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Nebraska Banks Unrivaled.

The recent bank failures in Oklahoma and the scandals growing out of the back door connection between the state government there and the failed concerns, causes the people of Nebraska, where the supreme court recently set aside a Nebraska bank guaranty law, to consider the conditions of Nebraska banks.

Secretary Royce of the Nebraska State Banking board says: "There has been no bank failure in Nebraska this year and only one failure since 1904." The deposits have increased in the Nebraska banks \$8,000,000 during the last year, and notwithstanding the strong demand for loans on account of the bad roads that have hindered the delivery of crops, the banks now have about double the legal reserve on hand. Thirty-four new banks have been started within the last year, and the secretary congratulates the bankers of the state and the depositors on the good showing of the banking business.

Whatever may be said for or against the bank deposit guaranty proposition, the Nebraska depositors certainly have no reason to complain of the banking situation in Nebraska.—Sioux City Tribune.

Big Postal Deficit.

Confronted with a deficit of \$17,470,770, the present administration of the post office department began its operations. This was the largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually, little attention was paid to it, but when, in the last few years, it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000 and finally in 1908 exceeded \$17,000,000, "ordinary business prudence suggested that the cause be definitely located."

These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, made public Monday. Concerning the results of inquiries into the deficit the postmaster general says: "Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery."

"The loss on second class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$64,000,000."

"The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reached as high as \$28,000,000."

"In these two items alone the postal service now suffers an annual loss of more than the entire deficit of the last fiscal year."

Wheat And The World.

Mr. James J. Hill continues his warnings and exhortations, the latest, uttered at the National Corn exposition at Omaha, being to the effect that we shall before long have to import wheat if we do not increase the productivity of our farms. Coals to Newcastle would on the face of it seem to be reasonable trade compared with shipping wheat to the greatest wheat growing land on earth. Yet the essential facts are not all on the surface. To those who look deeply into the matter there is seen to be only too much cause for Mr. Hill's warnings, for the fact is that the United States is steadily declining in its production of wheat in proportion to its own population and is very rapidly declining in proportion to the product of other countries.

The United States has the unenviable prominence of being the only great wheat country—excepting Argentina, where conditions are so different as not to be rightly comparable—the population of which is increasing more rapidly than the production of wheat. In the twenty-five years from 1881 to 1906 the thirteen wheat growing countries of Europe increased in population 26 per cent and in production of wheat 28 per cent. As for Canada and Australia, their population increased 61 per cent and their wheat yield 120 per cent. But in the same period the United States and Argentina grew in population 68 per cent, but in wheat production only 60 per cent. In Argentina the growth of population has been more largely through immigration than in the United States, and the difference between it and the growth in wheat production is less significant. But here it should be quite obvious that if the population continues to increase considerably faster than the growth of wheat it is only a question of time when the wheat crop will be insufficient to feed the people.

At the present time the United States produces about one fifth of the world's wheat crop and is probably still the chief wheat country, though in

some years Russia has surpassed it. But Argentina now produces one-fourth as much and Canada one-sixth as much, while Australia's crop is at least one-seventh as large as ours. The proportionate exports of some of these countries are far greater than ours. In some years Argentina has actually exported more wheat, not only proportionately, but absolutely, than the United States. As for the outlook for future growth we have already pointed out that if all the available and highly fertile wheat land of Canada were cultivated and produced at the same average rate as the present wheat farms of that country they would be ample to supply the whole world.

Now, the most important point in Mr. Hill's address was the reminder that our decline as a wheat growing country is due to our failure to get as great a yield from the acre as our rivals get. Russia alone ranks below us, with less than 10 bushels; but surely we do not wish to be compared with a land in which agriculture is in so primitive a state. Our own yield is less than fourteen bushels, while Austria-Hungary's is nearly eighteen, France's is nearly twenty, Germany's is twenty-eight and Great Britain's is no less than thirty-two. Mr. Hill contends, with reason, that we ought to improve our methods of farming so as to increase materially our average yield.

It ought to be possible for us to increase our average to, say, twenty bushels, or about the same as that of Canada and France. Certainly we should not lag behind either in scientific knowledge of soils and the treatment of them, and it would be a sad reproach to us to be their inferior in enterprise and thrift. The vastness of our western wheat fields has too much blinded us to the need of maintaining and increasing their virgin fertility. It has been a great thing to measure wheat farms not by the acre, but by the square mile, but it is the size of the crop rather than the size of the field that counts.—New York Tribune.

Entertainment Tonight.

Miss Allen's pupils will give a double number at Keith Theatre Tuesday evening, Jan. 28th. At eight o'clock the curtain will rise for the beautiful little play arranged by Miss Allen, "When Dolls Come Alive." Following this nine young ladies will present "Pygmalion and Galatea," by W. S. Gilbert and made famous by Mary Anderson, a mythological play founded on the old Greek story in which Pygmalion, the sculptor, falls in love with his own creation, the statue of a beautiful woman. In the absence of his wife he prays that the statue may come to life. His prayer is answered, the wife returns and of course trouble ensues. The play is a comedy through-out but distinguished by the refined influence.

Reserved seats 35 cents.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review says trade, on the whole, has been very satisfactory, especially in the west, where some of the cities report a retail distribution in excess of all previous years. The cooler weather has contributed to more wholesome trade conditions in several lines. The general business situation therefore, presents a somewhat mixed appearance, though there is no fundamental change in conditions, the outlook being in the main, exceedingly bright.

WHAT THE KIDNEYS DO.

Their Unceasing Work Keeps us Strong and Healthy.

All the blood in the body passes through the kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys filter the blood. They work night and day. When healthy they remove about 500 grains of impure matter daily, when unhealthy some part of this impure matter is left in the blood. This brings on many diseases and symptoms—pain in the back, headache, nervousness, hot, dry skin, rheumatism, gout, gravel, disorders of the eyesight and hearing, dizziness, irregular heart, debility, drowsiness, dropsy, deposits in the urine, etc. But if you keep the filters right you will have no trouble with your kidneys.

Mrs. A. G. Wessberg, North Platte, Neb., says: "During the past four years I was a terrible sufferer from kidney disease and backache and the doctors said I had a floating kidney. I had acute pains through my kidneys and some days I could not stand on this account. The kidney secretions were frequent in passage and contained a heavy sediment, like brick dust. I was advised to have an operation performed but I would not consent. I then learned of Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box. In a couple of days after I began their use the pains became less, a vertigo and the swelling in my right kidney disappeared and within six weeks I was completely cured. Since that time I have felt no symptoms of a return of the trouble. I am glad to give Doan's Kidney Pills my recommendation."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

For Sale.

The Hall farm of 733 acres, within two miles of North Platte. All good alfalfa, farm and hay land, well watered with a spring creek and the Platte river. Good farm improvements. Three nice groves, all fenced and cross-fenced. Will sell half cash, balance on easy terms. For price and terms call on E. H. EVANS, ATT., Keith Theatre, North Platte, Neb.

Hunting Prohibited.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned land owners and lessors of land in Hall Precinct, that no hunting is hereby permitted on the land owned or leased by us, and any person found thereon will be prosecuted under the law relating thereto. Schreyer & Mariett Geo. Kopf, H. W. Long & Sons, Frank Steel, G. W. Shanks, Fred Malone, Blankenburg Bros., Geo. T. Patterson, Charlie Robinson, Loren Purdy, Frank Ebele.

DR. ELMS, General Practice of Medicine, Surgery, Specialty, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Your Glasses Carefully Fitted. Office and residence 413 East Fifth St., on ground floor, no stairs to climb. Phone 559. North Platte, Nebraska.

W. A. Howard, EXPERT PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER. All work guaranteed. Best of references. Country orders receive prompt attention. Residence 632 west Fifth St., North Platte. Phone 527. Please leave orders at Newton's Book Store, phone 261.

GO TO P. M. SORENSON FOR Furniture Repairing AND CABINET WORK. Also Woodturning. WINDOW SCREENS . . . A Specialty. Shop 107 East Fifth.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR. State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss. In the County Court December 27th, 1909. In the matter of the estate of John C. Hopper, deceased, on reading and filing the petition of Joseph J. Hopper and Charles C. Hopper praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to Henry C. Hopper administrator.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of November, 1909, Thomas Rowley, Frank England, Herman Wendeborn, Fritz L. Weinburg and Gus F. Meyer, associated themselves together as a body corporate, under the name and style of the "Farmer's Independent Telephone Company." The principal place of transacting the business of said company shall be at the school house in School District No. 122, located on the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 13, North, of Range 31, West in Lincoln County, Nebraska. The general nature of the business to be transacted shall be to construct, own, operate and maintain a main telephone line in Lincoln County, Nebraska, extending from Section 2, in Township 11, Range 33, in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to the City of North Platte, Nebraska, with lateral and branch lines and extensions of the main line, and for such purposes may own, lease, purchase, sell and convey such real estate as may be necessary or incident to the profitable and proper conducting of said business, and to do and perform such other acts and things as may be incident and necessary to the main powers of the corporation. The amount of the capital stock authorized is \$2000.00, divided into 40 shares of \$50 each, of which capital stock, not less than 14 shares shall be subscribed at the organization of said company, all of which shall be fully paid up at the time of subscribing. The date of the commencement of said corporation shall be the 1st day of December, 1909. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation is at any time to subject itself, shall not exceed the sum of \$200. The affairs of said corporation are to be managed by a board of three directors, together with a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, together with such other subordinate agents and servants as other officers may appoint and hire. Signed November 13th, 1909. THOMAS ROWLEY, FRANK ENGLAND, HERMAN WENDEBORN, FRITZ L. WIENBURG, GUS F. MEYER.



SOLID COMFORT in our five cent cigar for those who wish to enjoy a smoke that will give pleasure and gratification at low cost. Our fine brands of cigars are the acme of fine flavor and quality.

J F SCHMALZRIED. Santa Claus is on the Road, and will arrive in North Platte, the night before Christmas. What will papa or the 'boys' need as much as a new harness, a handsome driving whip or lap robe, or a blanket for an Xmas gift? Our Christmas stock is ready for your inspection, and you can choose some beauties from it at Fink's.

A. F FINK'S Phone 268 FOR ALL KINDS OF Flour, Feed, Grain or Hay. Having recently purchased the B. A. Wilson feed store at the corner of Sixth and Locust Sts. I respectfully invite a share of the patronage of the public. Prompt delivery. J. R. RITNER.



You Needn't Mind the Storm even if you have calls to make or shopping that must be done. Call up this lively stable and order a carriage to help you fulfill your duty. Then you can call or shop as long as you want—in both comfort and dry shoes and skirts. Well worth our moderate charge for the carriage isn't it? A. M. Lock.

Why not Get a Home Cheap now in the . . . Great Fruit Belt of Colorado under the Gunnison tunnel irrigation system? No failures. Crops yield annually \$200 per acre and upwards. Write us for particulars, Delta Fruit Land Co., 402 Ideal Bldg., Denver, Col.

Notice for Publication. Serial No. 0183. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., December 18th, 1909. Notice is hereby given that Frank W. Kuehn, on behalf of the Homestead Entry No. 1930, Serial No. 1930, for west half southwest quarter, southwest quarter, northwest quarter and lot 4, section 4, township 11, north, range 31, west of the 9th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 15th day of February, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Frank Powers and Grant Tibbles, both of North Platte, Neb., and John Potts and P. H. Burwood both of Somerset, Neb.

For Sale or Trade. High Grade Perchon Stallion 4 years old weight 1800. Address Lucey Bros. Merna Neb.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT. The State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Samuel Funkhouser, deceased. In the matter of the estate of Samuel Funkhouser, deceased, and others interested in the estate of Samuel Funkhouser. Take notice, that William E. Funkhouser administrator, has filed in the county court a report of his duties as administrator of said estate and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 15th day of January, 1910, at 9 o'clock, a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to or contest the same. And notice of this proceeding is ordered given by publication in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune for seven successive issues prior to January 15th, 1910. Witness my hand and the seal of the county court at North Platte this 18th day of December, 1909. W. C. ELDER, County Judge.

PROBATE NOTICE. In the matter of the estate of Mary England, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said estate will meet the Executor of said estate, before the County Judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 15th day of January, 1910, and on the 17th day of July, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination and allowance. And notice of this proceeding is ordered given by publication in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune for eight successive issues prior to January 15th, 1910. W. C. ELDER, County Judge.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., December 18th, 1909. Notice is hereby given that William H. Turpin of North Platte, Neb., who on July 17th, 1909, located Homestead Entry No. 1930, Serial No. 0930, for north half southwest quarter north half northeast quarter and northwest quarter, section 20, township 12, north, range 31, west of the 6th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to establish final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 25th day of January, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Carl Broecker, Hugh Sonver, John Schayman and Curt H. Homan, all of North Platte, Neb.

LEGAL NOTICE. The unknown heirs of John Harlan, deceased will take notice, that on the 18th day of June, 1909, Isaac Dillon, plaintiff, herein filed his petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against the unknown heirs of John Harlan, deceased, the object and prayer of which said petition are to quiet the title of the plaintiff in and to the north 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 and the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 16, township 11, north of range 31, west of the 6th P. M., in Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that the decree rendered in said action, be of the said force and effect and take the place of a certain deed of conveyance from the said John Harlan, deceased, to F. H. Longway, of said lands and which said deed has been lost and destroyed and has not been placed on record in the records of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 15th day of January, 1910. Dated December 18th, 1909. ISAAC DILLON, Plaintiff. By Wilcox & Halligan, his attorneys.

ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION DISPENSING WITH REGULAR ADMINISTRATION. State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss. In the County Court, November 22nd, 1909. In the matter of the estate of James H. Beckwith, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of James H. Knorr, praying that the regular administration of said estate be dispensed with as provided in sections 5302, to 5306, Code of 1907.

ORDERED, That December 14th, 1909, at 9 o'clock, a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. This order to be published in the North Platte Tribune for six successive issues prior to December 14th, 1909. W. C. ELDER, County Judge.

CONTEST NOTICE. Serial No. 0123. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at North Platte, Nebraska, December 11, 1909. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Jacob L. Hagedorn, contestant, against homestead Entry No. 2120 made May 20, 1908, for SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Township 12, N. Range 31, W. of the 6th P. Meridian, by Las Nelson Contestee, it is hereby alleged that said Las Nelson has never established his residence on said tract; that he has abandoned said tract more than six months last past and has failed to cultivate or improve said tract. Said parties are hereby notified to respond and offer evidence touching said allegation on 10 o'clock a. m., on February 11, 1910, before the register and receiver at the United States Land office in North Platte, Nebraska.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by publication. W. H. C. WOODRUS, Receiver.

ROAD No 327. To All Whom It May Concern: The special commissioner appointed for the purpose of locating a public road, Commencing at the S. W. corner of Section 17, Township 10, Range 33 and running thence east on section line to the S. E. corner of Section 17-10-32, on section 17, township 10, range 33, west of the 6th principal meridian, has reported in favor of the location of said road as follows: Commencing at the S. W. corner of Sec. 17 T 10, R 33 running east six miles on section line to the S. W. corner of Sec. 17 T 10 R 32, thence south on section line about 100 rods to the railroad right-of-way north of the track, thence southeast to Dickens along the right-of-way and connecting therewith with road no 102, and all claims for damage or objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk, on or before noon of the 17th day of Feb., 1910. or such road will be established without reference thereto. Dated North Platte, Neb., Dec-10-09. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

Special Sale

I will have a full line of new . . . Harness, 5-A Blankets, Saddles, Riding Bridles, Robes, Whips, Etc., on which there will be a special sale during the holidays. . . Premus Forstedt, Blankenburg's old stand.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. J. S. TWINEM, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon. Office: McDonald Bank Building, Phone 183. A. J. Ames, M. D., Marie Ames, J. D., DOCTORS AMES & AMES, Physicians and Surgeons. Office: Over Stone Drug Co. Phones: Office 278, Residence 273. GEO. B. DENT, Physician and Surgeon. Office: Over McDonald Bank. Phones: Office 130, Residence 115.

DR. L. C. DROST, Osteopathic Physician, Rooms 7 and 8, McDonald State Bank Building, Phone 148.

WILCOX & HALLIGAN, Attorneys-at-Law. Office over Scha's Clothing Store, Phone 8.

T. C. PATTERSON, Attorney-at-Law. Office: Cor. Front & Dewey.

Notice to Bidders. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before December 31, 1909, for records, blanks and supplies estimated as follows: Class A books, 4-8 gr. plain records, 4-8 gr. printed page records, 4-tax list 1-8 gr., 1-6 gr., 1-4 gr. and 1-3 gr. All records to be made of the best linen ledger paper, patent backs, full bound, extra ends, bands and fronts, 6,000 tax receipts in duplicate or 6,000 tax receipts in triplicate, 1 dozen chattle files of 200 each, 42 assessor's books, ledger paper, cloth bound per book, 8,000 assessor's schedules (linen paper), 200 books for 42 precincts (general election), 200 books for 42 precincts (primary election), Class B, Whole sheet blanks per 100, Half sheet blanks per 100, Quarter sheet blanks per 100, Class C, Sanford's, Carter's or Stafford writing fluid per quart, Spencianum, Glucinum or Talla pens per gross, Vanadium or Falcon pens per gross, Perfection pencils or equal, rubber tips, per gross. All of said supplies to be first class and to be furnished as requested by the county officers. Successful bidder to furnish bond to be approved by the county board. Each bidder to have printed on the envelope, "Bids for printing."

The commissioners of said county reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Dated North Platte, Neb., Nov. 26, 1909. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

In the county court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. Order of hearing on probate of foreign will and codicil thereto. The state of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss: To the legatees, devisees, heirs and all persons interested. In the matter of the estate of Samuel E. Belcher, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Louis Belcher praying that the instruments filed in this court on the 18th day of December, 1909, and purporting to be full, true and duly authenticated copies of the last will and testament and codicil thereto of the said deceased, as proved, approved, probated, allowed and re-ordered in said county in the District of Bridgeport, and State of Connecticut, may be proved, approved, probated, allowed and entered of record in this county as the last will and testament and codicil thereto of said deceased, and that the execution of said instruments may be committed and the administration of said estate may be granted to Louis Belcher of Newtonville, Mass., as executors with will and codicil annexed. Ordered, That January 13th, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., is assigned for hearing said petition when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a session of the county court, to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And notice of this proceeding is ordered published in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a legal newspaper published in said county for seven successive issues of said newspaper prior to January 13th, 1910. Witness my hand and seal of said court. W. C. ELDER, County Judge.

ROAD No. 330. To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed for the purpose of locating a public road as follows: Commencing at the center of section 17, township 12, range 28 and running thence north on half mile line to the laid out road on half mile line running east and west across section 8, township 12, range 28, said road to be 33 feet wide, has reported in favor of the establishment of said road and all claims for damage or objections thereto must be filed in the office of the county clerk on or before noon of the 12th day of February, 1910, or such road will be established without reference thereto. Dated North Platte, Neb., December 6, 1909. F. R. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.