

SURPLUS GROWS LOAN INCREASES BY BANKS SHOWN

Average Shows Reserve Decrease;
Stock Market Closes Strong
With Few Changes.

By Broadland Wall
New York, Aug. 28.—The annual bank statement showed surplus increased \$12,804,520; loans increased \$41,239,000, and net demand deposits increased \$4,771,000. The average statement showed reserves decreased \$5,777,550, loans increased \$3,889,000, and net demand deposits decreased \$29,529,000. The United States government had on Friday evening reduced its deposits \$49,166,000.

RESERVE BANK STATUS
The federal reserve bank of New York showed 38.5 per cent compared with 39.5 per cent a week ago of reserve to combined deposits and federal reserve bank notes outstanding. It showed 36.7 per cent, compared with 39 per cent of reserves to net deposits after deducting 40 per cent against federal bank notes outstanding.

The stock market closed strong today without material net change.

The feature of the day was a raid on Republic Steel. The stock was broken to 70%.

They circulated a wild rumor about American sugar, saying the whole truth would be known on Monday. They did not accomplish much in this stock, but they did break Cuba cane to a new low record for the year.

RAILROADS STEADY
The railroads were steady throughout the day. Reading was the strong feature of this list. U. S. Steel was absorbed by the best houses.

Announcement by Bethlehem Steel that it has developed a new internal combustion engine is of tremendous importance to shipping and to the oil industry. The Bethlehem Steel company is in position to manufacture these new engines without material change in machinery. Charles M. Schwab says the new engine is as much ahead of present engines as other internal combustion engines are ahead of the old-fashioned steam engine. This may account for the accumulation of Bethlehem Steel recently noticed in Wall street.

Railroad men are insisting that there must be a cut in the price of steel before they will buy prominently.

Clarke Farmers Start Activity in Fruitful Region

"The farmers in Clarke county, Washington, are just awakening to the possibilities of the rich agricultural and fruit land which they are surrounding them," states Leroy D. Walker, president of the State bank, who has just returned from an automobile trip through that county.

"Under the leadership of Charles H. Greeley, president of the Ridgefield State bank, plans are under way to introduce to the farmers more intensive methods of farming and stock raising by importing thoroughbred stock, rotating crops and growing better seed. J. E. Larson, formerly a seed expert of the Oregon Agricultural college, is devoting his entire time on a piece of acreage which he has to growing, testing and improving seed wheat, oats, clover, alfalfa, and potatoes.

The enterprising citizens of Ridgefield are planning on advertising the commercial and manufacturing facilities of their city through a national circulation. The Ridgefield State bank is erecting a \$25,000 new home for the institution which will have all the conveniences of a metropolitan bank."

Seaside Improvement Bonds Are Yielding 71-2 Per Cent Interest

Morris Bros., Inc., handled a number of the highest-yielding bonds in recent months during the week, several issues being those of Canadian provinces and cities. A notable issue was offered in the American line was that of the city of Seaside, Or., improvement bonds yielding 7 1/2 per cent. The issue reaching a yield of 9 per cent were those of the cities of Selkirk, province of Manitoba, and North Vancouver, province of British Columbia. Both issues were soon exhausted, as the bonds proved very popular.

Other high-yield securities included among the offerings were the city of Prince George, province of Manitoba, 8 per cent; provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, 7 1/2 per cent.

Bonds Are Sold
Salem, Aug. 28.—The \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds recently sold by the highway commission have all been signed and will be delivered to the Lumbermens Trust company, the purchasers, by the state treasurer's department, Monday.

Range in Prices of Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes During the Past Week

Victory Notes Due		OFFICIAL CHART	Mon.
Liberty	3 1/2%, 1932-47		89.96
Liberty	1st 4%, 1932-47		84.10
Liberty	2d 4%, 1932-47		84.30
Liberty	1st 4 1/2%, 1932-47		84.40
Liberty	2d 4 1/2%, 1932-47		84.50
Liberty	3d 4 1/2%, 1928		84.60
Liberty	4th 4 1/2%, 1933-38		84.70
Victory	4 3/4%, 1922-23		84.80