

# The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

ESTABLISHED 1891

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## Our Aim in Business

WE DESIRE to make the First National the Bank of the People. The small depositor receives the same courteous treatment and consideration that is extended to the largest, within the limits of safe and conservative banking. Officers give personal attention to all details. Directors meet regularly and frequently, and keep closely in touch with the current business. Every safeguard known to safe and successful banking is availed of, and our past success is the best criterion by which to judge the security of the future.

THE FIRST NATIONAL is pre-eminently the Bank of the Frontier. Its stockholders belong here. Its interests are those of our best and most progressive citizens. We offer to our customers, present and prospective, the advantages of the largest capital and surplus of any bank in this section, and of the safe and conservative banking methods which have resulted in the successful building up of this bank in the past twelve years.

Its financial position is established, and the energy, experience and business ability of the management will continue to be wholly directed to the maintenance and increase of these advantages.

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## We Solicit the Patronage of All

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Matamoros has not spared any expense in celebrating these auspicious events with becoming splendor, and during the time the fair continues there will be bull fights in which the renowned and ferocious bulls of the interior of Mexico will be used. There will also be FIREWORKS OF ALL KINDS and many other amusements. A general invitation is extended to all to attend and contribute to the success of the Fair. The people of Matamoros and Brownsville, who are fond of all classes of sports, will do their part toward making the Fair an attractive event and well worth visiting.

## Clasp Hands, Ye Nations!

Clasp hands, ye Nations and thank God  
The bitter tragedy is done!  
Corn shall be planted in the soil  
That vengeance long has trod upon  
Clasp hands, ye foes, across the path  
By life-blood dampened as by dew;  
The curtains of Almighty wrath  
Roll back and let the sunlight through!  
In those long camps where armies lie  
Between the battle and despair  
I think I hear a mighty sigh  
Rise up to heaven like a prayer;  
"Giver of Peace, our lives are dear  
And we have felt the pains of men;  
Thank God the blessed end is here  
And we may see our homes again!"  
Peace! and the grass may grow once more  
Among the gullies and the stones  
Where war might still have festered o'er  
A continent of skulls and bones.  
Peace! and the fleets of commerce choose  
Safe paths on the untroubled deep  
Where, buried in the crawling ooze,  
The navies of misfortune sleep.  
Clasp hands, ye Nations, in the prayer  
That hell's fierce work for good be done;  
That such a trial by fire may bear  
New splendor to the rising sun;  
And that the peasants of the North  
Through suffering have found a way  
To summon light and freedom forth  
To strike the prison-chains away!  
Wallace Irwin in New York Globe.

## The Old Barn.

Low, swallow-swept and gray,  
Between the orchard and the spring,  
All its wide windows overflowing hay,  
And cranial doors a-swing,  
The old barn stands today.  
Deep in its hay the Leghorn hides  
A round, white nest. And humming soft  
On roof and rafter, or its log-rude sides,  
Black on the sun-shot loft,  
The building hornet glides.  
Along its corn-crib, cautiously  
As thieving fingers, skulks the rat,  
Or, in warped stalls of fragrant timothy,  
Gnaws at some loosened slat,  
Or passes shadowy.  
A dream of drouth made audible  
Before its door, hot, smooth and shrill,  
All day the locust sings. What other spell  
Shall hold it, larier still,  
Than the long days, now tell?  
Dusk and the cricket and the strain  
Of tree toad and of frog; and stars

That burn above the rich West's ribbed  
stain;  
And dropping pasture bars,  
And cow bells up the lane.  
Night and the moon and katydid,  
And leaf-list of the wind-touched  
boughs;  
And mazy shadows that the fire-flies  
third;  
And sweet breath of the cows;  
And the lone owl here hid.  
—Madison Cawein in Monterey News;  
Fifty per cent of the insanity in  
England is ascribed to heredity by  
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