

## THE INSANE MOB

URBANA, Jan. 19.—Yesterday, in and around the banks of Champaign and Urbana, I witnessed scenes that vividly recalled to my mind, a race-riot which I witnessed in East St. Louis, Ill., a few years ago.

In both instances, otherwise apparently sane men and women, who ordinarily use a little common sense, seemed to be utterly without reason. As in East St. Louis, the local trouble was started by vague and untraceable whisperings and rumors causing such damage that it will be a long time before confidence is again restored.

I saw men and women, who are ordinarily level-headed, crowding to get to the paying tellers' windows. I told a number of my acquaintances that I had money on deposit and intended to leave it there. The most of them informed me that I was a damn fool. I wonder which fool caused the most damage."

I will be greatly surprised that

if there is not a epidemic of burglary and larceny in these two towns.

I recall a recent instance, of a man, who did not trust the bank, drew 35 one hundred dollar bills from his bank and placed the same in a newspaper, and without informing his wife deposited the bundle on the mattress beneath the bed clothes. His wife, on making the bed found the papers and innocently threw the same in the stove. A total loss. He did not trust the bank.

I am at a loss as to how an unfounded, untraceable and untrue rumor, concerning the financial condition of a bank, which has been in existence for about 50 years, without a previous hint of instability, should cause a majority of the depositors of all the banks in Champaign-Urbana to go absolutely insane.

They have previously trusted these banks with their funds, bought bonds and mortgages and taken the banks advice on investments, without question, but at false and unfounded rumor, concerning one bank, which actually had resources of \$1,000,000, they storm every bank in Champaign-Urbana.

Perhaps some one can explain it, I can't.

A DEPOSITOR WHO HAS FAITH.