

Nebraska

Legislature

The entire day in the house Wednesday was taken up with the future consideration of the bank guaranty bill. The bill was adopted by the committee of the whole with some minor changes and reported by that body to the house for passage.

Clark succeeded Friday in getting his bill authorizing the state board to invest the permanent school funds in municipal bonds as well as county, state and government bonds. This bill was introduced at the request of the state treasurer who has about \$200,000 which he has not been able to invest to advantage because of the restrictions.

Seven of the counties in northwest Nebraska are demanding the passage of the Chase normal school bill before the legislature. The bill provides for the establishment of a new normal school and the appropriation of \$25,000 for this purpose.

The claims committee investigated the coal mine in southeastern Nebraska Tuesday and report that they found a mine there with a drift sunk to a distance of three feet, with a vein of coal thirty inches thick, coal, real coal that will burn. Several years ago the state offered a reward for the discovery of coal in certain quantities and appropriated \$4,000 for the purpose of paying it.

The senate approved the building of "precinct railroad." Senator Gammill is the author of the bill, and the railroad is to be thirty-four miles in length and to extend from Curtis to Cambridge. Land owners in the precinct through which the road is to run are pushing the project.

The house Tuesday passed the bank guaranty bill. The vote stood 72 to 23. Seven republicans voted for the measure, while twenty-three opposed it. The house Tuesday killed ex-Speaker Norton's bill which makes notes for life insurance premiums non-negotiable.

Clark, of Richardson county, chairman of the finance committee of the house, carried his salary Tuesday by defending the current expense appropriation bill, but so well did he do his work that the house was able only to secure two amendments, cutting out the \$1,440 item for legislature janitors and reducing the \$4,000 appropriation for a boiler at the Norfolk asylum to \$2,000.

The big debate came over the appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of ground and permanent improvements at the state university. By Brown and Lancaster. For non-partisan election of school board in Lincoln.

Work of Congress

The postal vote bill and a conference report was before the Senate Tuesday and was subjected to filibustering tactics on the part of the minority that resulted almost in no progress.

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COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

A new high record in the volume of payments through the banks this week testifies to increasing commerce and a more encouraging faith in the immediate outlook. Activity is seen to be making a seasonable advance. Readjustments in costs create a wider interest in the prominent industries.

Weather conditions were more favorable to a large measure of distributive trade. Retail dealing here and at interior points is of good volume, and stocks of winter merchandise have run quite low. Buyers in notable large numbers attended the wholesale markets and there has been further expansion in the demands for dry goods, footwear, millinery, clothing, furniture and food products.

Bank clearings, \$311,527,277, exceed those of corresponding week in 1908 by 17.7 per cent and compare with \$271,300,256 in 1907. Failures reported in the Chicago district number 27, against 23 last week, 40 in 1908 and 19 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 10, against 5 last week, 13 in 1908 and 4 in 1907.—Dun's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK.

Weather irregularities and tariff and price revision uncertainties combine to make for a rather quiet tone in trade and industry, pending clearer views of these and winter wheat crop possibilities. The trade reports come from the Central West and Southwest, and in those sections jobbing trade shows moderate improvement, as do collections. The urgent need of rain in Texas is accentuated this week, while in the rest of the South business is still rather dull. At large Eastern markets trade with first hands is in a between-seasons condition and a slight decrease in retail demand has been interfered with by a severe storm along the Eastern seaboard.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with March 4 were 219, against 244 last week, 267 in the like week of 1908, 172 in 1907, 177 in 1906 and 190 in 1905. Canadian failures for the week number thirty-three, which compares with forty last week and forty-nine in the like week of 1908.—Bradstreet's.

MARKETS OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$7.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$6.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 64c to 66c; oats, standard, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 80c to 90c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.50; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.75 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 64c to 66c; oats, standard, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 80c to 90c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$7.25; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 64c to 66c; oats, standard, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 80c to 90c.

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Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 64c to 66c; oats, standard, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 2, 78c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 80c to 90c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.17 to \$1.18; corn, No. 3, 65c to 67c; oats, standard, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 1, 78c to 80c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 80c to 90c.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.05; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$6.50; sheep, common to good mixed, \$3.00 to \$5.75; lamb, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$7.00.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.90; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.90; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 75c to 78c; oats, natural white, 55c to 62c; butter, creamery, 25c to 28c; eggs, western, 17c to 21c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.22 to \$1.23; corn, No. 2 mixed, 65c to 67c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 55c to 57c; rye, No. 1, 81c to 83c; clover seed, \$5.45.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY. James J. Hill gave the principal address at the annual convention of the State Retail Grocers' and Retail Merchants' Association, held in St. Paul. At the annual convention of North Dakota furniture dealers, held in Grand Forks, sentiment was strong that co-operative buying by retailers and systematized newspaper advertising would overcome the competition of mail-order houses. As the opening move in a war for cheaper sugar through the reduction of tariff duties, a national committee of wholesale grocers, which has been formed to do the fighting, is sending out a letter showing the effects of the present high schedule. According to this letter, the duty now amounts to 80 per cent of the sugar's value in bond. A bill by Representative John A. Gates prohibits "pooling" by fire insurance companies, and agreements among such companies to charge uniform premiums in Minnesota. The railroad commissioners of Canada had ordered that farmers' shipping grain have to be paid \$1 for each lower door and 50 cents for each upper door which they place on grain cars. This decision is the result of a bitter fight waged by the Grain Growers' Association, which claiming the farmers were invariably obliged to furnish doors for cars in which they shipped grain, but never received any payment for them.