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*St Paul*

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

RECEIVED TELEGRAM.

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Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 29 1913

Los Angeles Calif dec 29 1913

Secy Houston, Dept of Agl.

Washn D C

I have just learned that an application will be made to establish one of the regional reserve banks at StPaul. As I have lived in Minnesota all my life , and have been for a good many years intimately familiar with the banking and commercial relations between StPaul and all the territory to the west, through to the coast I take the liberty of asking your serious consideration of thas application when it is presented, to your board. Stpaul is the gateway to the northwest , the banks in all that territory have for years kept substantial reserves, with the StPaul banks the wholesale houses and manufacturers of the twin cities have done the largest share of the business in all that region, therefore, there are sound business reasons growing out of long established business relations, why the designation of StPaul would be highly suitiable.

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*Paul  
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Form *LS*

MONLANA

EVERYTHING READY-TO-W

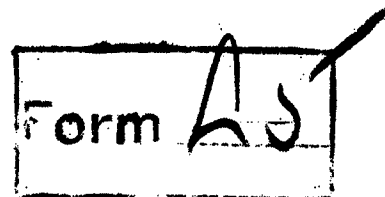
FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

CLOAKS, SUITS, FURS



MILLINERY AND SHOES

**MACRAE'S**  
CORRECT DRESS FOR WOMEN



Anaconda, Montana, Jan. 19, 1914.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As chairman of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee you are doubtless giving a great deal of your time to the consideration of various cities requesting the location of a federal Reserve Bank.

As a citizen of the state of Montana and a representative business man of The Great North-west I would be pleased to learn that your committee had reported favorable on the advantages claimed by the city of Saint Paul; may I request a serious consideration of their claim.

Respectfully yours

ANSWERED  
JAN 23 1914  
*[Handwritten initials]*

ALL KINDS OF BICYCLE AND GUN REPAIRING



# BEHRENDT BROTHERS

## SPORTING GOODS

BICYCLES AND GUNS  
NATIONAL CASH REGISTERS  
DALTON ADDING MACHINES

Billings, Montana, January 8th, 1914

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Form *LS*

ANSWERED  
JAN 12 1914  
*Tom L*  
FORM

Dear Sir:

We wish to state that we are very well acquainted with St. Paul country, and greatly favor the plans of establishing a Federal Reserve Bank in the wonderful city of St. Paul. We also realize the fact that we are greatly in need of just such an organization, to carry out the business in such a manner as we all would wish.

Considering the matter over I do not think you could select a more favorable stand point than St. Paul for the Federal Reserve Bank in the north west, as this city is the head quarters of the United States post office inspectors. Then we also realize that St. Paul is the jobbing center of the north west, and naturally all are interested, and cannot help directing their attention greatly towards St. Paul.

We wish to congratulate the Democrats in the wonderful work that they have already accomplished through out the country.. Then on the other hand as all your interest is directed towards the public welfare it cannot help but end successfully.

We wish to thank you for the great interest that you have already taken in us, and also we wish to say that we hope you will be very successful in your undertakings, as it is surely a wonderful work

*Yours truly  
Behrendt Bros*

JOHN R. YATES, PRES. & MGR.

# MALIN-YATES COMPANY

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

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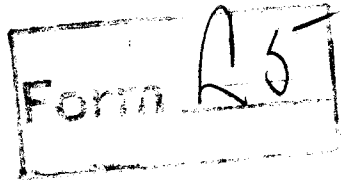
PUMPS, HARNESS, ENGINES, TENTS

EMERSON ENGINE AND HORSE PLOWS

**BILLINGS, MONTANA,**

January 17, 1914.

Hon. W. G. MeAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

As a director in the Merchants National Bank my attention has been called to the fact that there was some movement on foot to place a bank in this section in the district composing the west with headquarters of Regional Bank at Portland or Seattle. No doubt the officers of our bank will take this matter up with you more definitely, but I have been requested by some of our friends in Saint Paul to investigate conditions relative to the claims that they might have on hand with us at that point compared with western banks. With the information I have received from our bank I find there is a little less than 3% transacted west of Billings, the rest being handled with the east.

I have requested the cashier of the Merchants National Bank of this city to forward you a compilation of transactions taking place in this institution so that you can judge for yourself which would be the best place for this district.

We believe that Saint Paul on account of its wealth and location is the most appropriate place for a Regional Bank to supply this section of the country.

Would thank you for giving this serious consideration.

Yours very truly,  
*John R. Yates*

JRY-W

ANSWERED

JAN 21 1914

# DAY LETTER

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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This is an UNREPEATED DAY LETTER, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT Pioneer Bldg., 332 Robert St., St. Paul, Minn.

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E H BAILEY

PREST FIRST NAT BANK STPAUL MINN

HAVE JUST WIRED SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AS FOLLOWS AS

NINETY EIGHT PERCENT OF ALL MERCHANDIZING LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL

BUSINESS OF THIS LOCALITY PASSES THROUGH THE TWIN CITIES GATEWAY

WE BELIEVE THE SELECTION OF STPAUL AS OUR FEDERAL RESERVE CITY WOULD

BEST CONSERVE THE INTERESTS OF THIS LOCALITY AND INFLUENCE MANY MORE

STATE INSTITUTIONS TO COME IN UNDER THE NEW LAW

H W BROWN

CASHIER FIRST STATE BANK

*Handwritten initials and date:*  
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JUL  
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*Handwritten number:*  
5-25-1900



# WESTERN UNION



## DAY LETTER

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT 1913 DEC 30 PM 5 51

*Paul*

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CASCADE MONT DEC 30 13

HON SECY OF THE TREASURY

*780*

WASHINGTON DC

AS NINETY EIGHT PERCENT OF ALL MERCHANDISING LIVE STOCK AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS OF THIS LOCALITY PASSES THROUGH THE TWIN CITIES GATEWAY WE BELIEVE THE SELECTION OF STPAUL AS OUR FEDERAL RESERVE CITY WOULD BEST CONSERVE THE INTERESTS OF THIS LOCALITY AND INFLUENCE MANY MORE STATE INSTITUTIONS TO COME IN UNDER THE NEW LAW.

H W BROWN,

CASHIER FIRST STATE BANK 547PM

ANSWERED  
JAN 7 1914  
FORM *P*

Form *15*

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## The First National Bank of Glendive

C. A. THURSTON, PRESIDENT  
 W. F. JORDAN, VICE PRESIDENT  
 T. F. HAGAN, CASHIER  
 J. M. O'NEIL, ASST. CASHIER  
 M. J. HUGHES, ASST. CASHIER

Glendive, Montana Dec 30 1913.

Mr. E. H. Bailey Pres.  
 St. Paul Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your wire received, and in conformity with your wishes I have just sent to the Secy of The Treasury the following wire:-

"Desirous of being a Member Bank, we wish to urge the designation of St. Paul as the location of a Federal Reserve Bank for our District."

It struck me at first as very strange that ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> entire territory from Chicago to the Coast was left out in the place of meeting.

It may, however, have been a delicacy about naming either St. Paul, or Minneapolis, and thereby expressing a preference. To leave the Twin Cities out as a Reserve Bank location for this whole territory would seem to be out of the question.

Yours very truly  
 C. A. Thurston

Treasury Department

TELEGRAM

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Great Falls Mont Dec 30 1913

Secretary of Treasury

Washn DC

If individual bank preference has any influence with committee engaged in designating federal reserve cities, it is our earnest desire that stPaul Minn be selected and that we be included in that district

First Natl Bank  
Of Great Falls  
215pm

ANSWERED  
DEC 31 1913  
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Treasury Department

TELEGRAM

*St Paul*

*FC*

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HELENA MONT December 30 1913

Hon. William G McAdoo,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Wash'n D C

In designating Federal Reserve cities and territories I feel that Montana, whose business is in common with that of North Dakota, and Minnesota, should be included in a district to the East ~~west~~ of us and would respectfully urge St Paul be selected as Reserve City and that Montana be included in its district. Our business naturally drifts Eastward and it would not only be inconvenient but inharmounious we be included in Western or Southern district.

ANSWERED

McKenna,  
Pres. Union Bank and Trust Co.

DEC 31 1913

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# UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF MONTANA

CAPITAL \$250,000. SURPLUS AND PROFITS \$250,000.

S. MYKENNAN, President

FRANK HOGART, Vice President

R. O. KAUFMAN, Cashier

A. P. CURTIN, Vice President

C. B. PFEIFFER, Asst. Cashier



HELENA, Dec. 31, 1913.

Mr. E. H. Bailey,

Pres. First National Bank,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bailey:-

Upon receipt of your telegram of the 29th asking that we telegraph the Secretary of the Treasury urging the designation of St. Paul as the location of a Federal Reserve Bank, I immediately sent Secretary McAdoo a telegram as follows:-

"In designating Federal Reserve Cities and territories, I feel that Montana, whose business is in common with that of North Dakota and Minnesota, should be included in a district to the east of us and would respectfully urge St. Paul be selected as Reserve City and ~~that Montana~~ be included in its district. Our business naturally drifts Eastward and it would not only be inconvenient but inharmonious were we included in Western or Southern district."

At the time of sending this telegram I was not aware that during my absence the local clearing house had decided to use their efforts toward a Reserve bank in the Twin Cities, the understanding being that St. Paul and Minneapolis would decide between themselves which of the two cities would be designated or, leave it to the Federal Reserve Board.

It seems to be the general opinion thruout Montana that this state should be included in Eastern territory and it also seems to be generally conceded that the Twin Cities should have a bank and that we should be in that territory. The feeling locally seems to be that either St. Paul or Minneapolis would be a satisfactory location, but as most of the banks carry both St. Paul and Minneapolis accounts, they hardly feel like discriminating in favor of either of the cities.

2--Bailey--12/31/13.

Personally, I favor St. Paul and altho my telegram, as heretofore quoted, is at variance with the telegram previously sent to Washington by the local clearing house, favoring the Twin Cities, I am willing to let it stand and hope that St. Paul may be designated as the location and above all, wish Montana to be included in its territory.

Later on, there is every probability of Helena wishing to obtain a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and we will then solicit support for such a designation.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



President.

McK's

# NIGHT LETTER

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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THEO. N. VALE, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT

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LEWISTOWN MONT DEC 30 1913

HON SECY OF TREASURY

WASHINGTON DC

BELIEVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL BANK IN STPAUL WOULD

SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS SECTION AS A LARGE

PROPORTION OF MONTANA BANKING BUSINESS IS INTIMATELY RELATED TO THE

TWIN CITIES

BANK OF FERGUS COUNTY

A W WARR CASHIER

1215AM

ANSWERED  
JAN 8 1914  
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FORM

GENERAL OFFICE

# MONTANA LUMBER COMPANY

J. E. LANE, PRES. & GEN. MGR.  
G. J. WIEDEMAN, VICE-PRES.  
A. W. WARR, TREASURER.  
A. W. GATES, SECRETARY.  
J. E. FORD, ASS'T GEN'L MGR.



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
BUILDING MATERIALS,  
HARDWARE, PAINT,  
FARM MACHINERY,  
AND COAL.

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, January 5, 1914.

Senator Henry F. Meyers,  
Washington, D.C.  
My dear Senator:

Form 25

I have been consulted of late regarding the location of a Regional Bank that would best suit Montana, and find the sympathy for convenience etc. in favor of the Twin Cities and on behalf of the banking fraternities of Lewistown, find it to our interest to favor St. Paul. I assure you any courtesy extended in favor of St. Paul as a location for a Regional bank, will be highly appreciated by those interested in Lewistown.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

JL/S

ANSWERED  
JAN 13 1914  
FORM 25



# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

CARE OF SECRETARY INCADOO

WASHINGTON DC

WE RESPECTFULLY ENDORSE STRAUL MINNEAPOLIS AS LOCATION FOR

REGIONAL BANK

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK.

ANSWERED  
JAN 7 1914  
FORM

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# NIGHT LETTER

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT

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MILES CITY MONT DEC 30 1913

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON DC

IT WILL AFFORD US GREAT SATISFACTION AND CONTRIBUTE LARGELY TO OUR CONVENIENCE IF THE GOVERNMENT LOCATES FEDERAL RESERVE BANK IN STPAUL TO INCLUDE THIS DISTRICT STPAUL FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN OUR PRINCIPLE RESERVE POINT WHILE OUR RELATIONS WITH MONEY CENTERS WEST OF US HAVE BEEN ONLY NOMINAL

C W BUTLER PREST THE STATE NAT BANK

1218AM

ANSWERED  
JAN 2 1914  
FORM

H. WILKIE

J. M. SAWYER

# Rosebud Mercantile Company

DEALERS IN

Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes

Hon' W.G. Mc Adoo, Chairman,  
 Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
 Washington D.C.

Rosebud, Montana, Jan 9 1914

Dear Sir

This is one of many such that delay you or your estimable help daily. But, should you ever have heard of St Paul in Minnesota & noted the facilities bestowed by nature & the needed assistance given by a fine bunch of merchants, the many railroads branching over the country of which St Paul is the centre & the hundred & one reasons why St Paul should be favored with a Federal Reserve Bank you would "cut" the "red tape" & send a bank by Parcel Post.

Yours Very Truly  
 Robert M. [Signature]

ANSWERED

JAN 12 1914

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J. M. W. G.

ANSWERED

FEB 2 1914

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, Mont

*Worsham & RS*  
*Form 5*  
*Jan 24 - 1914*

Hon. W. G. McAdoo.  
Washington D. C.

AS1

Honorable and dear Sir,

Knowing that St. Paul, Minnesota,  
is one of the great business centers, and as such  
has served us here at St. Paul, Mont, does serve  
us at present, and no doubt will serve us in  
the future, we would kindly ask of you,  
if our voice is worth anything, to locate  
if possible one of the Federal Reserve Banks  
at St. Paul, Minnesota.

and oblige

Yours gratefully

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, Mont

per  
Hubert A. Post Supt.

NORTH DAKOTA.

DAVID BARTEL, PRES.

EMIL GRABER, VICE-PRES.

W. WIPF, SEC'Y-TREAS.

**BARTEL HARDWARE CO.**

INCORPORATED

HARDWARE, FURNITURE AND  
FARM IMPLEMENTS

ALSEN, N. D. Jan. 10th. 1913.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman.  
Reserve Bank Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir;-

We sincerely believe to the good of our and your Citizens of Cavalier County, and State of North Dakota, that one of the Regional Banks should be placed at St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul has been the business center for all kinds of Wholesale business for the North West. And also the Capital of the State of Minn. And we honest believe that you have considered this point as a very important one too.

Hope that you may consider this letter just as same as though it was written by one of the billionaires of New York, City.

Yours very truly,

Bartel Hardware Co. <sup>ny</sup>

*David Bartel*  
President.

DB/W.

ANSWERED  
JAN 13 1914  
*DLR*  
*25*  
FORM

BROADWAY PHARMACY  
BRUCE CRUSOE, PROP.  
COR. BROADWAY AND FIRST AVE. N.  
FARGO, N. D.

Form *AS*

Fargo, N. Dak., January 8th, 1914.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I desire the selection of Saint Paul,  
Minnesota, as the most suitable location of the  
Federal Reserve Bank.

Saint Paul has from the beginning of  
the commercial life of this section been our whole-  
sale center. Its jobbers are well established and  
have furnished the country excellent services.

It is the great railroad center of this  
section of the Northwest, and hence furnishes us  
with excellent transportation facilities.

It is the seat of division for the  
different departments of our National Government, and  
the center of the rapidly growing stock industry, and  
it is destined to become a great manufacturing center.  
Its banks are among the strongest financial institutions  
in the Northwest.

Respectfully yours,



ANSWERED  
JAN 12 1914  
*JRC*  
FORM

J. T. Rawson, D. K.  
January 13

Hon W. M. A. doo Chairman  
Reserve Bank Organization  
Committee Washington DC  
Let Me ~~be~~ One of the Old  
Business Men of the  
Northwest Urge you  
to Locate One of the Federal  
Banks at St Paul Minn  
It Being the Logical and  
Natural City for the Northwest  
as a Federal Reserve Bank  
It is useless for me to Point  
Out St Pauls Many advant  
ages these you know.  
They are many and Natural  
Urge you to Do all you can  
to Locate One of the Federal  
Reserve Banks at St Paul Minn  
For the good of the West People  
Yours Truly O. S. Lovelace



A. W. Bartz  
Dry Goods, Clothing,  
Undertaking Supplies  
Shoes, Groceries  
Notions, Etc

GARRISON, N. DAK.

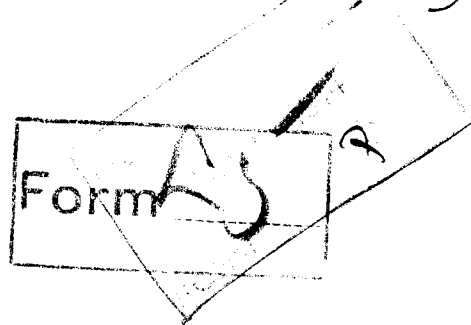
Jan 12-14.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

From a stand point of business affairs, and other state business offices, considering things well all around. - Could you not favor St Paul with such a Bank. - I in my own mind believe that St Paul is the only place for such an enterprise

Yours very truly  
A. W. Bartz.



H. W. HANSCH, President

A. E. PAULSON, Vice President

GE . BARNUM, Cashier

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# Citizens Bank of Kenmare

Capital \$25,000.00

County and State Depository

Kenmare, North Dakota, Jan. 10/14.

Associate Banks:  
Maple Lake State Bank,  
Maple Lake, Minn.  
Farmers & Merchants Bank,  
Powers Lake, N. D.  
Bank of Donnybrook,  
Donnybrook, N. D.

Hon. W. G. Mc Adoo,  
Chairman Reserve Bank Organization Committee.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Mc Adoo:-

We wish to confer with you as to our own behalf regarding to the establishment of what is known as your Regional Banks, and have given the matter of location a great deal of thought from our own personal benefits which we may derive in the future. We have taken into consideration the surroundings in general and the city itself, and, if you can see your way clear to agree with us after we give you our suggestions to whatever extent you see fit.

Our interests lay entirely in seeing a Regional Bank established in the city of St. Paul, owing to the fact that it is the logical location for a Reserve Bank. It is the Gate Way City of the Northwest. Furthermore it is the headquarters for the whole sale district for the entire Northwest; also the Capital of the State of Minnesota.

St. Paul is the depository for the government receipts, including Internal Revenue and is the headquarters for the United States Customs office.

At St. Paul are located the U.S. District Attorneys and Department of Justice, the U.S. Fire Martial, and there too are the headquarters of the Secret Service and the U.S. Engineers.

In the vicinity of St. Paul, the Agricultural Department has a large staff of land experts and there is also the U.S. Post Office Inspector's offices. St. Paul by reason of its location of the jobbers' headquarters for the Northwestern States and furthermore, is the railway center from which the numerous transcontinental lines extend to the Pacific coast.

St. Paul is the focal point for the live stock business for the entire Northwest. In 1913, no less than \$40,000,000.00 was paid for live stock at that point, and the farmers secured no less than an amount of \$7,500,000.00 in loans on live stock being prepared for the market.

MINNESOTA  
JAN 16 1914  
Form 25

**Kenmare---** The metropolis of the Des Lacs valley, is a city of 1800 population. It has one of the best high schools in the state with an enrollment of over 500 and a corps of 19 teachers; it has a parochial school with an enrollment of 125 conducted by seven Sisters. It has six churches: Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Danish Lutheran, Swedish Baptist, German Baptist. It is a railroad center, being the western terminus of the Kenmare-Thief River Falls-Duluth Soo line and also the eastern terminus of the Ambrose branch of the Soo. It has electric lights; purest artesian city water; sewer system. It lies on Des Lacs lake, the largest body of fresh water in the state.

It has become and will remain a city for the following reasons: It lies in the heart of the Des Lacs valley district, famous for the fertility of its soil. The development of this district is just entering on a new era, diversified farming taking the place of exclusive grain farming. This district is the home of No. 1 hard wheat; the best grades of flax and barley; 40 lb. oats; spring and winter rye; alfalfa, timothy clover and millet are the principal grasses; the hardier varieties of corn are a successful crop and potatoes and other garden vegetables are unexcelled in quality.

The yield of wheat per acre in 1912 was 18 to 30 bushels; flax 10 to 25; barley 30 to 50; oats 40 to 100; rye 30 to 40; potatoes 150 to 300. The Des Lacs valley territory has been settled for fifteen years and has not yet seen a total crop failure. Land values vary according to location and improvements from \$25 to \$65 per acre.

Kenmare lies in the heart of the lignite mining district and the question of cheap fuel is forever solved. It can be bought at the mines for \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ton and is a cheap, clean, convenient and lasting fuel. The industry of briquetting this coal is just beginning.

### The Leading Business Houses of Kenmare, North Dakota

**General Stores—**

Lewis Knudson  
A. E. Paulson  
Bertelson's  
Nelsen & Petersen  
P. M. Cole

**Hardware Stores—**

G. A. Bodmer  
Sommerness & Olson  
Nelsen & Petersen

**Drug Stores—**

Oscar Zuercher  
W. H. Makee  
N. C. Jackwitz  
J. L. Wemark

**Automobile Dealers—**

John Nedreloe  
A. E. Paulson  
Nelsen & Petersen  
Walsted & Rowland

**Meat Markets—**

U. F. Hunt  
W. L. Kinser

**Variety Store—**

M. L. Drennen

**Jeweler and Optometrist—**

E. H. Gross

**Manufacturers—**

Ohnstedt Mfg. Co.  
Bruce Fahrney, Ice Cream  
Kenmare Light & Power Co.  
Kenmare Coal & Brick Co.

**Machinery Dealers—**

S. H. Lowe  
A. E. Paulson  
J. M. Rohé  
Nelsen & Petersen

**Real Estate Dealers—**

L. M. Summerville  
Evan Griffith  
J. H. Sinclair  
Fred W. Van Vleck

**Hotels—**

Martin, Theo. Kahellek, Prop.  
Commercial, Mike O'Hara, Prop.

**Restaurants—**

L. C. Tscharner  
R. M. Woods

**Confectioneries—**

R. M. Woods

**Livery Barns—**

J. J. Nedreloe  
W. C. Maddocks  
J. W. Miller

**Garages—**

Walsted & Rowland

**Harness Shop—**

E. L. Morrow

**Theatres—**

The Lyceum

**Nurseries—**

E. J. Brown

**Banks—**

Farmers & Merchants  
First National  
Citizens Bank of Kenmare  
Kenmare National

**Lawyers—**

A. W. Gray  
L. F. Clausen

**Doctors—**

Wiig & Ewing  
N. McLean  
D. H. Bell

**Dentists—**

J. L. Ambrose  
O. A. Kron

**Veterinaries—**

R. E. Shigley

**Photographers—**

Olsen's Studio

**Tailor--**

A. E. Haas

**Elevators—**

Osborne-McMillan  
Occident

**Coal Mines—**

B. Bertelson  
National Briquetting Co.  
Kenmare Coal & Brick Co.

**Billiard Halls—**

McCrin & O'Neil

H. W. HANSCH, President

A. E. PAULSON, Vice President

GE . BARNUM, Cashier

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**Citizens Bank of Kenmare**

Capital \$25,000.00

County and State Depository

Kenmare, North Dakota, Jan. 10/14.

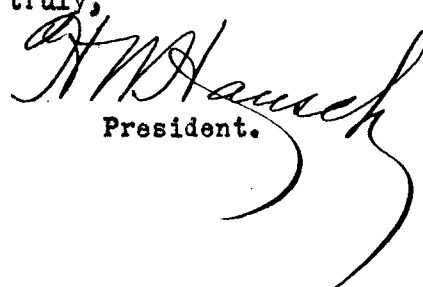
Associate Banks:  
Maple Lake State Bank,  
Maple Lake, Minn.  
Farmers & Merchants Bank,  
Powers Lake, N. D.  
Bank of Donnybrook,  
Donnybrook, N. D.

#2--Hon. W.G. Mc Adoo.

After you have considered the above city, proper location for the Regional Bank and feel that our suggestions are of any benefit whatever to you in assisting and locating a bank in this section of the Northwest, we would greatly appreciate every effort that you could possible put forth is establishing a bank in the city of St. Paul.

Wishing to thank you for any consideration that you may be able to give the city of St. Paul in locating such a bank, I wish to remain ,

Yours very truly,

  
President.

H/C

**Kenmare**—The metropolis of the Des Lacs valley, is a city of 1800 population. It has one of the best high schools in the state with an enrollment of over 500 and a corps of 19 teachers; it has a parochial school with an enrollment of 125 conducted by seven Sisters. It has six churches: Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Danish Lutheran, Swedish Baptist, German Baptist. It is a railroad center, being the western terminus of the Kenmare-Thief River Falls-Duluth Soo line and also the eastern terminus of the Ambrose branch of the Soo. It has electric lights; purest artesian city water; sewer system. It lies on Des Lacs lake, the largest body of fresh water in the state.

It has become and will remain a city for the following reasons: It lies in the heart of the Des Lacs valley district, famous for the fertility of its soil. The development of this district is just entering on a new era, diversified farming taking the place of exclusive grain farming. This district is the home of No. 1 hard wheat; the best grades of flax and barley; 40 lb. oats; spring and winter rye; alfalfa, timothy clover and millet are the principal grasses; the hardier varieties of corn are a successful crop and potatoes and other garden vegetables are unexcelled in quality.

The yield of wheat per acre in 1912 was 18 to 30 bushels; flax 10 to 25; barley 30 to 50; oats 40 to 100; rye 30 to 40; potatoes 150 to 300. The Des Lacs valley territory has been settled for fifty years and has not yet seen a total crop failure. Land values vary according to location and improvements from \$25 to \$65 per acre.

Kenmare lies in the heart of the lignite mining district and the question of cheap fuel is forever solved. It can be bought at the mines for \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ton and is a cheap, clean, convenient and lasting fuel. The industry of briquetting this coal is just beginning.

### The Leading Business Houses of Kenmare, North Dakota

**General Stores—**

- Lewis Knudson
- A. E. Paulson
- Bertelson's
- Nelsen & Petersen
- P. M. Cole

**Hardware Stores—**

- G. A. Bodmer
- Sommerness & Olson
- Nelsen & Petersen

**Drug Stores—**

- Oscar Zuercher
- W. H. Makee
- N. C. Jackwitz
- J. L. Wemark

**Automobile Dealers—**

- John Nedreloe
- A. E. Paulson
- Nelsen & Petersen
- Walsted & Rowland

**Meat Markets—**

- U. F. Hunt
- W. L. Kinser

**Variety Store—**

- M. L. Drennen

**Jeweler and Optometrist—**

- E. H. Gross

**Manufacturers—**

- Ohnstedt Mfg. Co.
- Bruce Fahrney, Ice Cream
- Kenmare Light & Power Co.
- Kenmare Coal & Brick Co.

**Machinery Dealers—**

- S. H. Lowe
- A. E. Paulson
- J. M. Rohe
- Nelsen & Petersen

**Real Estate Dealers—**

- L. M. Summerville
- Evan Griffith
- J. H. Sinclair
- Fred W. Van Vleck

**Hotels—**

- Martin, Theo. Kahellek, Prop.
- Commercial, Mike O'Hara, Prop.

**Restaurants—**

- L. C. Tscharner
- R. M. Woods

**Confectioneries—**

- R. M. Woods

**Livery Barns—**

- J. J. Nedreloe
- W. C. Maddocks
- J. W. Miller

**Garages—**

- Walsted & Rowland

**Harness Shop—**

- E. L. Morrow

**Theatres—**

- The Lyceum

**Nurseries—**

- E. J. Brown

**Banks—**

- Farmers & Merchants
- First National
- Citizens Bank of Kenmare
- Kenmare National

**Lawyers—**

- A. W. Gray
- L. F. Clausen

**Doctors—**

- Wiig & Ewing
- N. McLean
- D. H. Bell

**Dentists—**

- J. L. Ambrose
- O. A. Kron

**Veterinaries—**

- R. E. Shigley

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

# NIGHT LETTER

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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LANGDON ND DEC 30 1913

HON SECY OF U S TREASURY

WASHN DC


WOULD RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT THE CITY OF STPAUL MINN BE  
DESIGNATED AS LOCATION OF A FEDERAL RESERVE BANK FOR THIS DISTRICT  
CAVALIER COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

1030 PM

Form 25

**POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY**

**NIGHT LETTERGRAM**



THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY (INCORPORATED) TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THIS NIGHT LETTERGRAM SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS BLANK.

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**INDEPENDENT COMPETITIVE PROGRESSIVE**

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Lidgerwood, N. D., Jan. 2-1914

Secretary McAdoo,

Washington, D.C.

We recommend StPaul for regional bank and ask that we be attached to that Zone.

First National Bank,

Lidgerwood, ND., First National Bank, Veblen, SD.

1131 P.M.

ANSWERED

JAN 2 1914

*[Handwritten initials]*

Form *LS*

# Citizens State Bank of Maddock

HAROLD THORSON, PRES.  
A. M. SHEIMO, VICE-PRES.  
ALBERT HESLA, CASHIER

ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE

MADDOCK, N. DAK.  
Jan. 10, 1914.

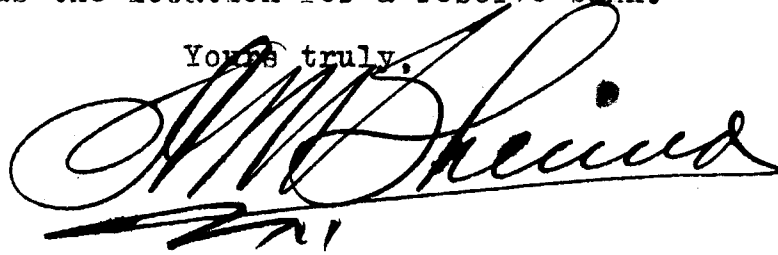
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JAN 16 1914
FORM <i>2</i>

W. G. McAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

At this time when they are considering locations for regional reserve banks to be established thruout United States, we naturally feel interested in securing one of these banks for one of the larger cities of the Northwest, and being that St. Paul is the logical commercial center for the Northwestern states, and for the further reason that it already has a number of federal buildings and government depositories, we would consider that the proper location for such a bank would be in this city. I sincerely trust that St. Paul will receive due consideration from your committee and eventually be designated as the location for a reserve bank.

Yours truly,



AMS-J



*St Paul*

Treasury Department

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TELEGRAM

Form 25

Minot ND Dec 30 1913

Secty Treasy

ashn DC

For the very best interest of northwest we believe and very earnestly urge designation of St Paul Minn as location of federal reserve bank for this district

R E Barron Cashr Second Natl Bank

324pm

ANSWERED  
JAN 7 1914  
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FORM

Nanson, N. D. January 19, 1914.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Form 25

Honorable Sir:-

I understand the United States Government will soon select the different Cities for the location of the Federal Reserve Banks.

Saint Paul, in my opinion, owing to its location and being adjacent to the best agricultural, mining, timber and dairy countries in the United States, would be the best City to select. It is also a great railroad, jobbing and manufacturing center and its industries are growing very rapidly.

A number of governmental offices are also located there, among which are the United States Custom Office; the United States District Attorney and others connected with the United States Government. It is also the Capitol of the State of Minnesota and I could mention a great many other reasons why I think one of the Banks should be located in Saint Paul.

I trust you will give this City your due consideration.

Very respectfully,



ANSWERED  
JAN 21 1914

# THE W. C. MCKENZIE DEPARTMENT STORE

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,  
BOOTS AND SHOES

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY  
Men's and Women's Clothing  
W. C. MCKENZIE

FURNITURE, HARDWARE,  
CLOTHING AND DRUGS

NEW ENGLAND, NORTH DAKOTA

Form *AS*

Jan 11 1914

RECEIVED  
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
WASHINGTON

Mr W. C. McAdoo Chairman  
N.W. Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir - Please make  
St. Paul Minnesota location for  
The North Western Federal Reserve Bank  
St Paul has many advantages

Large Jobbing Center  
Railway center & head quarters.  
Largest Live stock Shipping & packing house  
West Chicago. Manufactures  
these & other interests that you will know  
I hope will entitle St Paul Minnesota  
as your selection for the North Western Federal  
Reserve Bank

Respectfully  
W. C. McKenzie



LADIES' WEAR  
DRY GOODS  
HATS AND CAPS  
CLOTHING, SHOES

**C. EVENSEN**  
GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

GENTS FURNISHINGS  
CROCKERY  
GROCERIES AND  
BELLE FLOUR



Sheyenne, N. D.,

DEC 1914 / 12-14

Hon W. G. McAdoo, Chairman  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee

Dear Sir,  
Washington, D. C.

Kindly do what you can to  
have the Federal Reserve Bank go to St  
Paul Minn. which I believe would be the most proper  
place for this great Northwest

Yours very Respectfully  
C. Evensen

OREGON

*St. Paul*

*J.M.B.*

Res. Bank Org Committee

MAR 20 1914

RECEIVED

601 Yeon Building,  
Portland, Oregon,  
March 19, 1914.

Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo,  
Hon. David F. Houston,  
Hon. J. S. Williams,  
Committee on Organization,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

For more than five years past the writer has been compelled, by his work as president of a corporation whose principal business office is at Philadelphia, Pa., to cross the Continent many times a year, through the Northwestern States.

In nineteen of the most rapidly growing young cities in that section--in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington--this corporation owns properties which it is developing. In each of those towns the leading bank is our local agent, which gives the writer an exceptional opportunity for knowing their business problems and their attitude towards many public questions.

These trips also bring the writer into contact with the leading merchants and business men of these states, and it is his observation that they regard the city of St. Paul as the capital of the Northwest.

So confident is the writer of the truth of this statement that he believes that if the bankers and business men of the states above mentioned could be allowed to vote as to which of the "Twin Cities" of Minnesota would be the most convenient point for the location of a Regional Bank, a very large majority of them would favor St. Paul.

St. Paul has doubtless spoken for herself, but the writer does not know of any person whose business relations are so intimate with bankers and business men throughout the entire Northwest as himself, and therefore desires to favor the capital of Minnesota above any other city in the Northwest for the location of a Regional Bank.

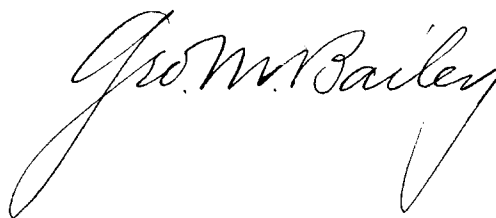
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As additional evidence of his opportunity of knowing the preferences of the business interests of the Northwest, he is president of a small National Bank in the State of Oregon, in a section rapidly being settled by immigrants from Minnesota and North and South Dakota.

The writer therefore begs you to consider the preferences of the representative men of this large section of the Northwest, and believes that if you will do this you will certainly decide that St. Paul is the better location for a Regional Bank that will serve the interests of the most of the people.

If the reasons for another city outweigh those for St. Paul, then the second choice of the business men of the Northwest, I believe, would be for Minneapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geo. W. Bailey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Geo. W. Bailey".

GMB:OS



SOUTH DAKOTA

St Paul

Form 13

Urgent to SAC, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Hon W. G. McCado, Chairman  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We understand you are planning  
on locating a Federal Reserve Bank  
Some place in the Northwest.

May we at this time be permitted to  
give you our reasons for requesting  
it to be located at St Paul Minn.

St Paul is the Capital of the State  
of Minnesota and has been headquarters  
for the Federal Government in the  
Northwest.

St Paul is the headquarters for  
The Railway Mail Service.

The Federal Courts are in St Paul.  
St Paul is a Railway Center with  
large first class Wholesale Houses

St Paul is the depository for receipts from Internal Revenues and the U.S. Customs Office and Postal funds for the entire State.

St Paul is the center of the live stock industry of the entire Northwest.

St Paul is the headquarters of the U.S. Post Office Inspectors

St Paul paid out for Live Stock in 1913 \$40,000,000.

The Midway District in St Paul is already a great Manufacturing Center and destined to become the greatest Manufacturing Center of the Northwest.

The bulk of trade from this section of the country goes to St Paul hence was

Yours respectfully  
A.C. Hanson

ANSWERED

JAN 12 1914

FORM

F. A. LARSON

EDWARD RASMUSSEN

LARSON & RASMUSSEN  
DEALERS IN  
CLOTHING AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Beresford, S. D.,

JAN 12 1914

ANSWERED  
FORM

JAN 8 1914

Form

Mr W S Meador

Dear Sir

We got a letter from  
Gordon Ferguson, and they  
want us to write to you.  
In regard the Bank,  
in St Paul, we would like  
to see this bank there.  
and if we can do any  
favours to you go get it  
there we will be willing.

Yours Truly

Larson & Rasmussen

J. L. JARVIS, HARDWARE

PAINTS AND OILS  
FARM SEEDS OF ALL KINDS

*RS*

BROOKINGS, S. D., 1/24 191

Hon. W.G. McAdoo.  
Washington D.C  
Dear Sir:-

In the location of a Central Reserve Bank, I as a buisness man of the north west would like to suggest St. Paul, Minn. The following I believe to be good reasons why it should be located there.

It is the most centrally located and will accomidate more people in the North West than any other city in the North West.

St. Paul is the Jobbing center of the North West, The Railway Center, The live stock center, and is destined to be the largest manufacturing center in the Northwest.

It is the Capital of the state and has a number of the Govern-ment offices located there, For these reasons it seems a very fitting place for the Reserve Bank.

Yours Respty.

*J. L. Jarvis*

ANSWERED  
JAN 30 1914  
FORM  
*DLR*  
*25*

REFERENCE: REDFIELD NATIONAL BANK

INCORPORATED

UP-TOWN DEPARTMENT STORE

# Redfield Mercantile Company

CHICAGO OFFICE: ROOM 403 SECURITY BLDG.

REDFIELD, SO. DAK., Jan. 13, 1914

Hon. W. G. McAtee, Chairman,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir:

We, being greatly interested in our territory and for the best interests of all businesses concerned; especially for the live stock, grain and other productions from the Northwest territory, are very anxious to see one of the Federal Reserve Banks located at the Midway district in St. Paul.

It is already a great manufacturing center and we think it is destined to become one of the greatest manufacturing centers of the northwest.

The bulk of banking business from this territory is done through St. Paul and will afford great accommodations to this big territory which is settling up very fast.

Yours truly,

Redfield Mercantile Co.



ANSWERED  
JAN 19 1914  
FORM 25

Form 20

# JOHN M. SWANBERG

DEALER IN

FINE SHOES FOR LADIES, GENTS,  
MISSES AND CHILDREN  
REPAIRING NEATLY AND PROMPTLY DONE

SISSETON, S. D., Jan. 13 ..... 191<sup>4</sup>...

Hon. W. G. McAdoo,

Chairman Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Washington, D. C.

Form *RS*

Dear Sir:

Observing from the newspapers and other sources,  
that you are about to establish a Federal Reserve Bank in  
the Twin Cities, and being a customer adjacent and tributary  
to St. Paul, I should like very much to see one of these  
Reserve Banks established in that City.

Yours truly,

*John M. Swanberg*

WASHINGTON, D.C.



HENRY L. MYERS, MONT., CHA.	
MARCUS A. SMITH, ARIZ.	REED SMOOT, UTAH.
CHARLES S. THOMAS, COLO.	CLARENCE D. CLARK, WYO.
JOE T. ROBINSON, ARK.	JOHN D. WORKS, CAL.
WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, KANS.	ALBERT B. FALL, N. MEX.
KEY PITTMAN, NEV.	GEORGE W. NORRIS, NEBR.
JOSEPH E. RANDELL, LA.	THOMAS STERLING, S. OAK.
WILLIAM HUGHES, W. J.	
GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, OREG.	CHARLES W. DRAPER, ILL.

# United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Washington, D. C.,  
January 12, 1914.

*For St. Paul*

*See letter from  
see letter from Senator, Montana  
"Montana Lumber Co"*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I transmit the inclosed letter and ask for it  
consideration. I am in accord therewith.

Yours truly,

*H. L. Myers*

Hon. W. G. McAdoo,

Secretary of the Treasury,

City.

*Mr. Paul*

Inclosure  
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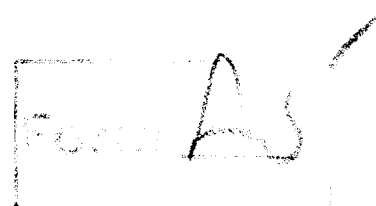
E. A. GOWRAN, Pres.  
W.S. STROUD, Vice Pres.  
W.M. EDWARDS, Cashier.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF  
PORTAGE, WISCONSIN.

January Ninth,

1 9 1 4.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo,  
Chairman, Reserve Bank Committee,  
Washington, D.C.



Sir:

Permit us to commend to the favorable consideration of yourself and your associates, the location of one of the proposed Regional Banks, to be located at St. Paul, Minn., for the following reasons:

First, St. Paul is the Capital of the State of Minnesota, and the headquarters for nearly all the Federal Government offices covering the territory tributary thereto.

Second, St. Paul is the natural Depository for the Federal Government receipts, including Internal Revenues, U.S. Customs, Postal Funds etc. for all of the territory to the north and west of St. Paul.

Third, St. Paul is the headquarters for the Railway Mail Service of all the Northwest territory.

Fourth, At St. Paul are located the Federal Courts for that District.

Fifth, At St. Paul are located the Department of Justice and the U. S. Engineers for river and harbor improvement for that district.

Sixth, St. Paul is the natural shipping center for all of the Northwest territory natural and tributary thereto.

Seventh, St. Paul is the home office and headquarters for the Great Northern Railway and the Northern Pacific Railway, which are the great Trunk Lines for all the territory to the north and west of St. Paul reaching to the Pacific Coast.

E. A. GOWRAN, Pres.  
W.S. STROUD, VicePres.  
W.M. EDWARDS, Cashier.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
OF  
PORTAGE, WISCONSIN.

Will you kindly give these ideas your careful consideration  
in the location of the proposed Regional Bank for the Northwest, and  
greatly oblige,

Yours truly,



**President.**

ANSWERED  
JAN 18 1914  
FORM

*St Paul*

Treasury Department

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FOR [Signature]

Superior Wis Dec 30 1913

Hon Secretary of the Treasury

Washington DC

We very much favor a regional reserve bank in this section of the country and heartily endorse the efforts being made to have St Paul nominated as the location for such bank.

First Natl Bank

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ANSWERED  
JAN 7 1914  
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FORM