

## 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 Vindict.

(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. Today charters were issued by the State Banking board to nine new institutions incorporated under the state laws. This brings the total of state banks up to 465.

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. In March, 1899, there were 365 banks in the state.

The republican administration was inaugurated last year there were 412 banks under the state jurisdiction and since then charters have been issued to eighty-seven new banks. Four banks were closed or consolidated during the period.

Following are the institutions chartered today:

Commercial State Bank, Colider, Cedar county; capital \$30,000; directors, George C. Brindenbaugh and John H. Nease.

Farmers' State Bank, Ihaca, Saunders county; capital \$30,000; G. F. Wagner, president; W. E. Deek, vice president; J. M. Hall, cashier.

American Exchange Bank, Bristow, Boyd county; capital \$10,000; John Frostom, president; W. L. Hubbard, vice president; D. M. Schmitz, cashier.

State Bank of Bee, Bee, Beward county; capital \$30,000; president, H. T. Jones; vice president, George C. Campbell; cashier, W. B. Thorpe.

The Farmers' Bank, Sholes, Wayne county; capital \$5,000; M. S. Merrill, president.

Grafton State Bank, Grafton, Fillmore county; capital \$10,000; Frank W. Sloan, president; George E. Aldrich, vice president.

Archer State Bank, Archer, Merrick county; capital \$10,000; John Hayes, J. B. Tempin and C. Hostetter, incorporators.

First State Bank, Hartington, Cedar county; capital \$30,000; J. G. Beste, George C. Robinson, W. S. Weston, L. E. Jones, Jr., Stephen Bell, and C. D. Chandler, directors.

L. Brandel & Sons, Omaha; capital, \$50,000; president, L. Brandel; Hugo H. Brandel, managing director.

Many Entries for Fair.

Secretary Furnas and his staff of assistants are working unceasingly in the making of the final arrangements for the state fair. Entries are coming in rapidly and upward of a score of clerks are kept busy assigning space to the exhibitors. On Thursday Secretary Furnas will remove his office to the fair grounds.

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

## No Vindict 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. This action was prompted by an outburst of opposition on the part of taxpayers in East Lincoln, who insisted that the construction of the viaduct would greatly reduce the value of their property. There are only two tracks crossing the street and these are carefully guarded.

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. It has not been decided in which building the meetings will be held. A banquet will be one of the principal events in the program of entertainment.

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 2.

## Hall of Burt Named.

OAKLAND, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The republicans of Burt and Cuming counties met in convention here Monday and nominated Captain Joseph Hall of Burt for senator from the Seventh senatorial district. Captain Hall, who is an old soldier and an early settler of Burt county, has served one term as state representative of Burt and Washington counties and also three terms as commissioner of Burt county.

## Blue River Baptists Elect.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The Blue River Baptist association held a three days' session at Union hall, Island Grove township, closing Sunday night. The meeting was well attended. Officers were elected for the year as follows: Moderator, Rev. D. L. McBride of Liberty; clerk, Miss Nellie Winters of Western; treasurer, Isaac Staples of Beatrice.

W. C. T. U. Convention at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The state Woman's Christian Temperance union convention will be held in this city next month, and members of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance union are making elaborate preparations for the meeting.

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. The enrollment of nearly 300 teachers is expected.

Fraternal Picnic at Crete.

CRETE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—Preparations are being made for a picnic to be held here August 29 by the orders of Knights and Ladies of Security and Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees of this and ad-

## Bad Blood

Pimples, rashes, eczema, boils, headache, nervousness, debility—these are some of the results of impure blood. Medical authorities agree that impure blood can be made pure and rich. Your doctor will tell you about Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Bad blood follows constipation, and constipation follows a sluggish liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They produce natural daily movements in a natural way.

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joining counties. Rev. T. Martin of Topeka, Kan., national prelate of the Knights and Ladies of Security, and Miss Ella L. Marks, state commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, will be the principal speakers. A special train will run from Lincoln for the occasion.

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, being ninety-six present. J. J. King of Albion, F. A. McGlashan of Grand Island and Miss Bertha Higginson of Fairbury were the instructors. During the week Superintendent King delivered an excellent lecture, "A Man of Quality." Rev. A. A. Crossman of Grand Island gave one of his popular lectures. Tom and His Teacher and State Superintendent Fowler gave an entertaining and instructive address Thursday evening. Superintendent D. D. Donovan is highly pleased with the result of the first institute under his superintendence.

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. The salary of the principal of the high school was raised from \$65 to \$70 per month. Mrs. Flora Fifer of Lincoln is principal. The public schools here will open Monday, September 1.

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. Great preparations are being made to entertain the crowd that is expected this week. Miners and McCook play ball here this week and Wilsonville and Arapahoe are expected to have a contest in tennis at this place some time this week.

Hard Storm Strikes Crete.

CRETE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—A severe electrical storm passed over here early this morning. Lightning struck the homes of C. F. Baker and J. Vitell, but neither case did it do much more damage than to demolish the chimneys and tear off some plastering. Half an inch of rain fell and again the farmers are complaining of receiving too much moisture.

Lightning Destroys a House.

CRETE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Hubka, located near Virginia, this county, was struck by lightning this morning and burned to the ground with its contents. The family escaped with only personal effects. Loss, \$1,000, with \$500 insurance.

To Enlarge York Manufacturing.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The Downie Wright Manufacturing company of this place has purchased about four lots adjoining its other property in North York. This will afford an opportunity to expand the plant as business demands.

Genesee Fear Early Frost.

GENESEE, Neb., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The weather continues misty and cool and some fear an early frost. Mercury dropped yesterday afternoon from 92 to 88 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. The money found under a sidewalk last night was mostly in nickels and dimes, evidently too heavy for the thieves to carry. The actual loss is a little over \$2,000, not as heavy as at first supposed. Officers think the stolen silver is planted somewhere in the city and are trying hard to locate it.

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, Timmy Gordon, injured by a blast in the Homestake mine. It is supposed that the men struck a charge of powder that had been loaded in a hole several months previous and set it off. Gillespie was blown to pieces, his body being dismembered.

Mitchell to Have a Corn Palace.

MITCHELL, S. D., Aug. 26.—(Special)—Mitchell will have another corn palace this fall. The business men of the city have been canvassed on the proposition and they signified their willingness to support the enterprise by subscribing over \$4,000 to the fund to defray the expenses of the affair. The following committee has been selected to have charge of the enterprise: L. O. Gale, president, and will have charge of the attractions; Dr. R. K. Kibbe, secretary and treasurer; Dr. R. P. Dundas, advertising; S. H. Scallan, buildings and decorations; J. K. Smith, manager of agricultural displays; services of A. Rohe of Lawrence, Kan., have been secured to decorate the building. The dates for the palace have not been settled upon as yet, but it is likely that they will be made for the last few days in September and the first week in October.

Big Green River Lumber Drive.

GREEN RIVER, Wyo., Aug. 26.—(Special)—The largest lumber drive that came down Green river arrived here yesterday and a gang of men is now engaged in removing the ties, mine props and other timber from the water. The drive was conducted by the Green River Lumber and Company and the timber was cut on the headwaters of the river.

The drive consisted of 200,000 railroad ties and over 220,000 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. It is the intention 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 Bridgewater, 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 the mountains in this vicinity, although the force of fire fighters employed by the Interior department is doing everything possible to extinguish them. It is alleged that in the section where fires were extinguished others were set by unknown parties.

## NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Rainfall in Greater Portion of the State Above the Normal.

SOME DAMAGE TO GRAIN IN THE SHOCK

Warm, Dry Weather Needed from Now on to Maturity 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 26.

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. In the northwestern portion of the state the rainfall was less than half an inch.

The showers of the week retarded haying and threshing and considerable hay in the northern sections was damaged by rain. Threshing from shock is in progress in northern counties and some damage to grain in shock has resulted from the wet weather of the week.

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 to corn. Warm weather is needed to ripen the corn crop, as it is maturing slowly and is now slightly behind normal development at this season of the year.

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

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