

## ***American National Bank—205 South Central Avenue***

*The policy pursued by the American National Bank in order to get business is aggressive, but its aggressiveness is the kind which wrongs no one else, nor does it injure the dignity of the institution in any way or weaken its usefulness as a financial institution.*

*It strictly adheres to the recognized principles of sound banking, doing a regular legitimate bank business, and while always prudent, is ready to give such liberal accommodations as are dictated by prudence and sound judgment. The watchword of this bank is “safety first, last and always.”*

*The American National Bank is conducted on these principles and is one of the sound financial headquarters of Wood county. More than this, financially responsible men of our community are interested in this bank, and their affiliation with it means prestige and strength.*

*The Depository in question is capitalized at \$50,000, and the surplus is \$40,000, nearly the amount of the capital. The deposits, according to the last statement, under date of March 7, 1916, were \$739, 669.47, and protecting the institution are resources of \$883, 573.23.*

*It was in 1892 that this institution was founded, originally as a state bank, and in 1900 it became a national bank. Its fine banking rooms at 205 South Central Avenue are familiar to many of our best people, many of whom patronize the safety deposit department which is also operated.*

*The American National is a member of the Federal Reserve and is also a United States depository. The officers are W. D. Connor, president; P. N. Christensen, vice-president ;Thomas D. Spalding, cashier; and Jacob Leinwander, assistant cashier. The directors include E. M. Deming, R. Connor, Henry Kalsched, K.W. Doege and Frank Cramer. The officers and directors of this bank include some of the most prominent men in our city and substantial citizens of the community.  
(from the Marshfield Times, April 19, 1916)*



*The American National Bank (on left) ca. 1908, prior to any remodeling or expansion. (Don Schnitzler collection)*

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*If you have any additional information (including pictures) regarding this business or location, we would really appreciate you contacting us and sharing. We will add information whenever possible.*

*For questions, or for sharing additional information, please contact us at [schnitz1@charter.net](mailto:schnitz1@charter.net). Please include what story the information relates to. Attach your text information in the form of a word document, please no PDF's. Photos should preferably be in jpeg format.*

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