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Comparative Statement of Deposits for the Past Ten Years.

May 1st, 1896, \$106,256.20	May 1st, 1901, \$235,108.27
" 1897, 149,014.97	" 1902, 243,831.93
" 1898, 182,675.16	" 1903, 291,671.65
" 1899, 252,026.65	" 1904, 343,721.44
" 1900, 243,693.77	" 1905, 317,311.27
MAY 1st, 1906, \$444,131.64.	

Condensed report at Close of Business May 3, '06.

Loans	\$262,177.71	Capital stock	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	50,000.00	Surplus	10,000.00
Premium on bonds	1,143.29	Undivided profits	12,615.14
Banking House F. and F.	15,551.00	Circulation	49,997.50
Exp. & Int. on Deposits	4,075.85	Deposits	444,131.64
U. S. Treas. 5 per cent fund	\$ 2,500.00		
Due from B'k 198,764.11			
Cash on Hand 32,533.32-233,797.43			
	\$566,744.28		\$566,744.28

Officers and Directors:

B. M. FREES, President, H. P. WAITE, Vice-President.
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tificate in Nebraska upon examination before the state superintendent. Mr. Miller has studied music with Karleton Hackett, of the American Conservatory of Chicago, with A. R. Ruff, of Kimball Hall, Chicago, and with John Randolph. He was granted a diploma, and later a Bachelor's degree, by the Wesleyan Conservatory. The operatic cantata, "Queen Esther" rendered here two years ago, is a tribute to Mr. Miller's skill in organization, while the Friday morning music programs at chapel, bright features of sessions, have been largely made possible by his help.

HARRY F. HOOPER.

Superintendent of Clark Schools. In 1872, when he was scarcely one year old, Mr. Hooper's parents located with him at Melrose (near Orleans), the early county seat of Harlan county. His early education was acquired in an old log school house, the first of its kind at least in the



HARRY F. HOOPER.
SUPERINTENDENT CLARK SCHOOLS.

county. Later he attended the public school at Orleans. In 1889 he graduated from the high school at Chariton, Iowa, but after a year spent with his parents on the farm he again took up the high school course at Alma, graduating in 1891. After teaching a rural school for a few months, Mr. Hooper was appointed a deputy in the office of the county clerk. This position, which gave him an excellent business training, he retained for more than two years, when he once more took up the work of a teacher and student. In 1895 he came to Lebanon, where he instructed the village school, and spent his spare time in editing the Lebanon Leader. The next September found him located at Overton. Then in turn he succeeded to the principalship at Axtel, Adams, and Dorchester, remaining two years in each place, except the last. Every change brought with it increase in salary,

number of teachers and number of pupils. During the summer vacations Mr. Hooper attended sessions of the state university and the Fremont normal school, graduating from the latter institution in 1903, with the degree B. Ed. The same summer he completed his examination for a professional life certificate. That year Mr. Hooper was elected superintendent of schools at Clark, which position he still holds. His success in building up the work there, together with his strong teaching ability, manifested last summer, while an instructor at the McCook junior normal, promises much in the way of even more substantial progress to the teachers in the summer which is just before us.

HON. J. L. MCBRIEN.

State Superintendent of Instruction. The people of McCook, not less than the teachers attending the junior normal school, have always taken a keen interest in the work and hopes of the present genial state superintendent of public instruction. His visits have been so many to even the remote parts of western Nebraska, and much of his best work was done in the Republican valley, that he seems fairly to belong to this section of the state. When you say that Mr. McBrien is a worthy and well qualified successor to Mr. Fowler in the office of state superintendent you indicate in a measure the high regard in which the formen is held by school people everywhere. While not a native Nebraskan, Mr. McBrien has spent most of his life here. When very young he came with his parents to Johnson county, Nebraska, and experienced the conditions incident to pioneer life in a new country. His early ambition was to acquire an education. Soon after completing the work of the district school he began his work as a teacher in Johnson county. He continued this work and attended higher schools of learning and later was elected county superintendent. Then he became the President of Orleans College, at Orleans. From this place he went to Geneva as superintendent of the city schools. Serving four years, he resigned this post to become deputy state superintendent under Mr. Fowler. This office he occupied four years, and if the hopes of his friends are realized he will serve four years in the place to which he succeeded in January, 1905. Mr. McBrien is a graduate of the Sterling high school. He has studied at Campbell Normal University, Lincoln Normal University, and the state university. In 1891 he was elected president of the Nebraska state teachers' association. He has also taken a prominent part in the national educational association, and last February he read a paper at the meeting of the department of superintendence, at Louisville, Kentucky. In union with Mr. Fowler, Sup't McBrien originated and worked out the idea of the union normal county institutes, and the junior state normals, which were originated. On the occasion of his frequent visits to McCook, he is always

received with glad acclaim, for his inspiring talks give new life to the work in which the teachers are engaged. The great and most notable work of Mr. McBrien's present administration will be the new law on the certification of teachers, the emphasis to be placed on the "five essentials," and an effort to increase the salaries of public school teachers.

E. C. BISHOP.

Deputy State Superintendent. The deputy state superintendent is Mr. E. C. Bishop, for four years superintendent of York county and recently vice-president of the Lincoln Business College. Mr. Bishop is known as a man who thinks and works. He was one of the county superintendents who spent the largest part of his time in the schools of his county, seeing what his teachers were doing, making suggestions and planning ways of encouraging them and promoting the good of the schools. He worked out a daily program for the rural schools which has been adopted in all parts of the state. He gave an impetus to the work of the eighth grade by encouraging the eighth grade graduations and kept a very large proportion of the rural school children in the schools until they had finished the work of this grade. He was one of the first to agitate the question of more work in spelling. He inaugurated contests in his county and arranged to have the subject taught in all his districts. He was popular with his teachers because he devoted himself to their interests. They grew to have confidence in him, to know that his plans were good ones, and to have, in a degree, his enthusiasm and loyalty to the school interests of the county. Since his appointment as deputy, upon the accession of Mr. McBrien to the office of state superintendent, Mr. Bishop has devoted himself in a wonderful way to the building up of the rural schools of Nebraska. He has organized corn growing contests among the boys and cooking contests among the girls, the exhibit of this work at Lincoln last December being probably the most unique that has ever held in the country. Mr. Bishop also acts as superintendent of the educational exhibit at the Nebraska state fair.

GEORGE H. THOMAS.

Principal McCook Junior Normal. Sup't G. H. Thomas has been associated with the union normal institute and junior normal ideas from their inception. In 1902 he was a member of the faculty of the Culbertson Union Normal Institute, and in the years since then he has been principal of the McCook junior normal school. Mr. Thomas is a native of Wisconsin. He graduated in 1893 from the Harvard high school and in 1897 from the University of Nebraska. In the latter year he became an instructor in the McCook high school, and later served in the same capacity at Harvard. In 1900 he was the principal of the Nelson schools and in the fall of the same year he entered upon his work as superintendent of the McCook city schools.

THE ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

An Unusually Attractive Course Will Be Offered the Teachers.

The entertainment course this summer will be even more attractive than heretofore. There will be three, possibly four, numbers, and all are absolutely free to the teachers who enroll. Frank R. Roberson, the world-traveler, who has delighted so many McCook audiences, and who is now abroad collecting material for other lectures, will throw his beautiful pictures on the screen, Monday, June 25, and how he will fascinate his auditors with that wonderful voice, only those who have heard him can imagine. While it cannot be announced what his subject will be at the present time, it is enough to say that it will be entirely new.



J. L. MCBRIEN.
STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

The second number will be Mr. Strickland W. Gillilan, an unrivaled humorist. It is to occur Friday, July 20. Let another man say what the only Gillilan says, and it wouldn't be funny. Let another man say his own sayings and try to look like the only Gillilan, and it wouldn't amuse anybody. It takes the only Gillilan look, the only Gillilan manner and the only Gillilan original material to make a tout ensemble that is as irresistible as it is imitable. Gillilan tells his own stories, many of which, as he says, have been originated by a good many people since he originated them; reads his own imitable bits of original verse that fairly reek with all that is best in humanity and all that is funniest in

the whole world; talks his own monologue in the easy, interesting, conversational style that makes the audience forget it is being "entertained" and feel that it is having a most delightful visit with a marvelous new-found friend who is as ludicrous as he is awkward and as wise as he is witty. There is no man on the platform today who works more individuality into his public appearances, no other man so distinctly himself or so fascinatingly amusing. When he has had you laugh until there are pains in your sides, he turns on the warmth of pathos to relax the cramps, and about the time you get ready to scold him for being so serious, he solemnly sends a shaft of unexpected absurdity hurtling down the line and upsets you so completely that you feel like scolding him again for the suddenness of the change. He sticks so close to nature that smiles and tears—always the sunshine, optimistic, humanizing, acheless tears—follow each other naturally and easily like the emotions that chase themselves through the soul of a new-born babe. His work is as clean as your ears used to be on Sunday morning when mother got through using that knitted wash-rag. The Dunbar Company, a male quartette and bell ringers, will give a concert on Wednesday night, August 1. The Dunbar Company is certainly the most novel and versatile company of musical artists now before the public. Their tour the past season has been transcendent, and everywhere successful. They were first to open and last to close and hold all records as a lyceum attraction. The company consists of The Male Quartette, as good as the best, a complete concert organization. They present an extensive repertoire of classic, popular and humorous selections. The Bell Ringers stand unequalled. They use a magnificent peal of more than one hundred musical hand bells, cast by England's greatest bell founder especially for this company. Ralph Dunbar, Violoncellist, is a special feature of the company. He is an artist who has won pronounced success as a soloist with some of our best concert companies, and has been aptly styled "The American 'Cellist." Season tickets will be sold to this course of entertainments, three numbers, to those who are not enrolled in the McCook junior normal school, for one dollar. Single admission tickets will cost fifty cents each.

A NEW RULING.

The following new ruling of the state superintendent, regarding summer school attendance and certification, will be of interest to old as well as new teachers:

"All teachers who attend a Summer School approved by the State Superintendent, at least six weeks, will be required to take examination in Reading and one other of the five essentials at their selection with the advice and consent of the County Superintendent of the proper county. Six weeks or more attendance at such a Summer School and creditable work done this summer in the other three essentials, approved by the County Superintendent, will be taken in lieu of examination in these three essentials. Such attendance will not be taken for granted in advance. There must be a bona fide attendance before credit is given. All other grades now held meeting the requirements of Rule 10 will be certified to the State Superintendent and made state grades on condition of professional work approved by the County Superintendent.

"Those who have never taught must take examination in all branches required for the certificate desired; provided that such persons who attend a Summer School approved by the State Superintendent, at least six weeks, will be required to take examination in Reading and one other of the five essentials at their selection with the advice and consent of the County Superintendent of the proper county. Six weeks or more attend-

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school. Not less than six weeks' time will be devoted by experts from the university to the teaching of Field Crops, Horticulture and Soils, Animal Husbandry, attention being given to demonstrations in judging the various kinds of domestic animals; Agricultural Botany, especially that part of it which relates to plant physiology and plant pathology. The various heads of departments, including Dr. A. E. Davison, the principal, will also each visit the school and lecture.

A FEW POINTERS.

Text Books.—The text books of the McCook school district will be put at the disposal of the junior normal school students, free of charge. It would be well, however, for each teacher to bring such books as she may have on the work she expects to take up. In Arithmetic, however, Milne's Standard Arithmetic will be used; in Grammar, Hoesnell's; in Reading, Reed & Sherman's new book, one of the new books just adopted for the reading circle work; in Geography, a new text now being brought out by Dr. George E. Condra, of the state university. The American Song Book will be the song book used in the chapel exercises.

Tuition.—The tuition will be absolutely free. A nominal fee of \$2 will be charged each teacher to help pay for the lecture and incidental expenses.

Railroad Rates.—The Burlington railroad gives a reduced rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to all who come to the McCook junior normal, provided tickets are bought June 9, 10, 11 or 12. Full fare must be paid going. Take a receipt from the local agent, and this properly endorsed, will entitle its holder to a return ticket on any day up to August 20 for one-third the regular rate. No reduced fare can be secured unless the student comes on the dates above mentioned.

Model School.—The work in the model training school will be given the first three weeks only. Why not arrange to be present from the beginning, so as to miss none of it? Miss Schlee, who was with us last year is at present attending the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, fitting herself to assume charge of training work next year at Peru State Normal. As a primary and model school instructor she has no superior in Nebraska.

Expenses.—We will keep expenses absolutely at the minimum. Board and room will cost \$3, \$3.50 or \$4 per week, as the teacher chooses. We will have separate lists at these prices. The maximum prices for rooms alone is fifty cents per week. There will also be accommodations for those who desire to do light house keeping.

Location.—Junior normal schools have been established at Alliance, North Platte, Holdrege, Valentine, and McCook, under the law passed by the legislature of 1903. All these schools will open June 11, 1906, and close August 17, 1906.

The organization and management of the junior normal schools shall be under the jurisdiction of the state superintendent of public instruction, and he shall, as far as practicable, attend such junior normal schools, provide proper instructors for the same, and make and complete all other arrangements.—Section 19, subdivision 13, school laws, 1903.

Entrance Requirements.—The entrance requirements are that one must be at least fourteen years of age, of good moral character and of good physical health, and must have a fair knowledge of the common school branches, such as may be obtained in the country school or the lower eight grades of a well organized town or city school.

Numbers.—Nearly 2,500 different teachers and students have been enrolled in these junior normals in the past three years. Many county superintendents have testified to the better work accomplished in their schools as a result of this professional training.

The Outlook.—Hundreds of beginning teachers will come to receive



E. C. BISHOP.
DEPUTY STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

their first lessons in professional training. Teachers holding first grade county certificates will have opportunity to take work in the branches required for a professional state certificate, good for life. Teachers holding second grade county certificates will be anxious for first grade certificates. Teachers holding first and second grade certificates will be anxious to meet the requirements of the new law in professional training, which requires twelve weeks' professional training for a first grade certificate, and eight weeks' professional training for a second grade county certificate. Teachers who look forward to high school work must not forget that under the new law no one shall be eligible to teach in the high school department of a high school district who is not a graduate from a regular four year course of a college or university, or graduate from the ad-