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**CONFIDENCE IS PRACTICALLY RESTORED.**

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**Runs on Savings Banks at an End—Working on Statements.**

A great stride was made yesterday toward regaining confidence and a normal condition of financial affairs. There was still left a remnant of the run on the savings banks in the morning, but before the day closed that demand was almost entirely taken care of and there is little reason to suppose that there will be any renewal of the fears on the part of savings depositors. Before the close of the day the line of depositors at the Union Trust company had all been taken care of. Affairs were in a perfectly normal condition all day at the Bank of Commerce and at the Prairie State Savings. By the close of business, indeed, there was nothing unusual that could be noted at any of the savings banks, with the exception of the Illinois Trust, and at that bank the crowd of savings depositors had dwindled to a comparatively small number. It was an interesting fact that at the close of business last night the cash on hand at the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank was considerably greater than it was when the run began, and that during the three days which the run continued the bank did not call a single loan. Deposits coming in the ordinary way were greater than the withdrawals. The bank had a credit of \$320,000 yesterday morning at the clearing-house.

Accountants are at work on the affairs of the banking firms of Meadowcroft Bros. and Herman Schaffner & Co. The receiver of the Meadowcroft bank expects to have a statement ready Saturday. At Levy Mayer's office it was stated that some progress is being made by the assignee of the Schaffner bank, but that matters are not in shape to warrant any satisfactory estimate of assets.

A report was current yesterday afternoon to the effect that the banking firm of C. L. Niehoff & Co. at No. 49 La Salle street had failed. The only apparent foundation for the rumor was that business being dull the office was closed somewhat earlier than usual. Everybody in the vicinity of the bank expressed thorough confidence in the soundness of the concern.

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**Only Thirty Years Ago.**

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Liberal thinkers in the churches are having a much pleasanter time now than in the time of Bishop Colenso thirty years ago. After the Bishop published his book showing that certain statements and figures in the Pentateuch were untrue, he found himself almost universally ostracized. Men and women whom he had known intimately from childhood refused to speak to him. And so general was the detestation of him that his landlady in London refused any longer to wash his clothes, because she lost customers by coming into such close contact with him.