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WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 19, 1884.

J. E. BELVEAU, hotel, city is out of business.

R. Browne, tents, etc., Winnipeg, has given up business.

WM. NAY, grocer, Winnipeg, is in the hands of the sheriff.

THE Theatre Comique, Winnipeg, has been closed by the sheriff.

WILSON & Co., general store, Moose Jaw, have assigned in trust.

WATSON & ELMING, general store, Nelson, have assigned in trust.

G. T. GOWLEY & Co., general store, Medicine Hat, have assigned in trust.

ROGERS & HASTINGS, general store, Crystal City, have assigned in trust.

SILVER CITY is said to be growing rapidly. A mammoth hotel is projected.

FAIRLOUGH & MCGREGOR, contractors, Plum Creek, have dissolved partnership.

THOMAS FREEMAN, general store and saloon, Fort William, has been burned out.

N. W. BRADSTOCK, fish and oysters, etc., Winnipeg, has sold out to Jones & Armstrong.

J. A. KONOLD & BRO., meat merchants, Rat Portage, have sold out to Thompson & Palmer.

OSLYN'S elevator at Virden has been closed down owing to the small quantity of grain moving.

THE effects of Wart & Flayer, of the Rideout House, Rat Portage, have been sold by the sheriff.

JERRY ROBINSON, dry goods, Winnipeg, has made a settlement with his creditors at 50c on the dollar.

W. H. MARSH, of the firm of W. H. Marsh & Co., paints and oils, Winnipeg, has retired from the business.

WOLFF & McVITTIE, agents and contractors, Calgary, have dissolved. The business will be continued by McVittie Bros.

VAN COURTLAND & Co., general store, Calgary, have dissolved partnership. Van Courtland has removed to Silver City.

S. J. COHS, jeweler, Winnipeg, has been arrested under a charge of smuggling \$8,000 worth of jewelry into the country.

FIELD & Co., real estate agents, Winnipeg, are in the hands of the bailiff. So are George Ross, blacksmith, and Howard & Robe, saloon.

PLEWES, MANN & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. Simon E. Plewes retires from the firm and intends going into the grain business.

H. S. ARMSTRONG, general store, Poplar Point, has formed a partnership with F. H. Jones, of Winnipeg. The firm style will be Gold Seal Oyster Company.

THE Progress says that Wm. McKinnon & Bros., of Rat Portage, have effected a very satisfactory settlement with their creditors, and it is hoped will recommence business in the spring.

THERE were 257 failures in the United States reported to *Bradstreet's* during the week ending Feb. 9th; 103 less than the preceding week, 1 more than the corresponding week of 1883, and 98 more than the same week of 1882. The failures generally were not important, about 83 per cent. were those of small traders, whose capital was less than 5,000. Canada had 33, a decrease of 4.

THE largest visible supply of wheat previous to this winter was 31,023,000 bush., January 17, 1880, which included 3,056,000 bush. at Chicago. The highest quantity last winter was 23,967,000 bush., including 16,300,000 bush. here. The largest visible supply of rye from the crop of 1882 was 1,918,000 bush., April 2, 1883.

THE Nelson *Mountaineer* says: Mr. Peer, the Farmers' Union grain inspector shipped 13 cars of wheat from Morden, and 12 from Thornhill. It is anticipated that No. 1 frosted will bring 60 to 65 cents, and No. 1 hard from 70 to 80 cents after all expenses are paid. No. 2 frosted is being tested at Messrs. Howland & Co.'s mills, and when the result is ascertained it will be placed on the market.

THE Canadian Bank statement for January, as compared with January, 1883, shows an increase of specie and an increase in net balance due to banks in Canada from foreign banks and United Kingdom banks, was nine and a half millions more than in January, 1883. In the relative increase in assets or liabilities there was a decrease of over 14 millions. The discounts of last January, as compared with those of the previous January, there was an increase of one and a quarter million dollars on overdue notes and bills secured and unsecured.

THE C. P. R. have again reduced the train service on the Port Arthur and Western Division, owing to the slackness in traffic. The new regulation took effect on Monday. There will only be three trains per week to Rat Portage, instead of the everyday as heretofore. These will leave on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and return from Rat Portage on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be one through train to Port Arthur, with sleeping car attached, leaving Winnipeg every Tuesday, and will leave Port Arthur for Winnipeg every Tuesday. Only two trains a week will run west of Brandon, leaving Winnipeg on Mondays and Thursdays; train leaving Mondays will have sleeping car attached, and will run to Moose Jaw only. Returning train will leave Calgary Thursdays, and Moose Jaw Fridays and Thursdays, arriving at Winnipeg Saturdays and Wednesdays. Daily trains will continue to run between Winnipeg and Brandon both ways and will have parlor cars attached.