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— OF —

The American State Bank.

of Dodge City

The undersigned, citizens of the State of Kansas, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the laws of the State of Kansas, and do hereby certify:

FIRST.

That the name of this corporation shall be THE American State Bank.

of Dodge City.

SECOND.

That the purpose^s for which this corporation is formed are to transact and carry on the business of banking, namely; receiving money on deposit and giving to the persons depositing credit therefor, and of buying and selling exchange, gold, silver, coin, bullion and uncurrent money bonds of the United States, of the State of Kansas and of the city and county and school district in which this association is organized, of loaning money on real estate and personal security and of discounting notes negotiable and not negotiable, and for the purpose of doing and performing all and singular the acts authorized to be done by Savings ~~and~~ Associations under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas

THIRD.

That the place where its business is to be transacted is at the city of Dodge City, ~~Missouri~~, County of Ford, State of Kansas.

FOURTH.

That the term for which this corporation is to exist is for and during the full period of thirty (30) years from and after the eleventh day of March ^{a.d.} 1887.

FIFTH.

That the number of directors trustees of this corporation shall be five,
and the names and residences of those who are appointed for the first year are:

<u>H. F. Gaston</u>	<u>Traver Iowa</u>
<u>J. B. Gaston</u>	<u>Dodge City Kansas</u>
<u>Ed Wiebenson</u>	<u>Dodge City Kansas</u>
<u>Chas. H. Seaman</u>	<u>Hurstley Kansas</u>
<u>J. T. Feddersen</u>	<u>Glacbrook Iowa</u>

SIXTH.

~~That the estimated value of the goods, debts, bonds, etc. and credits belonging
to the corporation is _____ dollars.~~

That the amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be
Fifty Thousand (50,000) dollars,
and shall be divided into Five Hundred (500) shares
of One Hundred (100) dollars each.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names,
this sixth day of March, A. D. 1887

Ed Wiebenson
J. B. Gaston
J. T. Feddersen
H. F. Gaston
Chas. H. Seaman

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STATE OF KANSAS,
Ford County, ss.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary

Public in and for said County, Kansas, the above-named

E. B. Gaston
Chas. H. Saunders

who are personally known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my notarial seal, this sixth day of March, A. D. 1887

[SEAL]

W. H. Ames
Notary Public.

(My commission expires Feb 9 1891.)

State of Iowa }
Tama County } ss.

Personally appeared before me,

a Notary Public in & for said County, Iowa, the above-named W. F. Gaston who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my notarial seal, this 4th day of March A. D. 1887
J. T. Bremer
Notary Public.
(My commission expires July 4 1888.)

State of Iowa }
Tama County } ss.

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public

in and for said county Iowa the above named J. T. Bremer who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Notarial Seal
This Third day of March A. D. 1887

L. L. Wilber
Notary Public.

(My Commission expires July 4 - 1888)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Ed Anderson
Dodge City
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Certificate of Incorporation
of the
American State Bank
of Dodge City

We J. B. Gaston, President, and
E. E. Wiebenson, Secretary of the American
State Bank of Dodge City, hereby
certify:

First.

That the corporate name of
such corporation is the American
State Bank of Dodge City.

Second.

That the place of business of said
corporation shall be Dodge City, Ford
County, Kansas.

Third.

That the capital stock of said
corporation is Fifty thousand (50,000)
Dollars, and number of shares into which
it is divided is Five hundred (500) of
the par value of One hundred (100) Dollars
each.

Fourth.

That the names and residences
of the stockholders of said corporation,
and the number of shares held by each, are
as follows, to wit:

Ed. Wickerson Dodge City Kansas, 148
J. B. Gaston Dodge City Kansas 145
H. F. Gaston Traer Iowa 5
Chas H Seaman Hensley Kansas 1
J. T. Feadersee Gladbrook Iowa 1

Fifth.

That said corporation was organized
on the eleventh day of March A.D. 1887

In Testimony Whereof, the President
and Secretary of said corporation, have
herewith subscribed our names, this 24th
day of March A.D. 1887

J. B. Gaston President
Ed. Wickerson Secretary

State of Kansas, }
Ford County } ss.

On this 24th day of March, A.D. 1887, personally
appeared before me, a notary public in and
for said county, the above named,

J. B. Gaston, President, and Ed. Wickerson, Secretary,
who are personally known to me, and to me known
to be the President and Secretary of the
American State Bank of Dodge City
and they, each for himself, duly acknowl-
edged the execution of the above instru-
ment for the uses and purposes therein
set forth

In Testimony Whereof, I have
hereto subscribed my name and
affixed my notarial seal, this day
and year last above written

"Seal"

W H Adams, Notary Public
commission expires Feb 9" 1891

State of Mo. Ford County AS
The foregoing is a true
copy of original
instrument of writing
now on file in my
office.

Witness my hand and
Official Seal this 2nd
day of May 1891
J. J. Morgan, Reg

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State of Kansas (s
Good County)
This instrument
was filed for
record at 11h
am on the 23 day
of May AD 1887
and duly record
in Book B. pg

J. G. Morgan
Register

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By-Laws

- Sec 1 The name and style of this Bank shall be The American State Bank ^{of Dodge City} and it shall be located in the city of Dodge, Kansas
- Sec 2 The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of five directors shall be held on the eleventh day in March of each year between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. of said day of which meeting ten days notice in writing shall be given to each stockholder by the secretary. The Board of Directors shall within one month previous to an annual election appoint three stockholders to be judges of said election who shall notify the secretary in writing the result of said election and he shall call the new directors elect together for qualification and organization. When qualified they shall elect from their own number a President Vice President Cashier and Secretary who shall hold their office for a term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. If from any cause the annual election is not held on the day specified the Board shall order the election to be held on some other day proper notice thereof having been given the stockholders

Sec 3

At all stockholders meetings and elections each share of stock subscribed shall be entitled to one vote and absent stockholders may be represented by proxy written and signed by the stockholder. Stockholders who are in arrears for calls on their stock shall not be entitled to a vote. Stock shall not be represented in any election which has been transferred within thirty days previous to said election. All stockholders and directors elections shall be by ballot.

Sec. 4

A majority of the directors including the President shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Board of Directors shall fill all vacancies which may occur in their own body or among the officers of the Bank. They shall fix the salaries of the Cashier and all other employees of the Bank. No director as such shall receive directly or indirectly any pay or emolument for his services. The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Any officer may when good cause is shown be removed by a vote of two thirds of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or Cashier at such time as they may deem necessary.

Sec. 4 said call to state the object of said meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting than that stated in said call

Sec. 5 The President or Cashier shall on written application of three or more stockholders call a special meeting of the stockholders of this Bank The call shall state the object of said meeting and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting than that mentioned in the call After said application is made and previous to said meeting the Board of Directors shall not act upon the business mentioned in said application

Sec 6 The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors stockholders and Discount Committee and shall have a general supervision over the affairs of the Bank and shall serve as a member on all committees of the Bank

Sec 7 In case of the absence or inability of the President the Vice President shall discharge his duties He shall at all times be a member of the Discount Committee

Sec 8 The Cashier shall under the supervision of the Board of Directors have control

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Sec. 8 of the details of the business of the Bank. He shall give such information of the affairs of the Bank as may be required by the Board or any Committee.

He shall superintend the general and individual accounts of the Bank and perform all services in connection with the affairs of the Bank that may be required of him by the Board.

He shall give bond in such sum as the Board may from time to time require with security to be approved by the Board conditional for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Cashier.

Sec. 9 The Secretary shall keep the minute book of the organization and shall record therein the minutes of all meetings of the Board, the stockholders the Committees and the returns of the judges of elections.

He shall notify the directors elect of their election and the time they are to meet. He shall with the President sign all deeds leases and copies from the record of this corporation.

Sec. 10 The Discount Committee shall consist of the President and Cashier and in the absence of either any member of the Board may be called upon to act. They shall examine and pass upon

Sec 10 such negotiable paper offered for discount as the President or Cashier may deem proper to submit for their acceptance or rejection.

Sec 11 They shall be appointed by the Board every six months a committee of three whose duty it shall be to examine into the affairs of the Bank count its cash and compare its assets and liabilities with the books and see whether or not the Bank is in a sound condition and report the result of the examination in writing to the Board at their next regular meeting.

Sec 12 The stock of the Bank shall be transferred only on the books of the Bank in person or by attorney. A transfer book shall be kept in which all transfers shall be entered. No transfer of stock shall be made without the consent of the Board by any stockholder who is liable to the Bank as principal endorser or otherwise. The transfer book shall be closed one month previous to every election of directors. No sale of stock shall be valid until the stockholder offering the stock for sale first offers it to the Board of Directors at the same price he is to receive from any other party if they do not deem it to the interest of the Bank to buy in the said stock for the account of the Bank.

Sec 12. that it can be sold to other parties
 The Board shall have authority to purchase for the benefit of the Bank any stock that may be offered for sale provided the ^{amount} purchase does not reduce the number of shares and the amount paid in there on below the legal standard Any sale or transfer of stock in violation of these By-Laws shall be null and void

Sec 13. No funds of this Bank shall be loaned to stockholders or directors except at such rate and upon such approved security as required from persons not connected with the Bank

Sec 14. After having placed such per cent as the Board may determine of the net earnings to the credit of the surplus fund they shall semi-annually on the first year declare such dividends on the paid up capital stock of of the Bank as the profits of its business will admit of, said dividend shall be either paid in cash or applied on the stock (in cases where the same is not fully paid up) as the Board may determine no cash dividends shall be paid to any stock holder who is in arrears for calls on his stock by the Bank or who is principal or endorser or security on any past due paper held by the Bank but they shall be credited

Sec 14 on his stock account

Sec 15 No person shall be authorized to sign any papers or use the signature necessary in the prosecution of the business of the Bank but the President or Cashier

Sec 16 Each stockholder shall have the privilege at any time during business hours of examining the "General" book and accounts of the Bank but shall not be allowed to examine the deposits books and accounts of the Bank these shall be open to the inspection of none but the President and Cashier

Sec 17 The order of business at the meetings of the Board shall be as follows: First
1st Reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board
2nd Reports of standing committees
3rd Reports of special committees
4th Unfinished business
5th New business

Sec 18 These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Board on months previous notice having been given stating the amendments or alterations desired

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