

BANK CLEARINGS SET UP NEW MARK

March Clearings Break Best Previous Record by Over Twenty Millions.

GAIN FOR QUARTER GREAT

All records of the Omaha clearing house were broken during the month of March.

The total bank clearings for March reached \$164,058,917.62, over \$21,000,000 greater than the bank clearings for January this year, when the previous record was established.

The March clearings this year were almost \$50,000,000 greater than for March a year ago, when the clearings were \$114,298,714.28.

The total bank clearings for the first quarter of 1917 have passed the \$430,000,000 mark. If this rate is maintained the total clearings for 1917 will almost reach the \$2,000,000,000 mark.

The bank clearings for the first three months of 1917 have been as follows:

	Last Year.	This Year.
January	\$9,988,721.26	\$14,344,432.28
February	\$1,246,759.87	\$2,828,886.89
March	\$14,298,714.28	\$164,058,917.62
Totals	\$25,534,195.41	\$181,232,136.89

Thus the gain in clearings so far this year over the corresponding period last year is over \$150,000,000.

Bank clearings for the week marked up a gain of \$12,000,000, or \$2,000,000 a day on the average. The clearings for the week were \$33,607,439.48, against \$21,440,800.94 for the corresponding week last year.

Chinese to Take Part In Tokio Olympic Games

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Tien-tsin, Feb. 27.—Twenty-five Chinese athletes will participate in the far eastern Olympic games to be held in Tokio on May 8.

The participants are to be selected at a final meet to be held in Tien-tsin about April 25.

Devotes His Efforts to Finding Work for Those Just Out of Prison

Five thousand convicts, released from prison last year, were supplied with good jobs by the Prisoners' Relief society of Huntington, W. Va., all because E. E. Dudding took an interest in them.



E. E. DUDDING.

E. E. Dudding was a traveling salesman a dozen years ago. Down in West Virginia while on the road he got into an argument with a fellow and shot him. He served his term in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va. Coming out he found nobody wanted to hire him.

The manufacturers and wholesalers didn't want him as a traveling salesman. They would take him into a private office and say:

"Look here, Dudding, we know all about this convict business, and while you're a good fellow, you'd better go where you're not known."

The traveling men themselves in their organizations objected to having an ex-convict on the road, and so life was hard for Dudding.

It was then he decided if it was hard for him, it must be hard for the other thousands of convicts annually released from prison.

That is how he came to organize the Prisoners' Relief society to help these fellows get jobs.

Dudding was in Omaha a few days last week, conferring with a lot of Omaha employers who annually give employment to a lot of the ex-convicts through the agency of Dudding's organization.

He went from here to Lincoln, and then to Denver, where he is to speak before the Rotary club. He is soon to speak before the Rotary clubs of San Francisco and Los Angeles also.

He has recently spoken to the Rotary clubs of Chicago and St. Louis on the work of his society.

"There are 20,000 employers of labor in the United States," said Dudding while in Omaha, "who are taking ex-convicts through us. We are placing a great many ex-convicts

from the Nebraska penitentiary every year. All over the United States we placed over 5,000 in good jobs last year, and 95 per cent of them are making good. I believe in giving a ditch digger convict a ditch digger's job, and I believe in giving a bookkeeper a bookkeeper's job."

The work of organizing this society was a strenuous job for Dudding, when he emerged from his life in stripes. With but \$14 to his name he resolved to begin work. He got a list of employers from Dunn's and Bradstreet's, and wrote letters to these. Out of the thousands of letters written asking co-operation of employers in giving ex-convicts a job, only one favorable reply came back.

That was from a railroad president, who expressed a keen interest in the work, and who said he had given the problem much thought himself.

With that as an encouragement

Dudding went ahead. His board of directors went back on him when the funds were about exhausted, and he and a stenographer in the office had to struggle alone. The stenographer, in Dudding's absence, armed herself with her enthusiasm and sailed forth, raising \$600 in subscriptions to further the work. Thereupon she was elected treasurer, and from then on the work began to look up, until it has reached the present proportions.

MEASLES PREVALENT DISEASE IN MARCH

More Contagion in Month Just Closing Than in January and February Combined.

MANY CASES OF LA GRIPPE

Health department reports of contagious and infectious diseases for March were more than the total of January and February. Measles was the most prevalent disease during the month, with scarlet fever second on the list.

There were no cases of typhoid fever reported during March and only three since January 1. Twenty cases of cerebral spinal meningitis were reported since January 1.

Health Commissioner Connell reports many cases of grippe, which disease is not recorded among the contagious and infectious maladies. He notes that many cases of grippe this year have left an ear affection and he explains that grippe takes different forms, this year the disease being peculiar on account of its attack on the auricular organs.

Tabulation of diseases reported since January 1 follows:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Diphtheria	19	8	27
Scarlet fever	63	87	129
Measles	16	30	136
Erysipelas	1	1	13
Whooping cough	1	1	1
Trachoma	6	9	4
Cerebral spinal meningitis	3	0	4
Typhoid fever	1	2	0
Smallpox	26	28	22
Chickenspox	37	17	30
Totals	182	149	451

College Students Give Puritan Drama



Esther Knapp



EUGENE E. SIMMONS.

"A Rose o' Plymouth Town," a four-act drama, will be presented by the Dramatic club of the University of Omaha Saturday evening, April 14, in John Jacobs Memorial hall, Twenty-fourth and Pratt street.

The cast, which includes twenty-four characters, was selected by competition from over fifty students who tried out. The leading parts will be taken by Esther Knapp, Olga Anderson, Quito Eddy, Eugene Simmons,

Edgar Ernst and Isadore Finkenstein.

The play has its setting in Plymouth Town during the days of Miles Standish. It deals with the hardships of the early settlers when Indian massacres were a constant menace.

The play calls for elaborate costumes and scenery, and these details are being carefully carried out in order to create a suitable Puritan atmosphere.

Prof. W. R. Moore of the express and public speaking department is coaching the Thespians. The money will be used for athletic purposes.

British Forces Occupy Area North of Bagdad

London, March 31.—British forces in Mesopotamia, advancing to the north of Bagdad, have occupied the town of Kalaat Felajah and the areas of Delawah and Sindiyah and Sheraban, according to an official statement issued today by the British press bureau.

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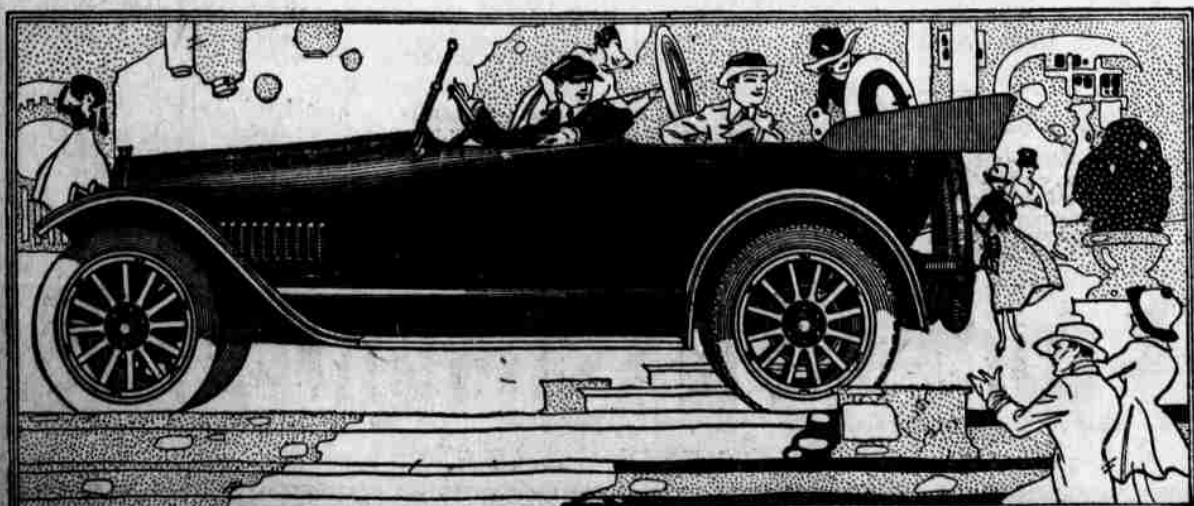
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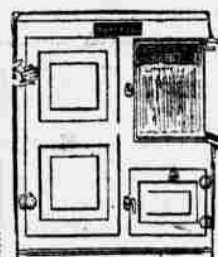
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Dressers in walnut.....\$18.75, \$21.50, \$27.50

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Raymond Rockers Have Rounded Out a Wondrous Week (just past) of Selling and "Value-Giving" in the living room furniture section at both stores. No one was disappointed who came for their easy chair, rocker or davenport. Among these there remains some of the very best bargains we have offered. Here is a rocker in Spanish leather or blue figured velour, at.....\$19.75

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The Illustration Below

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Library Tables Featured

This illustration correctly pictures a sofa table 60 inches in length, in walnut or mahogany, at.....\$27.50

Many patterns are shown, the newest and smartest styles, from simple design to richly carved motifs, depicting the unmistakable "earmarks" of the master craftsman of other days.

These tables, though works of art, are priced as merchandise, much under value. Priscilla work cases in mahogany, at.....\$6.75