## First National Bank

The city's oldest banking institution is the First National Bank which now conducts an immense business in its handsome banking house in the heart of the city. The history of this bank is a record of honest and intelligent methods, competent business management, liberality in public matters and unbroken business success. The

bank was originally operated as the Arnold private, bank the pioneer financial institution of the city, and became a national bank in 1891. It now has a capital stock of \$65,000, a surplus of \$25,000 and deposits of about \$500,000.00.

With the beginning of this year the first National bank entered upon the occupancy of a remodeled banking house which is equal in finish, appearance and commodious arrangement to the leading banks of the large cities of the country. The interior is finished in polished mahogany and a large floor space is admirably divided into lobbies, cashier's office, working offices, vaults, assembly room for officers and directors, private booth etc. It is equipped with a modern system of electric signals and burglar alarms.

The present directors are B. F. McMillan, Leander Choate, F. A. Noll, J. C. Marsh, Wm. Uthmeier, I., Th. Thom and P. J. Schaefer all financiers of high standing throughout Wisconsin. H. G. Hambright, cashier, is wisely known as a conservative banker and financial expert. (from the Marshfield Times, August 26, 1908)

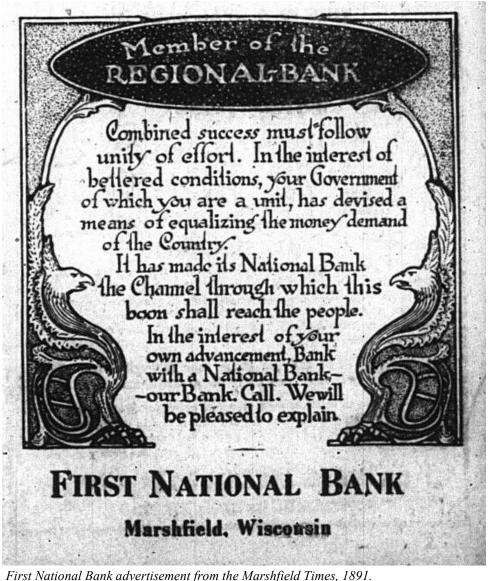
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The banks of our city have long maintained an influential place in the commercial supremacy of the state, and their well-balanced and conservative management has been a most important factor in the prosperity of this community.



The First National Bank, located to the north (right) of the Trio Theatre and Just south (left of Rose Brothers Department Store. (photo from the North Wood County Historical Society)

One of the very foremost in this respect is the First National Bank, one of the financial fortresses of our state, which has always been held in the highest esteem and confidence by its many patrons.



It has a capital stock of \$65,000.00, with surplus of \$55,000.00 and undivided profits, \$10. 210.24. The institution has more than \$1,000,000.00 resources, and on March 7 of this year the deposits amounted to \$840,569.28. Previous to 1891 this was a private bank, but in that year became a national institution. It being the oldest bank in the city.

The First National Bank is a United States depository and conducts a safety deposit department in connection. B. F. McMillan is president, J. C. Marsh is vicepresident and H. G. Hambright is cashier. The directors include these gentlemen and L. Th. Thom, P. J. Schaefer, F. A. Noll and H. H. Milbee.

All are successful men of affairs who have won their way in the world through energy and intergrity, and the success of their bank shows this. (from the Marshfield Time, April 19, 1916)

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