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NEWSLETTER

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THE UNION BANK

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, July 22, 1925

The tender of McKnockiter and Wilson has been accepted for a brick building, to be erected at an early date in Nicholson street for the Union Bank. The building will be two story (sic) in front, with a balcony and one story (sic) at the back. On the ground floor will be the banking chamber, the manager's room, a strong room, and five living rooms. The top story (sic) will contain four bedrooms and a bathroom. The contract price was approximately £5,500 for the building which will in all probability prove a very handsome and imposing addition to the township.



'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, October 21, 1925

The work of erecting a new bank in Nicholson street for the Orbost branch of the Union Bank has been commenced. The contractors are Messrs. Smith Bros., of Meredith.

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday evening, June 2, 1926

THE UNION BANK

The business of the local branch of the Union Bank is now being carried on in the new building in Nicholson street, between the printing office and Mr. Alex. Rodwell's shop.

The building is a very fine one, and a handsome addition to the town. It occupies a very prominent position, and has a very imposing appearance. It is a two-storey building of brick, constructed in the most substantial manner, and replete with the latest conveniences. The contractors are Messrs. Smith Bros., of Meredith, who have had the work carried out in splendid style.

Entering the large door from Nicholson Street and turning to the left, one enters the banking chamber. This is a very commodious room, designed to meet all requirements. It is finished and fitted up in first class style. The counters are of the best Queensland maple, and present a very attractive appearance. On the opposite side is the manager's room, which is another fine apartment, well lighted through the front window and nicely fitted up. Behind this room is the strong room, which is certainly true to its name.

At the rear of the bank, on the ground floor, are two large living rooms as well as the kitchen and the laundry. Upstairs is a large sitting room as well as three bedrooms and a bathroom.

An inspection of the building is sufficient to convince anyone that the bank authorities have great faith in Orbost and in its prospects for the future.

'SNOWY RIVER MAIL'

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

BILL WYNDHAM & CO. PTY. LTD.

ORBOST - 116-118 Nicholson Street

Endless Possibilities

From Union Bank to Medical Clinic, and now the opportunity exists for this historic landmark to become one of a number of possibilities. Guest house, restaurant, wine bar or a combination of all of the above, offices or a residence. Situated on approx. 800m² of land with vehicle access from Nicholson Street and rear laneway, the building has approx. 220m² downstairs and 100m² upstairs consisting of two kitchens, two bathrooms, four toilets, upstairs living room and many offices and reception downstairs.

The possibilities are endless for \$300,000