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THE CURRENCY BILL.

Now that the new banking and currency bill has become a law and will be put in operation within a very short time, the duty falls upon the banks and the business interests of the country to carry out the spirit of the law and to give it a square deal and a fair trial. It has been the desire of the president and of congress to enact a law that would come nearest to meeting the needs of the country and would be of the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people. This law affects all interests and all sections of the country alike. The purpose of the administration was not to hurt the banks, but to help them. Banking is among the most important branches of business, if it is not the most important, in the country, and nothing could be gained, either politically or otherwise, by antagonizing the banks. Banking, however, is only one branch of business and it is entitled to no favors from the government that could not be granted to any other branch of business.

The new law imposes no hardships whatever upon the banks, and many of the leading bankers of the country declare unreservedly that it will be of great benefit to the banks. And the fact that practically all of the national banks of New York, Chicago and other big cities, have already decided to operate under the new system, leaves no doubt as to the justice and merits of the law. Putting a new and stronger pair of lines on a high-spirited team of horses is only a precaution suggested by wisdom and experience, and does not mean that the load will be made heavier or that greater speed will be demanded. It means that the team must be kept under control of the driver, and that the driver will regulate the load and speed. So the government must regulate the speed of passengers aboard the ship of state. The bankers of the country now have an opportunity to control the currency and protect the cargo and show the quality of their citizenship, and the measure of their patriotism. The new law may not be all that they might desire nor all that it should be, but if the bankers honestly and earnestly endeavor to work out the best there is in it and to suggest amendments wherever there are defects, the new system will become an unqualified success. No law is perfect as first written and enacted. Furthermore, all laws are compromises and are hammered out of conflicting ideas and opinions. Their flaws are disclosed by the hard blows of business, and their merits are brought to the surface by their application to real conditions and the actual affairs of life. Thus are our laws perfected, and thus it will be with the new currency law, with the new income tax law. All of these laws must be amended from time to time, but during this process of evolution every citizen should feel it his duty to carry out the real spirit of the law and make the best of it. A man who wants to obey the law can find ways of doing it, although the law may be imperfect.

If 1914 proves better for Plattsmouth than 1913 it will have to go some. But then there is nothing like making the effort.

If the boy hasn't smashed about two-thirds of his toys by now he is likely to be in theissy class.

Speaker Clark also predicts a business boom. And Champ is generally right on his predictions.

It is hard to please the people: The man who has to pay no income tax, wishes he had to, while on the opposite hand—you finish it.

Briefly, no pocket is large enough to hold a bottle and a bank book at the same time. And we don't belong to the W. C. T. U., either.

We know of some fellows who are preparing to run for office next fall who won't be able to touch sides, edge or bottom. But they will be wiser after they make the attempt.

An exchange remarks that never before have eggs been so high in price as now. The Wilson species of hens are not laying eggs of the Roosevelt-Taft species, but they lay better eggs.

When a husband gives money to his wife, the assumption in law is that it is a gift, but when a wife gives money to her husband it is a loan. Such is the conclusion of a referee in bankruptcy in Philadelphia.

Some of the women appointed as judges and clerks at elections in Chicago objected to the men smoking and petitioned the board to prohibit smoking at the polls. Thereupon the smokers petitioned against allowing women to officiate who use strong perfumes, stating that the odors of musk and other "balms" made them so sick that they were unable to properly conduct the public business.

Since the meeting of the national republican committee the bull moose element have been holding conventions and saying what they intended doing in the future. In this state at their meeting a resolution was passed that no republican who stayed with his party last presidential election need aspire to office in their party. Evidently our opponents are getting themselves in a worse shape than they were last year.

That was a shocking story of the Harvard professor who, having been made a member of a public utilities commission in Massachusetts, has been found out, and now admits that he has been in the employ of corporations paying him \$833.35 a speech. Such revelations may tend to shake the public confidence in professors as public officials which has of late been one of the most beautiful manifestations in our public life.

The German kaiser put the ban on the tango. It is said that the reason of his recent order forbidding all officers in uniform from dancing it was occasioned by the discovery that the Crown Princess Cecillie was taking lessons in the tango, the one-step and the other ultra-modern dances from an American woman who runs a fashionable dancing academy in Berlin. The crown prince was also getting interested in the new dance and so the kaiser put his foot down on it. Very properly, too.

Yes, of course you will turn over a new leaf and keep it tuned—for a few weeks at least.

A Salina (Kansas) woman who served four months in jail for killing her husband, must now serve one year in the penitentiary for selling liquor.

Those who banded themselves together under the name of "Spugs" have learned by this time that the giving of useless presents at Christmas cannot be prevented. The American people enjoy useless giving the same as they enjoy enforced tipping.

Nearly everyone who knows anything about finances is well pleased with the currency bill. All the big bankers in the country commend the measure as one of the greatest ever enacted, and the people in the great west can soon witness better times to follow. There is no doubt about that.

There seems to be quite a demand for Governor Morehead to consent to run for another term. The governor has hosts of warm friends throughout the state, and while he has made himself very popular as Nebraska's chief executive, we do not believe he can be prevailed upon to run for a re-election. We believe, however, he could easily be re-nominated, and just as easily re-elected.

Factions are not a good thing for a party and it is very unfortunate that they exist to some extent in the democratic party of Nebraska. And right now is the proper time to begin a campaign of harmonization. It must be done if we expect to succeed in the election next fall. The "give and take" policy is the best way to accomplish the work. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

Speaking of the government taking over the telephone and telegraph lines Secretary Redfield says that "the largest trusts have grown too large for efficiency," and expresses doubt of the ability of the United States to handle the proposition with any more efficiency than the private individuals. If the government can handle a proposition like the postoffice department and put it on a basis that the department occupies this year, there need be no hesitation in taking public ownership of telephone and telegraph.

It is really amusing to note how very satisfactory the political situation is to some democrats in Nebraska, and especially those who are greatly anticipating a nice, fat government position. It is not to those whom we direct our remarks, because they do not care, as long as their nests are "well feathered." It is apparently all they are in politics for. It is to the common herd that we appeal for organization and harmonization. They are the ones who do the work and bring forth victory, and not those who have their mitts extended constantly for just what they can obtain.

The death of Jacob V. Wolfe in the south is reported. Thus passes away one of the best known men in Nebraska, and one of considerable ability. Uncle Jake Wolfe was in the fullest sense of the term a good man. The writer first knew Uncle Jake at Spencer, Owen county, Indiana, in 1866, at which time he was publisher of the Owen County Journal, and Uncle Jake was county treasurer. He was then a democrat of the Dan Voorhees order, and took quite an important part in politics. He was popular, and notwithstanding the hot times in those days, he had a manner of getting along with republicans as well as democrats. Peace to his ashes!

Fine winter weather, ain't it?

We hope the passage of the currency bill will have such an effect upon the country as to stop the calamity howlers, especially those who are capable of stopping.

Three terms should be enough for most any man, yet there are some congressmen who want to hold on "like grim death." But haven't they had enough for a simple experiment?

Marriages and divorces in Kansas cost about the same. According to statistics marriages average \$8.50 per m, and divorces \$45 per d.—but there are four times as many m's as d's.

Governor Miller of Delaware defends the whipping post. The whipping post is Delaware's chief claim to fame. A person who deserves whipping at the post is mean enough to deserve hanging outright.

Postmaster General Burleson favors federal aid in improving rural free delivery roads. It might be well to inquire into where these roads are that were exempted from the usual requirement.

The congressmen have got to pay a 1 per cent income tax. It was indeed a great oversight not to provide for their own exemption on this as well as they have on many other matters they are not justly entitled to.

The latest candidate out is W. H. Smith of Seward, who wants the democratic nomination for secretary of state. He has been in the limelight for several years—two times secretary of the senate, and once a member of that body.

When an immigrant stands every other test for admission to this country except the one of literacy, it may be safely concluded that his illiteracy is not his fault, but is due to the conditions from which he is trying to flee.

When some men get a taste of office-holding it seems they never know when to let up until the public sit down on them pretty hard at the polls. And it simply is a question of time when they "get it in the neck" good and plenty.

Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage League, has thought of a new way to make the men mad. She has stated in an interview that Susan B. Anthony would have made a better executive than Abraham Lincoln. The old hessian!

"Public ownership (of telephones) in other countries has not been satisfactory," says Theodore N. Vail, the president of the Bell Telephone trust. If Mr. Vail thinks that private ownership of telephones has been satisfactory in America he is in a distinguished minority.

State Health Inspector W. H. Wilson, who has charge of this bureau, gave out the total number of marriages in Nebraska in 1913 was 12,373, while suits for divorce tallied 2,372, and the number of decrees granted was 1,885. According to this report, Cass county is down for 138 marriages and 9 divorces.

The Wahoo Democrat suggests that if the members of the country press have the nerve to suggest the best men for office on the primary, they will assist materially in minimizing the danger of the nomination of unknown or incompetent candidates. All of which is very true, but it will be a hard matter to accomplish. Primary elections are not the thing, anyway.

MORE CHRISTMAS WEDDING BELLS

Groom Was Born and Reared in This City and the Bride a Lady of Crete.

From Monday's Daily. The following account of the wedding of David George White, formerly of this city, and Miss Gertrude Estelle McKinley of Crete, which occurred in Crete on Christmas day, appeared in the State Journal of yesterday, and the lifelong friends of Mr. White will be greatly pleased to learn of the happy occasion. The bride and groom are here for a few days visiting with the brother and sister of the groom, Arthur White and Mrs. Stanley Kuhns.

Christmas night, December 25, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Grace M. E. church at Crete occurred the marriage of Miss Gertrude Estelle McKinley, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William McKinley, well known residents of that city, to David George White of Missoula, Montana, formerly of Plattsmouth, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. A. White. Several hundred guests were assembled at the church and sharply at 8:30 Mrs. C. C. Duffy sang, "O Promise Me," The "Lohengrin" bridal march, with Miss Mildred Campbell at the pipe organ, followed. The groom and his two best men, Harold Mulligan of Beatrice and Winfield Bresse of Lincoln, entered from the side vestry room to the altar and were met by the Rev. John Calvert, the officiating minister. The bridal party were ushered to the altar by the attendants William Men and Lowney Farrow both of Lincoln. They were followed by the two bridesmaids, the Misses Lily and Dollie McKinley younger sisters of the bride, Miss Cora Whitacre as maid of honor, Mrs. Ed Roehl of Lewiston, Mont., as maiden of honor, and little Miss Eloise McKinley, youngest sister of the bride, as flower girl. The latter carried the ring in a basket of roses and was followed by the bride. Mr. White went forward across the altar to meet the bride, and they passed to the center of the altar, the rest of the party forming a semicircle around the pulpit. The ceremony was impressive and beautiful. After the service the bride and groom left the altar preceded by the flower girl and followed by the other members of the party and the Rev. Mr. Calvert. Mrs. C. C. Duffy sang "I Promised Thee." Congratulations were offered in the church parlors. Punch was served. The bride wore a very simple gown of heavy cream white satin with a long train. The skirt was caught up with a tiny white rhinestone buckle in the front, the waist was white silk chiffon cloth over shadow lace, with long sleeves and a high neck. The only trimming was a very modest edging of rhinestone around the neck and sleeves. She wore a long tulle veil falling out over the train, with a wreath of lilies of the valley wound around her head and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and roses.

Miss McKinley was born and reared in the city of Crete. She was a student of Doane college and she is also well known in Lincoln. Mr. White is a graduate and post graduate of the state university. He is exceptionally well known in university circles and is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. His ushers, attendants and best men were fraternity brothers. Mr. White is at present located at Missoula, Mont., in the government forest service. The couple left Crete Christmas night. They will visit at Mr. White's old home in Plattsmouth a few days, and will be at home in Missoula after January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George Englekemeier returned Sunday from Stanton county, where they visited with relatives during Christmas. August Englekemeier, sr., butchered his porkers Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hill and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hill spent Sunday at the home of Jake Hill and family. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill were Avoca visitors Sunday.

The Maple Grove and Murray wolf hunt Monday was not much of a success. The Maple Grove hunters turned out and drove the wolves to the east for the Murrayites to head off, but the Murray fellows "were not there," so the hunt was unsuccessful.

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