

CURRENCY BILL HOLDS NO DETRIMENTAL PHASES FOR THE SMALL INTERIOR TOWN

HOUSE BALKS AT CHANGE IN SENATE DRAFT

WILSON MAY SIGN THE MEASURE MONDAY IN SPITE OF HALT.

LOCAL PREDICTION BRIGHT

Predictions Made in La Grande Today Are That Currency Bill Will Be Beneficial if Influence Is Felt at All in Interior Towns—House May Join With Senate in Final Debate.

Bankers and business men of Oregon generally hold the opinion that the administration currency bill will not affect small towns or the state materially either way but can see no harm in it, or detrimental features to Oregon in general.

In La Grande, no pessimistic views are expressed regarding the outcome of the results following the bill which last night passed the senate and by Tuesday will be a signed law.

In an interview this morning concerning the possible effects of the passing of the currency measure by the senate last night several men of business experience expressed opinions concerning the effect it would have in La Grande and the tone of all of these interviews is more than assuring and can be taken as an indication that the bill will have the best effect. In speaking of the matter Fred J. Holmes, president of the La Grande National bank, had this to say: "I think the passing of the bill will better conditions throughout the interior of the state generally. Such towns as La Grande, Pendleton, Baker and others of the same size will be benefitted by reason of the fact that reserve accounts will not have to be held in Chicago, New York and other money centers, where they frequently become tied up in such a manner that we cannot get it when we need it."

"The utterances of Senator Chamberlain express my sentiments on the matter exactly. Bankers in money centers have been hanging back, not wanting to accommodate their customers, even though there is enough money to take care of all business, by reason of the uncertainty surrounding the passage of the bill. There is plenty of money here."

"These regional banks will do away with the possible stringencies created by reserve banks handling western money. Business is very good."

Thomas J. Scroggins, cashier of the United States National bank, voiced a similar opinion when he said: "I don't think the passing of the bill will have any effect on business which is exceptionally good. It will cause a readjustment of course, but the attempt to pass the bill has not had any bad effects so far in this city, and I don't think its passage will affect things for the worse."

Mac Wood, head of the Golden Rule company, while claiming to know only some things concerning the possible workings of the bill, said this: "Eastern wholesale people who use a great deal of call money have advised us by circular letter to use our influence to secure the passage of the bill. If the bankers do not fight the bill it will be a benefit to those who make frequent call loans. Business has been good and I don't think it will affect business in this city."

House Balks at Amendments. Washington, Dec. 20.—The house

of representatives refused today by 294 to 59 to accept the currency bill as amended by the senate. This means the matter will have to be threshed out in conferences. The vote followed argument concerning the number of conferees to be named by the house. The senate had named nine. Congressman Glass protested against so many, saying it would be harder for them than for a smaller number to agree. Thereupon Congressman Murray, Oklahoma, moved that the senate bill be considered on the floor of the house and senate amendments agreed to. The house accepted the first part of the motion on the vote and refused to endorse the amendments. The senate passed the bill last night and despite the troublesome house party today it is believed it will be passed Monday and be sent to President Wilson on Monday night. He is pleased with the senate draft. The bill as passed calls for eight regional banks.

CROP ESTIMATES OUT.

Government Compiles Valuation of Grains in Oregon, December 1. Final estimates of the production and values, based on prices December 1, 1913, have been prepared by the government bureau of statistics and show that Oregon produced the following crops this year and compiled the cash value for them:

Corn, 598,000 bushels, worth \$419,000; wheat, 15,717,000 bushels worth \$11,788 @ 75 cents; oats, 15,228,000 bushels, worth \$5,787,000 @ 38 cents; barley, 4,200,000 bushels, worth \$3,110,000; rye, 350,000 bushels, worth \$262,000; potatoes, 6,750,000 bushels, worth \$3,915,000 @ 58 cents; hay, 1,732,000 tons, worth \$15,588,000 @ \$9.00 per ton.

STORES OPEN NEXT WEEK.

Majority at Least Will Keep Open Evenings Next Week.

A majority of the stores of La Grande will remain open evenings during the three nights just preceding Christmas. This is to accommodate late shoppers and working classes who otherwise would have difficulty in obtaining their purchases.

Hub to Be Open.

The Hub will be open evenings from now on until Christmas that all its patrons and the public in general may have all the advantages possible.

STUDENTS FLOCK TO PARENTAL ROOFS FOR HOLIDAY VACATION

From the east, the west, the north and south, La Grande seekers of knowledge high are scrambling home. The home-coming crusade started this morning and took on full tilt at noon. Each train from now until Christmas fill bring students from various institutions of learning from the northwest. All the leading schools of the northwest have representations from La Grande and 1913 promises to get a splendid gathering of students for the holiday week.

Miss Fay Clark, a student at the state normal, returned to her home in Alice for the Christmas season. Hulda Anderson of this city, returned last night from the state normal for the holidays.

Miss Mona Dougherty is back from the U. of O. for the holidays. She left today for Walla, her home.

Miss Hazel Hooper, who is attending the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, arrived in La Grande this morning, en route to Elgin, where she will spend the holidays with immediate relatives.

Lillian Page, attending the state normal at Monmouth, is among those returning to Elgin for the holidays. Ralph Russell of Houston Hall, of the Episcopal boarding school of Spokane arrived home last night to spend the Christmas holidays with

Chief Figure In House Likes Bill

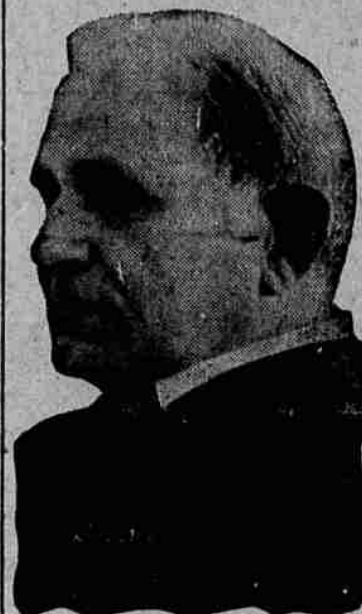


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Champ Clark, speaker of the house which is today wrestling with the final phases of the currency bill passed by the senate last night.

OLD FIRM TO GET NEW NAME

OREGON GROCERY COMPANY FILES PAPERS.

Incorporation of New Wholesale Firm's Name Takes Place.

Owing to confusion resulting from the similarity of names of the two wholesale firms operating here, the La Grande Grocery Company has taken steps to re-christen itself and has filed articles of incorporation. The capitalization is \$100,000.

The La Grande Grocery Company will, after December 29, be known as the Oregon Grocery Company. The incorporators are C. D. Emahiser, manager of the company, O. L. Wall of this city, and J. W. Stuchell of Baker. The business will be conducted under the same management and along the same lines as adhered to in the past—strictly wholesale. The La Grande Grocery Company, Incorporated, is the name of the rival firm and in the past much confusion has arisen over the similarity.

"Our Royal Club brand will be handled as in the past," said Manager Emahiser in announcing the proposed change in name today.

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his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Russell.

Miss Emma Henderson who is attending St. Paul's school at Walla Walla, arrived last night to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Grady of this city.

Miss Ruth Bailey, who is teaching in the primary department of the Island City schools, left last night for Ontario, where she will visit with her folks during the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Tatman, who is attending school at Portland, will return to spend the holidays with home folks.

Lela Pace, who is attending the St. Joseph academy at Pendleton, passed through the city on her way today to Enterprise, where she will spend the holiday season with home folks.

Nellie Stubblefield, India Ault, Judith Marvin and Vernon Corkins passed through the city this morning on their way to Enterprise, where they will make merry with home folks during the holidays. All of the young people are attending the O. A. C. at Corvallis.

Those coming from the University of Oregon today were: Helen Curry, Alice Hill, Mildred Riddle, Gene Good, Janette Wheatly, Russell Ralston and Willard Carpey. Fred Kiddle will arrive tonight as he at-

REBELS RENEW FIGHT AGAINST TAMPICO FORT

WAY PAVED FOR BUTCHERY OF FEDERAL SOLDIERS DEFENDING CITY.

ESCAPE AVENUES WRECKED

Fighting Said to Have Begun Again With Rebel Forces Strongly Reinforced to Renew Fighting Against Tampico—Federal Garrison Will Be at Rebel Mercy if Beaten.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Rebels are advancing on Tampico again after being repulsed some rays ago and being repulsed a few days ago and some reports say that fighting has begun. The war office hasn't heard of it.

Indications are the impending battle will be fiercer than the last one. It is understood the rebels intend to dynamite every avenue of escape from the city and thus, if victorious, will have the federal garrison at their mercy. They cannot evacuate their defenses and join some other federal force. The rebels are strongly re-inforced.

BOHNENKAMP PARLORS READY

Local Man Prepared to Go Into the Undertaking Business.

Hal Bohnenkamp has completed all arrangements for the opening of his undertaking establishment in this city. The casket display will be placed in the Bohnenkamp store and the chapel has been made out of a former residence at Fifth and Spring where a very commodious, modern and attractive bungalow now stands for chapel purposes. Mr. Bohnenkamp is a recent graduate of a Chicago school of undertaking. Mr. Bohnenkamp was graduated from the La Grande high school last year and went immediately to Chicago, where he was schooled in the field of his vocation. He passed the state examination in Oregon a few weeks ago with high standing and is now equipped and schooled for his professional vocation here. "Hal," son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp is La Grande born, La Grande raised and intends to remain in La Grande for 10, these many years to come, and has had the undertaking business as his ambition since he was old enough to form an ambition. His large circle of friends bespeak success for him in his undertaking, for all the quality and equipment that go to make up his business are now at his command.

FLORIST'S WINDOW IS PRETTY.

Excellent Assortment of Christmas Decorations Prove Contrast.

The windows of the La Grande Seed & Floral company present a vivid contrast to the beautiful sheet of white snow that covers the streets. A gorgeous display of poinsettias in all of their red beauty, pretty baskets with potted azalias, Lorraine begonias, and a big assortment of hot house plants that make that place look like a summer garden. Most of the flowers are from the greenhouse.

tended the Sigma Nu banquet at Portland last evening.

From O. A. C.: Miss Maomi Kirtley, Ethel Wright, Zoe Golden, Hilda Anthony, Runa Bacon, Lee Reynolds, and W. Hamilton.

Lillian McDonald has returned from St. Helens for Christmas week. Marjorie Silverthorn returned this morning from Reed college, at Portland for Christmas week.

Union students who passed through were: Paul Crouter, Elwynne Davis, Fern McIntosh, Elsie Casper, Letha Thompson, Myra Wigglesworth from O. A. C. and Miss Eleanor Crouter of Monmouth.

Lloyd Pierce of La Grande, attending O. A. C. stopped in Pendleton for a few days before coming on home for the holidays.

Santa Claus Given Inning

GREAT ALIGNMENT OF FINE PROGRAMS OUT.

Public Tree Christmas

Churches and Lodges Will Give Santa Claus Free Sway in City.

Yuletide is to be observed with marked emphasis in La Grande this year. Nearly every church has something especially good in store, and then the big public Elks' tree on Christmas day is another feature. Santa Claus is to reign supreme much of the week. Christmas programs have been well scattered and there is little conflict anywhere. The Elks' tree will follow a morning of charitable bent for every home in La Grande that is really in need of a Christmas dinner can have it if word is left at the Elks' club. Santa Claus is going to be especially generous to all needy homes in 1913. At the public tree program all children are welcome and small gifts will be bestowed on each. Throughout the city, churches in general have something exceptionally good in store.

Folks Songs Promised.

The main Christmas service in the Lutheran church will be held on the morning of Christmas day at 10:30. The choir is preparing special music and the subject of the sermon will be the "Christmas Message." The children's service will be held on the evening of the 26th at 7:15 p. m. A large number of children are preparing for the program and the choir and congregation will help with the singing. The children's treats will be distributed at the same time. A tree will be decorated and in general Christmas cheer dispensed freely. Upon special request several of the German and Norwegian Christmas folk songs will be sung, as these lose much by translation and a number of the members of the congregation and others are able to understand them in the original language.

Latter Day Saints Active.

The definite program for the Latter Day Saints has not been prepared today, but provides for plenty of amusement and ample Christmas spirit during the week. The Methodist church Sunday school will, in the face of recent strenuous church activity, hold an informal Christmas romp in the basement of the church. There will be two Santa Clauses, three trees, informal Christmas games and bags of candies for each child. All children are invited. There will be no regular program. The romp is to be held Christmas eve.

M. E. Church South Informal. Children will be given Christmas bags and there will be a touch of Methodist church South, Christmas eve. The program is to be informal and impromptu.

Catholics Have Program.

The following musical program will be rendered on the night of the 24-25 at the midnight mass in the Catholic church:

Adeste Fideles.....Novello
Kyrie.....Stehle
Gloria.....Stehle
Credo.....Battman
Hodie Nobis.....Hamma
Sanctus.....Hamma
Benedictus.....Stehle
Agnus Dei.....Stehle
The Christmas sermon will follow the Gloria.

The same program will be rendered at the 10:30 a. m. Mass.
Sopranos—Mrs. James Corbett, Mrs.

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ROUTINE WORK PREVAILS.

Four Prisoners Will Take Christmas Dinners at County Jail.

There is little of interest at the county court house as Christmas draws near. There are but four men in the county jail, three of whom are serving sentences for various offences and one of whom is waiting to be tried on the charge of burglary in a dwelling house. They will have Christmas dinner served in their cells.

County Treasurer Frawley is back in his office after a few days of illness. The county superintendent of schools, Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe and City School Superintendent John Girdler, are busy correcting the examination papers of the 27 applicants for teachers' certificates. This work will consume a goodly part of next week.

Moose Club Opens Tonight.

Beginning tonight the new Moose club will be open evenings until December 24, when day and night service will be installed.

PRESENT YEAR SETS MARK FOR MOST RAINFALL

TWENTY-EIGHT AND A HALF INCHES IS TOTAL SO FAR THIS YEAR.

MARCH, OCTOBER WETTEST

Records for Precipitation Show Dying Year to Have Been the Wettest in History of Local Weather Bureau—October and March Each Set Records.

Sufficient snow to make a white Christmas mantles Union count; likewise it helps make 1913 the wet year on record. It exceeds the record established last, by 13-100 of an inch. These figures are from the books of the official government weather observer, B. A. Benham, for this district. The precipitation for the year 1913 is 28.50 inches. That for last year was 28.37. It will be of interest to those living outside of this favored spot to know that the maximum temperature for the year was 91 and the lowest 9 below zero. There were three days on which the thermometer registered as high as 91. There were but two days on which the temperature fell below zero, namely on the 6th of January, when the coldest day was recorded and one the 11th of February when the instruments recorded 4 below.

The precipitation for the different months was as follows:

January	2.97
February	1.83
March	4.57
June	4.39
August	2.03
September	1.70
November	1.10
October	3.06
December	2.28

The record for March is a new one, never having been equaled before. The record for October is likewise the greatest one in 13 years. As a result of this rainfall little irrigation had to be resorted to. September was an off month this year, having the lightest precipitation of any year on record. Rain came in the month when crops needed it and the abundant harvest of this year is directly due to this abundance of water.

RELIEF COMES TO DENVERITES

STREET CAR TRAFFIC RESUMED THIS MORNING.

Fifty-Five Inches of Snow Have Fallen Since First of Month. Denver, Dec. 20.—Fair and colder weather followed the storm last night. Street car traffic has been resumed and business is going along in the usual routine way. Since December 1st more than 55 inches of snow have fallen here.

PARCELS PILED HIGH.

Solid Carload Packed up out of Portland on No. 18 Yesterday. No. 18 carried a solid car of parcels post matter last night and by the time this train reaches Chicago it will have picked up two cars more. This is the opinion of one of the mail clerks. He declared that all clerks on all of the routes running out of Portland will have to work overtime to handle the immense increase in parcels matter.