

NUMBER OF BANKS INCREASE

Nine Charters Issued in One Day by the State Banking Board.

EIGHTY-SEVEN IN THE LAST TWO YEARS

Secretary's Force Kept Busy Receiving Entries for the State Fair—Council Decides Against Viaduct.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Banking business in Nebraska has been increasing at a lively rate during the last three years.

Not only has the number of banks increased, but all important items, such as loans, deposits and cash, have gone upward, some of them being nearly twice as large as four or five years ago.

Commercial State Bank, Coleridge, Cedar county, capital, \$20,000; directors, George A. Gray, J. L. Lutz, J. J. King, J. J. King, J. J. King, J. J. King.

Secretary Furnas and his staff of assistants are working busily in the making of the final arrangements for the state fair.

Anticipating an unusually large attendance at the Union Commercial club has publicly asked citizens to open their homes to visitors who fall to find accommodations at the hotels.

No Viaduct Over Tracks. The city council of Lincoln last night tabled the ordinance to require the Rock Island Railroad company to build a viaduct over its tracks on East O street.

Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the Nebraska Retail Grocery Men's association when it holds its state convention in Lincoln October 16, 17 and 18.

W. J. Bryan will address the Grand Army of the Republic reunion at Hastings on the afternoon of September 8 and will open the democratic campaign of Missouri with a speech at Joplin on the evening of September 8.

Hall of Bart Named. OAKLAND, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The republicans of Bart and Cuming counties met in convention here Monday and nominated Captain Joseph Hall of Bart for senator from the seventh senatorial district.

Blue River Baptists Elect. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The Blue River Baptist church here held a three days' session at Union hall, Island Grove township, closing Sunday night.

Electrical Storm in Gage County. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—A severe electrical storm passed over this section last evening. Lightning struck the postoffice and also a dwelling in the west part of the city, but neither of the buildings were damaged to any extent.

Institute to Open at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The annual Gage County Teachers' institute will convene in this city Monday for one week.

Fraternal Picnic at Crete. CRETE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Preparations are being made for a picnic to be held here August 28 by the orders of Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees of this and adjoining counties.

Splendid Institute at Greeley. GREELEY, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—One of the most successful institutes ever held in Greeley county closed last Friday. The enrollment reached seventy-five and the attendance was extraordinary.

Falls City Instructor Chosen. FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Board of Education last night E. L. Tobie, a graduate of the State university, was elected instructor of sciences in the high school to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. J. Mercer.

Old Soldiers Gather at Cambridge. CAMBRIDGE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Yesterday was the first day of the Southwestern district Grand Army of the Republic reunion. Several hundred people are on the grounds already.

Hard Storm Strikes Crete. CRETE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—A severe electrical storm passed over here early this morning. Lightning struck the houses of C. F. Baker and J. Vitek, but in neither case did it do more damage than to demolish the chimneys and tear off some plastering.

Lightning Destroys a House. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Hubka, located near Virginia, this county, was struck by lightning this morning and burned to the ground with all its contents.

To Enlarge York Manufacturing. YORK, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The York Manufacturing company of this place has purchased about four lots adjoining its other property in North York.

Genevras Fear Early Frost. GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The weather continued misty and cool and some fear an early frost. Mercury dropped yesterday afternoon from 92 to 63 degrees.

Robbers Elude the Officers. Perpetrators of Aberdeen Bank Theft Discard Nickels and Dimes, but Keep Big Money.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Up to this time no clue has been found of the robbers who entered the First National bank Sunday night.

His Body Blown to Pieces. James Gillespie Instantly Killed and Partner Injured by Blast in Homestake Mine.

LEAD, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—James Gillespie was killed outright and his partner, Timothy Gordon, injured by a blast in the Homestake mine.

Two Charged with Murder. Pair of Junk Dealers Arrested at Kemmerer, Wyo., for Alleged Killing of George Norton.

KEMMERER, Wyo., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The body of the man found on Willow creek a few days ago has been identified as that of George D. Norton, who, the authorities believe, was murdered.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Rainfall is Greater Portion of the State Above the Normal.

SOME DAMAGE TO GRAIN IN THE SHOCK

Warm, Dry Weather Needed Now on to Mature Corn—Ground in Good Condition for Fall Plowing.

Following is the report of the United States Department of Agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Nebraska section, for the week ending August 24.

The last week has been wet and cool. The daily mean temperature has averaged 3 degrees below normal in eastern counties and 1 degree below in western.

The rainfall, with few exceptions, has been above normal. The amount has quite generally exceeded an inch in eastern and southern counties, and in considerable areas ranged from two to four inches.

Corn has, with very few exceptions, grown well, and continues to promise a very large crop. The rain in the southern counties was very timely and beneficial.

The soil is now in excellent condition for plowing and seeding. Pastures are unusually fine.

Southeastern Section. The corn in the southern and western portions of the section was needing rain at the close of last week.

The showers of the week were beneficial, but generally shock threshing is completed. The ground is now in excellent condition for plowing and seeding.

Northeastern Section. The continued excessive rains of the last week have been rather injurious to crop interests.

Pastures are in excellent condition. Apples, wild plums and grapes are a good crop.

Central Section. Haying and threshing have been retarded by rain.

Corn is doing well and promises a very heavy crop, but is later than usual and is maturing very slowly.

Southwestern Section. Heavy rains in the counties along the Kansas river in the northern portion of the section were beneficial.

Corn in most parts of the section has improved in condition the last week. Fall plowing is in progress.

Western and Northwestern Sections. In the eastern portion of this district wet weather has retarded haying.

Throughout the central and western districts with the exception of northern Missouri and portions of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, where the crop is doing well, the reports indicate a decided decline in its condition.

The deterioration has been pronounced and under the most favorable future weather conditions a yield in excess of the average is improbable.

DYNAMITE FAILS TO WORK

Robbers Hold Up Train, but Secure Nothing Because They Cannot Blow Open Express Car.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 26.—A westbound Northern Pacific passenger train was held up at Sandpoint, Idaho, sixty-five miles east of here, last night.

The robbers, of whom there were seven, forced the engineer to stop the train, after which they uncoupled the baggage car.

Two other bandits had guarded the train, keeping the passengers inside by firing revolvers along the sides.

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GREEN RIVER, Wyo., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The largest lumber drive that ever came down Green river arrived here yesterday.

The drive consisted of 200,000 railroad ties and over 200,000 mine props, besides much finished lumber.

HURLEY BOARD LETS CONTRACT. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The Hurley Board of Education has awarded to D. F. Bennett, a contractor of this city, the contract for erecting the new \$9,000 school building at that place.

The intention is to have the building completed and ready for occupancy at the commencement of the winter term in January next.

WOMEN TO RAISE SCHOOL FUND. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The Catholic women of Bridgeport, with commendable enterprise, have set out to raise funds for the construction at that place of a school building, to cost about \$5,000.

The women will raise part or all of the amount by serving dinners, holding fairs, etc.

Believed to Be Work of Firebugs. LANDER, Wyo., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Forest fires are still raging in the mountains in this vicinity.

Forest fires are still raging in the mountains in this vicinity, although the force of fire fighters employed by the interior department is doing every possible thing to extinguish them.

It is alleged that in the section where fires were extinguished there were set by unknown parties.

BRANDEIS BOSTON STORE & SONS

Between September 10th and 15th we will open up a new shoe department on our second floor. Finer, more complete and better stocked than any shoe store west of New York. It will be a shoe store not only up-to-date, but up-to-morrow.

First showing and first sale of new fall shoes



Women's Welt Sole Button and Lace Shoes

at \$1.98 at \$2.50 at \$3 & \$3.50 at \$4 & \$5. A lady's vic kido lace shoe with beautiful dull kid top, Cuban heel and extension sole and bull dog toe.

WEATHER TOO COLD AND WET

Conditions During the Last Week Not Favorable for Ripening Crops. CORN GREATLY IN NEED OF MORE HEAT. Spring wheat harvest in the Northwest is Not Yet Finished, Having Been Delayed by the Continued Showers.

New Railroad in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Aug. 26.—A territorial charter was granted today to the Guthrie, Shawnee & Coalgate Railroad company, with \$1,500,000 capital, to build a line from Guthrie westward to Beaver, a distance of 150 miles.

Body Found in River at Yankton.

YANKTON, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of a man was found in the river here this afternoon. It had been in the water about a month and would be unrecognizable.

After Veterans' Encampment.

WATERLOO, Ia., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The local Grand Army of the Republic post is after the instruction of the national encampment for 1903, with a good prospect of securing the gathering.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Day, Temperature, Wind. Includes entries for Omaha, Lincoln, and other Nebraska cities.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU

Table with 4 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation. Includes entries for 1901, 1902, and 1903.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Table with 4 columns: Location, Clouds, Wind, Precipitation. Includes entries for Omaha, Lincoln, and other Nebraska cities.

Advertisement for Prickly Ash Bitters, THE SYSTEM REGULATOR. A CROSS WOMAN is a disagreeable creature to live with; the trouble is in the stomach and bowels. She needs Prickly Ash Bitters.

Advertisement for The Living Animals of the World NOW READY. PARTS 1 to 24. At The Bee Office. Price 10 cents—By mail 15 cents.

Advertisement for BROWNELL HALL. A well equipped school for girls. Graduates of Vassar college, Radcliffe college, of Chicago, included in the corps of instructors.

Advertisement for Racine College Grammar School. "The School That Makes Manly Boys." PUPILS STUDY UNDER AN INSTRUCTOR. ITS GRADUATES ENTER ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

Advertisement for Chicago-Kent College of Law. Law department Lake Forest University. Large faculty. Degree LL. B. conferred on completion of three years course.

Advertisement for Pabst Beer is always pure. Brewed from carefully selected barley and hops—never permitted to leave the brewery until properly aged.