

## NEBRASKA'S FAT YEAR.

Next to the pleasure of having plenty of money one's self is that of learning that a lot of other people are flourishing, especially if the other people have complained of poverty in the near past. Fortunately such opportunities are not infrequent, should any one care to look for them. A case in point, and a very large one, may be found in the recent report of the Secretary of the State Banking Board of Nebraska—a state which several years ago was most eloquent, touching, and therefore influential, in its complaints of poverty and its demands for relief. Last year Nebraska suffered by the general drought in the west, and had an alarming reduction of her corn yield, corn being a Nebraska staple, as it is of all western states whose industries are principally agricultural. Yet despite a shortage of one hundred million bushels of corn, Nebraska's bank deposits last year exceeded those of the previous year by nearly twelve million dollars—a gain of about fifteen per cent over those of the previous year. These figures take no account of the many private hoards in cracked teapots, old stockings and other time-honored repositories, of people who have no confidence in banks or who live far away from them. Not long ago Nebraska complained bitterly that there was not enough money in the state to make ordinary commercial exchanges, and that farm loans, which when really needed, are as important as the doctor is to persons dangerously ill, could be had only at destructive rates of interest. Yet the secretary reports that within the year farm loans dropped to five percent interest, which is the average in the best of the older states.

Yet besides caring for home interests, the Nebraska banks, according to the secretary's report, have had so much money that at least twenty-five per cent of the loans and discounts have been to eastern financial institutions and on eastern securities. In plain English, Nebraska has become a 'capitalist state.' States, like individuals, change their manner according to their poverty or wealth. In a very old story, which is not read as much as it should be, the patriarch, Job, wise, good and wealthy,

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is presented by the highest authority as a model—"A perfect and upright man"—"None like him in the earth"—but when, at the suggestion of Satan, Job was deprived of his property and his children, he became sick in body and mind, went down into the dumps, and found the world so awry that with much eloquence of detail he cursed the day in which he was born, and his wife urged him to make the curse more comprehensive so as to include the Designer and Manager of all things. From poverty-stricken states, as from men reduced to penury, come too all sorts of financial and social and moral heresies and lunacies, some of which are infectious, turning the heads of the people and unsettling business foundations. It would be invidious to name states where this has been the case, for no one can say with certainty that similar disturbances may not begin at scant notice, in one of the oldest and wealthiest.

But at present Nebraska deserves the congratulations of her sister states for having made so handsome a showing, and for having proved herself willing and able to spend less than she earned, and thus fortified herself against the bad years, which are always possible.—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

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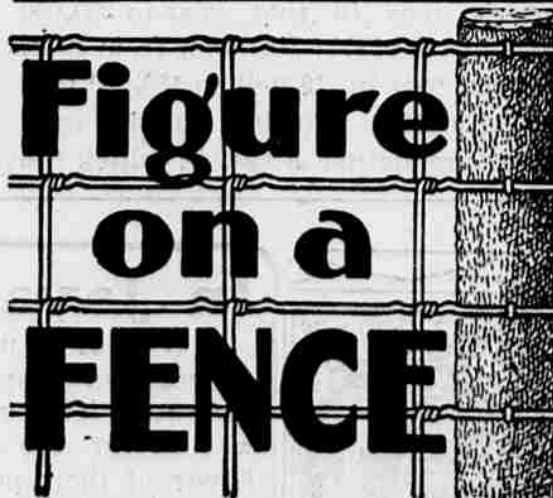
## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA.

In the matter of Fred D. Sartor, bankrupt. Voluntary petition. Case No. 812. To the creditors of said Fred D. Sartor, bankrupt.

You are hereby notified that Fred D. Sartor, bankrupt of Nebraska City, Otoe County, Nebraska, who was adjudged a bankrupt on the 8th day of February, 1902, has, on the 20th day of March, 1902, filed his petition for discharge; and all persons interested in said estate who have any objections to the discharge in bankruptcy of said bankrupt are required, and hereby notified to file said objections in my office, in Rottmann block, Nebraska City, in said district, on the 3rd day of April, 1902, and ten days thereafter file specifications to said objections.

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