

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

A Lusty Young Financial Institution.

This new bank is making many friends, and its officers, and directors are men well and favorably known among us.

The bank was opened for business Oct. 1, 1908, and since the first day it has enjoyed an ever increasing business. The capital stock is \$25,000, and the officers are J. R. Woods, president; C. R. Aldrich, vice president, and R. F. Woods, cashier.

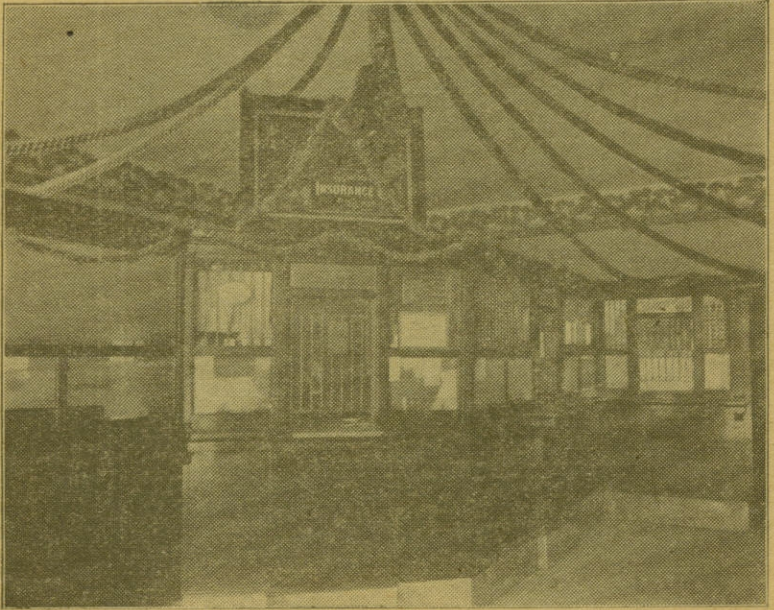
The board of directors is composed of the officers mentioned, and O. D. Olsson, John R. Renner, M. R. Thackaberry, and W. J. McCreedy. All except the president, and Mr. Thackaberry are residents of Whiteside county.

The president, J. R. Woods, was raised in the state of Vermont, coming to Illinois as a young man. For a number of years he was associated with the firm of E. W. Fassett, of La Moille, in the general merchandise

business. Out of this developed the banking firm of Norris and Woods, with Mr. Woods as junior partner. Later Mr. Woods went to Mendota as president of the First National Bank of that city, a position which he still occupies.

The vice president, C. R. Aldrich, was born in Boone county, Illinois, coming to Whiteside county in 1855. He has resided in Tampico Township ever since. He engaged in farming until 1875, when he entered the livery business in Tampico, in which line he continued for fifteen years. Since that time he has been practically retired from business. He has been connected with local public affairs as constable, assessor, and drainage commissioner.

The cashier, R. F. Woods, has spent his entire working life in the banking business, starting with his father in the bank in La Moille. He was for some time with the Drover's National



[Photo by Lamon.]

Bank of Chicago, and later with the Livestock National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa. He went from the latter institution to take charge as manager of a bank in Mission, Hill, South Dakota, finally coming to Tampico to aid in the organization of the First National. He brings to his new position enthusiasm, and thorough bank training and experience.

Regarding the other members of the board of directors, Mr. Olsson is a retired farmer, and lives in Tampico. Mr. Renner is a farmer, and supervisor of Hahnaman Township. Mr. Thackaberry is a farmer, living in Fairfield Township, Bureau County. McCreedy lives in Tampico, and conducts a farm and deals ex-

tensively in stock.

A general banking and exchange business is conducted. They write both fire, and life insurance, do conveyancing, and attend to the examination, and filing of papers.

The bank uses the latest model Victor Spherical Manganese Screw Door bank safe, and is insured against burglary, robbery, and hold-ups in the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company, Limited, of London, England, which is approved by the Banker's Association of the State of Illinois, of which the bank is a member.

We wish to the First National a long life of useful service to the business interests of the community.