

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK

Falling Off of Twenty Per Cent in the Business of the Office.

CREDIT OF THE COUNTY MAINTAINED

What the Footing of the Books Shows—Disbursements for Charity Have Largely Increased—Influence of General Business Depression.

Notwithstanding the fact that on account of the general business depression collections have been slow and taxes a burden in Douglas county, yet, says Clerk Sackett in his annual report, the county has maintained its credit, though there has been a falling off of 20 per cent in the business of the office, and has been able to promptly meet all obligations save in the last two months. It has recently been impossible to redeem all warrants on the general fund when presented. This is due to a falling off in the receipt of taxes and the unusually small amount of property sold at tax sale in November.

On January 1, 1894, unpaid claims to the amount of \$18,480.51 were on file and pending adjustment. Since that date and up to January 1, 1895, there have been filed claims to the amount of \$44,847.07. Of the sum total of these claims \$7,371.40 were rejected, \$40,475.67 allowed, and \$25,912.56 are still in the hands of the board of commissioners awaiting adjustment.

Expenditures for the year 1894 were: General fund, \$235,617.85; road fund, \$23,409.23; bridge fund, \$22,427.50; some making fund, \$60,870.96; soldiers' relief, \$5,920.22; road improvement, \$88,392.18; insane judgment, \$2,990; insane, \$419.25.

The bonded debt of Douglas county at the close of the year 1894 was as follows, including the late issue of refunding bonds, which were, however, not delivered to the purchasers until January 15, 1895, although issued and registered prior to January 1:

Five per cent fundings bonds, issued July 1, 1887, \$258,000.00
Five per cent fundings bonds, issued July 1, 1891, and due July 1, 1911, \$158,000.00
Four and one-half per cent fundings bonds, issued January 1, 1895, optional after January 1, 1915, \$119,000.00
Four and one-half per cent road improvement bonds, issued July 1, 1892, and due July 1, 1912, \$150,000.00

Total debt, \$685,000.00
The total annual interest charge upon this debt is \$23,408.70. During the last year the annual interest charge of the county was reduced \$1,785 by the refunding of the unretired portion of the issue of 1887, being \$119,000 of 6 per cent bonds, into 4 1/2 per cent bonds, thereby effecting a saving to the county in the remaining six years which these bonds had to run of \$109,000.

Considerable space is devoted by Mr. Sackett to the subject of charity extended by the county. The business of this department, he says, has grown to such alarming proportions during the past two years that it has come to be one of the most serious problems with which the Board of County Commissioners is confronted.

Such authority as has been conferred upon public officials to act in this behalf has been prompted by a pure spirit of humanity, and is acquiesced in by the people with the same spirit, yet it requires the utmost vigilance upon the part of those charged with the duty of dispensing charity to avoid imposition and fraud in the beneficiaries of the bounty.

The method adopted in this county in dispensing aid is such that it lacks many of the inducements to defraud the county which attend the giving of money or its equivalent in orders, which are practically negotiable paper, but even with all the care exercised it is impossible to avoid an occasional impostor.

Of the 1,689 applicants for aid in the last six months, 1,252 were males, and 1,121 of the whole number were married; widows numbered 209, and 1,077 were Americans. The cause of distress in 1,432 instances was inability to obtain employment.

During the semi-annual report covered by this report the following distributable supplies as follows: Flour, 186,800; sugar, 28,834; coffee, 9,945; tea, 855; beans, 26,780; rice, 10,815; hominy, 3,950; oat meal, 8,343; corn meal, 11,215; soap, 1,055.05; toilet soap, 13,282 bars; table salt, 387 sacks, and coal, 2,860,655 pounds.

The total expense of maintaining the department of relief during the past six months has been \$14,836.10. But in the application of the labor test the county has received employment, valued at its cost price, to the amount of \$4,202.70, thereby reducing the cost of operating this department to \$10,633.40, being an average of \$6.59 to each applicant who has been furnished assistance, and showing the increased stringency of the times this is a very satisfactory result, and shows a slight decrease in the cost of this department from that of 1893, which was \$14.89 per applicant for twelve months.

While the sum total of expenditures in 1894 is greater than in 1893, yet a comparison with that year makes the present year show the most noticeable items are groceries for the poor farm, showing a decrease of \$1,969.74, while the total cost of the poor farm is decreased \$3,020.75 and the full \$1,969.24. The court house shows a decrease in expense of \$4,706.22, while the amount paid to overseers of highways is \$4,055.05 less in 1894 than in 1893, and \$5,748.14 less has been invested in grading this year than last.

Dr. E. S. Wayne, the eminent Cincinnati chemist, declares Dr. Price's Baking Powder absolutely pure.

The Daily Grind. There was not as large a grist of prisoners in the police court as usual yesterday. Judge Crosby took compassion on several plain drunks and dismissed them. Ollie Baker was given ten days on the streets. Frank Canary, a man who has just completed a thirty days' sentence in the county jail from stealing an overcoat from a dummy, was up again on the same charge. He was released from jail on Saturday evening and stole another coat. He was captured in Council Bluffs Sunday and yesterday he was fined \$100 and costs. Will Hall, Jon Cain, John Des and Richard Roe were arranged on the charge of disturbing the peace and quiet of Mrs. May Wright of 2813 Cass street on Sunday afternoon.

Death of Mrs. Eaton. Mrs. Eliza B. Eaton, mother of Ray Eaton of the World-Herald, died Sunday morning at her daughter's home in Laramie. The burial will take place at La Grande, Mo., the body passing through Omaha on No. 2 last night. Mrs. Eaton lived for quite a time in Omaha, owning considerable property in this city. She has been an invalid for a number of years and died of paralysis. Mr. Eaton left for Laramie Friday evening.

Officers and Directors Elected. The tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Paxton & Vierzling Iron works was held yesterday afternoon at the office of W. A. Paxton, 1324 Farnam street, where were elected: W. A. Paxton, president; Robert Vierzling, vice president; Louis Vierzling, secretary and treasurer; and W. A. Paxton, manager. The directors are the officers named, with the addition of W. A. Paxton, Jr. The business was held in a highly satisfactory condition.

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The Burlington Route Changes Time. A quickening—a most decided quickening—in the time to Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City is effected by the Burlington's new schedule, effective Sunday, January 29.

Sam'l. Burns, 1218 Farnam, is discounting everything 15 per cent this week.

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Deaver Was Not There. George Deaver, the South Omaha gambling boss, was to have had a preliminary hearing before Justice Bartlett yesterday afternoon.

BOSTON STORE FIRE SALE

Over a Million Yards of Fine Silks from the Jaffray Stock on Sale Tomorrow.

ONLY SLIGHTLY BURNT ON EDGES

The Finest, Highest Grades of Drapery Silks, Satin Silks, Swivel Silks, Worsteds, Tip-ups, a Yard Go at 9c and 15c.

WHERE THE ROOSTERS CROW.

Omaha Fanclers Preparing for the Annual Exhibition of Poultry.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Omaha Poultry Farmers' association opens in the building lately occupied by the Bell department store, opposite the postoffice this morning, under auspices that promise a most flattering success. W. W. Udell, superintendent, and W. J. Scott, secretary, are at the head of the management, and they have succeeded in getting everything in the most admirable shape for the great show.

Theodore Hewes of Trenton, Mo., a gentleman well versed in poultry science, is on hand to judge the merits of the fowls, which is sufficient guaranty that the work will be well and impartially done.

The premium list is a large one, there being in the grand total of 2,000 special premiums offered, including a large number of cash prizes. Besides these there are numerous prizes donated by Omaha business firms, such as silver, gold and silverware.

One hundred fancy coops are ranged in advantageous form on benches, and spectators will be afforded every facility for birds' examination of the many varieties of birds displayed, including buff, white and brown Plymouth Rocks, silver and gold Wyandottes, black Javas, Indian games, Brahmas, Langshans, American, English and partridge cochin, black Sumatras, silver gray Dorkings, red caps, pet games, blue Andalusians, white crested black Polish, black breasted red game bantams, black Minorcas, Hamburgs, Houdans, brown, white and buff Leghorns, black Spanish, Pekin ducks, buff and white turkeys, and scores of other beautiful and blooded specimens.

The Omaha Poultry Fanclers association is a flourishing organization, and with the growing interests in poultry culture expects to exert a powerful state fair attractions hereafter. A special effort will be made to put on an exhibition at the opening session of the state fair in this city which will compare favorably with any of the exhibitions of the National association.

The members of the organization number about forty-four, whose names are appended. They are: G. W. Hervey, W. P. Cadogan, I. L. Richards, Aug. C. Davidson, Ed. P. Pickering, J. R. Lundrigan, H. C. Rowden, J. J. Warren, Charles Cliff, Ford, W. J. Scott, F. E. Hart, W. W. Udell, E. J. Blackburn, A. H. Vosburg, C. D. Simms, Major Croft, George T. Morton, T. H. Chaitree, Charles Ross, A. H. Burr, Arthur J. Rhodes, George O. Monroe, G. H. Moore, J. M. Gillan, A. L. Stonecypher, A. Sorenson, R. S. P. Montgomery, Mrs. M. H. Reidfield, Mrs. C. D. Simms, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Gus A. Williams, J. H. Taylor, Hugh P. McIntosh, Omaha; Thomas, Simms, Douglass, Iowa; W. A. Miller, George W. Goodwin, Avery, C. C. Dorr, Missouri Valley; George Sorenson, Florence; Dale McCloskey, Papillion; L. P. Harris, Lincoln; F. T. Dean, Lincoln.

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AFFAIRS IN COURT.

Trials of Those Who Invoke the Aid of Official Experts.

Application has been made in the district court for the appointment of a guardian for Edward, James, Mary and Catherine Riley, who are the heirs of Bernard Riley. Foreclosure proceedings against the property of the deceased are pending and a guardian is asked for to protect the interests of the heirs.

Caroline Specht has commenced suit in the county court against John H. Erick, for \$900.85 damages. Caroline is the owner of the property known as the Western Cornice works, and claims that George E. Specht, at the instance of the defendant, applied for and obtained a writ of attachment, alleging that he was interested to the extent of \$1,500. The case was carried to the summary court, where the attachment was dissolved, but as the result of the action Caroline claims that she has suffered damages to the amount asked for.

A New Train to St. Louis.

The most attractive feature of the Burlington route's new timecard is the new Omaha-St. Louis train.

Leaves Omaha at 11:50 p. m. daily, and reaches St. Louis at 4:45 the next afternoon. Through sleeping car, through dining car and a daylight coach. The ride along the west bank of the Mississippi.

Remember, this is the only train which has a through sleeper from Omaha to St. Louis.

Tickets and full information at the City ticket office, 1324 Farnam street.

THE DIRECT SOUTHERN ROUTE

Via Rock Island, Shortest Line and Fastest Time.

To all points in Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Texas and all points in southern California. Only one night out to all points in Texas. The "Texas Limited" leaves Omaha at 5:15 a. m. daily except Sunday, landing passengers at all points in Texas 12 hours in advance of all other lines. Through tourist cars via Ft. Worth and El Paso to Los Angeles.

For full particulars, maps, folders, etc., call at address Rock Island ticket office, 1602 Farnam St.

CHAS. KENNEDY, G. N. W. P. A.

THE STATE RELIEF COMMISSION HAS ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS AT 109 FRENCH BLOCK.

Where all contributions of provisions and clothing should be sent, instead of 407 Brown block as heretofore. All correspondence should be addressed to me at 407 Brown block.

W. N. NASON, President.

THOSE FEET.

Watch Them Grow Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will appear the first of a series of photographs of feet. Wilcox & Draper's feet. They are beauties. Watch for them. Tomorrow on the 8th page, remember.

Faster! Faster! Faster! The Burlington's "Vestibule Flyer," which leaves Omaha at 4:45 p. m. daily, now reaches Chicago at 7:55 p. m., twenty-five minutes earlier than heretofore.

The service is as good as ever; the time, a little better than ever.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Dr. Price's Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

PROPERTY NOT DESTROYED

Safekeepers Frightened Away Before Completing a Job.

DID NOT REACH THE CASH.

An effort was made to blow the safe in Fred Mohle's pawnshop at 1517 Farnam street Sunday night. The operators became frightened, as they left their job in an uncompleted condition, although they had only to open another door of the safe and a fortune lay awaiting them. The burglars were evidently old hands at the business and were well provided with tools to do the job.

The back end of the store is protected by heavy iron shutters, fastened securely to the brick work with long bolts. A section of the wall was removed and one corner of the iron shutter was pried open, leaving a hole large enough to admit a man. Then they went to the heavy safe, standing in the front part of the store, and partially concealed by the showcase and a glass frame. A hole was bored into the safe doors near the combination, after which a punch was driven into the lock, smashing the tumblers. It was then an easy matter to open the heavy outer doors. An attempt was made to drill through the second set of doors, but the thieves were partially successful in this. The steel punch was driven into the keyhole of these doors, but it broke off and then the burglars balked of solving their riddle, and have not proceeded farther without the use of dynamite.

The back door was found to be unlocked when the proprietor of the place came down to attend to business yesterday. Grease and iron filings were scattered around in front of the safe and the burglars must have been afraid of setting their trousers on a chair cushion had been placed in a position for the cracksmen to kneel on while at work. The showcases were pried open and four revolvers were taken. Several trays of cheap jewelry were not touched. It is said that there were several thousand dollars worth of diamonds, watches and money in the safe, and if the burglars could have succeeded in opening the inside doors they would have made a rich haul. The police were notified, but have no clew as to the identity of the robbers.

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Gets a Long Ride Free. Rev. P. Merrill, formerly pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, will pass through Omaha next month on a free trip to southern California, given him by the people of the Rochester district, the most popular minister in the state of New York. Dr. Merrill's vote was 8,870, a majority over the next highest was 20,548.

ASSIST NATURE. A little now and then in removing offending matter from the stomach and bowels and their attendant discomforts, avoid a multitude of distressing ailments and less frequent need of your doctor's services.

Of all known agents for this purpose, Dr. Pierce's Peppermint Cure is the best. One used, they are always in favor of their remedy. The fact is to keep the bowels open and regular, not to force them, is the natural way and there is no reaction afterward. The Peppermint Cure is pure and perfectly harmless in any condition of the system. To cure indigestion, sour stomach, loss of appetite, coated tongue, indigestion, or dyspepsia, windy belchings, heartburn, pain and uneasiness after eating, and kindred ailments of the liver, stomach and bowels. In proof of their superior excellence, it can be truthfully said, that they are always cured as a household remedy after the first trial. Put up in sealed glass vials, therefore always fresh and reliable. One little Peppermint Cure is a laxative, two are mildly cathartic, and three are a mild and natural way and there is no reaction afterward. Their help lasts.

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Carish Signs with Omaha. Pitcher Carish, who was with the Jacksonville club last season, was signed by the Omaha manager yesterday for the season of 1895. Carish is a good man, as is attested by the fact that he stood second on the list of all the Western association pitchers last year. He is a right-handed pitcher, especially deceptive drop ball and worlds of speed. Local cranks may recall him by the fact he won the only game from Omaha in the Western association last year, and the entire season. It was on August 14, the Jax taking the game by 11 to 4, Omaha securing but six scattered hits off of young Carish.

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NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The semi-annual examinations in the schools will take place the latter part of this month.

Tomorrow and Thursday the ladies of Trinity cathedral will serve lunch in the Patterson building for the city.

Application has been made in the county court for the appointment of a guardian for Christina Anderson, insane.

The executive committee of the Commercial club will meet today, and a remedy will be taken on several matters of local interest.

The funeral of Major Padlock will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of F. A. Annin, 808 South Twenty-first street.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will not appoint any firemen until the regular meeting, which will be held on the maintenance of the fire department for the ensuing year.

The Ministerial union of Omaha held its regular meeting at the Memorial church this morning. One of the features was an able address by Rev. C. E. Hellings of the First Baptist church.

An education meeting will be held by the Woman's Christian Temperance union in the Commercial club rooms tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject: "Our Attitude Toward the Household." Rev. J. E. Lewis, acting chairman, will preside.

Articles of incorporation of the Reichenberg-Smit company have been filed with the county clerk. The new company has a capital stock of \$25,000, and will engage in the wholesale jewelry business. The incorporators are Arthur and Smith, Louis Reichenberg, Max Reichenberg, Samuel Reichenberg and Arthur Metz.

Annie J. Seibert has petitioned for a decree of divorce from Martin C. Seibert. She says that she has suffered all kinds of abuse, both in words and in deeds, from her husband, and has been compelled to support him and herself by washing and ironing. They were married in October, 1891, and she alleges that on one evening in the following month, while her husband was out, he came in and wanted her to mend his socks. She refused on account of her work, and he struck her with a strap on the arm, dislocating it. At another time he threw all the table dishes at her, including knives, forks and a butcher knife.

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DIED.

McINTOSH—Paul William, son of Heph F. and Olive R. McIntosh, aged six years, Private funeral from family residence, 2527 Spencer street, Tuesday afternoon.

PADLOCK—On Sunday January 20th, Major George W. Padlock, aged 71 years, died at his home. Funeral from the residence of his son-in-law, N. January 22d at 11 o'clock in the morning. Burial at Prospect Hill.

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A New Train to Chicago.

Visitors to the World's fair who traveled by the Burlington's "Chicago Special" will be pleased to learn that special trains, without exception the fastest in the west, are again in service.

Faster—more comfortable—better than ever. Leaves Omaha at 11:50 p. m. daily. Reaches Chicago at 2:30 the next afternoon. Chair cars and coaches, Omaha to Chicago. Through Pullman service. All meals served in a dining car.

Tickets and full information at the City ticket office, 1324 Farnam street.

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In behalf of the Dog.

A number of gentlemen interested in thoroughbred dogs held a meeting yesterday and drafted a bill to be presented to the present legislature. This document provides that all dogs in the state of Nebraska are

BREVET HONORS DECLINED.

Six Officers Return Their Commissions to the War Department.

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Six army officers have declined brevet ranks conferred upon them during the year 1894 for gallantry in Indian engagements. The list of brevets conferred is materially lengthened by the conference of these honorary titles. The War department had considerable difficulty in selecting officers who were entitled to the distinction, and a large amount of correspondence was exchanged between the department and officers. Many officers were unwilling to accept the terms in which their services were designated, and the objection to the brevets consisted on having the fact mentioned that their names were on the list, a fact which was not considered desirable. The description which must be limited to the fact of the engagement on the officer's part, and to the fact that he was in the list, is unusual to have an officer decline a brevet commission, which carries nothing with it but the honor of being mentioned in official reports.

With surprise, therefore, that six officers' commissions were found returned to the War Department. The objection in five instances was that the additional brevet rank held by the officers at the time of the nomination. The brevets given were: Major and lieutenant colonel, Captain J. W. Jacobs, of the Quartermaster's department, who was mentioned for service in August, 1894, in the Indian engagement at Fort Big Hole, Mont.; Major and lieutenant colonel, Captain J. W. Jacobs, of the Quartermaster's department, who was mentioned for service in August, 1894, in the Indian engagement at Fort Big Hole, Mont.; Major and lieutenant colonel, Captain J. W. Jacobs, of the Quartermaster's department, who was mentioned for service in August, 1894, in the Indian engagement at Fort Big Hole, Mont.

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