

DISBURSEMENT OF WORKING FUND IS FAULT OF SYSTEM

Amount of Depositors' Money National Banks Are Allowed to Keep on Hand Insufficient Is Claim.

Portland, Jan. 26.—To the Editor of the Journal—Under the National Bank act all associations or banks are required to keep on hand a working fund of lawful money called a "reserve." In certain cities designated as "reserve" cities are required to keep a working fund an amount equal to 25 per cent of their deposits and all other banks only 15 per cent. The chief "clearing fault" of our currency system is the disbursement of this working fund.

For redemption of national bank notes national banks are required to maintain in the United States treasury a reserve of lawful money equal to 5 per cent of their circulation and this may be counted as part of the 15 per cent working fund; an additional three-fifths of this working fund may consist of balances due from approved reserve city banks. So with approximately three-fifths of this working fund at Washington and nine-fifths in New York a country bank can comply with the law and have on hand an amount of money equal to only 5 per cent of its deposits which is not enough for the conduct of a normal business. Prior to 1907 speculative competition among banks was carried to the extreme limit and in lieu of reserves established credits were resorted to. In 1907 these credits were withdrawn and the panic was the result. The law is lax in permitting the re-depositing of reserves, but George M. Reynolds is mistaken when he attributes the panic to an amount of deposits that was withdrawn. It is an indictment of bad banking business rather than bad banking laws.

Having exhausted all lawful credit the bankers resorted to unlawful credit by issuing clearing house certificates. Lawful authority cooperated by the legal holiday ruse. The present un- patriotic, senseless and greedy clamor for the privilege of issuing circulating notes or bills of credit is the aftermath of that panic. The stereotyped accusation that "they have no panics in Europe" is simply rot.

Functions of U. S. Treasury.

In our currency system the banks are not burdened with the responsibility of redemption. The 15 per cent which they are or rather should be required to keep on hand is merely a check and draft working fund. The stereotyped accusation that "they have no panics in Europe" is simply rot.

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"His purpose appeals to the head as well as to the heart. It commends itself both from the standpoint of economics and of humanity. It is manifestly our duty (as a personal duty of each of us) to assist a dependant mother to take care of her children and make a home for them," reads in part, a formal argument issued by Mrs. Robert H. Tate, acting president, and Mrs. A. E. Boudin, committee chairman of the Congress of Mothers.

Editorial Comment Cited.

Editorials from newspapers are also quoted from in support of the measure.

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The bill provides that a woman eligible for the aid it provides and entirely dependent on her own labor for support, shall receive \$10 a month for the first and \$7.50 for each additional child under the age of 16. For the woman partially dependent on her own labor is to receive for self and children such sum as, added to income, other than labor, shall be equal to the amount she would receive if entirely dependent on her own labor for support.

Some Exceptions Made.

Children with independent income or who do not live at home are not included in the purposes of the bill. If mothers are negligent or incompetent to administer the aid, another person may be appointed by the juvenile court. The court is given power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses. Any woman who has received aid and who marries, forfeits further aid. The bill applies only to women who reside in the state or who were residents of the state at the time of occurrence entitling them to assistance.

There has been a feeling that the effect and operation of the bill should be carefully studied before its final enactment. It has been suggested that women deserted by their husbands should be included as beneficiaries, also that every care should be taken to provide against propagating pauperism by ill-judged aid.

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SCHWAB CLOSES DEAL INVOLVING MILLIONS



Charles M. Schwab.

(By the International News Service.) The \$100,000,000 deal involving hundreds of millions of dollars has been consummated by Charles M. Schwab, while in France. When asked for details of the deal Mr. Schwab said: "I am not at liberty to give out the details, but the deal is closed and of vast magnitude, involving French, South American and American interests."

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Seattle Skyscraper Progressing Rapidly

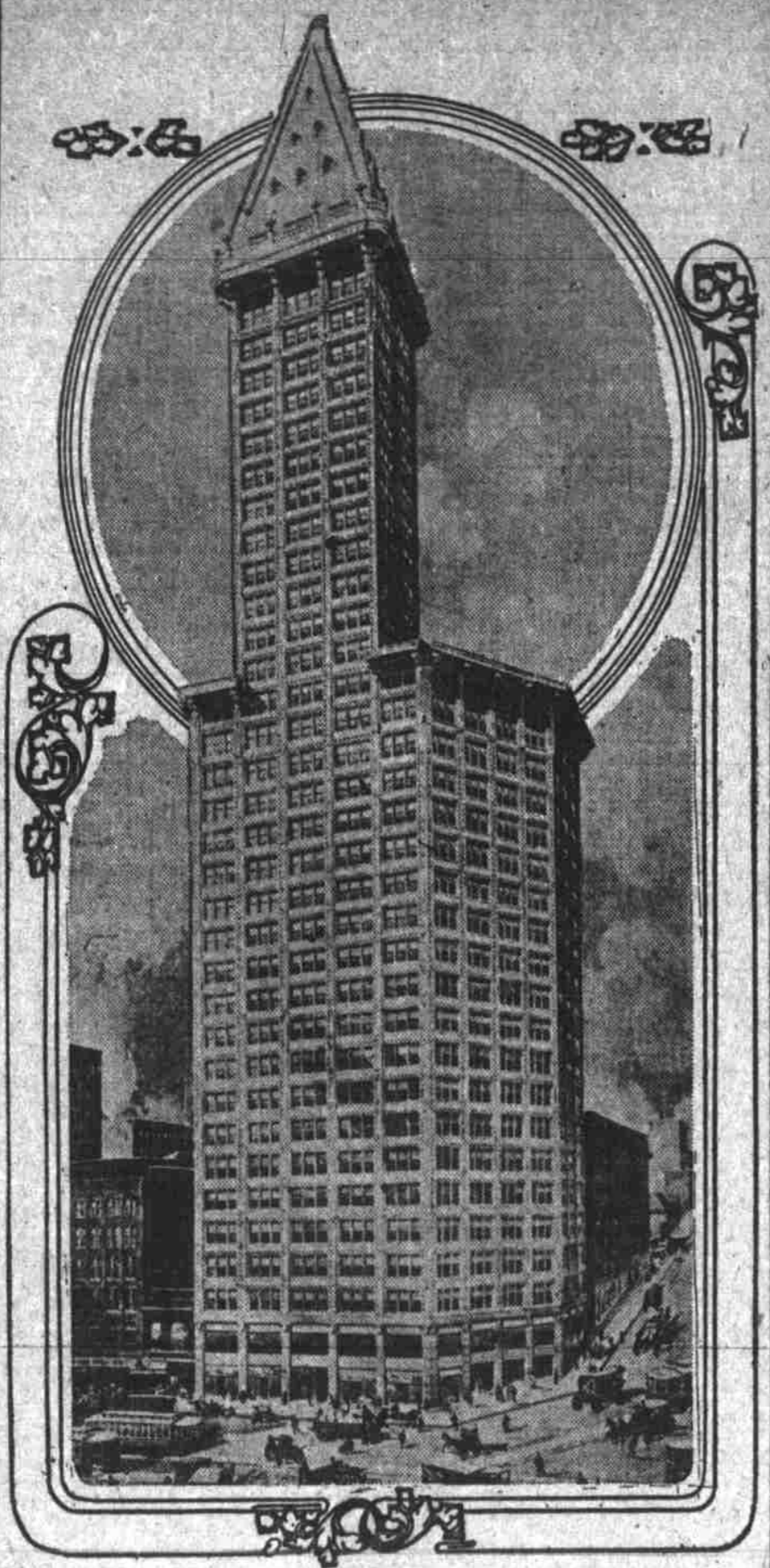


Photo by Frank H. Nowell, Seattle.

Photo of architect's perspective of 42 story Smith building, now under construction in Seattle. The work on this building is progressing very rapidly. Twenty-two stories of steel has already been erected and the tower feature is now under way. This is to be the tallest building west of New York City.

WIDOW'S PENSION MEASURE URGED

Oregon Congress of Mothers Backing Bill; Argument Issued.

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OREGON'S VOTES COST U. S. MOST

Messenger With Presidential Electors' Ballots Travels Nearly 3100 Miles.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Forty-eight ex-curators are now putting the finishing touches on the last presidential election. They come from the nearest and furthest parts of the United States, with expenses paid in a generous manner by Uncle Sam, and each carries with him a packet addressed to "The President of the United States Senate."

Theirs is an important function, although a very pleasant one. They are charged to deliver the certified votes of the various electoral colleges to the presiding officer of the United States senate so that the president-elect may be formally declared "elected" on March Fourth. For this service, Uncle Sam appropriates \$13,922.25 every four years.

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PARIS CASHIER LOSES \$11,000 IN HARD COIN

(By the International News Service.) Paris, Feb. 1.—M. Verbec, a cashier employed by a motor car company, reportedly lost a pocketbook containing \$11,000 in notes and gold, part of the workmen's pay, between the bank and his firm's works at Puteaux, near Paris. When he left the car for a drink at a cafe, he sat on his pocketbook for greater safety. A few minutes after he had driven away he realized that he had forgotten it after all. He returned immediately to the cafe, but there was no sign of the money. M. Verbec stated remorsefully afterwards that he wished he had left the money in the cab.

What might be termed an iceless refrigerator has been invented by an Oregon man, a double-panned chest, between the walls of which is packed salt to protect its contents from surrounding warm air.

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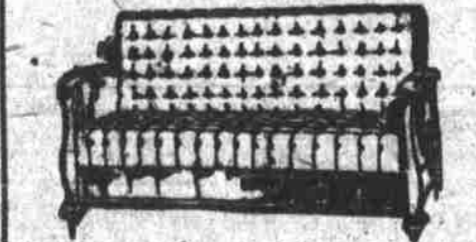
This large comfortable Rocker, made of choice selected quarter sawed oak dull and wax finish, spring seat, upholstered in the highest grade brown Spanish leather. This Rocker sells for \$16.50. Gadsbys' special price \$8.50



Gadsbys' Steel Range \$27.50

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Upholstered in Chase leather, full spring seat and back; oak frame; \$35 value. Gadsbys' special at \$22.50.

Iron Bed Sale



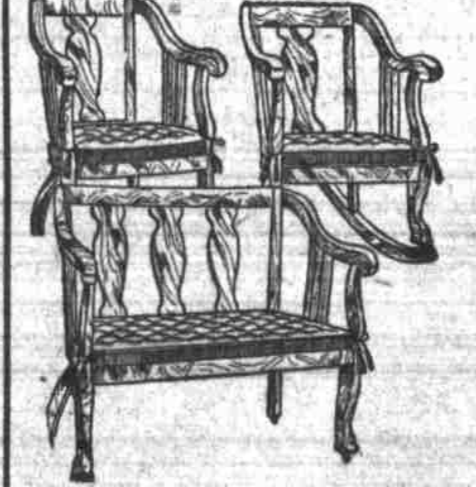
This Bed, Like Cut, \$3.50
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 \$ 4.50 Iron Beds, now... \$ 3.50
 \$ 5.00 Iron Beds, now... \$ 3.75
 \$ 7.00 Iron Beds, now... \$ 5.75
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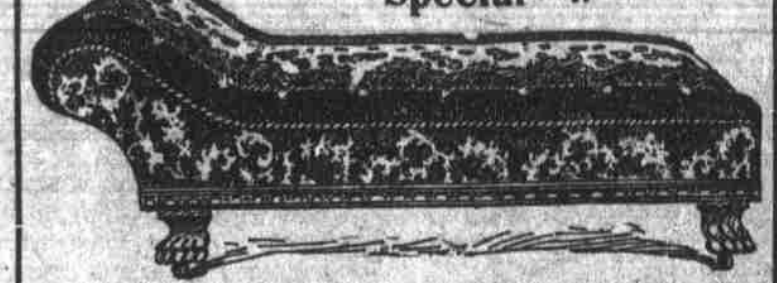
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