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BANKS MAY MERGE

National City and Union Savings in Alleged Deal.

DETAILS OF PLAN OBSCURE

Stories Current that Control of Both Institutions is Sought with a View to Combination—Officials Reticent, but Admit Negotiations Are Pending—Merger Thought Probable.

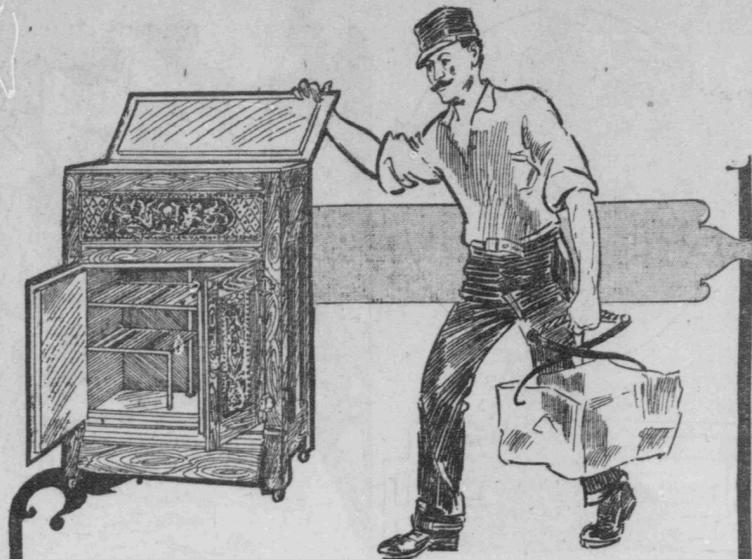
Rumors have been very thick for several days past relative to a possible merger of the National City Bank with the Union Savings Bank. It has been possible to find any day one or more persons who had inside information on the subject, according to their own ideas, but the officials of the banks and persons in a position to be able to state the facts have either said they do not know, or else that some deal was in progress the exact result of which could not be predicted.

Yesterday the various rumors relative to the matter filtered out to a point where it may be stated with some certainty that some definite interests, not publicly known, have made bids for the control of the National City Bank and the Union Savings Bank, with the purpose, it is alleged, of combining the two should the control be sold.

City Bank Gets Offer.
Officials of the National City Bank said yesterday that they had received an offer for the sale of the control in the stock in the bank, but that the offer had not yet been accepted. Officials of the Union Savings Bank, who are the same as those of the Washington Exchange Bank, denied that any offer had been made through them for the City Bank stock, and they denied having any knowledge of transactions leading to that result.

Other bankers, however, state that it is their understanding that the purchase of the control of the National City Bank is under consideration, with fair prospects that the deal will be consummated. No one interviewed yesterday was able to state who the parties were behind the negotiations.

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APPROVE SUNDAY BILLS.

Commissioners Indorse Measures Offered in House and Senate. Commissioner Macfarland yesterday recommended a favorable report on Senate bill No. 3940 and House of Representatives bill No. 1529, requiring certain places of business to be closed on Sunday.

According to the bill it shall be unlawful for any person in the District to sell or offer for sale, or to keep open any place of business for the sale or delivery of any groceries, or meats, or vegetables, or other provisions on Sunday, except that, from June 1 until October 1, meats sold prior to Sunday may be delivered at any time before 10 o'clock in the morning of the day.

G. W. U. ALUMNI BANQUET.

Prominent Men to Speak at Annual Meeting Friday Night. Vice President Fairbanks, Ambassador Nabuco, from Brazil; Justice Van Orsdel, Adam Bede, President Needham, and other prominent men will address the annual meeting and dinner of George Washington University alumni Friday night, at Rauscher's.

At the business meeting at 7:35, reports for the past year will be read and officers elected. The balcony has been reserved for ladies.

BIDS FOR DISTRICT SUPPLIES.

Proposals to Be Printed in Book Form and Submitted. Bids for the general supplies of the District government for 1908 will be published in schedule form to-morrow or Tuesday.

The committee in charge of this work has received 226 bids, including proposals for school supplies, groceries, stationery, boots, shoes, and clothing for the inmates of the various District institutions. The committee consists of M. C. Hargrove, property clerk; Alonzo Tweeddale, auditor; Edward Hesse, chief clerk of the police department; George Wilson, secretary of the Board of Charities; Harry O. Hines, secretary to the board of education; and Daniel E. Gargan, chief clerk of the engineer department.

A committee appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Postmaster General, will act on the report of the committee of District officials.

Mission of Peace Trip.

If Mexico accepts the offer of the United States, the gunboat Albany will carry Ambassador Creel and W. I. Buchanan on their mission of peace to the five Central American republics. The Albany sails on Monday from San Francisco for Salina Cruz.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

- Library of Congress—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on secular days; from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. on Sundays and certain holidays.
- Public Library—Open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; holidays, 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.; Sundays, 2 to 10 p. m.
- Executive Mansion—Open 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- United States Capitol—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- United States Treasury—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- State, War, and Navy Departments—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. (The original Declaration of Independence is in the library of the State Department.)
- United States Patent Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- United States Pension Bureau—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- United States Post-office—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Washington City Post-office—Open all hours. (The Dead Letter Office is in the city post-office.)
- National Botanic Gardens—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
- Post-Commissioner—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- Army Medical Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- National Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).
- Smithsonian Institution—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays).
- Agricultural Department—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Open 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
- Washington Monument (366 feet in height)—Open 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (Elevator runs from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m.)
- Corcoran Gallery of Art—Open 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. in winter; 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. in summer. Sundays, 12:30 p. m. to 3 p. m., excepting in mid-summer. Admission free on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; other days, 25c admission.
- Government Printing Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- Navy Yard—Open 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.
- Southworth Cottage, 38th st. and Prospect ave. IN THE SUBURBS.
- Zoological Park—Open all day.
- Rock Creek Bridge and Park.
- Cherry Chase, Kensington, and Chesapeake Beach.
- Navy Observatory—Open 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Mount Vernon (the home and tomb of Washington)—Open 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- Arlington National Cemetery—Open all day.
- Fort Myer Military Post.
- Falls Church and Fairfax Court House.
- United States Soldiers' Home—Open 9 a. m. to sunset.
- Cathedral Grounds, Tenallytown road—Open 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.
- Cabin John Bridge, Catholic University, and Alexandria.
- Great Falls of the Potomac.

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EASTER GREETINGS TO School Children

Next Monday—Easter Monday—there will be a great celebration at Randle Highlands. All sorts of amusements for young and old, Easter eggs in great numbers will be hidden in the shrubbery and grass. Whoever finds the eggs will be the owner, and those finding eggs marked "Pet Rabbit" or "Guinea Pig" will be presented with a Rabbit or Guinea Pig, as indicated. Everything has been arranged for the comfort of the children and their parents. The parents are especially invited to come with the children and enjoy this day of recreation and pleasure.

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REMEMBER, the grand hunt for eggs, pet rabbits, &c., will begin at 1 o'clock and continue until 4, during which time a band will make the air ring with patriotic airs.

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