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DESCRIPTION

Branson Building (531 Barnes^{S+}). Built in 1905 this building is two stories high and of the business block type. It has a flat roofline bordered with brick work frieze. On the upper story there are twelve narrow rectangular windows each framed by pilaster strips. There are ten lower story windows very large and tall indicating that the first floor ceilings are fifteen feet high. The corner entrance is on the bias. There are no other decorative elements, but the masonry of the building is a handsome dark red different from that of the earlier buildings.

SIGNIFICANCE

This building was the second bank established in Alva. Just as the other bank it is situated on the corner of two principal streets. Architecturally, it is one of the most attractive buildings of the square because of deeper red color of the brickwork. Later, the building housed a millinery shop and professional offices.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Less than one acre
Zone 14
Easting 529700 Northing 4072920
Block 50, Lot 16