

The Rock Island Savings Bank and Its New Home

EVENTS IN BANK OPENING

Wednesday—Stockholders' day, buffet luncheon at noon.
 Thursday—Reception to other bank officials and bank employees of the three cities and of Group one of the Bankers' Association of the State of Illinois.
 Friday—Customers' day.
 Saturday—Open for business to the general public.

From a modest institution with a capital stock of \$100,000 when it took quarters in the Mitchell & Lynde banking building, now the State bank of Rock Island, in the summer of 1890, to a financial establishment of the first order with capital surplus and undivided profits of \$400,000, the first savings bank to embark in Rock Island enters its own home tomorrow with a record of which it may well be proud. This is the Rock Island Savings Bank, which will begin this week to occupy its beautiful new home, built exclusively for its accommodation at Third avenue and Eighteenth street. A series of events has been planned by the officers to celebrate in fitting manner the occasion, the stockholders having the honors of the day tomorrow, the officers and employees of other banks the day following, while Friday the customers will be entertained, and Saturday the institution will throw open its doors to the general public and settle down to business.

THE GENERAL DESIGN.

The new bank, which has dimensions of 44 feet on Eighteenth street by 77 feet on Third avenue and is 45 feet in height, is classic in its architecture, graceful in outline, yet without substantial in its general design and appearance. In a word it impresses the observer at once that it is a bank, built for a bank. Constructed of stone, brick and steel, with massive bronze finishings, it is as a building relieved by high Corinthian columns of beautifully cut Bedford stone. Two full stories in, it stands, neat yet impressive, solid and at the same time artistic.

That it is a bank, is as said before.

grandeur of the entire interior. From the white tiled floor to the ceiling is a height of 35 feet, the decorative work on the walls being executed in lead and oil, with a final coating of transparent glaze colors, hand stippled with cloth to a soft old ivory finish, the recessed panels being decorated with a simple band in classic ornament of glaze colors, the styling of both the panels and the space between the windows being of the same order of design, although with slight modifications in detail.

The background color of the classic cornice and ceiling, mouldings which enrich the room is treated in oil and glaze colors modified by hand stippling with cloth to a delicate ivory hue, and laid over with pure gold leaf. The Greek panels in the cornice, as well as the main panels in the ceiling are kept in the flat mat finish, only slightly modified.

The lower wall spaces are in a somewhat darker shade toning with the rich mahogany of the woodwork and the antique bronze of the fixtures. From the ceiling hang two immense bronze chandeliers of artistic design, jetted with frosted electric bulbs.

PLENTY OF ROOM.

Richly polished marble counters running the entire length of either side of the room support bronze and solid brass grill work separating the various departments but affording ample tellers' windows so that depositors or customers may be accommodated without being crowded or inconvenienced. The desks of the officers and employees back of the counters are of solid mahogany and steel and are of the latest design.

To the right of the main entrance, and between it and the Third avenue entrance, is a public reception or waiting room, beautifully furnished, while adjoining the tellers' spaces on the right is a prettily appointed room for the convenience of women, being equipped with desks, telephone and a separate tellers' window.

OFFICERS' APARTMENTS.

The accommodations for the president, cashier and other officers of the bank, as well as the directors, are to the left of the Eighteenth street entrance. These, too, are handsomely and neatly furnished. The floors of

NEW ROCK ISLAND SAVINGS BANK TO BE OCCUPIED TOMORROW



separated by a fence of brass and bronze. The vault is of the most modern fire and burglar proof construction.

The vault was designed by Strauss, the expert vault engineer of Chicago. Every piece of steel, before being put in, was tested with a radial drill, under a pressure of 16,000 pounds, and so strong is the steel that it will withstand a complete bend without breaking. Each door weighs eight tons, while the complete weight of the vault and lining is 75,000 pounds. Its com-

giving patrons fire and burglar protection for valuable papers and articles. Private booths furnished with desks, etc., are at the disposal of the patrons of this department.

CAREFULLY PLANNED.

The bank, taking it in its entirety, was planned after a careful study of the best banking houses in the United States, and an effort has been made to embody the good points of all. Its interior arrangement is planned with a view to affording every convenience for customers of the bank, making it

dent of the bank, A. J. Lindstrom succeeding him as cashier.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

The present officers are:
 President—H. S. Cable.
 Vice Presidents—H. P. Hull, P. Greenawalt.
 Cashier—A. J. Lindstrom.
 Directors—H. S. Cable, E. W. Hurst, H. P. Hull, P. Greenawalt, W. H. Dart, Franz Happ, Phil Mitchell, John Volk, M. O'Connor.
 Attorneys—Jackson, Hurst & Stafford.

The roster of employees includes:
 W. G. Johnston, commercial teller; Frank G. Welas, savings teller; Frank Mehan, bookkeeper; Frank Johnson, graft clerk; A. Helen Johnson, stenographer.

The building committee was composed of H. S. Cable, P. Greenawalt and Franz Happ.

Since the fall of 1910 the bank has been occupying neatly appointed temporary quarters in the Mosenfelder building, 1721 Second avenue.

At Y. M. C. A.

Leo Stevens, has resigned his position as assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to affiliate himself with the Black Hawk Motor Co., of this city, in the capacity of draftsman.
 H. E. Morse, who is well known in this city, succeeds Mr. Stevens.

With 35 men on the floor, the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night was a busy place while the senior class took their exercise. Many of the new members are getting into the classes, while more and more of the old-timers are getting in, and the result is the most enthusiastic classes the old building has ever housed. The class hour is always too short, and it frequently happens, as it did last night, that the men continue their work for perhaps twice as long a period as is required, and then quit, hungry for more.

A date has been closed for the new basketball team for Thanksgiving day. They will make a trip to Ottumwa at that time, to play on Thursday evening with the strong aggregation of players at that association. Physical Director Clevert was formerly connected with the Y. M. C. A. at Ottumwa, and he is naturally anxious to make a good showing with his team from Rock

Island. The local boys will be worked up into fine condition in preparation for this game, and while they realize that they have a hard contest before them, they will go determined to give the Iowa players a lively fight for victory.

The young men's bible class held its annual meeting last night, with a good attendance. The class is at present making a careful study of the temptation of Jesus, and next week will take up the important topic, how to deal with personal temptations. The class meets every Monday evening, and is for all young men.

Tonight at 8 o'clock Dr. W. E. Taylor of Moline will give his lecture on "Better Methods in Farming" at the local Y. M. C. A. The lecture is open to the public, free of charge.

BAGGAGEMEN ARE LOSERS BY NEW RULING ON DOGS

Waiters and others who have been targets for the anti-tipping crusade that is gathering momentum throughout the country have found co-sufferers in baggagemen employed on western railroads, who are becoming a curtailment in their income as a result of a rule requiring payment for the transportation of dogs. Under a system in vogue for some years members of the canine family were carried free and baggagemen always kept a sharp lookout for tips from those who wished to have their pet animals given special care. These fees have vanished since the rail carriers have exacted pay for this class of service. To make matters worse from the viewpoint of the baggage handlers, western roads are planning to rescind the rule requiring dogs carried in baggage cars to be muzzled. This contemplated change is the result of numerous complaints from owners of

ill-tempered beast. Reports received by officials of several western roads show that there has been a substantial falling off in "dog business" since the canine rate went into effect.

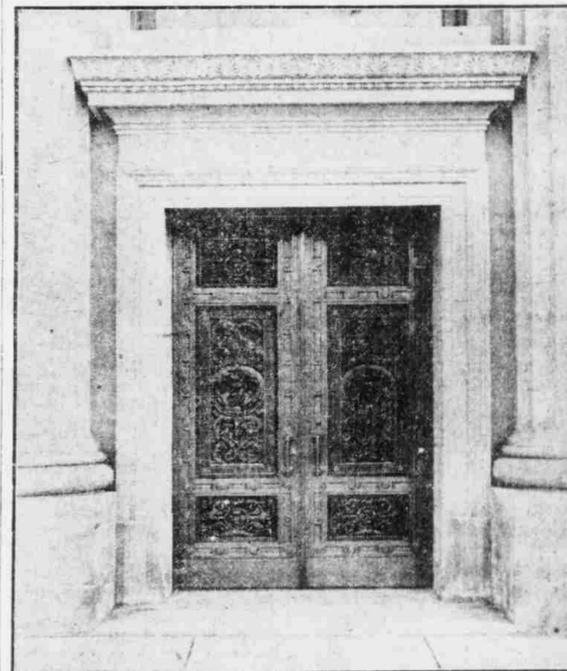
ANOTHER INSURANCE COMPANY IN FIELD

Harry A. Davidson Opens Offices in Best Building for the Illinois Life.

The Illinois Life Insurance company, with headquarters in Chicago, has opened branch offices in this city in the best building, and Manager Harry A. Davidson will have charge of the northwestern Illinois territory, i. e., all the river counties to the state line of Wisconsin. The company which Mr. Davidson represents is the largest in the state, and there is only one older. The new manager is well known in his present line of work in Rock Island since 1900, in the capacity of manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York. He is generally conceded to be one of the top-notchers in his particular field.

A. E. Swanson, who has been with the government for a number of years past, has resigned his position to accept the appointment of city manager out of the Rock Island offices, and will direct the work in both Rock Island and Moline. Mr. Swanson has a large circle of friends in this city who are gratified at his promotion.

By way of explanation as regards the general plan to be pursued by him, Mr. Davidson stated last night that his company would make a specialty of corporation and private insurance, and would operate under the compulsory



HEAVY BRONZE DOORS OF MAIN ENTRANCE.

hunting dogs, who contend that muzzles cause the latter to fret and result in the animals being of no use when the muzzles are removed and the chase begins. Although railroad officials say that there have been very few cases of baggagemen being bitten by dogs, the "boss of the baggage car" is not rejoicing over the possibility of a new pair of trousers being torn by the teeth of some

insurance deposit law of the state of Illinois.

City Mart for Springfield, Springfield, Ill., Nov. 21.—Believing it will reduce the high cost of living, the city commission of Springfield yesterday arranged for the establishment of a city market where the people can buy direct from the producer.

OFFICERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND SAVINGS BANK



H. S. CABLE, President.



H. P. HULL, Vice President.



P. GREENAWALT, Vice President.



A. J. LINDSTROM, Cashier.

is told at first glance. Letters hand-carved in the cornice on two sides of the building bear the inscription, "Rock Island Savings Bank," while metropolitan signs in letters of brass carry the same attractive inscription on the columns at front and sides of the building.

A GLANCE AT THE INTERIOR.

Heavy bronze doors admit to the main entrance on Eighteenth street. Within there is a marble vestibule, canopied, and then the main banking room. Rich furnishings harmonizing in marble and mahogany and in the wall colorings all contribute to the simple

the president's room, the officers' room, the reception room and the ladies' parlor are covered with specially made tufted rugs in a soft brownish tone with shaded borders. The windows in the president's room and the reception room and the bronze grille in the ladies' room are furnished with hangings of raw Oriental silk, the color scheme of which blends harmoniously with the color settings and bronze fixtures which have been used throughout the main room.

THE STRONG BOXES.

The vault space occupies the east end of the main banking room, but

plete dimensions are 12x18, but it is divided into two separate compartments. One side is the bank's money vault. It is equipped with a nest of eight safes, which are to be utilized in the storing of money and securities. The other compartment will be used as a safety deposit vault, and has a capacity of 1,500 boxes. Both sides are electric lighted. The entire construction is absolutely burglar proof and as an extra precaution the vault is not built against the rear wall, but a passage way intervenes.

The steel safety deposit boxes are conveniently arranged in the vault,

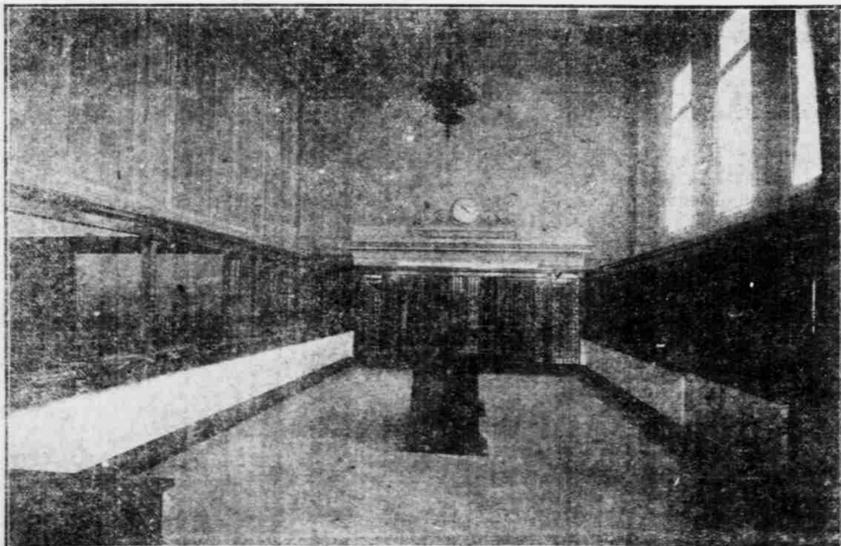
easy and pleasant for them to transact their financial affairs.

The building and lot represent an investment of \$90,000, the bank having been designed by D. H. Burnham & Co. of Chicago, while George W. Siles & Co. of Chicago were the contractors. Allen, Myers & Co. furnished the heating and plumbing plants, the Rock Island Electrical Construction company the wiring and fixtures, and the office furnishings, rugs, etc., came through L. S. McCabe & Co.

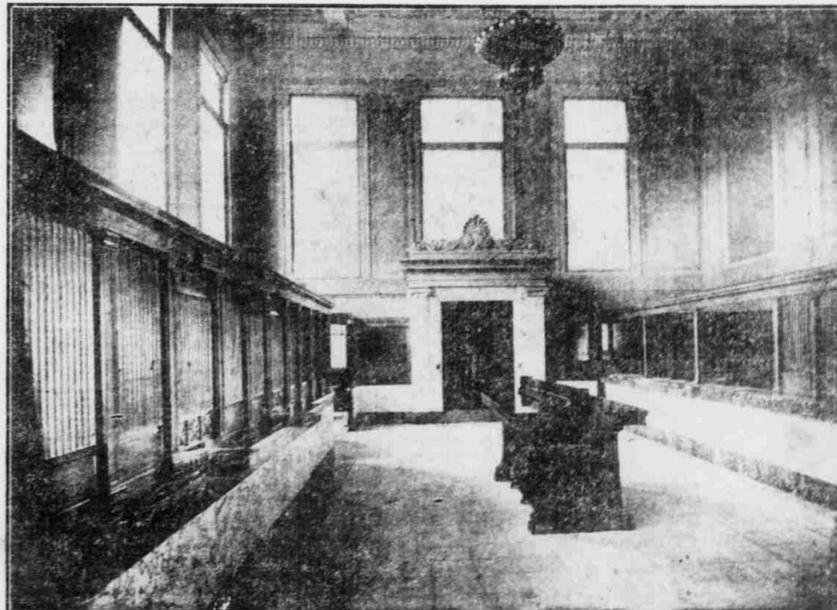
The lot on which the building stands was for years one of the most neglected pieces of property in the business section of Rock Island. The bank paid \$18,000 for it and has space left to the north on Eighteenth street and to the east on Third avenue for further buildings for one of which it already has plans to proceed with in the immediate future.

HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Rock Island Savings bank, the first one to be formed in the city, was established July 8, 1890, those who were chiefly instrumental in founding it being Hon. E. W. Hurst and the late J. M. Buford. The capital stock was placed at \$100,000, at which figure it remains today, although its capital, surplus and undivided profits now exceed \$400,000, while in the 21 years of its existence the bank has paid to its depositors \$1,332,524.46 interest. This is the best argument that could be offered for its stability and the wisdom of its management. The first officers were: E. P. Reynolds, president; J. C. Denkmann, vice president, and J. M. Buford, cashier. In 1892, on the death of Mr. Reynolds, F. L. Mitchell succeeded to the presidency, and in 1895, upon Mr. Mitchell's demise, Mr. Buford became president, John Crubaugh vice president, and P. Greenawalt, cashier. Mr. Crubaugh died in 1904, whereupon H. P. Hull was elected vice president. Mr. Buford died in 1906, and Phil Mitchell became president and served until 1910, when H. S. Cable became the executive of the bank. Last May Mr. Greenawalt resigned and became second vice pres-



INTERIOR VIEW LOOKING TOWARD VAULTS.



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