

DO NOT FAVOR ALDRICH BILL

Portland Bankers Opposed to Passage of Currency Measure.

A majority of Portland banks are opposed to the passage of the Aldrich currency bill. They believe it contains many extremely objectionable features, has been too hastily framed, and that the country can better afford to wait another session of congress than to have this bill passed. A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank, has objections to the bill but would prefer to have it than no bill at all.

The attitude of the United States National bank is hostile. H. Lea Barnes, vice-president, said:

Against Director Clause.

The Aldrich bill is worse than nothing. It has various objectionable features, and one of the least desirable is the provision that prevents a national bank from making regular loans to a business firm in which one of the bank's directors may be a member. It is the rule of banks to get the best business men in the community on their boards of directors. They do not pay directors' salaries, but expect them to give their time to the bank's affairs. If the bank cannot do a regular line of business with such business men, the result would soon be that banks would have a lot of dummy directors. We favor the provisions of the bill regarding directors' salaries, and also for country banks to carry larger cash reserves.

President C. F. Adams, of the Aldrich Savings and Trust company, said the bill is objectionable but it is the only bill that can pass this session, and it is better than nothing, as it may be a step in the right direction.

Favor a Commission.

J. Frank Watson, president of the Merchants' National, said the Aldrich bill is ill advised at this time, and that some of its provisions are so objectionable that country banks here to carry so large a percent of cash reserves in their vaults, would be detrimental to the country's business interests. He believes congress should appoint a commission to take up the question more wisely, and prepare a suitable bill to be introduced at the next session.

The bill framed by James B. Forgan, president of the Chicago First National, and endorsed by a special committee of the American Bankers' association, is strongly favored by William M. Ladd, of Ladd & Tilton, the largest private bank west of Chicago. He said the Aldrich bill is all right so far as its provisions regarding larger cash reserves, but it does not properly cover the question of circulation. He thinks there are several objectionable features in the Aldrich bill, and that it should not pass even if there is no bill passed at this session.

GOOD TIMES AGAIN PREVAIL IN BUTTE

John F. Forbis, a Butte attorney who owns a farm near Forest Grove, where his family spends the summer, is at the Hotel Portland.

All of the mines in Butte are again running full time and as many men are now employed as at any time in the history of the great copper mining camp. Butte has recovered entirely from the currency famine. Mr. Forbis said last night, "and conditions there are again as good as ever. While many men were out of work for a time, thousands of them are on duty in the 20 or 30 mines in the immediate vicinity of Butte."

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FREE BUS RIDES TO HOTELS MAY SOON END FOR GOOD

The question of abolishing the free bus was again discussed at a meeting of the hotel managers at the Commercial club several days ago. The meeting was called for the purpose of advertising Portland's adequate hotel accommodations and with a view of organizing a permanent hotel men's association. With the exception of the Hotel Portland all other hotels provide free buses to convey their guests to and from the passenger station. Since the Salem electric line has established another station at the foot of Jefferson street the managers have found it impossible to meet all trains and on this account are in favor of doing away with the free bus altogether.

They claim that the operation of the free bus lines cost each of them in the neighborhood of \$250 a month. Seattle and other cities charge for rides to the hotels and the Portland hotel men assert that it is only a matter of time until the big free ride in Portland will be a thing of the past. Among other complaints against the free bus made by the hotel men is the charge that they are frequently "worked." Many a traveler, the hotel men say, takes a bus up town from the station and then goes to a cheaper hotel.

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"While Butte suffered some during the so-called panic the banks paid out cash at all times."

WIFE'S DRINKING IS CAUSE FOR DIVORCE

William Bacon Says He Has to Take Children From Mother.

In the divorce court comes an echo of a case that excited interest in the juvenile court last January. At that time the six children of William and Margaret Bacon were made wards of the court as dependents, and their mother came into the presence of Judge Gantenbein in an intoxicated condition. She was sent to the jail to sober up. Bacon, in suing his wife for divorce, relates the pitiful story of juvenile court experience, and says the children were taken from his wife's care by his request. He asks divorce on the ground of drunkenness and cruelty. They were married in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1900.

W. M. Winans has sued Blanche Winans for divorce on the ground of desertion. They were married in Portland April 11, 1906, and the husband charges that he was deserted about three months later.

PERSONAL

W. D. Plue of Rainier, a cash and door manufacturer, is at the Portland. Sam C. Moxey, who sells whips out of Sidney, Ohio, is at the Portland. Mr. Moxey says the whip business is crackling good.

E. C. Wakefield, chief clerk of the Tacoma hotel at Tacoma, is visiting friends in the city.

H. J. Miller of Aurora, is at the Portland.

W. A. Williams of Forest Grove, is at the Portland.

Dr. C. W. Lowe of Eugene, is at the Imperial on his way home after a visit in La Grande.

L. Minane of Bull Run, is at the Oregon. Miles Standish of San Francisco, is at the Portland.

REGIMENT REVIEWED BY GOVERNOR HUGHES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—Governor Hughes reviewed the Seventy-fourth regiment tonight in the army. The regiment, in full dress, passed in review before the commander-in-chief of the state militia, while a vast audience lined all sides of the drill hall and crowded the galleries to witness the spectacle.

After the review Governor Hughes held a reception in the regimental headquarters, then the governor hurried to the Iroquois hotel for a birthday dinner, as guest of the officers of the regiment.

Earlier in the evening Hughes spoke on the race-track bills pending before the legislature, at the Lawyers' club dinner.

The governor was secluded from the intrusion of newspaper men and others during his stay in the city. His military secretary informed reporters that the governor would give no interview and see no newspaper men while in Buffalo.

ABERDEEN SENDS CHEERUPSKY NEWS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., April 11.—One evidence that times are beginning to improve is the fact that the real estate is beginning to move again and that there is a goodly number of building contracts.

New residences are going up all over the city and a great deal of street improvement is being done. The grading of Broadway and other streets on the hill is employing large forces of men and teams, and while it is causing much temporary inconvenience the work when finished will add greatly to the beauty of that part of the city and to the convenience of the people who live in that section. It is expected that the after Broadway is graded down the slope of town.

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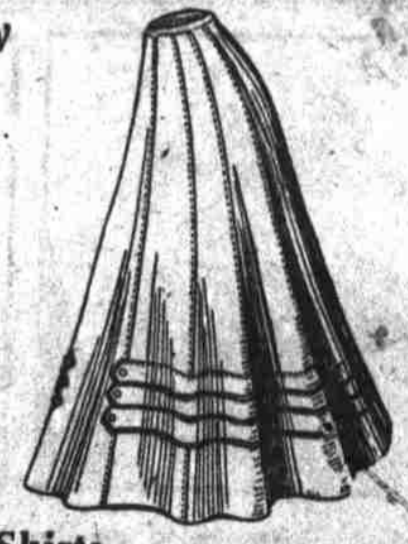
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