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## CURRENCY BILL HAS BECOME LAW

PASSED CONGRESS BY LARGE MAJORITIES

SIGNED BY PRES. WILSON

Both Houses Adjourn till January 12 Following Enactment of Financial Legislation

Washington, Dec. 23.—The democratic currency bill was ready at 1 o'clock this afternoon for President Wilson's signature. It passed the senate at 2:00 o'clock in exactly the same form as accepted by the house last night.

All that remains to be done now for the bill to become a law is the affixing of the president's signature. This will be forthcoming at 6 o'clock, according to announcement from the White House. Democratic senators and congressmen planned to be present at the signing of the measure.

The house met this morning, but marked time all day, awaiting action in the senate on the currency bill. When this was forthcoming the house adjourned at 3:11 until January 12. The senate, after adopting the bill by a vote of 43 to 35, confirmed several presidential nominations and adjourned at 4:01 o'clock for the holidays. It will convene again January 12.

Today's debate in the senate was marked by much bitterness. Senator Bristow said the democrats had played into the hands of the big banking institutions.

"It's exactly what they have wanted all the time," he said. He also denounced Senator Owen of Oklahoma, joint author of the bill with Congressman Glass.

"Senator Owen," he said, "is a stockholder in one of the largest banks in St. Louis. In framing and voting for this bill he merely favored his own interests."

Senator Nelson also bitterly opposed the bill. He was one of the minority members composing the joint committee from the house and senate that considered the bill in conference. Nelson claimed that the minority members had been barred from important conferences.

"The great republican state of Minnesota," he said, "was disfranchised by the democrats so far as a voice in shaping this conference bill was concerned."

Nelson also objected to the elimination of the provision forbidding a director of a member-bank being a director of the federal reserve board.

Several republicans, however, voted for the bill. These included Senators Jones, Norris and Weeks.

Those who voted against the measure were Senators Borah, Bradley, Brady, Brandegee, Bristow, Catron, Clapp, Dillingham, Gallinger, Goff, Gronna, Kenyon, LaFollette, McCumber, Nelson, Page, Perkins, Root, Sherman, Smoot, Sutherland, Townsend, Warren and Works.

During the progress of the debate in the senate, Senator Owen intimated that a bill to guarantee bank deposits would be introduced later. A similar promise was made in the house last night by Majority Leader Underwood.

It was announced at the White House that President Wilson had prepared a memorandum to follow his signature which would explain just how the democrats expected the bill would benefit the country.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo declared this afternoon that his department is flooded with telegrams from banks wishing to become members of the reserve system. He announced that Charter No. 1 will go to the Batavian National Bank of LaCrosse, Wis.

Washington, Dec. 23.—By a vote of 43 to 35 the senate this afternoon adopted the joint conference currency bill.

The bill was expected to reach the

## POMONA GRANGE TO ELECT OFFICERS

WILL MEET IN GRANTS PASS JANUARY 3

MACPHERSON TO LECTURE

Special Representative of State to Europe Will Speak of Rural Credit Systems

The Pomona grange will meet in Grants Pass on Saturday, January 3, at which time will occur the annual election of officers.

In addition to the business meetings, two lectures of more than usual importance will be delivered by Prof. MacPherson, the political economist of the state agricultural college at Corvallis. Prof. MacPherson was the representative of the state of Oregon sent to Europe last year to study the systems of rural credits and conditions there, and his two lectures here will deal with the results of his investigations there. These lectures will be open to the general public.

SHOOTERS GOT TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Despite the falling rain and the darkness of the day, there was a large attendance at the tournament of the shotgun and rifle clubs on the 21st, and fairly good scores were made. About 25 participated in the various events on the shotgun program, there being 15 separate matches of ten targets each, with a turkey, duck or chicken and a merchandise prize in each, and these were pretty well divided among the contestants. For the high-average purses Allen was first with 123 out of a possible 150; Dana, second, 127; Hough, third, 125; Wharton, fourth, 122.

The DuPont trophy was won by Allen, with 91 out of the possible 100 targets that counted on this; Hough being a close second with 90. Other contestants were Dana, 89; Wharton, 88, and Johnston, 87.

Some twenty-five rifle experts participated in the tournament held in conjunction with the shotgun club Sunday, carrying away about twenty turkeys as well as ten other prizes. The prizes for the rifle shoot were put up by the Grants Pass Rifle Club, the contest being made in two divisions, one for target rifles and the other for sporting rifles. H. F. Bailey took the first prize in the first division, with his brother, A. L. Bailey taking first in the sporting rifle division. Wm. Bunch and L. A. Cook took separate prizes in other matches, and the turkeys were well distributed among the other boys.

White House not later than 4 p. m. President Wilson has announced his intention of signing the bill at 6 o'clock sharp.

Washington, Dec. 23.—With the house of representatives last night ratifying the conferees' agreement upon the currency bill by a vote of 298 to 60, and the senate pledged to vote on the measure not later than 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, it seemed certain early today that the bill would be ready for President Wilson's signature before night. The senate met at 10 o'clock this morning with the understanding that consideration of the conferees' report would start immediately. This will allow the various members to debate until 2:30 o'clock, a matter of four and a half hours.

Before the final vote was taken in the house, Representative Glass, chairman of the house banking and currency committee, intimated that the democrats later would introduce a separate bill to provide for guaranty of bank deposits.

The house did not meet until late today and only a handful of members were present. It merely marked

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OFFER STOLEN GOODS BACK TO STORE FOR SALE

About two months ago Lloyd's second-hand store was burglarized and a couple of guns and various other articles were taken. Monday morning a couple of strangers appeared at the same establishment and attempted to sell the two guns that had been previously stolen from it. The police force was notified, and when the men were quizzed they claimed that they had found the articles in a vacant building beyond the brick yard east of town. Officers went with them to the place where they claimed to have found the guns and some other articles of plunder were discovered. As there was no evidence connecting the men with the burglary of the Lloyd store, they were not held.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING WAS A BIG SURPRISE

An announcement that came as a great surprise to the friends of the principals was that of the marriage of Alfred J. Huggert and Estella H. Steiger, both of this city, the happy event having occurred at Chehalis, Washington, on Wednesday, November 26, the day before Thanksgiving.

The bride, who has been in the employ of the Pacific States Telephone Company, in their Grants Pass exchange, was away on a vacation at the time, and on her return resumed her position without making announcement to her associates of the fact that she had taken unto herself a husband.

Mrs. Huggert left this morning to join her husband at Roseburg, where they will make their future home.

MURPHY TEAM IS DEFEATED AT BASKET BALL

The Boys' Club all-star basketball team defeated the Murphy players by a score of 39 to 11. The game was played at the Murphy grange hall, the local players reaching there shortly before eight o'clock. The contest was not so one-sided as the score would indicate, for the Murphy boys having had the advantage of practice on their own floor, which is noted for its slippery surface, thus had a handicap to offset the greater experience of the local basket tossers. Twenty-minute halves were played, with the score 11 to 3 at the end of the first half. Murphy is reported as having the foundation for a very good team, and a regular schedule is being arranged between this team and the local boys' club.

WARD FORTUNE LEFT TO WIFE AND DAUGHTER

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A Montgomery Ward, mail order house head, who died at his home at Highland Park, Ill., recently, left all but \$250,000 of his \$5,000,000 estate to his wife and daughter, Miss Marjorie Ward, according to provisions of his will made public today. The \$250,000 is to be divided among fifteen other relatives.

Ward made no bequests to charity, but provided that if his daughter does not marry, and leaves no will, her share of the estate, estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, reverts to Mrs. Ward, who will use it to establish a home for working girls. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ward, the widow, receives from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 of the estate.

CONGRESSMAN FARR IS SANTA CLAUS TO PAGES

Washington, Dec. 24.—The forty-six pages in the house of representatives were made happy by five-dollar gold pieces which Representative Farr of Pennsylvania handed every one of them today. Farr is proud of the fact that he started life as a newsboy.

BOYS' CLUBS PROVIDE WINTER SPORT SCHEDULE

Gymnasium work at the Coliseum under the Associated Boys' Clubs has now been in progress for some time, scheduled practices of the clubs having begun early in the month. Five clubs form the association this year, totalling about 90 boys of the Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian, Methodist and South Methodist Sunday schools. Great interest is being shown in the work, which is conducted by Scott Hamilton, the physical director.

Each club has certain nights for the use of the building, the exercises beginning with dumb-bell work and parallel bars for about twenty minutes preceding the regular basketball practice.

The schedule of games for the season is now practically complete, and will make up about thirty inter-club contests, each team to meet each of the others three times. These games will begin the latter part of the month, one at least during the holidays, and will continue with two regular contests a week until the schedule is played out, about the first of April. This year, as last, it is planned to play a preliminary contest between the Juniors of the second teams of the clubs represented.

A game is being planned for next week between a picked team from the players now practicing to represent the boys' clubs and a Murphy team at the Murphy hall. Reports say that the Murphy team is composed of husky players who will put up a hot contest, and the local boys are working hard to be in trim.

The schedule of practice nights follows: Christians and Baptists, Monday and Thursdays; Presbyterians and South Methodists, Tuesdays and Fridays; Methodists, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The first regular game of the Boys' Club basketball schedule will be on the evening of Friday, December 26. This contest will be between the Christians and Presbyterians, and will be preceded by a preliminary game by the junior teams of these clubs. Other contests in the association are also billed for the holiday season, the next being between the Methodists and Baptists on the thirty-first, and the third contest between the South Methodists and the Presbyterians on January 2. More interest is being shown at this time of year than was evident at the corresponding time last year, auguring well for a most successful season of winter athletics.

LOS ANGELES FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU OPENS

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The Los Angeles' free employment bureau is open today for registration, six days in advance of the day originally set. The change was made to aid the thousands of unemployed here. No fee is charged work seekers or employers. The bureau was established under municipal ordinance.

"CAMP HOPE" CONVICTS MAKE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 24.—The "Camp Hope" convicts at Joliet prison today sent the Rev. J. W. Whitcomb, of the Episcopal church here, a dining set, a table and chairs made in the penitentiary, as a Christmas gift. A note accompanying announced the gift to be an appreciation of kindnesses shown by the minister to the prisoners while they were engaged in road work near Dixon last summer.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 24.—Refused admission to the army because he was six feet nine inches tall, August Brader, aged 21, took a job in a brick yard instead.

COUNTY CLERK COBURN WEDS MISS HAZEL POLLEY

Eugene Coburn, the debonair, gentlemanly and handsome county clerk of Josephine County, has stood back of the counter and seen many a stammering youth hand over his three plunks and get in return a permit to join the happy throng of benedicts. He has had the same youth, and on occasion some whose youth had vanished in the misty past, take him behind the door and ask that he keep announcement of his approaching happiness out of the newspaper, till it is evident he thought that was part of the game. But there is that look that won't wear off that is always present when Cupid is near, and 'Gene has been wearing the look for several days past. It told the tale to the newspaper sleuth, and he was watching the symptoms. Though the license was issued late Saturday evening, the key turned in the office at the court house immediately after, and the minister cautioned to silence, the joy that was 'Gene's radiated out and made its presence felt.

Miss Hazel Polley, a member of the local teaching corps, was the sweet and winsome bride who had captivated the heart of Mr. Coburn, and the wedding occurred at the Kendall house at 609 A street at 5:45 o'clock Saturday evening. Rev. Wm. R. Jeffrey, Jr., officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Coburn, Miss Blanche Polley, Miss Julia Calahan and O. C. Heinze. After the ceremony the newlyweds left on train No. 16 for Glendale, where they will visit with relatives for a few days, after which they will return to this city and 'Gene will again hand out joy tickets to stammering youths at \$3 a hand.

The Moose band, of which 'Gene Coburn, the recent benedict, was one of the organizers, was out in full force Tuesday evening in search of their straying member, and succeeded in locating him with his bride at the corner of Sixth and B streets, out on an Xmas shopping tour. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn tried to escape the musical well-wishers, but were so laden with housekeeping and Christmas effects that they soon found themselves in the center of the ring formed by the serenaders. The recipients of this "touching" concert pleaded with their captors to leave them to the bliss of their own solitude, but after marching in convoy with the Moose to the Colonial, where they have apartments, it was seen that they were merely as mice in the power of a greedy cat. It seems that this was in the nature of torture, for at the threshold of his own home, and on the verge of freedom, 'Gene was informed that one so fortunate as he should not need a hint before "setting them up" to the "bunch," so the young county clerk, yet in the clutches of those he had tried to foil, proceeded to the nearest confectionery, where he "treated" most handsomely and in the quickest manner possible.

The Moose report that their unrelenting attitude in this matter would have been tempered with mercy if it were not that 'Gene had tried to "slip it over" on them from the first, but as it rankles in the heart to have one of their own number try such methods, he may consider himself lucky that he escaped so easily.

Applegate Couple Wed—

Thomas E. Lewman of Provolet, and Miss Myrtle Lucy York of Wonder, were married in the parlors of the Newman M. E. church, Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock before a few assembled friends. Rev. Wm. R. Jeffrey Jr. officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Lewman will reside on the ranch at Provolet.

## BOND ELECTION IS CALLED OFF

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS INVOLVE THE QUESTION

ACTION BY COUNTY COURT

Election Will Be Again Called When Law Points Are Settled in the Courts

The election that had been set for the 31st of the present month for the purpose of voting on a bond issue of \$225,000 for the building of permanent roads in Josephine county has been called off by the county court, and notice to that effect is given by the county clerk in the Courier today.

The reasons that made it advisable not to hold the election after it had been called are that the Jackson county issue has met with several complications that may require its submission to the supreme court before the bonds will be declared legal, with a chance that a new election might have to be called. It was thought the part of wisdom to await the settlement of these questions before Josephine county went to the expense of an election. The registration complication was also another feature that entered into the matter, and as there will be no great delay in the prosecution of the road work by putting off the election, it was so ordered. It is now probable that the election will be called at the time of primary election next spring.

PRODUCERS FRUIT COMPANY TO HAVE A BRANCH HERE

J. H. Randolph of Medford, Oregon manager of the Fruit Producers Company, was in town Saturday in the interests of his firm. Mr. Randolph states that his company is planning to put in a house in Grants Pass soon after the first of the year, and that if they cannot rent they will build, but they intend to make the establishment permanent. The house will handle all orchard accessories and also will handle farm produce on either cash or commission basis, which should prove most satisfactory to the producers.

SOUTH PACIFIC HOSPITAL SOLD TO GOOD SAMARITAN

On Saturday a deal was closed whereby the Good Samaritan hospital takes over the South Pacific. The patients will be moved at once to the Good Samaritan hospital on Fourth street and the South Pacific will be closed as a hospital. The Good Samaritan will continue in the present location until such time as they are able to obtain larger quarters.

SILVERTON LOSES SUPREME COURT DECISION

Salem, Dec. 24.—Judge Galloway today decided the suit of the state board of health against the city of Silverton in favor of the plaintiff. The suit was brought to restrain that city from emptying its sewage into Silver creek. When the city was inaugurating the new sewer system just completed, it was warned by the board of health not to use the creek as a dumping place, but the city paid no attention to the warning and the suit was brought. Judge Galloway made the restraining order perpetual, and if sustained by the supreme court, probably every city and town in the state using the streams as outlets for their sewers will have to put in septic tanks before allowing sewage to flow into them. Whether this will apply to navigable streams is a matter that will perhaps have to be threshed out later.

Lad Has Broken Arm—

Dr. Smith was called Wednesday to attend young Jack Herriott, son of E. W. Herriott, who had sustained a broken arm while riding. The break was very bad, and will require much attention.