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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK NOW IN A FINE NEW BUILDING

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank took possession of its new bank home Saturday, and the new quarters are the admiration of all.

This new bank building is located at the corner of Main and Mercantile streets and is a handsome modern structure. It is 30 x 58 in size of brick construction. The lighting is especially good with many windows on the south and east sides.

The banking room proper is 30 x 34 feet with the working departments located on the west side enclosed in modern banking fixtures. At the south end is the desk and private office for the use of the cashier. The vault is at the north end of the working department and is 11 x 8 feet in size constructed of cement with walls 12 inches thick. One compartment of the vault will be utilized by the bank for the safe keeping of its books, records and supplies. A second compartment is for the safety deposit box department. There is room for added sections of boxes as demands for them warrants.

Directly opposite the patrons' entrance to the safety deposit department are located two private booths on the east side of the building. These are furnished with suitable desks and other conveniences for writing. In one booth is a telephone so that business and other matters can be conducted over the phone privately. Adjoining these booths is a cloak room.

One of the specially fine features is the ladies rest room. This a good sized compartment with a rug on the floor, and furnished with a couch and chairs. There is a toilet room and other conveniences which will be greatly appreciated by the ladies and which all are privileged to use.

The woodwork in the interior of the bank is oak with wax finish. The walls are plastered and tinted in a soft light tan. The ceiling is of steel with square panels. Handsome electric light fixtures have been installed. The material for the building was purchased here and the work all done by Carson City people as far as possible. The carpenter work was done under the direction of H.G. Heaton, the painting was handled by H. P. Sweet and the steam heating plant was installed by F. A. Wright & Co.

In the rear of the banking room proper is an assembly room 27 x 13 ½ feet. This will be utilized by the meeting place of the directors of the bank. Also this can be used for any and all small meetings of a public nature. In this room will be tables on which there will be magazines, farmers' publications and other reading matter and which farmers and others can utilize in their spare time.

The money safe is constructed of Manganese steel, and is burglar proof and protected with a triple time lock. The bank is further protected by both burglar and hold-up insurance.

The directors and those connected with the bank have spared no expense in making the building, and it is not only a credit to the bank, but to the community as well. The building and its furnishings have been greatly admired by everybody and who are much pleased at this addition to Carson City's business institutions.

The present directors of the bank are E. B. Stebbins, Wm. E. Adams, Chas. H. Adams, Geo. Walt, C.R. Burkholder, M.H. Kipp and Delbert Mayes. The officers are Wm. E. Adams, president; Geo. Walt, vice president; E.B. Stebbins, cashier, and Paul Bretz assistant cashier.

The bank opened for business February 19th of this year and has made a steady and substantial growth. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000, and its total resources were \$100,391.52 as shown by the statement called for by the state banking department on September 2.