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PAYING OFF THE DEBT.

A good deal of debt paying by the government is under way, unknown to the country. The treasury had a large surplus throughout 1901, but it was kept down by the process of buying interest-bearing bonds and canceling them, thus extinguishing a corresponding amount of debt. The government's income exceeded its ordinary outgo in the callendar year 1901 to the extent of about $100,000,000. To store this big sum of extra cash in the treasury in such a period of business activity would send the rates for money up to exorbitant figures and be a serious menace to the trade. Secretary Gage avoided this peril by paying out large sums for bonds not yet due, thus reducing the government's obligations.

From the beginning of April, 1901, to the end of December the par value of the bonds bought by Secretary Gage was, in round figures, $79,000,000, and to purchase these he had to pay out $72,000,000, on account of the big premium which bonds bear at the present time. The debt was thus cut down $59,000,000 and the surplus was reduced $72,000,000. A monetary stringency was averted in this way, and at the same time the people's debt burdens were reduced. The amount of the cash in the treasury is kept at a figure which makes the government master of the situation, so far as regards its ability to meet all sorts of demands which can be made upon it at any time, while an abundance of money is left in trade channels to meet the necessities of an active and constantly increasing business all over the country.

Naturally the cash in the hands of the people has increased to a large extent in the past few years. The mints are busy, and in most years the country gets from the outside world more gold than it gives up. The circulation on March 1, 1897, three days before the Republican party entered power, was $1,673,634,057, and this sum was expanded to $2,250,256,239 at the beginning of December, 1901. This increase was far faster than has been the growth in population. The per capita circulation at the earlier date was $23.14, while it was $28.73 at the latter time, seven weeks ago. Of course the circulation is even greater than this now, for the treasury disbursements and the activity of the mints amount to several times the loss of money which has been occasioned by the recent gold exportation. This is a condition on which the country can felicitate itself. At the same time the steady increase of the government's income over its outgo is an unnatural condition, which congress would do well to end as soon as possible. Both the president and the secretary of the treasury have called the attention of congress to the necessity for the reduction of the revenues. Secretary Gage has shown the reasons for this in an effective way. Representative Bartholdt has introduced a bill for the abolition of the remainder of the war revenue act of 1898, which is meeting the favor of the Republican leaders in the house and which is championed by many prominent newspapers, Republican and Democrat. Bond buying is one way to keep down the treasury surplus, but a wiser course would be to keep down the surplus by reducing taxation.

It is rather doubtful if Representative Lovering's bill providing for a salary of $25,000 to be paid all ex-presidents of the United States during life meets with much favor among the national law-makers or with the country at large. It is true that such a law would not be likely even to make very heavy drafts on the treasury, for we have rarely had more than one or two ex-presidents living at the same time. And there is really very little in the argument that after one or more terms as chief executive of the nation a man finds it difficult to resume his former profession or business without some sacrifice of dignity. President Cleveland did it, however, with marked success, and President Harrison managed in the interval between his retirement from the White House and his death—about eight years—to amass the bulk of a very comfortable fortune. In fact, the prestige attached to him as a former president of the United States enabled him to earn one fee as an attorney considerably larger than the aggregate of his salary for four years. Of course, the various and constant calls on a president's purse do not, as a general thing, permit him to save much, if anything, from his pay—and that might with good reason be increased. But the idea of a civil pension list is rather repugnant to our democratic notions. It better suits our conception of the presidency and the eternal fitness of things that the incumbent of that high office, elevated there by the choice of the people from out their own ranks, should at the close of his term step back again among the people and take his chances with them as he did before. That appears to be the most thoroughly American view of the question. And should we begin with pensioning our ex-presidents, where would the thing stop? Might we not in time have even aldermen and constables on the pension list, and thus have established a sort of ex-office-holding aristocracy to be supported by taxes taken from the pockets of the common people?

HER LOVE APPEASED.

It now appears that Papa Zimmerman advanced the coin that appeased the wrath and soothed the injured heart of Miss Doris Knight. Papa Knight is just home from the land of his daughter's work, and to a bunch of New York newspaper reporters told the following story of the affair and his financial condition:

The Duke of Manchester married Miss Zimmerman because he was bankrupt and needed the money. To my daughter, who was playing in the London stage, he paid added attention, and when she carried the conclusion that he was merely trifling with her she went to France heart-broken, and entered a convent. He wrote her many letters and in nearly everyone of them he asserted that if she did not return he would kill himself. She believed him and returned. He renewed his suit and his conduct was altogether exemplary until he went to Paris and met Miss Zimmerman. There her father arranged a marriage. It was a case of urgent need of dollars on the part of the scion of the nobility, and they were married.

We can all sympathise with Miss Doris in thus being deprived of the Duke's love and protection, as well as her pecuniary interest in his romantic name, and can congratulate her that her broken heart was healed at the trifling cost of three cents in Paris Kisses, and feels no sad after effects. Incidentally, however, it seems that not quite so badly affected as she were Papa Zimmerman shared in the general prosperity. Thus Papa Zimmerman at a cost of three-cents-per-throb-saved that it's no ill wind that blows nobody good.

W. J. FURNISH.

W. J. Furnish, of Pendleton, who is after gubernatorial nomination at the hands of the Republican state convention, has been a Republican since 1892 when he declined to swallow the Democratic free-silver bill. Prior to that time he had been a Democratic leader in Umatilla county. He is said to be a very wealthy man and recently it was reported that he would spend $50,000 to be elected. Mr. Furnish is worth between $100,000 and $150,000. His candidacy for the Republican nomination is not being kindly considered by some of the Republican papers, as the following from the Salem Statesman would indicate:

The Baker City Herald is advocating the nomination of W. J. Furnish for the governorship on the Republican ticket, basing an argument in his behalf on the fact that he has not entangled himself with any of the Republican factions of the state. Neither has Pennoyer been mixed up in any of the Republican factions, but this is no reason why a Republican convention should nominate him for governor.

New-Guinea will be the first territory of the Australian commonwealth, and as such entirely subject to the control of the federal parliament. Its residence will be entitled to no share either of the privileges or obligations of the Australians except such as may be granted or imposed on them. Its tariff, its taxation and its laws will be left to the discretion of the federal legislature, in which it will have no representation until it is specially conferred. The country is rich in tropical products of all kinds, in gold and in pearl shell fisheries. The prejudice against chartered companies is strong on the mainland, so that the speedy means of development which they afford will only be employed under strict conditions. There are some 250,000 Papuans to be reckoned with, but only a few hundred Europeans. The experiment of governing it will involve problems which a distant democracy can but imperfectly comprehend.

WI WILL SPEAK

Accepts Invitation to Attend Banquet of Springfield Board of Trade.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 22.—Wu Ting-fang, minister to the United States from China, has informed the Springfield board of trade through Congressman Gillett of his acceptance of the invitation to become the guest of the board for its annual banquet.

The board of trade first extended its invitation to the distinguished Chinaman some weeks ago and received a negative reply on account of the then prospective action on the Chinese exclusion proposition in congress. Last week, however, it became apparent that the Chinese exclusion matter would not come up immediately and the invitation was pressed again, this time with a favorable answer.

HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Upon the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria, memorial services were held at Westminster Abby, St. Paul's cathedral and at Frogmore, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. A special service will also be held today and it will be attended by the king and queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other distinguished personage.

DEMAND TO THE DISMISSED

LOUISVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 21.—The local union of the United Mine Workers of America has passed resolutions demanding the discharge by February 1, 1902, of all non-union miners and laborers employed in the coal mines of Northern Colorado. About 40 per cent of the employes of the mines in this district are non-union men.

BIG MILITARY WEDDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The fourth big military wedding of the year has just been celebrated at St. Paul's Knightsbridge. Lady Cecely Milnes, daughter of the Earl of Crewe by his first wife, being married to Hon. Arthur O'Neil, of the Second life guards, says the London correspondent of the Herald.

MURDERER IDENTIFIED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The footpad who was shot by Policeman Taylor while fleeing from the scene of the murder of officer Robinson has been identified as Jack Wade, who is wanted in stockton for robbery. He is said to be known to the police in several other cities.

PRICE OF SILVER

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Silver 57½.

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A remarkable example of jumping has been unearthed in one of our large prisons. A man just pardoned a few days was making silver dollars and distributing them through accomplices in the outside. Naturally the officials were very much surprised at the discovery, but we have no doubt that the person who possesses a counterfeit upside in place of the genuine. It is therefore very important when you ask for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters to see that their Private Stamp over the neck is unbroken if you value your health. For 52 years the Bitters has been recognized as the best health maker in existence, and if you are a sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, debility or nervousness it is because you have never tried it. Try it at once.

SUES FOR LEGAL SERVICE

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Luther R. Marsh has filed a claim for $36,000 against the estate of Mrs. Clarissa J. Huyler, his deceased medium, for legal services rendered during her lifetime. Mr. Marsh has also brought suit to recover the insurance policies on his life, amounting to $16,000, which he assigned to her.

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"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Annegan, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had a cough so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and raise blood, but when all other medicines failed three 50 cent bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 15 pounds." It's absolutely unequalled for Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Hart's Drugstore.

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Corelli has had another fit of temper. After a while she will be as temptuous as the non-saccharine Guida.

"Napoleon" Phillips has eclipsed the great original—he has already had two Waterloos.

A NEW CANNERY COMBINE.

Has been formed at Seattle, but not in the way you may take the heading of this article to infer. The combine here spoken of is an investment wherein the small investor from the poor fisherman to the most prominent man or woman in Astoria can became interested. It is in a company where everything is honorable, and is a sure winner; and all that they ask is that those wanting to take advantage of such a chance send for their prospectus at once. The stock is now rapidly going at 12½ cents, and positively on the 25th goes to 15 cents per share. Investigate the Inter-State Fisheries Company, 302-303 Pacific Block, Seattle, Wash.

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During the absence in China of Ah Dogg, senior partner and general manager of the Hop Hing Lung Company, the affairs of the firm will be managed by Jit Young, through whom all business must be transacted.

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The telegraph reports that Sharkey has been engaged in another fake fight. There was no necessity for being so specific. When Sharkey is engaged in a fight the rest is understood.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drugstore. Price 50 cents.

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