

MERGE HOPES ON HIS REPORT

Promoters of Bank Reorganization Now Await Statement From Expert.

SOLVENCY MUST BE PROVED

Purpose Is to Convince Depositors That Oregon Trust's Assets Are Sufficient to Pay All Claims in Due Time.

Further steps toward the merger of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank with the German-American Bank are being delayed pending a report on the assets and liabilities of the suspended institution.

It is expected the report of the expert will be completed this week. If it is as favorable as the officers of the German-American Bank believe it will be, the reorganization scheme will be ready for business in a week or ten days after the report has been filed.

Following the action of the depositors in declaring unconditionally for the merger of the Oregon Trust with the German-American, it was believed that the final obstacle to the success of the scheme had been removed.

Expert Is Disinterested. For that purpose a disinterested expert was employed last week to prepare a detailed statement of the resources of the bank and all claims against it.

Convince Depositors First. Before applying to the court for an order directing the consolidation of the Oregon Trust with the German-American, it will be the purpose of Mr. Reed and his associates first to convince the depositors that the available resources of the suspended bank are adequate to pay a dollar for dollar all claims against it.

TACKLE FINANCIAL BILL

Senators Expected to Air Their Views on Money Matters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—No really important measure has received the sanction of a committee in either house, if the penal code bill is excepted, and even on that measure the work has been done before the beginning of the present session.

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Senator Hale's bill will receive its first attention at the hands of the Senate committee on Naval Affairs during the present week, but it will probably be some time before the measure can be reported to the Senate.

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avoid touching upon the retirement of Admiral Brownson, and if the subject is once opened there is no telling to what extent it may be pursued.

The general question of the reorganization of the Navy is of itself very important, but the addition of the Brownson incident has added much to the general interest in the proposed investigation.

Chairman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriations, will be in his seat Monday morning, and the committee will immediately proceed with the consideration of the proposed bills.

The omnibus bill providing for the codification of the penal laws holds the right of way in both houses. It has passed the consideration in the house for two or three days, and it was given the position of unfinished business on the Senate calendar before the Senate adjourned last Thursday.

The Senate will adjourn again on Thursday, but the House will most likely continue its work until the end of the week.

TARIFFS MUST BE DEFINITE

Interstate Commerce Commission Issues Statement to Roads.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It has been determined by the Interstate Commerce Commission that the statement of rates and fares shall be affirmative and definite. Many tariffs on file previous to May 1, 1908, are being reviewed.

Each carrier that has tariffs containing any of the rules referred to, will, on or before February 1, file with the Commission a statement showing by Interstate Commerce Commission the rates and fares which are to be in effect on or after that date.

LAND OFFICE FORCE SHORT

Commissioner Says Department Is Handicapped in Efficiency.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the General Land Office, has completed his annual report for submission to Congress. He asks an appropriation of \$200,000 to carry on the work of his bureau in the protection of the public lands.

There were 2343 land entries relinquished after the case was in the hands of the special agent for investigation, 583 entries were cancelled after hearings had upon special agents' charges.

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"A \$10,000 BEAUTY" AT THE MARQUAN. Smalls Philbrick, Frank Farrington, Michael Mosley, Fred C. Cutler, Shadrach Lechinski, Murray Simmons, Hoffman Barr, Harry C. Lewis, Mrs. Waldrop Mesdowbrook, Henry Williams, Miss Celia Mavis, M'Le P. F., Miss Marjorie Lake.

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It is an intensely vital drama, constructed by a past-master in the art of melodrama, conditions as they exist in any big town in the United States being so strikingly convincing and the characters are drawn with slight reliance on the dramatist's license.

The story is this: Charles Wainwright, president of a traction company, and Richard Herrigan, political boss, and their satellites, in casting about for a candidate for mayor, elect a young man of wealth and social position who has heretofore been content to live the life of an idler.

The cards are nicely stacked and then the nomination is offered him. The girl beside him, to be a man of affairs, and this is his opportunity. He accepts the nomination and is elected. Then the men who made him mayor in politics, insist on him "making good" in spite of the fact that he has made no promises to do their bidding.

"The White Caps" at the Star. It has come to the point that a notice of the French stock company in a new production at the Star Theater demands repetition of words of praise used in reference to their previous efforts.

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Empty Walls Still Stand. Ruins of Parker Building Have Tied Up Traffic and Closed Subway.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The empty, tottering walls of the burned-out Parker building, rising 150 feet above Fourth avenue, into which they threaten to topple at any moment, have driven all traffic from that section of the busy thoroughfare and tied up the subway service between Fourteenth street and the Grand Central Station at Forty-second street.

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The plot is coherent and not improbable, although the play is rather a farce than a comedy per se. It is full of good laughs and the difficulties in which the actors find themselves are so palpable to the audience that, in spite of a few tears, the joke is always upon them.

The cast is a very creditable achievement. It is a rattling good bill and the production is another exceedingly fine one. "The Other Girl" runs all week.

"The Outlaw" at the Empire. The Empire offers this week a play that is full of opportunities and has some first-rate climaxes, but unfortunately the company presenting "The Texas Outlaw" falls short at times in grasping the opportunities and spoils some situations through not being letter perfect in the lines, and careless rehearsals.

The story portrays the ruined father, whose brave son starts out in the world to redeem the family fortunes, and is engaged to marry the girl of his heart when he shall have succeeded in making a name and fame for himself; then comes the outlaw; who deceives the girl's father into believing that the villain is a gentleman; who escapes a year in prison served by the innocent victim of the plot and final vindication and happiness all around for the deserving, what more is necessary to carry an audience along to real enjoyment.

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Bert Reed's Plain Announcement in Sunday's Papers Brings Results Quicker than He Expected

By 3 o'clock Sunday morning Bert Reed's home telephone was ringing. It was an unusual state of affairs for a quiet Sunday morning. It seems, gentlemen, and his wife from Dallas had spent Saturday looking at pianos in the big retail store of the city and had practically decided on an instrument; they were to let the retailer know Monday which one of two instruments to ship.

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Why it is Good. Our water comes from wells 1400 feet deep. Our barley is selected by a partner in our business—selected from the best that is grown. Most of our hops are Bohemian. Our yeast is produced forever from the same mother cell. 'Tis a yeast that no one can duplicate. That is why Schlitz beer is good. But we spend more on purity—more time, more skill, more money—than on any other cost of our brewing. That is why Schlitz beer is good for you. Ask for the Brewery Bottling. Common beer is sometimes substituted for Schlitz. To avoid being imposed upon, see that the cork or crown is branded. Sherwood & Sherwood, 8 Front Street, Portland.