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The Aldrich plan is for a fifty-year-long experiment in mixing politics with finance to find out whether financiers shall be able to develop political skill and whether politicians shall be able to develop financial sagacity, and, whether leading financiers and leading politicians shall be able to combine their talents and so control our elections and our industries. Under the old Aldrichism, many elections were carried by mixing politics with tariff schedules, congressmen being helped to their seats by the tariff beneficiaries, and these congressmen, in their turn, looking out for the interests of these same beneficiaries. And it is quite proper that the new Aldrichism will provide the influence of the National Reserve association to put into office such congressmen as shall suit the leaders of the National Reserve association, and then these congressmen will see that the National Reserve association's original privileges shall be continued, and that new privileges shall be granted. When the power of finance, the most subtle and pervasive and overwhelming of all the artificial forces of modern life, shall be consolidated into a unit of strength, with ramifications throughout the land, our freedom of political action will depend upon the good will of our financial leaders. If today these leaders are beneficently inclined, that is not to say what may be the ambition of tomorrow's leaders.

We can get all the emergency money we need through the establishing of separate reserve associations, each one to have a federal charter subject to improvement by act of congress, as necessity shall arise. The government could control these associations as it does the national banks, and could prevent any political affiliations finding a way in due time to inflict punishment upon wrongdoers. We want no such political bank, with a fifty-year charter, as is proposed by the Aldrich monetary commission.—J. Howard Cowperthwaite, New York, Feb. 14.

**IMPORTANT PATENT DECISION**

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: The supreme court held that the owner of a patent has an unrestricted monopoly upon all articles used in its operation; may fix its price and prescribe its use, and thereby laid down a broad principle of doubtful application to many of the government's important anti-trust suits now pending which involve questions of patent rights. The court stood four to three. Chief Justice White, with whom dissented Justices Lamar and Hughes, in a spirited opinion voiced his dread of the results of the court's work, asking who could foretell the extent of monopoly and wrongful restrictions which would arise. As constructed by the majority of the court, the chief justice declared the patent law could reach out to include within a patent every conceivable thing used in every American household.

The chief justice declared that congress should act to head off "untold evils" which would follow the court's construction of the law and arraigned the majority as having broken all precedents. The court in its history, he said, had never failed to do its duty to the whole people and to stand as the protector of every household.

Justice Lurton who delivered the majority opinion was joined by Justices McKenna, Holmes and Vandevanter.

Attorney General Wickersham and Solicitor General Lehmann heard the decision and regarded it as epoch-making.

During the last two years the department of justice in its prosecu-

tions under the Sherman law, has encountered more and more the question of the rights of patentees. Some officials of the department have predicted that the anti-trust suits of the future would be fought along these lines.

That decision was involved in the case against the electrical trust, now settled in favor of the government.

**A BEST SELLER**

"That fellow is too slick for me. Sold me a lot that was too feet under water. I went around to demand my money back."

"Get it?"

"Get nothing! Then he sold me a second-hand gasoline launch and a copy of 'Venetian Life,' by W. D. Howells."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**THEIR BUSY DAYS**

At the masthead of the Jones County Times—"Is sued every Tuesday and Friday."—Chicago Tribune.

**EASIER**

A Chicago banker was dictating a letter to his stenographer. "Tell Mr. Soandso," he ordered, "that I will meet him in Schenectady."

"How do you spell Schenectady?" asked the stenographer.

"S-c, S-c—er—er—er— Tell him I'll meet him in Albany."—Argonaut.

**A WINNER**

"I told him there were dozens of people right here in town who had never heard of him."

"I guess that took him down a peg or two."

"I guess it didn't. He started right out to find them and borrow money."—Houston Post.

**A DISTINCTION**

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