BANKING GAINS IN DULL TIME

The statements made by the nahad gained at that date no less than \$774,261,000 in total resources since May 14, 1908. That means an increase of nearly nine per cent, in a year which was marked by much industrial depression and no little discouragement in business. It might fairly be called the growth of the national banks in dull times-a gain of about \$65,000,000 a month in resources. Where such development is possible in a period of depression, what may be expected when the current of trade and industry is flowing swiftly? If that is the way the financial strength of the United States increases—and the national banks measure less than half of it—when business is not considered good; what may be counted on when things are booming? It seems fair to estimate the growth of the banking resources of the country in a good year at more than \$5,000,000 every busines day, or over a billion and a half annually, says the Cleveland Leader. If Americans feel somewhat conscious of their wealth and power and prosperity they do not have to look far for facts and figures to justify their soaring concention of the sate convention assembled, reaffirm our faith in. and pledge our loyalty to, the principles of our party as set forth in the platform delegate objected. Chris Guenther was nominated for Chairman of the State Central committee, but declined. The matter of filling the place was left to the state committee. George L. Loomis of Fremont was chairman of the convention and we call attention to the fact that it confesses the truth of the inquities of the high tariff system. We call special attention to the fact that it confesses the truth of the inquities of the high tariff system. We call special attention to the fact that it confesses the truth of the inquities of the high tariff system. We call special attention to the fact that it confesses the truth of the inquities of the high tariff system. We call special attention to the fact that one plank contained in both the democratic state and national platform to the state onvention attended to the necessary business. D. B. Gilbert of Fremont was elected chairman of the state committee, J. P. Heald, secretary, and J. L. Claflin, vice chairman. rent of trade and industry is flowing to justify their soaring conception of the land they live in and stake their future upon.

The American Agriculturist is good authority, and that newspaper says regarding the outlook for corn, the country's greatest grain crop: "Every condition both weather and financial. condition, both weather and financial, soon as the convention was called to have a right to have what they want in government, this cereal, and the result is an acreage which not only surpasses all previous records, but is the largest area ever devoted to a single crop in any country in the history of the world. The increase was 5.2 per cent. over the area harvested last year, making the present breadth 102,750,000

mense strawberry-raising industry, reports a record-breaking crop. The shipments have aggregated 16,676,000 quarts, with 2,600,000 quarts more than for the same time last year, and this notwithstanding heavy rains that tended to offset in part the favorable influence. The supply of material for strawberry shortcake and strawberry jam, to say nothing of just strawber ries and cream, is abundant and should add largely to human happi ness. The strawberry season is very brief, but this year the fleeting joy of it should be exceptionally intense.

Some men have the hortatory and correctional instinct so strong upon them that they are always wanting to rush out and expose an error or refute a fallacy, says the New York Evening Post. This goes with a highly devel oped oratorical temperament. Gladstone had it. Walter Bagehot de scribes him as listening to some dullpated member of parliament, prosing away with one folly after another till midnight, and saying to his friends: "Let me get at him. I can show him what a fool he is and perhaps induce him to vote with us." But life is too short, and the fools too numerous, for such exercises. We should have phil osophy enough to perceive that some blunders are too great to require ex posure, that some men and some news papers are not worth answering.

The treasury statement shows that the deficit in receipts of the national government at the end of the fiscal year just closed was \$89,811,000. The estimated deficit was \$114,000,000, sc it seems that conditions have im proved greatly during the last few months. The discrepancy is larger than is desirable, but receipts and expenditures are steadily getting near er together, and anyway Uncle Sam has a handsome surplus left from for mer years to draw upon. And his credit was never better.

There is a little comfort for friends of American shipping in the news that a company running steamships to Ha waii has contracted with an eastert concern for three new vessels of large dimensions. These ships will be o. American construction, operated by and for this much the American peo ple may be proportionately thankful May the new craft be such inspiring object lessons that more of the same sort will follow speedily.

The great corn states report pros nects of an exceedingly large yielo this year. Illinois, which leads then 211, estimates an increase of five per cent. in area, compared with 1908 The wheat harvest is being gathered and so far indications show a yield that is normal, if not a little more Hay, another leading crop, is in fine shape and unusually abundant. There are no signs of agricultural scarcity in these United States this year.

tionists Hold Conventions.

tional banks of the country under the call of April 28, 1909, show that they ALL HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE

the report of their condition made on Proclamation of Principles as Set Forth by the Leading Political Organizations.

> The republicans, democrats, populists and prohibitionists held conventions in Lincoln on the 27th, with good representations at all of them. There were upward of 800 delegates in the republican convention. C. O. Wheadon of Lincoln was chosen chairman and J. M. O'Neill, secretary. Resolutions herewith set forth the principles of herewith set forth the principles of

senate chamber it was unanimously agreed that the party organization be that the United States senators be elected maintained. Chairman Manuel called by soon as the convention was called to fe Hamilton, Buffalo, Valley and Howard counties were well represented.

Republican Platform.

ing the present breadth 102,750,000 acres, or slightly more than 5,000,000 above the largest breadth heretofore harvested." Other cereals make a correspondingly favorable showing. There is no famine in sight this year, and as usual the United States will continue to help out the rest of the world in the matter of food supply.

One effect of the warm weather has been to promote the fruit and berry industry. The weather recently has provided great growing and ripening conditions, and the effect is plainly visible. The Delaware-Maryland peninsula, which is the seat of an im mense strawberry-raising industry, reports a record-breeking cron. The Speaking for the republicans of Ne-

we see only encouragement for inture republican success in the conditions con-fronting us in Nebraska today. In spite of the tremendous handicap by which we were required to combat a distinguished Nebraskan appealing to home pride to support him for president, and notwith-

we approve, commend and unmanifiedly indorse the stand taken by President Taft in the matter of taris revision. We are counting on him to see to it that the party's platform promise of revision is redeemed by the enactment of a tariff bill acceptable to the people, and we would approve the exercise of his veto on any bill that does not conform to his construction of the platform piedge which structure of the platform piedge which are true regulated and time the property of the platform piedge which are true regulates and for regents to lay struction of the platform piedge which struction of the platform pledge which he has said means "revision downward no demonstratives in congress to sustain the president in this position, and we commend them for their efforts in support of the party's pledges and the president's

We approve and indorse the Brown resolution adopted by congress submitting to the several states for their action a proposed constitutional amendment collect taxes on incomes. owering the federal government to levy

The republican party in this state stands upon its record. While providing for a generous maintenance under economical administration for the various state institutions we extinguished a state debt of more than \$2,000,000. We abolished the evils of corporate dictation in politics and abrogated the free pass system under a republican administration. Passenger, freight and express rates have been reduced and an elective retires. Passenger, freight and express rates have been reduced and an elective railway commission provided for speedy adjustment of differences between shippers and cerriers and the regulation of the same. We provided for a more just and equitable assessment of all kinds of property for taxation and the assessment of railway terminals for local purposes and removed the bar against recovery of adequate damages for personal injuries.

We commend the consistent course pursued by the republican minority in the last legislature in resisting with energy and ability the unwise and unconstitutional measures of the democratic majority.

ority.
We point with pride to the records of We noint with pride to the records of the judges who for many years have been elevated to the bench in this state as republicans, but who as judges have known neither personal favoritism par political partisenship but have fearlessly and impartially declared the law and held the scales of justice even between rich and poor, high and law, republican, democrat, nopulist, prohibitionist and socialist alike. We denounce the eleventh hour pretense of devotion to the idea of norpartisanship by the late democratic legislature, after running a riot of partisanship for three months and ruthlessly legislating republicans out of office by the wholesale order to make room for democratic office-seeklicans out of office by the wholesale order to make room for democratic office-seekers. If the passage of their so-called non-partisan judiciary act was intended to years old.

Old Corn on Hand.

Nebraska farmers and others have on hand 10,981,034 bushels of corn, asked the county attorney of Saline, more than they did at the same time county to prosecute Albert Fritz for last year. As shown by the reports the sale of five or six dozen rotten of the various county assessors, the eggs. This practice is one that Comcorn on hand last year amounted to missioner Mains intends to stamp out. Americans under the American flag 30,556,840 bushels, and this year the amount on hand is 41,535,874 bushels. The noticeable increases are shown in the following counties: Adams, 397,-291 bushels; Antelope, 360,166 bush- Board of Equalization has authority els; Boone, 261,632 bushels; Buffalo, to raise or lower the valuation of real 290,859 bushels; Dixon, 352,491 bush estate belonging to railroad companies

> Decrease in Wheat Stocks. One of the surprising items in the returns of the county assessors to the press company to install rates as spe-State Board of Equalization is the cified in schedule 19 has been denied large decrease in the amount of wheat by the State Railway commission. on hand. Compared with the returns made a year ago, the decrease in the els. For this year, with several coun- Mr. Tilden is serving his third term ties missing, there was returned as clerk of Gosper county and is not 1 5.659.419 bushels.

Democratic Platform.

chairman.

Resolutions denouncing the liquor traffic and favoring a law and placing the referendum in full force and effect were adopted.

In the populist convention at the liquor traffic and force and effect were adopted.

In the populist convention at the liquor of that amendment and to that end we ask Governor Shallenberger to call a special session of the legislature at an early day, that Nebraska, a pioneer in the advocacy of an income tax, may have the honor of being the first state to ratify

maintained. Chairman Manuel called for an expression on this question as form

Reasserting our purpose to give the people of the state of Nebraska a guaranty or bank deposits law, we call attention to the fact that the suspension of that law by the federal court emphasizes the position taken by the democratic party of Nebraska in its 1908 platform, when it favored the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to compel corporations. may be necessary to compel corporations to submit their legal disputes to the courts of the states in which they do business before taking an appeal to the United States courts.

We indorse the successful business administration of a democratic governor and commend the governor and a democratic legislature for the enactment of smetting.

Through its leaders and its press it assailed the non-partisan judiciary law.

Through its state organization it arranged surreptitiously a paipably insincere but successful attack upon it.

We submit that this presents an issue

support him for president, and notwithstanding the flagrant deception by which the democratic presidential electors masqueraded on the ballot a second time as populists, the democratic leader, for whom was confidently predicted a 25,000 majority in his home state, was grievously disappiointed to find that he had soved himself in Nebraska by a bare 4,000 plurality. The election at the same time by substantial majorities of the entire republican state ticket, with only two places excepted, gives us the right to regard the result as a republican victory.

We submit that this presents an issue of great and far-reaching importance. We are coming to be more and more a people governed by our courts. The courts are the bulwarks of our liberties as well as the harbor to which special privilege lies in every storm, and the instrumentalities through which it asserts, with growing arrogance, its power to defy the people's executives. There never was a time when the necessity for keeping courts, invested with or asserting extraordinary powers, on a plane above suspicion of reproach, presented itself more forcibly than it does now.

aside party prejudice and ties. We hope no democrat will vote for a candidate for either of these offices merely because the candidate is a democrat, and that no re-publican will vote for such a candidate because he is a republican.

We urge each and every voter of all parties to vote for the man when he goes to the ballot box this fall, and not for the party label.

Resolved. That we urge the democratic members of congress and those from Network expectably to use their box of

braska especially, to use their best ef-forts to secure as speedy a completion as possible of the government ditch project now but partially completed in western republican party in this state support of the various institutions we extinguished a state of more than \$2,000,000. We about the evils of corporate dictation in case and abrogated the free pass sysuader a republican administration.

administration of the courts applies likewise to the administration of the state
university. This noble institution has
grown and prospered under the efficient
maragement of regents elected as republicans, free from the intrusion of political partisanship or the application of
rollitical tests, in sharp contract with the
time when under a fusion board its management was notoriously partisan.

The reasons, therefore, are not heard to
find why, for more than a third of a
century, but for one brief trial period,
the reople of Nebraska have continuously
preferred to entrust their highest court
of justice and their highest institution of
learning to officers presented as candidates by the republican party, and these
reasons hold good today. The nominees
of the republican party for these responsible positions this year will be competent and trustworthy, and should command the support and votes of all good,
citizens who believe in honesty, justice
and fidelity and hate hypocracy, deceit
and faithlessness. and faithlessness.

Runaway Accident Fatal.

Sutton-Dennis Lyhenne died at his home, southwest of Sutton, from the effects of injuries suffered in a runaway which occured a little over a week ago. Mr. Lyhenne was 67

Prosecution Under Food Law. The deputy food commissioner has

State Board of Equalization. Attorney General W. T. Thompson has given an opinion holding the State

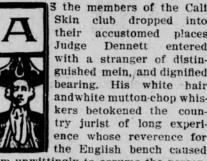
No Change in Express Rates. The request of the American Ex-

Many Candidates in Gosper. numbers of bushels on hand is over Walter Tilden, county clerk of Gosper-70,000. The total amount of wheat county, was in Lincoln on his way returned last year was 5,766,720 bush- home from a visit out in York county. 1,285,627 bushels. These same coun- a candidate for re-election. Mr. Tilties last year returned a total of den said there were fifteen candidates turn the amount promptly, and that asked you if you could row? for sheriff of Gosper county.

LOUD City Northwestern POLITICS IN NEBRASKA THE STORY ON JONATHAN MILLER

AUTHOR'S NOTE.

The material facts in this story of circumstantial evidence are drawn from an actual recorded case, only such change of names and local color being made as to remove them from the classification of legal reports to that of fiction. All the essential points of evidence, however, are retained.



their accustomed places Judge Dennett entered with a stranger of distinguished mein, and dignified bearing. His white bair andwhite mutton-chop whiskers betokened the country jurist of long experience whose reverence for the English bench caused him unwittingly to assume the personal appearance of a wearer of the wig and ermine of Blackstonian days. Judge Dennett introduced him as Judge Tanner and assured the club that his guest was primed with many a reminiscence of his long career and would gladly furnish the story of the evening. After the pipes of good fellowship had been burned for a space

story of circumstantial evidence. "I often wonder," he said, "if there is a trial judge of any considerable experience who has not carried some one case as a load on his mind and conscience for years after the verdict of the jury is in and the condemned led away to execution. It is a wise provision of the law that makes the jury the judge both of the law and the evidence, and the judge but the medium through which the law reaches the twelve; and I cannot conceive the condition of mind of those early English judges, before whom, when they had arrived at a conviction of guilt, even the jury was powerless. It was from their arbitrary and unreasonable rulings, now happily not held within the power of the judge, that most of our records of miscarried justice have resulted.

"Within my own experience there has come one case which I believe is as strange as any of record and which for years, as I looked back upon it, caused me to doubt the ability of man ever infallibly to pass judgment upon a fellow creature. The parties now are all dead and I tell it for the first time. But to the story.

"In a little city on the circuit in which I have held court for more years than I care to think of there was at one time a hotel kept by a very respectable man named Jonathan Miller. It was the favorite stopping place for commercial travellers and thus the most prominent and best paying hotel in the city.

the name of Robert Conway arrived fore me. at the hotel just before supper. He eral baggage room as he was carrying door be carefully locked and the key brought to him

"Supper over, he fell in with a salesman for a shoe house and one for a clothing firm and they repaired to the bar where they played cards and drank until 11 o'clock, when they all retired. It happened that the hotel was well filled and the clothing man and the shoe man had been forced to take a double room together. This room was directly across the hall from the one occupied by the jewelry i salesman.

"About two o'clock in the morning the two roommates were awakened by groans which seemed to come from the room of their companion of the evening across the hall.

"They arose and without stopping to dress hurried out to see what the trouble was. You can imagine their horror to find Conway, the jewelry man, dead, the bed blood-soaked, and standing over him, a dark lantern in one hand and a bloody knife in the other, Jonathan Miller, the landlord, who trembled violently and gasped incoherently when they burst into the chamber of death.

"The case seemed black enough picion in the mind of anyone in the city that he could be otherwise than guilty. Yet when taken before a justice for a preliminary hearing he most stoutly maintained his innocence and told a story which had it not paled into improbability by the side of damning «reumstances against him treme.

"He said he had just reached his room after, as was his custom, sitone, came in. He had not had time heard groans coming from the neighfense he had taken the knife. He terrible mistake. You have convicted thing took hold on me when I took his also picked up the dark lantern which an innocent man. I am not guilty grips upstairs and he said they was he always used in making his last of the death of Robert Conway. I had full of jewelry. I slipped in and



traveling men entered. "His trembling and fear at their arrival he attributed to the natural borror of the situation and the terror of the instant thought that guilt might point to him.

upon the bloody sheets, and had only

just picked it up again when the two

"With such a degree of sincerity was his story told, and so firm was the landlord's bearing before the preliminary court that he attracted many sympathizers who believed his story and looked upon him as the unfortunate victim of a most peculiar combination of circumstances.

"But these circumstances were too patent to be ignored and Miller was bound over to await the action of the grand jury, indicted and in due course of time brought to trial be

"In the time intervening between instructed Miller to send his grips up his arrest and his trial the landlord's to his room and remarked in the hear- attitude was a mixture of terror and ing of several at the desk that he did bravado which did not tend to innot care to have them left in the gen- crease the belief of the general public in his innocence. I myself, ala far more expensive line of samples though I have always endeavored to than usual. He also asked that the enter a trial free from prejudice. had I been a venireman, should have been forced to admit that I had formed an opinion concerning the guilt or innocence of the accused.

"The state naturally rested upon the testimony of the two salesmen who swore to the events of the fatal evening and to entering the room just in time to find the landlord bending over the body. They were both firm in the conclusion that his terror upon seeing them was the terror of the execution of Miller when I was discovered guilt. I admit that defendant's counsel should not have allowed this portion of their testimony was a loud rapping on the door and to go to the jury, but no objection upon opening it the panting horseman was made to it.

"Also further damaging evidence against him was produced to the ef- down in Kiley's saloon. He's dying fect that he had a short time before and wants to see you right away. become liable through indorsing a note for a large sum of money and that his ownership of the hotel was threatened in case he was not able crime. That he had always borne tant. On the way I tried to recall a good reputation, that his record for honesty was such that he might easrequired on a loan, and his own story of going to Conway's room and find the place he was almost gone, but against him. There was not a sus- ing the body were all that the unfortunate landlord had to offer in his he revived sufficiently to make the own defense.

"There could have been but one conclusion as to what the verdict of the jury would be, although I am sure would have been plausible in the ex- he had anything to say, he arose and sake take him away.' He gasped in addressed the court as follows:

"'Your honor, it comes to every ting up until a train due at half past dear wife who stood by me so nobly told. through this terrible ordeal I should to remove his clothing when he, too, have chosen for myself a different end from that which is to be my lot. head. borhood of Conway's room. Like the I have no fault to find with the view two salesmen, he had hurried to in- the jury and this court have taken of whispered. It was me that killed Convestigate, and as a weapon of detheir duty, but you are making a way. Miller never done it. The

I never could understand why he didn't see me. When they put it on him I hadn't the nerve to speak up. My God, I've got Miller on my soul, too! There they both stand. Take 'em away,' and he went into unintelligible ravings which finally ended in the gasp of death. "You can imagine my state of

mind upon hearing this terrible confession. Was not Miller's death upon my soul as well? Was I not equally culpable for not having a keener insight into character that I might have read his innocence in his steadfast attitude? Many a long night as I walked the floor of my



cent, and this I will declare to the

"How many men when facing death I wonder how many men have said it truly. It is true, as Pope says, that hope springs eternal in the human breast, but I often wonder if we do not make a grievous error in not giving greater credence to the dying statement of a condemned man.

Jonathan Miller paid the penalty of the death of Robert Conway with the same stoical resignation which had marked the end of many a man in the same extremity. With his death the case seemed at an end and it passed from my mind along with many other cases which have arisen in a long and busy career. I probably never again would have recalled it except incidentally had it not been for a strange occurrence

"I was just retiring for the night one evening about two years after startled by the sound of a horse dashing madly up to my gate. There cried:

"'Buck Everett's just been shot Says he's got an important confession to make.

"I hurried out, and mounting the messenger's horse, spurred full speed last remembered him as the porter with the aid of a stiff drink of whisky following confession:

"'I'm a goner, judge, but before I cash in I've got to get something off my mind. It's Conway, I've seen him that I gave them the law without par- day and night. My God, judge, there tiality. Miller took his sentence with he is now pointing his bony finger resignation and when I asked him if at me! Take him away. For God's terror and the froth upon his pallid lips was bloody. We thought he was

"'Come, Buck, have it out and you'll go easier,' I said as I held his

"'Yes, judge, I've got to tell it,' he door he was surprised to find it stand- I have done with this world. I have the landlord comin' down the hall. I had a story for the next meeting. ing open. The groans had ceased, no more to say but that I am inno-slipped out and got past him, and (Copyright, 1969, by W. G. Chapman.)

chamber I turned these questions over ing my mind, never finding an answer that was satisfactory to my conscience. I seriously considered resigning from the bench. My faith in man's justice had received a crushing blow. For five years I carried that weight of self accusing guilt, and only the sympathy of my friends and the loyalty and trust of my townsmen sustained me.

'One night I was seated in the study of Rev Charles Poindexter, the rector of the Episcopalian church. Before a cheery grate fire we talked into the night and to him I unburdened my

"'My heavens, judge' he said to me, laying his hand on my shoulder. 'Why haven't you told me all this beto raise the amount. This seemed for Kiley's place, which was a disrep- fore? I might have saved you these to furnish a powerful motive for the utable roadhouse about a mile dis- years of troubling. Never before have I disclosed that which has been imwho Buck Everett might be, and at parted to me in the confessional, but in this case I believe my duty to ily have raised the sum of money he in Miller's hotel at the time of the the dead is outweighted by my duty Conway murder. When I arrived at to the living. When you sentenced Jonathan Miller you condemned a guilty man. You remember that I attended him as a spiritual adviser in his last hours. To me alone he told the true story of that fatal night. He was guilty of Conway's death although his hand did not strike the blow He went to Conway's room with the intent to murder him and rob him of his wealth. It was for that fell purpose that he took the knife and lantern. When he reached the room he found the deed already done, and man once to die. For the sake of my going before his weighty secret was even as the two traveling men entered the room he was meditating upon how he might secure the contents of the satchels and hide them. Let your mind rest, judge; his hand was as guilty as the hand that struck

the blow! "Thus was the weight of years lifted from my mind, and this, gentle-

men, is my story." rounds of the hotel and which was nothing whatever to do with his knifed him as he slept and got what thanks of the members of the Call death. Some day the truth will come there was in his pockets. I was just Skin club Judge Grower from the "When he reached the jeweler's out, but I fear it will be long after turnin' to the grips when I heard chair announced that Judge Sturgis

This suggested the song to Key.

"Shad is a fine thing." "So is marriage. Sometimes I won-

Used His Victim's Care

card to a beggar who promises to re- learned that he had been arrested in a notable figures. The inspiration for and almost before the guns had been turn your loan of 50 cents or one dol- near-by town for swindling. As my the song came from the bombard- silenced he had written some of the lar," remarked a New York clergy. card was the only one found on him, ment of Fort McHenry, near Balti- inspiring lines which later were comman the other day. "Not long ago." he was docketed in my name. I dishe continued, "a man in clerical clothes covered in the newspapers that I was called on me, presented the card of a behind the bars without knowing it." minister out on Long Island, and borrowed enough money 'to get home on.'

He asked for my card, promising to re- fishing trip with him but what he gressed the American patriot could der if either is worth the trouble."-

America's Famous Song.

Banner" was Francis Scott Key, who "It's a good rule never to give your | was the last I heard of him until I lives in American history as one of its more, by the British fleet.

> Key had been taken prisoner and witnessed the bombardment from one of the British men-of-war on which Did a man ever ask you to go on a he was detained. As the battle procatch fleeting glimpses of the Stars Louisvile Courier-Journal,

and Stripes waving defiance at the The author of "The Star-Spangled British guns from the tall staff on the parapet of the fort.

Of Course They Are.