

## ASSETS OF BANK MISSING

Only Two Cents in Cash in Vaults of Failed Institution at O'Neill.

FORTY THOUSAND OF NOTES MISSING

Bank Examiner Whittemore Has Hard Time to Untangle Affairs, as All Who Are Familiar with Them Are Gone.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Bank Examiner Fred Whittemore, who is looking up the records of the Elkhorn Valley bank that failed at O'Neill several days ago, has reported to Secretary Hogen of the State Banking Board that it will be several days before he can unravel the books and make an official report. From his hasty examination Mr. Whittemore has found that all the cash, with the exception of 10 cents, is missing and that notes to the value of \$40,000 are also gone, leaving nothing with which to pay the liabilities. Mr. Whittemore discovered in the bank a pouch containing \$25,000 worth of notes, which, he reported, had doubtless been paid or were old notes that were worthless.

The examiner expected that the statement left by Mr. Hagerly would throw some light on the matter, but in this he was disappointed. The letter was left with Mrs. Hagerly, with instructions that she give it to the examiner after consulting with an attorney. The statement was to the effect that Mr. Hagerly's partner had scuttled the bank and that he (Hagerly) did not have the face to again meet the people of O'Neill, who had so implicitly trusted him, in view of the failure. Mr. Hagerly is over 70 years of age and his statement probably will create some sympathy for him in view of his advanced years.

Mr. Whittemore has made an examination of the books as they were on the evening before the failure, November 18, and that statement follows. In his report to the secretary of the banking board the examiner said the statement may be somewhat changed when he brings it up to date. The work, he said, would be slow because there is no one familiar with the books to explain the transactions to him, and all of it will have to be unraveled by degrees. Below is the statement:

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts secured by real estate	\$5,361.02
Other loans and discounts	2,258.83
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers	1,223.85
Banking house	3,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
Other real estate	2,500.00
Current expenses	425.25
Cash items and cash	1,254.08
Cash short	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,831.41</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits	3,238.20
Individual deposits, subject to check	26,052.30
Demand certificates of deposit	45.00
Time certificates of deposit	31,521.25
Sundries	202.72
Bills payable	2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,831.41</b>

## Burlington in Earnest.

Evidently the Burlington railroad is not bluffing in its game against the new revenue law. After Tax Commissioner Pollard finishes his tour of the counties through which the road runs and makes a tender of money in payment of taxes the legal department of the road will apply to the United States courts for an injunction to prevent the county treasurers from collecting the balance of the money due and to prevent other county treasurers from collecting more money than has been tendered by the tax commissioner. About 20 per cent of the counties have accepted the money tendered by the road and all have been visited, with the exception of two or three. In each instance Mr. Pollard has taken the valuation as fixed by the State Board of Assessment a year ago and to this valuation he has added 20 per cent. On this valuation he has made an offer of taxes in accordance with the levy of this year. Mr. Pollard has asked for a receipt for the amount of money he paid and not for the full amount of taxes due.

Mr. Pollard was here this morning and made a tender to the county treasurer of Lancaster county, which, being less than

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the total amount of taxes due, was refused. It is the belief of the road that the cases will go clear to the supreme court of the United States and it will be a year or two before the final decision is handed down.

In offering taxes based on a valuation of 20 per cent more than the valuation of last year Mr. Pollard stated that last year the Burlington was assessed at one-fifth of its value and that now the law called for a one-fifth valuation, so he was willing to add the 20 per cent difference. He has made his tour of those counties through which the Burlington runs in a special car, carrying money with him and a guard to look after the money. At no place, however, he said, was there any indication that bandits had any intention of holding up his car.

## Unsettled Soldier's Monument.

Governor Mickey and Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews will go to Adams tomorrow to the unveiling of the union veterans' monument erected at that place. Both will deliver addresses.

## Woman's No Means No.

When a woman wills she wills and when she won't she won't, and Officers Overton and Joeger are willing and ready to stand up in court and subscribe to these sentiments. They found it out today in front of a gaping crowd of interested men and boys, who enjoyed the show to the utmost. The woman who wouldn't was Mrs. Katie M. Donaldson, and the officers found out she wouldn't when they tried to make her. Mrs. Donaldson and a few of her neighbors have been having a little trouble, a fight or two occasionally between the children and things like that, until finally they broke into court. A 10-year-old girl and Mrs. Donaldson were arrested several days ago and Mrs. Donaldson was told to appear in court this morning. She failed to come and at noon she intimidated the chief of police when he came to meet her on the street that she didn't expect to appear.

Then the two officers sallied forth with the patrol wagon to show her. They found Mrs. Donaldson emerging from the office of the city attorney, where she had filed a few complaints against her neighbors. Overton gallantly invited her to accompany them to the station. She readily consented and with her boy started off. Overton couldn't think of letting her walk, so both officers gallantly offered her assistance to the patrol wagon. Then Mrs. Donaldson balked. She pawed the air and she made a few remarks. Still gallant, the officers, not to be refused, gently encircled her waist and tried to lift her into the wagon. With her boy as an anchor, she valiantly held onto the sidewalk, and the round ended when Mrs. Donaldson's waist was ripped up the back. The crowd had gathered and the officers, with very good grace, surrendered and the three marched to the station foot.

## Has Time to Remember.

Daniel Keefe, ex-detective, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary today for taking a shot at James Malone, Burlington detective, with the evident intention of doing away forever with this link of the law. Keefe pleaded guilty, but told the court he remembered nothing about the shooting affair. Keefe shot at Malone as the latter entered his own office, he having preceded him there.

## Election is All Settled.

The state canvassing board met this morning and went over the election returns for presidential electors as tabulated by Deputy Secretary of State Fred Miller, and each member of the board put his O. K. on the same. Certificates of election will be issued shortly.

## Paupers Are Decreasing.

In prosperous Nebraska the number of paupers, charges of counties, has been materially decreased during the last two years. In his forthcoming report Secretary Davis of the State Board of Charity and Correction will state that two years ago there were 1,100 dependents, while now there are 1,002. According to his compilation there is one dependent pauper subsisting on public bounty to every 1,300 inhabitants. The cost of maintenance ranges from \$1.02 to \$4 a week. The lowest figures are reached in Richardson county, while the highest average per person is reached in the western section of the state. The cost where there are few inmates is proportionately higher

than in counties having larger numbers of dependents.

## WARRANTS ISSUED FOR BANKERS

Receiver Can Find Only Portion of the Assets.

O'NEILL, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A Bee representative called again at the home of Mrs. Hagerly without getting a statement. It is not believed that she has anything to say that will throw any new light on the subject.

It is learned from other sources that the bank was originally started on about \$10,000 borrowed money to pay off debts with and that the bank paid off about one-half of the principal in fifteen years and that the payment of interest on that amount, together with the large rate of interest paid to depositors, gradually absorbed the principal funds of the depositors. There is no valuable asset in sight at this writing except the bank building.

Complaint has been issued against Patrick Hagerly, charging him with receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent. Also a complaint against Bernard McGreevey, charging him with embezzlement of the city money.

The following figures show the condition of the bank at the close of business on November 18, five days before the bank closed. While this shows loans to the amount of \$65,961.02, the bank examiner has so far found only about \$35,000 in notes. It is probable that a portion of the missing notes are pledged as collateral for borrowed money. The figures are:

**ASSETS.**

Bills receivable	\$45,961.02
Overdrafts	2,258.83
Expense	1,473.33
Banking house	3,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00
Other real estate	2,500.00
Due from banks	1,254.08
Cash	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,831.41</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital	\$15,000.00
Surplus	1,500.00
Profits	3,238.20
Individual deposits	26,052.30
Certificates of deposit	3,278.25
Bills payable	2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,831.41</b>

## Big Land Transfers.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—William Otto, a leading farmer and one of the largest land owners in York county, living near Charleston, yesterday recorded deeds to farm lands owned by him in this county of a total value of \$22,000, deeding the greater part of the same to his son, Morris Otto, for a consideration of \$5, and for the consideration of \$1 he deeded Emma Faustman 600 acres, worth \$38,000. The deed to Morris Otto describes 3,000 acres of land. He also filed for record a bill of sale of a grain elevator at Charleston, crabs, scales and bins, coal and lumber business and the general merchandise store owned by him at Charleston and all other property, including thousands of bushels of corn, wheat and oats now stored on the farms owned by him and in elevator. Just before recording the above deeds Mr. Otto had recorded to him deeds to farms purchased by him several years ago amounting to \$14,800. Suit was brought last week by W. S. Mart, a tenant farmer, against Mr. Otto, charging Otto with using slanderous statements against Mart. There is bad feeling between them and Mart asks that Otto pay him \$5,000.

## Otis Simms at Home.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Otis Simms, the young man who assaulted Chris Stucke, companion, over a quarrel at a game of billiards and who came very near killing him with a blow from a billiard cue, according to the story told in these columns a few days ago, was in the city Saturday afternoon and met and conferred with several friends about the unfortunate affair. He denies that he has at any time absented himself from his home since the trouble occurred, but has been at work as usual every day. Latest reports indicate that the operation of raising the skull of Stucke was successful and he shows some signs of improvement, although his recovery is yet very doubtful. His very serious condition at the time of the operation occurred is without doubt responsible for the reports of his death, which came from Sabetha on Friday last.

## Thief Visits Farm House.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—While James Schock and his family, who reside a few miles southeast of the city, were away from home a thief entered the house and stole a suit of clothes, bed spreads and comforts and other articles valued at \$100. Bloodhounds were secured and followed the trail of the robber to the river, where it was learned that he made his escape in a boat. The matter was reported to the sheriff, who believes he will have no trouble in capturing the fellow, who lives near Wathena, Kan., and who is wanted by the officers for stealing a hog near Harbine, Neb., recently.

## Farmer Killed by Fall.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Fritz Viox, a wealthy farmer, residing near Lorton, fell out of his wagon Saturday night while driving to his home and was killed. He had spent the evening in town and when he left for home was under the influence of liquor. He was found lying in the middle of the road and marks on his body stated that the wheels of the wagon had passed over his body, crushing out his life. He leaves a widow and a large number of children.

## Beatrice Needs Pesthouse.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The city council held a special meeting Saturday afternoon to devise ways and means for providing for a pest house for smallpox patients. The matter was placed in the hands of the committee on police

and health and the mayor with power to act. Because a smallpox patient was placed in the home of Mrs. Morrison, who lives near the Harrington school, the citizens of West Beatrice held an indignation meeting in the evening and decided to keep their children home from school until the patient, who is a young man, was removed. The action of the authorities in giving a smallpox patient quarters so near the school house was condemned and those present decided to take some action unless the authorities saw that the man afflicted with the disease was removed at once.

## Loses Hand in Shredder.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—John Haskett, who is employed on the Kilpatrick farm west of the city, met with an accident this morning which cost him the loss of his left hand. He was operating a corn shredder and in some way got his hand caught in the rollers, with the result that it was frightfully mangled. Two physicians of this city were called and found it necessary to amputate the hand. The owner of a sawmill and who happened to look out just as the accident happened and by reversing the engine probably saved Haskett's life.

## Fatality in Saw Mill.

AUBURN, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Word has just reached here of the accidental killing of Thomas J. Chandley at the home of John B. Stott in Aspinwall precinct, this county, about twenty miles southeast of this place. Mr. Chandley was the owner of a sawmill and was doing some sawing for Stott. He went into the pit to clean out some sawdust and while at work was struck in the head by the saw and instantly killed. Mr. Chandley was about 60 years of age and was an old resident of the community where he was killed.

## Senator Dietrich Starts East.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Charles E. Dietrich departed this afternoon for Washington, where he goes to occupy his seat in the United States senate when it convenes in January. Mr. Dietrich will stop off in Chicago and will not arrive in Washington until next Monday. Senator Dietrich and daughter, Miss Gertrude, will make their home at the Arlington while in Washington.

## First Annual Fraternal Sermon.

BLAIR, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Oak camp, Woodmen of the World, assembled in the First Christian church at this place last evening and listened to a fraternal sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Schleg of Omaha. The congregation was unusually large and choice music was rendered by a selected choir.

## News of Nebraska.

BEATRICE, Nov. 28.—The work of grading the grounds for the new Burlington depot was begun today.

BEATRICE, Nov. 28.—Fifteen farmers living west of Pickrell and who are patrons of the Home Telephone company have organized a farmers' exchange.

PLATTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—Charles Swan, aged 24 years, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Swan of this city, died in Koka, Neb., yesterday with typhoid fever. Burial will be at Syracuse, Neb.

PLATTSBURGH, Nov. 28.—The Plattsburgh Telephone company was transferring its wires from the Fitzgerald block to its own building today, which will be used both for office and exchange in the future.

STROMSBURG, Nov. 28.—The funeral of Mrs. A. F. Adolphson occurred today from the Swede Plains Methodist Episcopal church, eight miles west of the city. Mrs. Adolphson died at the Platten hospital Friday morning from dropsy.

BEATRICE, Nov. 28.—J. H. Reed and M. S. Johnson, who engaged in a fight at Wynmore recently, in which the latter was stabbed in several places, were fined \$20 and costs each on the charge of assault and battery by Justice Archard at Wynmore Saturday afternoon.

BEATRICE, Nov. 28.—Rev. and Mrs. John Farmer, who reside west of the city a few miles, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large company of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are among the prominent Methodists of this county.

WEST POINT, Nov. 28.—The new uptown passenger depot of the Northwestern line will be opened to the public on December 1. At a special meeting of the city council

steps were taken to properly celebrate this event. Mayor Sonnenchein outlined to the council a very attractive program, which was adopted.

BEATRICE, Nov. 28.—Harry Kemper, a member of "The Two Orphans" company, lost a diamond stud valued at \$300 in the dressing room at the Paddock opera house Saturday night. Yesterday the sparkler was found by a police officer and sent to Hanover, Kan., where the company was booked for a performance last night.

STROMSBURG, Nov. 28.—Mrs. John Hilary died very suddenly last night from heart failure. She had been out in the yard and as she entered the house she fell on the floor and died instantly. Dr. Anderson was called, but to no avail. Funeral will be held tomorrow. She was about 60 years old and lived with her daughter, Mrs. Charles J. Anderson.

YORK, Nov. 28.—There was considerable anxiety over the absence of J. B. Foster, who started to Omaha with a carload of cattle. His family received a telegram from him at Omaha that he would return in the evening and owing to his nonappearance that night and the next day they were considerably alarmed. Mr. Foster did not meet with any misfortune and was later sent a telegram that he had changed his mind and would be home later. This last telegram did not arrive here.

## PLANS OF BORIS SARAFFOFF

Macedonian Leader Says Uprising Will Take Place in Spring of 1906.

## DECLARES REFORM POLICY A FAILURE

Insurgent Organization is Being Maintained by Damien Gruet and Money is Being Secured for Rising.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A letter from Boris Saraffoff, the Macedonian leader, to a friend in London says the intention of the revolutionary committee to defer the next general rising until the spring of 1906, after the expiration of the two-year term of the Austro-Russian reforms. Saraffoff adds that

the reforms are utter failures and that the condition of the peasants is worse than before this late revolution. Their homes have not been rebuilt and the people are on the verge of starvation, some of them freezing to death. The insurgents under Damien Gruet are maintaining the revolutionary organization with seventy bands of ten to fifty men each and are collecting funds in Macedonia for the next rising. Saraffoff is in Bulgaria for the same purpose.

In Macedonian circles in London the mobilization of the Albanian regiments and Turkish reserves and the appointment of Nazir Pasha as special envoy with instructions to take all the measures necessary to suppress the Bulgarian movement by the quickest possible methods, create uneasiness, as Nazir is regarded as being the most relentless Turkish commander in suppressing Christian risings.

He conducted the representative operations of last year and participated in the suppression of the Armenian disturbances.



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