

### Bank Shrinkage Follows Price Decline in State

#### Quarterly Report of State Institutions Shows 20 Per Cent Loss in Resources And Liabilities.

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—Nebraska state banks, numbering 1,009, showed a loss of approximately 20 per cent over a year ago in resources and liabilities, according to the quarterly statement given out by Secretary J. E. Hart of the state department of trade and commerce. The statement is based on the condition of banks of February 16, 1921.

Since the previous quarterly report, deposits have dropped from \$225,067,054.73 to \$241,208,202.71. This is a decrease of \$12,000,000 or approximately 5 per cent.

The cash reserve in all banks is now \$48,331,536.15 or \$10,000,655.75 less over requirements.

A large number of banks showed comfortable reserve running in some instances as high as 50 per cent of deposits while others show reserves badly impaired to local conditions or poor management of both, says Secretary Hart.

"The shrinkage of 20 per cent in resources and liabilities, he said, reflected in a marked degree the devalued condition of grain and live stock prices following the era of speculation, inflation and promotion through which the country has passed.

"Generally the banks as well as their customers realize that heroic sacrifices must be made in their progress toward normal conditions which will undoubtedly be slow.

Resources and liabilities of state banks fell off on \$317,758,596.41 to \$297,607,241.30 in the quarter just closed. At the same time the depositors guaranty fund increased from \$2,230,768.74 to \$2,662,613.10. This is an increase of 19 per cent.

#### Purchase of Municipal Bonds Halted by State

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—Having already agreed to buy \$942,000 in municipal bonds of Nebraska political subdivisions, during the current year, and having only \$886,000 available for bond purchases in 1920, the state board of educational lands and funds passed a resolution Saturday to invest in no more bonds until the present obligations are out of the way.

In passing this resolution, the board turned down a proposition submitted by Ed Pettis, manager of the Omaha trust company, to buy \$550,000 in Broken Bow improvement bonds, turning over in exchange \$300,000 in 3 per cent Massachusetts bonds.

#### Telephone Companies Are Given Higher Rates

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—The Surprise Telephone company is ordered by the Nebraska Railway commission to immediately place a force of men on its Rising City lines, so that they shall be in good condition by July 1.

#### Test Nature of Soil for Foundation to Capitol

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—Test borings to determine the nature of the soil structure for the new Nebraska capitol have been made at the four corners of the proposed building to a depth of over 100 feet, and drillers began work on the boring in the spot that will mark the center of the proposed tower. To operate the drill in the basement of the building, it was necessary to make a hole through the first floor.

#### Thayer County Fair Honored By Shorthorn Breeders

Desbler, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The Thayer county fair to be held in Desbler, August 30 to September 2, has again been selected by the American Shorthorn Breeders' association as one of the fairs where they will offer a \$25 cash prize for the champion Shorthorn bull shown. The fair offers additional special prizes of \$10 cash for reserve champion bull and \$15 cash for champion Shorthorn female. Any Shorthorn shown may compete for these special prizes.

#### Lincoln Man Will Return To Russia to Get Mother

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—Felix Newton, who until a year or so ago was active in university affairs and politics, has returned to Lincoln, preparatory to going to Latvia, the new Russian republic, where his mother lives. He has not seen her since he left Russia 25 years ago. He expects to bring his mother back to Lincoln with him.

#### Veterinarians Hold Spring Meeting in Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Central Nebraska Association of Veterinarians was held here. Officers elected were: Dr. H. E. Foster, president; Kearney; Dr. O. R. Winstett, vice president; Shelton; Dr. L. B. Wolcott, secretary-treasurer; Shelton. The next meeting will be held at Kearney in September.

#### Resume Work on Sewer

Minden, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—After several months of inactivity, due to the breakage in machinery, the contractors have resumed laying the sewer lines in Minden.

## Events of the Week in Omaha



### Chicagoans Row Over Right Length For Movie Kiss

#### Depends on Who's Osculating, Says Edith Taliaferro—3-Foot Limit is Proposed.



Chicago, March 26.—Is the three-foot kiss long enough for the movies? Does film osculation of greater duration corrupt the morals of motion picture fans?

Should there be any time limit on the celluloid caress? These questions form the basis of a controversy which arose among representative Chicago citizens, when a dispatch was received from Baltimore, declaring that, in the opinion of the Maryland Citizens' League for Better Motion Pictures,

A "three-foot kiss," it was explained, lasts exactly two seconds. Film kisses longer than that, it was declared in a petition by the organization to Governor Ritchie, are objectionable.

Here's what some well-known persons in Chicago think about it: **Some Worth Watching.** Edith Taliaferro, Star in "Kissing Time"—"It depends entirely on who is doing the kissing. There are some movie stars who can kiss for 300 feet and are well worth watching, but I've seen others who shouldn't be allowed to kiss even their own wives and husbands, they're so clumsy at it. I believe that the three-foot kiss is long enough for the stage."

Max Ascher, of Ascher Brothers Motion Picture Theater Proprietors—"The proposal is just another ridiculous move on the part of reformers who haven't anything better to do. The length of a screen kiss should be determined by the requirements of the scenario. If a movie kiss is harmful, it can be so in one or 15 feet—the time makes no difference. The kiss is a symbol of love, and is taught in the strictest and most respectable families from childhood."

**Deaths Follow Kisses.** Arthur Burrage Farwell, Head of the Chicago Law and Order League—"Any kiss tending to arouse passion should be eliminated. Personally, I am against depicting kissing on the mouth. I have known of two cases where death resulted from kissing in this fashion through transmission of disease. In 1888 my 3-year-old boy died of scarlet fever transmitted by a kiss of a playmate. The most innocent kiss can be fatal. The cheek or forehead is the proper place to kiss."

Albert Webster, Head of the Juvenile Protective League—"Kissing in the movies is less dangerous than it is in actual practice. However, I believe that three feet is long enough for a 'soul kiss.'"

W. F. Willis, Chief Motion Picture Censor—"It depends entirely on the circumstances of the scenario. I think that a husband shown as leaving on a long journey should be allowed more than three feet to kiss his wife good-bye, and the same would apply to a soldier greeting his mother on returning home from the war."

#### University Flooded With Tractor Test Applications

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—Face to face with the new tractor testing law, which Governor McCreary signed Friday, forbidding the issuance of even a temporary permit by the Nebraska railway commission during the waiting period for the university to test the machine, county officials of Burt county came to Lincoln to get back a tractor they bought in Sioux City which the university cannot test until August on account of the long waiting list.

#### SULPHUR CLEARS ROUGH, RED SKIN

Face, Neck and Arms Easily Made Smooth, Says Specialist.

Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ-destriving properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe irritated skin and heal eruptions such as rash, pimples and ring worms.

It seldom fails to remove the torment and disfigurement, and you do not have to wait for relief from embarrassment. Improvement quickly shows. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.

### Noted Lawyer To Address C. of C.

#### Authority on Agriculture Problems Will Speak at Public Affairs Luncheon.

Clifford Thorne, noted lawyer of Chicago, attorney for the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association, has accepted the invitation of the agricultural committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to address the members at a public affairs luncheon. The date has not been definitely set, but the committee is anxious to secure the address for the first week in April in connection with "Commercial week" of the Retail Dealers' association.

Mr. Thorne formerly was railway commissioner for Iowa and at present is legal advisor for the grain marketing committee of the American Farm Bureau federation. In his connection with railway legislation, meat packer investigations and organization of farmers' movements he has had a wide influence on the thought and life of the middle west than Mr. Thorne. In agricultural circles he is regarded as without a rival in his comprehension of essential agricultural problems. His views carry more weight than those of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, or W. J. Howard, of the Farm Bureau federation, though the three men have stood side by side for several years as leaders of agricultural thought.

#### Kopac Brothers Retire From Business in Columbus

Columbus, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Kopac Brothers will retire from the business field here and Columbus will become the distributing point for Dodge Bros. cars in a territory comprising Platte, Colfax, Butler, Boone and Vance counties. J. R. Purnell and R. C. Kerwood of Lincoln are the purchasers.

#### Auxiliary to Legion Post Organized by Minden Women

Minden, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—A women's auxiliary to American Legion Post No. 94 was organized here with the following officers: Miss Esther Peterson, president; Mrs. John Etzelmiller, vice president; Mrs. David M. McMichael, secretary; Mrs. Charles Tooley, treasurer.

#### Finance Randolph Band

Randolph, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been made by the Randolph Community club to take charge of the management of the band. The club plans to hire a director and to promote a junior band.

#### MOTHER!

"California Syrup of Figs" Child's Best Laxative



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."

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When you think of the Best Place to Eat think of Hotel Rome Cafeteria

All pies and pastry made in our own Bake Shop—"Just like Mother used to make." Always Open. Management. ROME MILLER

### Tot Pleads With Judge to Stay With Grandma

#### Eather, Released From Liquor Charges, Claims Right to Children; Judge Postpones Decision.

"Please, Judge, can I stay with my grandma?" With his little arms enfolding around the neck of Judge Sears, 4-year-old Louis Hoban, little son of Thomas Hoban, uttered his childish plea, in juvenile court Saturday afternoon.

It was two hours past the lunch hour and the nerves of court room attendees were beginning to show frayed edges, when the Hoban case was called, in which Thomas Hoban, 3916 T street, seeks possession of his four children, two of whom are now in the custody of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Dent.

**Hops Into Lap.** As the principals stepped up to the judge's table, little Louis darted out of his grandmother's arms, bounded over to the judge's seat and hopped up on his lap.

Judge Sears was so moved he could make no response. "I think I'll keep myself," he almost whispered into a little pink ear. Tears stood in the eyes of others in the court room.

Hoban, recently released from a federal charge for operating a still, claimed his right to the children by law.

"I want my children, judge; worry over their custody is preventing my recovery from rheumatism. My affection is just as great as their grandparents', besides which they are not bringing up my children to love and honor their father."

"That's a falsehood—their grandma teaches them to remember you in their prayers every night," exclaimed Frederick Dent, a son, now visiting here from California.

Mrs. Dent declared the father was not capable of raising the children properly.

"When he had them, the children played in the basement where the still was in operation. All of them slept in one bed with him."

Judge Sears postponed his decision on the custody of the children one week, pending the return of Hoban's mother, who, he said, would make a home for the children.

The grandparents have two and the father two of the children in the interim. The mother is dead.

### Combination Pure Breed Sale at Falls City Success

Falls City, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The Live Stock Breeders' association of Richardson county staged a successful combination sale of pure-bred live stock. It was their first sale and all classes of live stock were included in the offering.

While the animals did not bring spectacular prices all offerings sold well and the association feels that planning to make the sale an annual event, thus making an outlet for the pure-bred animals of small breeders.

#### Artesian Well Developed On Farm Near Tecumseh

Tecumseh, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—An artesian well was discovered and developed by well diggers at work on the J. A. McPherrin farm, four miles west of Tecumseh. The water was struck at a depth of 93 feet and is thrown five feet in the air through a two-inch pipe.

Other farmers in the same neighborhood will go to work at once to try to develop similar wells.

#### Lodgepole Business Men Will Not Finance Lyceum

Lodgepole, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Business men here are refusing to finance lyceum courses as there has been a deficit for the last four years. Movies and home talent plays are taking the place of such entertainments.

#### Soldier's Body Returned

Beatrice, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The body of Robert Steidley, Adams boy killed in action in France during the war, has arrived at an eastern port and will be brought to his home for burial.

### Investigators Not Convinced Of Profiteering

#### Reed and Jeary Conduct Independent Probe and Find Tenant is Satisfied With Conditions.

Lincoln, March 26.—(Special.)—The cat's out of the bag. Everything was not roses at the rent investigation in Omaha, Thursday and Friday.

Representatives Charles Reed and Clark Jeary, members of the lower house committee, who returned here today, tipped the deal.

And they gave a few inside glimpses into the probe. The committee will prepare its report for the house Monday.

Representatives Reed, Jeary and Mickey paid a little call to the Drake Court apartments last night, before leaving Omaha, they said. They went of their own accord, they declared, and after Jeary had

already made one visit in the afternoon with Representatives Robert

Jeary and Robertson both voted against the original resolution calling for this investigation.

They claim they met a woman tenant of Drake Court, which is one of the storm centers of complaints, who took them into her apartment, showed them about, and told them she is satisfied with her conditions.

And after that, they declared they were convinced of their earlier opinion that there may be one or two isolated cases of profiteering in rents

in Omaha, but that it is not generally practiced.

Fireworks among the members of the investigating committee, came to a head Friday noon, when Representative Foster, chairman, was caught giving tenants questionnaires to present their landlords regarding investment on property and interest paid, without the knowledge of other members of the committee.

They charged this was unfair to the landlords, but Foster protested. "He didn't give out any more of his questionnaires, though," they pointed out.

### What a Beautiful Concert at the Brandeis!

the other evening—how delightfully RACHMANINOFF played—such a tremendous tone at times, then again so delicate and inspiring. And, Oh! how exquisitely the piano sounded, but no wonder—

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The cream of a maker's stock—the types of Hats you've not been accustomed to seeing at anywhere near these prices—the most wanted styles—the absolute top-notch of value we could hope to offer at this time, in a quantity so large.

—Vulture brims with straw crowns. —Viscan braid brims with ostrich and feather tops. —Milan hemp crowns with feather brims. —Porcupine straw crowns with ostrich and feather brims.

3 Big Sale Lots-- \$4.95 \$5.95 \$6.95 Values to \$12.50 Values to \$12.50

Values that will cause a distinct surprise when seen Monday

Vote for-- DEAN NOYES -- for -- City Commissioner

12 Years with City Asphalt Repair and Street Cleaning Department

### MUNY COAL YARD

CITY OF OMAHA DAN P. BUTLER, Supt. ONLY A FEW CARS LEFT COLORADO LUMP COAL \$9.50 PER TON DELIVERED \$9.50 ORDER NOW BEFORE IT'S GONE ORDERS TAKEN AT 508 CITY HALL

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We have shown you in previous ads that the First National Oil Syndicate is no wildcat oil scheme, but is a bona fide business deal, presented by some of the best business men of Montana.

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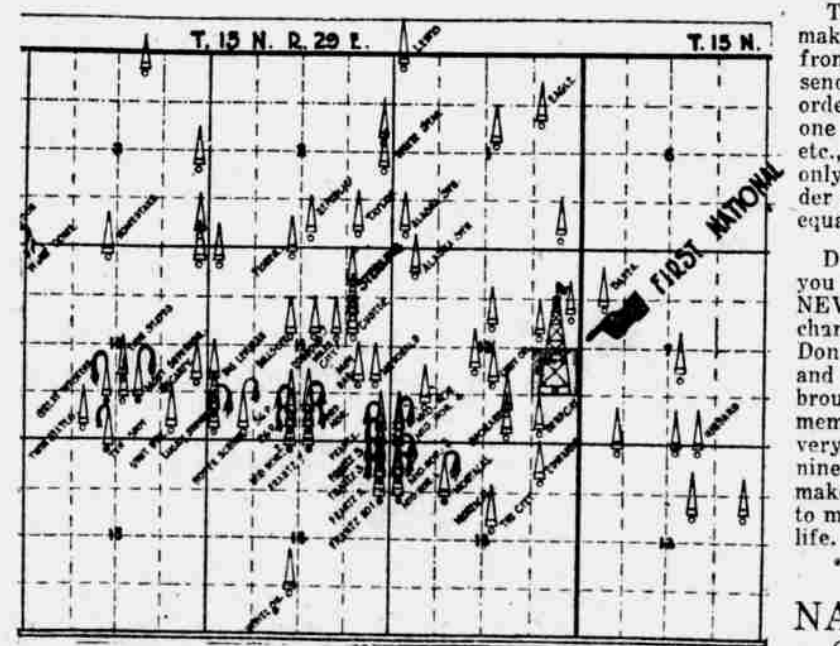
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Therefore, if you want to make some big quick money from a small investment, send your check, or a money order, TODAY for \$100 for one unit, or \$200 for two, etc., or, if you desire, send only one-fourth of it with order and the balance in three equal monthly payments.

DO IT TODAY. Many of you who read this ad will NEVER AGAIN have a chance to get in on this deal. Don't pass up a deal like this and be sorry after we have brought in our first well. Remember, you cannot lose but very little, and there is a nine out of ten chance to make enough money on this to make you independent for life.

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