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LIFE INTO DEAD MONEY.

The recommendations of Postmaster-General Gary in his annual report is favor of postal savings banks fully carry out his repeated promises of lending the influence of his official position to this much-needed and long-delayed improvement.

Since no word of protest has been heard against it there is every reason to hope that the proposition will secure suitable legislative enactment. But there is no reason why such enactment should not have been secured long ago. The postal savings bank, which is with us an innovation and an untried experiment, has been for years an assured success in nearly every European country.

There is one class of people to whom the system should especially commend itself. The experience of Europe has shown that the postal savings bank enjoys the confidence of those who mistrust all other depositories, and who without this opportunity would keep their money in hiding. In other words, it would bring into healthful circulation and active use millions that are now hoarded, a sum estimated by the Postmaster-General at $350,000,000. It has been correctly described as "putting life into dead money," and accordingly presents itself as a remedy for the complaint that there is "not enough money in the country" for the needs of the people.

CONTINUOUS DEFICIT.

The Treasury receipts for the first two weeks of November show no improvement over those of October. The deficit for the month already amounts to $5,235,732, with no prospects of a reduction during the rest of the month. The Dingley deficiency since Aug 1 is $32,546,078.

This condition of affairs will furnish an interesting subject of study next month for Congress which will have to consider appropriation bills. A continuing deficit should not be without its influence. Incidentally it should suggest to the President and to Mr. Dingley the need for a revenue bill to supplement the deficiency-producing trust tariff.

Rustics who live on a bread-and-milk diet nearly always have heavy hair to an advanced age, while people who lunch and dine on meat rarely have after 25. A very clever and well-known doctor claims that meat eating and baldness go together, and he has often checked cases of falling hair by combining with local treatment a diet of milk, eggs and fruit.

Some of the men selected in Hawaii to come to Washington to oppose annexation have refused to accept their commissions. They are wise. Their trip would result only in failure, and their future status on the island would be compromised by participation in such an effort. Everybody might as well stand aside and let the action be unanimous.

Not a little opposition to Boss Hanna has no other object than to make the old man "plank down the cash." If he hasn't lost the senatorship, the price he will have to pay for it has been largely increased.

In Spain it is, "Let us go to see a man kill a bull." In America they say, "Let us go to see twenty-two college men try to kill one another!"

A Kansas man wants to trade a guitar for a baby carriage. Going in for vocal instead of instrumental music, probably.

A Buck hollow rancher raised $300 worth of silver-skin onions on one acre of land in Sherman county this year, and sold the crop for cash.

The republicans would rather skip the coming session of Congress than to hold it.

It's a lucky turkey that isn't swamped by the wave of prosperity this Thanksgiving.

Notwithstanding Dawson is so far north the Klondike miners all describe it as a "hot town."

There are still seven widows and nine daughters of revolutionary soldiers drawing persions.

Currency schemes that are hatched out in star chamber incubators will never be able to stand the cold blasts of public opinion.

Tom Platt held his opinion of Seth Low back until everything quieted down a little; he wanted it to be heard outside of New York city.

It looks as though the republicans would get a new name at the session of Congress soon to convene—Party-afraid-of-the-financial-question.

The knowledge that the victory of either would benefit the democrats should cause Ohio democrats to let the Hannaites and the Forakerites fight to the death, without interfering.

There are indications that instead of recommending action towards Cuba in accordance with the almost unanimous sentiment of this country, Mr. McKinley will in effect ask Congress to give Spain more time.

Between superintending the building of a house in Washinton and fighting Hanna in Ohio Senator Foraker is kept quite busy just now. If Hanna licks him he will probably wish that he had not started that Washington house.

How quick some men can grow a big head. Mr. J. Addison Porter, who is Mr. McKinley's private secretary, is an aspirant for the seat of Senator Hawley, of Conn. Anybody can aspire, but getting a seat in the U. S. Senate is a big job.

Spain hasn't the money to buy iron clads or even to pay its soldiers, but we notice that the Spanish minister still gives expensive dinners at Washington, at which the guests are members of the administration and other prominent public men.

The excitement in England over those reciprocity conference the Canadian Premier is holding in Washington is altogether premature, as will be seen later. Mr. McKinley can jolly the Canadians to any extent, but it is England that negotiates treaties affecting Canada. It might be possible to arrange a reciprocity treaty between us and Canada, covering a few articles, but there will be no general treaty under this administration.

Along with the present gurgle and gush with which the McHanna organs are loading up their columns comes the rumor of the much talked of currency revision with which we were promised would be accomplished under a republican administration. From the plans as outlined by recent press dispatches "the people" will be given a double dose of "the best banking system the world has ever seen," as by the proposed revision the government will not be allowed to play second fiddle to the banking interest, except in cases of failures; then these autocrats of the currency will request that the government step promptly to the front and pay the bills of the defaulting institution and thus save the remaining looters from any possibility of a loss until such a time as they themselves may decide to retire from business by a well planned failure when the saving of the credit of the country by selling the bills of incompetents (?) can again be done by the government.

Curious Items.

Shoes made of porpoise leather are absolutely impervious to water.

Wildcats are numerous in Monroe county, Ky., and are a terror to the inhabitants.

The loftiest cliff on the coast of England is Beachy Head, the height of which is 564 feet.

In Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, the whiskey is so bad that the yellow fever will not attack anybody who drinks it.

In some parts of China the punishment for murder is sleeplessness. The culprit is kept awake until he dies. Under this treatment a person lives nine or ten days.

With a switch in his hand, H. Vanderwater, of Wallkill, N. Y., tried to battle with a nest of hornets. The insects turned upon him, and stung him so severely that death resulted within a week.

A bereaved husband in Montana has posted this notice on a pine tree: "My wife Sarah has left my ranche When i didnt doo A thing to hur an i want it distinkly understood that any man As takes hur in an cares fer hur on mi ackount will git himself pumped so full of Led that some Tenderfoot will locate him fer a mineral clame. A word to the wize is Suffishent and ortet work on fools. P. Smith."—Ex.

Additional Locals.

We noticed Mr. Chas. Mickel on our streets today.

H. Goodlow and wife are registered at the French Hotel.

Chas Cronin, Lloyd Johnson and George Cawlfield are up from the Island ranch.

The case in the justice court at Harney yesterday, Woldenberg vs. Haines, the jury returned a verdict in favor of defendent.

Joe Tupker now occupies his residence, formerly occupied by J. H. Louman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Motherskead, accompanied by Miss Eva Swain, paid a visit to Lawen last Saturday

Sheriff McKinnon has gone to Prineville after a man who is wanted in this county for horse stealing.

Nellis Parker had the misfortune to upset his load of freight just this side of Stinkin'water one day last week, but it was found on arriving at Burns that the top of one bureau was all that was broken.

Rev. C P. Bailey arrived here last night and will conduct a series of meetings. He informs us that he baptised 13 new converts at Drewsey last Sunday afternoon and there are three more awaiting baptism.

County Clerk Kelley issued a marriage lincense this morning to Mr. Geo. Cawlfield and Miss Hattie Bunyard. The contracting parties are well known here, having been residents of this county for several yeats. We join their many friends in extending congratulations.