

BEST IN THE STATE.

Spokane's Bank Clearances Beat Those of Other Cities.

Spokane's bank clearances for the week ending December 31st passed those of both Tacoma and Seattle, and were close upon those of Portland. Here is the comparison of the week's bank clearances in the four chief cities of the Pacific northwest.

Table with 2 columns: City and Amount. Spokane: \$1,560,514; Portland: 1,262,082; Seattle: 980,219; Tacoma: 862,294.

It will be seen from the above that the week's clearances in this city were more than double those of Tacoma, were nearly 300,000 more than 25 per cent greater than those of Seattle, and were close up to those of Portland.

In this connection it might be pointed out that Portland claims a population of 190,000; Seattle a population of 80,000; Tacoma, one of 45,000, and Spokane one of 30,000.

In justice to Tacoma it should be stated that an unusual condition exists in her commercial affairs. To her large wheat trade much of her bank clearances is due. This trade is now at a low ebb, because the farmers of the state are holding their grain, they being financially able to do so, for a higher price.

The large mining business, both that through the purchases of mining properties as well as that through the purchase of stocks in mining corporations, the bankers attribute the present large bank clearances of Spokane. The advent of large amounts of new money from the east and the growing activity in the real estate market contribute not a little to the general result in this city.

Spokane's bank clearances for the corresponding week in the last six years were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount. 1928: \$1,261,702; 1927: 1,262,082; 1926: 1,262,082; 1925: 1,262,082; 1924: 1,262,082; 1923: 1,262,082.

The week just closed records an increase of 65 per cent over the clearances of a year ago, more than 100 per cent over those of 1927, and more than 400 per cent over those of 1923.

There were no deals of more than ordinary note, no heavy individual transfers of money, and no business conditions different from what has been existing in recent weeks in Spokane to account for last week's record.

It is simply the legitimate increase brought about by better and larger business, conducted under healthy and not boom conditions.

KNOW, SNOW, EVERYWHERE.

Storm General All Over the North Pacific Coast.

Snow has fallen generally all over the North Pacific coast, and, at no point east of the mountains in Oregon or Washington, has less snow fallen than at Pendleton.

Conductor McIlwain, who brought in the first Spokane train under the new schedule Thursday evening, informed the East Oregonian that at Spokane Thursday morning the snow was two feet deep on the level, and that the thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero.

From all along the lines of railway, in all directions, come reports that the snowstorm that burst Pendleton and vicinity under the mantle of white, has been one of the most extensive known for years. Even in Portland, where the natives scarcely know snow when they see it, there are people who are frightened nearly to death when they awake in the morning and find "the beautiful" covering the face of the earth. There is a thin layer of snow and the event causes comment and wonderment.

At the Dalles there is two or three times as much as at Pendleton, where there is six inches "on the level."

Flint Rock has seven inches Thursday and more during the night. Weston, Milton and Athena, and, in fact, everywhere in the country, the fall has been even greater than at Pendleton.

Out at Camas prairie, says County Commissioner T. P. Gilliland, there is a very heavy fall of snow, and they have winter now in real earnest.

The Portland train was over five hours late this morning, and the train from the East was not on time, due to snow on the track.

A Fight With Burglars.

Malheur Gazette. Lou Bach, clerk in T. C. Eggleston & Co's store at Caldwell, was shot by a burglar early Saturday morning and narrowly escaping being killed. The ball hit him right over the heart, but it struck a button and the ball saved him from death.

Bach sleeps in the store on a deck that is elevated some distance above the floor. A stairway leads up to this deck, about the middle of the store. Bach was awakened about 1 o'clock by the ringing of the bell on the cash drawer. Jumping out of bed and slipping on his trousers, he seized an axe handle and started down the steps.

At the foot of the stairs he met a short, stocky man who said to him, "stand aside or there'll be trouble." Bach replied with a blow of the axe handle that laid the fellow out. The intruder held in his hand the money, about \$5, from the cash drawer and two empty revolvers. These he dropped as he fell. He started to rise and was knocked down again.

At this moment a second man appeared, a long fellow. He started to run, stumbled over the prostrate body of his pal, and at the same moment received a blow from the axe handle in the hands of the courageous clerk and was laid out. The small man had by this time drawn a revolver and he fired two shots at Bach. The first missed but the second struck him as stated.

Bach knew nothing more, falling unconscious to the floor. The robbers, thinking it is supposed, they had killed him, departed without taking anything, all the money being scattered about on the floor.

Nothing was known of the affair until 8 o'clock when Louis Schmoeller, another clerk, appeared at the store. He found Bach lying unconscious where he had fallen upon being shot. The injured man was carried into the office of Dr. Ed Maxey and soon revived. He is now going about, apparently none the worse for his experience.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grippe. During the epidemic of the grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or the grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and the grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale in Conner & Warren.

The Army and Navy.

Have covered themselves with glory during the war. The army and navy vest pocket memorandum book published by the Northern Pacific is a compact digest of information relative to the navies and armies of Spain and the United States and the beginning of the war. It has a map of Cuba, illustrations of naval ships, translation of Spanish words, etc. Send ten cents to Chas. S. Fee, general passenger agent, N. P. R., St. Paul, Minn., for a copy.

Scilling's Best money-back tea and baking powder at Your Grocer's. The Same Over Here.

The Tacoma Leader very pertinently remarks: "Eyes are worth a dozen at Colfax. Whittman county. It would be policy for the Whittman farmers to raise a million or two bushels less wheat and put in a few acres of beans. It is much cheaper to raise a dozen eggs than a bushel of wheat, yet Whittman and other Eastern Washington counties, which produced nearly 15,000,000 bushels of wheat last year import thousands of dollars of dairy and hog products and eggs every year." This is not only true in Washington but in Oregon as well. The Dalles today is being fed on imported eggs, while the farmers are holding thousands of bushels of wheat in the warehouses that they cannot sell for more than 60 cents a bushel. Had they put some of this wheat into hens they would be getting two dollars a bushel for it today.—Times Mountaineer.

POLYGAMY IS EXPENSIVE.

The System is Naturally Abandoned, Says a Rabbi. In discussing the election of B. H. Roberts of Utah, a confessed polygamist, to the national house of representatives, Rabbi Schuman, of the Temple Beth-El, New York, practically denounced the institution of polygamy, says a Kansas city dispatch.

"Roberts cites the polygamy of the patriarchs in justification of the practice today," said an interviewer to the rabbi. "How does the Jewish church reply to that?"

"Isn't Abraham in heaven, and Isaac and Jacob?" returned the rabbi. "We do not need to answer that. The Christian preachers may take up the gauntlet. What Congressman Roberts says about the early Jews does not worry me. I have assurances that they are all right, and my Bible is clear to me. What will the Christians say in reply to him? Is the question. Did Jesus say anything against polygamy? No, he did not. Let them explain on what precepts of their testament they claim the practice unlawful and unrighteous."

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A SOCIAL QUEEN.

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WENT AFTER THE PISTOL.

Story of the Killing of Hardwick at Colfax, by an Eye-Witness.

East Oregonian. Further particulars of the killing of James Hardwick at Colfax on Tuesday by William Campbell, are obtained. Campbell claims the shooting was done in self-defense. Hardwick having first struck him on the left temple with a beer bottle. Campbell's face is badly cut, and he is seriously hurt. A part of the glass of the broken beer bottle was in his temple when he was taken to jail. Campbell said: "It was a case of self-defense. He struck me with the bottle, almost knocking me down, and then made a motion as if reaching for a revolver, and I drew my gun and shot him. I thought I had to kill him or get killed."

The shooting caused intense excitement, and a large crowd gathered in a few minutes. There were many stories told, but the facts as told by Rodney Morrison, an eye witness, are as follows: "Campbell and I shook dice several times for the drinks, and I lost. Campbell then went to the slot machine and began to play it. He returned and asked me to shake with him again. He lost, and paid for the drinks with two 10-cent checks on the house. The bartender refused to take them. Campbell paid for the drinks in cash, but seemed a little angry. He went out the front door and soon returned, coming in the back door. I was sitting by the stove. He sat down by me and said: 'I would like to shake you for the drinks again.' I said all right, but he would not try to pay with checks. He said: 'All right. I have the money to pay for the drinks.' We shook dice and he lost and laid the checks on the bar. Hardwick got angry, and said: 'I told you those do not go here.'"

"Hagan, the proprietor, came in, and Campbell applied to him, but Hagan merely laughed and made no reply. Hardwick said: 'I am running this bar, and you are dealing with me. I don't allow any — of a — to monkey with me.' Campbell said: 'Do you mean to call me a — of a —?' Hardwick repeated the same statement he had made before. I stepped between them and said: 'Come, gentlemen, you are both friends of mine; don't do anything that would make me ashamed. Campbell with a bottle, which broke and a part of the glass struck me and cut my nose and lip. Campbell staggered back, pulled his gun and fired. Hardwick fell behind the bar. I stepped up to him and asked: 'Jimmie, are you shot?' He groaned and, but never spoke. Hagan took the gun away from Campbell, who was covered with blood and liquor from the broken bottle. Hardwick was also covered with blood."

Mayor Zell M. Beebe, who gave Campbell the gun with which the deed was done, runs a cigar store here. He was seen and made the following statement: "Campbell came into my store and asked for Ora Sla, my clerk. I told him Ora was out. He asked me to give him the gun which Ora had, saying it was under his counter. I found it and gave it to him. He took it, examined it carefully, and when he was loaded, and remarked that Ora had not told it. He said: 'I want to do a little practicing and will return the gun to you.' He seemed perfectly sober and was not excited. Had he shown any symptoms of being intoxicated I would not have given the gun to him."

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