

FOUR BANKS CLOSED

SCARCITY OF CASH CAUSES A PANIC AT LEMARS, IOWA.

HAD LARGE SURPLUS ACCOUNTS.

But Were Compelled to Close on Account of the Impossibility of Getting Ready Money—Currency Still Commands 3 Per Cent Premium in New York—Big Gold Shipments.

STOUC, CITT, Iowa, Aug. 19.—The four banks at Lemars failed to open their doors this morning. They are the First National with \$100,000 capital, the Lemars National same capital, German-American Savings \$50,000 capital and the German State bank \$50,000. All have large surplus accounts and had been ranked among the best in the state.

The banks closed because of the impossibility of getting cash. All were in good condition for ordinary times, but withdrawals of cash had been steady and collateral could not be realized on.

Lemars has 5,000 people and is twenty-five miles from here. The action of the banks was a complete surprise and has caused a panic in the town. Officers of the banks say they will pay every dollar when they can liquidate advantageously.

CURRENCY STILL SCARCE.

Three Per Cent Paid for Cash in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The premium on currency was a shade higher this morning at 3 per cent. The continued scarcity of currency and gold and the prevailing high rates can be accounted for on the ground that the gold must be going into trust companies and savings banks. Spot gold opened at 107 1/2 to 3 per cent and declined to 2 per cent on the heavy arrivals. Futures were quoted at 1 1/2 for next week's delivery and 1 1/4 for a longer period.

The sub-treasury had a debit balance of \$107,534 at the clearing house to-day and paid \$95,000 in gold and the remainder of it in treasury and United States notes. The loan committee of the clearing house at its session this morning issued \$500,000 additional certificates, making the total outstanding \$37,880,000.

The steamship Puert Bismarck, which arrived here last night, brought \$4,445,185 in gold. The steamship Campana, sailing from Liverpool tomorrow will have \$4,000,000 in gold on board and the Elbe will bring \$300,000.

Chicago Short of Change.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—The financial stringency involving the scarcity of small bills is becoming more marked. At the ticket sellers' booths at the entrance to the Columbian exposition a \$5 bill was presented in payment for three tickets and the bill was refused, as change could not be made. Another man offered a \$10 in payment for two tickets and this also was refused. A guest at the Palmer house asked for two \$5 bills in change for a ten. He was told it could not be given him, Banks refuse to give change for bills even of small denomination and take off a big discount for cashing New York exchange. A man with a bill of \$100 denomination complained of finding himself virtually penniless.

India Overloaded With Silver.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—A special dispatch to the Times from Calcutta says that the absence of demand for Indian council bills is attributed there to the enormous importation of silver during the protracted sittings of the Herchell Indian currency commission. These importations during the year ended March 1, last, amounted to fifteen crores of rupees (150,000,000 rupees) against a normal yearly importation of eight crores (80,000,000 rupees).

India Merchants Protest.

BOMBAY, Aug. 19.—The chamber of commerce of this city and the India Currency association have sent protests to the Marquis of Lansdowne, viceroy of India, against the sale of India council bills at a price under 1s 4d. They state that the action of the council in selling bills at less than 16 pence has demoralized trade and is causing immense loss to the commercial interests.

Springfield Banks May Resume.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 19.—The bank of Marionville, which is connected with the bank of Springfield, both of which failed during the last two weeks, resumed business this morning and it is believed the bank of Springfield will be on its feet again in a few weeks. Two of the other defunct banks here are rapidly arranging their affairs and may soon resume.

England's Gold Going East.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Gold to the amount of \$3,950,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day for shipment to the United States. Three hundred thousand dollars was withdrawn for shipment to Toronto.

Cattle Disease Affects Men.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 19.—Secretary Sept of the state board of health has returned from Edwards county, where he and the state veterinarian have been investigating the disease among cattle in that and neighboring counties known as anthrax. Two men, Frank Weems of Johnsonville, Wayne county, and Vet Hill of Ellis Mound, Hamilton county, who have been hauling away dead cattle which died from the disease, have been attacked by the disease but not fatally.

Express Robbers Soon Caught.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 19.—Advices from Holla Junction state that the two men who held up the St. Louis and San Francisco train near St. James yesterday were arrested near there this morning by the sheriff who has a complete chain of evidence.

The Victim of Brutes.

OMAHA, Aug. 21.—A man named Joe Jallier and a married woman named Lottie Faddin, from Council Bluffs, were arrested on the street early Saturday morning. Officer Drummy had noticed the woman earlier in the night with Caillier and a fellow named Maher, and at 2 o'clock found her struggling to get away from them. He ran up and caught both the men. He ran up and caught both the men. He ran up and caught both the men. He ran up and caught both the men. He ran up and caught both the men.

Ten-year-old Jacob Lazerns was crossing Cuming street Saturday morning and passed from the rear of a west bound train directly in front of one going east. The motorman, Charles Jacobson, quick as a flash, reached forward and grasped the boy by the nape of the neck with one hand and with the other he turned off the current. He held the boy in midair while Conductor Holland, who witnessed the act applied the brakes.

Tom Haley, who murderously assaulted John Shepard in a barn Friday night, was arraigned in police court Saturday morning upon two complaints. The first was carrying concealed weapons and the other was assault and battery. The trial was set for today. Mr. Shepard was in court and showed a badly bruised head and black eye. He said that he has since learned that Haley wanted to rob him.

Boldly Abducted.

MINDEN, Neb., August 21.—Miss Jessie Frew, a school teacher of this place, was on Thursday last week abducted in broad daylight. It is a most peculiar case. Miss Frew was returning from the morning session of the institute when she was approached by Frank Fickenger, who seized her by the arm and forced her into his buggy, which was standing near by. He then went to untie his horse, when Miss Frew jumped from the buggy, but Fickenger again grabbed her. He drove south as far as Franklin where he stopped at a hotel. Miss Frew, as soon as possible explained her plight to the landlord, who hired a rig and drove her back home. This is the first time told by Miss Frew, yet no arrest has been made.

Furlined a Petrified Man.

LINCOLN, Aug. 21.—Frank P. Doyle, a bartender from Aspen, Col., was arrested here Saturday night for an alleged theft of a petrified man. He is held pending the arrival of Sheriff Stewart from Aspen. The prisoner had secured a license Saturday to exhibit a petrified man, claiming it was one of the cliff-dwellers. It was this fact that led to his arrest, as the police had received word to arrest a man with such an article in his possession. The prisoner tells a straight story of his possession of it, however, and the police are inclined to believe he is all right.

Mount Enroute East.

LINCOLN, Aug. 21.—Minister Blount was a passenger on the east bound B. & M. flyer yesterday, together with his wife and a friend. His presence on the train was not made known at the station by any outward evidence, but it was soon noticed about that the newly appointed minister to Hawaii was a passenger. He is on his way home to settle up private affairs. His report to President Cleveland concerning his recent mission to Hawaii he refused to divulge.

Ten Dollars in the Hole.

LINCOLN, Aug. 21.—While driving out to the lake last evening with his family, F. H. Edwell, of Havelock, had an experience which might have resulted seriously under somewhat different conditions. As he was passing one of the large holes dug for the viaduct supporters on West O street, his horse slipped at something and backed the buggy down into the hole which was partially filled with water. Fortunately no one was injured, but the buggy was considerably disfigured and Mrs. Edwell dropped her purse, containing \$10, into the water.

Charged With Cattle Stealing.

GERING, Neb., Aug. 21.—Cattle stealing on an extensive scale from the stockmen in the northwestern part of Scotts Bluff county has been going on for some time. No clues have been obtainable until recently, but this week complaints were filed against Charles Brown, Henry Matthews and Ed Davis, alleging the theft of some twenty-one head. They were arrested and taken before Judge Hurlbut for the preliminary examination, which is in progress.

Tramps Made to Move On.

WYMORE, Neb., Aug. 21.—A gang of about forty tramps that have been camped near town were made to move. It is thought they did most of the petty thieving about town. John Ake, a coal dealer, left his office for a moment, leaving eight dollars in his pocket book on a chair. When he returned it was missing. Certain parties are suspected, but no arrests have as yet been made.

Kearney County Institute.

MINDEN, Neb., Aug. 21.—The fourteenth annual institute for Kearney county was held here last week, with an enrollment of eighty-two teachers. A good corps of instructors were present, among whom was Professor W. H. Gardner of the Wesleyan university, Lincoln.

Receiver Nerves Exonerated.

SIDNEY, Neb., Aug. 21.—The discrepancy in the accounts of Mark N. Neeves, late receiver of the Sidney land office, was satisfactorily settled Saturday and Mr. Neeves fully exonerated. The amount in question was only \$925.

Benson's Great Camp Meeting.

One thousand five hundred people attended the services on the camp grounds yesterday. The children's meeting, led by Rev. G. W. Shelby, was especially well attended, as was the young people's meeting.

Helps Corn and Grass.

POSCA, Neb., Aug. 21.—A heavy rain fell here Friday night, accompanied by a severe electrical storm. This will help corn and grass wonderfully. Crops will be splendid here this year.

COOLIE SLAVERY IN CUBA.

Tin Chin's Terrible Experience With a Brutal Taskmaster.

It is said that the unfortunate Chinamen who go to Cuba to labor under contract on the sugar plantations there are held, the most of them, in a state of slavery to which the conditions of the negroes before the war was paradise itself. The following is related as a typical case: One of the Chinamen, Tin Chin, presented a frightful aspect. His head was as smooth as a billiard ball, not a vestige of hair remaining. His face was covered with long, deep scars, the sight of one eye was lost, his neck was distorted and his hands were shriveled and bony.

Inquiry resulted in learning that he had been the victim of the wrath of a notorious brutal Spanish planter. One day, three years ago, when Tin Chin and a hundred other coolies were transferring boiling sugar from the vats in pails, the planter or overseer stood at the entrance to the sugar house, whip in hand, snapping it at the bare backs of the coolies as they, bending under the weight of the buckets, hurried past. Tin Chin lagged a moment. The planter cut the Chinaman with the whip, and because the latter wriggled under the pain of the blow the brutal overseer grabbed up a bucket of the boiling sugar and with an oath, deliberately poured the contents down upon the head of the Chinaman. He was scalded from head to foot. He fell insensible as the feet of his tormentor, who savagely kicked the Chinaman's prostrate body aside and again took up his position at the entrance, whip in hand, ready at the slightest provocation to flay alive the next Chinaman who incurred his wrath.

That night, under cover of darkness, some of Tin Chin's countrymen carried him to his den, and there he lay for months, hovering between life and death, without medical treatment other than that which the coolies could afford him. Much rather would the planter have seen him die, for then Tin Chin's contract would die with him, and no money would have to be paid for Chin's long years of service.

A POSTMASTER WHO TUMBLED

Profited by the Fate of Those Who Had Gone Before.

It was in a far west village of about 500 people, and the postmaster was so bland and courteous when the mail came in that I felt it my duty to give him a few words of praise. "I hev to do it—hev to do it," he whispered in reply. "Come to the door with me. D'ye see them three graves over thar?"

"Yes."

"Them's my predecessors in office—three of 'em!"

"Postmasters who have died, eh?"

"Postmasters who hev been killed, sir—wiped out right here because they didn't tumble to human natur' around a postoffice!"

"You must have a special brand of human nature in this town?" I queried.

"Exactly, sir. Mebby you noticed old Bill Wheeler? He's never got a letter in his life and probably never will, but when he asks for mail I go over the whole grist and do it mighty careful, too. If I jest said: 'Nuthin' for you, Bill,' he'd out with his gun and blaze away. Did ye take notice of that one-eyed feller, Jim Hastings? Of course I know thar ain't no letter fur him, but I hev to run 'em over and inquire about his health and keep him good-natured. He shot the first postmaster here. P'aps you observed the little old woman with a bundle under her arm—John Dawson's wife? Her husband shot the second postmaster because he wouldn't open the office Sunday afternoon."

"And what was the third one shot for?"

"Got too high-toned. Uncle Tom Wallace tried to git him out of bed at midnight to see if there was a letter fur him, but he bucked. Uncle Tom kinder hated to shoot, but felt that he orter do it fur an example."

"And do you get up nights?"

"I don't hev to. I leave the mail out here in a basket, keep a light burnin' and the door open, and if any one wants to paw the grist over he's at liberty to do it. It's the same on Sundays and I guess the folks are purty well satisfied with the way things is runnin'. Leastwise I hain't been shot at in the four months I've had the place, and I take that as a sign."

In a Circle.

"It is interesting," he said to the dyspeptic young man, "to observe the different names we have for the same thing."

"Is it?"

"Of course it is," he went on, with the persistence of the man of research. "Take 'lamb,' for instance. When it gets old it is called 'sheep.'"

"Anybody knows that."

"And the sheep, after it is killed, is called 'mutton.'"

"You're getting right around to where you started from."

"How?"

"When your mutton is cooked and served in your boarding house it becomes 'lamb' again."

Couldn't Divide.

"Do you realize," said the editor to the foreman, "that you have taken terrible chances on bringing discord into the families of the city?"

"Why, no. What's the matter? Anything libelous?"

"No, sir. The damage is more far reaching than that of even a libel could be. I tremble to think of the number of husbands and wives you may have separated."

"How?"

"By putting the base-ball news and the fashions on the same page."

Man for Hire.

"I am a young man 27 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weigh 135 pounds in every respect, and am reasonable sum of money to my whom I have tried to support, but failed. The person purchasing agree to pay her a certain sum of each week as long as she lives, for which the purchaser can do with body and soul as he or she may I do this only to save a poor lame 65 years old, who has proved me when all else has deserted me shared my poverty without gro tried every honest means known employment, and now I make t effort to do some good so that I least have some excuse for exist will make a willing and devoted and do not care what becomes of long as my mother is provided for."

The foregoing is a copy of a written in a firm, plain hand, at The World office yesterday was signed "White Slave." The author, William Bergmann, was by a World reporter yesterday noon at his home on the first floor at the rear of 203 Avenue A. slender, with a clear, fair complexion, light hair, a mustache slightly with red and pleasant blue eyes aged and afflicted mother wore calico dress and sat listening the interview, answering her s and then as he appealed to dates and facts.

The pair occupy two small rooms, very bare of furniture. A stove, three chairs, a pine table, an old chest of drawers and a pallet on the floor in the smaller room were the sum total of their possessions. There was not even a bed. The rooms and everything in them, however, were clean and neat. The young man told his story quietly and intelligently, but it was plain that his troubles had made him desperate.

"I know," said Bergmann, "that it is unusual for a man to offer himself for sale, but I am desperate. Monday we are to be dispersed, and then mother will be turned out of these rooms. I would not care if it were not for her. If she were provided for I would gladly lie down on the floor and die. We have struggled against fortune for many years, and heretofore I have always managed to scrape enough for the rent, but now it seems that every chance is gone. I have now been seven weeks without work, and in that time I have tried every means I could think of to get work, no matter what it might be. I did not go to the street car companies, because I am told that it is necessary to have enough money to pay for a uniform and make a deposit for change."

"I never learned a trade. My father was a paper box maker and at the day of his death had been in one position twenty-one years. He put me in the factory, of which he was foreman, to take my chances along with other boys in learning the trade. After nine months I fell ill with fever, which left me delicate, and before I had hardly got at work again I was stricken with relapse. My father died ten years ago, when I was but 17, so you see my opportunity of learning a trade with him was gone early."

"I am well and strong now—in fact, I am something of an athlete—and I do not want charity. I would not accept it and would rather both of us were dead than that we should beg. All I want is work, the hardest work in the world."

"My father left my mother very well provided for, but she allowed the money to be invested in a cigar box factory project of a relative, and every cent was lost. During the time of this venture I had work in the factory, and I put all my energy and intelligence into the business. Afterward I did odd bits of work and managed to keep mother and myself very well, but for the last few years an evil genius has seemed to pursue me. I had a place as shipping clerk at Daniel Canty's biscuit factory in Brooklyn, but when the trust absorbed his business I was thrown out. Then I was assistant shipping clerk for the Treadwell-Harris Baking company, 203 Water street, in this city, but after six months' hard work I lost my place. There was no complaint against me, and I do not know why I failed there."

"Since then I have eked out a precarious livelihood addressing envelopes at 75 cents a thousand on Barclay street. When there was something for me to do—and I worked day and night—I could make \$8 or \$9 a week, but as I was only a substitute, many weeks I would bring home but \$2. Finally that failed me, owing to summer dullness, and here I am."

"My mother was first afflicted with rheumatism two years ago and has been such a sufferer that one leg has become much shorter than the other, and she can walk only with great pain and difficulty. She needs nourishment and care, and the fact that I cannot give them to her drives me wild. Her needs have spurred me on through many a weary year and have made me double my exertions to get work. But I seem to have stopped still."

Mrs. Bergmann speaks English indifferently, but she was able to say that her son was sober and industrious and had been most faithful and gentle to her.—New York World.

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