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FIRST NATIONAL GETS NEW HOME

Takes Ten Years Lease Beginning October First on Corner Room of Building Now Occupied by Emerson Co.

The First National bank of Pullman has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the strongest and best managed financial institutions of the Inland Empire. Its officers are not only conservative bankers, but enterprising citizens, always looking ahead and planning for the future. They have decided that in order to care for their growing business and to give Pullman the very best banking facilities, more commodious and modern quarters are required. They endeavored to make arrangements with the owners of the building in which the bank is now located to secure more room, but failed on account of the heavy expense entailed in making the required alterations. They then took a ten years lease on the corner room in the building which will be vacated by the Emerson Mercantile company September 1 next. This building is to be completely remodeled, almost rebuilt, above the foundations, and the plans show that the bank quarters, which are to be ready for occupancy on October 1, will be as handsome and well appointed as any in the larger cities of the state.

The lease calls for a room 25 by 70 feet, with a front entrance from Main street and a side entrance from Alder street. The front and east side walls of the building are to be virtually torn down and replaced with large plate glass windows with prism light tops. The piers between the windows will be covered with white stucco, ornamented with colored tiles. The entrance from Main street will be in the center of the banking room and opens into a front lobby 11x40 feet. This lobby, 11 feet in width, will run back along the east side of the room for 40 feet.

The working quarters will be arranged along the west side of the room. In front will be the cashier's desk and private office, 12x10. Back of the cashier's quarters will be five cages for the tellers and clerks and in the rear of the cages will be a space for the bookkeepers. At the north end of the cages there will be a ladies' room 4x6, with a connecting toilet. Back of the working quarters will be the fire-proof vault, 10x15. At the back of the side lobby will be located the directors' room, 13x17. Over the vault and directors' room there will be a mezzanine floor, on which will be located a committee room, 12x12, for the use of patrons of the bank and the public. On this floor there will also be a safety deposit vault 10x12, a toilet room and a small balcony. The lobby will be floored with handsome tiling and the working quarters with cork. New fixtures will be installed of either marble or oak.

The bank has been put to considerable inconvenience and expense in arranging for these new quarters, but the officers felt that Pullman is entitled to the best and that the development of the business will soon justify their enterprise. The making of this new lease may result in the bank having to move into temporary quarters after March 1.

The officers plan to at once install a trust department in accordance with the federal reserve regulations which will permit the bank to act as custodian of trust accounts and executor of wills. This innovation, in connection with its present facilities for handling mortgages, gives the people of Pullman and vicinity banking facilities on a par with those enjoyed by residents of the big cities and it is safe to predict that after October 1 next this community will have in its midst not only one of the strongest and most progressive banks in the state of Washington, but also one of the handsomest and best appointed banking rooms.

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon last Tuesday, D. F. Staley offered a resolution pledging all members of the organization to set a good example to the community by keeping their sidewalks cleared of snow. The resolution was adopted.

POSTOFFICE MOVED

The postoffice was moved last Sunday into its new quarters on the corner of Alder and Paradise streets, next to The Herald office. The transfer was made in record time. Work began at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and the noon mail was distributed in the new quarters. The old fixtures were used, but the new office is much more conveniently arranged and better appointed than the old. While the lobby is not as large there is plenty of room and the space allotted to the working force is much better lighted and more conveniently arranged than in the old room. The carpenters are still at work finishing up the odds and ends but when they get through Uncle Sam will have here one of the most attractive and best appointed post-offices in the state.

Water Commissioner C. M. Hooper's recommendation that the city purchase an adequate thawing machine was taken under advisement by the city fathers at their meeting Tuesday evening.

GRAIN PRICES SOAR; SOME WHEAT SOLD

Wheat Goes Close to Dollar Mark and Thirty Thousand Bushels Move—Many Farmers Hold for Dollar

Grain prices Wednesday and Thursday topped all the records for the season, and approximately 30,000 bushels of wheat were sold to the local buyers at figures ranging from 90c to 99c. Despite the flurry occasioned by the sensational increase in prices, many farmers still hold their entire output, refusing to sell for less than \$1 a bushel, and a few have set the mark at \$1.25, with hope that that figure will be reached.

The largest single deal of the week was closed Tuesday evening, when Floyd Smith, local agent for the M. H. Houser Grain company, paid 90c per bushel for 14,000 bushels of red Russian wheat, the seller being V. Meeks.

On Wednesday Miller & Gentry purchased a pool of 8000 bushels of the four standard varieties, paying 94c for red Russian, 97c for club, and 99c for fortyfold and bluestem, establishing a season's record for prices actually paid, with the exception of some little wheat sold on last year's contracts early in the season. The farmers composing the pool were August Anderson, August Peterson and Charles Rodeen.

Yesterday's quotations were identical with those of Wednesday, the slight upward tendency not being evident in the quotations. The following prices prevailed yesterday:

Red Russian wheat	94c
Club wheat	97c
Fortyfold wheat	99c
Oats, per cwt.	\$1.20
Barley, per cwt.	\$1.20

IRVINS ENTERTAIN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irwin, east of Pullman, was last Thursday evening the scene of much merrymaking, the occasion being the annual invasion of the hospitable home by the members of the Neighborhood Neighbors club of Sunnyside hill and their husbands. Fourteen guests braved the six-below-zero weather and made the trip to the Irwin home in the Savage bobsled, while others found other means of transportation. The evening (almost the night) was delightfully spent playing five hundred and dancing, and the refreshments left nothing to be desired by the inner man.

SCOTT ACTING CASHIER

J. N. Scott, vice president of the board of directors of the Pullman State bank, will be acting cashier during the absence of Cashier E. Maguire, who has gone to California for a two-months sojourn. Mr. Van Vleck of Spokane, formerly associated with the local bank, has been added to the force and will remain in Pullman until Dr. Maguire returns.

See Unfairness in Council Action

Some Claim Unjust Discrimination in Denial of License to W. A. Moss —Others Say Pool Rooms Enough

Moved by Swain, seconded by Hammond, that the application of W. A. Moss for a pool and billiard room license be granted.

Vote—Ayes: Hammond, Kruegel, Swain.
Nays—Burnett, Duthie, Nye, Scott.

Motion lost. These few lines from the transcript of council proceedings of last Tuesday evening tell the story of the incidents that led up to one of the most spirited discussions in the history of Pullman's municipal affairs, a discussion that did not confine itself to the council chambers, but was apparent in increasing volume on the streets and in public places the following day. The councilmen were grilled, roasted and cussed by some for inconsistency and unfairness; others patted them on the back and commended them for their stand for morality.

The action brought Pullman closer to the turbulent days of years gone by, which ended abruptly when the grog shops were ousted by one lone vote, than anything that has transpired since that time. After all, it has but served to cause Pullman's citizens to take an interest in municipal affairs, be it favorable feeling or unfavorable, and tense public interest can not but make for good.

Without the least warning of what was to follow, the innocent appearing motion was put and lost. Then the storm broke, and the councilmen made known their feelings in the matter with an eagerness and firmness that left nothing to be desired by the council fan who was longing for something exciting to break.

The timid intimation that the action was not entirely in keeping with the spirit of fair play that should pervade the very air of the council

chamber proved the seed that soon sprouted to a general and spirited discussion, and as councilman after councilman stated his opinion, in strong but understandable terms, there was left no doubt as to the personal opinion of each of the seven city fathers.

Councilman Burnett based his vote on the moral issue, claiming that two pool rooms are sufficient, and that an additional one would be but one more place to watch for law violations and indiscretions concerning the admittance of minors. He placed the welfare of Pullman's youth far above the interests of any one citizen. His views were endorsed by Councilman Duthie. Councilman Nye suggested the abolishment of all the pool emporiums and the installation of one such establishment by the city, to be under municipal control, thus alleviating the possibility of law violations and protecting the city youth, and at the same time producing a substantial revenue.

Councilmen Hammond, Kruegel and Swain supported their affirmative votes on the grounds of justice, discrimination and unfairness, in refusing to grant the license and a similar stand was taken by City Attorney M. S. Jamar and Attorney F. E. Sanger.

W. A. Moss, the petitioner for the license, who had planned on the installation of an eight-table pool hall in the room vacated by the post-office, on Alder street, expressed indignation following the action of the council, claiming that he was the victim of unjust discrimination. He expressed an inclination to fight the case, and has retained attorneys to investigate the legality of the action. Mr. Moss asserts that unless he is granted a license there will be no pool rooms in Pullman within three months. It is probable that a petition will be circulated, asking the council to reconsider its action or abolish all the pool and billiard establishments.

Rev. L. L. Totten Accepts Montana Pastorate

Assistant Pastor of Pullman Presbyterian Church Resigns to Accept Call to Kalispel, Montana.

The Rev. Leo L. Totten, for the past 18 months assistant and student pastor of the United Presbyterian church here, has resigned his position and leaves this week for Kalispel, Montana, where he will assume the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, with a congregation of 325 members. The Kalispel church is one of the strongest in northwestern Montana, and offers a wide field for useful work.

The Rev. Mr. Totten, who is a graduate of Washington State College, came to Pullman from Spokane to accept the assistant pastorate, but the failing health of the Rev. Dr. W. G. M. Hays, for 17 years the church's pastor, which made impossible a continuance of his active work in the church, caused almost the entire burden of the church work to fall upon Mr. Totten.

Previous to coming to Pullman the Rev. Mr. Totten was pastor of

the Manito Park Neighborhood Presbyterian church of Spokane, and served one year as assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church here. During his stay in Spokane Mr. Totten was instrumental in the organization of three Presbyterian churches, the Manito Park Neighborhood church, the Emanuel Presbyterian and the Monroe Park.

The greatest tribute that can be paid to the Rev. Mr. Totten in regard to his work here is that he emulated the work and the teachings of the church's 17-year pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. G. M. Hays. His many friends regret keenly his departure, but rejoice that a wider field for usefulness has presented itself.

The Rev. Dr. Hays offered his resignation as pastor of the local church the first of the year, and the departure of the Rev. Mr. Totten leaves the church, for the time being, with neither a pastor nor assistant. A successor to Dr. Hays will be selected in the near future, and the pioneer pastor will take up less exacting work elsewhere as soon as his health permits.

Women's Relief Corps Officers Installed

Mrs. Anna Robertson Will Head Organization as President—Good Work Accomplished During Past Year

The annual installation of officers for Whitman W. R. C., No. 40, was held Tuesday in Masonic hall. Following the installation refreshments were enjoyed by the W. R. C. and G. A. R. members. The following officers were seated:

President—Mrs. Anna Robertson. Senior vice—Mrs. Pauline Naffziger.

Junior vice—Mrs. Lucy Nickelson. Treasurer—Mrs. Ennis. Chaplain—Mrs. Martha Olds. Conductor—Mrs. Myra Sanborn. Guard—Mrs. Saphrona Kirkendall.

Secretary—Mrs. L. Henry. Patriotic instructor—Mrs. Aiken. Press correspondent—Mrs. Lillie Palmerton. Musician—Mrs. McHugh. Asst. Guard—Mrs. Mae Edgecomb. Asst. Conductor—Mrs. Anna McAlister.

Color bearers—Mrs. Ella Struppler, Mrs. Anna Brooks, Mrs. Blanche Snyder, Mrs. Charlotte Randle. Delegates—Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Struppler, Mrs. Randle.

Alternates—Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Naffziger.

A resume of the year's work of the W. R. C., read by one of the members of the organization proved the year 1915 to have been a period of progress. Following are extracts (Continued on last page)

BIBLE LECTURER TO APPEAR SUNDAY

R. O. Hadley of the International Bible Students association, will deliver two lectures at the Grand theatre next Sunday, at 3:00 o'clock and 7:30. Mr. Hadley is a thorough student of the Bible and a forceful speaker, who presents his facts in an understandable manner. He comes to Pullman under the auspices of the Pullman class of the Bible Students association. The speaker's afternoon subject will be "The Outcome of the Present Great War Plainly Foretold in the Bible." In the evening he will speak on the subject, "Satan's Empire Soon to Be Overthrown." Admission will be free, and the general public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swain and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth were entertained at a dinner party by Mayor and Mrs. Jackson last Saturday. After the dinner the men held a smoker, while the ladies were entertained with music.

PULLMAN HIGH WINS BASKETBALL GAME

Satterthwaite's Five Take First Game of Season From Colton—Score 37 to 26

After playing listlessly through the first half, Pullman high school came back strong in the second period and won hands down from Colton high school in the first basketball game of the season, played in the local gymnasium last Friday evening. The Pullman players resembled pigmies as compared with the near-giants from Colton, but shiftiness, speed and thorough training overcame the weight handicap and the visitors were outclassed in every department of the game. Captain Melcher, McIver and Dressler were Pullman's scintillating stars, while Bush, H. Maynard and Risenauer performed in a steller capacity for the visitors. The first half score was nine all.

The lineup: Pullman (37) Colton (26)
Dressler, F. Risenauer
Douglas, F. H. Maynard
Melcher, C. Bush
Kampen, G. Gibbs
Melver, G. N. Maynard
Substitutes—Norman for Douglas, Bell for Norman, Creps for Bell.

Pullman scoring—Field baskets: Dressler 9, Melcher 3, Kampen 2, McIver 2. Free throws: Dressler, 5 in 8.

Colton scoring—Field baskets: H. Maynard 4, Risenauer 2, Bush 2, Gibbs 1, N. Maynard 1. Free throws: N. Maynard 6.

Pullman high's next game will be played here tonight, with the Ritzville high school team as opponents. Ritzville has a good team, and a close game is expected. Coach Satterthwaite will start Kampen, Douglas, Dressler, Melcher and McIver, but may call upon any of the following substitutes: Kreps, George, Allen, Burgess, Shroll and Morris. Roy Bohler will referee.

PAY-UP WEEK

What promises to be the greatest organized effort ever inaugurated to better local business conditions in every city, town and community throughout the country is National Pay-Up Week, which will be from February 21 to 26, inclusive.

HOUSEHOLD ADMINISTRATION

Miss Agnes Craig of the State College department of home economics, will give the third of her series of discourses on "Household Management" before the Aid Society of the Federated churches Wednesday afternoon, January 26, at 3:00 o'clock. All women are invited.

CENSUS POSTPONED

Mayor Jackson states that all arrangements have been completed for taking the census: The enumerators for each block have been secured and the necessary blanks printed, but it has been thought best to postpone the actual work until the weather conditions improve.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR CITY

Second Story May Be Added to Remodeled Store Building and Used for Hotel and Lodge Room

The construction of a new store building by the Emerson Mercantile company this year will result in adding not one, but two fine blocks to the business district of Pullman. W. G. Needham, representing the owners of the building now occupied by the Emerson Mercantile company and Lee Allen, has been in the city for several weeks making plans for the remodeling of the property and securing tenants. The plans have now reached a stage where they can be made public. The front, east and south walls of the building will be virtually torn out and replaced with large plate glass windows, with piers between them covered with white stucco. As noted in another column, the First National bank has leased the room on the corner of Main and Alder streets, 25x70 feet. Thorpe's Smoke House has leased the room between the bank quarters and Allen's hardware store for a pool hall. It will have a frontage of 25 feet on Main street and run back 92 1/2 feet, with an L 22 1/2 feet wide extending around the back of the banking room to Alder street. By the terms of the lease this hall is to be splendidly lighted, handsomely decorated and the floor is to be of tile or heavy linoleum.

Back of the pool room, on the corner of Alder and Olson streets, will be a room 38x40 feet which has been leased for mercantile purposes to a firm not now in business in Pullman. There will be another large room facing on Olson street which will be available for a store or, if the present plans of adding a second story to the whole building materialize, will be used for a hotel office and cafe. Mr. Needham says that in all probability the second story will be added, to include a splendidly appointed lodge room over Allen's hardware store, hotel rooms and offices. If this addition is made no expense will be spared. All the rooms will be finished in red gum wood. There will be space for 40 bedrooms, which, in connection with the office and cafe on the first floor, would give Pullman one of the handsomest and best appointed hotels in this section of the state. The whole building will be heated by steam or electricity.

Just as soon as the Emerson Mercantile company moves out on September 1 the work of remodeling the building will begin and be rushed to completion before winter starts. According to the plans which Mr. Needham has had prepared, the building will be an ornament to the city.

HOLLAND BANQUET

All arrangements have been completed for the reception and banquet which the Chamber of Commerce will give next Wednesday evening in the parlors of the Christian church in honor of President Holland and his sister, Mrs. Gifford. All members of the organization who wish to attend must secure tickets from some member of the committee in charge before Tuesday, as no plates will be reserved after Monday. The members of the committee are J. N. Emerson, F. C. Forrest, Harley Jackson, E. W. Thorpe and H. Kimbrough. The affair will be confined to members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives.

IMPROVEMENT PROCEEDS

After being held up for several days by city officials on work on the big electric sign in front of the Theatorium, H. M. Beck was Tuesday evening granted permission by the council to proceed with the improvement. The big sign will extend half way across the sidewalk and will have a stucco front, with metal top.

Whitman Pomona Grange, No. 2, will meet at Ewartsville Friday, February 4, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. New officers will be installed and well known speakers are expected.