

**CENTRAL BANK OF UNITED STATES**  
OBJECTS OF PROPOSED NEW INSTITUTION

Main Function Will Be to Act as Fiscal Agent of Government.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—Although the plans have not yet been worked out in all details, it is now possible to give a general outline of the proposed Central Bank of the United States, the establishment of which will be recommended to congress by the monetary commission. According to information reaching the United Press, the institution will be essentially a bankers bank. It will not receive the public's deposits or do a general banking business. Its main function will be to act as fiscal agent for the government, and through its large note-issuing capacity limited beyond a certain point by taxation—come to the aid of other national banks in times of emergency. The organized capital of the institution will be \$100,000,000 and the stock will be apportioned among national banks, and perhaps state banks on a capital basis, with a provision prohibiting any bank from acquiring votes exceeding its quota.

The stockholders will elect a board of directors by territorial districts. In addition to this governing board, there will be another board of government directors, comprising leading treasury officials, these to be designated by the president, secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of the currency. If they prove competent, the active bank officers who are to be selected jointly by the boards, will serve for life. The advocates of the institution claim that this will eliminate all policies: The policy of the bank is to be left to the boards of directors. The present plan is for the central bank to handle all government receipts and disbursements, its branches replacing sub-treasuries. It will issue its own notes which will be secured by a large reserve of gold and gilt-edge commercial paper or credit representing the actual transaction of business between solvent concerns. No loans made or discounts will be accepted on bonds, stocks, realty mortgages or any speculative security.

It is said that it will not be the purpose of the bank to make large profits, but rather provide a reserve of credit strength and support to national banks, and any profits that may be made will be divided between the stockholders and the national treasury.

Advocates of the institution claim that it will give the banking system of the country an organization and cohesion which it has always lacked. Instead of entering into competition with banks, it is said that it would be a resource for each institution.

The advocates also claim that because it would manage the operations of the treasury and govern the receipts and disbursements, it would not be a disturbing factor.

Much opposition to the central bank has arisen, it is stated, from the disaster that fell to the old bank of the United States which was conceived by Hamilton and killed by President Jackson.

The advocates point out that the organization of the institution will be entirely different from that scheme and that there is no chance of its meeting with disaster.

**HOLDING WHEAT.**  
Farmers of Alberta Show No Eagerness to Dispose of Grain.  
Calgary, Oct. 6.—Conservative business men of southern Alberta consider that farmers will do well to sell their grain at present prices, which allow excellent profits, but the farmers display no eagerness to dispose of their grain. This is shown by the fact that up to the end of September last year 298 cars of wheat were marketed while for the same period this year only 174 cars passed through the local yards, and this despite the fact that acreage as well as crop is much greater than last year. This year's grain grades much higher than in 1908, when only 50 per cent. of wheat graded 1, 2, 3, while of the 1909 crop 72 per cent. grades 1, 2, and 3. All winter wheat weighs more than standard, the lowest weight being 51, while the highest is 66, with spring wheat 65 pounds to the bushel.

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**CUSTOMS FRAUDS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED**

Importers Who Undervalue Their Invoices Will Be Prosecuted.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 6.—Announcement has just been made here that wholesale prosecution will be made of importers found guilty of defrauding the government by undervaluing their invoices.

With this plan in view, Dr. Franklin Lloyd, assistant to the attorney general of the United States, has come here to assist Chairman Marion Devries of the general board of appraisers in the hearing and the prosecution of the customs frauds that have been under investigation for the last few months.

Several days ago it was announced that the government intended to prosecute criminally T. Shibata for alleged customs frauds and the arrival of the federal prosecuting officer was taken by the importers as a warning of the future purposes of the government. The hearing of local appraisement cases will commence to-day and will be presided over by Chairman Devries. Prosecutor Lloyd will be present and will be apprised of all the details of the undervaluation system, and at the close of the hearing will accompany Devries to the port.

When the appraisement cases on the coast are concluded, the wheels of the wholesale prosecution will be set in motion.

It also has been announced that Special Agent Armstrong, stationed at Yokohama, has been secretly working for months and is in possession of much evidence that will be of assistance to the officers in prosecuting the importers.

**ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE OPIUM IS FRUSTRATED**

Large Importation Found in False Bottomed Chest.

An elaborate attempt to smuggle opium into Victoria was frustrated Tuesday by the Canadian customs officials, who unearthed from an ordinary looking tea chest brought in by Chinese aboard the Blue Funnel liner Keemun between \$2,000 and \$4,000 worth of opium, which has been confiscated.

The Keemun arrived from the Orient on Monday and brought to this port a number of Chinese passengers, whose luggage was held in the customs shed at the outer wharf for examination. Tuesday while the examination was proceeding the officials discovered a chest with a false bottom cleverly constructed, and between the first and second layer of wood was located many carefully packed tins of the drug. Several scores of Chinese watched the uniformed officials at the work intensely, and with no surprise was exhibited by them at the discovery, they all "no saved" anything about it. There was no claimant for the chest, and there was no Chinese who could be induced to give the slightest information as to who owned the chest or how it came to be aboard the vessel at the appraiser's shed. There were about \$2,000 worth of the drug concealed in the box. Another one was later found, since the Chinese government has prohibited the manufacture of opium, the drug has become more valuable, and can only be taken from that country by smuggling it aboard ship. The officials here will for the future take every precaution, and intend to make the most rigid search when the next Oriental boat arrives if it is probable that all goods will be carefully probed as well as a general search made.

**GEORGIA IN FROM CENTRAL AMERICA**

Brings Five Hundred Tons of Freight for Victoria.

The steamer Georgia, 1,778 tons, Canadian-Mexican line, Capt. W. H. Whittle, arrived at the outer wharf on Wednesday from Central America and Mexican ports with 1,500 tons of general cargo for British Columbia ports.

Five hundred tons of general cargo is consigned to Victoria, and consists of general merchandise and case goods. It mostly comes from Europe, but a portion is from Eastern Canada, shipped down the Atlantic side and across the continent on the Tehuantepec railway.

The Georgia sailed from Salina Cruz on September 24th, and made a direct passage to Victoria to rush the Eastern Canadian freight up the coast. She also brought a consignment of cargo from Mexico for Victoria and Vancouver.

Captain Whittle reports a smooth trip made in good time up the coast until reaching Cape Flattery, where a moderate gale was met with. The balance of the voyage, about one thousand tons, is consigned to Vancouver. The Georgia brought no passengers. The captain reports nothing of unusual occurrence in Central America.

—The announcement that Miss Agnes Deans Cameron is to give a third of her most instructive and entertaining lectures here will be hailed with delight by all who have heard her before, and by those who were unable to enjoy either of her former talks. This time the offering is called "Between the Gates of Canada," a description of the journey from Montreal to the western shore, with numerous side-steps en route. This lecture, given unboundedly through the Cheyenne reservation. Confirmation of this rumor was found in the instructions to continue the survey as far west as possible before the winter weather interrupts the work. The annual meeting of stockholders was held yesterday, but they have not made an official statement concerning their plans.

**MAY EXTEND ROAD TO PACIFIC COAST**

Minneapolis & St. Louis Co. Will Continue Work of Surveying Route.

Labeau, S. D., Oct. 6.—A prominent official of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad is authority for the statement that the road will be extended from Labeau to the Pacific coast. This official yesterday started to inspect the route which is being surveyed through the Cheyenne reservation.

**ARE INSPECTING FRENCH CREEK**

SALVATION ARMY OFFICIALS ON ISLAND

Capt. Wakefield and Mr. Adair Left This Morning to Select Land.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
In furtherance of the project entered into jointly by the C.P.R. and the Salvation Army for the settlement of tracts of land on Vancouver Island on the lines of the agreement reached at a recent conference between heads of the Army and R. Marpole, there left on this morning's E. & N. train Capt. Wakefield, of Vancouver, in charge of Salvation Army immigration work in the province, and Edward Adair, who has been entrusted for some years with the immigration work of the Army in Canada. The latter official has been identified with the several colonization projects which the organization has already successfully handled in the Dominion, and is looked upon as an expert in this particular phase of the Army work in the interests of the colonies of the west.

Mr. Wakefield has special knowledge of the sort of land which is best suited for the British immigrant of the type which is proposed to bring to Vancouver Island, and the choice of land will depend much on his report as the result of his present visit.

Some days ago a general survey of the country adjacent to the line of the E. & N. was made by Col. Lamb and his brother officers, and as a result of this inspection an agreement was duly entered into with the C.P.R. The visit of the two officials mentioned just now is for the purpose of making, if possible, a final selection of the land that will be required for the first batch of immigrants.

It is likely that an area in the vicinity of French Creek will be chosen. Some of the land at that point has been already cleared, and as it is comparatively level the task of clearing the remaining portion will not be required will not be difficult. Capt. Wakefield and Mr. Adair will spend several days in the work of inspection before returning to Vancouver and preparing their report to be submitted to headquarters.

Seen this morning before their departure for French Creek, Mr. Adair said to the Times that it was not thought that any great difficulty would lie to prevent the immediate commencement on the carrying out of the scheme. Once the land had been selected from Great Britain, the Army officials in England in their emigration work were in close touch with just the sort of people who would be suitable to the conditions on Vancouver Island.

In fact a party was able to sail for Canada in the spring. Capt. Wakefield anticipated that the first members of the party to be settled on Vancouver Island would reach here next April. He thought that there was an especially favorable period of the year for the newcomers to engage in the work of home-building in a new land, as he understood that the rainy season was about over, and that there would be nothing to prevent the work of land clearing going on from the date of arrival.

**IS SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY IN CONTEMPORARY**

Evening Edition of Colonist Seems Inclined to Back Down.

The Colonist, which is recognized in most circles as the organ of the local government, seems to be in a quandary as to the intention of Premier McBride with respect to appealing to the electorate.

"The public is left rather at sea in the matter by the evening editor of the Colonist. A week ago Monday the following definite information appeared in its columns:

"The feeling seems to be that in the event of agreements being arrived at between the government and Mackenzie and Mann before the end of the year the extension of the Canadian Northern railway into British Columbia, there should be a dissolution of the House so that upon the country expressing its approval no delay need occur in starting the dust flying."—Interview with Premier McBride this morning.

Just one week following the above announcement comes the following in the same paper:

"There is no assurance that Hon. Mr. McBride and his colleagues will go to the country this year. No official, or semi-official announcement has been made to that effect. Therefore the talk heard in different quarters, while it may have some foundation on the principle that 'where there's smoke there is fire,' is based entirely on conjecture."

Those who read these extracts want to know what the evening Colonist means. They believe there is a clear attempt to delude their readers rather than give information. Which of the statements is correct?

**COWBOY AVENGES MURDER OF EMPLOYER**

Kills Murderer and Then Awaits Arrival of Sheriff.

Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 6.—Joe Harris, a cow puncher, who shot and killed Harry Sieber, millionaire cattleman, in 1902, near West Water, Utah, met death in a similar manner at the hands of Joe Pace, another cow puncher, who was one of Sieber's cowboys at the time of his employer's murder, swore to avenge the shooting. He rode into West Water, informed the authorities he had killed Harris, and waited the arrival of the sheriff from Moab, Utah, when he was taken into custody. Harris' body was found about three miles east of West Water at the spot designated by Pace. Harris' horse was grazing near by.

Harris shot and killed Sieber on the latter's ranch near this city. Sieber charged Harris with being a cattle rustler. Harris was arrested and tried for murder, but after a sensational trial obtained his freedom.

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Equal in quality to the well-known pipe-tobacco and specially blended for cigarette smoking.

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**PRETTY WEDDING AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

Mr. Adams of Edmonton and Miss Cooley Joined in Marriage.

In St. James' church, James Bay, a very pretty wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 when Mr. J. Mason Adams, of Edmonton, and Miss Bertha L. Cooley, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Cooley, were united in marriage. The groom is a prominent young business man of the prosperous city of Edmonton, being a druggist by profession. Victoria loses one of its most popular young ladies in Miss Cooley, who will take up her residence in Edmonton.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father and was attended by Miss Muriel Langley. The bride was attired in her travelling costume of chiffon broadcloth of wine shade with hat to match. The bride's maid's gown was of grey with black hat. The groom was supported by Mr. R. George, of this city. Only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were invited to be present, the wedding being a quiet one.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served at the home of the bride's parents, 37 Manziez street. A reception was held to her friends, the reception room being beautifully decorated in green and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams left by the 5 o'clock steamer for Seattle. They will then proceed to Vancouver and thence to their home in Edmonton. Many beautiful presents were received.

**WEDDED TUESDAY NIGHT AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

Mr. Probert, of Agassiz, and Miss Redfern Joined in Wedlock.

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. John's church Tuesday, when the Rev. J. Percival Jenks united in wedlock Miss Alice Maud Redfern, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Redfern, of this city, and Mr. Evan Henry Probert, of Agassiz, B. C. The wedding march was played at the church by Miss Miles in an excellent manner.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very beautiful in a white embroidered net dress over white tulle and a veil with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Eva Burgess, of Vancouver, acted as bridesmaid, and looked very charming in a beautiful white silk dress. Mr. E. Redfern supported the groom.

After the ceremony had been performed a dainty luncheon was served at the residence of the bride's father, 48 St. John street. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with flowers.

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl bracelet, to the bridesmaid a gold and pearl pendant and chain, and to the best man a set of pearl studs.

The young couple, who wears the recipients of many beautiful presents, left on Tuesday's boat for Vancouver. They will make a tour of the Sound cities before returning. They will return to this city again before leaving for Agassiz, where they will in future reside.

—A case of shooting game in the Saanich municipality was heard before Messrs. Quick and Clatborton, justices of the peace Wednesday. The offender was fined and the justice stated that any person caught shooting on the Saanich peninsula again would be more heavily fined.

**BRICKLAYERS' AND MASONS' BANQUET**

First Annual Feast Held at Dominion Hotel Tuesday Night.

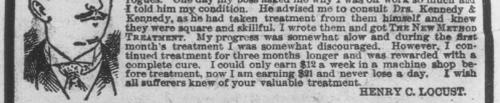
The first banquet of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union was held Thursday at the Dominion hotel, where about a hundred guests sat down to the sumptuous repast designed by Architect Thomas Stephenson, who in preparing the specifications provided excellently for filling the excavations of the guests. Having secured a Manhattan cocktail as the cement of brotherly union, a foundation of Consomme Chiffonade, olives and salted almonds was laid, on which was established the retaining wall of Sookle sausage. Fillet of beef, larded with mushrooms, rack pointed, comprised the ground floor, upon which every one applied for admittance. A jolting high mayonnaise of fresh crab was followed by a superstructure of broiled spring chicken, English bond, with anchors of Dominion potatoes and green peas. The coping was provided by granite ice cream, smooth trolleyed. No. 1 Victoria hard baked crackers, port wine and fruit jelly, stillion cheese and coffee, after which the head joints were supplied in Vino de Pasto sherry. Haut Sauterne, St. Julien beer and cigars.

With the building solidly and soundly constructed to each guest's satisfaction and the smoke from the clear Havana cigar chimneys of the completed building in full blast around the long tables, presiding Brother J. H. Stewart arose and called on J. G. Brown for the toast of "The King." Mr. Brown in a short speech referred to the increasing building activity in Victoria, and spoke of wars and rumors of war. Having briefly referred to the prosperity of the city he called on all to drink to the King. The toast was honored with the National Anthem.

Brother Jones and Brother Dinsdale spoke to the toast of "Our Guests," the former referring to the unity between the contractors and the builders with the contractors in the minority.

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"Heavy work, severe straining and evil habits in youth brought on a double varicocele. When I worked hard the aching would become severe and I was often laid up for a week at a time. My family physician told me an operation was my only hope—but I dreaded it. I tried several specialists, but soon found out all they wanted was my money. I commenced to look upon all doctors as little better than rogues. One day my boss asked me why I was off work so much and I told him my condition. He advised me to consult Dr. Kennedy & Kennedy, as he had taken treatment from them himself and knew they were square and skillful. I wrote them and got THE NEW METHOD TREATMENT. My progress was somewhat slow and during the first month's treatment I was somewhat discouraged. However, I continued treatment for three months longer and was rewarded with a complete cure. I could only earn \$12 a week in a machine shop before treatment, now I am earning \$31 and never lose a day. I wish all sufferers knew of your valuable treatment."

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Mr. J. Parfitt and Bro. A. Raiche spoke to the toast of "The B. and M. I. U.," which was duly honored. There was a long song list which was encored throughout those contributing being Bros. Williams, Brown, McConnell, Cloverdale, the Parfitt brothers, J. B. Brown, McDonald and Owen, Bro. Nixon, Bro. Raiche and F. Parfitt. The gathering broke up about midnight, after a most enjoyable time. The banquet will probably be made an annual affair.

—The James Bay Bible class held a meeting Tuesday in the James Bay Methodist church to consider the report of the committee on the constitution and to put the committee in good working shape. The meeting was well attended, and the feeling manifested augurs well for the coming month. It is understood that the class is going to actively canvass for new members and will challenge the women's Bible class to a membership contest. The class will also appoint committees to welcome strangers to the church at every service. The formation of a girls club is also under consideration.

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