

ness experience is limited to the last score of years, can hardly imagine or realize the difficulties encountered, the risks assumed, and unknown in this later period, which confronted the banker of nearly half a century ago, and were part of his daily experience. Looking at the past with modern eyes, it is only wonderful that any of the first generation of bankers sailed safely through the breakers and wrecks of worthless currency, dishonest borrowers, and insecure methods for the safe keeping of the treasures placed in their charge.

While great differences existed between the manner of conducting the business in all its varied branches then and now, that difference does not extend to the personal character of the banker. The successful banker, now as then, represents in his profession the highest order of citizenship—honesty, probity, truthfulness, correct habits, public spirit and that dignity and simplicity of character that insures perfect confidence and respect.

DES MOINES, IOWA, MARCH 1, 1901.

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AN ACTIVE "BUSINESS PLACE."—It is stated that at the city of Keokuk, Iowa, since the commencement of the present season, 8,000,000 feet of lumber, 2,000,000 shingles, and 4,000,000 laths, have been used. The calculations are that the consumption will reach 25,000,000 feet of lumber, and 20,000,000 laths. The business, so far this season, has doubled that of the last. Thirteen hundred carpenters find constant employment in the carpenter shops of the city; brick kilns keep a hive of nine hundred men as busy as bees, and there are thirty brick kilns which have already manufactured and sold 60,000,000 bricks. The amount will reach 60,000,000 for the season, all of which will be used.—*Quasqueton (Iowa) Guardian, October 1, 1857.*

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