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THE New Banking Law is now in force and the payment of every dollar of deposits in this institution is guaranteed by the Bank Guaranty Fund of the State of Nebraska.

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BATIN

Summer days in this locality. Mr. Englehart shelled corn Monday. Mike Strahl sold his corn to Ed. Rehrer. James McFarland is hauling wheat to market. The warm weather is making the snow go some. Jos. Havel and wife spent Sunday with his folks. Charley Harris bought a hog to butcher from Jos. Havel. Jesse Dedrick and wife spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Jos. Polnick. Louis Vavricka and wife visited over Sunday with her folks Jos. Jelinek. Bert Tennant returned from St. Joe Monday where he shipped two cars of fat cattle.

COWLES

We are having our January thaw. Saunders Bros. unloaded a car of salt this week. Jas. Saunders and E. T. Foe made a short visit at Blue Hill Tuesday. Rev. Steele left for Lincoln Tuesday to attend the M. E. church convention. The Hardware firm of Hoyt & Boren unloaded a car of implements this week. Mrs. John Beal living northwest of town has been quite sick but is some better at this writing. There will be the fourth number of the lecture course at the M. E. church the 26th of this month. The Midland Concert singers will entertain the people.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steele a baby girl. This occurred Friday and Mr. Steele has been very busy ever since.

Fred Good and daughter Miss Georgia came home from Lincoln Monday evening. Fred has been taking treatment in Omaha hospital and is much improved. Arthur Morse, Mrs. Berry and Miss Fredrickson of Seneca, Kas., has been visiting Mr. J. R. Morse and family. Arthur Morse is operator on the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad at Seneca, Kansas. Seward Brubaker started for Detroit, Mich., Monday to attend an automobile college. He expects to be gone a number of months. Miss Vera Brubaker and Fred Brubaker accompanied him as far as Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. K. Atkinson of Hastings are spending a few days in Cowles visiting G. A. Wells and family. Mrs. Atkinson has been in very poor health lately and we are glad to learn that she has improved some.

GARFIELD

Clyde Simpson was out on wind mill row Monday. Al Smith and wife were visiting in town Sunday. Clay Weaver shelled the rent corn at Will Fisher's Monday. There was a good attendance at the Ash Creek church Sunday. A few more days like Sunday and Monday and the snow will be a thing of the past. Joe Mudd finished his ice last Wednesday and he has a nice lot of it in good shape.

Bert Dow and Mr. Merrill of Kansas were hauling corn from Will Fisher's on Monday.

L. C. King of Gibbon is visiting relatives and old acquaintances in Garfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson of Red Cloud were pleasant callers at Kube Schultz's, their son-in-law.

Charley and Frank Ailes and G. W. Wolf shipped their fat cattle to market Sunday. Mr. Wolf went down with the stock.

It is nice weather after the cold spell. The snow is melting some and the people can stick their heads out and shake themselves once more.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wiggins, a girl on Thursday morning. Father and mother doing well only daddy is stepping pretty high at present.

Tom Hawkins and Ed Wiggins shipped their fat cattle on Wednesday and now they are feeling pretty good with nothing to do, but count their money.

Clay Weaver has traded for the Hansen sheller and now he is doing business on wind mill row. He is and old hand with a sheller and we wish him success.

GUIDE ROCK.

Mr. W. A. Seeley has been ill the last few days. William Sawyer was very ill for four weeks. He is now able to be about again. Horace Sawyer of St. Francis, Kas., is here visiting his brother William Sawyer. Baxter Colvin and Miss Ida Huston were married Wednesday of last week by Justice I. B. Colvin father of the groom. J. B. Frost the harness maker has bought a harness shop at Superior and moved his stock there. The family will go as soon as a residence can be secured. Rev. E. L. Barch went to Lincoln Monday to attend a meeting of Methodist ministers at which 450 were in attendance. It was an "Educational Conference."

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Corwin were given a surprise Tuesday evening, Jan. 23. The occasion being the fifth anniversary of their wedding. Refreshments were served to a large number of guests.

The Degree of Honor gave Mrs. Bert Van Horn a post card shower Tuesday evening at lodge and the new officers served pop corn and apples in her honor. Mrs. Van Horn is the musician for the lodge and team and her excellent work is much appreciated.

The Baptist Aid society met with Mrs. I. W. Cary Thursday. One of the divisions served lunch after the election of officers. Mrs. J. W. Hughes, President; Mrs. Ida Hayes, Vice President; Mrs. W. F. Robbins, Secretary; Mrs. L. W. Ely, Treasurer.

A quiet wedding occurred Sunday evening January 21st. at the home of Mrs. George Van Woert when her daughter Miss Ella Verona Van Woert was married to Mr. T. F. Watt, by Rev. E. L. Barch of the Methodist church. Only a few relatives were present besides the pastor and his wife. A supper was served.

The Telephone Merger

The telephone, like water works and street railway service, is a natural monopoly. Therefore the news of a telephone merger in the southeast Plateau country is welcome. Under state regulation of rates and service it is possible to prevent the monopoly from unduly oppressing the people, either by extortionate charges or inadequate service. The people of any city are foolish to admit a second telephone company unless the original company refuses to give service or attempts to exact unreasonable rates. Lincoln welcomed the competing company because the Bell company, secure in what it thought an ironclad monopoly, gave little heed to the complaints of the public against excessive rates and miserable service. The dual tele-

phone system has been expensive, but it was worth all it cost because it compelled both companies to give service. Now the competing companies are consolidated, but there is little or no danger of a return to old conditions. The state railway commission is empowered to regulate the rates and to command adequate service.

It is not unlikely that an immediate move will be made to increase the rates. The telephone is unlike any other public service. If one citizen has city water in his house he is not discriminated if no other citizen has it. But no man would give a penny a year for a telephone in his house if he couldn't use it to talk to someone else. The greater the number of 'phones to which a phone renter may talk, the larger the expense of maintenance, therefore the large rental that must be demanded. But any request for increasing the rates will have to stand scrutiny, and no arbitrary increase will be submitted to. Having tried out the dual system once and finding it a good thing to compel good service and reasonable rates, the people will not hesitate to do it again if they become convinced that the monopolistic corporation is trying to gouge them. — Will Maupin's Weekly.

Seed Corn Condition Is a Serious One

Special to the CHIEF
Omaha, Neb., Jan. 16, 1912 — "The condition of the seed corn of the state is in even condition than at first anticipated," said Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the Nebraska Experiment Station in an address to the Nebraska Farmers' Congress at a session held at the South Omaha Live Stock Exchange last Friday.

"We have extended our tests so that from more than thirty counties in the state has been examined and we find that the situation is critical," said he. "Unless you farmers test your seed corn and are absolutely sure it will germinate, you are going to be disappointed when the crops are harvested."

"Well versed farmers, who have made a study of seed conditions tell me that they have never seen such a grave condition. The corn belies its looks. Some of it has the outward appearance of good corn but on the inside it is dead. The only way you can ascertain the condition of your corn is by testing it. You must test or take the consequences."

"I fear you do not realize the condition. And I want to know just where you stand. The Commercial Club of Omaha is taking an interest in the proposition and you should cooperate by not only testing your own corn but by urging your neighbor to do the same."

"Don't take anything for granted. Be sure of your corn before you plant it. You have ample time now. But a month from now may be too late."

The Farmers' Congress, by resolution, unanimously endorsed the campaign urging the testing of seed corn and pledged to their co-operation to that end.

According to Prof. Pugsley, very few sections have been found where there is enough seed corn for the community. At present his department is working to ascertain the localities which have more than they need. As soon as this is determined, the farmers of Nebraska will be informed, so that they can secure corn that will produce a normal crop.

Unless the right kind of seed is planted, the loss will be enormous. Only by a proper test of seed corn, can a normal yield be secured.

The continued cold weather of the past month is making the condition even more serious than it was. Corn stored in cribs has more or less moisture and the continued cold weather is killing the germs by freezing.

An extensive campaign is being waged by the business men of Omaha, who realized that the situation is a grave one. The various commercial interests are putting their time and money at the disposal of the committees, which are urging the testing of seed corn.

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