

PUBLIC DEBT INCREASING.

Expenses Exceed Receipts for August by Over Ten Million Dollars.

The monthly statement of the public debt, issued from the Treasury Department, shows that at the close of business on Monday the public debt, less cash in the Treasury, was \$978,497,196, which is an increase for the month of \$12,342,684. This is accounted for by the loss of almost exactly that amount of cash on hand, due to the excess of expenditures over receipts. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$847,364,260, interest on which interest has ceased since maturity \$1,622,960; debt bearing interest, \$372,850,376 making a total of \$1,221,843,596. This amount, however, does not include \$563,656,973 in certificates and Treasury notes outstanding and offset by an equal amount of cash in the Treasury.

The cash in the Treasury is classified as follows: Gold, \$139,825,200; silver, \$513,647,700; paper, \$177,923,568; bonds, disbursing officer's balances, &c., \$17,992,276, making a total of \$849,388,746, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$606,042,345, which leaves \$243,346,400 cash in the Treasury. The interest-bearing debt of the government is shown by the statement to have been \$1,182,149,050 on March 1, 1885; \$844,106,220 on March 1, 1889; \$585,034,260 on March 1, 1893; and \$847,364,260 on August 31, 1896.

The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, issued yesterday, shows that during August the total receipts from all sources aggregated \$25,562,096, and the expenditures \$35,701,676, leaving a deficit for the month of \$10,139,580, and for the two months of the fiscal year, \$23,198,839, as compared with \$13,113,854 for the same period in 1895. The receipts from customs during last month were \$12,329,495, as compared with \$15,639,047 for August, 1895. From internal revenue sources the receipts for August, 1896, were \$11,961,338, as compared with \$12,173,104 for August, 1895. The expenditures last month were over \$3,000,000 in excess of those for August, 1895.

The Treasury yesterday lost \$55,200 in gold coin and \$10,400 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the gold reserve, \$103,779,513.

The Magistrate Business

There are now 87 magistrates in Cabarrus county. There will be six to retire as the new ones come in, making the older number 81. The election this fall will increase the number 42, making the whole number in the county 123. The State must furnish them the necessary books. The magistrates elected from this time on will hold their office just two years. After 4 years the terms of every one of the present magistrates will have expired and we will have only the number elected which will be 42 unless the towns require more by reason of increased population, or what is more likely and more judicious, a setting aside of fusion methods and a return to the former Democratic and national methods. In either event there will be a decided surplus of law books in the State that will not be read nor used and could be wisely exchanged for school books and placed in the hands of public school children if there were any demand for them.

Without the change by the legislature of '95 we would have about 45 magistrates. With the change, we are to have 123 the next two years, then in four years we are to have 42 magistrates. Do you see anything sharp in this?—Concord Standard.

HANNA INTERVIEWED.

Says the Nomination of Palmer and Buckner Will Help Us.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 4.—Hanna was interviewed today concerning the result of the Indianapolis gold standard convention Democrats. He said: "I think the action of the convention will be an assistance to us. Palmer is a strong, reliable man and has a heavy following among the Democrats of Illinois. His nomination following that of a gold standard Democrat for governor will weaken the forces of the other Democrats in Illinois very materially."

"How about Buckner?" he was asked. "The nomination of Buckner will also do us good. He is strong in Kentucky and through the South. He will help us very much."

BRYAN CONFIDENT.

Says He Will Carry New York and the Country.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Chronicle with tomorrow publish a dispatch from Milwaukee, giving an interview had by its correspondent with Mr. W. J. Bryan, the free silver candidate for the Presidency. In an interview, Mr. Bryan says: "I feel confident of carrying New York. About my election, I have never had any doubt. I have always felt that the American people know that bimetalism is for their best interests. Knowing this, they will vote the silver ticket rather than perpetuate the gold standard."

The Chronicle says that this is the first time since his nomination that Mr. Bryan has permitted newspapers to quote him.

Foreclosure Suit Against a Silver Man.

OTTAWA, Ill., Sept. 1.—The first foreclosure of a mortgage under the fear of a probability of the election of W. J. Bryan as President was instituted by Mrs. Hackendoner, a widow, against James W. Grantham, a free silver man of Marshall. Mrs. Hackendoner's attorney, Clarence Griggs, wrote to Grantham concerning the interest, and stated that unless the interest was paid at once he would be compelled to foreclose in the interest of his client, but would not do so if Grantham gave him a guarantee that in the event of the election of Bryan he would pay the mortgage in money equivalent to gold in value. Grantham wrote, stating that he considered the letter an attempt to influence his vote. Mr. Griggs showed the letter to his client, who instructed him to at once commence proceedings. He did so. Mr. Griggs states that, although he is secretary of the Republican County Central Committee, his action was wholly a matter of business.

Four Hundred and Fifty-Four for Bryan.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 29.—A list of 450 Republicans, who are going to vote for Mr. Bryan and free silver has been prepared in Orleans County for publication next week in the county papers.

W. E. Willey, chairman of the Republican City Committee of Niagara Falls, has resigned in order to support Bryan, and Galen Miller, one of the Supervisors of Lewiston, who for years was a Republican is also an ardent supporter of Bryan. Many like examples might today be cited to show how the free silver sentiment has spread through Western New York, the Republican hotbed.

Cross Light in the Heavens

Those who were up early Wednesday morning witnessed a strange phenomenon in the heavens. Between four and six o'clock that morning a light appeared in the west and southwest and grew brighter and brighter until the whole heavens were alight, making it almost as bright as day. Some persons were aroused by it, thinking there was a fire. The sky assumed various colors, and the light gradually spread over the whole heavens, giving them the appearance of brass. Then it passed away and about the time the heavens assumed their normal aspect a shower of rain came.

Those who witnessed the scene were very much impressed by it and some of the superstitious were alarmed. If it had been generally known that Wednesday was the day appointed by a religious sect in New York for the end of the world, the alarm would probably have been general.—Statesville Landmark.

Railroad Plans at Norfolk.

A correspondent of the Manufacturers' Record at Norfolk, Va., writes that the total amount of property recently purchased by the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railway Co. aggregates forty acres, including 1000 feet front on harbor. He also states that the company will use this property for terminal purposes, and intends constructing piers and wharves, if not warehouses, in the near future. It is also understood that the Southern Railway Co. has determined to erect the cotton compress, which it has been considering for some time past, near Port Norfolk.

SEWALL IN BRYAN'S HANDS.

He Is Willing to Sacrifice Himself for Head of the Ticket.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, has made public a letter to William J. Bryan from Arthur Sewall, apparently dated July 25, at which time the Populist Convention was in session. The letter, which is exciting a great deal of comment, reads as follows:

My Dear Mr. Bryan: In view of the action of the St. Louis Convention to-day, I cannot refrain from giving you my thoughts on the situation.

My advice is that you have been nominated as candidate for President, and Mr. Watson for Vice-President. I also learn through press dispatches that you are somewhat undecided whether you ought to accept or decline. Now, I desire to say to you with the utmost frankness and good feeling, that you must not allow any personal consideration for me to influence you in your action.

I desire you will do just what you believe is best for the success of the head of our ticket. The principles we are fighting for are so paramount to any personal considerations that the letter should not have any weight or influence whatever with your action.

I cannot for a moment allow myself to be a factor in any action on your part that would in the slightest degree hazard an electoral vote for you.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bryan, believe me, your sincere friend,
ARTHUR SEWALL.

Bath, Me., July 25.
The Democratic managers at headquarters insisted the letter had no further significance than that Mr. Bryan would consent to receive a formal notification from the Populist party in the near future, and the publication was to forestall all rumors as to the attitude of Mr. Sewall toward a ceremony.

Chairman Jones dictated the following explanation as to how the letter comes to be published at this time:

"Several days ago Chairman Jones wrote a letter to Mr. Sewall stating to him that many Democrats throughout the country, and especially throughout the West, were objecting to fusion with the Populists on electoral tickets for the reason that they did not want to be disloyal to Mr. Sewall. In reply to Chairman Jones, Mr. Sewall forwarded a copy of the letter written to Mr. Bryan, dated July 25, 1896."

The tales about the retirement of our candidate for Vice-President is too absurd to be seriously discussed. Mr. Sewall's letter written after Mr. Bryan's nomination by the St. Louis Convention, is a splendid illustration of his loyalty to his associate on the Democratic National ticket. He sees no embarrassment whatever in Mr. Bryan's nomination for President by another party and upon another ticket, but believes it to be an important step toward certain victory for the silver cause. It is a complete answer to efforts of the gold Democrats to create the impression that Mr. Sewall will retire under any circumstances to say that the Democratic party and its national organizations are just as loyal to Mr. Sewall as he himself is to Mr. Bryan and the great cause of the common people."

Mr. Bryan's Niece Elopes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 2.—Miss Laura Millson, a niece of William Jennings Bryan, nominee for President, was married this afternoon to John L. Martin, in Jeffersonville, Ind., by Squire House. Both are from Salem, Ill., from which place they eloped. The young lady started from home presumably to visit friends in this city. Her sweetheart boarded the same train, and at Watson, Ind., they took a train for Jeffersonville.

The reason for the elopement was that the mother of the bride was opposed to the marriage. The bride's mother is a sister of Mr. Bryan.

To Carry New York.

The New York correspondent of the Baltimore Sun (extreme gold paper) says the Democratic leaders now believe that New York can be carried for Bryan, and that they have definitely determined to make the greatest fight of the campaign in that State. National Chairman Jones and Senator Gorman will have a conference in the city of New York this week to map out the work.

Several years ago I was taken with a severe attack of flux. I was sick in bed about ten days and could get nothing to relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured me and has been a household remedy with us ever since. J. C. Marlow, Decaturville, Mo. For sale by S. L. Alexander & Co., druggists.



CHEAP FOOD BUT NO MONEY—PRODUCER AND CONSUMER.—Cincinnati Post

Fifteen Hundred Barrels of Mulletts Caught at One Haul.

A correspondent of the Wilmington Star writing from Beaufort, Sept. 1, says: Yesterday the crew of Chadwick & Jones' factory were fishing for fat-backs when they made a haul of mulletts, estimated at 1,500 barrels. This means that there were about 150,000 fish caught, as they run one hundred to the barrel. Last night the fish-houses of Morehead and Beaufort furnished scenes of the liveliest activity.

Such enormous catches are not frequent. In fact, they are made only two or three times a year, and then only in the peculiarly constructed "purse-nets" used in deep water for catching snad and fat-backs. The seines commonly used hardly ever bring in more than 150 barrels.

The catch yesterday was sold at seventy-five cents a hundred; part to Watson and Wallace, of Morehead, and part to Duncan and Taylor, of Beaufort.

The Girl Who Works.

The girl who works—God bless her. She is brave and she is not too proud to earn her own living. She is studious, painstaking and patient. She smiles from behind the counter or desk, her smile is the reflection of celestial grandeur and eternal bliss. She is like a beautiful mountaineer, her character is pure as the bubbling spring, strong as the rock from which it flows and as high as the mountain topmost pinnacle. The sight of her should be a fine inspiration to all. Her hand may be stained by dish-washing, sweeping, factory grease or printer's ink, but it is an honest and helping hand. It stays misfortune from many poor homes. It is one shield that protects many a forlorn little family from the poor house and asylum. All honor to the girl who works.

Dockery Denounced.

The Republican club at Hendersonville met Monday night and passed a resolution calling Oliver H. Dockery a traitor, and pledging that he shall not receive a single Republican ballot in that county. Henderson Republicans were the first to declare for Dockery for Governor and are now the first to denounce him.

A Keen Interest.

The capitalists and manufacturing barons have never before manifested such keen interest in the wage-earner as now. They beg him with tears in their eyes not to compel them to pay him only 50 cents when they would so dearly love to pay him \$1.—Nashville Sun.

Tillman in the Coal Regions.

The Bryan campaign managers have decided that Senator Tillman of South Carolina shall resume his campaign in Pennsylvania among the coal miners, where, it is claimed, he became such a hero by a few speeches delivered recently.

The Senator will come from his South Carolina home and go to Pennsylvania about the 10th of this month. He will remain in that State until the 20th, speaking continuously. On the 19th he is scheduled to speak in Philadelphia, and the silverites there will prepare an ovation for him. His speech there will be addressed particularly to the workmen, who are supposed to put great faith in him. The Senator will begin his campaign in Schuylkill county. He will go from there into Carbon, Lucerne, Lackawanna and Northumberland counties.

Changed Her Plans.

LIVERPOOL, September 1.—Miss Clara Barton, President of the American Red Cross Society, has decided at last not to sail for the United States aboard the steamer Servia, as she had intended.

What Free Coinage Means.

It means that the money of the people shall not be boycotted.

It means that greenbacks shall be redeemed with silver as well as gold.

It means that no more bonds shall be sold to buy greenbacks.

It means that silver shall continue to be a legal tender.

It would mean money enough in circulation to keep pace with the increase in population.

It would make silver bullion worth as much as if coined into dollars.

It would stop the redemption of greenbacks by money sharks who will not take silver for them.

It would guarantee stability to our currency. It would gradually raise the level of prices.

It would mean better prices for wheat and corn.

It would mean more work and better pay for work.

The panic maker would go out of business.

We would have no more declarations from the White House that the government is bankrupt.

There would be no more syndicate bond purchases at robbery rates of interest.

It would mean the payment of 100 cents on the dollar for indebtedness and no more.

These thoughts are not our thoughts, nor of any one man, but the conviction of a majority of the Democratic American people.

They are presented in this form that you may understand them.

A Vote on the Train.

A train from Goldsboro, N. C., reached Richmond yesterday, having on board quite a number of merchants and citizens from the Old North State. The Dispatch says that while en route Mr. Edward W. Gregory, of that city, who represents Roberts & Hoge, took a vote to ascertain the political sentiments of the passengers. The ballot resulted as follows: Bryan, 93; McKinley, 2; Levering, 1.

Some of McKinley's Supporters.

Call the roll of the millionaire supporters of McKinley, both Democrats and Republicans, and you will find that they cover the trust and monopoly interests of the United States. They are banded in solid phalanx on behalf of the Republican candidate. They are lavish in their money to corrupt the electorate that McKinley may succeed, and from one end of the country to the other are using the agencies of intimidation, possessed by them as great employers of labor, to coerce their employees into voting for McKinley.—Pittsburg Post.

The New Hook Spoon Free to All.

I read in the Christian Standard that Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A, St. Louis, Mo., would give an elegant plated hook spoon to any one sending her ten 2-cent stamps. I sent for one and found it so useful that I showed it to my friends, and made \$13.00 in two hours, taking orders for the spoon. The hook spoon is a household necessity. It cannot slip into the dish or cooking vessel, being held in the place by a hook on the back. The spoon is something that housekeepers have needed ever since spoons were first invented. Any one can get a sample spoon by sending ten 2-cent stamps to Miss Fritz. This is a splendid way to make a money around home. Very truly, JEANNETTE S.

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