

NEBRASKA FARMERS' WEALTH.

Marvellous Evidence of Prosperity Throughout the Counties of the State.

MORTGAGED INDEBTEDNESS REPORTS.

WITH Few Exceptions, the Instruments Released Largely Exceed Those Filed—Important Questions to Be Considered by the Alliance.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The monthly reports of the mortgaged indebtedness of the several counties of the state are beginning to come in and some of them make very interesting reading.

For instance, Buffalo county makes a showing almost marvellous. During the month of December the farmers of the county filed thirty-three mortgages amounting to \$30,719. For the same period fifty-one farm mortgages were released, the total amount being \$135,257. Buffalo county is one of the banner counties of the state, and for the past seven months has made an enviable record.

For during this time her farmers have paid off \$296,177.43 of their mortgaged indebtedness, over and above the mortgage filed.

Richardson county also makes a good showing. During December her farmers filed mortgages amounting to \$1,095.95 while for the same time they released twenty-six, amounting to \$18,300.75. Her chattie record is also a favorable one.

She filed \$8,783 and released \$22,302. Kearney county filed \$29,387.07 and released \$151,526. Reports are coming in every day from all the counties and do not make as favorable a showing as the above the general average is favorable.

Ready for a Big Convention. The arrangements for the meeting of the State farmers' association, to be held in Omaha, are practically complete and everything points to a big interesting convention.

About 1,000 delegates are expected and the meeting will be the most important in the history of the alliance in this state. A full set of all the officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and there are indications that several interesting contests will take place.

The most interesting case before the supreme court today was that of *Fox v. Fox*, a divorce suit. The court rendered its decision in favor of the plaintiff, who is the wife of the defendant.

The case of *Hurd v. Lutz* was dismissed and the following cases argued and submitted. Obernat & Johnson, Williams vs. Elkens, McCord vs. Kranse, Campbell vs. Brotons, Alexander vs. Overton.

Courts adjourned on January 12, 1892, at 9 o'clock a. m., when the causes from the Third district will be called.

Gossip from the State House. The case of *F. L. Engelbert vs. E. F. Tetterton*, a divorce suit, was argued today. It is a case involving the title to lot 3 in *Glendale* addition to Omaha.

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STARRY WELLS, RECEIVED THE KEYS OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM MART HOWE, THE OUTGOING CLERK.

J. S. Baer assumed the duties of the office of county superintendent, vice P. D. McCord.

Thomas Baer has commenced his second term with no change in his force of clerks. Sheriff McCoy was also inaugurated for a second term.

His office force will consist of H. V. Hoeslanger, Grant McFarland, Louis Otto and A. M. Trimble. Coroner Holyoke was succeeded by Dr. F. D. Crim.

In the Court Rooms. Shilling Bros., the printers who got left in the competition for furnishing stationery and supplies, today applied to the district court for a peremptory writ of mandamus against the county commissioners, compelling those officers to issue a contract for the stationery.

The first National bank filed a petition in the district court, alleging that in October, 1891, I. W. Ives deeded to property, without consideration, to Frank G. Kaufman, for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, and asking the court to have the conveyance void and to grant a claim against Ives amounting to \$1,050.

In the county court the contested election of Walter W. Baker was set for hearing on January 21.

The Rock Island appraisers have not yet made their report. It is asserted tonight that the Burlington has made concessions in favor of the Rock Island, but the rumor cannot be traced to any authoritative source.

R. H. Hicks reported to the police today that his 12-year-old son had mysteriously disappeared, not having been at home for three days. The boy had on a pair of blue overalls over his other clothing, dark coat and light cap.

Thomas McMahan asks this morning to a realization of the fact that his gold watch had been either lost or stolen. He thinks his necklace was picked in a Lincoln saloon last night.

Mrs. Otto Glaskar, wife of a Lincoln saloon keeper, missed her gold watch when she went to the office of a doctor in her employ, having stolen it. A search warrant failed to discover the missing trinket in any of the places named.

The sixth annual session of the Woman's Christian Temperance union convened in the city hall yesterday morning. The president, Luceneon was served at noon, and this afternoon a very interesting program was carried out.

Frances Devine was arrested on suspicion of being a horse thief wanted at Nebraska City. He will be held until the arrival of the sheriff.

Dr. Williams and Jessie Pariston were arrested today on the charge of stealing a gold watch from C. M. Cherry in Lindsey's saloon on Tuesday evening. Their case will be tried tomorrow.

Death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hancock, this morning. The cause was carried away by their little daughter, Ketta May, aged 3 years and 4 months.

Lincoln has a colored constable. His name is W. C. Matney. He was appointed to his official duties this morning in Justice Foxworth's court.

John Connors carried away two blankets from the Pacific hotel last night. He undoubtedly needed them, but they cost him a \$10 fine with costs in police court this morning.

NEW PRICE ON SYNDICATE. Spring Lake Park Offered to the Commissioners at a Low Figure. The South Side park matter appears to be rapidly approaching the focal point.

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WAS OSCAR ROISEN MURDERED?

Mystery attending the Death of a Western Union Messenger.

FOUND BLEEDING AND UNCONSCIOUS.

Belegged His Helpers Not to Strike Him as He Had No Money—Theory of Fool Play Advanced—His Mother's Support.

From the fullness of healthy life and activity to the stillness of death was the fatal step taken shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning by Oscar Roisen, a Western Union messenger boy, while in the discharge of his usual duties.

How it happened is a mystery, and it is highly improbable that the truth will ever be positively known, for the boy was found in an unconscious condition near the rear door of the company's office in the alley north of Farnam street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, and died soon afterward.

The unfortunate lad was returning from the East editorial room, where he had been with the last pages of the night's telegraphic report, when he received the blow that caused his death. Whether it was dealt by a murderer's hand, or was the result of a misstep and an accidental fall is unknown.

It is believed, however, that the murderer is undoubtedly at large, but the exact nature of the crime is not known. The theory advanced by the police is that the boy had been playing with a gun.

The first that was known of the sad affair was when a fellow messenger, starting out of the office way to the west, stumbled over the body of young Roisen a few feet from the door.

He was moaning pitifully, and help was summoned. The sign was carried into the office in the basement of the Omaha National bank building.

The doctor who attended the boy found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain, and that the wound was probably a slight bruise was discernible just between the eyes, but no other wound was apparent.

The doctor ordered the boy taken to his home, and shortly before 6 o'clock the patrol wagon conveyed him to his mother's residence at 417 North 15th street.

How it Likely Happened. It is quite probable that the boy was running down the alley, and as the night was cold and he had no money, he slipped on the icy paving stones.

He fell on the ground, and a revolver fell near where he lay. It is believed that he picked up the revolver, and that he fired it.

He fired it, and the bullet struck him in the forehead. The wound was fatal. He died shortly afterward.

Dr. Wilcox, assisted by Dr. Sumner, made a post mortem examination of the body yesterday afternoon. The autopsy showed a fracture over the left temple, which undoubtedly caused death.

Coroner Maul stated last evening that if he had understood the case properly or had been present at the post mortem examination, the boy's death was purely accidental.

In the Lecture Room. Noting disturbs a lecturer so much as a good, healthy, fully developed cough. Some folks think a quacking bird is worse, but that is not so.

Dr. Cumlinore, oculist, has building among military men. Inside Facts of the Kellogg-Ray Difficulty—Would Better Desist.

The Kansas City Times has recently contained several attacks upon General John R. Brooke, commander of the Department of the Platte, written by a correspondent at Leavenworth.

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WILL BECOME DEPENDENT.

The St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad to Form a Separate System.

IN HARMONY WITH THE UNION PACIFIC.

Slight Changes in Management—Terms of the Separation—Figuring on Methodist Conference Business—Tow's Railroads—Notes and Personalities.

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General Manager Clark of the Union Pacific and W. P. Robinson, Jr., the new general manager of the Grand Island, are in Omaha arranging details of the future conduct of the contemplated line.

It is very distinctly agreed, however, that the Grand Island is to be conducted in harmony with the Union Pacific, and the opinion of Mr. Dillon, the president, clearly indicates that the big corporation will continue to boss the little one.

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