

# ABANDON HOPE OF REOPENING AMERICAN BANK

### Court Orders Fixtures Sold; Nov. 25 Final Date for Depositors' Action.

Bank furniture, fixtures and equipment of the American Bank and Trust company were Thursday ordered sold by November 25 in a district court order, signed by Judge J. R. Leslie. Receiver A. W. Springborn was ordered to advertise a date not later than November 25, on which he will offer the bank property for sale. All sales must be reported to Judge Leslie on or before 30, and confirmed by him before they become effective, the order reads.

"It is still possible to reorganize and must be done before the sale of fixtures is confirmed by the court," A. H. Gray, chairman of the committee which since last February, has been working to reopen the institution. The bank did not open on December 2, 1921, by vote of the directors.

**Do Not Expect to Open**

"Depositors representing about \$1,000,000 have signed up with the committee, but because a small minority representing \$50,000, refuse to take like action plans are held up. If this minority of 20 people will sign up under the terms laid down by the state bank examiner we will yet be able to reopen the bank. But they have failed to do so in the past nine months and probably will not change their attitude now.

"If these 20 depositors would sign up the bank could reopen with every reasonable assurance that all depositors would then in the course of time be paid in full. If they do not sign the matter is ended and the bank cannot open. The stockholders have very little at stake in the failure as compared with the depositors. The fate of 4,000 depositors is in the hands of 20 unsigned depositors. If these 4,000 depositors can secure the 20 to sign, the success of the bank is assured.

"Judge Leslie has just made an order directing the receiver to advertise the furniture and fixtures of the bank for sale for November 25, but I presume that if these 20 unsigned depositors would sign up at once so that the reopening of the bank might be assured, the sale of these fixtures might be stopped. If, however, these are not signed and the fixtures are sold then all further hope of reorganization must be abandoned. The only thing that is absolutely locking the success of the reorganization."

Judge Leslie's order, handed down by him as a step to reduce the expense of the receivership.

**Court Granted Time**

"For the purpose of giving the committee on reorganization of the American Bank and Trust company time in which to secure a sufficient number of signers of depositors in the said bank necessary to reorganize the bank, the 30th day of October was the date fixed within which such signers might indicate a willingness to take steps to reorganize said bank, and thereafter the committee on reorganization having asked for a further extension of time, until the 15th of November, and an order having been made granting such extension, and no reasonable assurance having come to the knowledge of the undersigned judge that a sufficient number of depositors can be obtained; now, in order to reduce the expense of conducting the receivership of said bank, the receiver is hereby directed to take immediate steps looking to the sale and disposition of the furniture, fixtures and equipment of said bank which have come into his hands as receiver, and to give notice of a date certain, not later than the 25th of November, 1922, by publication for a period of not less than eight days, in one or more of the local newspapers in Great Falls, on which date or thereafter he will offer for sale the said furniture, fixtures and equipment of said bank; and he may receive sealed bids, or sell privately, but all sales must be reported within five days from the said 25th day of November to the court for confirmation before the same is to become effective; and he is further directed to take such necessary steps under the lease held by the bank of the premises now occupied by him, with a view of vacating and surrendering the said premises and to secure less expensive quarters, to be approved by the court."

**Search for Guns, Find Booze Still; Jail Frank Strnad**

The unexpected happened Thursday afternoon when Deputy Game Warden A. D. Roushar went to the home of Frank Strnad to search for unlicensed guns, unlawful property in the possession of an alien.

Roushar deputized Deputy Sheriffs Guy Palagi and Curt Dennis. They reported finding no guns, but instead a liquor still in the basement of Strnad's house at 415 Fourth avenue south. Strnad is being held at the county jail for investigation. Acting County Attorney Julius Wuerthner was undecided Thursday evening as to what action would be taken in the case.

**Conditions on Mend Say Wholesale Men**

Business conditions have been improving for some time and will continue well into 1923, says General Manager R. A. Horr of the Stone-Ordean-Wells company, who is here from Duluth, Minn., on an inspection trip with W. L. Mackay, manager of the credit department of the firm.

They will probably conclude their inspection of the branch office here, of which A. H. Jester is manager, and start east Saturday, November 18.

While on their present trip they have visited other branch houses at Billings, Missoula, Butte, Minot, Grand Forks and several Minnesota cities.

**Board Fixes \$425 as Value of Land for Road at Shaw**

A right of way for a federal aid highway across a school lot at Fort Shaw is worth \$425 to Cascade county, the board of condemnation appointed in the case decided Thursday in drawing up a report to the district court.

The board was appointed after the county commissioner and school board had failed to reach an agreement. Members of the condemnation board are E. S. Stackhouse and Thomas King of Great Falls, and Elwyn Ford of Fort Shaw.

# SPRAY OF THE FALLS

Window glass. Brighten-Up Shop.—Ad. Helen C chapter O. E. S. tonight.—Adv.

A. R. Heinz of Lewistown is here on a business mission.

E. Donnell of Neihart is attending to business matters this week.

M. S. Smith of Shelby was a Thursday business arrival in the city.

Fred Yoo of Chinook is among the out of town business visitors here.

M. O. Danford of Billings was in Great Falls on business Thursday.

R. J. Johannes of Helena is looking after business interests in the city.

A. A. Sheehan of Helena was a Thursday business visitor in the city.

S. D. McCrea of Sunburst is a Great Falls business visitor this week.

Miss Tilly Ferns of Edinboro, Alta., is visiting Great Falls friends.

W. A. Stuard of Hamilton is looking after business matters in the city.

Mrs. James Murphy of Fort Benton is shopping in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Charles Wilson of Sunburst is shopping in Great Falls for a few days.

Mrs. D. G. Lockwood of Fort Benton is a Great Falls shopper this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCallen of Calgary are business visitors here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mack of Gilman spent Thursday shopping in Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gutshell of Pendroy were Thursday arrivals in Great Falls.

Mrs. Louis Bourquin of Helena arrived in Great Falls Thursday to visit with friends.

Eleanardo Gigio of Conrad is looking after business matters in the city for a few days.

C. F. McGibbon of Neihart is attending to business interests in Great Falls this week.

Mrs. Martha Amess left this week for Long Beach, Cal., where she will spend the winter.

V. R. Indahl of Butte is attending to business matters in the city for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scouler of Chinook are visiting friends and shopping in Great Falls for a few days.

Douglas Campbell arrived here from Billings Thursday to attend to business interests for a few days.

Mrs. E. Conrad of Helena is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Padbury, of the Lexington apartments.

Mrs. Annie Hecht of Olive, Alta., Canada, arrived in the city Thursday and will spend a few days here visiting friends.

Dr. E. S. Edwin has returned from a two weeks' visit with his parents in Wisconsin. He also visited friends and relatives in Chicago and Minneapolis.

Mrs. Fred Taylor of Lewistown, who was in the city for the Gadski concert, has returned home. While here she was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Edwin of the Lexington apartments.

# CHIEF DEPUTY IS PROSECUTOR FOR JURY TERM

County Attorney W. J. Tighe Leaves City Because of Wife's Illness.

Julius J. Wuerthner, chief deputy under County Attorney W. J. Tighe, Thursday became acting county attorney. The county attorney Thursday afternoon left for Chicago with Mrs. Tighe, where she will submit to medical treatment for ailments that have troubled her for some time. It is understood that Tighe will be out of the city about a month.

Wuerthner will be assisted in the administration of his office by Deputy Joe Kaufman and Attorney J. McPherson Gault, who Thursday afternoon assumed duties as acting deputy. Wuerthner now is head counsel for the county attorney's office in all state cases at the present term of district court, which opened Tuesday.

**Five Candidates File Statements of Campaign Cost**

Three successful and two unsuccessful candidates for county office in the recent general election Thursday filed their campaign expense accounts with John E. Moran, county clerk and recorder.

Harold M. Mady, republican, who was re-elected county assessor, spent \$171.40; Joseph A. Barker, democrat, elected county commissioner, expended \$125.76 on his campaign. Success coast F. Y. Chibester, republican, constable-elect, \$1.60, his report shows.

Fred C. Andretta, republican, defeated for county commissioner, spent \$227.85 in promoting his candidacy. L. B. Evensen, democrat, defeated candidate for county treasurer, reports his expenses at \$95.50.

**Seven Bad Checks Charged Against Man Held in Jail**

Two more worthless checks were reported Thursday to Deputy Sheriff Guy Palagi as having been cashed by Fred Williams, now being held at the county jail on the charge of cashing worthless checks. He is said to have cashed a \$7 check with the Columbus cafe and one for \$10 at the Zukerman store on First avenue south. This brings the total number of complaints of this kind up to seven.

**Joe Says---**

Thanksgiving linens should be bought where you can save the most.

# Now for the Last Two Days of the Big OPPORTUNITY SALE

Progressing—Growing—Expanding—Establishing New Standards  
Bringing Forth New and Greater Values

Entire Stock of Millinery Today and Saturday

1/2 Price



50% Reduction on the regular prices of all Hats.

—Every Hat in our large Millinery Department included in this special selling (excepting special price group mentioned below).

There are French Importations, Domestic Creations, Sports Wear Hats, Dress Hats, Street Hats and Children's Hats.

As this sale will continue only through today and tomorrow, early selection is most advisable.

All sales will be considered final.

**Extra Special!**  
A number of very attractive TRIMMED HATS that arrived too late to be included in our big \$4 Sale, for immediate clearance \$3.95 (See window display). —Millinery Dept., Second Floor.



Special Selling of Two Universal Combination Ranges

The world famous combination coal and gas range, "Universal" make, quality and satisfaction. Nickel and white enamel trimmed. Perfect in every way, but must be closed out at once because of a change in design in the newer ranges. Regular \$140 values. EXTRA SPECIAL, each.

\$97.50 —Furniture Dept., Second Floor.

Send Us Your Mail Orders! **Strain Brothers** THE BIG STORE Send Us Your Mail Orders!

# November Sale of SILKS

Continuing This Sale Today and Saturday

—Offering high-grade, rich, lustrous silks at exceptionally attractive prices. Fill your every silk want now—check up on your Christmas requirements. We mention here a number of the featured values.

BLACK SATIN CANTON—40 inches wide. Very similar to canton crepe, but satin faced. A rich, lustrous silk that is exceptionally beautiful in black. SPECIAL, yard... \$3.25

BLACK AND COLORED CREPE DE CHINE—40 inches wide. Not an extra heavy quality, but a very good, serviceable grade. Worth more money than we ask during this sale. SPECIAL, yard... \$1.35

COLORED TAFFETA—36 inches wide. Both plain and changeable. Fine quality. This is a much softer and richer taffeta than is usually offered at this price. SPECIAL, yard... \$1.95

BLACK ALL SILK CHARMEUSE—40 inches in width. Good heavy quality with a soft, rich finish. SPECIAL, yard... \$2.25

BLACK TAFFETA—Excellent quality; 36 inches wide. This special price applies to black only. Yard... \$1.45

BLACK CHIFFON VELVET—40 inches wide. A fine, soft silk velvet that is worth more money. SPECIAL, yard... \$4.25

BLACK ALL SILK DUVETYN—36 inches wide. High grade quality. A silken fabric that is especially popular among well dressed women. SPECIAL, yard... \$3.75

BLACK CANTON CREPE—40 inches wide. A quality like this is not often offered at such a low price. A silk fabric that will give perfect satisfaction in every way. SPECIAL, yard... \$2.95

—Silk Section, Street Floor.

# Huck Towels

Good heavy, serviceable quality. Plain white and white with blue, red or gold border. A genuine value. SPECIAL, each 18c —Domestic Section, Street Floor.

# EXTRA SPECIAL! Women's High Shoes, \$4.85 Pair

Just a limited number left, every pair a real value. It will pay you to come in and see if we have your size. All have military heels. Black and brown kid and calfskin leathers. —Shoe Dept., Street Floor.

# Silk Camisoles

Prettily made of good quality wash satin. Attractively lace trimmed. Neat ribbon shoulder straps. Excellent values. SPECIAL, each 95c —Underwear Dept., Second Floor.

# Hour Sales Strain Brothers BASEMENT STORE Hour Sales

## SPICY ITEMS FOR FRIDAY HOURS

**Hour Sale .9 to 10 A. M.**  
100 pair WOMEN'S HIGH TOP OVERSHOES—Heavy woolen lined, U. S. Rubber Co. quality. Sizes 3 1/2 to 8. Worth much more. HOUR SALE, pair... \$1.48

**Hour Sale .11 to 12 A. M.**  
WOMEN'S CORSET COVERS AND STEP-INS—Made of fine select materials. Neatly trimmed. A limited quantity for final clearance. HOUR SALE, each... 39c

**Hour Sale .3 to 4 P. M.**  
One lot MISSES' and CHILDREN'S GLOVES AND MITTENS—Assorted plain colors. About 100 pair in the lot. HOUR SALE, pair... 15c

**Hour Sale .5 to 6 P. M.**  
GLASS PITCHERS—Thin blown glass. Good quality; 1/2-gallon size. A real bargain. \$1.00 value. HOUR SALE, each... 69c

**Hour Sale .7 to 8 P. M.**  
200 BOYS' PULL-OVER SWEATERS—In grey with navy collars. Sizes 6 to 14 years. HOUR SALE, each... 79c

**Hour Sale .9 to 10 P. M.**  
WOMEN'S HOUSE DRESSES—Just thrifty in the lot. Values to \$1.98. Final clearance 50c price, each... 50c

**Hour Sale .11 to 12 P. M.**  
CUT GLASS TUMBLERS—Thin blown glass, good quality. Grape or star cut; 8-oz. size. HOUR SALE, each... 10c

**Hour Sale .11 to 12 A. M.**  
CHILDREN'S HOSE—For boys and girls. Strictly first quality. In cordovan and black. Broken sizes. HOUR SALE, pair... 10c

**Hour Sale .2 to 3 P. M.**  
BOYS' UNION SUITS—Fleece lined; elastic ribbed. Sizes 2 to 16 years. In Grey only. HOUR SALE, garment... 39c

**Hour Sale .3 to 4 P. M.**  
DEVORE STOVE PIPE ENAMEL—A black, glossy enamel. For quick and easy refinishing of stoves or pipes. HOUR SALE, each... 39c

**Hour Sale .4 to 5 P. M.**  
One lot CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' KNIT TOQUES—Slightly soiled. Plain and combination colors, including white. HOUR SALE, each... 19c

**Hour Sale .5 to 6 P. M.**  
MEN'S ALL LEATHER HORSEHIDE GLOVES—Standard make. All sizes. Fine water proof quality. A good value at the regular price of \$1.25. HOUR SALE, pair... 79c

**Hour Sale .7 to 8 P. M.**  
TIN PAILS—Good grade of tin. Wire handle. Tin cover. Size 2 and 3 quarts. HOUR SALE, each... 5c

**Hour Sale .11 to 12 A. M.**  
OLD ENGLISH BRIGHTENER—For waxed or varnished floors. Makes your floors and furniture look new. Quart size... \$1.10

**Hour Sale .3 to 4 P. M.**  
MEN'S HEAVY ALL WOOL UNION SUITS—This is a good weight, winter garment. Every thread all wool. Full sizes, excellently made. Just the kind of union suit that a man out of doors needs. Specially offered in the Opportunity Sale at the very pleasing price of \$2.95

**Hour Sale .5 to 6 P. M.**  
MEN'S LEATHER LINED GLOVES—Knit wrist and gauntlet styles. Leather faced with wind-proof cloth backs, and all leather with good warm linings. Odds and ends selected from our large glove and mitten stock. Every pair a real value. YOUR CHOICE, pair 59c

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The Last Day of the Sale of Warner's Rust Proof Corsets  
Entire Stock of WARNER'S CORSETS  
20% DISCOUNT



Many thrifty women took advantage of this liberal offer yesterday; today is your last chance. Come in this morning and have our Corsetiere fit you with a satisfaction-giving WARNER CORSET. You make a saving of TWENTY PER CENT ON THE REGULAR SELLING PRICE. Our stock comprises the best models for every figure type. Sizes 20 to 36. In pink and white coutil, brocades and broche. Regular prices range from \$1.65 to \$8.50 —Corset Dept., Second Floor.

Here's Real SUIT VALUE  
Opportunity Sale, Special  
\$22

A mighty fine lot of MEN'S WINTER SUITS in a pleasing selection of good colors and models. In good wearing worsteds, cashmeres and mixtures. Showing both regulars and stouts. Well made suits, properly lined and interlined. Good for many months of hard every-day use. Every Suit in this special price group is a special value, and as the lot is rapidly becoming very small, we advise that you lose no time in making your selection. Come in today, before the sizes, models and colors are too badly depleted. —Men's Dept., Street Floor.

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