

Daily Democrat.

FIGURES THAT LIE.

According to the statement of the public debt furnished by the secretary of the treasury there was a net cash balance of \$53,993,808 at the close of business June 30. This statement is used by republican organs to deceive their readers as to the real condition of the national finances, as will appear from an examination of the figures furnished by the treasury officials. The Times has already called attention to the design of the administration to use the gold reserve as a part of the available cash in the treasury, and has presented the opinions of leading bankers on the subject. It now calls attention to further evidence of this intent and to the probable motives.

Included in the cash in the treasury from which the above balance is drawn appears the item of subsidiary coin, \$19,656,605; minor coin and fractional currency, \$325,807, a total of nearly \$20,000,000, which is not an available asset, and must, therefore, be deducted from the alleged cash balance, leaving an actual balance of \$24,011,396. In the new form of statement the treasury does not furnish information as to the exact amount of the "fund for the redemption of national bank notes covered into the treasury under the law of 1890," but from the statement of the amount of debt bearing no interest it would appear that this fund has been decreased during the month by \$2,185,866, leaving the trust fund absorbed about \$40,000,000. It appears, then that the treasury is absolutely short, \$6,000,000, counting the fund deposited by the national banks for the redemption of their notes.

But it is stated that the payments for the present month will be large, while it is admitted that the receipts are decreasing. The treasury will be forced to use funds that are strictly available, and no reader needs to be told that no part of the subsidiary and minor coins can be included in that category. The disbursing officer's balances alone would absorb all but about \$1,000,000 of the alleged balance. From this it will be seen that the claim made of an available cash balance fades into an actual deficit. As to the motive for the present attempt at concealment, the Times ventures the prophecy that the treasury department looks for means to maintain its ordinary payments to the law allowing the sale of bonds to purchase gold for redemption purposes. That is the only statute under which it would now be possible for the secretary of the treasury to offer interest-bearing bonds. Citizens interested in the stability of the government credit are invited to watch carefully the further transactions of the treasury and the political use made of the cunningly devised debt statement.—Chicago Times.

STORIES OF PATAGONIA

A traveller newly returned from the Pacific Ocean tells pleasant stories of the Patagonians. As the steamer he was in was passing through Magellan's Straits some natives came out to her in boats. They wore no cloths at all, though there was snow on the hills. A baby that came along with them made some demonstration that displeased its mother, who took it by the foot, as Thetis took Achilles, and soured it over the side of the boat into the cold sea-water. When she pulled it in, it lay a moment whiplashing in the bottom of the boat, and then curled up and went to sleep. The missionaries there have tried to teach the natives to wear clothes, and to sleep in huts; but, so far, the traveller says, with very limited success. The most shelter a Patagonian can endure is a little heap of rocks, or a log to the windward of him; as for clothes, he despises them, and is indifferent to ornaments.

To many of us, groaning under the oppression of modern conveniences, it seems lamentably medlesome to understand the simplicity of such people, and enervate them with the luxuries of civilization. To be able to sleep out of beds, and go naked, and take sea-baths on wintry days with impunity, would seem a most alluring emancipation. No rent to pay, no tailor, no plumber, no newspaper to be read on pain of getting behind the times; no regularity in anything, not even meals, nothing to do except to find food, and no expense for undertakers or physicians, even if we fall; what a fine, untrammelled life it would be! It takes occasional contact with such people as the Patagonians to keep us in mind that civilization is the mere cultivation of our wants, and that the higher it is the more our necessities are multiplied, until, if we are rich enough, we get enervated by luxury, and the young men come in and carry us out.

An English contemporary calls attention to the fact that in the United Kingdom the total yearly consumption of tobacco is only 1.74 pounds to each inhabitant. In Sweden the average is two pounds, in France 2.1 pounds, in Norway 2.3 in Denmark 3.7 pounds, Austria-Hungary 3.8 pounds, and among the Dutch in the Netherlands it is rather more than seven pounds. In the United States the average last year was 4 1/2 pounds.

There is a vague rumor around Washington that "Blocks of Five" Dudley has at last been invited to dine with the president. It will be the most convivial feast since the time when the stork and fox dined together.

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The Milan museum has recently come into the possession of a remarkable clock. This unique time piece is made entirely of bread-crumbs. A poor Italian workman made it. Every day he set aside a portion of his modest meal in order to carry out his curious project. The bread-crumbs saved by him he hardened by the addition of salt, and at last his tedious task is completed.

The Pennsylvania republicans who are so anxious to get rid of Quay's domination ought to come out to Portland, and take some lessons in how to get rid of bossism. It wouldn't be a webfoot spell for the Portland voters to clean out Quay and his whole gang. Quay is only one senator, and we downed two.—Evening Telegram.

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