

BANK SURPLUS IS INCREASED

First National's Capital Now Equals That of Omaha National.

YEARLY MEETINGS ARE HELD

All National Institutions Hold Elections and But Few Changes in the Directorates Are Announced.

The First National bank, at its annual meeting Tuesday morning, increased its surplus from \$200,000 to \$2,000,000, making its combined capital and surplus \$2,500,000, exactly equaling the combined capital and surplus of the Omaha National bank, which, with a capital of \$1,000,000 increased its surplus about two weeks ago from \$200,000 to \$2,000,000.

The United States National is only \$100,000 behind in this respect, having recently increased its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 and its surplus from \$500,000 to \$500,000.

All of the national banks held annual meetings today, only a few changes in the directorates being made. E. L. Burke of Kent & Burke, cattle feeders at Omaha, Neb., was added to the directorate of the United States National. C. E. Yost and John S. King were added to the directorate of the Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha. George A. Joslyn of Omaha and George N. Peck of Moline, Ill., became additional directors of the Merchants' National. Harold Kountze of Denver was elected a director of the First National to succeed his father, the late C. B. Kountze.

The New Directorates.

Following are the directors and officers elected:

First National—Officers: President, C. T. Kountze; vice president, F. H. Davis, second vice president, L. L. Kountze; cashier, T. L. Davis; assistant cashiers, Irving Allison, G. T. Zimmerman and G. T. Eastman. These, with J. D. Creighton, Harold Kountze, A. F. Kountze, W. S. Poppleton and E. M. Andresen, compose the board of directors.

United States National—Officers: President, M. T. Barlow; vice president, G. W. Wattle and V. B. Caldwell; cashier, W. E. Rhoades; assistant cashiers, G. E. Haverstick, R. P. Morstan, J. C. McClure and G. H. Yates. Directors: M. T. Barlow, A. D. Brandeis, S. S. Caldwell, G. W. Wattle and C. E. Yost.

Merchants' National—Officers: President, Luther Drake; vice president, Frank T. Hamilton; cashier, Fred P. Hamilton; assistant cashiers, B. H. Melle and C. B. Dugdale. Directors: Luther Drake, Frank T. Hamilton, G. L. Rogers, Fred P. Hamilton, George E. Pritchett, George A. Joslyn and George N. Peck.

Live Stock National—Officers: President, C. F. McGrew; vice president, T. E. Gledhill; cashier, L. M. Lord; assistant cashier, F. W. Thomas. Directors: T. E. Gledhill, A. W. Fricke, A. L. Bergquist, E. L. Howe, W. C. Lambert, H. O. Edwards, E. A. Leed, W. F. Atkins, C. F. McGrew and L. M. Lord.

Stocks Yards National—Officers: President, H. C. Hostwick; vice president, E. F. Folda; second vice president, P. W. Clarke; cashier, J. C. French; assistant president, J. S. King; assistant cashiers, H. C. Miller and Esop Cory. Directors: J. Ogden Armour, K. C. Harton, H. C. Bestwick, Truman Buck, E. Buckingham, E. A. Cudaby, Jr., C. F. Coffey, F. W. Clarke, R. J. Dunham, E. F. Folda, J. C. French, R. C. Howe, J. S. King, E. M. Morstan, Jr., J. D. Standish and C. E. Yost.

Nebraska National Officers—President, Henry W. Yates; vice president, Warren Switzer; second vice president, H. W. Yates, Jr.; cashier, W. E. Shepard; assistant cashier, Leonard Scheibel; directors, Henry W. Yates, Warren Switzer, H. W. Yates, Jr., W. E. Shepard and H. Y. Lemon.

City National—Directors, C. W. Erwin, Joseph Hayden, James A. Lehman, B. F. Marshall, T. B. McPherson, E. P. Meyers, C. H. Pickett, J. C. Charles, R. Sherman, Gottlieb Stora and W. Thomas. Officers will be sought.

The Omaha National, it was expected, would select old officers as follows, at a meeting this afternoon: President, J. C. French; vice president, William Walcott; cashier, H. Bucholz and Ward M. Burdette; assistant cashiers, Frank Boyd, Kara Millard and B. A. Wiley. These, with L. W. Carpenter, Charles H. Brown, J. E. Baum, E. A. Cudaby, A. C. Smith, L. C. Nash and K. C. Harton, constitute the board of directors.

The City National bank and the Packers' National bank will hold their meetings this afternoon.

Mercury Starts on

Upward Journey at a Very Slow Pace

The backbone of the cold spell is broken and I do not look for any more "below-zero" weather," says Forecasters L. A. Welsh. "In fact, indications point toward a rising temperature. I look for a light snow tonight or tomorrow morning."

The coldest area between the Missouri river and the mountains, say the railroad reports, was along the eastern line of Nebraska, extending down into Kansas and Missouri. Throughout this section temperatures were from zero to 5 below, with out along the McCook division from McCook to Denver, temperatures were from zero to 35 degrees above.

Along the eastern line of the Northwestern temperatures at 7 o'clock yesterday morning ranged from 5 below to 12 above, while in the Black Hills there was some zero weather, but generally it was above, with prospects of warmer.

Light snow fell along the Union Pacific around Grand Island and for a considerable distance west. Temperatures were from 20 to 37 degrees above.

Well Known Woman Succumbs to Cancer

Jennie E. Reed, wife of C. W. Reed, long prominently identified in Omaha, died of cancer Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock at the home in Benson. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Arthur Atack, pastor of the Benson First Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Reed was 51 years old, and came here in the early 70s. Her husband, who still lives, first worked as a cabin boy in the old ferry between Omaha and Council Bluffs. Later he engaged in the restaurant business, and in time he established the Delmona hotel, which is now the Omaha General hospital.

Mrs. Reed is survived by two children, Mrs. B. G. Ruffner of Benson and H. F. Reed, secretary of the L. G. Damp company of this city. There are also two brothers, George R. Childs and Charles W. Childs, both of Omaha.

Masten Approves Hitchcock's Plan

Postmaster General Hitchcock's plan for the reorganization of the railway mail service as described in press dispatches Sunday, will undoubtedly place the department upon a higher level of efficiency," said Superintendent Jack Masten of the railway mail service, fourteenth division.

"Mr. Hitchcock's idea is to appoint men to the railway service only after they have been in the Postoffice department long enough to 'get the hang of things' and will fill all vacancies in the railway service, which pays larger salaries than the Postoffice department, with men promoted from the Postoffice and all men in the railway division who have grown old and are incapacitated for service on trains, but who are active in brain, could be given positions in the Postoffice at their railway mail salaries.

"New men taken on in the Postoffice would be under the direction of the men who have grown gray handling mail and in this way the mail service, both in the Postoffice and on trains would attain the highest possible standard of efficiency. Another good feature would be the rapidity of promotion."

Priests of Pallas Parade is Abandoned

Kansas City has been forced to abandon its annual Priests of Pallas parade, an attraction that is to that city what the Ak-Sar-Ben pageant is to Omaha. The Metropolitan Street railway ever since the Priests of Pallas have given electrical parades, has furnished the den and the trucks upon which the floats were constructed and permitted the use of its tracks and power therefor. The company has declined to encourage or assist the Priests of Pallas this year, and it is necessary, therefore, for the directors to announce that it cannot give the electrical parade this year. The Priests of Pallas will give the usual Priests of Pallas ball and the mask ball with the ball and expect to distribute a handsome souvenir. It is the intention to furnish a substitute attraction for the parade, but just what that will be has not been decided.

Germans to Build New Concert Hall

Construction of a concert hall is being proposed by the Musik Verein, which was recently organized to combine all of the German singing societies in Omaha. The matter of building was suggested at a business meeting of the Verein held Monday evening. It is felt that sufficient money to build a concert hall could be readily secured from the members of the organization, and plans looking toward that end are now under way. One plan is to buy a building and remodel it to suit the needs of the organization, and the other plan is to erect an entirely new building. Plans will take more definite form as soon as a report can be made on the amount of money that could be raised.

The recently elected officers of the Verein were installed at the meeting last evening, and the ceremony was followed by a social hour of song and speech. The new officers are: Otto Strehlow, president; Dr. E. S. Lucke, first vice president; Peter Reicholds, second vice president; Fred Baiker, financial secretary; George Rahm, recording and corresponding secretary; W. H. Bucholz, treasurer.

Little Baby Girl Given Warm Home

Another child whose parents cannot care for her during the severe-cold was given a home for the cold weather by Miss Marge of the City Mission Monday evening. The little 3-year-old girl was brought up at the mission on North Tenth street, called for by the man of the family which offered to keep her warm and happy during the cold spell, and taken away rather scared, but smiling.

Many hungry women called at the City mission yesterday and were given food clothing is being donated generously by Omaha's well-to-do and is distributed to needy ones as soon as it is received. Old jobs are needed for the men.

Many children came to the mission and were given baskets of food to take home.

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\$75.00 tailored suits at \$37.50	\$65.00 coats at \$32.50	One \$125 Evening gown \$62.50	\$200 Hudson seal coats at \$110	\$225 mink sets at \$125
\$65.00 tailored suits at \$32.50	\$55.00 coats at \$27.50	Two \$95 Evening gown \$47.50	\$300 Persian lamb coats at \$165	\$195 mink sets at \$105
\$50.00 tailored suits at \$25.00	\$50.00 coats at \$25.00	\$65.00 dresses at \$32.50	\$190 Near-seal coats at \$55.00	\$150 mink sets at \$85.00
\$45.00 tailored suits at \$22.50	\$45.00 coats at \$22.50	\$50.00 dresses at \$25.00	\$150 Russian pony coats at \$79.50	\$125 fox sets at \$69.50
\$39.50 tailored suits at \$19.75	\$39.50 coats at \$19.75	\$39.50 dresses at \$19.75	\$95 Russian pony coats at \$50.00	\$100 fox sets at \$55.00
\$35.00 tailored suits at \$17.50	\$35.00 coats at \$17.50	\$35.00 dresses at \$17.50	\$75 Russian pony coats at \$39.50	\$60.00 fox sets at \$35.00
\$29.75 tailored suits at \$14.75	\$29.75 coats at \$14.75	\$29.75 dresses at \$14.75	\$69.50 Russian pony coats at \$35.00	\$35.00 wolf sets at \$19.50
\$25.00 tailored suits at \$12.50	\$25.00 coats at \$12.50	\$25.00 dresses at \$12.50	\$95 River mink coats at \$50.00	\$35.00 Jap mink sets at \$19.50
\$19.50 tailored suits at \$9.75	\$19.50 coats at \$9.75	\$19.50 dresses at \$9.75	\$60 French coney coats at \$32.50	\$25.00 French coney sets at \$15.00

CROWLEY FOR CHEAPER GAS

City Chemist Compiles Statistics to Show Omaha Pays Too Much.

PRICE SHOULD BE ONE DOLLAR

Strikes an Average with Other Cities in Omaha's Class, Which Shows These Get Cheaper Fuel and Light.

Gas Commissioner Crowley has been delving into gas reports of several cities and has come to the conclusion that Omaha consumers ought to pay not more than 30 cents to \$1.00 for gas now costing from \$1.15 to \$1.20 per 1,000 cubic feet. "This is based on theory," said Mr. Crowley, "and might not work out. I have taken, however, only the city of Omaha and have not considered Florence, Dundee or South Omaha, which would make the theory more practical, as the same plant supplies all four cities." Reports from several cities place the

Old Shoes Needed for Barefoot Tots

Miss Ida J. Jantz of the Associated Charities wants cast-off shoes, not for herself nor the office force, but for more than a dozen little tots who are without footwear.

A woman frail but determined came to the charities office yesterday. She was carrying a 6-year-old son. He had no shoes and the charities had none, and so his mother carried him away.

"People have been generous in donating clothes," said Miss Jantz, "but we need shoes for the little tots and also shoes for men and women. We have many requests, but cannot supply them all. I wish people who have such things would bring them to the office, or let us know and we would send for them."

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