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Washington News

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The Aldrich currency system is near enough to be taken seriously by the country. The Aldrich Monetary commission is holding daily sessions. Banks favorable to the scheme are bringing what pressure they can on the members of both parties to get them to view the Aldrich idea favorably. A million dollar fund is being raised to finance a campaign in support of the proposition.

Ex-Senator Aldrich professes to believe that he will be able to rush a bill inaugurating the "Central Reserve association" through at this session of Congress. The fact his idea is looked upon with disfavor and alarm by the small bankers and the people of the country does not discourage him. He has passed joker-laden tariff bills for the trusts in the past in the very teeth of the opposition of the entire country. Apparently he thinks he can do the same thing with the currency plan, which he feels would be a fitting crowning glory to his achievements as a statesman. But he may be disappointed, as he is reckoning without the progressive Democrats and republicans in both Houses who stand ready to begin a campaign of education of the people to the tremendous menace of the scheme, at the first opportunity that offers.

One feature of the Aldrich currency plan which has been largely overlooked, is so characteristic of the author that it may discredit the whole program. It virtually permits the central reserve association to discount railroads and other corporation securities.

This is one of the concealed jokers in the Aldrich plan. To mislead the public, Mr. Aldrich proposes that the central association, as he calls it, shall discount for banks any commercial paper properly endorsed by the district association to which the bank belongs. In his public discussions he mentions no other form of discounts than commercial paper, but there is in reality this added provision: That the central association shall discount the direct obligation of any bank, upon a certificate from the district association that the bank seeking this discount has deposited with the association, which will be dominated by Wall street banks.

The profits the banks can make on straight commercial paper, which has a value of its own are restricted to legitimate profits. But corporation securities have chiefly a manufactured value, and the Aldrich plan would enable banks loaded down with undigested securities, put out from Wall street, to draw good money from the central association by depositing these securities with the local association. This is distinctly an Aldrichesque proposition.

The only definite thing in President Taft's message to Congress is his attempt to prove that the farcical tobacco trust degree is a most excellent enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. He would make the people believe that the tobacco trust decision practically solves the trust problem. He complacently assumes that this decision is certain at some indefinite period to restore competition, and soften the evils of illegal monopoly if it does not indeed completely eradicate them.

Once again, therefore, the President is found advocating in a message to Congress a cause that is not popular with the people, for

the merest tyro in the study of trusts recognizes the tobacco trust "dissolution" as a victory for that monopoly. That even Wall street so considers it is evidenced by the fact that the securities of the tobacco trust are higher after the "dissolution" than before.

"The 'punishment' inflicted upon the American Tobacco company for being in existence in violation of the law," declares Chairman Stanley of the Steel investigating committee, "is worth hundreds of millions of dollars to that concern. There is not a trust in the United States or in the world which would not give millions to be 'dissolved' as it has been dissolved."

And the President devotes his official message to Congress to an attempt to make it appear that this tobacco trust decision is a great victory for the independent tobacco men and the people!

Estimates of the treasury department for running the government during the next fiscal year, which have just been submitted to Congress, contemplate a saving of \$21,283,921.43, as compared with the amount appropriated for the fiscal year 1911-1912. This is in contrast to past Republican performances. Mark, for instance, the following comparative figures which best tell the story of Republican extravagance: Annual appropriations,

1890	\$340,000,000.
1900	600,000,000.
1909	1,103,387,508.
Per capita cost of running government,	
1890	\$6.00
1900	8.00
1909	12.40

Why have the Republicans suddenly developed symptoms of economy, this particular year reducing their estimates after having regularly increased their expenditures every year for sixteen years? The answer is that the Republican department heads knew extravagant estimates could not pass the scrutiny of the Democratic House.

Notwithstanding their admission that they will be able to get along for twenty-one millions less, there has been no marked complaint from the republican officials that they will be stunted or hampered in their work. The Democratic leaders made it plain at the start that the necessary expenses of the government were to be met as usual, but that all unnecessary items would have to be cut out.

Sheriff Rosseter Surprised.

Mrs. C. A. Rosseter gave a Stag party Friday evening in honor of her husband's thirty-sixth birthday. Thirty-one guests enjoyed the evening playing Five Hundred. The party was a surprise in every way for Mr. Rosseter. In order that he might not accidentally hear of the plans made, he was prevailed upon to accompany Charles Sparks to Carter. Mr. Sparks intended to get back about 8 o'clock but trouble on the home trip delayed them until about eleven. To show their esteem the guests presented Mr. Rosseter with a Thermos bottle and a box of cigars, and Mrs. Rosseter a lovely cut glass bowl. Mr. Cornell made the presentation speech. Mr. Rosseter had to admit that it was one time they "had slipped one over on him" and seemed delighted that they had. A savory three course luncheon was served, Mr. Cumbow, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Jackson assisting. Punch was served throughout the evening. Those present were Messrs. Rosseter, Cumbow, Jackson, Sparks, Morrissey, Walcott, Davenport, Hoenig, Kincaid, Tobien, Cornell, Nicholson, Compton, Hoxey, Jennings, Scott, Noyes, Lamoureaux, Yoerg, Sherman, Meer, Flynn, Bivens, Hornby, Fischer, Howe, Cyphers, Morey, Gaskill, Slonecker and Clark. Mr. Yoerg won the prize for highest score, a neatly bound card club record, and Mr. Scott won the prize on a guessing contest.

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Womans' Improvement Club.

Enthusiasm manifest in the work of this club is already resulting in practical helpfulness. A "Relief Committee" has just been appointed, Mrs. Moon, chairman, and any worthy person making application may receive help in the way of clothing and other necessities donated by the various members. It is hoped that there may be no limit to the sphere of the clubs' usefulness to the community. The next meeting will be held Jan. 4, at the court room.

Miss Eva Hobbs has been recommended for post mistress at Simeon. Orders from Washington state that the office will be discontinued on January 15, and up to this time no word has been received of its reinstatement.

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Wm. B. Dunbar of Cody was here Tuesday evening on business.

Joe Wesley, N. J. Uck and W. F. Parker were up from Wood Lake, Tuesday.

John M. Tucker and Anna E. Faddis were married at Bassett, Nebr., on Saturday, Dec. 9, Judge Morgan officiating.

The county commissioners were in session the first of the week. Appraising school lands occupied most of their time.

Mrs. Mary Shields and daughter returned from Arabia the first of the week where they had been visiting Mrs. Shields brother, M. P. Jordan, and other friends.

G. A. Chapman received word Friday of the death of his oldest sister. He left that night for Onawa, Iowa, to attend the funeral.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13, at one o'clock, in St. John's church, by Rev. W. W. Wells, over the remains of Mrs. Edward Ormisher, Jr., who died on Tuesday morning. A large number of relatives and friends filled the church to pay their last respects to the memory of this young bride of less than a year, and to express by their presence a heartfelt sympathy for the husband thus sadly bereaved.

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