

HARDY'S COLUMN.

Ex-State Auditor—Drinking Doctors—Tariff—Prosperity Reports—Gage and Greenbacks—Money filling up in Banks—Nebraska Tax Payers Must be Prospering—Progress of Settlements Westward.

Now Ex-Auditor Moore pleads that the people are the criminals for trusting him with their money. That money was thrust into his pocket illegally and it was no crime on his part to keep it.

The republicans had said enough to turn out two or three asylum superintendents for drunkenness. We wonder if the pops have got as much sand.

Senators are still discussing the tariff. The sugar trust must be pleased above everybody else. With the tariff on sugar as Dingley left it, they could pay every senator fifty thousand dollars for his vote and yet make millions the next four years.

Bradstreet reported last week that "results of the spring trade, in staples, are disappointing. Several cotton mills will shut down to allow consumption to overtake production."

It is reported that U.S. treasurer Gage is laying aside all the greenbacks that come into his hands, notwithstanding

ing the law directs they should be re-issued. This is for the purpose of having them all in a pile so they will burn easily. If this course is persisted in the price of all property will go lower and that is undoubtedly the reason why the banks cannot get any one to invest their money in property.

There is one sign of distant coming prosperity and that is the failure of western banks to loan out their money. Two banks in New York with deposits of over fifty millions, have consolidated, because they could make no money in running two banks.

It must be that prosperity and confidence have struck the taxpayers of Nebraska for state warrants have gone up to par. A year ago they were selling at ninety-three cents, and the market was flooded with them.

Ninety years ago the people of New England and down along the Atlantic coast began to immigrate west. A cart was the vehicle and oxen the propelling power.

Twenty years later Ohio was known as the far west. The chief thoroughfare of immigration was down the Alleghany river from Orleans. Hundreds of fam-

ilies would collect there in the winter, build rafts of pine lumber in the spring and float down to their new homes. Orleans was then a much larger place than Buffalo.

Sixty years ago Michigan and Indiana became the far west and the thoroughfare of emigration was on the Erie canal and Lake Erie. The first steam whistle had not yet sounded in Buffalo.

Fifty years ago Buffalo had a railroad, and steamboats were plying on the lake. Chicago had not yet heard the whistle of a locomotive.

150 Buggy Company Failures. During the past two years over 150 buggy manufacturers have failed, and the present disturbed condition of the market is anything but encouraging.

WANTS A POPULAR VOTE

Pettigrew Would Submit the Free Coinage Question Direct

Senator Pettigrew introduced a bill to provide for the submission to a popular vote at the congressional election of 1898 of the following questions:

"Shall congress at once enact a law providing for the immediate free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1.

"Shall the constitution of the United States be so amended as to provide for the election of United States senators and of the president and vice-president by direct vote of the people."

It is the duty of the secretary of each state to forward the result of the vote to the president who is required to transmit the statements to congress.

MERCHANT'S BANK CLOSED.

Cash Ran Low and Officers Decided to Discontinue Business

The Merchants Bank, incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska, and located at 13th and O streets in this city closed its doors last Tuesday.

The bank's books show that it is not in bad shape, except as to the amount of cash on hand. The bills receivable which include the loans and discounts, foot up \$85,578, and there is real estate worth \$7,500, and furniture and fixtures valued at \$2,800.

The remaining \$23,600 of deposits is divided among about 120 depositors. Few of these accounts are mercantile, that is, held by men in business in the city, and what there is of these are small in both number and amount.

The bank was organized in August, 1891, and began business with a clean, fresh capital, all paid up of about \$50,000. It first opened in the Brass block, Fifteenth and O streets, but when the Nebraska Savings bank went under it moved up into its present location.

We wish to call especial attention to the picture of Rev. B. E. Newton on page 5 of this issue. Rev. Newton is one of the prominent members of the Nebraska conference and pastor of the Methodist church at Louisville. This is only one instance of the great work being done by Dr. Shepard, and the INDEPENDENT desires that every one of its patrons should read it.

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ALLEN AT FREMONT. He Takes of Hemp and Chicory Industries to the Board of Trade. Senator Allen at the invitation of the board of trade of the city of Fremont addressed the citizens of that city upon hemp and chicory industries.

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Prompt Settlements. An insurance company cannot expect to run always without losses. The Nebraska Mercantile Mutual of this city had its fire May 12, which it paid May 26, 1897.

When I was elected four years ago, said the senator, "many people thought their business would go to the dogs. It was my purpose to convince every municipality in the state that so far as my capacity would allow me, their interests would be as safe with me as anyone."

Referring to the tariff he said: "I do not think a tariff would restore prosperity, but if we are to have a tariff I am in favor of loading it from core to cuticle, give every industry between the oceans and Canada to the Gulf the benefit of it, Nebraska in particular."

Their other loss was for \$70 which was also settled last week.

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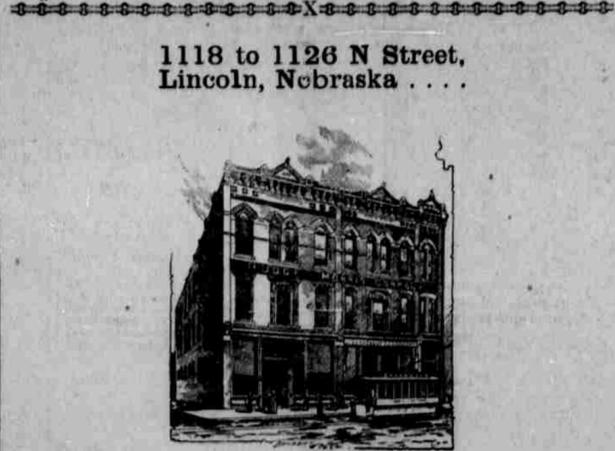
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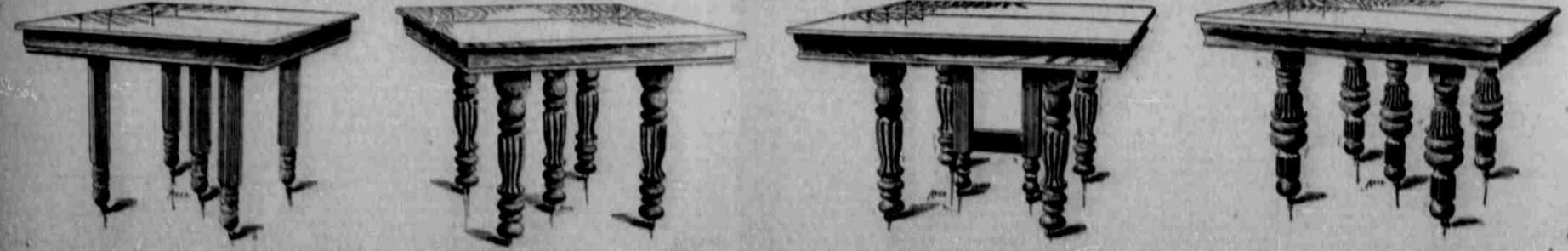
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