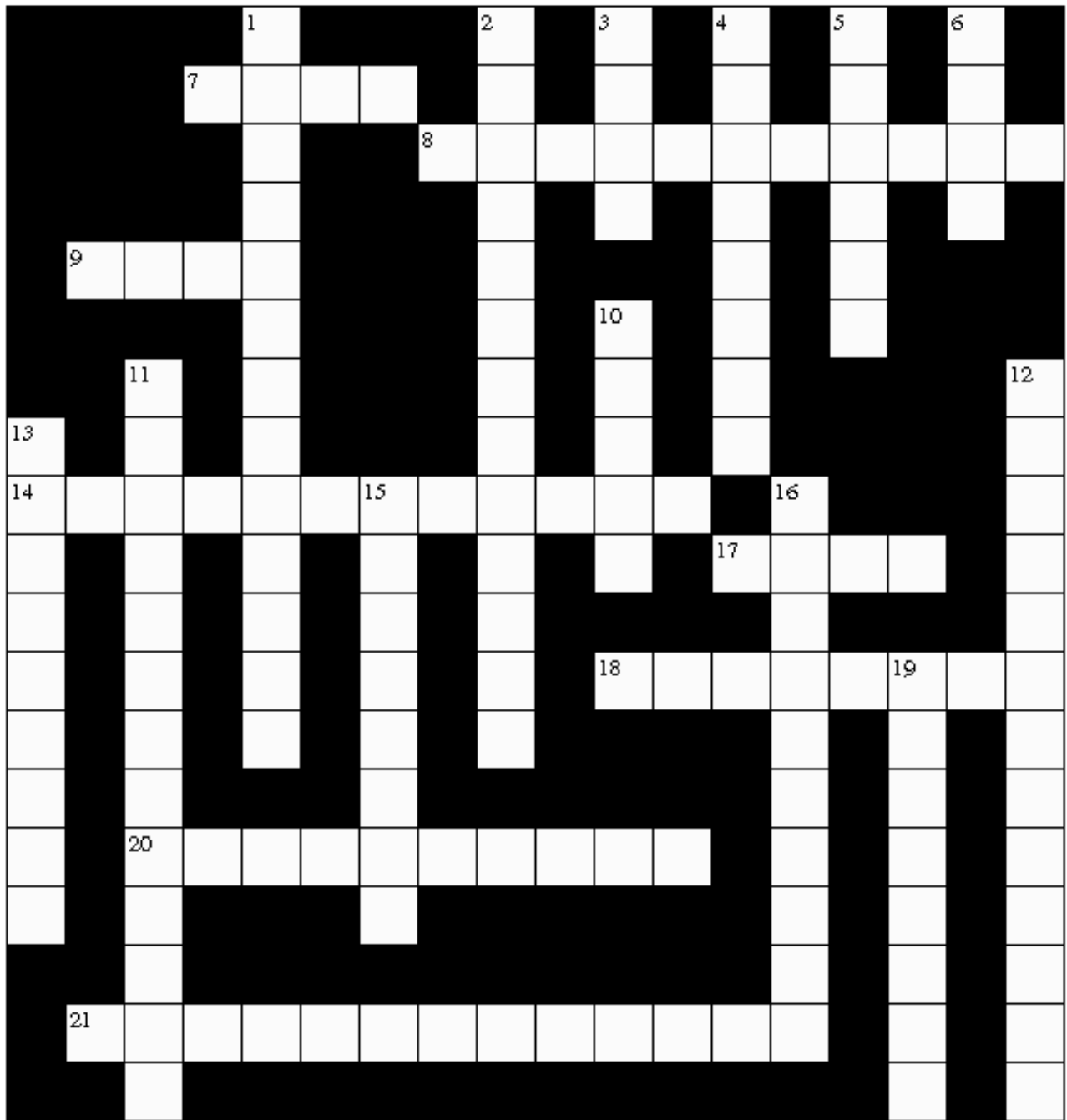


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Wednesday of this week, everyone was “wearing of the green.” But the Irish here and in Ireland have had much to do with banking, no matter what the color of money. This week’s puzzle concerns bankers, banks, money, and more, with the accent on connections to Ireland. There’s even a bit of Irish slang, plus a few cultural references with a monetary accent.

Fax your completed first page of this puzzle, with name, bank, title, and e-mail, by 5 PM, March 24, to 212-633-1165, to participate in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon certificate. Good luck! scocheo@sbsub.com

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ACROSS

7. "_____ Holiday Monday" comes four times a year in Ireland. It's the first Monday in May, June, and August, and the last one in October.
8. Community bank by in Malad, Idaho, was actually named for a senior member of its board of directors by this name, and not for the country inspiring this puzzle.
9. Currency of Republic of Ireland.
14. A classical big-name financier, his last name graces a major bank in a city known for steel.
17. Traditional symbol of the Irish strikes a different tone than the shamrock.
18. Family, known for a thick, brown drink of Ireland, not only bred brewers, but also financiers and missionaries. Their story was told in a book titled: The _____ Spirit: Brewers, Bankers, Ministers, and Missionaries. You might say they "hold a record."
20. N.J.'s since-merged Interchange Bank, of Saddle Brook, would seem to have been inspired by this lucky, Irish-sounding traffic pattern. Actually, some say the four-leaved variety of this has nothing to do with the meaning of the true shamrock.
21. Though known as a political kingmaker, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, financier, and even moviemaker, in a sense, he started as a Massachusetts bank examiner, according to Wikipedia.

DOWN

1. We say "B of A," they might say, "B of I."
2. In Irish rhyming slang, this two-word phrase refers to money, possibly a play on "shillings." (Hint: Flintstone's buddy plus famous old TV lawman.)
3. Though most of the world got off it, leprechauns of legend still hew to this shining standard.
4. Title of traditional Irish lament also happens to be Irish slang for 20 pounds of money.
5. Two commercial banks grace this Texas town named for a key Irish city.
6. Translating to "pound," this coin was the official currency of the Republic of Ireland until replaced by a more international currency. The coin was graced by a picture of an Irish elk.
10. Father-and-son banking team of mid-America, known once for an "uncommon partnership," but they eventually saw One get lost in the Chase.
11. Irish-American nicknamed for an aged hardwood who fought the Second Bank of the United States and wound up on legal tender backed by the White House.
12. Currency of Northern Ireland.
13. U.S. banking company partly held by Allied Irish Banks.
15. Pennsylvania banker and also congressman and chairman of the House Banking Committee gave his Irish last name to this 1920s act that addressed bank branching.
16. Major league New York banker John McGillicuddy once headed bank by this rhyming, merged-away nickname.
19. Irish-named credit columnist for www.ababj.com.