

MYERS PRAISES STOCKS OF WELL MANAGED BANKS

Intercoast Sales Corpora- tion Official Visits in Se- attle and Declares Out- look for Business Good.

The stocks of well-managed banks throughout the country are being quoted now at prices which make them attractive to the investor who desires a maximum of security and a moderate degree of appreciation in the future. This observation was made today by Paul A. Myers of San Francisco, vice president of Intercoast Sales Corporation, national representative of Transamerica, which is one of the largest stockholders of bank stocks in the country.

Even in 1921, said Mr. Myers, stocks of well-managed banks did not fall far below fifteen times earnings or their yield did not vary far from 4 per cent.

"It is obvious," he added, "that anyone at this time buying the best bank stocks, where they are priced at around twenty times earnings and yielding approximately 4 per cent, will be acquiring a security that will give him a steady income and will assure him reasonable appreciation in the future.

"Bank stock earnings in 1930 were somewhat lower than in previous years and this circumstance, together with changed standards of value in the public's mind, have combined to make bargain prices for the stocks of strong and well-managed institutions.

"Banks and trust companies of this type throughout the United States probably will earn more in 1931 than in 1930. One of the most striking developments in this field lately has been increased trust company business, which is setting new records for growth in these institutions."

Mr. Myers said that sentiment in California has materially improved this year, due to better business outlook and extensive public projects including Boulder Dam, the government balloon base at Sunnyvale, the big bay bridge at San Francisco, numerous municipal improvements and extensive road-building programs.

Mr. Myers leaves this evening for Portland in company with George Sieler, Northwest representative of Intercoast Sales Corporation.