

The HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK Absorbs the Bank of Commerce

The business of both banks to be transacted at the Hamilton National Bank. The transaction is fully explained in the following letters from the directors and officers of the two banks:

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1918.

TO THE PUBLIC:

We beg to announce that we have acquired the business and good will of the Bank of Commerce, as outlined in the accompanying letter, and beginning on the morning of December 24th, 1918, all business of the Bank of Commerce will be transacted at the Hamilton National Bank. All checks drawn on the Bank of Commerce will be honored by us, and all books and other records will be found with us.

We beg to assure the customers of the Bank of Commerce that every facility and accommodation consistent with conservative banking will be afforded them.

All active officers and all employes of the Bank of Commerce will be with us temporarily, many of them we hope will remain with us permanently.

As soon as practicable the customers of the Bank of Commerce will be supplied with check books on ourselves, but for the present they will continue to use those they have.

Our Capital continues to be \$1,000,000.00, Surplus and Profits \$600,000.00, and by this absorption of the Bank of Commerce our Resources will be increased to more than \$18,000,000.00

We trust the customers of the Bank of Commerce will find it agreeable to remain with us permanently, and every effort will be put forth to make their connection both pleasant and satisfactory.

Hamilton National Bank

T. R. PRESTON, President
 C. M. PRESTON, Vice-President
 G. H. MILLER, Vice-President
 JNO. STAGMAIER, Vice-President
 E. B. SHADDEN, Auditor
 J. B. F. LOWRY, Cashier
 S. A. STRAUSS, Asst. Cashier
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Capital \$1,000,000.00
 Surplus \$600,000.00
 Total Resources Over \$18,000,000.00

OFFICERS:

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With our ample Capital, Surplus and large Resources we will be able to care acceptably for the requirements of the customers of both Banks, and will put forth every effort to make our relations mutually satisfactory and profitable.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1918.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

Negotiations have been completed by which the Hamilton National Bank will absorb the Bank of Commerce, taking over its assets and assuming its deposits. As soon as the requirements of the State Banking Law can be complied with, the Bank of Commerce will go into voluntary liquidation.

Beginning Tuesday morning, December 24th, 1918, all business of the Bank of Commerce will be transacted at the office of the Hamilton National Bank, corner Seventh and Market streets. All checks drawn on the Bank of Commerce will be paid at the Hamilton National Bank.

Interests identified with the Hamilton National Bank have purchased a majority of the stock of the Bank of Commerce on the basis of \$90.00 per share, with the agreement that this privilege shall extend alike to all the Shareholders, provided their Certificates of Stock are presented promptly.

All Officers and Employes of the Bank of Commerce will be temporarily with the Hamilton National Bank, and many of the Employes will probably be retained permanently.

With this absorption goes the good-will and active support of all our Officers and Directors.

We feel sure that the Customers of the Bank of Commerce who have favored us with their business will feel at home with the Hamilton National Bank, where every facility consistent with prudent banking will be extended them, and the large resources of the Hamilton National Bank will enable them to acceptably serve the wants of every customer, and we hope it will be the pleasure of all our customers to remain with the Hamilton National Bank.

Bank of Commerce

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