

QUEER EXPENSE ITEMS.

Some curious items enter into the expense account of Uncle Sam. Away out in Arizona, near the city of Florence, there is a ruin of the dwelling place of some prehistoric people. It is called Casa Grande.

The government pays a man \$480 a year to watch Casa Grande and see that some Chicago archaeologist doesn't carry it away for exhibition purposes.

Secretary Gresham has tried to get along this year with \$3,000 for bringing home the remains of diplomatic and consular officers of this country who died abroad.

In view of the probable increase of mortality among the unusually large number of these patriots who have responded to the call of Josiah Quincy and have gone to places where the climate is bad, Mr Gresham asks \$10,000 the coming year for diplomatic mortality.

Another item of close relationship to the last mentioned is \$5,000 to bring home the widows of those diplomats who died abroad. The vaccination of Indians is a charge of \$1,000 a year on the United States treasury.

The condition of the poor Indian is the inspiration of much sympathy among certain Caucasian philanthropists. The regular budget for the red man this year reaches \$6,931,156.61. Next year it is expected to go to \$7,098,611.44.

This covers a multitude of things which civilized people have never thought of. For instance every one of the 600 men Cross gets a \$10 suit of "good woolen clothing, consisting of a coat, hat, pantaloons, flannel shirt and woolen socks."

Every one of the 700 women Cross gets "a flannel shirt, a pair of woolen hose, twelve yards of calico and twelve yards of cotton domestic."

The end of this Indian budget is not in sight. The Indian is as good a stayer as the pensioner. Away back in 1794 the government stipulated to pay the Six Nations of New York state a certain sum—several thousand dollars—every year, and it is still doing it.

There are the Pottawatomies of Indiana and Michigan. They have worked the white man beautifully. In 1795 they got one permanent annuity, which has been paid regularly ever since. In 1809 they socked it to our grandfathers for another annuity.

In 1818 the Pottawatomies came again and this government agreed to pay them another so much a year without any limitation of time.

Some time ago Mr I Sichel of Prinville, asked the Oregonian the following question. Prinevi la, Or., Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please let me know through the columns of the Morning Oregonian how much of the interest-bearing debt of the United States Cleveland and Harrison paid out during their respective administrations?

I Sichel. This was a question asked in good faith. The Oregonian made the following confused, inexplicable reply:

July 1, 1882, the last year Mr Cleveland was in office before, the public debt was \$3,063,004,884. July 9, 1882, the last year Mr Harrison was in office, it was \$3,152,463. On March 1 of this year it was \$1,997,558,015. Heaven only knows what it will be July 1, 1890. At this rate of increase it will exceed \$500,000,000, which is about the figure ten years ago.

The additional interest charge for this increase will be about \$25,000,000 per year. But this is not one-tenth part what the accession of the democratic party has cost the country in fall of prices, reduction of wages, loss of work and profits.

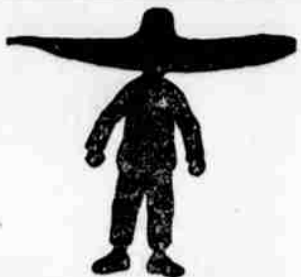
It will be seen that the Oregonian entirely evaded the question. Mr Sichel asked how much of the interest-bearing debt of the United States Mr Cleveland paid from March 4, 1885, to March 4, 1889; and how much of the interest-bearing debt Mr Harrison paid from March 4, 1889, to March 4, 1893.

The Oregonian throws a cloud over the whole matter by showing that there was a reduction of the debt during Harrison's administration but says nothing at all about the reduction during Cleveland's administration from March 4, 1885, to March 4, 1889. To have answered the question, the Oregonian would have informed Mr Sichel that the total interest-bearing debt, in round numbers, on March 4, 1885, when Cleveland entered upon his first term, was \$1,278,000,000.

That on March 4, 1889, it was \$922,729,732. Deducting this latter sum from the former, we find \$355,270,268 as the amount of the interest-bearing debt paid off during Mr Cleveland's first term. The total amount of the interests bearing public debt, at the beginning of Mr Harrison's term, was \$922,729,732, and at the close it was \$649,657,172.

During the latter from the former, we have \$273,072,560 as the amount of reduction in the interest-bearing debt during Mr Harrison's term. It should be borne in mind, that, when Mr Cleveland entered upon the duties of his first term, there was but a small surplus of funds applicable to the payment of the public debt, but when Mr Harrison came in Mr Cleveland who had reduced the interest-bearing public debt \$355,270,268, turned over to Harrison a treasury having \$100,000,000 surplus funds applicable to the reduction of the debt.

Taking this as a basis, Mr Harrison succeeded in reducing the interest-bearing debt \$273,072,560, but turned over a bankrupt treasury at the end of his term. We feel sure that Mr Sichel will, when he reads this article, get the information which he sought in vain from the columns of the Oregonian. It will be seen from the above that Mr Cleveland reduced the interest-bearing debt during his term \$2,197,750 more than Harrison did during his term and furnished the latter \$100,000,000 surplus money as a basis of operation.



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- 1st District, West Albany, Orleans and Taigent. 2nd " Albany and Price. 3 " East Albany and Syracuse. 4th " Sneed and Center. 5th " Halsey. 6th " North Harrisburg and South Harrisburg. 7th " North Brownsville and South Brownsville. 8th " North Lebanon and South Lebanon. 9th " Salsville and Waterloo. 10th " Sweet Home. 11th " Crawfordsville. 12 " Santiam and Franklin Butte. 13th " Seis, Shelburn and Jordan. 14th " Fox Valley and Rock Creek.

Each precinct should look after this matter that nominations may be legally made when the county convention meets.