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**DIFFER ON RESERVE BOARD**

A Washington dispatch, dated March 15 says: Objection to increasing the membership of the Federal Reserve Board with a view to giving agricultural interests representation, as proposed in a bill passed by the Senate, was voiced today by Secretary Mellon at a hearing before the House Banking Committee.

The measure provides that the board shall have eight instead of seven members and stipulates that the President, in making appointments, shall give "due regard to a fair representation" of agriculture as well as commercial and industrial interests. Mr. Mellon contended that the Reserve Board as now constituted was looking after the interests of farmers, and that it was natural that some one on the board would always be interested primarily in credit as it affects farming regions.

He also opposed a suggestion that the Secretary of Agriculture be made an ex officio member of the board, saying that such an increase in membership would have a tendency to make the board unwieldy.

At the hearing Representative Strong, Republican, of Kansas, clashed frequently with the Treasury head. Strong held that commercial and industrial interests were already singled out by the Federal Reserve act for representation on the Governing Board. He contended that it would greatly alleviate discontent among farmers if the Senate bill were enacted.

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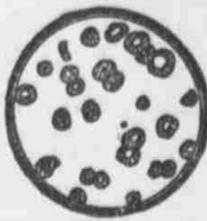
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passage of the measure, saying that it would insure for farmers representation at all times on the board. Governor Harding of the Reserve Board opposed the bill.

**BOOKS RECEIVED**

"Prosperity—The Postal Saving System." A Message. By Charles Dwight Montague, Member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, New York. Room 1934-30 Church Street. Published by Monograph Publishing Corporation, New York.

William F. McCombs, The President Maker. By Maurice F. Lyons, Secretary to Mr. McCombs during the Renomination and Presidential Campaigns of 1911-1912. The Bancroft Company, 301 Mercantile Library Bldg. Cincinnati.

The Philosophy of Creation. The System of Philosophy from the Standpoint of the Christian and of the Word. By Rev. George Henry Dole, Author of Divine Selection, or, The Survival of the Useful, etc. The New-Church Board of Publication, 3 West 29th St., New York.

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