

Our Surprising Financial Condition.

The following is clipped from the Daily Walnut Valley Times, of El Dorado, Kansas, and is from the pen of H. H. Gardner, cashier of the National Bank there, and is a statement of the financial condition of that part of the universe which C. Y. Trice, land advocate, represents:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:—Within the last three weeks there has prevailed at all the monetary centers of this country a strained condition of finances that has created doubt and uncertainty in all business circles and many suspensions of large industrial concerns have taken place.

The reasons assigned for these failures were impossibility of raising money on paper or collateral owing to the stringency of the market. The suspension of the delayed action of the new administration upon its promised tariff changes and the continuance of the monthly silver purchase of 4 1/2 millions of ounces, are the factors of disturbance that have called a halt in all business enterprises that is alarming in its threatenings. Our people wanted a political change and they are now enjoying their luxury at an enormous cost.

While the east has been so far the great sufferer, and the west has shown up in stronger financial light than in any previous comparison of former financial crises, yet the dependence of one part of the country on the other part is so marked that now the western trade centers feel the effects of the troubled wave and banking accommodations have been sharply curtailed. This sudden snap has forced into the hands of the note brokers of Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri, the paper of some of the most prominent business men of those cities, and in hunting up an outside market for its sale, the brokers have discovered from the reports to the comptroller of the currency and the different state bank commissioners that the country banks of Kansas had more idle funds on hand than the banks of any other of the western agricultural states.

During the past week the banks in this city have had offered them the paper of some of the leading citizens of the cities before mentioned, but have declined purchasing not believing it conservative to make loans of this nature.

This is a wonderful turn in events, that Kansas, the lately despised and rejected, should become the present chief corner stone of the western financial structure. Yet, true it is to-day, and past all dispute or controversy.

The banks in El Dorado have nearly \$700,000.00 of deposits, 75 per cent. of which are owned by our farming people. When we realize that this remarkable showing has simply been the product of the past three years of fair prices for Kansas products, we can form some estimate of the wonderful natural resources of this great state whose fertility in three short years has wiped out the result of previous crop failures, the speculations of the boom and the decline in personal property values that altogether were endured. If our credit-to-day was not shaded by our present unfortunate political status we would be proudly marching at the head of the procession leading all our neighboring states.

Let the benign rule of our past common sense again return in matters political and the republican party be restored to the old command, and there will dawn upon Kansas such a state of general prosperity as will discount in advance the glowing expectations of the final millennium.

H. H. GARDNER.

CLARK CITY.

Mr. Douglas was in town Tuesday.

Dr. Allison was in town Monday.

Andrew Wilson, is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Glass was in Braidwood Monday.

Z. Bailey made his usual visit Tuesday.

Tom Veglia was a Braidwood visitor last week.

Geo. Barton rode to Gardner on his wheel Sunday.

We are pleased to see Arthur McGirk at work again.

Miss Jones, of Reddick, was a Clark City visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Hocking and daughter Venera, were visiting Braidwood Tuesday.

Andrew McCullough is again one of the number working in our mines. They can't leave us long.

Thos. Jack is back again to commence work, and Fred thinks he is ready for another pompadore cut.

Thos. Cumming has commenced boring for coal in Coal City and we hope he will meet with good success.

the house partaking of ice-cream and all the delicacies of the season.

CENTRAL CITY.

Mrs. Alma Green is improving slowly from her late sickness.

Anton Massell has again returned to his work. He has been quite sick.

Michael Morgan is improving; he has been very sick the past two weeks.

John Bowman, the fireman, has rented one of Edward Hardy's houses.

John Gardner, the young man that had his leg broke in No. 4 shaft, is getting along a well as could be expected. We hope he will pull through all right.

Michael Henderson, of Carbon Hill, called on Edward Hardy on Saturday last.

John Millhouse from Spring Valley, has commenced to drive in No. 2 shaft.

Joseph Kokan has rented a house of Ed. Hardy. Ed. seems to be doing well.

William Bird, of Braceville, has sold a house to Samuel Edwards, who will soon move it to that place.

Louis Bowles, who had the misfortune of getting his leg broken in No. 2 shaft a short time ago, is improving.

BRACEVILLE.

Miss Alice Bates visited Joliet Saturday.

Mrs. James Roberts went to Chicago Sunday.

Mrs. H. May visited friends in Gardner Friday.

Prof. Rathfon was to Chicago on a visit Friday.

T. T. Smith and wife went to Chicago Thursday.

Frank Warrington departed for Spring Valley Friday.

T. B. Dillon, of Wilmington, was in town last week.

Mrs. J. A. Lawyer returned from Geneseo, Thursday.

Miss Mary Phillips is a Wilmington visitor at this writing.

Mrs. Harry Smith is improving some after a severe spell of sickness.

Johnathan Walls returned from his trip to the old country last week.

Z. B. Ramsay and Fred Schultz jr., were in the world's fair city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsay paid a visit to the city by the lake Thursday.

Our popular druggist, Will H. Smith, spent Sunday at home with his wife and babies.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Jones and baby and Mrs. John Raisback, visited Braidwood Thursday.

Walter White, an old Bracevillian, visited our city last week behind a fine span of roadsters.

H. H. Smith has purchased the property known as the Rixson property, of A. J. Lagerquist.

Prof. J. A. Sutherland, of Pontiac, Sundayed in our village, circulating among friends and relatives.

John Powell jr., and the Misses May Milner and Tilla Ramsay, paid Gardner the latter part of last week.

Robert Glasgow, John Adams and Pete Price, preambled the streets of Chicago and the world's fair Sunday.

The race horses of Ramsay, Powell and others, stabled here during the winter, were shipped to Hawthorne last Monday.

James Powell is again obliged to shake Chicago's dust from his feet and retrace his steps toward home on account of failing health.

Inquiry has been made, asking what has become of the Braceville Social Dancing Club. The Owl and Bouquet and Blue Ribbon clubs, and echo answers: Where?

Harry May, we are glad to say, is able to be around by the aid of crutches, but it will be some time yet, before he will have the use of his limb. Harry is having quite a siege of it.

Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Joliet, will preach a memorial sermon in the M. E. church, Sunday May 28. Don't fail to hear this discourse, but turn out and favor an able divine with your presence upon such a national occasion.

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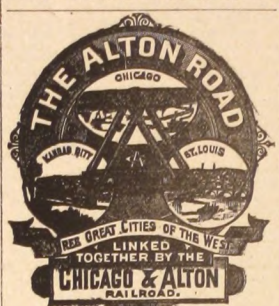
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