

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE McCook Co-operative Building & Savings Ass'n
of McCook, Nebraska, on the 30th day of June, 1908.

ASSETS.	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 121,855 00
Stock loans	6,310 00
Real estate	928 30
Cash	3,369 48
Delinquent interest	46 68
Expenses and taxes paid	362 05
Delinquent assessments	38 00
Total	\$ 132,829 51
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid up	\$ 127,019 68
Reserve fund	1,674 80
Undivided profits	3,883 98
Other liabilities	221 05
Total	\$ 132,829 51

Receipts and expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand July 1, 1907	\$ 378 80
Dues	26,678 50
Interest, premiums and fines	11,223 02
Loans repaid	27,952 84
Real Estate Sales	180 00
Total	\$66,424 26
EXPENDITURES.	
Loans	\$ 50,890 00
Expenses	852 04
Stock redemption	7,489 74
Bills payable	3,800 00
Cash on hand	3,389 48
Total	\$ 66,424 26

State of Nebraska, Red Willow County, ss.
I, F. A. PENNELL, 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.
F. A. PENNELL, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of July, 1908.
STELLA F. FULLER, Notary Public.
Approved: J. A. WILCOX, W. B. MILLS, E. HANSON, Directors.

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A PEDDLER'S JOKE.

It Had a Sharp Turn That Took All the Fun Out of It.
One day a peddler of tinware stopped at a country house in New England and, leaving his horse and wagon at the gate, went to the door, where a big woman with a rather pleasant face met him. He told her what he had for sale and succeeded in disposing of half a dozen articles to her. Then she said that she had not money enough to buy more.

"Well, ma'am," said the peddler, "I'll take rags if you have any."
"I have none to sell," answered the woman.
The peddler saw at least a dozen children, all small, about the house and the yard, and he suddenly thought of a joke that he might play on the woman.

"You seem to have plenty of children," he said. "Maybe you might sell me one of them and take the pay in tinware."
"What will you give?" said the woman.

"I'll give \$10," said the man, "all in the best tinware."
"Well, sir," said the woman, "it's a bargain; take your pick of the lot."
The peddler was surprised that his joke was working so well, but he kept a very serious face, and, selecting a very bright looking little fellow of six years, he took him up and put him on the seat of the wagon and then gave the woman \$10 worth of such articles as she wanted.

Never doubting that the mother would repent of her bargain and give him, to redeem the boy, \$10 in money the minute she saw him starting off, he climbed up on the seat, touched up his horse and drove off. He drove very slowly, however, for he expected every second to hear the woman call him back, for how could he think for a moment that a mother would sell her child for a lot of tinware?

But she did not call him back, much to his amazement, while, as for the boy, he was in high glee, for he was going to have a drive. Presently the peddler, fearing that the joke had been turned on him, drove back to the gate. Lifting the disappointed little fellow down from the wagon, he went with him to the door, where he found that the woman had just finished arranging her new tins nicely on her shelves.

"I think the boy will not do, after all," said the peddler, "and you had better take him back and let me have my tins."
"No, sir," cried the woman, "A bargain's a bargain, and you must stick to it!"

"Why, ma'am," said the man, "surely you wouldn't sell your little son for a lot of tinware?"
"Oh," answered the woman, "I have no children, mister. The boys and girls you see here are pauper children, and as you seem to be a good sort of man I'll sell you as many of 'em as you want for \$10 apiece."

The peddler stared at her for a minute in speechless amazement, and then, turning suddenly toward his wagon, he drove away as fast as his horse could take him.

But he left his tins behind him.—Pittsburg Press.

His Modest Request.
Your regular "professional" tramp has a sharp tongue and is not slow to use it when occasion arises.

A farmer's wife had curtly refused the usual request for a night's lodging from a gentleman of this fraternity.

"Well, then, ma'am," said the tramp, "would you mind if I slept in that big meadow there behind your barn?"

"No," said the woman in a magnanimous tone, "you may sleep there if you like."
"One thing more, ma'am," said the tramp, "before I say good night. Will you please have me called at 4 sharp? I want to catch the cattle train to market."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Lacked Relish.
A good many of the Sac and Fox Indians do not talk much, and when they are in a store and see something they want they pick it up and pay for it. When Tom Hall was keeping a drug store an Indian woman entered it and picked up a can of varnish and paid for it. A few weeks later the same woman was in again and Tom asked her if she wanted another can. She said no, they couldn't eat the can she had.—Stroud (Okla.) Messenger.

A Golf Outrage.
The Earl of Wemyss was on a five-golf course on one occasion accompanied by an old caddie. His lordship got his ball on one occasion so near the hole that to play it was, as it appeared to him, superfluous. So he simply tipped it in with the toe of his foot.

The caddie revolted instantly, threw down the clubs and looked horrified. When he found words to speak it was to say, "Hang it, me lord, gowf's gowf!"

Satin Ashes.
Small Nellie read aloud from her Sunday school lesson as follows: "And the king of Nineveh covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes."
This was a puzzler, and finally she said, "Mamma, what kind of ashes is satin ashes?"—Chicago News.

Fault Finding.
Nothing is easier than fault finding. No talent, no self denial, no brains, no character is required to set up in the grumbling business, but those who are moved by a genuine desire to do good have little time for murmuring or complaint.

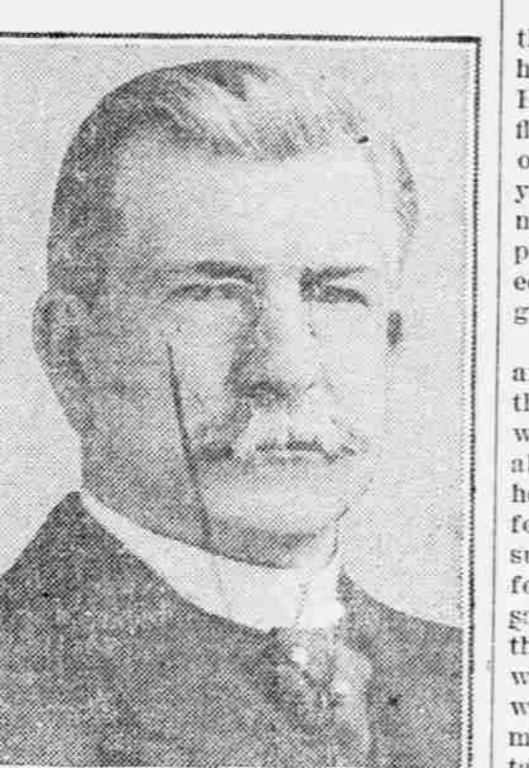
Most people who rob Peter to pay Paul forget the last part of the contract.

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

Luke E. Wright, Who Succeeds to Shoes of William H. Taft Again.

The choice of Luke E. Wright, a life-long Democrat, to succeed William H. Taft as secretary of war recalls the appointment of Walter Q. Gresham of Indiana, a lifelong Republican, as secretary of state during the second administration of the late Grover Cleveland. Judge Gresham was postmaster general and secretary of the treasury in the administration of President Arthur and was himself a candidate for the presidential nomination on the Republican ticket in 1884 and 1888. In 1892, however, he supported Grover Cleveland, and this led to his being invited into a Democratic cabinet despite his long associations with politicians of the other camp.

It was an appointment which occasioned much discussion at the time. General Wright was classed as a Democrat when he went to the Philippines. His promotion from one important post to another since that time has come in consequence of his showing especial capability for the dis-



LUKE E. WRIGHT.
charge of the responsibilities thrust upon him. When Judge Taft was called to Washington to become secretary of war Mr. Wright, who had been vice governor and had acted as governor several times in the absence of Mr. Taft, stepped quite naturally into the shoes left by the latter. He served as governor general until 1905, when he became the first American ambassador to Japan, in which post he succeeded not long ago by Ambassador O'Brien. He was appointed to the Philippines commission in 1900 by President McKinley, who desired that the members of that body should not be all of one party. He was only a boy when the civil war broke out, having been born in 1847. It is said that in making the appointment the president was influenced "by the desire to recognize that there is no longer any dividing line between north and south."

General Wright had three sons fighting for his reunited country in the war against Spain. He is the son of a former chief justice of Tennessee and was himself an attorney general for eight years. He married a daughter of Rear Admiral Raphael Semmes of the Confederate navy and of Alabama fame.

JOHN R. MALLOY.

Ohio Man Who Was Secretary of the Republican National Convention.

John R. Malloy of Columbus, O., the secretary of the Republican national convention, is known in the Buckeye State as the man with the stentorian voice. Since 1889, with the exception of but two or three years, he has annually performed the duties of secretary of the Ohio Republican state convention. In 1896 he was reading clerk at the convention at St. Louis which gave Mr. McKinley his first nomination for president, and in 1900 when the national convention was held in Philadelphia he was chief assistant secretary. He performed the duties of the same office at Chicago in 1904.

Mr. Malloy grew up in a political atmosphere. As a boy in 1873 and 1874



JOHN R. MALLOY.

he was a page in the Ohio constitutional convention. At nineteen he was a recording clerk in the legislature. Then he served for a time as a reporter on a Columbus paper. He was clerk of the Ohio house of representatives for six years, was a member of the state board of pardons, was cashier of the Columbus postoffice and was state oil inspector under Governors Nash and Herrick. He was a close friend and ardent admirer of the late Senator Hanna.

WON ON A BLUFF.

The Way One Prosperous Merchant Got His Start in Business.

There is a prosperous merchant in Chicago today who owes his success to his donation of a \$5,000 organ to a church at a time when he didn't have money enough to buy a hand organ. This donation was a case of bluff pure and simple, but the bluff worked and resulted in the subsequent wealth of the lucky bluffer.

John Smith was seeking capital to start in business for himself, but as he had no security worth speaking of he could not borrow the money he needed. When he had tried every person he could think of who would be likely to have the necessary cash and the inclination to lend it and had been turned down, he conceived the idea of presenting his church with an organ.

Young Napoleon John Smith therefore ordered his organ and allowed the future to look out for itself. The manufacturers of the organ never thought of questioning the financial standing of the philanthropist who was handing out \$5,000 organs and agreed to have the instrument set up in the church on time.

Of course J. Smith was not a bud that was born to bluish unseem, nor did he hide his beneficence under a bushel. He managed to bring in at least the flute stops no matter what the subject of conversation. Not only did the young Napoleon advertise himself by means of the church organ, but the pleased minister and the equally pleased congregation spread the news of his gift.

During this time John did not allow any alfalfa to grow under his feet. On the pretense of consulting some wealthy member of the congregation about some minor details of the organ he would drop into an office and before he left casually would mention the subject of the company that he was forming. Most of the men that he thus saw thought that it would be a good thing to be associated with a man who was making so much money that he was able to hand out \$5,000 without missing it, so that all were anxious to take stock in J. Smith's company.

Long before the time came for the first payment on the organ Smith had gathered enough money to start his business and was doing so well he had no difficulty in borrowing the amount needed to make the payment. From that time he has made money so fast that now he could give away several \$5,000 organs and pay for them as well.—Chicago Tribune.

MEXICAN POLITENESS.

In the State of Michoacan Chivalry is Compulsory.

"If any man opines that the days of chivalry and the true knight errant spirit have gone forever, let him start forthwith on a far southward journey, not halt his steps until he brings up in the town of Morelia, which is the capital of the Mexican state of Michoacan," remarked a traveling man.

"Having arrived in Morelia, he will at once see that the chivalrous spirit still survives. I was down there not long ago, and the gallantry of the men and their extreme readiness to extend courtesies to the fair sex pleased and surprised me. When I noticed the alacrity with which the native males jumped up on the crowded street car to offer their seats to the first senorita that entered, I thought to myself how much more gentlemanly are these Mexicans than many of my own countrymen. They do not wait to see if some other man is going to get up, but each tries to beat the other in courteous proffering his seat to the lady."

"I spoke about the matter to the proprietor of the hotel and immediately he began to laugh.

"You must understand, senor," said the innkeeper, "that the governor of our state issued a decree that if any man keep his seat in a street car, thereby compelling a woman to stand, he is liable to arrest and a fine. The police have been instructed to execute this order severely, and I think this has much to do with the prompt politeness of which you speak, since none of our population wishes to become involved with the police and to be publicly branded as lacking in gentility."—Baltimore American.

She Had Red Burns.
The philanthropic lady was visiting a Glasgow slum and had just been ushered into a house where the good wife was engaged washing. Her endeavor was to elevate the minds of the poor, and she asked, "Have you read Burns?"

In answer the good wife bared her brawny arm and displayed a large red mark, saying: "There's wan I got this morn wi' the steam o' the pot bilin' over. But, efter a', a burn's aye red!"

Must Have Had Experience.
"Never mind, dear," he said reassuringly as she raised her sweet face from his shoulder and they both saw the white blur on his coat; "it will all brush off."

"Oh, Charlie," she burst out, sobbing, hiding her face again upon his whitey shoulder, "how do you know?"—Somerville Journal.

Both Ways.
Woman—Now that I have fed you, are you going without doing your work? Tramp—Oi couldn't wurrnk on an impty stomach, mum, an' Oi nivir wurrnk on er full one, so there yez be!—Smart Set.

Making Headway.
Nervous Traveler (to seat companion)—How fast should you say you were traveling? Companion (who has been flirting with the girl across the way)—About a smile a minute.—Life.

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