### **FARM LOAN BANK GROWS RAPIDLY** IN SINGLE YEAR

New Federal Institution Ranks of trade the figures are as follows: as One of Strongest in Country; Directors Pleased With Results.

One of the most rapidly growing Barbers' supplies Dusiness institutions of Nebraska is Beers (four months) the Federal Land bank of Omaha, Beverages When this regional farm toan bank When this regional farm loan bank plies for the midwest was located at Om-Brick and shoes. aha last February by the Federal Farm Loan board there was general Building material Butchers' supplies rejoicing among Omaha business men. ultimate importance of this new addition to Omaha's great financial institutions. Since the opening of the bank, March 1, in a small suite of temporary offices in the Woodmen of the World building it has ground to the Woodmen of the World building it has ground to the Woodmen of the World building it has ground to the world building to the world buil of the World building, it has grown by leaps and bounds. It now occufloor, and has extended its overflow

to another, where a force of 20 chiefs of departments and clerks occupy temporary quarters.

The promptness and efficiency with which the directors of the bank have met the new and peculiar problems incident to organization of a business entirely new to American conditions is the marvel of those who inspect the institution cas ally. An out-of-town visitor remarked to The Bee town visitor remarked to The Bee, Furniture
Groceries
Grocers' specialties
Harness and saddles
Hardware, heavy
Hardware, light
Hats, caps and gloves
Hospital supplies "Everybody at the land bank seems in love with their job and working to the limit." The officers of the bank congratulate themselves on the fact that in Omaha and its environs they have been able to assemble a staff of department heads and clerks of more than ordinary ability. It is said by the officials that many of the most valuable new ideas which have put pep and efficiency into the lassiby the officials that many of the most valuable new ideas which have put pep and efficiency into the lausihave come from the clerks.

Figures Show Growth. The following figures as to the growth of the land bank were obtained by The Bee from the office Mill work, sash and doors...... records of Secretary Frank G. Odell:
At the close of business on December 20 applications for loans had been filed to a total amount of \$20,—
Odell:
Millinery
Office supplies
Oil handling equipments
Optical goods These loans are divided among the four states of the district as follows: Iowa, \$4,111,200.00; Nebraska, \$8,459,895.00; South Dakota, \$5,619,680.00; Wyoming, \$2,567,520.00. Loans have been approved as follows: Iowa, \$1,356,700.00; Nebraska, \$4,376,-400.00; South Dakota, \$2,994,500.00; Wyoming, \$728,730.00; a total of

Business is gathered locally by co-operative organization known as a National Farm Loan association which must be composed of 10 or more borrowers. There are 750 of these associations already formed and new ones are being formed at the rate of about 10 every week.

One of the remarkable things about this business is the unexpected rapidwith which loans are being apbraska and Iowa. It was freely predicted by skeptics that the land bank would not do any appreciable amount of business in this closely competitive territory. The land bank has recently onducted a whirlwind campaign of organization in this territory with the result that nearly 400 local banks are giving their active co-operation in securing loans for the land bank.

To the query, "How much business does the land bank expect to have?" Secretary Odell replied: "We can't even hazard a guess. There are about \$800,000,000 of farm mortgages of record in our district of four states. Can we get 10 per cent of it? From the way the farmers are taking to the new system it looks like the land bank ought to get much more than 10 per cent. If so, it is easy to make estimate of what the government bank means to Omaha."

#### Wholesale Figures for 1917 Reach Total of \$236,137,067

The wholesaling in Omaha for the Oysters, fish and celery...... year 1917 shows an increase over the Paints and glass. total volume of 1916 of \$52,377,574 Photo supplies . according to a carefud compilation just completed by the bureau of publicity. Classified according to lines licity. Classified according to lines Pipes, smoking Plumbing and heating supplier Poultry and eggs. WHOLESALING—1917. Automobile accessories and sup-Printing supplies
Pumps and windmills
Rubber footwear and clothing Automobile accessories and supplies
Automobiles and trucks
Adding machines, etc.
Advertising novelties
Agricultural implements
Asbestos and magnesia products.
Bakers' supplies
Barbers' supplies Road machinery 14,283,152 550,000 339,015 Scales School supplies Sheet metal, tanks, etc... Store and office fixtures. Talking machines Theatrical supplies Tractors Billiard, bowling and pool sup

158,429

602,517

12,362,513

65,475

Carpets, rugs and draperies.

Furniture

Lithographing and printing ....

Lumber
Machinery supplies
Magazines, books and news....
Matches

Total, 1917 ..... \$236,137,067 Damage Suits Filed Total

Undertakers' supplies

Wall paper Wagons Weather stripping White lead and alloys

Woodenware .....

More Than \$5,000,000 the year 1917, according to figures 2,248,778 clerk in the office of the clerk of the approval of the superintendent of court. Jurors received \$40,660 for schools. service during the year, and witnesses in criminal cases, \$439. Judgments collected and distributed 5,615,353 ments co. 500,000 through th 1,289,443 to \$477,734. through the clerk's office amounted

The number of civil actions filed in the district court was 2,747, and 594 criminal cases, making a total of 3,441 cases as against 3,026 in 1916. age suits for assault, slander, malpractice and alienation of affection are next in number with a total of 331 cases filed. The total amount of fines and costs

collected was \$4,300. Twenty-four liquor cases were brought by the state, in 17 of which the verdict was guilty, four not guilty, two the jury disagreed and one was 17,301,534 520,000 418,034

dismissed. In 26 criminal cases the verdict was "guilty;" in 18 "not guilty;" in six cases the jury disagreed and in one the defendant was found insane, Of the civil cases verdicts for the plaintiff were returned in 118 and the defendant in 76.

### LIBRARY HELPS IN

Provides Books for Soldiers, Rooms for Red Cross and All Government Pamphlets.

More than 12,000 new books were added to the Omaha public library during the year 1917, according to Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian. The number of registered borrowers is 34,962, an increase of 7,382 over 1916.

Soldiers' libraries were established at Fort Crook and Fort Omaha and receive frequent supplies of new books from the main library. The people of Omaha have contributed more than 1,500 volumes for these libraries and new books are being re-137,000 ceived daily. The people of Omaha also supplied 2,000 volumes for Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, which were forwarded by the library.

The most noticeable work was the instruction in the use of the library to school children from the fifth to More than \$5,000,000 in damages eighth grades at both the main library were sued for in district court during and the South Side branch. These classes are conducted at the library compiled by Asel Steere, jr., chief during school hours. This work has

Miss Tobitt's figures follow: Home circulation, total.......401,499
Increase from 1916 ...........12,325
Visitors to reference and reading Suits for divorce lead the list in Books added by purchase and gift. 13,075 number, 913 having been filed. Dam-Total number of books in the library system. January 1, 1918 ...........126,384



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### 500 WOMEN'S SUITS AND DRESSES That Sold Regularly to \$35.00 on Sale

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Come in Serges, Velours and Novelties; in good assortment of the season's nobbiest styles. Your choice, at

\$125 Cross Fox Scarf, at . . \$85

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25% OFF

On All the FUR COATS

PLUSH COATS A choice assortment for selection here on Wednesday.

All the Children's Coats at 1-3 Off Wednesday

### January Clearance Sale of Silk

Thousands of yards of fine Dress Silks in plain and fancy weaves, discontinued lines and odd pieces, taken from our regular stocks. These Silks could not be made today at the prices we are selling them for. This sale will prove once more that you should come to HAYDEN'S ALWAYS FOR SILKS

\$1.50 Silk Poplins, 24 inches

\$1.00 Persian Satins, 22 inches wide.

\$1.00 Striped Louisennes, 27 inches wide.

\$1.00 Striped Chiffon Taffetas, 27 inches wide. \$1.25 Tourist Silks in Stripes,

22 inches wide. \$1.50 Chiffon Taffetas, 36 inches wide.

\$2.00 Printed Canton Crepes, 40 inches wide. \$1.50 All-Silk Crepe de

Chine, 36 inches wide. \$1.50 All-Silk Georgette Crepe, 40 inches wide. \$1.75 Military Striped Satins.

36 inches wide. \$1.75 All-Silk Crepe de Chine, 40 inches wide. \$1.50 Colored Chiffon Dress

Taffeta, 36 inches wide. \$1.50 Princess Dress Satins. 36 inches wide.

\$2.00 Military Striped Satin, 36 inches wide.

\$1.00 Silk Messalines, 27 in-

ches wide. \$1.50 Print Warp Silks, 27

\$1.00 Silk Poplins, 36 inches

wide.

inches wide. \$1.00 White Jap Silks, 36

inches wide. \$1.25 Satin Messalines, 36

inches wide. \$1.50 Fancy Chiffon Taf-

fetas, 36 inches wide. \$1.50 Novelty Messalines, 36

inches wide. \$1.50 Wash Satins, 36 inches wide.

\$1.25 Satin Messalines, 36 inches wide.

\$1.75 Taffeta Brocades, 36 inches wide.

\$2.00 Print Warp Taffetas. 36 inches wide.

\$2.50 Satin Striped Novelty Silks, 36 inches wide. \$2.50 Pekin Satin Stripes, 36 inches wide.

The quantities in some cases are limited, and not all colors in some lines. To make sure of getting what you want, come early Wednesday A. M.

#### January Clearance of All Odd Pieces and Short Lengths of WOOL DRESS GOODS

It seems poor policy to sell Dress Goods at reduced prices when they are getting higher in price. We always aim to carry a complete line of goods, no job lots or broken lots allowed to accumulate. The prices for Wednesday ought to close them out in a hurry.

100 pieces of Wool Dress Goods, including-

36-in. All-Wool Storm Serge. 36-in. All-Wool French Serge

42-inch Chuddah Cloths. 36-inch Plain All-Wool Chal-

75 pieces of All-Wool Dress Materials, including-40-inch All-Wool French

Serges. 56-inch Fancy Suitings.

54-in. All-Wool Storm Serge.

150 pieces of All-Wool Dress

Goods, including-52-inch French Serges and Taffetas.

52-inch French Epingle.

52-inch French Panama.

20 pieces of high-class Coatings, in plaids and fancy weaves, strictly all-wool, good styles and

Lot No. 1-

Lot No. 2—

Lot No. 3—

Lot No. 4

36-in. Fancy Mixed Suitings.

40-inch All-Wool French

27-inch Printed Challis.

Crepes.

36-inch Checked Novelties. Worth today \$1.00 per yard. Wednesday-

40-inch All-Wool French Taffeta.

42-inch French Crepes. 52-inch Black French Serge and Panama.

Worth up to \$2.00 per yard. Wednesday-

44-inch All-Wool Epingle. 50-inch Fancy Suitings.

50-inch Black Whipcords. 42-inch All-Wool French Serges, etc.

Worth up to \$2.50 per yard. Wednesday-

colors, 52-inch Plush Coatings. Worth \$2.50 to \$4 per yard. Wednesday-