

ECKELS' ANNUAL REPORT.

Review of National Banks of the Country.

BANK NOTE CIRCULATION.

Amending the Note-Issuing Law is Strongly Recommended—Banks Better Able to Provide for Redemption of Paper-Money Issues.

The annual report of James H. Eckels, comptroller of the currency, for the year ended Oct. 31, 1897, has been made public.

The report urges changes in the money issuing law. It says: "Congress should seriously consider such a change in the method of bank-note issues as will enable the banks of the country to more adequately meet the demands of trade and commerce in all sections of the country. It has been seriously suggested more than once that the bank note issues be done away with, and all paper be issued by the government instead. The danger of such a course is not to be overestimated. The experience of every government has been that governmental currency paper is a source of weakness and danger."

The report concludes: "The ability of the banks to command gold has always been beyond that of the government, for in each financial exigency which has confronted the government the banks have furnished to it the amounts necessary to maintain its solvency."

The total number of national banks organized since the system was put into operation, in 1863, is shown to have been 5,095. On Oct. 31 last there were in active operation 3,617, having an authorized capital of \$630,230,295.

The total circulation outstanding of all national banks on Oct. 31 last was \$230,131,005, of which amount \$1,355,800 was secured by bonds held for account of insolvent and liquidating banks, and \$26,205,325 by lawful money deposited for their account and by active banks reducing circulation.

During the year forty-four banks were organized, with an aggregate capital stock of \$6,420,000. During the year seventy-one banks went into voluntary liquidation.

Decided Against Knights of Pythias. The supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias of the world refused to pay \$3,000, the amount of an insurance policy carried in the endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias by William G. Henry, who killed his wife and then committed suicide. The appellate court at Springfield, Ill., held the policy good.

Gage Submits Estimates. Secretary Gage has notified congress that the total amount called for the estimates of the various government departments is 462,647,885, which is about \$32,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for 1898, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, and about \$41,000,000 more than the estimates for 1898.

To Decide Michigan Land Case. The register and receiver of the Marquette land office have set the dates in January for hearing the final proofs of the Michigan Land and Iron company to some 400,000 acres of land in the peninsula which is in controversy between the land company and the settlers.

New Counterfeit \$5 Note. The discovery of a new counterfeit \$5 silver certificate of the series of 1891, with a portrait of Grant, is announced by the treasury secret service. The imitation is a poor one.

Has \$20,000,000 Capital. The wire trust combination will have a capital of \$50,000,000, and is backed by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. of New York. It takes in every wire and nail mill in the country.

To Establish Postal Savings Banks. The establishment and regulation of a postal savings bank system is provided for in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Lorimer of Illinois.

Cripple Creek Gold Output. Cripple Creek, Col., Dec. 2.—The gold output of the Cripple Creek district in November was \$1,258,600, the largest for one month in the history of the camp.

Street Car Run Wild. Twenty-five or thirty passengers on an electric car at Burlington, Iowa, were cut and bruised in an accident. The ice on the tracks prevented the working of the brakes.

To Help Canadian Stockmen. A large system of artesian wells for the northern and western portions of the Northwest territories of Canada is under consideration of the government.

Sewer Pipe Trust Formed. It is announced that at last the great sewer pipe trust, so long fought over at many meetings of manufacturers of that product, is an accomplished fact.

Favor Annexation Treaty. Senator Stewart of Nevada says the people of the Pacific coast generally favor the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

Hoke Smith Will Not Move. Hoke Smith, ex-secretary of the interior, announces that there is no foundation for the rumor that he intends to remove to New York.

Have All Advanced Wages. Every blast furnace in the Mahoning and Mesonung valleys, Pa., it is claimed, has advanced wages.

CHARLES A. DANA.

Had Much Sentiment and a Steady Sway-pathy for the Under Dog.

He knew good writing when he saw it and also good verse, and he liked both, not as a merchant likes goods, but as an artist loves art, says Harper's Weekly. There never was an editor more inspiring to his subordinates. His taste was a literary standard that was respected from San Francisco to Eastport. Very possibly the best days to have known Mr. Dana as an editor were the old days when the Sun was still a four-page paper, which swelled to eight on Sundays, and when the staff was comparatively small, and every line of space counted. In those days certainly the Sun office was a fold where art was loved for art's sake, and where aspiring talent, uncertain of itself, found recognition, guidance and opportunity. In those days, as ever since, Mr. Dana was liked and admired and respected in the Sun office, and persons there, as elsewhere, with whom he had close personal relations formed strong attachments to him. It was said the other day by a man worn in his service: "He was like a great tree, and I have been glad to feel his shelter." That is a sentiment about him that many persons have shared, and not without reason. He had much sentiment and a sincere sympathy with the under dog. If the worm would turn he would back the worm. He loved to see the weak grow strong; he loved to see the course of true love triumph over the traditional obstacles. He strode through the world shaping his own course, but a great charm about him was that he never walked on stilts and was never disposed to shut himself off from his fellows and coworkers, but was both easily accessible to any one who had any claim on his attention and very courteous and agreeable to his callers. Usually in his office he did not stop work to talk, but went right on reading his proof-sheets or with whatever he had in hand, while he gossiped with a visitor or discussed his errand.

ORIGIN OF ANCIENT ETRUSCANS. Why All Sorts of queer Theories Were Entertained. We know less of the language used by the Etruscans than of many other details of their existence—only enough to be assured that it was an exceedingly primitive type, says Popular Science Monthly. It was constructed upon a fundamentally different system from the Aryan tongues as is the Basque. It seems to have been, like the Basque, allied to the great family of languages which includes the Lapps, Finns and Hungarians in modern Europe and the aborigines of Asia and America. These unfortunate similarities led to all sorts of queer theories as to the racial origin of the people, as wild, many of them, as those invented for the Basques. It never occurred to any one to differentiate race, language and culture one from another, distinct as each of the trio may be in our eyes today. If a philologist found similarity in linguistic structure to the Lapp, he immediately jumped to the conclusion that the Etruscans were Lapps and Lapland the primitive seat of the civilization. Thus Taylor in his early work asserts an Astatic origin akin to the Finns. Then Paul and Decker for a time independently traced them to the same Turanian source.

AN HONEST BALLOT BOX. A ballot box which will absolutely prevent fraud is a recent device. It was tried in Philadelphia the other day with more or less success. The box is a sheet-steel box 12 by 8 inches and 24 inches deep. In operation the ballot is placed in the opening at the front of the machine and then the knob on top next to the operator is pressed down, which cancels the ballot and at the same time grasps it. A handle at the rear is pulled out, drawing the ballot in along a track and registering its number upon a dial set in the top. The handle is then pushed back, which causes a bell to ring and the ballot to drop to the bottom. The box is then ready for the next vote.

Women's Fire Brigade. At the jubilee festivities of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway one of the features that appeared most to interest him was the exhibition of the female fire brigade of Koenissen. There are 150 of these young women, from 20 to 30 years old, directed by a male commander—who is married. In vigilance, quickness and bravery the firewomen are said to be the equal of any of their masculine competitors. They came in full uniform to go through the evolutions beneath King Oscar's windows, where they aroused great enthusiasm.

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