

NEBRASKA'S STEADY GROWTH

Figures Which Show the Development of the Antelope State.

INCREASE IN CULTIVATION OF LAND

Four Million Acres in Four Years Added to the Producing Area—Assessed Valuation Increased Fifteen Million Dollars During that Time.

LINCOLN, Feb. 2.—(Special to The Bee)—Chief Clerk Harry Shaffer of the State Board of Agriculture is busy preparing the statistical tables to appear in the forthcoming annual report of the board. The statistical tables will be of especial value this year, as they will afford Nebraska people interested in agriculture an opportunity to compare last year's results with those of more prosperous years in the past history of the state.

The first table shows the relative proportions between the improved and unimproved lands of the state. In 1893 the abstract of the assessors' returns shows that for the first time in the history of the state the improved lands exceed the unimproved. The acreage of improved lands for 1893 is reported as 15,289,850; unimproved, 13,041,457. In 1892 the figures were 13,375,442 and 13,345,860 respectively. The following brief tabulated statement will show the number of acres of improved and unimproved land in Nebraska for four years past:

Year	Improved.	Unimproved.
1890.	11,710,359	14,229,821
1891.	12,050,219	14,266,540
1892.	12,342,442	13,345,860
1893.	15,289,850	13,041,457

The average assessed valuation of improved lands has also increased, as will be seen by the following:

Year	Avg.	Total.
1890.	\$45,603,415	
1891.	8,825,155	
1892.	3,722	29,357,703
1893.	3,94	60,294,544

Nebraska's improved lands are devoted to cultivation as follows:

Product.	Acres.
Wheat.	1,340,416
Corn.	3,870,659
Oats.	1,203,890
Barrow.	110,171
Rye.	1,350,155
Flax.	50,124
Rye.	60,978
Millet.	12,345
Miscellaneous.	1,005

One of the most significant features of the report is the showing in regard to the falling off in the acreage devoted to corn, and the increased acreage devoted to wheat, as compared with the acreage devoted to wheat in 1892. In 1892 they cultivated 3,870,659 acres of corn. In 1891 they devoted 4,458,000 acres to corn, and in 1890 they planted 4,317,682 acres. In the three years following the year 1891 the acreage in the corn acreage amounted to 607,960 acres. The acreage of oats shows a slight increase over 1892. The increase in the acreage of wheat is small when compared with the decreased acreage of corn. The following tabulated statement shows the acreage of wheat for the past four years:

Year.	Total.	Year.	Total.
1890.	1,026,821	1892.	1,229,655
1891.	1,223,787	1893.	1,340,416

The most notable showing is that in reference to the number of fruit and forest trees in the state. It shows that in 1893 in the state there are 1,000,000 trees. There are a very erratic product. The wide variance in the returns for four years will be better appreciated by a glance at the following:

Year.	Total.	Year.	Total.
1890.	1,961,308	1891.	66,937,494
1891.	712,091,445	1892.	153,779,200

HIS FREEDOM SHORT LIVED.

A man giving his name as James Henderson was arrested this afternoon on the charge of highway robbery. Although he had not yet been identified, it is believed that his name is Mayer, and that he was released from the Nebraska penitentiary yesterday, after serving a year's sentence for grand larceny. He has been identified as a man who attended him and helped him rob Elmer Baker, one of the clerks house. Baker was on his way home last night shortly before midnight when he was suddenly accosted by two men, one of whom presented a revolver and demanded his money. Instead of throwing it up, Baker grappled with the would-be highwayman and yelled for the police. The two men rolled over and over on the ground, both endeavoring to secure the revolver. The third man ran away, and after Baker and his assailant had fought over the street for a few minutes the second robber ran away. Baker fully identified the man arrested this afternoon.

CINCHED THE CHEMICAL NATIONAL. It transpires that the Chemical National bank of New York was騙uted by C. W. M. and the Capital National bank to the extent of \$40,000 and an amount shown previous to the failure of the bank. Deposits were filed with the clerk of the district court today signed by the president and cashier, which these officials testify that they had maintained business relations with the Capital National bank for a number of years, and remitted an amount of its paper from time to time. Between September 1, 1892, and the day the bank closed its doors in January, 1893, they discounted ten Western Manufacturing companies for \$6,000 each. It is believed that the notes were endorsed by the Capital National bank and that they radiocuted the notes on the strength of the endorsement. For relief they ask the court to order the receiver of the bank to recognize the claim for \$6,000 and to permit them to share proportionately with the other creditors of the defunct bank.

The First National bank of Poultney, Vt., asks the court for a similar order for the \$16,000 of Western Manufacturing notes purchased by Mosher.

KNEW THE COMBINATION.

Some time ago, at the office of the Western Mattress company at Seventh and L streets was entered by parties who effected an entrance by cutting a hole in the door. The safe, which had been securely locked last evening, was opened by two men who evidently possessed the combination. About \$800 cash was taken, together with \$125 in checks. The manager of the company is at loss to know how any one could have learned the combination and believes that the work was done by some of the tough citizens who make Lincoln their abiding place during the winter months.

LINCOLN IN BRIEF.

The West Street viaduct is being rapidly pushed toward completion. One-half of the structure is about completed, but there yet remains more than 900 feet of iron work to be put in.

The new aerial extension truck and ladder for the Lincoln fire department was shipped from Chicago day before yesterday. It cost the city \$3,300 and will be a valuable addition to the department.

The trial of J. M. Murdoch, accused of embezzlement by the Lincoln School Supply company, is in progress. It appears that the company's accounts and the private accounts of Murdoch while he was manager are hopelessly entangled. It also transpired from the court that when Murdoch discovered that the company was about to close out its business he took advantage of his position as manager to draw the amount of stock \$900, which represented the amount of stock he held in the concern.

Declares His Innocence.

FREMONT, Feb. 2.—(Special to The Bee)—The man Kearns of Lincoln, who was arrested here for living with one Mrs. Duffy of Merrick county, was discharged today from custody, no one appearing against him. Kearns claims that he is a very much abused man and that what has seemed to have been his fault has been entirely due to his character. He says he did not notice Mrs. Duffy and that she left him because of her own accord and appealed to him for assistance in her sickness and destitution and he could not turn a deaf ear. He admits that circumstances was to his advantage but he desired to say that she is a noble, industrious and virtuous woman.

The case of Mrs. Olsen against McDonald

& Penfield for damage in the death of her husband in the sewer trenches last fall is still holding the attention of court and was given to the jury today.

The sale of Poland chimes by Keene & Goings was very satisfactory, the sixty-nine hours of sales \$2,000.

The engineer on the proposed canal survey reports that he has passed over the most expensive and difficult portions of the route and that its construction will come below his most conservative estimate.

The news of the death of Jeffers, son of E. T. Homan, was nearly a disappointment of the Elkhorn road and stationed at this place, who was killed at Macon, Ga., Wednesday night by falling between the cars causes very much regret here, as he was highly respected and a general favorite among his associates.

The new by the Philharmonic guild is progressing very nicely and it bids fair to be satisfactory remunerative.

The preliminary examination of Herman Eichencamp, charged with attempting to kill Frank Osterman at the Kruger wedding December 7, at Airlie, occurred yesterday. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,500.

ASYLUM INMATES THREATENED.

Employees of the Hastings Institution Extinguish Dangerous Blaze.

HASTINGS, Feb. 2.—(Special to The Bee)—The scene at the penitentiary fire in Lincoln a few months ago were very nearly repeated in Hastings this morning when the asylum for the incurable insane was found to be on fire. But for the quick action and pluck of some of the female inmates and attendants the fire would have escaped control and had caused loss of life and property. About 1:30 this morning some of the attendants on the female side detected the smell of smoke and on investigating found a good sized blaze in the clothes room of ward 11, on the second floor. The inmates were all up and the attendants made this when the attendants used with good results in quenching the blaze. Had the fire obtained much more headway great difficulty would have been experienced in handling the patients. The fire occurred in a position where it cut off the means of escape, and the ward and the stairs leading from the building, and the only way the patients could have been rescued would have been by climbing the fire escape from the outside and knocking out the iron bars at the windows.

The damage was trifling.

MORTGAGE TRANSACTIONS OF A MONTH.

NEBRASKA CITY, Feb. 2.—(Special to The Bee)—The monthly statement of mortgage indebtedness for January is as follows: Chattel mortgages filed, \$1,000, amounting to \$1,000; farm mortgaged, forty amounting to \$1,000. Farm mortgages filed, \$4,900; released, \$9,420.46. City filed, \$2,395; released, \$3,990.38.

Bishop Bonacum was in the city yesterday, called upon Vicar General Emanuel Hartig, and tried to induce him to accept the position of rector of the cathedral. Bishop Bonacum was immediately dismissed, although the visit was one of confidence rather than business. Father Hartig having recently met with a serious injury, breaking his leg left by a fall.

Small fires are plentiful and their frequency seems to be in the boot and shoe trade. Nearly every day in footwear in the city has suffered more or less from these recent fires.

Mr. Barney Nehaus fell down the cellar stairs at her residence Wednesday evening, breaking her leg in three places below the knee.

George S. Davis, foreman of an ice cutting gang at Hall's pond, near the city, broke through the ice in eighteen feet of water yesterday and was rescued with great difficulty.

On April last the late Captain O. Butt deposited \$8,400 in the Nebraska City National Bank to the credit of his daughter, Capitolta. Mrs. Butt, Capitolta's mother and guardian, says the money was a gift to her daughter, but the administrative claim it should be considered as the act of the deceased captain. The bank, in order to determine the question, yesterday brought suit, in order to know to whom the money should be paid.

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Had Too Many Wives.

NELIGH, Neb., Feb. 2.—(Special to The Bee)—Another of Polk county's most respectable citizens has joined the silent majority. It is C. C. Joy, or, as most everybody called him, "Father" Joy. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church yesterday. Rev. A. B. Whitner, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Father Joy was born in Ohio in 1839, and had lived in this county since 1881, and most of that time in the First Ward of Shirley county. He was a member of the Methodist church from the time he was a small boy. He was a member of the Free Methodist church and goes back to memory without the formality of a requisition in the custody of the sheriff.

Demise of a Prominent Polk County Man.

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At Miller Park the improvements of the year included one and three-fourths miles of roadway, one and a half miles of walk, one temporary bridge, 300 feet of drain pipe, a hedge around the park and 5,500 trees planted in nursery rows.

Fentonelle park was fenced and ground was broken for a hedge and for tree planting.

Jefferson square was resodded, and inasmuch as several of the trees and shrubs had been leveled by the workmen from the park, new ones were set out of a kind that it was thought would stand the severe ordeal to which they were subjected.

The usual amount of flowers was set out in the Capitol avenue parkways.

Concerning the boulevards the superintendent said:

On Florence boulevard the grading was finished, the roadway put in good driving condition and the parking at the sides leveled and sown with blue grass. Trees and shrubs were planted at the north end.

On 14th street the paving was completed for right of way of the southeast boulevard from Ninth and Bancroft to Riverview park, which park has also been condemned although proceedings are not yet completed.

The southeast boulevard from Hanscom park to Elmwood park meet with the same difficulties as the others and a route from Miller to Fentonelle park has been considered and about decided upon.

MONEY EXPENDED.

The annual report of Secretary Doane showed that during the year the expenditures had been as follows:

Salaries, \$4,100; office and general expenses, \$1,310; supplies, \$1,000.

Hanscom Park—Improvements, \$4,395.97;

expenses, \$8,240.29; concrete (city) half, \$1,015.66; green houses, \$251.78; wooden, \$13,419.70; well, \$80; total, \$27,312.87.

Benton Park—Improvements, \$9,722.68;

Capital avenue, flowers, \$62.70;

Jefferson Square—Improvements, \$811.35; improvements, including permanent shrubs and paving of Cass street, \$1,653.80; total, \$2,464.58. Fentonelle park improvements, \$8,200. Hanscom park improvements, \$8,750. Riverview park, on account of surveys and condemnation, \$375.50; Florence boulevard, \$4,308.73.

The following amounts were paid out on account of surveys and right of way for the other boulevards: Southeast, \$1,000; 14th street, \$1,000; southwest, \$1,000; west, \$1,000; northwest, \$1,000.

Mr. Spokes, a Bremen, Iowa, man, was

convicted in the court of common pleas of the county of Polk of having committed

the offense of being a member of a secret society.

He was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail.

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