

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF
Citizens Bank of McCook
[Charter No. 276]
at McCook, in the state of Nebraska, at the
close of business December 2, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$115,411 16
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,103 23
Stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	1,556 02
Other assets, revenue stamps, etc.	930 00
Other real estate	14,938 11
Current expenses and taxes paid	3,692 61
Checks and other cash items	270 99
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers	11,747 33
Bills	\$2,860 00
Specie	2,077 00
Nickels and cents	97 85
Total cash on hand	5,034 85
TOTAL	\$155,750 21

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits	5,814 27
Individual deposits subject to check	\$49,170 72
Demand certificates of deposit	18,763 60
Time certificates of deposit	14,150 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	348 28
Due to state and private banks and bankers	12,503 34
94,935 94	
TOTAL	\$155,750 21

State of Nebraska, County of Red Willow, ss.
I, A. C. Ebert, cashier of the above-named
Bank, do solemnly swear that the above state-
ment is true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.
A. C. EBERT, Cashier.
Attest: V. FRANKLIN, Director.
H. F. CHURCH, Director.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th
day of December, 1899. H. H. BERRY,
Notary Public.
[SEAL]

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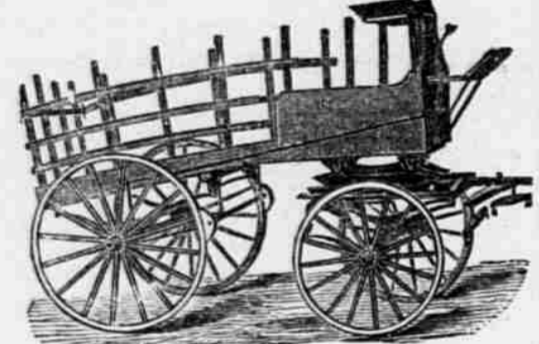
Paderewski has returned to America with not a hair missing from his parent's pate; but it must be remembered that he has been married but a short time.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. D. W. Loar.

The president of a California women's club says that not one woman in a thousand marries the man she wants. The others, presumably, throw themselves away to men who want them.

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The Central House Burns.

The Central hotel was entirely destroyed by fire, about three o'clock, Tuesday morning. The fire was discovered about fifteen minutes of three and by three fifteen the entire structure was on the ground—in fact the building was beyond the control of the department before any water was thrown onto the fire. The prevailing high wind made remarkably quick work of the building and scattered showers of sparks and firebrands over that part of the business section in the line of the wind, which blew to the southeast with alarming violence. One or two slight fires were started in the rear of business houses on the west side of Main street, but as citizens were on guard all over the business section endangered, these incipient fires were quickly extinguished. It may not be questioned that the business portion of the city has never been in more imminent danger in its history, the large barn, shacks, minor buildings, straw, litter and refuse on block 21 being a constant menace to the business portion of the city until the flames and sparks were extinguished.

The fire department answered the call promptly and did all that could be done under the circumstances, being slightly delayed by the hose being pulled apart on one line.

The building was insured in the Phenix of New York for \$800, and the furniture and fixtures were insured in the Merchants of Newark, N. J., for \$800. The furniture was doubtless fairly well insured, but the loss on the building will be considerable. Mrs. Kate Eskerson was the owner and manager. There were but few guests in the hotel at the time, and they succeeded in saving at least part of their belongings.

The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is supposed to have started in the kitchen.

The Central was one of McCook's earliest hotels, having been built in 1884, and was known as Johnston's Commercial hotel, being managed by George E. Johnston before he came into possession and management of the Commercial.

A Commendable Project.

A project is under contemplation having for its consummation a building for opera house and lodge purposes, which THE TRIBUNE is free to admit it holds in high favor. Plans and ideas have not yet been made definite, but the object is to secure a large auditorium on the ground floor, with good seating capacity and ample stage facilities, and a lodge-room, banquet-room and property facilities on the second floor. The thought has been to put up a brick veneered building, in the neighborhood of 50x100 feet as to dimensions. Another idea suggested is a steel-siding construction with cheap brick on the inside. It is supposed that \$4,000 will cover the contemplated building's cost, and a plan suggested is to interest the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, the Stars of Jupiter and the Workmen in the project. A plan is in mind which will make it possible for these four orders to borrow a thousand dollars each at a rate and on a plan which will make it possible for the orders to pay for the building in due time by practically paying what it now costs them for rent; and the quarters will be much better than those they now enjoy. The project is worthy due consideration by the people of the city, who will likely be approached for assistance in the securing of suitable lots upon which to build such a structure.

Articles bought of us engraved free. Leach, the Jeweler.
A Great Success.

As we go to press, this noon, the third annual exhibition of the Republican Valley District Poultry association is in full blast in our city, but we can only give a passing glimpse of this important matter, this week, leaving a full and complete report of the successful affair for next week.

The third annual exhibition opened on Thursday with a third more entries than last year and with a greater variety of fowls. About 600 fowls are being scored today, and Judgè Theodore Hewes has his hands full.

One of the satisfactory facts about this exhibition is the large proportion of exhibits by farmers, who seem to be going into the chicken business in earnest.

We are informed that the fowls are not quite so heavy, this year, as they were, last year, but the quality is up to the high standard of the last exhibition.

If you haven't taken time to look over the splendid chickens, turkeys, ducks, hares and so forth to be seen in the Cole store-room, you must not let the opportunity go past unimproved. It will be a revelation to you.

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McCook Markets.

Corrected Friday morning.	
Corn	37
Wheat	43
Oats	25
Rye	35
Hogs	3.40
Eggs	.17
Butter	.35
Potatoes	.37
Butter fat—at Creamery	.18

THE TRIBUNE and The Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer for \$1.50 a year, strictly in advance.

THE ORLEANS-ST. FRANCIS BRANCH.

To THE TRIBUNE: Business is lively on the branch, judging by the extra trains that are running to carry off the heavy live-stock traffic. The regular trains west-bound are unable to cope with the freight traffic and extras help out the regulars—still business is so heavy that the trains are late.

The stock industry of the Beaver valley territory is commanding the attention of the stockmen of the great west. It is an industry that pays big returns on the investment made. The total number of cars of live-stock shipped off the branch, this autumn, is greater than during any period in the history of the line. Extras have followed extras, all carrying this valuable product of our thousand hills, still the supply of cattle seems to be but little diminished. As a cattle country, it is the peer of any district in the United States.

As a hog-producing country, the alfalfa-belt that extends from Orleans to Blakeman, about 100 miles, is positively unsurpassable. The traffic in hogs is nearly equal to that of cattle, only the area is more limited—confined mostly to the valleys where alfalfa flourishes. Danbury precinct, Red Willow county, has an area of several thousand acres of alfalfa and is the banner locality in the shipment of hogs. Swine can be raised for less money per pound than in localities where alfalfa is not grown.

It is quite useless to induce settlers to locate in the cattle country comprising the western part of Rawlins and Cheyenne counties, Kansas, for any other business than stock-raising. Nature has given those vast, undulating plains a nutritious grass upon which great herds of cattle can graze summer and winter and thrive with as little cost as in any country in the west. Mild winters and nearness to the corn-belt make it an ideal stock country—without a superior for ranches in this country. But small farming has been practically a failure in this particular territory. Since 1892 repeated failures and partial failures in farming have demonstrated to all who are familiar with the facts, that the breaking up of these peerless grazing plains is a great mistake and working against nature. Small farmers have been getting poorer, while those who have made stock-raising their business have made a marked success. See the numerous trains that the Burlington hauls off the branch! Why not develop the resources of the western part of the St. Francis line by encouraging the stock industry? Why not induce ranchmen to buy up this land and cover these plains with teeming herds—thus insuring a profitable revenue? And soon, where we now find but straggling, isolated farmers eking out a precarious livelihood, we will have prosperity second to none.

The Tremont house at Atwood has changed hands, E. D. Frey of Chariton, Iowa, buying out C. A. Butler. Mr. Frey has a hotel which has no superior on the branch. A new flouring mill is being built at Atwood. The merchants are doing a flourishing business. More Christmas goods are being exhibited in store windows than in former years.

Orleans has built more dwellings and business houses than any town on the branch. She is enjoying a season of prosperity.

Traveling men are swarming on the branch and driving a brisk business.

The soil is well saturated with moisture and the prospects for the coming season are flattering east of Atwood, in which vicinity it snowed, last Saturday.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. D. W. Loar.

THE FIRST BABY.

Its Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event of married life. The young wife who is to become a mother delights to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle upon her breast and latterly she shall hear it hiss the sweet and holy name, "mother." But her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An indescribable fear of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon dissipates her joyfulness.

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OVER THE ALPS BY RAIL.

A New Electric Railroad Up the Side of One of the Highest Peaks.

"There shall be no Alps," said Napoleon, and he dragged his army over them. Modern science has accomplished the same annihilation. The new electric railroad up the side of Gornegrat, one of the highest peaks of the range, will be opened soon. So elated is the engineer with his success that he is already planning to build a road up the steep ascent of Mont Blanc, "the monarch of mountains." The road up Gornegrat is 10 miles long and rises by gradient of about one foot in five during most of its ascent, reaching its highest point at Ryffelalp station. This is situated on the ridge, and is over 10,000 feet above the level of the sea, and lies between Findelen and Gornegrat glaciers. From Gornegrat the traveler has a view unrivaled throughout the Alps. It has long been a favorite excursion of Swiss travelers who ascended it by Zermatt by a mule path with comparative safety and comfort. Beyond a foot path ascends almost to the top, but its dangers and difficulties forbid its ascent to all but the most intrepid mountain climbers. The new road, however, brings it within the reach of all. Ryffelalp there overlooks the entire Findelen valley and the traveler might be well satisfied to return by the way he came. However, the engineer has been even more considerate. By reversing the direction of his train he carries you right down into and through the valley, bringing you back by a beautiful circuitous route to Zermatt. The trains will be driven by electricity generated from the torrent that flows from the Findelen glacier, a huge pipe down the mountain side carrying the water at a high pressure to the dynamos beneath the bridge. The dynamos are capable of developing 1,500 horse-power, and the current will be conveyed by overhead wires to the motors attached to the carriages. The bridge across the Findelen is unique, as it is 164 feet above the river, or 16 feet higher than the bridge at Fribourg, hitherto the highest railway bridge in Switzerland. The electrical motors will drive on to a central cogged rail, between the two ordinary rails, as the gradient is much too steep for the train to be driven by simple adhesion.

IN SPANISH SILKS.

How an Actor Fald a Bet in Melodramatic Style.

It was the aftermath of the Pennsylvania defeat; it was a Spanish torador in a barouche, serenading the actor's Dulcinea, the newspaper; it was Allie Clark manfully paying his wager made with J. C. Marlowe of the same theatrical company, says the Boston Journal. Mr. Clark happens to be a Penn man, while Mr. Marlowe is a Harvard grad. The wager on Saturday's game was, therefore, for blood. The original terms provided that Mr. Clark's forfeit should be to walk the length of Washington street in foot ball costume. Mr. Marlowe, however, considered that his end was the harder and the terms were accordingly revised. With a pink and white complexion an inch thick, with gaudy Spanish silks floating in time to his dulcet tones, Mr. Clark had his barouche pulled up before the Journal office and intoned in his own peculiar manner, "Guess that will hold you." The other offices were visited and then the barouche headed for the Grand opera house again, followed by a queue of enthusiastic small Americans, all anxious for a shot at the Spaniard. Ailing people, who had stopped at the sound of the song to see what medicine the doctor was offering, went home in disgust. The members of the company, who had come to see the bet paid, in another barouche drove like mad for the matinee. It took courage to pay the bet, but it took a cool head to stand the guying the actor got from his comrades during the performance. Every one had a little jest to pass out and Marlowe had a merry twinkle of satisfied malice in his eyes all the afternoon. At the evening performance the fun with the unfortunate Penn man was renewed.

A PRECOCIOUS YOUNGSTER.

He's a Yankee from the Staid Old State of Maine.

Maine has produced some great men, who have done great things which have been duly recorded, but its boys have seldom been heard of. Two bright chaps of Maine, who do not claim to be prodigies, have certainly done enough to merit publicity. Harry Dugan, 8 years old, son of P. T. Dugan, a dealer in harness and leather in Bangor, is said to be the youngest commercial traveler in the United States. He has just returned from a business trip of 900 miles, covering nearly all the New England states, and selling goods to the amount of \$300. He is well informed on general matters, and a glib talker, and his success as a drummer is remarkable. George Steuber of Gardiner, who is 13 years old, is the youngest engineer in Maine, if not in the United States. He is the engineer on the steamer Glenn, which runs between New Mills, Gardiner, to Pleasant Pond. Captain Oliver of the Glenn says he feels safer when George is at the throttle than with any man he has yet employed. George is the son of a poor widow, to whose support he contributes no small part.

Her Employment. Mrs. McCorkle—How does Miss Sero out in her time? Mrs. McCrackle—Be-walling a "miss" spent life.—New York World.

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