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BANK BUILDING SOLD.

Sale of Lots to Satisfy Judgment Against F. & M. Bankers Co.

Wednesday, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east door of the court house, Sheriff Hedge sold the lots included in the judgment in favor of the city against the Farmers & Merchants Banking Company. The lots sold much better than was expected, bringing \$729 in cash above the taxes. Nearly all the lots sold were subject to liens of one kind or another, mostly for taxes.

The most valuable piece of property in the list was the Farmers & Merchants Bank building, adjoining the Potter building on the south. The city had been offered \$3000 for its equity in this building before the sale, and as the bidding was not very spirited it was bid in by the city for \$2500. There is something over \$700 in taxes against the building.

The city also bid in lot 8, block 6, for \$90. This lot is located just north of the Moranville building, and there is but about \$20 in taxes against it. As indicated by the plat of the city, part of the Moranville stands upon the lot.

Lots 1 to 4, block 19, were bid in by George J. Warren for \$105. These lots are located just north of the home of A. C. Hosmer, on Cedar street, and are nice residence lots.

Lots 8 to 48, block 2, Garber's second addition were bid in by Wm. Wolfe at \$110. These are the lots in the block in which the crematory is located, and there are \$310 taxes against them.

Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, and 13 to 24, block 3, same addition, were bid in by Mrs. Henry Diederich for \$17.

Lots 4 and 5, block 6, same addition, were sold to D. L. Groat for \$2. Mr. Groat already had a title to these lots.

Lots 13 to 21, block 6, were brought by H. W. Gulliford for \$8.

Lots 13 to 21, block 7, same addition were sold to Wm. Wolfe for \$11.

Lots 16 to 29, block 7, original town, were bid in by E. J. Overing for the Congregational church at \$295. These

five lots are just north of the Congregational church.

Lots 15 and 16, block 27, were sold to H. W. Gulliford for \$10.

Lot 8, block 28, was bid in by Gulliford at \$10.

Lots 20 to 24, block 28, also went to Gulliford for \$10.

Lots 3 and 4, block 13, original town, were sold to R. C. Cather for \$40. These are the lots just south of the Christian church.

Lots 17 and 18, block 24, were sold to Bernard McNeny for \$10.

Lots 11 and 12, block 30, also went to McNeny for \$1.

Lots 6 and 7, block 17, were bid in by E. F. Overman for the Methodist church at \$175. These lots are just north of the M. E. church.

Undivided half interest in lots 2 and 3, block 3, were sold to H. W. Gulliford for \$15. These are the lots next to the corner just north of the old Sullivan lumber yard.

Several lots included in the judgment were not offered for sale, for the reason that the city had no title in them.

The original judgment of the city against the F. & M. Bankers Co., was for \$5,200, and the interest has accumulated until it would now amount to between \$7000 and \$8000.

On this judgment the city has already \$2000 in cash, and this sale, with the proceeds from the bank building when it is sold, will more than pay the face value of the city's judgment. Attorney McNeny has already received his fee for conducting the suit and the city will come out about even on what at first appeared to be a total loss of \$5,200. At one time the city administration seriously considered abandoning the suit, and was on the point of doing so, but upon the advice of Mr. McNeny the suit was finally carried on to a successful termination.

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LIGHT AT LAST.

Current Turned On Saturday.—Plant a Great Success.

On January 9, 1906, the citizens of Red Cloud voted bonds to build and operate a municipal electric lighting plant. On Saturday, January 12, 1907, or one year and three days later, the current was turned on at the lighting plant, and it was clearly demonstrated that the plant was a grand success.

Many well meaning persons opposed the issuing of the bonds, and even after they were voted the opposition to the building of the plant was kept up, owing to the mistaken idea that the money would be misappropriated and the people swindled out of their money, as they had been once before. However, all the obstacles were overcome, and, though there was considerable delay in procuring some of the necessary supplies, particularly the generator, the plant was in full and successful operation in a year from the voting of the bonds.

The city council was particularly fortunate in securing the services of John Martz, superintendent of the Seward municipal electric lighting plant, to superintend the work. Mr. Martz brought with him an efficient corps of workmen, at least one of whom will remain in Red Cloud—Oscar Burroughs, who has been appointed light and water commissioner.

Mr. Martz, who is familiar with the lighting system of cities and towns of the PACIFIC THE RED CLOUD is the best light town in Nebraska. He does not say this because he had charge of the installation of the plant, though he has reason to be proud of his work. At all times he was given the hearty support of the city administration, whose members placed implicit confidence in his judgment and integrity, and the result shows that their confidence was not misplaced. The city administration and the people of Red Cloud stand ready to recommend Mr. Martz to any city that is contemplating the installation of a lighting plant.

From a financial standpoint the investment bids fair to be a paying one for the city. There are already over 2,000 "inside" lights installed in the

residences and stores, and before another year rolls around the number may possibly be doubled, as there are a large number of merchants and citizens who have delayed putting lights into their stores and residences until they were assured the plant would be a success.

There is not a town in Nebraska whose streets are so well lighted as are those of Red Cloud. The business section is lighted by five 1,500 candle power arc lights, with one at the brow of the hill near the depot. At every street corner in the city there is an incandescent street light, 7 1/2 in. all, and they make a brilliant showing. Some people feared the incandescent lights would not have sufficient power, but they are a success beyond all expectations.

The power for the plant is furnished by a 150-horse power Atlas Corliss engine, which is designed to run the big three-phase generator. In order to give the people some idea of what they are paying their money for, it is only necessary to state that the plant is now running at only a third its full capacity. In other words the plant is capable of supplying three times the amount of electric current now in use. The wisdom of the city administration in securing an engine and generator of greater power than is necessary for the present needs of the city is to be commended, as it is highly probable that within the next decade the city will have nearly, if not quite, grown up to the plant.

The improvement in the appearance of Red Cloud within the last three years is almost transformation. From a town of rotten sidewalks, dark and gloomy streets, we have emerged into a beautiful little city with miles of cement and brick walks, streets brilliantly lighted with electric lights, and scores of handsome residences lining the street.

The work of the future lies in improving the water plant, building a sewerage system and providing better school buildings for the accommodation of our children.

Let's stay awake, now that we are at last awakened.

Now is the time to subscribe.

Business College Notes

Roy Hutchison is a new student this week.

George Phelps is the fire-builder this week.

Everyone ought to attend the high school concert tonight.

Mr. Olmsted was in town Wednesday hunting a place for his daughter Bertha to board while attending the college. She enters next week.

The new term begins next Monday and new classes will be organized in all the courses. If you are intending to enter this winter start now, as you will find classes to suit you.

Ed Overing made the students a very instructive talk Monday morning on "Run Yourself." He brought out many things of interest as well as importance to each of us. Well, we need only say "Mr. Overing talked," and you would all know that it was good.

All public school pupils will be admitted to the next number of the college lecture course, which is to be next Wednesday, January 23, for 15c. This is a treat on the part of the college to the public school pupils and if they appreciate and take advantage of it we may treat again.

On account of the increased work in the business college during the months of January, February and March, Prof. Dietrick has had to decline to fill any more lecture dates except those that have already been set. He urged teachers to take this up last fall, and many did, and he is sorry to refuse now, but overwork is not of any benefit to a person.

Prof. Dietrick gave a recital 9 1/2 miles southeast, in Kansas, Friday night, and another in the North Branch academy Saturday night. He had full houses at both places. Both audiences were appreciative and attentive. The professor was sorry that his voice was in such poor shape, but it was worse Sunday, when he was hardly able to speak above a whisper.

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