh horsemen to hold a racing meeting there early this spring. The race track has been recently.

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