

# Eighteen - Eighty - Three

## A Memorable Year

Any one of Three Important Happenings in West Plains would have set the year 1883 apart as a most distinctive epoch in the history of this city and community, but the three, occurring about the same time marked that as probably the greatest of all years.

That year marked the completion, through the town, of the K. C., Ft Scott and Gulf Railroad and our people no longer had to go to Springfield or Rolla in order to start some place.

The corner stone of the beautiful three-story court house was laid, and last, but by no means least, the people of this and the adjoining counties had a bank of their own.

The same solid and progressive citizens who had worked for years to secure a railroad and who had helped sponsor and boost the building of the court house also helped to agitate for and organize the West Plains Bank.

The bank soon out grew its small quarters and is now to be found at East Main and Court Square, still carrying forward the ideas and ideals of its founders who, more than 53 years ago were convinced that West Plains, Howell County and this section of the country had a splendid future.

And we are still of that opinion.

# The West Plains Bank

Founded in 1883