

CONDENSED STATEMENT

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business March 23, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$434,892.12
Overdrafts	2,987.92
Banking House	13,500.00
Building fund, banking house	12,178.88
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Stocks & Securities	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Commercial Loans	27,000.00
U. S. Bonds	77,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	4,620.62
Cash & Exchange	108,927.42
Total	\$700,969.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	29,964.74
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE

DEPOSITS	
	621,004.63
Total	\$700,969.37

The above statement is correct.

W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, Active V. Pres.

FARMERS STATE BANK

"The Dependable Bank"

MERKEL

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President
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Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
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NO 7431

Report of the Condition of

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on March, 23, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$382,819.83
Acceptances of other banks discounted	NONE
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	NONE
Total loans	\$382,819.83
Overdrafts, secured	\$211.49
Unsecured	\$185.70
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$110,350.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Legal reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	\$6,284.55
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	97,507.70
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	5.00
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	749.40
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$98,562.10
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located out side of city or town of reporting bank	NONE
Miscellaneous cash items	NONE
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Other assets if any	NONE
Total	\$646,356.17

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$20,964.74
Reserved for	\$ NONE
Less current expenses, paid	\$4,599.06
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries	18,336.98
Cashiers checks outstanding	1,950.67
Total of items 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	\$ 20,287.65
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	419,852.70
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	15,000.00
Other Demand Deposits	23,296.21
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34	\$453,161.91
Certificates of deposit (Other than for money borrowed)	9,930.00
State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	NONE
Other time Deposits	71,588.68
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38	\$51,518.68
Total	\$646,356.17

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March 1927.

Rosie Laney, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,

J. T. WARREN

SAM BUTMAN Directors.

Now that we have had a municipal election voting bonds to pave ten blocks and their inter-sections and to extend our water system, we should begin to plan to make our city further attractive by putting all telephone and light poles in alleys and to arrange a white way along front and Edwards streets. This should be considered at once and connected up before the paving is begun. With our paved streets and a white way our present depot would be out of harmony and we feel certain that the officials of the Texas and Pacific would be glad to build a beautiful depot when they are convinced that the present one is out of harmony with the improvements soon to be started. The chamber of commerce is planning to offer several prizes for the best kept lawns or beautifully covered fences. It will be the policy of that organization to stimulate every activity that promises a prettier town. These last mentioned improvements will not require a bond issue.

It is not expected that light and telephone poles be removed to the alleys at once, but their removal should be kept in mind as one way of improving the looks of the business section.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greetings

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON BESSIE ROSE by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the Second Monday in April A D 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A D 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of March A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 6444-A, wherein A. B. Rose is Plaintiff, and Bessie Rose is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married about June 3, 1924, and separated about July 3, 1926. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment as is fully shown in the Plaintiff's original Petition now on file in said court, to which reference is here made.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1927.

BELLE WELBORN, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County. 1114

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LUMBER CAMP SONGS INNOCENT DITTIES

Writer Traces History of Ancient Tunes.

Montreal.—Coincident with the decision of the Quebec government to appoint a committee of prominent men to study the speech of the French-Canadians with a view to putting a quietus once and forever on the slanderous opinions of tourists who believe, from contact with cab drivers and others, that the only language in French-Canada is a jargon of French and English, comes the publication by Mr. J. Murray Gibbon of Montreal of translations of thirty of the songs of French-Canada.

Instead of the swaggering, blustering, devil-may-care lumberjack and river driver singing songs best heard in deserted districts of the forest and river, the secret is out at last, namely, that the songs most sung by these lumberjacks are in reality children's songs in the main, brought over from France hundreds of years ago, and the first white man's music to be heard in North America.

Traces Old Tunes.

"Canadian Folk Songs, Old and New," the book just published by Mr. Gibbon through Dutton & Co., New York, not only is an education to lovers of music who gain some idea of the spirit in the songs, but it contains a somewhat lengthy treatise on the history of the music. The translator believes that some of the tunes date back to the Twelfth century, others corresponding to those in the Tudor and Stuart periods in England. Strangest of all, it is stated that the tune of the famous old Scotch song, "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," was discovered in a Seventeenth century manuscript in France. "En Roulant Ma Boule," one of the favorite French Canadian songs was originally sung by French children at play-rolling balls. Another colorful selection has to do with a French trapper who saved the lives of his companions when threatened by the Indians, at the expense of his own. When his body was found, beside it lay a poem written in blood.

First Ballot Box

A plain wooden box in Brooks' club house in London bears a little brass plate with the inscription: "The first ballot box used at a parliamentary election in England. Presented Aug. 1872." The club, once was the rendezvous of the Whigs. It has more old-fashioned dignity and solidity and comfort about it than any other London club, says the London Chronicle. From the coffee or dining room up the fine staircase into the smoking room is an impressive tour.

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business March 23rd., 1927

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$225,889.83
Overdrafts	2,127.19
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 79,431.00
Commercial Paper	77,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,800.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	134,846.65
AVAILABLE CASH	\$408,577.65

Total \$646,356.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,437.93
Circulation	5,950.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	559,968.24

Total \$646,356.17

STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Taylor }

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Directors

J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.
Geo. L. Paxton Booth Warren

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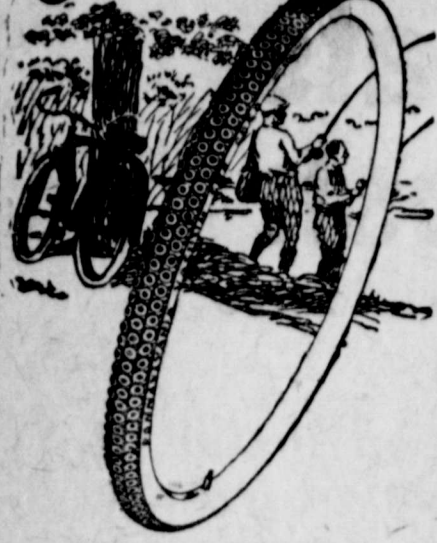
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THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Booth Warren was hostess to members of the Thursday Club and friends at her pretty home on Locust street on Thursday of last week. Entertaining with a spring party of vivid and varied appointments, the 12 games of 42 progressed delightfully through the long hours of the afternoon and at their culmination Mrs. Warren refreshed her guests with a delicious salad and punch. Those friends enjoying the hospitality were Mesdames Jones, Brown, Emmett Grimes, been in the company. W. S. J. Brown, George but was Sheppard, Kirby Beckett, has scored, R. O. Anderson, Decerely tried, R. I. Grimes, Charlie Jones, L. B. Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Robert Hicks, W. L. Diltz and the hostess.

Adult B. Y. P. U. Program

Introduction, Mrs. General Jones. Why Jonah went the wrong way, Mrs. E. N. Brown. Jonah fails to frustrate God's plan, Mrs. L. L. Huddleston. Preaching repentance in Ninevah, Mrs. A. R. Booth. God's purpose shown in a goarvine, T. R. Lassiter. Missionary lessons we may learn, Mrs. Parker.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Last Sunday was a great day with our church and people, lots of visitors from Abilene, Eula, Big Spring and other places being present. Our church is in the best condition since it was organized. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Next Sabbath we will have the Lord's supper and invite all to come. Sunday school 9:45, L. L. Wills, superintendent. Preaching by the pastor 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. We will be looking for you, so come. C. C. MONTANDON, pastor

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., enjoyed a visit of several days first of the week from their son, Clesby, who is attending Trinity University at Waxahachie.

Mrs. F. A. Polly returned Monday from Dallas, where she had been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Young, who has been seriously ill, but is now improving following an operation.

A LOTTERY WITHOUT A WINNER

By W. R. MOREHOUSE
Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association
(There is presented herewith the first of a series of articles exposing the wiles of sharpers who are after your money.)

ALMOST unbelievable amounts are lost to the American people annually from unwise ventures. This loss, estimated at nearly one billion dollars a year, is accounted for when you take into consideration that practically all of the money "invested" in numerous fake schemes and half-baked projects is forfeited by the investors. In presenting this series of articles regarding sharp practices and various kinds of swindles we hope to prevent thousands of people from falling into the traps already set for them by irresponsible and unscrupulous promoters.

Through the use of only actual cases selected from several thousand, it is hoped to prove conclusively the futility of taking a "gambler's chance" with your savings, for as in a lottery without a winner you are bound to lose. Much of the material here used has been supplied by the Better Business Bureaus throughout the United States which are non-profit organizations serving the investor without charge and acting wholly in the public interest. Read these cases and then file them away for future reference, for sooner or later you may find yourself on the verge of "taking a leap in the dark"—of speculating with your savings as the people here told about were inveigled into doing.

A "good front" has put over more crooked deals than any other one thing. Every irresponsible promoter specializes in putting on a "good front" in his dealings with those whom he fleeces out of their savings. Whether or not he is successful is due to a large degree on how good a front he is able to put on. In motion pictures, the sets, or "props" as they are called, supply the setting for the scenes. They are used to portray things that seem large, things that seem grand and beautiful. Peer behind those sets and what do you see there? You see that the attractive fronts are supported by braces made of the cheapest, knottiest and poorest timber imaginable. They serve their purpose in the world of make-believe, but in real life you cannot afford to buy

Satanic cunning they fall in line with their intended victim's likes and dislikes, his viewpoint and his hobby, and when they have gained his favor and trust they grow more and more confidential, presently taking a great interest in his welfare and happiness. Before long they are offering advice and pointing out how he can better his own interests by making a new disposition of his available cash or by selling his present good securities and buying others recommended by them.

Your promoter will draw upon your imagination and paint a picture of a scheme by which you can make thou-



The Lure of Easy Money

only good fronts. Your house must have real rooms behind it, your purchases and investments real values. In the field of wild-cat financing if you peer behind the "good front" which the promoter puts on you will find that it is supported only by deception, dishonesty and fraud.

Unscrupulous persons of the "good front" type are expert actors in the role of "big brother" to inexperienced investors with money at their command. As protector and advisor to the widow and the inexperienced, which they claim to be, they are in reality wolves in sheep's clothing.

Gaining the Victim's Confidence. In personal appearance they are impressive. As conversationalists they are convincing. As students of the traits of human nature they rate high. In short, they know how to stalk their prey successfully. With

(The next article in this series will tell of a clever schemer practiced in many parts of the country by which the unwary are robbed of their money.)

Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your business. We handle fresh and cured meats at all times.

Baptist Church

Sunday was a good day with us. Good crowds in spite of the fact that it was a pretty Sunday and the highways were calling to the cars.

Sunday School 10 a.m. with places for all.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Morning subject, "Guidance in the Way". Evening subject, "Goodness in a Dungeon".

All B. Y. P. U.'s 7 p.m. If you have forgotten your part look in the paper and see what part you have Sunday. If you have no part on the program study the whole topic so you can help out in case some one fails to be in their place. Be sure and do your daily Bible reading.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers or visitors to come with us in any of the services. May the Lord incline the hearts of His people to places of worship on His holy day.

LRA L PARRACK, Pastor.

Warm Days

Will Soon Be Here

Be prepared to keep cool when they get here. We are displaying a nice line of Refrigerators, Ice Boxes, Ice Cream Freezers, Thermal Jugs, Thermus Bottles, Camping Equipment, Fishing Tackle, Baseball Goods, Electric Fans, Oil Stoves.

Get your Screen Doors and Screen Wire now and repair in time to keep Mr. Fly out of the house.

Time to start those flowers and gardens, we have plenty of Water Hose, Sprinklers, Garden Wire, Chopping Hoes, Garden Plows, Georgia Stocks, Implements and any thing else nearly you will find at a Hardware Store

Wouldn't this be a good time for you to install that sewerage connection while you can get it done worth the money

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Methodist Church

A good day last Sunday at the Methodist Church with a fine Sunday school Institute Monday.

All the departments in the Sunday School are taking on new life and promise interesting and profitable work. Hope that each member of the school will be on time next Sunday with a studied lesson.

We invite those who are not members of any school to visit ours next Sunday. We have classes and suitable places for all of every age.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Special Music at both services.

Young people's meeting at 6:45. We will begin a revival meeting Easter Sunday to continue for at least two weeks.

W. R. McCARTER.

There is lots of news in the Classified Columns. Read it every week.

Church of Christ

Every one is extended a cordial invitation to attend both the morning and evening services at the Church of Christ next Sunday.

Let us have a full attendance at the Sunday School hour also. It is hoped that every member will be present.

W. G. CYPERT, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. The new church officers will be installed at the morning hour and a congregational meeting will be held at the close of the service.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45.

CHAS. H. LITTLE.

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Rectal and Skin Specialist of Abilene, Texas, will be at HAMM DRUG COMPANY TUESDAY, APRIL 12th.

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Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

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IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

The Retail Merchants Association has begun to function and has issued its first service bulletin to all subscribers, and will issue bulletins weekly as reports are received. It is the desire of the officers of the association to be serviceable to the subscribers in every way possible. This can be done only as full and complete reports are sent in. If you do not have blanks on which to make your report call 101 and they will immediately be placed on your desk.

Mr. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a communication from the secretary of the chamber of commerce at Henderson, Texas, inquiring if the farmers in and about Merkel would be interested in purchasing a car load of pigs ranging in age from two to ten months. He has written for the probable cost of the pigs delivered at Merkel and has asked to be informed if the pigs have been immunized and for how long. If any farmers in or about Merkel are interested in securing pigs please communicate with L. R. Thompson, secretary of the Merkel chamber of commerce.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

Disraeli Past Master of Diplomatic "Bluff"

There is an entertaining story of Disraeli in Maj. Gen. Sir Leopold Swaine's volume of reminiscences. There was a moment during the Berlin congress of 1878 when it seemed as if the British and Russian contentions could not be brought into harmony. On the morning of the fourth day Bismarck called on Disraeli. They spoke on every other subject except the congress. Finally Bismarck got up to go, and said: "I don't know if you and Gortschakoff, the Russian delegate, have come to an amicable agreement, but I trust whatever may happen this afternoon, that when you return to England you will take with you a pleasant recollection of your stay in Berlin." "I shall certainly do that," said Dizzy, "for I have met with nothing but kindness and consideration from everyone. Only this morning I had another proof of it. I sent to the station master to inquire how much notice I must give for a special train to be got ready to take me back to England. The reply, most civilly worded, was to the effect that two hours would suffice." Bismarck went straight to Gortschakoff to tell him that Dizzy meant fighting if he did not give in. "He gave in," adds Sir Leopold Swaine.

Profane Promise Kept by Great Tragedian

Junius Brutus Booth, the actor, was extremely eccentric. At times he seemed to forget all responsibility and would follow fanciful whims wherever they led him. One night he had been announced for a performance of "King Lear" at the Boston theater. The house was crammed. The hour for the curtain had gone by, but Booth had not arrived. Messengers were sent in every direction in an attempt to locate him and finally he was discovered in one of his haunts surrounded by a ring of more or less inebriated friends. With difficulty he was taken to the theater, and when he heard the din of the audience, growing riotous because of the delay, he pulled the curtain aside, thrust out his head and shoulders, and shook his fist at the howling mob.

"Shut up! Shut up!" he yelled. "Keep quiet! You just keep still and in ten minutes I'll give you the d—st King Lear you ever saw in your life." And he did.—Scribner's Magazine.

Painter for Angler

Here is an idea which should interest the angler when making preparations for the fishing season. In a patent granted to William P. Ziegler of Ambridge, Pa., in 1916, the specifications read:

"Artificial Fish Bait. Body of wood with mirror in sides—in imitation of a fish. A male fish, seeing his image in looking there, will appear to see another fish approaching, and this will not only arouse his warlike spirit, but also appeal to his greed, and he will seize the bait quickly in order to defeat his rival. In case the fish is suspected of cowardice, I may make the mirror convex in order that the rival may appear smaller. In case of the female fish, the attractiveness of the mirror is too well known to need discussion."

Sports Given Honor

There is a chapel window in the "Sports Bay" in the cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York city devoted to the representation of different sports. In the two panels are shown eight major sports—polo, golf, tennis, baseball, horse racing, rowing, track and field and football. Minor sports are shown in small sections—steplechase, cycling, basket ball, hand ball, swimming, gymnastics, yachting, bowling, billiards, skating, hockey, soccer, fencing, wrestling, pole vault, trap shooting and motor boating.

Overcame Adversity

The history of success—a long and fascinating record of the triumph of will over circumstance—is mainly the history of handicaps. Stanley, the explorer, was reared in a workhouse; Livingstone, the maker of Africa, was a little "plecer" in a cotton mill; Mark Twain was a river pilot; Thomas Price, a great Australian statesman, helped as a stone-cutter to build the parliament house in which, later, he sat; Robert Burns was poor all his days, yet he is the uncrowned king of Scotland.

"Cottontail" a Mixture

The American cottontail combines the characteristics of both hares and rabbits, though he is distinctly smaller than the hares, with shorter legs and smaller feet and ears. The chief distinguishing mark is the fluffy snow-white underside of the tail, always visible in retreat, says Nature Magazine. He lives on vegetable food and is a pest to forage fields and orchards, when his kind becomes too numerous. Average adult length, eighteen inches; weight, three pounds.

Virtues of Tea Drinking

According to an old Japanese custom ten virtues were ascribed to tea drinking. They were: Protection by wit, dexterity, filial duty to parents, suppression of all evils, the vanishing of drowsiness, the harmony of all parts, organs immunity from disease and everlasting good health, unity in responsibility, the keeping of a right mind and correct morals, the dispersal of all passions and a peaceful disposition, according to the Daoist.

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City Meat Market

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Front St.

Phone 77

Mr. J. C. Mason left first of the week for Dallas, where he went to attend a meeting of the directors of the Texas Cotton Farm Bureau Association, of which he is a member.

Don't forget Mother on Mother's Day, May 8th. Give us that order for Candy, Stationery and Mottos. Hamm Drug Company.

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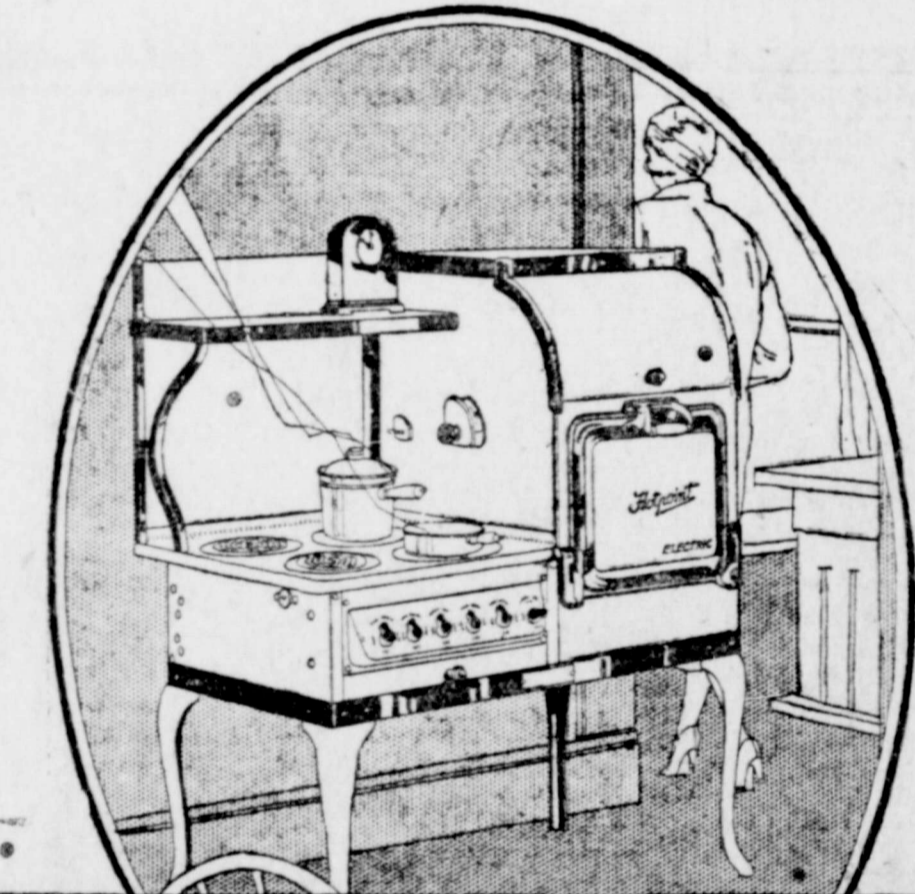
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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$452,822.12
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	9,070.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	2,987.92
Bonds, stocks and other securities	26,500.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	52,150.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	13,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,841.50
Furniture and fixtures	5,430.00
Cash on hand	12,005.94
Due from approved reserve agents	95,768.22
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	1,153.26
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,835.03
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange undoubtedly good	4,620.62
Building Fund, Banking House	12,178.88
TOTAL	\$700,969.37

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, net	8,964.74
Dividends unpaid	75.00
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	491,857.95
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	33,673.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,696.46
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$13,010.67) Total	13,010.67
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	7,541.55
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	52,150.00
TOTAL	\$700,969.37

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County of Taylor) We, J. S. Swann, as President, and Herbert Patterson, as Ass't. Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
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What wondrous beauty you are be-holding Which here you never knew.

Did your loved ones await your coming? Did angel faces greet you with a smile?

Were all your friends eager to re-ceive you? Whom you had lost a while?

A year on earth for us without you, A year, Oh, such a lonely one. But we could not keep you, mother, When your mission here was done.

We miss you in our joys and in our sorrows, And so oft' we bow our heads and weep, As we listen for a soft foot fall From out the silence deep.

We miss you, yes we miss you, But we know you are not far away. For you could not leave your dear ones Even in heaven to stay.

And we know that you'll be waiting There upon the heavenly shore, Watching for your loved ones,

Listening for the boatman's oar.

We would not call you, mother, From your rest, your victories won, But we would only whisper, "O, God, thy will be done".

While Easter sun in all its state Was flooding the western skies, She passed through evening's Glory Gate

To walk in Paradise.

When Heaven has dissolved And the stars gone out By the hand of Eternal Fate, I expect to meet my loved one Hard by the Pearly Gate.

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POOR HORSE COLLARS CAUSED ROME'S FALL

French Savant Advances an Original Theory.

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no public-spirited citizen knew enough to invent a harness that would adequately utilize horse power? This weak joint in the armor of the fallen empires of antiquity was pointed out by Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at a recent meeting of the French Institute of Anthropology.

Commandant des Noettes has made a complete survey of the history of the use of animal motive power from the early dawn of civilization. The harness of the ancients, he explained, had for its principal organ of traction a collar consisting of a leather band that went around the neck like a dog collar, without touching the shoulders, and which was attached to a wooden yoke just above the withers. This collar was so placed that it most effectively cut off the animal's wind by pressing on his windpipe and the large artery of the throat.

Almost Strangled Horses.

As soon as a team felt the weight of a chariot and its passengers exerting pressure on the collar they were forced to rear up their heads and dash off to save themselves from strangling. Hence the rampant attitude of all the horses depicted in ancient paper and sculptures, declared Commandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the great civilizations of the past were never able to get more than a fraction of the potential motive power from their horses. Oxcams operating with a wooden yoke attached to the horns, not greatly different from that in use today, did not suffer from the oppressive collar and in consequence did most of what heavy hauling was done. Both oxen and horses were unshod and in consequence were not much good in rough ground.

Could't Haul Half a Ton.

Data obtained from translations of the Greek historian Xenophon and from the Theodosian code about a thousand years later, said Commandant des Noettes, indicate that no team of oxen in ancient times was ever considered capable of transporting a load of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were made to modify to better advantage the accepted type of harness, but not until after the era of Charlemagne, about the time of the beginning of the Capet dynasty in France, did some inventive genius devise a horse collar that was practical.

For six hundred years the water mill for grinding corn had failed to bring great benefit to the Romans, simply because it took numberless animals to draw enough grain to supply its needs. Where grain could not be transported in ships the arduous labor of hand grinding continued to be the order of the day. The lack of adequate transportation of raw products and the consequent dependence on slave labor, according to Commandant des Noettes, constituted the great weakness of the civilizations of the past. The invention of the modern harness gave to the world, he declared, a motive force more powerful and economical than slavery.

Discover Branch Fossil 100,000,000 Years Old

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A tree branch fossil estimated to be 100,000,000 years old is a prized possession of the Carnegie Institute of Technology here.

The fossil, found in a coal mine at Harmsburg, Pa., is described by geologists as a "lepidodendron lanceolatum," a plant which contributed greatly to the forming of coal deposits in the carboniferous era.

The woody part of the tree became carbonized with other branches that became coal and the fossil is almost as thin as paper. It is a tree top four feet high with branches spreading three feet. Bark, limbs, twigs and leaves are very clearly marked.

Miners in the Harmar mine of the Consumer Mining company found the fossil in the slate roof of an entry, and the company gave it to the institute.

Foreign Names Barred on Russian Bills of Fare

Moscow.—Roast beef, cafe au lait, consommé and other adaptations of foreign names for foods henceforth will appear no more on Russian bills of fare. The government has ordered that foods in Russia must be called by their proper Russian names to stimulate national feeling in Russia and thereby unintentionally making life a little less happy for foreign visitors.

Icicles in Alaska Tunnels Delay Railroad Traffic

Anchorage, Alaska.—Huge icicles in tunnels along the route of the Alaska government railroad are interfering with through on time traffic. Last week three pillars of ice several feet thick formed of frozen drippings from ceilings of tunnels between Mile 44 and Mile 52. The ice was so brittle, however, from intense cold that a blow of an ax shattered the obstructions.

Lorna Doone a Myth

Exmoor, England.—Lorna Doone never lived and Richard D. Blackmore's celebrated romance of that name was founded on a myth, says A. G. Bradley, noted English historian.

Statesman a Stickler for Legible Writing

Philip Guedalla tells us, in connection with a letter addressed by Palmerston to Lord Lansdowne, which is reproduced in his biography, that the viscount was a great stickler for good handwriting, an article in the Kansas City Times recalls.

He early cautioned the young men of the foreign office against the twin iniquities of ill-formed letters and pale ink. But letters still continued to slope backward "like the raking masts of an American schooner," or stood in horrid rows, "which can only be compared to iron railings leaning out of the perpendicular."

His own flowed exquisitely in that faultless hand, which lived on in Mr. Gladstone's memory as one of the two perfect things that he had known, entitled Palmerston to be a trifle captious on points of calligraphy, to return a dispatch to a distant consul for transcription in blacker ink, and even to issue acridly precise instructions that some reluctant pupil "should form his letters by connecting his slanting down strokes by visible lines at top or bottom according to the letters which he intends his parallel lines to represent."

Grandeur and Decay in Palaces of India

The abodes of Indian potentates are an incredible mixture of the magnificent and the cheap, the grandiose and the ludicrously homely. Cows bask on the front steps; the anteroom is filthy with the droppings of pigeons; beggars doze under the gates or search one another's heads for lice; in one of the inner courts fifty courtisans from the city are singing interminable songs in honor of the birth of the maharajah's eleventh grandchild; in the throne-room, nobody quite knows why, there stands a brass bedstead with a sham mahogany wardrobe from the Tottenham Court road beside it; framed color prints from the Christmas number of the Graphic of 1907 alternate along the walls with the most exquisite Rajput and Persian miniatures; in the unswept jewel-room £5,000,000 worth of precious stones lie indiscriminately heaped; the paintings are peeling off the walls of the private apartments, a leprosy has attacked the stucco, there is a hole in the carpet; the marble hall of audience is furnished with bamboo chairs and the Rolls-Royces are driven by ragged chauffeurs.—Aldous Huxley, in the Bookman.

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