

Condensed statement of the condition of

The First National Bank

of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at the close of business, April 28th, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans, Discounts and Investments	\$304,355 25
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	51,500 00
Real Estate	11,380 79
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	10,706 79
Cash and sight exchange	153,281 44
Due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500 00
	\$533,724 18

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus and Profits	30,566 95
Circulation	20,000 00
Deposits	403,157 23
	\$533,724 18

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TRUTH is a cutting sword.

THE best life is the life of strife.

A POUND of pluck is worth a ton of luck.

MONY is the touchstone of all character.

A NEGLECTED duty is a committed crime.

SOCIETY throws a mantle around popular sins.

THE way of the transgressor is not always hard or rough.

THE man who spends his time in idleness, usually has nothing else to spend.

LEADERS of great enterprises must of necessity, turn deaf ears to words of discouragement.

THE question of what is decency has been raised in certain quarters. Now, we have some positive opinions on this subject, and we shall not stop to consult the Standard Dictionary or any other dictionary for that matter. To be decent, we believe a man ought to live with the woman to whom he is married and not with some other woman. To be decent, we believe a man ought not to uphold and harbor professional gamblers. To be decent, we believe one ought not to uphold unlawful Sunday "booze joints." To be decent, we believe one ought to be able to speak at least ten sentences without violating Section 242 of the Criminal Code of Nebraska.

SPIRITUAL strength consists of two things—power of will, and power of self-restraint. It requires two things, therefore, for its existence—strong feelings, and a strong command over them.

Now it is here that we make a great mistake: we mistake strong feelings for strong character. A man who bears all before him—before whose frown domestics tremble, and whose bursts of fury make the children of the house quake—because he has his will obeyed, and his own way in all things, we call him a strong man. The truth is, that is the weak man: it is his passions that are strong; he, mastered by them, is weak. You must measure the strength of a man by the power of the feelings which he subdues, not by the power of those which subdue him.—Frederick W. Robertson.

Plattsmouth merchants and business men ought to appreciate what is being done for their trade when they find their town blazoned forth to the world as a hotbed of crime with wide open gambling dens run-

ning, houses of bad repute on every hand and the town full of pimps and confederates. Does it pay to talk "boom the town" in one column and stab the business men in the other. The Journal stands up for Plattsmouth and it wants the world to know there is no better town in Nebraska than this. It is the best to trade and everyone who visits it knows this to be so.—Plattsmouth Journal.

To be plain spoken, which is better to keep a clean house, condemn vice and perpetrators of vice, and to rout crime from your midst, or live in the house of evil, support corruption and crime, harbor wrong doers? Is that "booming the town?" Mr. Merchant and Mr. Business Man, we are willing to put it right square up to you. It is not a fact that the Journal condemned the every act of President Roosevelt? Has it not tried to belittle George L. Sheldon? Has it not fairly vilified Carl A. Rawls? Did not it stigmatize J. M. Roberts, J. N. Wise, J. V. Eggenberger, C. C. Parmele, T. M. Patterson, Dr. E. D. Cummins, August Gorder, and others as off color democrats, and style them with many others as "Night Riders," "Klux Klans" and "Mollie Maguires" less than a month ago?

In the same column that the above editorial appeared the Journal contained another editorial supporting Jim Dahlman, the "friend" of John C. Mabray, the swindler, confidence man, and buncoist. Now, Mr. Merchant and Mr. Business Man, we put it right square up to you. Is that the kind of rot that "booms the town?" It is well sometimes to be plain spoken. The city government is and has been for sometimes rotten to the very core. It would not require a thirteen-inch gun stationed at the County Attorney's office to reach gambling dens, but of course the County Attorney doesn't know anything about such places. No one ever expected that he would find them out. Confederates and spotters for such places may be seen running at large on the streets of our "pure" city any day, but the city officials don't know it. Did anybody ever suppose they would find it out? Bawdy houses exist, but of course the Journal never heard of anything of the kind. Sunday booze joints are in full blast Sunday after Sunday, but of course in the estimation of the Journal and its city officials this is decent and law-abiding. Now Mr. Merchant and Mr. Business Man, we put it right square up to you. Do you believe such conditions are for the best interests of the city? If so, then why not advertise it throughout the county? You never heard of the Journal ever condemning anything of that kind? No not once, and you support the Journal. If lending countenance and support to gambling, booze and other vices is "boosting for the town," then there is room for a wide difference of opinion.

TRUE PROTECTION WAGE PROTECTION.

The most pronounced of Republican revisionists cannot stand for that feature in any programme of Tariff change and there is no Democratic believer in a Tariff for revenue only that will assume the responsibility of reducing the wage scale of the American working men.

Academic theories and campaign proposals fritter away to airy nothings,

dissolve as do the vapors of early morning in the sunlight, when they are brought to the test of destroying the Protection that enables the millions of workmen of this country to earn more than their brethren do in other lands, to enjoy the advantages that render them more intelligent and efficient, and that make them, through their steady work at good wages, the solid foundation of all business in the industrial districts of the country.

An injury to the interests of our workmen is an injury to our merchants, to our farmers, to producers of all lines, to our municipalities, to our States and to the nation at large.

Reduce the wages of the workmen of the United States and you reduce the income of every person who owns or rents realty, of every shopkeeper, of every banker, and directly or indirectly you strike at the prosperity of every individual in the republic.

The sentiment of the country is distinctly for tranquillity and stability in business affairs, and that sentiment should receive prompt recognition from Congress by the speedy passage of a conservative, revenue raising Tariff bill.

The country wishes a law that will improve conditions, not one that will lower the wages of any man nor injure our home industries.

The people expect Congress to give them just that kind of a law.—Cincinnati Enquirer (Dem.)

COST OF ARC LIGHTING.

Below we give a comparison of the cost of arc light service in cities much larger than Plattsmouth. It may be of service of the light committee of the city council.

St. Joseph pays \$48 a year for its street arc lights. The city owns the plant. Kansas City pays \$65 a year. St. Joseph and other cities have written about their light companies in reply to the inquiries sent out to several cities by the public utilities commission regarding electric light service. They contain some interesting facts for comparison with conditions in Kansas City.

In this city there is only one company operating under a municipal franchise. This franchise is any one of seven granted before the city had a charter. It was acquired later by the Kansas City Electric Light company, which is associated with the street railway company and makes its rates and measures its service without regulation or supervision by the city.

Chicago has several competing light concerns. It gets 3 per cent gross earnings. The city inspects the service. An ordinance passed in March 1909, gives the city the power of rate regulation and under this the rate of \$75 for arc lights for streets may be reduced. In one-fourth of the city the wires are underground. No relations with street railway.

In Cleveland the city has the right to revise the rates every ten years. The present rate for arc lights is \$54.96 a year. To private consumers the rate for the first thirty hours is twelve and one-half cents a kilowatt, all in excess of that five cents a kilowatt. The city has competition. All wires are underground in the business section and on the main thoroughfares outside. No relations with street railway system.

In Pittsburg, Pa., the Allegheny County Light company and the Pittsburg Street Railways company are operated by one company under different charters. The price of water, and coal is lower in Pittsburg than in any other city. The rate for lights is one-half cent a kilowatt. The rate for street arc lights is \$70 a year. The city inspects the service. The city has competition.

In Omaha the city gets 3 per cent of the gross earnings. The rate to private consumers is fourteen cents a kilowatt for the first 1,500 kilowatts and six cents a kilowatt for all in excess of that. The rate for street arc lights is \$75 a year. The city inspects the service.

St. Louis gets 5 per cent of the gross earnings, and has the right to regulate and inspect. The rate for street arc lights has recently been reduced to \$50 a year.—Kansas City Star.

SOME newspaper men can't tell when they are jollied, and Thomas Jefferson O'Day of the Nehawka Register belongs to that class. Don't be too touchy brother.

INCOMPETENCY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

As a result of the gross incompetency of the democratic aggregation assembled at Lincoln last winter, called a legislature, one of the State institutions is left wholly unprovided for its support for a period of three months.

The home for the friendless will have to run from April 1 to July 1 on a deficiency that will be charged up to the incompetency of the democratic majority of the last legislature. The body passed an act establishing a state school at the home for the friendless. The act goes into effect July 1. It was intended to change the home for the friendless to an institution run by three commissioners appointed by the governor. All the appropriations made for maintenance and salaries are for the "state school" and none were made for the home for the friendless. As the state school will not come into existence till July 1 and as no appropriation was made for the home for the friendless, the children in the latter institution will be supported only through merchants who are willing to trust the state for recompense. There is a talk of taking up public subscriptions to pay for the support that the legislature failed to provide for.

Through the incompetency of that conglomerate assemblage of pie-bunters, "Kunsel" Bates lost out on his \$1800 job as secretary of the State Printing Board. Too bad "Kunsel," too bad, a whole winter absolutely wasted.

Now, the bankers say the bank guaranty law is unconstitutional, even after the incompetency had been admitted and a populist was called in to prepare the bill.

And now the attorney general gives it as his opinion that the famous demurrage bill is in conflict with the interstate clause of the constitution of the United States.

Then too, it is believed that its non-partisan judiciary act is invalid. We are not sure but the whole blamed thing ought to be declared a nuisance. The people of the State will certainly see to it that the "thing" never happens again.

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