Interwoven with the Winning of the West

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Portland, Oregon, was the first national bank west of the Rocky Mountains. It was founded in 1865.

This was before the days when Portland had railroad communication with the outside world and fifteen years before Portland's street railway system had its beginning with a one-horse street car.

Not many years before the establishment of the First National, beaver skins and bacon sides were considered legal tender in Oregon. By 1865, however, much gold had been brought into Oregon from California and money was plentiful. Opportunities for development and expansion existed on every hand. The First National appreciated these opportunities and was an active and influential factor in the development of railroads, shipping and the commerce of the young and growing city.

By 1873 Portland was a busy town of 9,000 people. Then came the "Great Fire of 1873" in which 22 blocks in the business district were destroyed with losses of over one million dollars. It was not long, however, until the city was rebuilding with the help of all its organizations and business institutions. In this work the First National assisted freely.

In addition to being the oldest national bank on the Pacific Coast, the First National of Portland is also one of the largest. This position has been maintained through three generations. The bank has grown and expanded with the growth of this western country. It is part and parcel of the Oregon country. Its history is closely interwoven with the winning of the west. It welcomes the opportunity of serving YOU.

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