

THE FIRST NATIONAL OCCUPIES ITS NEW HOME.



The First National Bank moved into its new building Wednesday, a bank home that in appearance, in convenience of interior arrangements and in the safe guarding of funds and records, is surpassed by few in the state.

Tuesday from two in the afternoon until ten at night the officers of the institution, their ladies and the employees were "at home" to those who had a desire to inspect the building, and that this desire was general is attested by the fact that nearly five thousand people filed through the entrance during the receiving hours. From four to five about 800 school children attended and were presented with metal flags.

Those who received the visitors were President Seeberger, Cashier Mooney, Vice-president Langford, Asst. Cashiers Munger and Miss Kramph, clerks Miss Hinman, Harold Burke and Mancill Overman, assisted by Mrs. Seeberger, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Will Jeffers of Omaha, Mrs. Munger, Mrs. S. A. Bangs, Mrs. P. R. Halligan, Mrs. Henry Waltemath, Miss Grace Mooney and Miss Alma Waltemath. Carnations were given to the ladies and cigars and metal flags to the men. A five piece orchestra furnished music during the afternoon and evening, and on the officers' desks and at points of vantage were a dozen or more vases of beautiful roses, lilies, snap dragon and azaleas, presented by friends of the bank in this city and elsewhere.

Assisting the local people in receiving were Frank Boyd, cashier of the Omaha National, F. A. Cuscaden, assistant cashier of the Merchants' National of Omaha, A. Moorman, of St. Paul, architect of the building, F. A. Barber of the Bank of Keystone and I. E. Ware and Earl Brownfield of the Hershey bank. Interested visitors included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kelly of the First State Bank of Gothenburg and President and Mrs. C. M. Reynolds of the Maxwell State Bank.

During the day many congratulatory telegrams and letters were received from prominent bankers in various parts of the state.

The new home of the First National, which supplanted a building that twenty-five years ago was considered an imposing structure for any western Nebraska town, is presented at the head of these columns. It is constructed of buff colored pressed brick and Carthage marble; its dimensions are 44x66 feet, and as the illustration shows, symmetrically proportioned and its general appearance bespeaks the solidity of the institution it houses.

The interior finish is Italian and Grecian marble and mahogany woodwork, with bronze grill work and art panels over the counters. The general arrangement provides for a private customers' room at the left and a private consultation room at the right of the entrance; a terraza floored lobby with a customers' counter surrounding a central pillar; desk room for the president on the left and for the cashier and vice-president on the right of the lobby and with the several windows of the tellers facing the entrance. North of the tellers' cages is the savings department. In the rear is the burglar proof vault containing the

Manganese steel safe, which no known explosive can wreck, and tiers of filing cases. The north side of the vault, which is divided from the safe room by a heavy concrete and steel wall, are located the safety deposit boxes 200 number. These are of steel and very conveniently arranged. Private desk room is provided for the holders of the safety boxes who desire to open them away from the public gaze. In the southeast corner is a well appointed directors' room, and the northeast corner is occupied by wardrobes and toilet.

The entire second floor of the building is occupied by the North Platte clinic, conducted by Doctors Wurtele, Kerr, Fetter and Hooper, and the basement houses the heating plant, reserve vault and storage rooms.

The building was designed by A. Moorman & Co., bank architects of St. Paul, Minn., who supplied and placed the interior finish of the banking room. The contractors and erectors of the building were McMichael Bros. of this city and their work has been highly complimented by the architect and is entirely satisfactory to the officers of the bank.

The three vault doors, savings boxes and other permanent vault equipment were furnished by the Victor Safe & Lock Co., and the steel filing equipment of the vault supplied by the Art Metal Co., of Jamestown, N. Y.

The cost of the building, complete with equipment, is forty-five thousand dollars.

The First National will soon enter its thirty-second year; that these years has brought to it the confidence of the people of this section of Nebraska is evidenced by the statement published elsewhere which shows resources of over one million dollars.

COLORED MEN DESERT WHILE ENROUTE NORTH

Roadmaster Warfel, of Kearney, who last week left Tennessee for the north with eighty colored men who were to work here in yard extension, arrived in North Platte with twenty-six of the men, the others deserting as the train moved north.

These twenty-six men are now employed on truck work in the yards and are quartered in the old round house part of which has been converted into a bunk house and dining hall. The hotel and dining car department of the Union Pacific is finishing the meals for these men.

Old Soldier Passes Away.

Another old veteran has answered the roll call, this time F. T. Doble, who has been living with his son in the 1500 block on west Ninth street, who died Wednesday night at the age of seventy-three. The deceased served in the civil war as a member of Company E, 15th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He came here about two years ago from Lexington where he had long resided.

The funeral will be held at the Doble home at 2:30 this afternoon in charge of the Grand Army Post.

For Rent—First class business location on Dewey street. For further information see Paul Harrington, 120 east Front.

INITIAL COMMUNITY CONCERT ATTENDED BY BIG CROWD

The initial community concert, the first of a series it is proposed to give, was held at the Franklin auditorium last evening and was attended by an audience that occupied every seat, nearly 900 all told. The program was sufficiently varied to prove interesting throughout, the audience was receptive and generous in its applause; and those taking part acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Opening with "America" by the audience and with Miss Crook, costumed as Liberty, and Hershey Welch as Uncle Sam, and the girls' glee club entering the stage carrying flags, the hymn we all love was rendered with enthusiasm. This was followed with a selection by a male quartette composed of Clinton, Harrington, Birgo and Munger, who responded to an encore, Miss Irma Huffman, the talented entertainer, who is home on a visit, gave a reading with piano accompaniment that was enthusiastically received and she responded with another selection. Later on Miss Huffman again appeared and gave a number. Her selections were so varied as to allow one to judge of her ability, and from the reception accorded her it was plainly evident that the audience enjoyed her work, were proud of her as a North Platte girl, and that she has before her a brilliant future. Arthur Tramp, who is an artist on the trombone, well rendered a selection and responded to a recall; Miss Helen Bonner splendidly gave a vocal solo and received merited applause, and Mrs. W. J. Tiley, who is recognized as one of North Platte's best entertainers, gave a reading to piano accompaniment and so pleased the audience that they were not satisfied until she had given a second number. Dr. McCabe gave a short address in which he spoke of the construction of the Franklin school, how a deficit in the building fund occurred, and the necessity of a bond issue to meet that deficit and to equip the de-

partment. The girls' glee club of the Senior High excellently rendered a song and responded to an encore. Personally we feel proud of the ability displayed by these girls, and Miss Wright, the musical instructor in the schools, is entitled to much credit for the work she is doing. Miss Florence MacKay added much to the pleasures of the evening by rendering an excellent piano solo, and the program closed with a solo by Paul Harrington, without question, in our mind, North Platte's most gifted male vocalist.

We Are Grateful.
We desire to extend our grateful thanks to the 800 or 900 people who were present at the initial community concert for their attendance; to the several hundred small boys and girls who maintained such good order; to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the program; to the Walker Music Co. for the loan of a splendid piano without charge; to T. M. Cochran for moving the piano without cost; and to Supt. Tost for the very valuable assistance he rendered us in many ways, and the enthusiasm he displayed in this the initial entertainment. To these are due whatever success was attained.

THE PROGRAM MANAGER.
Are you a sinner? You needn't necessarily be a deep-dyed villain to deserve this appellation. You need only to be a weakling with no thought of actual sin other than an irresistible impulse toward self gratification to be registered under this head by Henry Arthur Jones, the dramatist who made the world think by the force of his graphic lessons. He has made this theme into one of his foremost successes, "Saints and Sinners," which will appear at the Keith Saturday night with Peggy Hyland in the leading role.

Don't fail to see the sewing machine motor work in the window at the Music Shop Saturday.

ANOTHER BLIZZARD SWEEPS WEST PART OF STATE

Western Nebraska was again in the throes of a well developed blizzard last night, and this morning a strong wind is filling the air with drifting snow. The storm covered the west part of this state and northern Colorado with Julesburg as storm center. Trains from the west are marked up from one to three hours late this morning.

The fall of snow was about four inches, and in many places it is drifted from one to three feet deep. It is probable that in the country the roads are badly drifted.

Dr. Everett Fonda Making Good
Dr. Everett Fonda, a former North Platte boy, now located at Winnetka, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, as a practicing dentist, is certainly "making good." He equipped his office at a cost of \$3,000, and with the aid of an assistant, is doing a splendid business. Recently he was appointed on the staff of Dr. P. B. Moorehead dean of the dental college of surgery of the University of Illinois at Chicago, a position that carries with it an honor that is coveted by many. Dr. Fonda's North Platte friends will be glad to know that he is succeeding so well.

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