

Daily Democrat.

HARRISON AND ARTHUR.

The following tables, showing the totals of receipts and expenditures of the government for a year of Harrison and a year of Arthur, are worth thoughtful study:

THE HARRISON YEAR.

1890-91
Ordinary expenditures.....\$421,304,470
Extraordinary expenditures.....134,947,635

Total expenditures.....\$556,252,105
Total receipts.....458,554,233

Excess of expenditures.....97,697,872

THE ARTHUR YEAR.

1883-84.
Ordinary expenditures.....\$265,408,137
Extraordinary expenditures.....134,178,756

Total expenditures.....\$399,586,893
Total receipts.....398,287,581

Excess of expenditures.....\$1,299,312

These figures are very easy to understand, and every citizen ought to give to the common welfare the little time and pains required for a full understanding of their significance.

It will be noticed first, that the "extraordinary expenditures" are in round numbers the same (\$134,000,000) in both years. These are for the sinking fund and bond purchases for the redemption of the national debt. The excess of the total expenditures over total receipts in Mr. Arthur's year is only \$1,299,000, while he kept the current expenses of government, \$133,000,000 inside the current receipts for the year. The year before a surplus had remained over all expenditures, ordinary and extraordinary, and he applied \$1,299,000 of this to the payment of the national debt. After making the obligatory purchases for the sinking fund, he would have had still a surplus of nearly \$100,000,000 for the year, after paying all expenses of his year's administration outside of that connected with the redemption of the national debt.

In the Harrison year, with the same amount applied as debt expenditures as in the Arthur year and with receipts much larger, the total expenditures exceed the total receipts by over \$97,000,000. The ordinary expenditures, exclusive of payments on debt account, are within \$37,000,000 of the total receipts, and this without the sinking fund. To meet the obligations of the sinking fund and prevent the deficit from appearing, the administration used \$63,000,000 of the trust fund for the redemption of national bank notes, which the Reed congress turned into the general fund of the treasury for use to hide the expected deficit.

This was in no sense a part of the surplus. Mr. Arthur simply drew on his surplus to make a larger debt payment than was obligatory for the year. Mr. Harrison spent the whole of the year's income, exhausted all the surplus of available cash, and was still short of the amount required for the sinking fund, so that he was obliged to use the National Bank-Note Redemption fund to meet the emergency created by extravagance.

Republicans do not think much of Arthur. They would not renominate him. But what do they think of him now, when they compare the cold figures of a year of his administration with a year of Harrison? Harrison cost the country \$400,000,000, or 38 per cent more a year than Arthur did. Do they think he is worth it to the party or to the country.—St. Louis Republic.

In the death of Senator Plumb the country has lost one of its ablest, and, at the same time, most conscientious senators. Although an ardent republican on many questions, yet he was a man who revered his country above the strongest devotion to his party. His place can not be filled from Kansas. The suggestion that Ingalls is to take his place makes all who seek the welfare of the country, to bow their heads in shame and regret.

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TO THE POINT

So it seems that we are not to have even the much boasted of free sugar after the first of the year. If the president reimposes the duty it will be doubly taxed—first, by the tariff imposed, and also by the bounty to be paid to sugar manufacturers. Because foreign governments oblige their people to pay taxes on sugar and other things we have to import, and thus get even. It appears that the reciprocity treaties that we have heard so much about are after all only proposed, treaties not yet ratified. We suspect there is a good deal of humbug about this reciprocity business, but considering its ostensible source this was to be expected.—Telegram.

This calls to mind again what scores of people all over the country seemed to have lost sight of—the one sided nature of the reciprocity clause in the McKinley bill. What is that clause? It applies only to sugar, molasses, coffee, tea and hides. It provides that when in the opinion of the president the government of any country producing and exporting any or all of the above named articles imposes duties or other exactions upon the agricultural or other products of the United States, which is a view of the free introduction of such sugar, molasses, coffee, tea and hides into the United States he may deem to be reciprocally unequal and unreasonable, he shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to suspend by proclamation to that effect the provisions of this act relating to the free introduction of such sugar, molasses, coffee, tea and hides, the production of such country, for such time as he shall deem just, and in such case and during such suspension, duties shall be levied, collected, and paid upon sugar and molasses, the product of or exported from such designated country" as was levied and collected upon such article under the tariff law in force prior to the passage of the McKinley bill, and upon coffee three cents, tea ten cents, and hides one and one half cents per pound. It will be seen from this that the president in no case can make any treaty by which our own duties placed upon foreign goods can be reduced or removed. The only power the president has is to say to any foreign government: "Now we are letting you ship to our country sugar, coffee, tea, molasses and hides free of duty and if you do not permit us to enter such and such articles into your country free on better terms than now we will restore the duty on sugar, tea, coffee, hides and molasses."

The main benefit from this (if the president succeeds) is to secure cheaper goods to the consumers of the foreign countries with whom treaties of so-called reciprocity are made. The consumers in this country, (and that means nearly all the people,) are not benefited by this reciprocity at all. It is all like the jug handle—on one side. But will Harrison reimpose duties as indicated by the Telegram? We should say not. Putting sugar on the free list has given the people a taste of the sweetness of free trade and they will never submit to go back to old prices. The sugar article in the McKinley bill is about the only one from which the great body of the people receive any benefit, most all the other parts of the bill operate for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many. Harrison at this juncture would not risk the dangerous exploit of putting sugar on the dutiable list as to Germany and the other sugar producing countries that have not granted us reciprocity.

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