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FINANCING OF TWO WARS.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The expense of the Boer war is a sore subject with the British taxpayer, and is the one question of large interest now under discussion in the British parliament. To meet the extraordinary expenses of that war extraordinary and unprecedented taxation has been resorted to, a heavy increase has been made in the national debt, interest charges have advanced and the government indentures have seriously shrunk in price.

The British government has had almost as many and as grave difficulties in financing its war as it had in conducting its military operations. And yet Great Britain is among the richest nations in the world, being second only to the United States. During the past few years the United States has conducted a war with a European power, into which it was hurried entirely unprepared. It had to improvise a great army, a fleet of transports on two oceans an auxiliary navy and an army staff. It successfully conducted that war, breaking the power of its adversary in a few months. It has closed military operations in the Philippines, conducted under circumstances every whit as difficult as those encountered in South Africa, and against a far more numerous, enrolling and mustering out three several armies during the continuance of the war.

Yet the United States comes out of this embolment or series of embolments not only with an unimpaired credit but with its national finances in very much better shape than they were when the last Democratic administration went out of power. The financing of the Spanish war and the war in the Philippines was accomplished with the same skill as the movement of the armies in the field. At the present time the interest charges paid by this country annually upon the bonded indebtedness are about \$50,000,000 less than they were when the Cleveland administration went out of office. This saving in interest charges has been effected by refunding the outstanding bonds into other bearing a lower rate of interest.

This government conducted its military and naval operations almost entirely upon its ordinary income, collected in great part through customs revenue, which not only brought great sums into the federal treasury, but aided largely in building up American industry. The people of the country came out of the war richer and more prosperous than when they went into it; and the federal taxation rests upon them so lightly that it is hardly borne home on the average individual that he is called upon to pay any part of the expenses of the national government. The manner in which the national finances have been directed during the past four years has been the admiration and despair of European statesmen, who are always face to face with a deficit and who scarcely know where they can turn to impose new taxes without exciting a popular clamor which might wreck the government.

THE WORKINGMAN'S INTEREST.

One noteworthy feature of the labor troubles that have occurred during the past three months is the absence of material differences of opinion as to wage scales. The strikes now on, in which from 55,000 to 100,000 workmen are involved, hinge upon the demand of the iron and steel workers that all of the shops and factories of the United States Steel corporation be unionized. In the case of the machinists' strike that

has been in progress since May 30 the wage scale was complicated with a demand for a shorter day, but the real bone of contention was upon the refusal of the machinists to arbitrate the dispute.

The natural inference drawn from this fact is that the skilled workmen are now asserting what they are willing to concede to be a fair return for their labor, and this in spite of the fact that the cost of living has materially increased since the first election of President McKinley. In a recent issue of Dun's Review was printed a statistical table covering the cost of 50 commodities, with quantities of each taken according to the per capita consumption, compared with the prices of the same articles prior to the election last November. It was found that the level of prices had advanced 4 per cent. When the comparison was made with prices in 1896 it was shown that the cost of living had increased 30 per cent.

But wages have also advanced 12 1/2 per cent. The limit of horror under death conditions have been reached in Chicago, where thirty-two breweries have been tied up by a strike. Dr. George Ewing, a practicing physician of Smith's Grove, Ky., for over thirty years, writes his personal experience with Foley's Kidney Cure.

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It will bring relief to sufferers from asthma or consumption, even in the worst cases. This is about what one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar costs. Isn't it worth a trial? Hart's Drug Store.

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Stories of the Hour

WITCHCRAFT IN THE SOUTH.

Hears that Terrify the Mountain Folk of North Carolina.

To speak of witchcraft in this twentieth century seems a mingling of irreconcilable terms. Yet today in the mountains of North Carolina there is a district peopled exclusively by native Americans which is as much a hold-over of the Salem hangings, there aged lags, who have fostered for themselves a reputation of mystery and terror, hold entire communities in subjection, waving spells and charms, blighting with the evil eye, and compounding poisons of strange ingredients.

The best known of these is called Old Nance, but only in whispers, and it is by no means certain to the countryside that she does not hear the whispers, so most people prefer the safe side and refer to her as Mother Nance. Five thousand feet high in the mountains of Macon county, among the rocess of the buzzards, her cabin clings to a wind-beaten ledge of rocks, overhanging an abyss. No road leads thither.

After considerable effort the writer found a young woodsman who agreed to accompany him on the road to Old Nance's, but after some six miles of the hardest kind of tramping, from the nearest point of the roadway, the youth lost his courage and refused to go any further.

"You can't miss it now," he said, standing fearfully up the mountainside. "It isn't more than half a mile. There's the ledge of rock, if you sure you want to go. Don't blame me if your friends don't recognize you when you come back—if you ever do get back." he concluded with a stifling sob.

It was with a somewhat daunted spirit that the writer proceeded, and presently came abruptly upon a small one-roomed log shack without a window or chimney. Outside a very old woman was stirring something in an iron pot hung over a fire. She was bowed down with age and bilious with wrinkles and grime, and her little eyes were bright and evil. At the sound of a stranger's footsteps she whirled around with a stiffness that was uncannily out of keeping with her apparent decrepitude, and after a moment's study of the writer's face, spoke in a cracked and accented and hoarse voice that it was hard to make out her meaning.

"Ter kin some it?" Assuming the meaning of this to be: "You know something that has brought you up here," the writer replied. "No, mother, I came to hear something that you know at the same time producing a silver dollar." With the swiftness of a snake she darted forward, snatching the coin and hid it in her bosom.

"The kin kin for water," she started. "The first of the water, something to do with something, something the days that are a week." She spat suddenly, and with the edge of the rock in her eye. "You can't miss it now," she said. "You'll go back to bed."

"I don't consider polite to drink alone," I said to the witch. "After you." With a snarl of rage she dashed the bowl to the ground, dashed into her cabin and barred the door. This seemed to indicate that the audience was over. The writer returned to the village whence he had started and was welcomed as one from the dead. Also he learned many tales of the witch, some of which were so specifically corroborated by witnesses to the fact that it was difficult to believe them and impossible to believe that the natives had anything but the fullest faith in them. Here is one: A woman had a daughter that was in love with a South Carolina youth who the mother hated because he came from another state, a quite sufficient reason in that region. As the girl threatened to elope, the mother took her to Old Nance. Now for some reason possibly connected with an evil or unfortunate past, the witch hated all marriages, and will do anything to thwart one. By her orders the trembling girl was left with her. The witch, according to the story told afterward by the girl, serged a turpin, which she gave to the girl to eat. Hardly had the girl tasted it when her nose began to pain her, and soon it had grown far around under her cheek, almost to her ear. She was taken home and now comes the strange part, for there are scores of people in the town who are ready to swear that they saw the hideously distorted organ. Her lover deserted her, between disgust, ridicule and horror. Again she was taken to the witch, and this time she willingly of the serged turpin, whereupon her nose returned to its normal shape and position. But the witch warned her if she ever tried to marry the same misbegotten would befall her again.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD.

Table with columns: LEAVE, PORTLAND, ASTORIA, SEASIDE DIVISION. Includes train numbers and times for various routes.

WHITE COLLAR LINE

Table for White Collar Line showing routes between Portland and Astoria, including time cards and fare information.

THE DALLES-PORTLAND ROUTE

Table for Dalles-Portland Route showing routes, time cards, and meal information.

O.R.&N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC

Table for O.R.&N. showing routes, time schedules, and departure/arrival times.

Notice for publication. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, May 29, 1901. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 2, 1878, entitled 'An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory,' an extended list of all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, William W. Pope, of Olney, County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 5271, for the purchase of lot 4, sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 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Administrators Notice. Notes is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Thos. O'Connor, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to him duly verified according to law, within six months from this date. A. J. KAPFKE, Administrator of the Estate of Thos. O'Connor, Deceased.