

# WHAT WILL THE NEW POST OFFICE BE LIKE WHEN IT IS COMPLETED?

When Uncle Sam Builds It Is With Eye to the Future, and He Has Left Nothing Undone in Making the New Building a Magnificent One—Description of Interior.

Plattsmouth people will begin getting mail at the new federal building soon after November 1 of this year, for at that time or sooner the contractors must turn the building over to the government complete in every detail.

What will the new postoffice be like inside? As handsome as it is on the outside, it will be equally handsome on the inside. When Uncle Sam builds, he makes a good job of it. There is nothing slipshod about any of his work. Everything must be the best obtainable, and materials that often vary in quality must be tested by Uncle Sam's agents before they can be used in the construction of the building.

The building, externally considered, has the appearance of stateliness, substantialness and costliness. Inside, with its beautiful floors and fine oak finishings, it will be in every way in keeping with the outside.

The building consists of a complete basement and the one story above, which is itself high enough for two stories of an ordinary building. In the basement will be a fuel room, a janitor's room, a storage room, a boiler room, a swing room, which means a rest room, a place where the postoffice employees, when not on duty, may go and read or play games with other employees. There will be a toilet room, with complete shower baths.

One interesting feature of the building, but one that is not new, being a part of all government postoffice buildings built in the last decade or two, will be the lookouts. These are places where the government inspectors may enter secretly and climb to a place where they can view the entire work room of the postoffice. A postoffice clerk cannot tell at any time when he is or is not being watched. The secret agents may go in at any time, even unknown to the postmaster, climb up one of the three lookouts and see if any employe is not doing his duty or violating the government postal laws in any way. There are also two lookouts in the attic. These places of observation are reached by a circular staircase that ex-

tends from the basement to the attic.

The main entrance to the building will be from North Fifth street, though there will be a large and stately entrance from Vine street also. Entering from Fifth street the postoffice patron will pass through an oak-finished entrance, which will have a revolving door in cold weather. In warm weather the door will be "folded up" against one side.

There will be a lobby for the public, sixty-four feet long and thirteen and a half feet wide, with an L extension at the north entrance. The floor of the lobby will be of terrazzo with colored terrazzo borders. At the left of the lobby will be the money order and registered letter window. The big general postoffice work room will be in the center of the building and will occupy about half of the floor space of the building. There will be a private office for the postmaster, a mailing room, a mailing platform and two two-story concrete vaults.

On each side of the granite steps on both the east and north sides of the building will be light standards with three lights each.

Plattsmouth will have a right to be proud of its new government building. The government has done well by the town, when it is taken into consideration the buildings recently constructed in many other towns of this size in recent years. A total of \$50,000 was appropriated for the building, exclusive of the lot. The contract for the construction of the building was let to the General Construction company of Milwaukee for approximately \$35,000. The rest of the appropriation is for wiring, plumbing and the approaches, the cost of the latter alone being in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Plattsmouth ought to have some kind of celebration when the building is finally opened. The building was started with hardly anyone giving the matter a passing thought. The city should not be so thoughtless when it is finally completed.

The building is being put up under the direction of D. E. Hall of the construction company.

### Cut the Weeds.

The law says that all property owners must mow the weeds along their premises; so notice is hereby given that if the weeds along the public highways of Road District No. 10 are not cut they will be cut by the overseer and charged up to the property. This notice

must be complied with by the 15th of August.

Ben Beckman, Overseer.

Matt McQuinn and R. A. Flanagan of Union spent a few hours in the city last night, coming up on the evening train and returning on the midnight train.

## ASSESSED VALUES IN CASS COUNTY

Some Interesting Figures Taken From the Books in the Office of the County Clerk.

The figures for the assessed values of real and personal property in Cass county, which have been compiled and sent to the state board of assessment by County Clerk Morgan, are of considerable interest, and a few items have been taken off the books in the county clerk's office. The books show that the assessed value of the lands in Cass county is \$4,694,781.

Personal property, \$1,336,926. Railroads, \$1,294,736. Car lines, \$4,045. Pullman Car company, \$4,689. Towns and villages, \$642,492. This makes a total assessed value of all real and personal property in the county of \$7,977,669.

There are 342,934.16 acres in the county, with an assessed valuation of \$4,694,781.

The assessed value of the improvements is listed at \$373,527.

The books show that there were 155 automobiles listed by the assessor with an assessed value of \$20,507, or an average value of \$132.

Dogs are held cheap in this county, though some people may think that a dollar apiece is dear for the 1,945 dogs of the county.

There are 702 cream separators, 2,479 sewing machines and 2,072 watches.

There are 4,023 vehicles valued at \$17,605.

There are 11,284 horses valued at \$203,108; 1,554 mules, jacks and jennies, with an assessed valuation of \$32,633; 24,303 hogs with an assessed value of \$39,220.

The report from the state board of assessment shows that the taxes charged to Cass county for 1911 amounted to \$49,461.49, against \$40,353.64 in 1910.

### Those Hitch Racks.

The removal of those hitch racks about town has caused great complaint from farmers who do their trading in Plattsmouth. The complaint last Saturday could have been heard on all sides, and the universal sentiment seemed to be among these people that unless some place was furnished where they could hitch their teams they would go elsewhere to buy their goods. At the next meeting of the council something should be done in this direction. There never was enough hitch racks in town in the first place, and then to take down those that were already up is enough to stir up to ire of the farmers of this community. Many asked the Journal who complained and who were the cause of their removal, as they had learned that it was some of the business men. Anyway, there should be some place provided for hitching teams, and the council should take this matter up at their next meeting.

### Home From the Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge and daughter, Miss Violet, returned home from the lakes in Minnesota last Saturday evening. They have been spending their summer vacation at the famous lakes near Loreta, where they have been visiting a few weeks each summer. They report a very pleasant trip this season. While the fishing was not so good as usual, they enjoyed all they wanted to eat from each day's catch. There were quite a number of Havelock friends at the lake, some eight or ten in number, including Walt Holmes and his wife, which made their visit all the more pleasant.

### Dr. Ransom Removes.

Dr. Ransom, dentist, who came here from Brock, Neb., several months ago and bought out Dr. Elster, departed Sunday night for Boelus, Neb., where he will locate and practice his profession. Dr. Ransom removed all his effects and we hope he will prosper in his new home. He is a good dentist, and while we believe he could have eventually done well here, we trust his efforts will prove successful in his new location. He is a young man who deserves a good patronage.

### Overland to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollard of Nehawka made a short stop in the city yesterday en route to various Colorado points by automobile. On the way to the mountains the party will make several stops for short visits with friends.—Lincoln Journal.

## STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLATTSMOUTH LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

Of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 30th day of June, 1911.

**ASSETS:**  
First mortgage loans.....\$58,225.43  
Stock loans.....2,162.70  
Real estate.....845.17  
Cash.....628.00  
Delinquent interest, premiums, fines and dues.....493.88  
Other assets.....113.38  
Total.....\$63,499.16

**LIABILITIES:**  
Capital stock paid up.....\$48,524.00  
Reserve fund.....1,400.00  
Undivided profits.....12,375.66  
Matured stock.....1,100.50  
Total.....\$63,499.16

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES for the year ending June 30, 1911

**RECEIPTS**  
Balance on hand July 1, 1910.....\$ 1,757.47  
Dues.....18,547.00  
Interest, premiums and fines.....4,985.40  
Loans repaid.....8,425.60  
Rents.....100.00  
Taxes and insurance repaid.....189.81  
Total.....\$35,055.97

**EXPENDITURES**  
Loans.....\$10,390.00  
Expenses.....650.00  
Stock redeemed.....23,146.27  
Cash on hand.....628.00  
Real estate.....116.00  
Taxes and insurance advanced.....115.50  
Total.....\$35,055.97

STATE OF NEBRASKA, I, T. M. Patterson, Secretary of the above named Association, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said association, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. M. PATTERSON, Secretary.  
Approved: JOHN M. LEYDA, R. B. WINDHAM, E. P. LUTZ, Directors  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17th day of July, 1911. ZERRA BROWN-TIMPE, (formerly Zetta Brown) Notary Public.

## FUND FOR BUYING A CITY BUILDING

City Council, at Special Meeting, Passes Measure Important To Plattsmouth.

The city council met Saturday evening and passed an ordinance of much importance—the creation of a special fund for a city building—and also passed the ordinance providing for the levy of city taxes for the fiscal year of 1911-12, and fixing the annual appropriation bill.

The first ordinance provides that there shall be a fund created to be known as the city building fund, for the purpose of purchasing property to be used as a city building, or for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting thereon a building to be used for a city building.

Section 2 of the ordinance provides that the mayor and council shall at the time of making the annual appropriation, levy certain sums for the city building fund not to exceed 2 mills.

Section 3 provides that the mayor and council may, by a two-thirds vote, transfer sums from other funds to the building fund. For the fiscal year of 1911-12 the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated for the building fund.

The levy for the coming year will reduce city taxes 5 mills.

### OMAHA MUSICIANS ARE ENTERTAINED AT TODD'S

A jolly party of musicians from Omaha—young men and young women, with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Clark as chaperons—were entertained at the country home of A. L. Todd over Sunday. The party returned to Omaha this morning, reporting a delightful time and giving much praise to the Todd hospitality. Those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Hazel Wilcox, Theodore Stevens, Minnie Richards, Mrs. Minerva Jackson, Edwin Clark, Richard Clark, Charles Worthington, Ernest Schoedsack, Will Hetherington and Robert Clark.

### Kills Wolf With Neckyoke.

Tuesday morning as Al Wallinger and Henry Weidman were driving to town they had quite an experience in the capture of a wolf. The animal ran across the road in front of them and into a lot on the William James farm, which is surrounded by a high woven wire fence. Having the wolf safely trapped, Mr. Wallinger went to the James residence for a shotgun, which was procured for him, but they could find no shells. While this was going on Mr. Weidman killed the animal with a neckyoke while it was making wild dashes in an effort to escape.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

### Farmer's Protection.

First. The cost but one-half. Second. Saves you one-half the gasoline. Third. Factory at your door. Fourth. Five years' guarantee. Fifth. You are the sole judge. I take your word, and not what I say. Chopie Gasoline Engine Factory, Plattsmouth, Neb.

### THE SECRET PLACE.

Psalm xci: 1-2.  
II Cor., iv: 8.

Oh, secret place of Spirit's Sanctuary!  
Where I may dwell, in silence to commune,  
Beyond the discord of the Adversary,  
With harmony sublime my thoughts attune.  
Under th' Almighty shadow to abide,  
There hid with Christ, my longings satisfied.

Of Him I'll say, He only is my refuge;  
To Him in time of danger will I fly,  
Safe in the knowledge that no storm nor deluge  
Nor mortal thing can harm nor terrify.  
My fortress strong, He is my staid defender;  
'Gainst all the foes of earthly imagery,  
He shelters me, omnipotent and tender,  
With love divine, He doth encompass me.

He is my God! To Him in adoration  
And gratitude I lift my consciousness,  
Far, far above all earthly adulation,  
Unto His presence, there His name to bless.  
In Him will I forever trust, well knowing  
He is my watchful shepherd, true and kind.  
Omniscient, on all, His love bestowing,  
Omnipresent One, The only Mind.  
Letitia E. Burton.

## LETTER FROM OUR FRIEND, E. H. WESCOTT

Hill is Enjoying Himself and Letting People Know He Is From Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Detroit, July 28, 1911.

To the Editor of the Journal: Perhaps the Journal readers would be interested to know something of the "Nebraska Booster Bunch." We occupy three Pullman cars, which left Omaha on the regular Burlington No. 12 Thursday evening. Arriving in Chicago at 9 o'clock this morning we were supplied by the committee in charge with white felt hats, banded with the Ak-Sar-Ben colors and bearing the same title in black letters. Also, each gentleman carried an umbrella trimmed in orange, green and red. All the gentlemen and a few of the ladies formed in parade and marched across the city to the Illinois Central depot on the lake shore.

The crowd certainly attracted attention all along the way, and booster literature, including Plattsmouth folders, marked our line of march through the busy, bustling streets, where traffic was delayed several times to allow us to pass. Seventy-five Nebraska boosters make some few when they try.

Our train out of Chicago was a five-car special, carrying large delegations from Omaha, Lincoln and various points throughout the state. Buttons, ribbons and banners designate the several clubs. Your delegate wears our Plattsmouth booster button and the handsome ribbon badge of red and white, also bearing the words, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

People are finding out that Nebraska is in the Union, and that it's not all buffalo and sage brush. They regard us curiously, some of them, and almost expect to see Indians following in our train. Had the representative from Plattsmouth borrowed the Colonel's silk hat and gold-headed cane, they perhaps would not be so frequent in their salutation of "Hurrah for Bryan," whenever they see a Nebraskan.

The day has not been without its labors, however, and the writer was put upon the traveling publicity committee, to organize and wrap all Nebraska literature, which has been tossed out at every cross-road between Chicago and Detroit. Hundreds of these rolls, of which you will receive one by same mail, are doing missionary work for the Golden Rod state.

Upon arrival at Detroit we were received by the Add Craft club, who, with autos, took us over the city. We visited Belle Isle park, which is in the Detroit river. The most beautiful island park in the world. Detroit is verily the home of the automobile and we are told furnishes 60 per cent of the country's supply.

Was surprised to meet Bruce Miles, who used to report in Plattsmouth. He is now on the Detroit Free Press. We leave here tonight at 10:45 for Niagara Falls.

Forgot to mention that we were furnished here with miniature cow-bells with the inscription, "Ring for Nebraska," and they sure have been ringing.

"See Plattsmouth Succeed."  
The Secretary.



"Just what they want"

21 kinds 10c a can

EVERYBODY says that Campbell's Tomato Soup is "just right". We say so too. Of course we carry a complete stock of the "21 kinds". And every other kind of groceries.

E. A. WURL,

Phones Ind. 65 and 17 Bell 65 Corner Sixth and Main St.

## This Week Only WE WILL SELL

# Manhattan Shirts

AT Reduced Prices:

\$1.50 and \$1.75 grade at.....\$1.15  
2.00 and 2.25 " ".....1.38  
2.50 and 3.00 " ".....1.88

### STRICTLY CASH!

This includes our entire stock of fancy Manhattans and is done to make room for the new Fall line soon to be here. Better take advantage of this opportunity.

C. E.

## WESCOTT'S SONS

THE HOME OF SATISFACTION