# CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED IT

### ANTI-SALOON DEMOCRATS TRY TO CAPTURE A CONVENTION.

### Many, However, Were in No Hurry to Leave and Nominated an Alleged Saloon Ticket.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—At a Democratic mass convention called to nominate a ticket to be voted for at the city election to be held December 17, a move was made to nominate a ticket in the interest of the anti-saloon element, which was defeated and the chairman amid some confusion adjourned the meeting. The majority of those present at the meeting remained, and organized an informal convention which proceeded to name a ticket to be nominated by petition, as follows:

Mayor—D. B. Grant; recorder, Milton Berry; treasurer, A. McCallan; councilmen, First Ward, A. H. Pracht and Gus Edlund; Second Ward, D. Applegate; Third Ward, E. A. Hildreth.

The ticket named is understood to be in favor of the licensing of saloons.

### COPPER MINE SOLD.

**California Men Pay $30,000 for a Southern Oregon Property.**

GRANT'S PASS, Dec. 7.—The Lowell copper mine, of Waldo, adjoining the celebrated Waldo, Strong and Cass copper properties, has been sold to San Francisco capitalists for $30,000. This property will be developed and opened up on a large scale.

**Lewis Mines Begin Work.**

The big Lewis hydraulic mines, owned by A. H. Lewis, of Portland, have begun operations, and are working night and day. These mines are situated on Grave Creek, operate three giants with a 450-foot pressure, working blue gravel banks 85 feet in height on the bedrock. The gold is coarse and richly distributed through the dirt from the grass roots down.

**First Quartz Mill in Curry County.**

The first quartz stamp mill in Curry County, one of five stamps, is now being erected on the bank of the Rogue River at the Mule mine, 30 miles below Grant's Pass. The Mule is the property of the Mule Mountain Mining Company. The ledge is 10 to 25 feet in width, and carries values in free gold that average $33 per ton. The mine is opened up to a depth of 200 feet. It is proving a wonder, and makes a bright beginning for Curry County, as a gold quartz mining region, for while the county has been worked as a placer district for the past 35 years, the quartz ledges from which the gold dust is supposed to have washed, have been neglected by the miners.

**Expert Confident Oil Is There.**

BAKER CITY, Dec. 7.—J. W. Brown, an old-time oil expert from Pennsylvania and California, has just returned here from a trip to the Malheur oil district and he says the oil belt is easily traceable for a distance of 60 miles. Mr. Brown says there is no means of telling whether there is oil without boring a well, but from his knowledge of oil lands he is confident that oil will be found in the neighborhood of Vale. Mr. Brown will make extensive locations for a syndicate.

**New Mining Corporation.**

BAKER CITY, Dec. 7.—Articles of incorporation of the Listen Lake Gold Mining Company have been filed with the County Recorder. The capital stock is fixed at $500,000, and the shares at a par value of $10. The incorporators are J. W. Wilson, J. W. Doten and W. C. Baker. The principal place of business is Sumpter.

**Oregon Mining Stock Exchange.**

Yesterday's quotations:

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Adams Mountain | 4⅝ | 5¾ |
| Astoria-Melbourne (Gtd.) | 11½ | 50 |
| Buffalo | 2¾ | 3½ |
| Bronze Monarch | 12⅝ | 15 |
| Copperopolis | 17½ | .... |
| Caribou | 2 | 2⅝ |
| Gold Hill & Bohemia | 9⅝ | 12¼ |
| Huronian | 5⅝ | 6¾ |
| Lost Horse | 2⅞ | 5¾ |
| Oregon-Colorado | 24⅞ | 26¾ |
| Riverside | 3 | 4 |
| Sumpter Consolidated | 2⅞ | 4 |

Sales—
Adams Mountain, 2500 shares at ..... 4½
Bronze Monarch, 2250 shares at ..... 12½
Gold Hill & Bohemia, 1000 shares at .... 10

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were as follows:

| | B. | A. | | B. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am. Boy | 9 | 10 | Morn. Glory | 1¾ | 2 |
| Black Tail | 11¼ | 11¾ | Morrison | 2¾ | 3½ |
| Crystal | 4 | 6¾ | Prin. Maud | 1½ | 2½ |
| Conjecture | 7 | .... | Quilp | 23 | 25½ |
| Deer Trail | 2¾ | 3 | Ram. Car | 56 | 58½ |
| Gold Ledge | 1¾ | 1⅞ | Republic | 4¼ | 5¼ |
| L. P. Surp. | 5¾ | 6½ | Reservation | 3½ | 3¾ |
| L. Dreyfus | 3 | 3½ | Sullivan | 9¾ | 10½ |
| Mtn. Lion | 24 | 27½ | Tom Thumb | 15⅞ | 16½ |

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alta | $0 05 | Mexican | $0 13 |
| Belcher | 2 | Occidental Con | 2 |
| Best & Belcher | 12 | Ophir | 68 |
| Bullion | 2 | Overman | 2 |
| Caledonia | 13 | Potosi | 2 |
| Challenge Con | 8 | Savage | 3 |
| Chollar | 3 | Sierra Nevada | 6 |
| Confidence | 55 | Silver Hill | 29 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 90 | Standard | 3 50 |
| Crown Point | 1 | Union Con | 10 |
| Gould & Curry | 5 | Utah Con | 5 |
| Hale & Norcross | 12 | Yellow Jacket | 5 |
| Justice | 1 | | |

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Con | $0 18 | Little Chief | $0 12 |
| Alice | 45 | Ontario | 9 00 |
| Breece | 75 | Ophir | 64 |
| Brunswick Con | 14 | Phoenix | 6 |
| Comstock T. | 6 | Potosi | 1 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 1 55 | Savage | 3 |
| Deadwood T. | 60 | Sierra Nevada | 5 |
| Horn Silver | 1 90 | Small Hopes | 40 |
| Iron Silver | 60 | Standard | 3 75 |
| Leadville Con | 5 | | |

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Closing quotations:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adventure | $18 00 | Old Dominion | $23 00 |
| Allouez | 4 00 | Osceola | 84 50 |
| Amalgamated | 66 12 | Parrot | 29 00 |
| Baltic | 39 00 | Quincy | 150 00 |
| Bingham | 28 00 | Santa Fe Cop. | 3 50 |
| Cal. & Hecla | 625 00 | Tamarack | 260 00 |
| Centennial | 13 50 | Trimountain | 35 00 |
| Copper Range | 58 ⅝ | Trinity | 12 75 |
| Dominion Coal | 46 25 | United States | 14 00 |
| Franklin | 14 50 | Utah | 20 00 |
| Isle Royale | 20 00 | Victoria | 5 00 |
| Mohawk | 36 00 | Winona | 1 75 |

### THIRD MONTHLY MARKET DAY.

**Pendleton Commercial Club Fixes December 10 as the Date.**

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 7.—The Pendleton Commercial Association announces December 10 as the date for the third monthly market day. It will make an especial effort to have horsebuyers present.

**Anonymous Letter Epidemic.**

Another epidemic of anonymous letter-writing has broken out here. The letters are exceedingly insulting, and are addressed to single men. One man is warned to perform certain acts, upon the penalty of being killed. The idle threats receive no attention. The search for the author of the letter has been renewed by the officers. Some of the letters bear evidence of being sent by school children.

**Police Department Pays Its Way.**

The police department of Pendleton has collected $400 more in fines during the year than it has cost.

**Intoxicated Indian Drowned.**

Tom Jackson, a well-known character from the Umatilla reservation, was found dead in Alcohol Creek, near Pendleton, about 3 o'clock. Jackson had been in town during the day and started home on horseback. The horse returned to the tepee without its rider, and some of the squaws thought something was wrong and started out to look for Jackson. When found the body was submerged in the water, where it had been for several hours. The man apparently fell from his horse, and his head became wedged under a log in the creek. In his drunken condition he was unable to extricate himself.

**Charged With Stealing a Purse.**

Doc Neff, T. W. Bolan, O. Johnson and George Rogers were arrested today, on a charge of stealing a purse from the Schultz brewery. All were held excepting Rogers.

**Van Dusen Inspects Fish Rack.**

Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen inspected the fish rack here today, and found the salmon running freely up the Umatilla River. He is just in from a trip through Eastern Oregon.

**Salary of Recorder Cut.**

The City Council has reduced the salary of the Recorder from $70 to $25 per month.

### RELEASED FROM JAIL.

**Boy Who Turned State's Evidence in Mine Hold-Up.**

BAKER CITY, Dec. 7.—Henry Hanby, one of the men arrested last August, soon after the Red Boy mine hold-up, was released from the County Jail yesterday. His partner, Phil McGinnell, was sent to the penitentiary for a term of six years on his plea of guilty to the charge of highway robbery, in connection with this hold-up. When District Attorney White found that a confession could be secured from Hanby, who is a mere boy, if he was assured immunity from punishment, the proposition was accepted and the young man told the whole story implicating McGinnell and a man by the name of Stewart. It was the intention of the District Attorney to use this confession in the trial of McGinnell but the defendant's attorney found out about it and advised his client to plead guilty.

There is a story in circulation, that the robbers got a large amount of bullion from Messrs. Godfrey and Tabor, when they held them up last Summer, but the fact is that they only got about $120, all the money the gentlemen had with them at the time. The bullion was in a wagon just ahead of Godfrey and Tabor, and the robbers allowed it to pass because they supposed the owners of the mine would have it in their buggy. The bullion was taken to Portland on the train leaving here on the evening of the hold-up. It was carried in an ordinary grip by one of the proprietors of the mine.

Stewart, the other man implicated in the robbery, escaped.

### OREGON-IDAHO Y. M. C. A.

**Second Day of Convention Marked By an Increased Attendance.**

CORVALLIS, Dec. 7.—There was an increased attendance at the sessions of the Oregon-Idaho convention of the Y. M. C. A. today. Those of the morning and afternoon were held in the Oregon Agricultural chapel, and the meeting tonight was in the Methodist Church. At 9 o'clock this morning there was a song service, followed by a devotional quiet hour conducted by A. S. Allen, of Seattle. President McGrew, of Pacific College, Newberg, who had a place on the programme, was absent, and his number was filled by President Poling, of Dallas College. Professor L. A. Kerr, of Willamette University, spoke on "What Course," and Professor Albert R. Sweeter, of Pacific University, discussed "How to Get Men to Take Courses." Other speakers and subjects were: "Work for Individuals," A. S. Allen; "Preparation For," Seth Leavens, Oregon City; "Methods," John Fechter, general secretary, Salem. At 11:15 E. T. Colton, international secretary, of New York, delivered an address.

**New Council Causes a Stir.**

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 7.—The new City Council created something of a stir at its first meeting by refusing to re-elect Superintendent W. H. Sliger, of the water and light system, and by electing a new lot of workmen in all departments. Superintendent Sliger has had entire charge of the city water and light system for two years. Those elected were: W. N. Long, chief engineer; Henry Pierson, assistant engineer; Mrs. Laura L. Nicklin, city collector.

About January 1 the Commercial Club will move into its new quarters, which are being prepared in the Wright block. The new quarters will be elegantly furnished, and have a reception-room, a music-room, billiard, pool, card and reading-rooms, and a couple of bowling alleys.

**Laborer on Flume Drowned.**

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 7.—While working on Farr Bros.' flume, at Goble, yesterday afternoon, Amcy Link, a young man, about 23 years of age, was drowned. He fell from the walk alongside of the flume, striking the dock, which knocked him senseless, and then fell into the river. His body was recovered about two hours later.

**First Heavy Frost of Season.**

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 7.—The first heavy frost of the season visited this section last night. The thermometer registered 29 degrees. No snow has fallen here yet although the Klickitat Mountains, north of The Dalles, were well sprinkled yesterday. The last week's rain have been of inestimable benefit to Wasco County generally.

**Oil-Drilling Outfit.**

BAKER CITY, Dec. 7.—The first regular oil-drilling outfit to be put in operation in Eastern Oregon will be set up near Vale, within a few days. The Hirsch syndicate, of Portland, has just shipped in a complete lot of oil-boring machinery; the boiler is 40-horse-power, and there is steel casing sufficient for several wells.

**Dead From an Overdose of Cedar Oil.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 7.—Miss Perdue, aged 21, is dead at New Westminster, B. C., from an overdose of oil of cedar. She swallowed an ounce, it is supposed by mistake, and died soon afterwards in great agony.

**Forest Grove Hop Sale.**

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 7.—William Moore, of Greenville, today sold his 1900 hop crop, consisting of 13,000 pounds, to Ed Herren, of Salem, at 10 cents.

**Machinery for Creamery.**

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 7.—The machinery for the new creamery at Gales Creek passed through here today.

# HE WILL NOT FLOP AGAIN

### DUBOIS SAYS HE WILL STAY WITH THE DEMOCRATS.

### Denies the Story That He Intends Returning to the Republicans—Extract From Letter.

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—Senator Fred T. Dubois, of Idaho, has written a letter to the Spokesman-Review in which he declares the story recently published to the effect that he intends returning to the Republican party is absolutely false.

"When I left the Republican party," writes Mr. Dubois, "it had ceased to be a representative of the people and had become a willing and subservient agent of corporate greed and wealth. It has grown worse since 1896."

Mr. Dubois then goes on to declare that he is a Democrat, and that he intends to remain such. He says he is in full accord with the Kansas City platform of the Democratic party.

### NINE MEN UNDER ARREST.

**Five Identified as Having Threatened to Wreck O. R. & N. Train.**

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 7.—Nine men, all told, are under arrest in this city on suspicion of complicity in or knowledge of yesterday's train wreck near Celilo. Allison, colored, one of the men arrested and released last night, says he heard threats made against the railroad company by tramps put off a freight train near the scene of the accident. He was taken to Grant by deputies last night, and identified William Cole, Fred Grant, Frank Cole, James Page and Harris Williams as the threatening parties. The five men, together with other hobos found in the same camp, have been brought to this city, and are now lodged in the County Jail. Allison carries detective papers, but will be held until after the examination, which will probably take place Monday.

Frank Chase, the injured fireman, is able to be about. Illness of a brother fireman accounts for his presence on the wrecked train yesterday, out of his regular run.

(The track at the wreck was cleared about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The locomotive, mail car and composite car were too badly damaged to go ahead, but the rest of the train continued on the way East. The work of getting the locomotive up will begin today. The damage to equipment and track is within $3500. It was learned yesterday that some of the tramps under arrest robbed a man at The Dalles Thursday night. They were then arrested, and the stolen property was identified in their possession. But the traveling man who was held up declined to subject himself to the delay that would have been necessary to prosecute his assailants, and they were run out of town.)

### BRUTE IN SOLDIER'S CLOTHES.

**Young Girl at Vancouver Attacked While on Her Way Home.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—The police were notified last night of what appears to have been a deliberate attempt of a soldier, or at least someone wearing a soldier's uniform, to commit a criminal assault upon a young girl. The girl, who is about 15 years of age, and whose name is Denoyer, was in company with a younger brother on her way home. When near the corner of Eighth and West H streets she says a man stepped quickly up behind her, and, throwing his arms about her waist, threw her to the ground. The man then immediately ran away, she says, having doubtless become frightened by the screams of the young girl and the cries for help uttered by the boy. In a few moments a small crowd of people was on the scene, and, after listening to the girl's story, the police were notified and a search made for the guilty party, but without success. The girl says the man wore a soldier's uniform and had followed her and her brother for several blocks.

A similar assault was also reported to have been made last night upon a young married woman, not far from the City Park. The affair has caused considerable excitement among the citizens here, and every effort will be made to run down the the guilty parties.

**Fell From a Railroad Trestle.**

Andrew J. Bigham, of Vancouver, fell from a trestle on the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Railway, on which he was working yesterday, and sustained a fracture of his left arm above the elbow.

### LUMBERMEN MEET.

**It Is Believed Washington Association Will Advance Prices.**

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—The Southwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association met here yesterday and adjourned to meet in Tacoma on or about December 20. No business was transacted at this meeting, it being the desire of this association to hold its meeting immediately after the session of the Pacific Coast Manufacturers' Association. A committee from the Southwest Washington Association will be sent to Tacoma to confer with the Pacific Coast association in regard to uniformity of prices on lumber. It is the general belief that prices on lumber will be advanced. About 40 lumbermen were in attendance from Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and other points. President J. V. Veimeas presided.

### BETTER TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

**Extensive Improvements at North Yakima.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 7.—The Western Union Telegraph Company is preparing to make extensive improvements in the Yakima office. One hundred call boxes will be placed in the business houses, several messenger boys will be employed, and a night service maintained. It is probable that the downtown telegraph office will be moved from its present quarters in the Reed Building to the Hotel Yakima Building. The business of the local office is increasing at a remarkable rate. For the month of October the remittance was between $1200 and $1300, and for November it was between $1500 and $1600.

**Big Month for Homestead Filings.**

Hon. Walter J. Reed, of the North Yakima Land Office, says that more homestead entries were made in the month just closed than in any previous November in the history of the office.

### NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR OF MARSHFIELD.

**JOHN S. COKE, JR.**

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 7.—John S. Coke, Jr., the newly elected Mayor of Marshfield, was born in Morristown, Tenn., 34 years ago. When yet quite young his parents moved to Oregon, locating in Coos County, where they have resided since. He read law in the office of J. W. Bennett, of Marshfield, and later with Whalley, Strahan & Pipes, of Portland, where he also entered the law department of the State University. In politics Mr. Coke was associated with the Democratic party until it adopted the free-silver platform, since when he has affiliated with the Republicans. Mr. Coke takes an active part in lodge matters, and is a prominent member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders. About three years ago he was appointed attorney for the Coos Bay & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company, which position he still holds.


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### FIRST COAL FROM NEHALEM MINE.

**Steamer Brings It to Astoria—Proves to Be Good Fuel.**

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 7.—The first consignment of coal from the mines of the Nehalem Coal Company, at Nehalem, arrived here last evening, on the steamer W. H. Harrison. It was taken from a vein that had been opened but five feet, and the coal had been exposed to the weather for two weeks, but it burned well, giving a good heat, and with very little ashes. The vein from which it was taken was 22 inches at the surface, but by borings is shown to be five feet thick at a depth of 60 feet.

### WHEAT AT FIFTY CENTS.

**One Hundred Thousand Bushels Were Sold in Umatilla County.**

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 7.—Wheat went up to 50 cents per bushel late this afternoon at Pendleton and a number of common points, causing the sale of 100,000 bushels in Umatilla County. The selling movement began at 3:30 o'clock. It is believed that had the 50-cent quotation come earlier in the day, the sales would have been quadrupled.

**Father Desmaris Wins Out.**

BAKER CITY, Dec. 7.—For some time past there has been a controversy between Father Desmaris, the priest in charge of the Catholic Church in this city, and the Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The matter arose over some question of church discipline, and for a time it was a question of whose word was law. It seems that Father Desmaris has won the battle, as an order has been received from the mother superior of the Order of St. Elizabeth at Philadelphia, directing Sister Superior Germain to return to the home hospital. Sister Germain has been at the head of the hospital in this city for about five years. Both sides have presented their side of the case through the local newspapers.

**Move to Corner Raisin Crop.**

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 7.—It is stated on good authority that a moevment is on foot to corner the unsold portion of the raisin crop. The companies comprising the American Raisin Packing Company are said to be the principals in the deal. They now have nearly all the raisins of the California Growers' Association in their hands, and are attempting to secure the outside crops, which have been held by growers in the hope of higher prices. There is a great demand for raisins, and the price has advanced 1 cent, or from 2½ to 3½ cents per pound.

**Another Murder as Result of Feud.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Another Chinese has been murdered as a result of the Wong-Chin family feud in Chinatown. While walking along the street, Gong Get was approached from behind and shot four times in the back, the wounds proving fatal in a short time. The murderer threw away his pistol and ran up the stairs of a near-by house, where he was found by the police. He gave his name as Yee Leon, and has been positively identified by several white persons who witnessed the shooting.

**Insane Man Leaps From Train.**

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—Elwell Millinghouse, traveling from Seattle to Trenton, N. J., in a fit of insanity leaped from a Great Northern car near Oswego, Mont., yesterday, while the train was running 30 miles an hour. He was not seriously hurt and was sent to the insane asylum at Williston, N. D. Millinghouse is the man who caused a panic at the Great Northern depot here last Tuesday by promiscuous shooting.

**Telephone Offices Closed By Court.**

SPOKANE, Dec. 7.—Eighteen of the 20 officers of the Spokane and British Columbia Telephone Company are to be closed by order of the court on petition of Receiver Campbell, who says they do not pay expenses. It was formerly a rival of the Pacific States Company in Eastern Washington. This leaves but two offices open, those in Spokane and in Republic.

**Child Drowned in a Ditch.**

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 7.—Virgil V. Fowler, the 18 months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fowler, who live at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets, fell into the Union ditch this afternoon, and was drowned. The body had floated nearly 100 feet down the stream when it was discovered by the mother, half an hour after the accident happened.

**Salem Fruit Union Assured.**

SALEM, Dec. 7.—The fruitgrowers of this vicinity who are interested in the formation of a local union held an enthusiastic meeting today, but deferred permanent organization of the Salem Fruitgrowers' Union until next Saturday. Forty-one of the requisite 51 shares necessary for organization have been subscribed, which insures the organization of the union.

**Cured Itching and Protruding Piles.**

Mr. Phil Owens of South Omaha, writes: "After suffering two years from an aggravated case of itching and protruding piles, I was cured by a single 50-cent package of the Pyramid Pile Cure, purchased from a local druggist." For sale by all druggists. Little book, "Piles, Causes and Cure," mailed free. Pyramid Drug Company, Marshall, Mich.



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**Well-Known Clark County Farmer.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—Frank M. Falls, a well-known farmer of Clark County, died at his home near Ridgefield last night. The funeral will be held from the Masonic Temple tomorrow under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge, of which he had been a member for many years.

**"Screech Owl of Albany."**

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—The steam launch of W. N. Miller, of this city, has been licensed by the Government under the name of the "Screech Owl of Albany." It has a capacity of about 15 passengers, and will do a general business out of the city.

**Smuggler Sentenced.**

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 7.—Henry Ferguson was today sentenced by Judge Denney, of the Superior Court, to 14 years in the penitentiary. Ferguson was convicted of robbery and smuggling $70,000 worth of opium in five years.

**Lieutenant Hazzard on Sheridan.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Lieutenant Hazzard, of the First Cavalry, who assisted in the capture of Aguinaldo, arrived here today on the Sheridan from Manila. Lieutenant Hazzard is a Washington man.

## FOR CURRENCY REFORM.

**Two Measures of Promise Before Congress.**

St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Although a very long and important stride in the improvement of our National currency was made by the passage of the gold standard law in March, 1900, it still left some radical defects of our currency to be cured by subsequent legislation. Two bills were reported by the banking and currency committee in response to the intelligent business sentiment of the country, which if passed will mark a still farther advance toward a sound currency, although much will still remain to be done to complete the work. One of these is Overstreet's bill, which provides for the redemption of silver dollars in gold coin, and thus remedies a serious weakness of our present system. Under existing law, the parity of silver with gold is maintained by a circuitous and indirect redemption. The silver certificates are receivable in the payment of customs, taxes and other public dues. In performing the same functions as gold in this particular they take the same value as gold. It would be very much simpler and more certain in its operation if all silver dollars or certificates were made redeemable in gold. A further reason for this additional safeguard for the parity of silver and gold is that the position is taken by the silverites that the retroactive feature of the law of 1900 is unconstitutional, and that any future Secretary of the Treasury might order our bonds or the interest thereon to be paid in silver. It is an easy thing to put the parity of silver and gold beyond doubt or danger from any source, and it should be done.

The other measure referred to is Lovering's bill "to make the currency responsive to the varying needs of business at all seasons and in all sections." The volume of our existing greenback and bank note currency is at any given time fixed and inflexible. At certain seasons—when the crops are moving, for example—there is usually a pressing demand for more currency, which ceases after the exigency has passed. The banks cannot increase the volume of their notes without depositing United States bonds as security, and when in due course of trade it returns to their vaults when they have no use for it, they cannot get rid of it without a roundabout process of withdrawing their bonds from the United States Treasury. These processes take so long a time that the exigency would usually have passed before the new notes could be issued, and the capital employed would be idle, for so long as to make any such means of obtaining a temporary increase of the currency not only unprofitable, but a dead loss. Currency based on United States bonds is necessarily inflexible and irresponsive to the varying needs of business.

Mr. Lovering's bill authorizes any National bank, with the sanction of the Controller of the Currency, to issue circulating notes, to be known as guaranteed bank notes, to an amount not exceeding one-fifth the face value of the United States bonds which the bank already has on deposit in the Treasury to secure notes previously issued, and not exceeding 10 per cent of the paid-up capital of the bank. Every bank issuing such notes is required to pay into the Treasury 5 per cent of the guaranteed bank notes. This is to form the "bank-note guaranty fund," to be used for the purpose of paying the guaranteed bank notes of failed banks. A tax of one-half of 1 per cent per annum is to be paid on such notes for such time as they are outstanding, to be added to the guaranty fund. These notes are also a lien upon the assets of the bank. They may be withdrawn from circulation by returning them to the Treasurer for cancellation. Within these narrow limits—that is, to the extent of 10 per cent of its paid-up capital—a bank may, to meet an imperative business demand, increase its circulation, and withdraw the additional notes from circulation when the emergency ceases.

But after three years these issues of guaranteed bank notes may be extended to 20 per cent, and after six years to 40 per cent of the bank's capital. The purpose of the bill is gradually to build up a currency secured both by a guaranty fund in the Treasury, and by the commercial assets of the bank, which, within the limits defined, may be increased or diminished, as business demands or emergencies may require. The bond-secured currency is not disturbed by this bill, but its purpose evidently is to demonstrate by making a plan for a currency secured by a guaranty fund and by the commercial assets of the banks that this flexible currency is in every superior for all business purposes to the bond-secured notes, and as absolutely secure, and thus be prepared eventually to substitute it for the latter when the time comes, as it must soon, when the bonds shall be paid off and can no longer be used as the basis of circulation. The passage of these bills will be the next step forward in the reformation of our currency system.

**Addressing a Letter.**

Quarterly Review.

Bishop Wilberforce used to write letters in railway carriages, and, having dated a letter so written, "Rail, near Reading," the receiver, ignorant alike of his identity and of his habit, directed the reply as follows:

S. Oxon, Esq.,
Rail,
Near Reading.

Nevertheless, the letter was delivered within a post or two at the Bishop's London address, 61 Eaton Place. The envelope was preserved for many years as an example of the perception of the officials of the Postoffice.

The latest distinction conferred on Professor Virchow is his election as honorary president of the Ethnological Society.


# WHAT CAUSES DEAFNESS

**The Principal Cause Is Curable, but Generally Overlooked.**

Many things may cause deafness, and very often it is difficult to trace a cause. Some people inherit deafness.

Acute diseases like scarlet fever sometimes cause deafness. But by far the most common cause of loss of hearing is catarrh of the head and throat.

A prominent specialist on ear troubles gives as his opinion that nine out of 10 cases of deafness are traced to throat troubles. This is probably overstated, but it is certainly true that more than half of all cases of poor hearing were caused by catarrh.

The catarrhal secretion in the nose and throat finds its way into the eustachian tube and by clogging it up very soon affects the hearing, and the hardening of the secretion makes the loss of hearing permanent, unless the catarrh which caused the trouble is cured.

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