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U.S. Reserve Bank Organization Committee.  
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# WESTERN UNION



# 980 TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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CORDOVA ALASKA DEC 26 13

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

SECRETARY TREASURY WASHINGTON DC

THE LOCATION OF REGIONAL BANK IN SEATTLE WILL BEST SERVE  
ALASKA

*FRASER*

CORDOVA CHAMBER COMMERCE

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

NIGHT LETTERGRAM



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FAIRBANKS ALASKA DEC 24-13

SECY. TREASURER CHAIRMAN FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD WASHN DC

WE EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD WILL SEE FIT TO LOCATE

ONE OF THE RESERVE BANKS AT SEATTLE WASHINGTON AND FIRMLY

BELIEVE IT WILL BEST SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA AND THE

BANKING INTERESTS REPRESENTED IN ALASKA IF LOCATED AT THIS POINT

POINT

AMERICAN BANK OF ALASKA


TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
DEC 25 1913 - 433

ANSWERED  
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Fairbanks Alaska Jan 16, 1914.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Care Secretary of Treasury Washington, DC.

This club having taken up matter of location of Regional Bank for Alaska with banking institutions and business men of Fairbanks recommend that said regional bank be located at Seattle as Seattle can best serve the whole of Alaska

Fairbanks Commercial Club  
H L StGeorge Secretary

345am

# Holiday Greeting



## WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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SEATTLE WN DEC 24 1913

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SECY OF TREASURY

WASHN DC

RESERVE BANK LOCATED AT SEATTLE WILL BEST SERVE BANKS BUSINESS  
AND PEOPLE OF ALASKA

MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF IDITAROD ALASKA

BY CHARLES ROSS PRESIDENT SEATTLE

733AM DEC 25

*Alaska*

# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

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Via seattle

Juneau Alaska Dec 24, 1913

Comp. Of Currency,

Washington, D.C.

Location Federal Reserve Bank at Seattle earnestly urged will  
best serve all people and business of Alaska.

Strong,  
Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 24, 1913

Sec'y of Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Location Federal Reserve Bank at Seattle earnestly urged. Will best serve all people and business of Alaska.

Strong,  
Governor.

5llam

*Answered 1/2/14*  
*LS*

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Juneau, Alaska. Dec 24, 1913

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Washn, D.C.

Location Federal Reserve Bank at Seattle earnestly urged will best serve  
all people and business of Alaska.

Strong,  
Governor

ANSWERED  
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281CHUC 20, 6 Exa. Via Seattle Wn.

Juneau Alaska Jan 9, 14.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Washn DC

A federal reserve bank located in Seattle would best serve the interests of Alaska

T F Kennedy

Prest First National Bank Juneau Alaska

1103pm

ANSWERED

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JUNEAU ALASKA DEC 23-13

COMMITTEE RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION

CARE W G MCADOO WASHN DC

STRONGLY ADVISE SEATTLE WASHN AS LOGICAL LOCATION FOR RESERVE

BANK UNDER NEW CURRENCY ACT AS THE LOCATION OF GREATEST

ADVANTAGE TO SERVE ALL ALASKA INTERESTS

BYLM BEDHRENS BANK

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Juneau Alaska Jan 14, 1914

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Reserve Bank Organization Committee,

Care Sec. of. Treasury Washington, DC.

Juneau Commercial Club urges location regional bank at Seattle Washn  
for benefit for Alaska

Juneau Commercial Club  
John R Reck, Prest

325am

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Seattle, Washn., Dec 23-13.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Chairman Federal Reserve Board.,

Washington D. C.

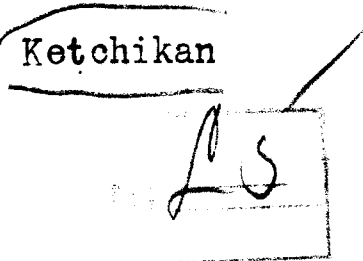
We believe one of the Federal Reserve banks should be located at Seattle, Washington as it will best serve the banks business and people of Alaska.

Miners & Merchants Bank. of Ketchikan

1030pm



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*Seattle*

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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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NOME ALASKA DEC 29 1913

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

SECY OF TREASURY WASHINGTON DC

NOME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STRONGLY URGES SEATTLE BE MADE LOCATION  
OF REGIONAL BANK FOR ALASKA

J H MUSTARD

PRESIDENT

208AM

*J. B. ...*  
*5 ...*  
*LB*

# NIGHT LETTER

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25,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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SEATTLE WN DEC 24 13

FEDERAL BANK ORGANIZATION COM

WASHN DC

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WE DESIRE TO URGE THAT A FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BE  
ESTABLISHED AT SEATTLE WITH WHICH CITY NEARLY ALL ALASKA BUSINESS  
IS TRANSACTED THE PEOPLE THE BANKS AND THE BUSINESS MEN  
OF ALASKA WILL BE INFINITELY BETTER SERVED FROM THAT CITY  
THAN FROM ANY OTHER POSSIBLE LOCATION

S BLUME AND CO BANKERS VALDEZ AND CORDOVA BY S BLUME PREST

*Alaska*

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*LS*

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# WESTERN UNION



# TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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VALDEZ ALASKA DEC 26 1913

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SECY OF THE TREASURY

CHAIRMAN FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD WASHINGTON DC

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK LOCATED AT SEATTLE WILL SERVE PEOPLE AND

BANKS OF ALASKA BEST

VALDEZ BANK AND TRUST CO

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THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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BOISE IDAHO DEC 24 1913

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

CARE W G MCADOO SECY TREASURY WASHINGTON DC

IF WE MAY PRESUME TO ADVISE WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND

AND URGE THE LOCATION OF ONE OF THE RESERVE BANKS

AT SEATTLE DUE CONSIDERATION TO MAJORITY POPULATION BANKING CAPITAL AND

DEPOSITS RAIL AND WATER TRAFFIC INCLUDING ALASKA AND PROBABLE DEVELOP-

MENT FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE PANAMA CANAL WOULD IN OUR

OPINION MAKE SEATTLE JOYFUL LOCATION FOR THE NORTHWEST

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF IDAHO

542AM

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BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

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BOISE IDAHO JAN 10TH 1914

HON WM MCADOO

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON DC

WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT THE RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE STOP AT SPOKANE ENROUTE BETWEEN DENVER AND SEATTLE IN ORDER TO GIVE A HEARING TO THE BANKING INTERESTS OF IDAHO MONTANA AND EASTERN WASHINGTON AND OREGON REGION

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK

F H PARSONS CASHIER  
BOISE CITY NATIONAL BANK F F JOHNSON  
CASHIER FIRST NATIONAL BANK ROBERT MCAFEE  
CASHIER IDAHO TRUST AND SAVINGS C A ROBINSON  
CASHIER IDAHO NATIONAL BANK (GEO FLETCHER)  
PRESIDENT

632PM

*Filed by F.W. Tinkel  
Jan 29/14  
Exhibit No. 7  
Hearing at Seattle*

R-E-S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N.

WHEREAS, Under a recent law enacted by the Congress of the United States, provision was made for not more than twelve regional banks to be distributed through out the various states, the purpose being to select such locations as to accommodate the greatest number of people;

AND, WHEREAS, the city of Spokane, in the state of Washington is so located as to be easily accessible from all points in the Pacific Northwest;

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Coeur d'Alene Clearing House Association unqualifiedly endorses the city of Spokane as the logical location for the regional bank for the Pacific Northwest;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Clearing House Association respectfully requests an unbiased investigation and consideration of the authorities as to the claims and merits of Spokane as the logical location for a regional bank.

Dated at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this 27th day of January, 1914.

Coeur d'Alene Clearing House Ass'n.

By *Harold Beach*  
President

*John A. Shaeffer*  
Secretary.

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PAYETTE IDAHO JAN 10 1914

HON W M MCADOO

SECY OF TREASRY WASHN DC

WE URGE YOUR ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE TO STOP IN SPOKANE TO

GIVE A HEARING ON LOCATION OF A REGIONAL BANK TO

THE BANKERS OF IDAHO EASTERN WASHINGTON MONTANA OREGON

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PAYETTE

BY M F ALBERT CASHIER PAYETTE NATIONAL BANK

BY A P SCRITCHFIELD CASHIER FRUIT LAND STATE BANK BY

J O SCRITCHFIELD CASHIER

720AM

	Spokane.		Portland.		Seattle.		Seattle.		Minneapolis or St. Paul.		'Frisco.	
	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.	Aver. Bal.	Dfts. per mo.
Coeur d' Alene banks	\$180,000.00	550,000.00	No		9,000.00	2,000.00	No		No		No	
Valley State Bank, Post Falls	8,000.00	20,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
Rathdrum State Bank	30,000.00	25,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
Bank of Spirit Lake	10,000.00	200,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
1st Bk of Harrison	15,000.00	50,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
State Bk of Plummer	13,000.00	50,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
Lbr St Bk St. Maries	25,000.00	125,000.00	No		5,000.00	25,000.00	No		No		No	
Kootenai Co. St Bk St. Maries	15,000.00	125,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
1st St Bk St. Joe	8,000.00	30,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
1st Nat'l Bk Wallace	93,000.00	333,335.00	20,000.00	83,335.00	5,000.00	8,500.00	12,000.00	15,000.00	4,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00	12,000.00
Wallace Nat'l Bank	190,000.00	350,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00		
Weber Bk of Wardner	8,000.00	100,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
1st Nat'l Bk Kellogg	25,000.00	45,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
1st St Bk Kellogg	25,000.00	75,000.00	1,500.00	10,000.00	No				1,500.00	7,500.00		
1st Nat'l Bk Mullen	35,000.00	70,000.00	No		No		No		No		No	
Total	<del>490,000.00</del> 640,000.00	<del>1,796,835.00</del> 2,148,335.00	<del>21,500.00</del> 71,000.00	<del>93,335.00</del> 113,335.00	<del>19,000.00</del>	<del>38,500.00</del>	<del>12,000.00</del> 22,000.00	<del>15,000.00</del> 25,000.00	<del>8,500.00</del> 3	<del>12,000.00</del> 5,000.00	<del>4,000.00</del>	<del>12,000.00</del> 5,000.00

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# HOTEL PONTCHARTRAIN

PONTCHARTRAIN HOTEL CO., PROPRIETORS.

GEORGE H. WOOLLEY,  
W. J. CHITTENDEN, JR.  
MANAGERS.

ABSOLUTELY FIRE PROOF.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
1913 DEC 27 PM  
DETROIT, MICH.

December 24, 1913.

Handwritten initials "LB" with a circled "3" above them.

Hon. W. G. McAdoo,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

My hearty congratulations to you upon the Currency Bill becoming a law. I feel sure your connection therewith will always be a source of pleasure and pride to your friends. It is a source of much gratification to me to know that yourself and Senator Owen, two friends of many years standing, did so much to bring about the measure which I am satisfied means so much for the prosperity of the country.

As usual I want something. Some prominent friends of mine, in Seattle, have wired me here asking me to help them secure, for their city, the location of one of the Federal reserve banks, and it gives me great pleasure to appeal to you on their behalf. I assure you of my fullest appreciation of anything you may do for them. There is no doubt of Seattle's supremacy on the North Pacific Coast and if that section is favored with one of the locations, Seattle is certainly entitled to recognition. I do not know that the personal equation enters into this matter at all, but it pleases me very much to be able to endorse the Seattle bankers, as a body



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of men, to the fullest extent. As you know, I have been identified with banks and banking interests, most of it in the west, during all my life, and while the bankers of Seattle have always been keen and alert I have never known them to carry competition to such an extent that it was apt to lead to disaster or loose banking methods.

I leave here Friday for St. Paul and go from there to the Coast unless I have to return to New York for a short time. If I can do anything for you while out West please command me. A letter to Everett, Washington will always reach me.

With my best wishes, renewed congratulations and compliments of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*James Chesney*

MONTANA

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Chamber of Commerce  
LEWISOHN BUILDING  
BUTTE, MONTANA.

*D. J. Charles*  
*Seattle Jan 29/14*  
Exhibit No. *6*  
Hearing at *Seattle*

January 26th, 1914.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:--

The Bearer, Mr. David J. Charles, President of the Butte Chamber of Commerce and President of the Miners Savings Bank and Trust Co., has been selected as the representative of the Butte Bankers to appear before the Regional Bank Organization Committee in connection with the location for a Regional Bank in the Northwest, and this letter shall be taken as his credentials.

Respectfully,

BUTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,



Secretary.

*Charles*

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HON W G MCADOO

SECY OF TREASURY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE WASHINGTON DC

AT THE REQUEST OF THE BANKERS OF BUTTE AND CHAMBER  
 OF COMMERCE IN MEETING ASSEMBLED REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS INTERESTS  
 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT IN THE MAKING OF YOUR ITINERARY CONTINUING  
 FROM DENVER YOU AND PARTY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO INCLUDE MONTANA  
 VIA BILLINGS MONT ON YOUR WAY TO SEATTLE IN CONNECTION  
 WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL BANKS THAT YOU MAY BE BETTER  
 INFORMED OF OUR IMMENSE TERRITORY AND DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS WE TRUST  
 YOU WILL FAVOR BUTTE WITH A STOP OVER TO MEET  
 BANKERS AND BUSINESS MEN OF MONTANA YOUR REPLY WILL BE  
 APPRECIATED

DAVID J CHARLES PREST BUTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4 17 AM

Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

Fraser

New York, N. Y.,

January 5, 1914.

My dear Mr. Charles:

I have your telegram of the 2nd instant, received upon my return to Washington yesterday after an absence of several days, and regret exceedingly that it will not be possible for the Reserve Bank Organization Committee to visit Butte. The time within which we are to do the vast amount of work is so short that we have been obliged to give the sittings of the Committee in the larger and more conveniently accessible cities of the country, where representatives of the cities in the contiguous territory may come and present their views to the Committee. I shall be very happy to hear from Butte if you will send representatives to Seattle on the 31st of January. We are alive to the importance of your vast and growing section of the country, and are earnestly desirous of doing everything we can in the organization of the reserve banks to advance your interests.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you at Seattle, and with best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

David J. Charles, Esq.,  
President, Chamber of Commerce,  
Butte, Montana.

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PRESIDENT  
J. E. TOTMAN

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT  
W. H. ROBERTS

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT  
W. O. FISK

TREASURER  
GEORGE K. DICK

MEMBER OF WESTERN MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL CLUBS

# Chamber of Commerce

"WESTERN MONTANA FOR ALL  
—ALL FOR WESTERN MONTANA"

## Hamilton, Montana

  
KARL HALE DIXON  
SECRETARY

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING HAMILTON AND THE  
BITTER ROOT VALLEY ADDRESS HAMILTON  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- 1914 { J. E. TOTMAN
- { W. O. FISK
- { H. M. SLOAN
- { W. E. MCMURRY
- 1915 { DR. GEO. MCGRATH
- { J. J. FITZGIBBON
- { E. A. JOHNSON
- { GEORGE K. DICK
- 1916 { W. H. ROBERTS
- { J. F. TORRENCE
- { C. H. CHRISTENSEN
- { F. V. HOAGLAND

January 27, 1914.

Honorable Martin McLean,  
National Bank Examiner,  
Central Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce Mr. M.A. White, President of the Ravalli County Bank of Hamilton, Montana, who has been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of this city to represent the banks of the city at the Regional Bank Hearing, to be held in Seattle, Thursday, January 29th, 1914.

Mr. White's name, as one of the representatives from Western Montana, was telegraphed to you by the Chamber of Commerce of Missoula, Montana, on the 26th instant.

Respectfully,

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
of Hamilton, Montana,

By *K. H. Dixon*  
Secretary.

*Filed by M. A. White  
Seattle January 29/14*

**POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY****PRESS TELEGRAM**Exhibit No. *5*  
Hearing at *Seattle*

Helena, Mont, Jan 17th, 1914

Replies received to inquiries from national banks in Montana representing total capital and surplus of eight million dollars show that eighty per cent select Twin Cities and twenty per cent select Chicago as first choice for location of federal reserve bank; no other cities mentioned.

For second choice eighty per cent select Chicago and thirteen per cent select Twin Cities; all other points seven per cent.

Replies from state banks of Montana representing capital and surplus ten million dollars expressing first choice for location of reserve bank, <sup>three</sup> eighty per cent select Twin Cities, nine per cent Pacific Coast, five per cent Chicago, three per cent Denver, and for second choice, sixty four per cent select Chicago, eight per cent select Twin Cities, six per cent select Pacific Coast, four per cent select Denver, eighteen per cent no choice.

Helena Clearing House Association



*Henry*  
*1162*

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# DAY LETTER

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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THE MISSOULA CLEARINGHOUSE ASSOCIATION RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT YOUR ITINERARY FROM DENVER WEST BE SO ARRANGED THAT YOU MAY PASS THROUGH THE NORTHWEST AND IN THIS WAY OBTAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR NEEDS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT OUR CASE AND WOULD BE SATISFIED IF YOU COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE A MEETING IN SPOKANE OUR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST IS SO RAPID THAT OFFICIAL STATISTICS ARE NOT ISSUED UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS AS A BASIS AND DO NOT REFLECT ACTUAL CONDITIONS

ANSWERED  
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BY W G FERGUSON SECRETARY

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**WESTERN UNION**  
  
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W G MCADOO

SERY IF THE TREASURY BOSTON MASS  
WE WIRED YOU A FEW DAYS AGO IN REGARDS TO  
VISITING THE NORTHWEST ON YOUR TRIP WE WOULD BE PLEASED  
TO KNOW IF YOU CAN POSSIBLE ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE SO  
TO PERMIT OF OUR MEETING YOU AND HOLDING A CONFERENCE  
IN REGARD TO RESERVE BANK SITUATION.

MISSOULA CLEARING HOUSE, BY W G FERGUSON SECY. JAN 9 1914  
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**SEND** the following message subject to the terms } Boston, Mass., Jan. 10, 1914. 191  
 on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to }

To W. G. Ferguson,  
Secretary, Missoula Clearing House,  
Missoula, Montana.

~~Available time at Committee's disposal so short that it is not possible now to change itinerary. We shall gladly hear your representatives either at Seattle January twenty-ninth or Portland January thirtieth.~~

W. G. McAdoo  
 D. F. Houston.

*Missoula*

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Exhibit No. *4* Filed by *Mr. A. C. Johnson*  
 Hearing at *Seattle* *Seattle July 29/14*

144 STATE AND 14 PRIVATE BANKS.

<u>First Choice.</u>			<u>Capital &amp; Surplus.</u>
Twin Cities -----	126 Banks -----		\$ 7,089,170.00
Chicago -----	8 " -----		415,000.00
Spokane -----	9 " -----		367,000.00
Spokane or Seattle -----	1 " -----		25,750.00
Seattle -----	1 " -----		20,000.00
Pacific Coast -----	2 " -----		241,500.00
Denver -----	4 " -----		122,500.00
Portland -----	1 " -----		25,000.00
Helena -----	2 " -----		59,000.00
Helena or Spokane -----	1 " -----		40,000.00
No choice -----	3 " -----		301,000.00
	<u>158 " -----</u>		<u>\$ 8,705,920.00</u>

<u>Second Choice.</u>			
Chicago -----	67 Banks -----		\$ 4,960,750.00
Twin Cities -----	16 " -----		582,000.00
Pacific Coast -----	19 " -----		545,500.00
Denver -----	12 " -----		357,500.00
Spokane -----	4 " -----		
Seattle -----	2 " -----		439,070.00
Portland -----	1 " -----		
Butte -----	1 " -----		
No Choice -----	36 " -----		1,821,100.00
	<u>158 " -----</u>		<u>\$ 8,705,920.00</u>

*Filed by Mr. A. C. Johnson  
Seattle July 29/14*

FIFTY-THREE NATIONAL BANKS.

<u>First Choice.</u>		<u>Capital &amp; Surplus.</u>	
Twin Cities -----	44 Banks	-----	\$ 6,663,500.00
Chicago -----	7 "	-----	1,189,500.00
Spokane -----	1 "	-----	150,000.00
Pacific Coast -----	1 "	-----	31,000.00
	<u>53</u> "	-----	<u>\$ 8,034,000.00</u>

<u>Second Choice.</u>			
Chicago -----	37 Banks	-----	\$ 6,205,000.00
Twin Cities -----	6 "	-----	870,500.00
Spokane -----	3 "	-----	146,000.00
Seattle or Twin Cities ---	1 "	-----	150,000.00
No choice -----	6 "	-----	662,500.00
	<u>53</u> "	-----	<u>\$ 8,034,000.00</u>

Six Banks not voting, Capital \$175,000.00.

Filed by Mr. A. C. Johnson  
Seattle Jan'y 29/114

1. Name of bank?

Anaconda Nat Bank

2. Location?

City of Anaconda County of Deer Lodge  
State of Mont

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

108000.

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 98; What percentage: West 2

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Eastern

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Eastern

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities, Chicago.

Exhibit No.

Hearing at

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Seattle

1. Name of bank?

Merchants National Bank

2. Location?

City of Billings County of Yellowstone  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$312,500<sup>00</sup>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 97; What percentage: West 3

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities  
Chicago



# THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL BANK

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$165,000.00

**OFFICERS**

A. L. BABCOCK, PRESIDENT  
L. C. BABCOCK, VICE-PRESIDENT  
W. E. WALDRON, CASHIER  
O. W. NICK EY, ASST. CASHIER

**BILLINGS, MONTANA.**

December  
Twenty-sixth  
1913.

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Mr. A. C. Johnson, Pres.,  
American National Bank,  
Helena, Mont.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Your telegram received and I really have not done anything regarding the matter. I have been about three quarters sick the last few days and it has been an effort for me to even get around.

I believe myself that the natural point for us would be in the region of the Twin Cities, but it has occurred to me that there might be a scrap as to which city would have the Regional Bank, whether Minneapolis or St. Paul and controversy might drive it to some other point.

I am in receipt of a telegram today from Seattle in which they are anxious that we should be in the region of Seattle as the Reserve city.

I really feel, however, that the powers in Washington have this all figured out and that they know just how they are going to arrange this thing, so that I don't believe any amount of telegrams on our part will change their plans in any way. They have had a plan on this proposition and it has gone through practically as first outlined with some few changes, so that I guess it will not amount to very much for towns the size of Billings to offer any recommendation or protests one way or another. I believe, myself, that St. Paul or Minneapolis would be the most available points for us.

With kindest regards, and wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I remain,

Very truly yours,



1. Name of bank?

Commercial Nat'l Bank of Bozeman, Mont.

2. Location?

City of (Bozeman) County of State of

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$250,000

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 95; What percentage: West 5

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Each

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Each

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between (Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

(2nd) (1st) (3rd)

1. Name of bank?

National Bank of Gallatin Valley

2. Location?

City of Bozeman County of Gallatin  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$90000<sup>00</sup>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 95; What percentage: West 5

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast

1. Name of bank?

First National Bank of Butte, Montana.

2. Location?

City of Butte County of Silver Bow  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$600,000 -

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

East

5. What percentage: East about 90% What percentage: West about 10%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities  
Chicago  
Pacific Coast

1. Name of bank?

*The Silver Bow National Bank of Butte City*

2. Location?

*33 West Park St*

City of

*Butte*

County of

*Silver Bow*

State of

*Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*206,000<sup>00</sup>*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern Points*

5. What percentage: East *90*; What percentage: West *10*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*East*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*East*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*as printed above*

*Silver Bow National Bank  
By J. J. Johnson  
Cashier.*

1. Name of bank?

The Farmers National Bank

2. Location?

City of Chinook County of Blaine

State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$ 50,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 90.; What percentage: West 10.

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

neither

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1st. Twin Cities, 2nd. Chicago, 3rd. Denver

1. Name of bank?

**The First National Bank of Chinook**

2. Location?

City of **Chinook** County of **Blaine**  
State of **Montana**

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

**\$150,000.00**

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

**Eastern Points**

**We have very little business with Pacific coast cities**

5. What percentage: East **98**; What percentage: West **2**

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

**Minneapolis and Chiacog**

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

**Helena and the East**

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

**First Twin Cities ,Second Chicago**

1. Name of bank?

First National Bank

2. Location?

City of Columbus County of Stillwater  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$26,500.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 100; What percentage: West

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities, Chicago, Denver

1. Name of bank?

..... First National Bank .....

2. Location?

City of..... Conrad ..... County of..... Teton .....

State of..... Montana .....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

..... \$40,000.00 .....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... Eastern .....

5. What percentage: East... 95%; What percentage: West... 5%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

..... Minneapolis, Minnesota. ....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

..... Minneapolis, Minn. ....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

..... 1st, Minneapolis, 2nd Chicago. Do 90% of business outside  
of state with Minneapolis. ....



1. Name of bank?

*First National*

2. Location?

*Millon*

City of *Millon* County of *Beaverhead*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*200,000*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern*

5. What percentage: East *85*; What percentage: West *15*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Chicago*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Chicago*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Chicago Chicago Chicago*

*with Reserves required to be kept in the West any where - we would not become a member of any Federal Bank*

1. Name of bank?

UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK

2. Location?

City of Deer Lodge County of Powell

State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$50,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East...95...; What percentage: West...5.....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Montana Banks exclusively

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Chicago - first. Spokane second. Seattle, third.

1. Name of bank?

..... First National Bank, Forsyth, Montana. ....

2. Location?

City of ..... Forsyth ..... County of ..... Rosebud .....  
State of ..... Montana. ....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

..... \$95,000.00. ....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... Eastern .....  
.....

5. What percentage: East 95; What percentage: West 5

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

..... Eastern. ....  
.....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

..... Eastern .....  
.....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

..... 1st, Twin Cities, 2nd, Chicago, 3rd, Seattle. ....

1. Name of bank?

Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton, Montana.

2. Location?

City of Fort Benton County of Chouteau  
State of Montana.

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$ 400,000.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 95% What percentage: West 5%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East entirely

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East exclusively

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities, Chicago. We do not want a Pacific Coast Regional bank to include Montana, and do not want to be in the Denver district.

1. Name of bank?

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GLASGOW.

2. Location?

City of Glasgow County of Valley  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

60,000<sup>00</sup>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 98; What percentage: West 2%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Eastern Entirely

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Eastern Entirely

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1<sup>st</sup>: Twin Cities, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chicago 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pacific Coast

1. Name of bank?

*Glasgow National Bank*

2. Location?

City of *Glasgow* County of *Valley*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$20,000*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Entirely with Eastern points*

5. What percentage: East *60*; What percentage: West.....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

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7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

.....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*1. Minneapolis, 2. Chicago, 3. Seattle or Portland*

1. Name of bank?

**First National Bank of Glendive**

2. Location? **Glendive, Montana**

City of **Glendive,** County of **Dawson**

State of **Montana**

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits). **\$100000.**

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

**Eastern**

5. What percentage: East **98**; What percentage: West **2**

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers? **East**

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

**Twin Cities**

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

**Twin Cities first, Chicago, Second, Seattel 3d**

1. Name of bank?

The Merchants National Bank .

2. Location?

City of Glendive County of Dawson

State of Montana.

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$100,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern, (Pacific Coast points practically nothing.)

5. What percentage: East 99 ; What percentage: West 01

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East.

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Minneapolis entirely.

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities (Decidedly First) Chicago second .

(Denver and Pacific Coast would be impssible.)





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1. Name of bank?

First National Bank, Great Falls, Montana

2. Location?

City of Great Falls County of Cascade  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$300,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 95% What percentage: West 5%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities first choice, Chicago second choice  
Pacific Coast point third choice

1. Name of bank?

Great Falls National Bank

2. Location?

City of Great Falls County of Lewis and Clark  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern Points

5. What percentage: East 97; What percentage: West 3

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Minneapolis Chicago New York

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

We get all we need in the State

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1st Minneapolis, 2nd Chicago, 3rd Either Minneapolis or Chicago or  
1st Minneapolis, 2nd St. Paul, 3rd Chicago, 4th Spokane  
in preference to Denver OR any other Pacific Point

1. Name of bank? **AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,  
HELENA, MONT.**

2. Location?

City of *Helena* County of *Lewis & Clark*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$400,000.00*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern*

5. What percentage: East *95*; What percentage: West *5*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Twin Cities and Chicago*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Twin Cities and Chicago*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Twin Cities and Chicago*

THOMAS A. MARLOW, PRESIDENT.  
ALBERT L. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT.

W.H. DICKINSON, CASHIER.  
E.W. PROSSER, ASST. CASHIER.

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# THE NATIONAL BANK OF MONTANA.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY.

CAPITAL \$ 250,000.00.  
SURPLUS \$ 62,500.00.

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"MONTABANK, HELENA"

HELENA, MONTANA.

- #1. Nat Bank of Montana
- 2 Helena Montana
- 3. \$ 350,000.
- 4 With Eastern points 95% East 5% West
- 6, Principally - Chicago -
- 7 Chicago
- 8. <sup>1st</sup> Chicago <sup>2nd</sup> of Twin Cities  
<sup>3rd</sup> Spokane

1. Name of bank?

"THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF HARDIE"

2. Location?

City of HARDIE County of BIG HORN  
State of MONTANA

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

Cap. \$40,000. Surpl. \$10,000. TOTAL--- \$50,000.

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

EASTERN POINTS EXCLUSIVELY.

5. What percentage: East 100.; What percentage: West---

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?


EASTERN POINTS EXCLUSIVELY.

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Eastern Points.

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1st. Twin Cities. 2nd. Chicago or Denver. 3rd. Pacific Coast Points.

  
Pres.

1. Name of bank?

*First National Bank of Harlem*

2. Location?

City of *Harlem* County of *Blaine*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*225,000*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern points*

5. What percentage: East *all*; What percentage: West *None*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Minneapolis*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Helena Mont*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Minneapolis*

1. Name of bank?

.....First National Bank of Harlowton, Montana.....

2. Location?

City of.....Harlowton.....County of.....Meagher.....

State of.....Montana.....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

.....\$62,500.00.....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

.....Eastern.....

5. What percentage: East.....98.....; What percentage: West.....2.....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

.....East.....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

.....East.....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

.....Chicago, Twin Cities, Denver.....

1. Name of bank?

*The Havre National Bank*

2. Location?

City of *Havre* County of *Hill*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$65,000*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern Points*

5. What percentage: East *95*; What percentage: West

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*East*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*East*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*1st St. Paul, Minn 2nd Minneapolis, Minn*



1. Name of bank?

*First National Bank*

2. Location?

City of *Asmay* County of *Custer*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*# 50000<sup>00</sup>*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*With Eastern points*

5. What percentage: East *over 90%* What percentage: West.....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*On the east, on account of our reserves being held there*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*The east, except for quick shipments.*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*1<sup>st</sup> Twin cities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicago 3 no choice*

1. Name of bank?

The Conrad National Bank of Kalispell,

largest and oldest Bank in Northwestern Montana

2. Location?

City of Kalispell County of Flathead  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$280,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 98; What percentage: West 2

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Minneapolis - or Chicago.

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Minneapolis

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

as between Minneapolis-Chicago - Denver we prefer Minneapolis  
1. 2 between Denver - Spokane Seattle Portland - we prefer Spokane  
as between Chicago - Denver - Spokane - we prefer Chicago.

If we are compelled to be connected with Seattle - Denver or Portland we feel Montana will be done a great injury.

W. J. Jensen Cashier

1. Name of bank?

*The First National Bank of Kalispell*

2. Location?

City of *Kalispell* County of *Flathead*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$ 150,000<sup>00</sup>*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern points*

5. What percentage: East *65*; What percentage: West *35*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Eastern*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Western*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Spokane first, Seattle or Twin Cities second, Chicago, third.  
We are absolutely opposed to Denver as the headquarters for our District*

1. Name of bank?

The Kalispell National

2. Location?

Kalispell, Mont.

City of Kalispell County of Flathead  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$59,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 30; What percentage: West 20

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Eastern

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments? Eastern

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1st. Twin Cities, 2nd. Spokane. 3rd. Chicago.

We would seriously object to being in Denver Reserve District and would much prefer Chicago to Denver. Also would prefer a Pacific Coast District to Denver.

*O. H. ...*  
Cashier.

1. Name of bank?

Citizen National Bank,

2. Location?

LAUREL, MONT.

City of Laurel County of Yellowstone  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

37,000 00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 98; What percentage: West 2

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Chicago

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Billings, Mont

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Chicago - Twin Cities - no third choice

1. Name of bank?

..... First National Bank of Lewistown .....

2. Location?

City of Lewistown, ..... County of Fergus .....

State of Montana .....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

..... \$300,000.00 .....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... Eastern points .....

5. What percentage: East 85%; What percentage: West 15%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

..... Eastern .....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

..... Eastern .....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

..... Minneapolis, Chicago, Seattle .....

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1914

1. Name of bank?

National Park Bank  
Livingston, Mont.

2. Location?

City of Livingston County of Park  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

200,000<sup>00</sup>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East 95; What percentage: West 5

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

St. Paul Minn. (East)

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

St. Paul Minn. (East)

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

First Twin Cities Second Chicago Third New York  
Fourth Boston

AMC Cashier

1. Name of bank?

The First National Bank

2. Location?

City of Malta County of Valley  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$30,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 99; What percentage: West 1

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Minneapolis Minn.

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Helena Montana, and Minneapolis Minn.

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver

A reserve Bank on the Pacific Coast, would be a detriment to our business, as we have practically speaking no business, in that direction.



1. Name of bank?

First National Bank

2. Location?

City of St. Louis County of East  
State of Missouri

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

300,000.<sup>00</sup>

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern almost exclusively

5. What percentage: East 85; What percentage: West 15

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Eastern

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Eastern within

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1st St. Louis - 2nd Chicago

1. Name of bank?

..... **The State National Bank of Miles City** .....

2. Location?

City of **Miles City** ..... County of **Custer** .....

State of **Montana.** .....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

..... **\$ 250,000.** .....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... **E A S T E R N .** .....

5. What percentage: East **90%**; What percentage: West **10%**

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

..... **Eastern.** .....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

..... **Eastern.** .....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

..... **First, Twin Cities. Second, Chicago. Third, Coast.** .....

**By "Coast", we mean the Puget Sound region.  
We prefer Denver to San Francisco.**

1. Name of bank?

First National

2. Location?

City of Minneapolis County of Minnehaha  
State of Minn

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

200,000. -

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 98; What percentage: West 2

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East entirely

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities, 1 Chicago, 2 Spokane 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Seattle  
Denver 4  
Denver in preference to Seattle or  
Portland

1. Name of bank?

**The Western Montana National Bank**

2. Location?

City of **MISSOULA,** County of **MISSOULA,**  
State of **MONTANA**

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

**\$250,000.00**

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

**Eastern points**

5. What percentage: East **80%**; What percentage: West **20%**

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

**St Paul and Minneapolis**

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

**St. Paul**

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

**Chicago, Twin Cities, no other choice .**

1. Name of bank?

..... The First National Bank of Moore .....

2. Location?

City of Moore ..... County of Fergus .....

State of Montana .....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

..... \$30,500.00 .....

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... Eastern Practicaaly all. .....

5. What percentage: East.....; What percentage: West.....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

..... East .....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

..... We get our currency from Lewistown, Mont. .....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

..... 1st. Twin Cities. 2nd. Chicago. 3rd. Pacific Coast .....

1. Name of bank?

*The First National Bank of Plains*

2. Location?

City of *Plains* County of *Sanders*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*37,000—*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern*

5. What percentage: East *75%* What percentage: West *25%*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Eastern*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Montana*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*1<sup>st</sup> Twin Cities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicago, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Coast*

1. Name of bank?

*Fidelity Bank*

2. Location?

City of *Peasop* County of *Mont*  
State of \_\_\_\_\_

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*3,000.00*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*P.C. Pt*

5. What percentage: East *5%* What percentage: West *95%*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Spokane*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Spokane*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Pacific Coast - Twin Cities & Chicago*  
*Denver*

1. Name of bank?

First National Bank

2. Location?

City of Plentywood County of Sheridan

State of Montana,

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

25000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Do most of our business with eastern points

5. What percentage: East 75; What percentage: West 25

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

We depend on the twin Cities, for our Eastern Exchange, and Helena for our Western

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Eastern

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities,



1. Name of bank?

*The United State Natl Bk*

2. Location?

City of *Red Lodge* County of *Carbon*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$88,000<sup>00</sup>*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern*  
*about 66* *33*

5. What percentage: East *66*; What percentage: West *33*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*Helena*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Helena and Billings*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Minneapolis*

1. Name of bank?

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RONAN.

2. Location?

City of Ronan County of Missoula  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

2500.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 99%; What percentage: West 1%

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

Helena & St Paul

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

St Paul

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

1. Twin Cities - 2. Chicago

1. Name of bank?

*1st National Bank of Saco*

2. Location?

*Saco*

City of

County of

*Valley*

State of

*Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$ 31000. -*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*With Eastern Points*

5. What percentage: East

*100%*

What percentage: West

*None*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*on Eastern Points*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*Eastern Points*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Twin Cities (Have no other choice)*

*Robert J. ...*

1. Name of bank?

*First National Bank*

2. Location?

City of *Selway* County of *Dawson*  
State of *Montana*

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

*\$85,000<sup>00</sup>*

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

*Eastern*

5. What percentage: East *95*; What percentage: West *5*

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

*East*

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

*East*

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

*Minneapolis, Chicago, Denver*

1. Name of bank?

First National Bank of Three Forks.

2. Location?

City of Three Forks, County of Gallatin  
State of Montana.

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$ 27,000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

At this time, eastern.

5. What percentage: East all; What percentage: West very little

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

~~Pacific Coast (Reasons over)~~

1st. Twin Cities  
2. Chicago

*This change was authorized by telephone*

At this time, naturally our exchange is with the east, but we feel, that with the opening of the Canal, volume of business will gradually change westward from this section of Montana and that, based on the future, we would prefer to be in a Coast Reserve District rather than one in the middle west.

1. Name of bank?

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
Townsend, Mont.

2. Location?

City of Townsend County of Broadwater  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$ 5000,

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Practically all in the East

5. What percentage: East 90%; What percentage: West 10% - approximate,

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Practically all from Helena,

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Twin Cities - 1st Chicago - 2nd Coast - 3rd

J. H. ... Bank,

1. Name of bank?

..... First National Bank of Valier, .....

2. Location?

Valier, Mont.,

City of ..... Valier, ..... County of ..... Teton .....

State of ..... Montana, .....

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

Capital, ..... \$25000. Surplus \$5000. total \$30000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

..... Eastern .....

5. What percentage: East <sup>& Montana</sup> 100; What percentage: West .....

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers? East

Minneapolis .....

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

Local - Montana .....

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago .....



1. Name of bank?

**First National Bank,**  
**White Sulphur Springs, Mont.**

2. Location?

City of WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS. County of MEAGHER.  
State of MONTANA.

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$140,000.

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern

5. What percentage: East 90; What percentage: West 10

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver

1. Name of bank?

First National Bank of Wibaux, Mont.

2. Location?

City of Wibaux County of Mustang  
State of Montana

3. Capital and Surplus (not including undivided profits).

\$75000.00

4. Do you have the largest amount of banking business with Eastern points or Pacific Coast points?

Eastern points

5. What percentage: East all; What percentage: West none

6. Upon which of the above mentioned points, East or West, do you chiefly depend for exchange transfers?

East

7. Upon which do you chiefly depend for currency shipments?

East

8. Please indicate your first, second and third choice between Twin Cities and Chicago, Denver or Pacific Coast for a Federal reserve bank.

First Twin Cities, Second, Chicago

WASHINGTON, D.C.

J. A. FALCONER  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
AT LARGE



# House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.,

January the 8th 1914.

Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo,  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a set of resolutions, dated December the 31st, 1913, signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Tacoma, Washington, in behalf of the City Council of that City, urging that Seattle, Washington, be made the location of a Regional Bank, Seattle being the center of financial and business operations in the Northwest and Alaska.

Seattle has been recommended by practically all the cities of western Washington and also by Walla Walla and other cities in eastern Washington.

ANSWERED  
JAN 27 1914  
*me*

We believe that in the immediate future the city of Seattle will grow very rapidly in commercial features and we believe that a Regional Bank there is essential to the best interests of the people of the great Northwest and Alaska.

We hope that your kind consideration will be given the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully

JAF/CC

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Seattle

January 20th, 1914.

Sir:-

On behalf of the Reserve Bank Organization Committee I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th transmitting resolutions signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of the Council of that City, urging that Seattle, Washington, be made the location for a Regional Reserve Bank. These resolutions will be submitted to and considered by the Committee in determining this question.

Respectfully,

Secretary, Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

Honorable J. A. Falconer,  
House of Representatives.

JOSEPH W. FORDNEY  
EIGHTH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

December 23rd., 1913.

The Honorable  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find telegrams  
from Mr. R. D. Merrill and Mr. A. F. Coass,  
both of Seattle, Washington, which tele-  
grams fully explain themselves.

I would be pleased if these tele-  
grams could be given careful consideration  
in connection with the location of the  
Federal Reserve Banks.

Thanking you in the matter, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Joseph W. Fordney*

*J*

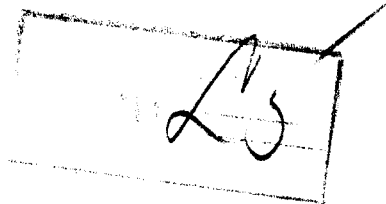
December 24, 1913.

My dear Congressman:

I have yours of December 23rd, enclosing telegrams from Mr. R. D. Merrill and Mr. A. F. Coats, urging the selection of Seattle, Washington, as a site for a Federal Reserve Bank, and shall take pleasure in laying the question before the Federal Reserve Bank Organization Committee, and assure you it will receive full consideration.

With the season's greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Joseph W. Fordney,  
House of Representatives.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 24, 1913.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

With further reference to the proposed designation of Seattle, Washington, as one of the Federal Reserve Banks, I beg to enclose herewith a number of telegrams from various banks, bankers, and clearing house associations in behalf of the said designation. Kindly give these telegrams consideration in connection with this proposed designation.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Jones*

*AS*

*7.17.13*

*Filed separately*

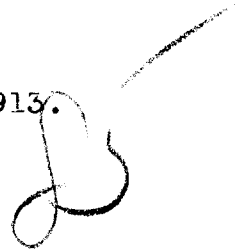


United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 22, 1913.

Reserve Bank Organization Committee,  
Washington, D. C.

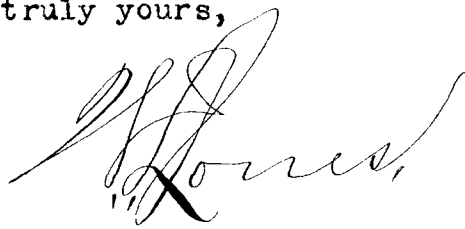


Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you telegram from the Seattle Clearing House Association as well as one from Mr. C. W. Johnstone, Cashier, of Ellensburg, Washington, asking that Seattle be designated as one of the Federal Reserve Banks under the new currency legislation.

Seattle is the principal city in the northwest in every way and should be made a location for one of these Federal Reserve Banks. Its foreign and domestic commerce and the strength of its financial institutions and its location in the northwest logically point to its selection.

Very truly yours,



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# WESTERN UNION NIGHT TELEGRAM



THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON DC

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President.  
ALBERT BECK, Sec'y. GEO. G. WARD, V. P. & G. M.



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Seattle, Washn Jan 9-14.

Milton C. Elliott,

Secy of Organization. Committee  
Treasury Dept., Washington D.C.

Newspapers state organization Committee will be in Seattle Jan thirty first and Sunday Feb first. Very desirous they spend at least forty eight hours here they can take midnight train Sunday night for Portland please wire me what hour they are scheduled to arrive here and what hour to leave. I have written Mr McAdoo and Mr Houston inviting them to make headquarters in my home while here Am especially desirous that you and they set apart one evening for private dinner in my home Hope you will come here with them Have pleasant recollection of meeting you at your home last september with the Tennants and Mrs Kelleher and I hope to see something of you here.

Daniel Kelleher

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BCV.

January 26, 1914.

My dear Mr. Kelleher:

I did not reply personally to your telegram as I understood that the Committee had already wired you that it would be impossible for them to accept your kind invitation on account of other arrangements.

My duties here were such as to make it impossible for me to accompany the Committee on this trip. I was sorry not to have this opportunity to visit Seattle. I recall very pleasantly when I met you with the Tomants at the time you visited Charleston.

Thanking you for your invitation to me, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Daniel Kelleher,

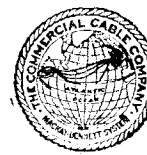
Seattle, Washington.

**POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY** IN CONNECTION WITH **THE COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.**

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J. O. STEVENS, Sec'y. WM. H. BAKER, V. P. & G. M.

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Seattle, Wn., Jan. 15, 1914.

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

Can joint committee of Chamber of Commerce and Clearing House Assn be of any service in assisting to provide place and accommodations for Federal Bank Organization Committee hearings at Seattle. If hotel reservations not yet made we shall be pleased to make such arrangements as you may indicate to us will be required. Is it practicable in advance to designate what time will be allotted to Seattle during sessions here this committee representing all banks on behalf clearing house and general business on behalf chamber of commerce, desires to be of service in any manner agreeable to organization committee and serviceable in facilitating concise and comprehensive grasp Pacific Northwest situation. Will definite time be allotted our committee. We understand there will be ladies in your party and shall highly appreciate opportunity to provide for their entertainment at a dinner to be given by Mrs Backus evening of Jan'y twenty eight or in whatever other manner will be most pleasing to you and to them. We are advised gentlemen of your party have already accepted a dinner invitation from the Commercial Club otherwise we should be glad to tender hospitality of that nature.

M.F. Backus, Chairman, Joint Committee,  
Seattle Clearing House Ass'n,  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

4:20 a.m

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 19, 1914.

To

H. F. Backus, Chairman, Joint Committee,  
Clearing House Association,  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Seattle, Washington.

Your wire January fifteenth. Will be glad to have your assistance in arranging proper place for hearing. If Federal Court Room not available Committee will be glad to use suitable room in your Chamber of Commerce or other business organization. Have requested Custodian Federal Building to confer with you. Committee will hear Seattle first and Spokane representatives immediately afterward, after which will hear your representatives from Kalispel, Butte, and Missoula, Montana; Boise and Payette, Idaho; and Palouse, Washington. Impracticable to allot definite time as am not advised number of representatives to appear. Will desire to hear all parties having information of interest in determining question. Hearings will

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TO **M.F. Backus**

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begin at nine o'clock and every opportunity will be given representatives. Will be obliged if you can wire me names of those desiring to appear and place selected for hearing so other cities may be notified.

**Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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HAVE TELEGRAM FROM M F BACKUS SEATTLE GIVING NAMES OF

SOME WITNESSES TO APPEAR THERE FROM TACOMA SEATTLE OLYMPIA BELLINGHAM

WALLAWALLA SAYS IS INFORMED COURT ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 24, 1914.

To

Hon. William G. McAdoo,  
Brown Palace Hotel,  
Denver, Colorado.

Will Committee hold meeting in Seattle on afternoon of arrival?  
Your telegram that meeting begins at nine o'clock indicates otherwise  
but want to send notices. Several cities scheduled to be heard there.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON DC

HEARINGS WILL BEGIN IN SEATTLE NINE OCLOCK ON THE MORNING  
OF THURSDAY TWENTY NINTH

W G MCADOO

109AM

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

January 26, 1914.

TO

M. F. Albert, Cashier,  
Payette National Bank,  
Payette, Idaho.

Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Boise Thursday, January twenty-ninth, Seattle, Hearing Federal Court Room beginning nine A.M. Please send list of those desiring to be heard to National Bank Examiner Martin McLean, Central Building, Seattle.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

January 26, 1914.

To

C. B. Kegley,  
Palouse, Washington.

Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Palouse Thursday, January twenty-ninth, Seattle, hearing in Federal Court Room beginning nine A.M. Please send list of those desiring to be heard to National Bank Examiner Martin McLean, Central Building, Seattle.

**Secretary**  
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WHERE WRITTEN:

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RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 26, 1914.

TO Law Reporting Company,  
One hundred fifteen Broadway,  
New York City.

Meeting Committee in Seattle Federal Court Room number two,  
beginning nine A.M.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

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RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

January 26, 1914.

TO

Martin McLean,  
National Bank Examiner,  
Central Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Can you meet Committee at Hotel Washington, Seattle, on arrival three-fifteen January twenty-eighth and assist in arranging details of hearing. Have requested those desiring to appear to send lists to you. Please see George R. Cooksey, Private Secretary, and furnish these lists in advance, together with any mail sent in your care. Answer.

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Treasury Department

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Bo Denver Col Jan 26 1914

M C Elliott

Treasy Dept Washn DC

I want hearings held always in public buildings unless  
it is impossible to secure accommodations in them  
please insist on this

W G McAdoo

1-29pm



# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

Washington,

January 26, 1914.

TO **Chairman, Clearing House Association,  
Boise, Idaho.**

Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Boise Thursday, January twenty-ninth, Seattle, hearing in Federal Court Room beginning nine A.M. Please send list of those desiring to appear to National Bank Examiner Martin McLean, Central Building, Seattle.

**Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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January 26, 1914

TO W. G. Ferguson, Secretary,  
Missoula Clearing House ,  
Missoula, Montana.

Hearing to be held Seattle Thursday, January twenty-ninth, beginning nine A.M. Will be glad to hear Missoula representatives. Please send list of those to appear to National Bank Examiner Martin McLean, Central Building, Seattle. Hearing Federal Court Room.

Secretary,  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.



WHERE WRITTEN:

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**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

January 26, 1914.

TO **David J. Charles,**  
**President Chamber Commerce,**  
**Butte, Montana.**

Committee will be glad to hear representatives of Butte at hearing in Federal Court Room beginning nine A.M. January twenty-ninth, Seattle. Please send list of those desiring to appear to National Bank Examiner Martin McLean, Central Building, Seattle.

**Secretary**  
**Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

January 27, 1914

TO William G. McAdoo,  
Secretary Treasury  
Hotel Washington,  
Seattle, Washington.

Hearings Seattle arranged Federal Court Room number two beginning nine A.M. Thursday. Will arrange all other hearings Federal Buildings as directed. Boise desires hearing at Portland. Could not reach you for approval in advance so have wired this will be satisfactory in view of large number to be heard at Seattle and only local witnesses scheduled for Portland. Please advise if shall proceed with arrangements for hearing at Austin on ninth and tenth.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

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**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.**

January 27, 1914.

TO **Martin McLean**  
National Bank Examiner  
Central Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Arrangements made for hearing in Court room number two beginning nine A.M. Thursday. Please see Custodian and arrange for large table for Committee, smaller table for official stenographers, press reporters and Secretary Committee. Ask Chairman Clearing House Association and Chamber Commerce to furnish you lists of those to appear and present lists to Committee in advance of hearing.

Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.

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SEATTLE Wn Jan 27 1914

M C Elliott, Secretary Reserve Organization Committee,

Washington, D.C.

Will ~~er~~ meet committee on arrival and assist as requested

Martin McLean, National Bank Examiner

203pm

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WHERE WRITTEN:

**RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Washington,**

**January 27, 1914.**

To

**M.F. Backus, Chairman,  
Joint Committee Clearing House Association  
Chamber Commerce,  
Seattle, Washington.**

**Arrangements completed for hearing to be hold Federal Court Room  
number two Seattle beginning nine A.M. Thursday.**

**Secretary  
Reserve Bank Organization Committee.**

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PX SEATTLE Wn

January 29, 1914

TO James A. Wetmore,  
Treasury Department.

Court Room Number two available Thursday next for Regional  
Reserve Bank hearing.

HARPER

Custodian.

3.11 P.M.

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