

NEBRASKA FARM-MORTGAGE AGES

The Result of the Researches of State Statistician Jenkins. A LOOK INTO THE RECORDS OF SARY.

The Percentage of Infidelity as Shown by One of the Oldest Counties in the State—Eastern Slanders Refuted.

The following report on the subject of farm mortgages is made by State Statistician Jenkins as the result of the memorial on the subject presented to the legislature by the state farmers' alliance. Sary county was selected as peculiarly fitted for the investigation because it is one of the oldest counties in the state.

On January 21, 1889, a memorial from the state farmers' alliance was presented to the branches of our legislature, making the following statements: 'The farmers of our state are sinking deeper and deeper in debt. It is rare to find farms which are not mortgaged, tenant farmers are increasing and failures of our country merchants are becoming more and more numerous every day.'

A complete investigation, and similar in its character as presented in this report of Sary county, is being made by the eleven United States census in Brown, Gage, Kimball, Hayes, Thayer and Washington counties.

The investigation in Sary county covers a period of ten years, from December 31, 1879, to December 31, 1889. Every mortgage upon ten acres was noted and the necessary information gathered, making a total of 20,775 mortgages considered. In 1879, the aggregate value of the mortgages was \$1,045,878.33.

Table No. 1 gives the book and page of record, together with the date upon which the mortgage was recorded. In 1879, the aggregate number of acres mortgaged was 2,875,000 acres, and the number of acres charged to each section in table No. 1, in many instances, they will not agree with this table, the difference being due to the fact that there are mortgages which extend in area over parts of two or more sections, and for convenience of tabulation, they are listed on one section only.

Table No. 3 is compiled from reports received from owners, showing locations, period of purchase, value per acre, assessed value per acre in 1879, present value, and assessed valuation in 1889, the percentage of assessed valuation compared with the present valuation, also verbatim remarks by owners as to the reasons for any increase in the present mortgages. The assessed valuation as per the table presented, shows that the present valuation is one-sixth of actual or market valuation.

Table No. 4 gives dates and location of the mortgages that were foreclosed. Two of these foreclosures were for the purpose of perfecting the title. Several loan and trust companies were furnished this office with replies to queries made that are tabulated in table No. 5, showing the amount of foreclosures to be 3 1/2 per cent of the number of loans.

Table No. 6 is a tabulated statement of foreclosures in the counties of the state. Where counties are omitted the omission is caused by failure of clerks of the district courts to furnish the information requested, or neglect, or refusing to give the information asked unless it was paid for.

Table No. 7 is a tabulated statement of the investments in real estate in Nebraska in 1889. It shows that the total amount invested in real estate in Nebraska in 1889 was \$10,000,000, which is an increase of 50 per cent over the investment in 1887.

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FROM THE HAWKEYE STATE. A Farmers' Alliance Convention to Be Held In Des Moines Today. ARGUMENTS IN THE JOINT RATE CASES. Two Freight Trains Ditched Near Creston—A Brakeman Cut In Pieces—Charged with Poisoning.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 28.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A large number of delegates arrived in this city to attend the state convention of the farmers' alliance, which meets tomorrow. President J. B. Farrow and Secretary August Post are among those already here. The convention is expected to adjourn about five o'clock today.

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A Rich German Exchanges His Money for Business Experience. New York, Oct. 28.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A Montreal dispatch says: Has Henkin exchanged Emil Slayton of New York with sending him out of nearly \$100,000.

The Situation at St. Paul. St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 28.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Western Union telegraph office has been struck by a strike almost the full force of the city. There are altogether twenty-three men out, twelve of whom were discharged.

Adjusted on Friday Night. The colored republicans of the Fifth ward should have met last night, but owing to a large number of the members of the club having gone out to the Ninth ward meeting, the meeting was adjourned till Friday night, when it will be held in the hall at the corner of Sixteenth and Burd streets.

They Will Fight Prohibition. The members of the merchants' and manufacturers' club held a largely attended meeting at Hornerberg's hall yesterday afternoon. Resolutions denouncing prohibition were passed, and the members all resolved to attend at the hotel on Monday, when they will in person legally defeat the adoption of the amendment.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. E. H. Mead of Detroit is at the Barre. W. L. Aids of Detroit is at the Paxton. J. S. Williams of St. Louis is at the Millard.

Coal Heavers Threaten a Strike. London, Oct. 28.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The associated steamship owners of Liverpool, who employ a number of non-union laborers, have been warned by the dock laborers' union that unless the non-union men are discharged, a strike will be inaugurated.

Foreign Ocean Intelligence. London, Oct. 27.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The new British bark Haubank, Captain Manson, from Tacoma June 1, via Queenstown for Hull, has been sunk in the Channel. Her crew have arrived at Dover, British Columbia, Washington, and New York.

Democratic Frauds Exposed. Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 28.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The registration controversy, which is of general interest, because the question involved applies to every city in Massachusetts, has developed as follows: According to the records of several persons have been paid from funds deposited with the city treasurer by prominent local managers. Republican assessors lists illegally under the state constitution, and they will carry the matter to the courts.