

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Secretary Windom's Statement for May.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Both Are Considerably Larger Than Last Year—An Increase of \$13,000,000 in the Pension List for the Year—The Debt Slowly Dwindling.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The monthly public debt statement issued from the treasury department shows a decrease in the debt amounting to \$6,691,871 during the past month of May and for the eleven months of the current fiscal year \$67,787,722.

The total debt, less cash in the treasury, on the first of June was \$1,008,838,898. The net cash or surplus in the treasury on the 1st inst. was \$36,901,701; against \$35,930,622 a month ago.

National bank depositories today hold \$31,225,998 of government funds, or about half a million less than a month ago. The gold fund balance has increased about five millions during the past month, and today amounts to \$19,544,854 and the silver fund balance—exclusive of six millions trade dollar bullion—has increased a little more than one million and now amounts to \$18,124,725.

The fund of standard silver dollars keeps steadily increasing, and the treasury holds \$306,988,092 of this coin. Receipts and Expenditures. Government receipts during the month from all sources aggregated \$55,443,351, and receipts for the eleven months of the current fiscal year ending May 31 aggregated \$664,536,988.

The receipts for the present month will probably reach \$55,000,000, and thus swell the government receipts for the current fiscal year very close to \$400,000,000, or \$15,000,000 more than Secretary Windom's estimate made early last fall. On the other hand, expenditures during the eleven months last passed aggregated \$303,124,940, or about \$14,000,000 more than for the corresponding eleven months of the past fiscal year.

Pension payments so far this year have amounted to \$103,177,727, or fully \$13,000,000 more than during the corresponding eleven months of the previous year.

Coinage at the mints during May aggregated in value \$9,053,900, or \$74,900 in gold coin and \$2,900,000 in standard silver dollars and the remainder in minor coin.

PAN-AMERICAN PLANS.

Submitted to Congress by President Harrison.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The president went to the senate a letter inviting the attention of the senate and house to the following recommendations of the international American conference: "A uniform system of customs and regulations for the classification and valuation of imported merchandise."

A uniform nomenclature for the description of articles of merchandise imported and exported; and the establishment at Washington of an international bureau of information.

The congress also at its final session decided to establish in the city of Washington as a fitting memorial of its meeting a Latin-American library, to be formed by contributions from the several nations, of historical, geographical and literary works, maps, manuscripts and official documents relating to the history and civilization of America, and expressed a desire that the government of the United States should provide a suitable building for the shelter of such library to be solemnly dedicated upon the 40th anniversary of the discovery of America.

Accompanying the letter is a communication from the secretary of state setting forth the importance of the recommendations. He devotes a great deal of space to the regulations as to the establishment of a uniform system of custom regulations.

Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Contrary to expectation the matter of pensions came up in the Republican caucus in the house last night, and a long discussion ensued over the kind of agreement that the conference on the part of the house on the senate pension bill should make. The senate, it will be remembered, recently passed a general dependent pension bill which the house amended by adding the Morrill bill, which contains a service pension clause. A conference was ordered, but the conferees have been unable to agree, and the matter was brought in the Republican caucus last night in the hope that some instructions might be agreed upon. A great many members took part in the discussion. It was finally agreed that the conferees should insist on the retention of amendments made by the house and also that a further amendment should be made providing that no pension shall be less than \$5 per month. The bill to prevent by states gerrymandering of districts was taken up and Mr. McComas and others addressed the house on it. No conclusion was reached and it was agreed to allow the bill to await the action of another caucus.

Proceedings in Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—The house passed a bill to ratify an agreement entered into by commissioners of New York and Pennsylvania in regard to the boundary lines between those two states. Very little business was accomplished during the session.

Mr. Morrill addressed the senate on the silver bill. The conference report on the army appropriation bill was taken up and the custom system proposed by the bill was discussed.

The Oregon Bank Resumes.

REINHOLDS, N. Y., June 4.—Business was resumed at the Oregon National bank. There was no run on the institution approaching a run. In fact only a few thousand dollars were withdrawn, while a number of substantial business men made deposits.

Democratic Mayor Elected.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Crandall, Democrat, was elected mayor yesterday. The Republicans elected the remainder of the city officers.

Plasterers on Strike.

LOWELL, Mass., June 4.—Fifty members of the Lowell Plasterers' union struck for an advance from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per day.

A LULL IN THE STORM.

More Trouble Expected from the Seashore Railroad Strikers.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., June 4.—Charles J. McMillen, contractor of the new Seashore railroad, who took the contract to grade the road from Winslow Junction to Richmond at such a low figure that he could not pay his laborers, which caused them to go on strike and tear up part of the road and block the work trains, returned with money to pay the men. The contractor went to Folsom on a special train and paid them off. The delighted Italians went back to work and soon had the tracks, planks, soil and ties, with which they had the trains blocked, removed. The Italians went back into their camps and have been peaceful all day, expecting to go to work for the railroad company. Sheriff Johnson, on that he would not be needed, notified his forces throughout the county, who were prepared to go to Folsom at a few moments' notice but their services would not be needed.

The Italians have been very bitter against the contractor and E. R. Wood, he president of the road who they claim, has prevented them from receiving their money. Last night the superintendent of the road, C. D. Vandever, went to Folsom and discharged the men who have been on strike, about 150 in all, without paying them for work done for the company since the contractor left. The Italians became infuriated and the train had to leave. It is feared that another riot will take place today, and that the Italians will again block the road. If this happens the sheriff will probably be called upon to arrest them. If this occurs there may be serious trouble, as the wages say they will not submit to arrest.

Jersey Bookmakers Arraigned.

ELIZABETH, N. J., June 4.—Isaac S. Thomason, Robert G. Irving, John Nathan, John L. Anderson, George Johnson and Henry Steedcker, bookmakers at the track of the New Jersey Jockey club, were arraigned in the Union county court charged with violating the laws of New Jersey in operating gambling establishments. They gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 each. They will be tried before Judge Van Syckel, of the supreme court, and struck juries on June 23.

Costigan Resigns.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Thomas Costigan, the ex-assemblyman, has resigned the position of chief clerk in the district attorney's office. The position pays \$3,500. Mr. Costigan resigned to accept the office of assistant clerk to Judge Jerome, of the Ninth civil district court. The latter position pays \$500 less than the one he has just resigned, but he would have been discharged by Jan. 1 next.

Four Horses Burned.

MT. HOLLY, N. J., June 4.—Hightstown was visited by a disastrous fire, which destroyed the large stables attached to David Lantz's hotel, together with a large quantity of straw, hay, grain, etc. Four horses perished in the flames. A large factory in the manufacture of straw envelopes and five or six smaller barns were burned. The loss is \$10,000, partially insured. The fire was of incendiary origin.

The Oregon Election.

PORTLAND, Oreg., June 4.—In the state election held yesterday the vote received seem favorable to Penoyer, Democrat. Messer returns from the state indicate the re-election of Hermer, Republican, for congress by from 4,000 to 6,000 majority. The Republicans will probably have a majority in the legislature on joint ballot.

Printers' Strike in Chattanooga.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 4.—The union printers of this city have raised the scale 5 cents per 1,000, and have notified the employers that their demand must be met. Two daily and five weekly newspapers and nine job offices have signed an agreement not to pay the advanced prices, and are preparing to meet the strike of the eighty-five members of the typographical union.

Three Drowned.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 4.—John Starr, aged 38, with two companions and a keg of beer, were capsized in a boat, in the Christiansa river yesterday afternoon. Starr was drowned. Harry Patterson, aged 9, and his brother Willie, aged 12, were drowned in the Brandywine river while bathing.

Rhode Island Town Elections.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 4.—The result of the little town elections show much balloting and the presence of independent votes everywhere. In some cases fusion tickets were elected. In others candidates lacked only one or two votes of an election.

New York Failures.

NEW YORK, June 4.—Fairbanks & Parker, dealers in produce at 231 Washington street have made an assignment giving preferences of \$700. Arnold & Co., tailors, of 37 Park Row, have assigned, giving preferences of \$900.

A Considerate Suicide.

BOSTON, June 4.—Frank E. Chandler, 60 years of age, cut his throat at his lodging house on Bowdoin street. He held his head out the window and cut his throat so he would not ruin the carpets.

Stonecutters on Strike.

PITTSBURG, June 4.—The stonecutters of Pittsburgh and Allegheny to the number of 700 struck for an increase in wages of 4 cents per hour. They are now receiving \$3.60 per day and want \$4.

Bail for Treasurer Noland.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 4.—Ex-State Treasurer Noland has been granted bail in the sum of \$7,500 and his trial postponed indefinitely. His bondsmen are prominent state's prison officials.

The Newfoundland Troubles.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 4.—It is rumored here that two batteries of the royal artillery and a regiment of infantry are to be sent from England to Newfoundland.

A Bookseller's Failure.

WATERBURY, Conn., June 4.—W. O. Gilford, bookseller and newsdealer made an assignment. His liabilities exceed \$9,000; assets, \$5,000.

Quay Goes Fishing.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 4.—M. S. Quay was at Brigantine beach last evening on a fishing trip.

A CHURCHYARD DUEL.

Rival Louisville Lovers Invoke the Code.

FIVE SHOTS FIRED IN THE DARK.

Thomas Overby and Charles Sanders Contest Their Claims to the Affections of an Evansville Young Lady and Sanders Receives a Bullet in His Breast.

LOUISVILLE, June 4.—St. Louis cemetery, dark and gloomy, was the scene of the first duel fought in Kentucky for many a long year. The participants in the affair of honor were Thomas Overby, an advertising agent, who has been here only a few months, and Charles Sanders, a traveling man for an Evansville, Ind., clothing house.

Sanders was engaged to be married to Miss Emma Zemor, a handsome young lady of Evansville, who is now visiting in this city. Upon coming to see the young lady Sanders discovered that Overby had supplanted him in her affections. A quarrel was followed by a fight, in which Sanders was worsted.

Called in the Code. The men afterward met at the Alexander hotel and resumed their difficulty, and finally decided to settle the affair according to the code.

Overby was represented by Frank Lattrall, a young man who lives in Indianapolis, while a traveling man from Cincinnati, Harry Thomas, acted as second for Sanders. Accompanied by a medical student named James White, who acted as surgeon, and a reporter of The Courier-Journal, the party secured carriages and drove to St. Louis cemetery, in the suburbs.

The principals took their positions armed with 32 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers, twenty paces apart.

Cool as Cucumbers. It was too dark to see men plainly, except at a short distance, but they both displayed great coolness. The seconds took their respective positions, after arranging that the firing should begin when three had been counted.

One, two, three. As the last number was called by the physician who did the counting a blaze of fire flashed from the muzzles of both pistols. Before any one could see whether or not either man was wounded four other reports rang out, and Sanders staggered up to the tombstone near him and supported himself on its cold sides.

Got It in the Breast.

Dr. White hastily examined him and found that one bullet had penetrated his breast near the top of the shoulder, while another had made a slight flesh wound in his left arm. He had fired two shots while Overby had fired three. The man's wounds were dressed as quickly as possible and he was placed in his carriage and taken to New Albany, Ind., where he took the first train for his home in Evansville. The other participants in the affair left the city. Sanders' wounds are not considered fatal.

A Miraculous Escape.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 4.—A young man named Peter Rice made a most miraculous escape from death at the Dobson shaft, near this city. The shaft is 118 feet deep. It is a mere temporary opening and is driven as a test hole. The shaft is located in a bucket holding about a ton of ice attempted to ascend the shaft by clinging to the bucket. When about fifty feet from the bottom the rope broke and man and bucket went pitching into the dark abyss. How it is that the man was not crushed to death is a mystery. When gotten out he was in a limp and apparently lifeless condition, but he recovered his speech in a short time and the discovery was made that no bones were broken, although it is hardly likely that the man will recover from the internal injuries received. He was taken to the Miners' hospital.

Found Dead in Her Room.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 4.—Miss Mary McMichael, sister of ex-Mayor Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, was found dead in room at the Revere house, by the proprietor, Mrs. M. Day. County Physician Reilly pronounced the case as heart trouble. Col. Clayton McMichael and Charles B. McMichael, nephews of deceased, arrived in town last evening. Miss McMichael was thought to be in good health.

Pittsburg's Sad Plight.

BOSTON, June 4.—Director Palmer O'Neil, of the Pittsburg League club, was in this city trying to fix up a deal whereby he will have full control of this club for the National League. The movement of the Brotherhood upset all the directors' calculations, and in place of selling their stock on hand they had to pay dearly to retain it. It would be safe to put the debt of the Pittsburg club down at \$65,000.

Swindled His Dulcinea.

BURLINGTON, N. J., June 4.—Charles S. Beers has been cited to enter special bail before Judge Garrison to appear in the Burlington circuit and answer to a charge of fraud preferred against him by Miss Maggie E. Rogers, who claims that Beers obtained \$2,000 from her under the promise of marriage. This money, it is alleged, was used by Beers to purchase a restaurant outfit in this place.

Newark Burglar Captured.

NEWARK, N. J., June 4.—William McNamara and several companions effected an entrance into Edward Duff's grocery store, at No. 345 Wana street, and were engaged in ransacking the drawer when Duff suddenly put in an appearance. McNamara was captured, but his companions succeeded in getting away.

A Railroad Settlement.

CINCINNATI, June 4.—The conductors, brakemen and switchmen on the Ohio and Mississippi railroad have made terms with the company, mutual concessions being granted. An increase of pay and all to work again contented. The locomotive engineers and firemen got their terms early in May.

An Important Witness Killed.

DETROIT, June 4.—George Hayes, a Grand Trunk switchman and the only person who positively identified Burchell, the alleged murderer of the young Englishman, Bambam, at Woodstock, was killed by the cars at Windsor.

Harmless Aids to Work.

The most convenient and immediately effective is the ancient Japanese or Chinese headache cure called menthol, or camphor of peppermint. It should be rubbed upon the head and face all over the region of the fifth pair of nerves, avoiding the eyes, until there is an agreeable sensation of refreshing coolness. If properly used thus, and its fumes inhaled, which it gives out when heated by the hand, the relief and comfort is immense. When there is a general sensation of exhaustion five drops of pure chloroform and a teaspoonful of red lavender, mixed in a glass of cold water by a druggist, is excellent; follow it as soon as possible with some light refreshment.

When the system needs immediate nourishment, drink a glass of milk made as hot as it can be swallowed, taking it in long sips. Phosphates, in addition to the hot milk, will feed the brain tissues, and, taken persistently, will enable one to do a vast deal of work without exhaustion.

Egg yolks beaten to a cream with powdered sugar, and the whites beaten to a froth, and both shaken thoroughly with cold milk, refresh and sustain during night work.

The various crystallized fruits, especially cherries and raisins, and such thoroughly cooked sweetmeats as jams and jellies are good. Of course, none of these sweets are to be eaten as they are at the table, but rather taken as distractions to the tense nervous system.—Cor. New York Star.

A Good Dog, and Weighs 160 Pounds.

A well known resident of Oakland has a large Newfoundland dog that is a wonder in his way—and he weighs about 160 pounds. The gentleman walked into the business office, accompanied by his dog, and purchased an additional paper to mail to a relative in Illinois. The paper was wrapped up, and after placing a 2-cent stamp on the wrapper and addressing it the gentleman gave the paper to the dog.

The owner got into his buggy and drove to the postoffice, the dog running alongside the horse. At the postoffice the gentleman stopped, but the dog didn't. He mounted the steps, trotted down the corridor to the receiving boxes, and, taking hold of one end of the paper in his teeth, he inserted the other in the opening into the paper box, and with his nose pushed it through the hole. He had no hesitancy about brushing his wet coat up against the light check trousers of several young men standing near the box, and when one of them wanted to help him to push the paper through the opening he growled, as much as to say he knew his business and could get along without outside assistance.

After depositing the paper in the box the dog bounded out again to his master, who was waiting for him. "It took me two weeks to train him to do that trick, but it paid me for the trouble," said the gentleman.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Immigrants and Cashiers.

People who do business with newly arrived immigrants notice how quickly they begin to become Americanized. This tendency, in fact, causes no little inconvenience to the cashiers of savings banks, which have many immigrants among their depositors. Some of the larger institutions of this kind have many hundreds of depositors, and it is necessary to exercise the greatest care in seeing that the signatures on orders or checks for money are exactly the same as the one which is kept on reference.

A Hungarian, for instance, when he opens his account, will sign his name "Josef." In a short while he finds trouble in withdrawing any money because he has changed his name to "Joseph." Heinrich, in the same way, becomes Henry; Pierre, Peter; Dorothea, Dora, and so on. The paying teller gets no rest until he has the signature which is kept on record Americanized.—New York Tribune.

Oddities of the Egg Market.

A leading commission merchant said: "The egg business is the most annoying one in the world. During the cold weather in the winter the hens quit laying, but everybody wants to eat eggs. Consequently they go so high that the grocer can't keep pace with their customers. In the spring, just as soon as eggs get plentiful, people quit eating them, and we have to sell them to packers, who pickle them for consumption later on. These eggs that are packed are not liked by consumers, and so you see the egg dealer never has the satisfaction of handling a commodity that is in good demand and good supply at the same time."—Louisville Commercial.

Barber Smith's Oral Challenge.

Will Smith is a tonsorial artist of impressive demeanor and much avoirdupois. He claims to be the speediest man in his profession in the world. He can shave more men in a stipulated time than any barber on earth, he says, and is willing to make a match for any amount with whomever disputes his title of champion. He has accomplished the feat, he says, of shaving ten men and running the distance of 100 yards in 1 1/2 minutes, which he is certain has never been equaled.—Boston Herald.

One of Grant's Secretaries.

Ex-Secretary of War Belknap is one of the best known men in the city of Washington. He grows rounder and jollier and more red in the face as the years go by, and the circle of his friends appears to be continually widening. He is a gastronomic, a wit and a story teller. He makes ten or fifteen thousand dollars a year as a claim agent and spends it all. He has a lovely family and a luxurious home.—Cor. Augusta Chronicle.

In England in 1895-96 there was one known thief to every 1,000 persons; in 1897-98 the percentage had fallen by nearly one-half, and there was only one known thief to every 1,945 persons. The decrease in the number of stolen goods is still greater. In 1895-96 there was one to every 6,480 people; in 1897-98 there was one to every 88,598.

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