

Based on Experience and Good Faith with Patrons

"Dad" and Gus



Wherever the winds of heaven have blown the fame of Ak-Sar-Ben, there, too, are known "Dad" Weaver and "Gus" Renze. No workers for the king have been as untiring nor as inseparable as this pair. Mr. Renze—and he'll balk if he ever sees that "Mr." in front of his name—has been artificer and general superintendent of everything about the Den that has needed superintending since the very first. He designed and constructed the first floats made in Omaha, he helped adapt the system of electric lighting that has made the Omaha parade famous, and he has been the moving spirit in the planning of all the initiatory ceremonies that have marked the course of the king for nineteen seasons. No one for years has questioned the genius of Gus, nor disputed his authority. For several weeks preceding the big parade Gus is so busy that he talks only to himself, and speaks German when he does that. He has trained a force of men to be mind-readers, and they know by the look on the boss' face what is expected of them, and Billy and Louie and the others hustle with him during those days and nights when the big floats are being finished and the Den is being transformed from a great arena with its stage and other paraphernalia of initiation into a beautiful ball room. They don't talk, they just work. Aside from his connection with Ak-Sar-Ben, Gus is an all-right hombre, as we say on the Pacific coast,

and when he gets mixed up in a Kommerz, or a clam bake or a beefsteak dinner, he's just as good a fellow as anyone wants to meet. He helps out when it comes to decorating the Auditorium for any big occasion, does stunts for the Elks and the Masons, and has never yet been found too busy to give both advice and assistance. After the Ak-Sar-Ben rush is over he generally slips away to San Francisco, where he and Al Rawlitzer and the Muller boys and a few others spend the time in resting—when they can't think of any place to go. John D. Weaver began with the non-com staff of the king about the time Gus started in to be generalissimo, and soon after was given the title of "Dad" by the "boys," who have put on the show for all these years. Under the old regime "Dad" was right-hand man for Gus around the Den, and on the outside was a member of the hustling committee, and generally active, until sometimes strangers looked on him as proprietor of Ak-Sar-Ben. But he was modest through it all, and just worked. Last year he was made secretary of the Ak-Sar-Ben, and given official recognition by being placed on the pay roll. He has so far proved the wisdom of his selection by showing the limit of efficiency in management. Just as Gus is busy at the Den these days, so Dad is busy at the carnival grounds and elsewhere, but the two work together like the blades of a pair of shears.

CITY NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA

Statement of Condition August 9, 1913

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$2,164,958.91	Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Bonds and Securities	473,474.04	Surplus and Profits	89,898.00
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	202,625.00	Reserved to Pay Interest on Deposits	8,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures, Vaults and Real Estate	65,716.22	Circulation	200,000.00
Overdrafts	3,238.43	Deposits	3,148,610.36
Cash and Sight Exchange	1,036,495.76		
	\$3,946,508.36		\$3,946,508.36

We solicit accounts of banks, corporations, firms and individuals and give prompt and efficient service by personal and courteous attention to our customers.

JOHN F. FLACK, President. JOHN F. HECOX, Vice-President. W. D. MOORE, Cashier. J. D. UTENDORFER, Ass't. Cashier.

The New Rooms

recently opened on the ground floor for the

Savings and Women's Departments

is another indication of the growth of this, the oldest National Bank in Nebraska.

13th and Farnam Sts.

Capital and Surplus
\$1,500,000.00

Deposits
Aug. 9, 1913.
\$12,697,402.47



Fifty-Six Years of Service

Merchants National Bank Makes Enviably Record

ESTABLISHED 1882

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS OVER \$1,200,000.00

DEPOSITS NOW \$7,000,000.00



LUTHER DRAKE
President Merchants National Bank

From the day of its organization, October 1st, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, until today, the Merchants National bank has ever been on the upward climb and its present record of deposits and surplus is a tribute to the men who have accomplished this.

Several factors have entered into the secret of this great financial institution's success. Foremost among these is the calibre of men who have headed the bank. In the thirty-one years of its existence, the Merchants National bank has had but two presidents, Frank Murphy and its present head, Luther Drake. There is probably no

better banker in Omaha than Mr. Drake. Honored twice by the Bankers' Association of America, once as a member of its executive council, and again as one of the currency commission when that body was established, and upon which he is still serving. Mr. Drake stands high among the bankers of the country. His acquaintance among the bankers extends all over the United States, and his knowledge of the banking business is considered profound.

Another reason for the success of the Merchants is the fact that it has never bought out or consolidated with any other bank, but has

built up its large business alone. Also it has the smallest list of stockholders of any bank in the city. All of the present officers worked their way up from minor positions in the bank, and all had practical opportunity to learn the banking business thoroughly.

Frank Hamilton, president of the Omaha Gas Co., and vice-president of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, is vice-president of this bank, and that he has figured in its success goes without saying. The other officers are: Fred P. Hamilton, cashier; B. H. Melle and C. B. Dugdale, assistant cashiers.