

Nebraska NEBRASKA BANKS IN GOOD CONDITION

Secretary Royle Says Only Two Failures in State in Ten Years.

DEPOSITORS GET THEIR MONEY

Conditions in Cornhusker State Are Good and No Need of Anyone Getting Worried—Error Starts an Alarm.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The publication of an article in a weekly paper that the Bank of Bancroft, at Bancroft, Neb., had failed is causing the State Banking Board and its secretary considerable trouble as letters are coming in to Secretary Royle, asking for information regarding the failure and others protesting against the publicity.

MERRICK COUNTY PRIZE BABY IS NEARLY PERFECT.



Donald Bruce King

Donald Bruce King is the prize baby of Merrick county. This was proven at the baby contest held in connection with the corn show at Central City during the week when Donald was adjudged as the best of the eighty babies who were examined and passed upon by the judges.

Grand Island Saves Quarter Million by Rebillng Freight

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The tabulation of railroad receipts, as published by the State Railroad Commission, contained a surprise for this city in the fact that the receipts here showed an increase of from \$1,188,932.50 for 1913 to \$1,199,677 for 1914. For early this year large shippers found lower rates more desirable than a showing as to total income and began rebilling on certain shipments which would throw a large part of the receipts to Omaha, Lincoln or Fremont—Missouri river rate points.

Two carloads of equipment used by Abel & Roberts on the paving job recently completed in this city were shipped to York, Neb., Thursday, where the firm has secured a large paving contract.

SOME STATE OFFICERS WRITE MANY LETTERS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The controversy over the use of postage by certain state departments, disclosed by the state auditor, which was the one criticized, have spent more postage during the biennium than has the auditor.

RENGLERS OF OVERTON CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Forty relatives of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rengler of Overton, Neb., gathered at the Rengler home December 14 to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the aged, but hale and hearty pair.

BROKEN BOW SENDS FLOUR AND CLOTHES TO BELGIANS

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The second car load of flour to be sent to the Belgians from Custer county is nearly complete and will start on its journey in a few days. The women of the town and vicinity have finished their work of making garments for the sufferers and as a result of their labors 148 of these have been sent out. In addition to this many dozens of handkerchiefs, hosiery and pairs of hose have been sent individually.

NEBRASKA GREAT STATE FOR RAISING OF SWINE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—According to the "livestock" farm value of Nebraska swine January 1, 1914, was \$28,000,000. The federal figures credit Nebraska with 3,225,000 swine and place a value of \$11.90 a head on the animals. Kansas is credited with \$2,900,000 swine and the valuation for that state is given at \$19. or \$23,000,000.

MAYNES KIDNAPING CASE SETTLED OUT OF COURT

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Maynes-Spacht case which has attracted much attention throughout the county and which originated in an alleged attempt of William Maynes to kidnap his 7-year-old daughter from the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Spacht of Sargent, several months ago, has been settled out of court. Mrs. Spacht is to keep the little girl until June 1 and then take the child in person to the home of her father in New York. Maynes is a structural iron worker and is able to give his daughter good care.

Poultry Show at St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The second annual show of the Howard County Poultry association closed this evening. A large number of fowls were exhibited and competition was close. One of the best features of the show was the exceptionally fine quality of all the birds entered.

Nebraska RICHMOND AGAINST FIELD FUR SPEAKER

Douglas County Statesman Has Lively Competition in Brome of Alliance.

KOHL AND GRACE IN THE SENATE

Two Senators Are Engaging in Sharp Engagement for President Pro Tem of the Upper Chamber.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The democratic situation has not changed perceptibly. Considerable interest is still taken in the fight for the speakership, but nobody appears to venture a prediction regarding the outcome. It is generally admitted that it is the field, composed of F. M. Brome of Alliance, George Jackson of Nelson, Dr. Meredith of Ashland and one or two others against Henry C. Richmond of Omaha, with Brome leading the field.

The large acquaintance which Mr. Richmond has on account of his long connection with former legislatures, first as a newspaper correspondent, then a committee clerk and more recently as chief clerk of the house, seem to have brought him the more prominently to the fore. Nobody disputes the ability of the Omaha Journalist-statesman to preside over the house. His knowledge of the ins and outs of legislative procedure, the schemes used to thwart needed legislation, his ability to check off aspirants and perspiring orators who talk long and say little, has placed him among the best known of the candidates.

Alliance Man Stands Well

Next to Colonel Richmond, Frank M. Brome of Alliance appears to stand well with the members who have dropped in at the state house. Mr. Brome has all the earmarks of a live member and bustling presiding officer. This is his first term in the legislature, but he appears to have a good eye for what is needed. Mr. Brome came to Nebraska and settled in Box Butte county on a pre-emption claim prominently in the year 1888. He was born in Georgia just at the time when Sherman was making his memorable march to the sea and is therefore a little over the half century mark. Mr. Brome was a caller at the executive offices today and talked with newspapermen about old newspaper days, having been formerly connected with the newspaper business. He has moved his family, consisting of Mrs. Brome and a daughter, to Lincoln and has taken rooms at 407 South Fourteenth street. To newspapermen Mr. Brome said that he was not pushing his candidacy for the speakership. If it came to him it would have to come without solicitation on his part as he did not desire to be placed in the position of being a hustler for the job.

George Jackson, an old member of the lower house, has a considerable following. Mr. Jackson is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and has many friends among stockmen and others who have come in contact with past meetings of the board and the state fair.

The Senate Battle

Over in the senate there appears to be a lack of candidates for the jobs. The secretary of the senate is the one who generally attracts the job hunter, and H. M. Davis of Ord seems to have the call so far, and his experience in the session of four years ago is making him a favorite. For president of the senate there are a few candidates. Senator Phil Kohl and Senator Jack Grace appear to be the most in the limelight. Senator Grace tips the beam at about 25, while Senator Kohl will bring the beam on about the 150-pound notch. However, what Kohl lacks in avoirdupois he makes up in ability and general all around good work, so that the race may be said to be about even between these two statesmen.

Berlin Official Statement Tells of Repulse of French at Three Points

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(By Wireless to London.)—An official statement was given out in Berlin this afternoon as follows: "Yesterday there took place a series of hostile attacks in the western arena of the war. The fighting continues at Nieuport, Bixschotte and Lillasee. We repulsed attacks of the enemy to the west of Lens, east of Albert and west of Noyon.

"On the east Prussian frontier a Russian cavalry attack to the west of Pill Kallen was repulsed. "In Poland the pursuit of the enemy continues."

Berlin Less Enthusiastic. BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 18.—(Via The Hague and London, Dec. 19, Delayed in Transmission.)—Berlin was still in festive array today celebrating the reported victory in Poland, but the people experienced a shade of disappointment from the brevity of the official war bulletins, which failed to supply any further details of the Polish engagement. The newspapers point out this afternoon that the present developments in the eastern arena of the war will require several days to reach a stage where the net results can be approximately set forth.

In the mean time various rumors are in circulation concerning the very large number of prisoners taken by the Germans.

Rudolph von Valentini, chief of Emperor William's civil cabinet, answering a telegram from the east Prussian synd to the emperor, wrote as follows: "His majesty confidently trusts that the unwavering will to conquer with God's help, will lead the Fatherland through the present trying days to a happier future.

"By imperial order. "VALENTINI." (Signed).

ROWLAND SIGNS FIRST MAN

New Manager of Chicago Americans Puts Al Bromwich on Roll of Club. Puts Bromwich on Roll of Club.

COMES FROM DAVENPORT TEAM

His Hitting, Together with His Base Running is Largely Responsible for Iowa Team Winning the Pennant.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Clarence Rowland today completed his first official act as manager of the Chicago Americans, by signing Al Bromwich, third baseman of the Davenport, Ia., club in the Three-I league.

Unless President Charles Comiskey, who returned today from French Lick, and is said to be negotiating for Eddie Foster of the Washington Americans and Fritz Maisel of the New York Americans, succeeds in landing one of the major leaguers, Bromwich will play third base. His batting average last season was .310 and it was his hitting, together with his baserunning which was largely responsible for Davenport's winning the pennant.

It is expected that Clark Griffith, Manager of the Washington Americans, will stop in Chicago on his return from Kansas City, where he signed Walter Johnson, and will confer with Comiskey regarding the purchase of Foster.

STANDING OF PLAYERS IN THE BILLIARD LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The standing of the contestants in the Billiard Players' league was announced today, as follows:

Table with columns: Player Name, Won, Lost, G.A.V., Pct.

HOWARD COUNTY SENDS CAR OF FLOUR TO BELGIUM

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Howard county Belgian relief committee, headed by members of the St. Paul Commercial club, has gathered together sufficient funds to purchase a carload of flour. A full car of flour was shipped from here today. The committee was at work only about two weeks and covered only a small portion of the county. Undoubtedly another carload could be collected without much trouble.

Go into business for yourself. Read the "Business Chances" column.

BUFFALO COUNTY SENDS TWO CARS OF FLOUR TO BELGIUM

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Two car loads of flour for the relief of the Belgians went forward from Buffalo county on Saturday, the citizens of Kearney getting together one car load, while the people of Havenna and vicinity got together the second. These two cars will join the cargo being made up at Philadelphia. The Kearney Commercial club was back of the movement in this city and a committee from its body solicited the funds.

Read the "For Sale" ads if you want bargains of the minute.

Open Evenings Until Christmas



Why not give him "Things to Wear?" It's the one sure way of pleasing him.

Men are men even at Christmas time. The more practical a gift is the more it is appreciated. What could be more practical than "things to wear!"

He will appreciate these because they are useful

- Smoking Jackets ..... \$5 to \$15
Bath Robes ..... \$8.50 to \$12.50
House Slippers ..... \$1.50 to \$4
Silk Knit Mufflers ..... \$1.50 to \$7.50
Rich Silk Neckwear ..... 50c to \$3.50
Warm Sweater Coats ..... \$1.00 to \$10.00
Dress Gloves ..... \$1.15 to \$2.50
Silk Shirts ..... \$5.00
Boxed Hose, 4 pairs ..... \$1.00
Boxed Initial Handkerchiefs \$1 to \$1.50
Leather Novelties ..... 25c to \$15.00

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From the thousands of names which we received, the committee of judges composed of the following:—

C. J. Shea, Harry A. Colvin, G. W. Preston have decided that above name is the most fitting. VI-O-RAY was submitted by Mrs. W. W. Davenport and L. P. Bushnell who have been awarded the \$50.00 prize offered. We wish to thank the public for the interest shown in this contest and trust that our new water will meet with your approval.

More About Our New Water

VI-O-RAY, the new water, is scientifically prepared in a plant that is a model of sanitary cleanliness. Every bottle is sterilized and after filling is immediately sealed, the rim of the bottle being protected by a sterilized paper cap, wired on by a capping machine.

VI-O-RAY water will be furnished in five-pint bottles, eight in a case, for family use. The usual office service will be given as in the past, in five-gallon bottles and coolers.

The delivery will commence as soon as we are able to have the bottles made, which will contain the name VI-O-RAY which was chosen as being the most fitting to give this new water.

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(Of Course, We Have Big Things, Too.)

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Pretty Colored Twines, in balls, all shades, 10c each
"Diamond Dust" (powdered mica) for Christmas tree decorations, in 5c, 10c and larger packages.
Library Paste or White Mucilage in 5c and 10c tubes or bottles.
Tissue Paper, all the pretty shades and white, in 5c and 10c packages.
Gold Paint in 10c, 15c and 25c packages
English Lavender Flowers, choice 10c and 25c packages
Orris Root, Florentine, 10c and 25c packages
Sachet Powders, the choicest kinds from American and European manufacturers, 50c, 75c and \$1.25 per oz.
Red and Green Sealing Wax for letters and packages 5c and 10c sticks.
Chamois Skins for decorating faces and fancy packages, 10c up.
Christmas Seals, for sealing and decorating gift packages and letters, 5c and 10c per package.
A thousand kinds of Perfumes and Toilet Waters, in packages of all sizes and shapes.
The choicest and most toothsome Candles in factory-sealed packages—Good outside and inside.
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Beautiful Snow White Pomeranian Spitz Puppies, each \$12.00
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One tame Mexican Double Yellow Headed Parrot \$20.00
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A bird with an actual musical education, sings entirely different and far sweeter than any other canary you have ever heard. Sold on five days' approval, under written guarantee \$6.00 to sing to your entire satisfaction. Each, only \$12.00. Elegant Brass Cages, from \$1.10 to \$15.00. Make your selection now and we will keep it for you, FREE of charge, until Christmas.

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