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CLEVELAND'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

Was Cleveland's administration a success? We will only glance at one feature, what did it accomplish in its financial operations? The gold papers manipulate to suit themselves. They make a showing that is palpably misleading.

President Harrison, an able republican, but not a successful one, we think, as a president, reduced the interest bearing public debt \$259,071,960. President Cleveland actually increased the public debt (interest bearing) \$262,339,620 in exact figures.

In 1893, ten months, receipts \$274,400,777.54; expenditures, \$313,296,331.06; excess, \$43,886,446.48. In 1894, receipts \$301,705,075.86; expenditures, \$363,535,529.46; excess, \$61,829,546.40.

In 1895, receipts \$317,047,683.05; expenditures, \$352,142,115.25; excess, \$35,000,567.80. In 1896, receipts \$314,585,068.92; expenditures, \$364,534,394.73; excess, \$60,248,225.81.

In 1897, two months, receipts \$48,711,913.43; expenditures, \$59,966,445.56; excess, \$10,245,467.87. Total—Receipts, \$1,256,457,196.30; expenditures, \$1,452,844,316.45; excess, \$196,382,119.85.

Let us give the comments of The New York Tribune in explanation of these very remarkable figures: The actual deficiency of revenue in the four years was \$66,887,465, which was, in fact, met, and thereby eliminated, by selling the \$200,000,000 of gold bonds added to the cash on hand, besides by selling the \$200,000,000 of gold bonds already mentioned as added to the interest-bearing debt.

The admirers of "the great man" can only see wisdom and financial smartness and skill in all this. The Tribune's financial editor throws a different light upon it. He shows that it was a series of false steps and blunders, and still the Tribune is mighty for gold only, it says:

"They prove that the treasury held of gold in excess of gold certificates outstanding \$103,281,818.56, when President Harrison went out, and \$209,433,000 when President Cleveland went out. So that \$106,141,181.44 of gold was actually added to the amount lying in the treasury. Further, the quantity of standard silver dollars lying idle in the treasury, mainly represented by silver certificates outstanding, increased from \$25,474,785 to \$39,939,629, so that without attention to minor details it is clear that more than the entire amount of gold borrowed was actually added to the gold and silver in the treasury."

To prevent a crash, a complete bankruptcy of the treasury, it took \$196,000,000 to meet the deficiency. The Tribune says but for selling bonds the bankruptcy would have come before April, 1897. That is, Cleveland's financial clearing, if good we cannot see it and do not believe it. We have no idea that in the entire financial history of the United States was there ever any blunders like this. Instead of reducing the public debt, as Cleveland claimed, it increased, with interest added, more than \$700,000,000 probably.

It is not to be wondered at that Ayer's Pills are in such universal demand. For the cure of constipation, biliousness, or any other complaint needing a laxative, these pills are unsurpassed. They are sugar-coated, easy to take, and every dose is effective.

HOME FOLKS.

So Speaker Hileman is hungry and wants double pay for his distinguished services. What they claim is the standard in we are not informed. He received the thanks of his folks in the house, and of course they knew how good and great he had been. But he wanted something more sustaining than empty words, so he craved double pay.

So our friend, Dr. W. R. Wood has joined the pops. We suppose he is of the Skinner kicking crowd or he would not have got the chair. He held it once as a democrat and made an efficient officer, we believe. We are surprised to see him in such a crowd. Dr. Monroe, selected for the important Morganton asylum, is professor of law at the Presbyterian Davidson college, and is doubtless well equipped. We suppose he is a radical. The grievous charge against the pop-rad, combination of piemen is that they have proscribed benevolent, elementary state institutions to low party ends—wards for henchmen. It is a bad business, the most humiliating and disgraceful affair. The men engaged in it deserve the denunciations of every humane, considerate man and woman in North

Carolina. The fellows who did it, Russell included, should be pilloried and kept there by a sound, sympathetic public sentiment.

The errors and sins of omission of the legislative rodents are "incompetence" are coming out. There is a serious error as to the levying of the tax under the revenue act, as stated in our Raleigh letter of yesterday. The soldiers and widows are left out who had been added to the list of pensioners and all by legislative incapacity. This is bad, inexcusable. The legislative circus of two years ago performed on the black rope, or was it the "tight" rope, after that sort. They blundered through it was possible to do so. We suspect the people have had about enough of playing at legislation. If they can stand another thing like the last two they are first to be pitied for the want of sense, and second to be laughed at for catching just what they so very richly deserve.

THE MOST UNWISE COURSE POSSIBLE.

To retain an abundant head of hair of a natural color to a good old age, the hygiene of the scalp must be observed. Apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

The Messenger has several times referred to the absurdity and unwisdom of North Carolinians in buying horses, mules and cows instead of breeding them, and of buying hay, corn, wheat, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, articles of clothing, and all sorts of manufactures, etc., out of the state instead of growing and manufacturing them, as the case may be, at home.

Another vertebrae of a whale lies but three miles from Enfield. We will refer to it more than once in this Messenger. It extends over a deep creek, fishing by name, either end is imbedded in the banks. It is more than ninety feet long. Old Mr. Hunter said nearly forty years ago that when he was a school boy (he was 70 or more when talking) the bone was eight or nine feet long, and the diameter of the bed of the stream had so filled that the "log" or bone was several inches—perhaps a foot—under water. Professor Kerr had one of the joints taken for study and it is now in the state museum. The bone once covered a wide section of country for a hundred miles or more inland. We saw the negroes throwing out marine shells perhaps thirty feet under ground when digging for our friend Dr. Moran. How many of our friends have seen this bone and not dry land is the only explanation.

While no physician or pharmacist can conscientiously warrant a cure, the J. C. Hobbs' Spargus Kidney Pills, guaranteed to purify the blood, strengthen, and medicinally virtuous of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It was the only blood-purifier admitted at the great World's Fair in Chicago, 1893.

A STRIKING LESSON IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Are times hard? Is it real or is it a myth, a dream, an idle tale? Is there an abundance of money anywhere out of banks and the rich men's lockers? Is there business stagnation real, or is it a mere name, a mere property and rush? Is there a dearth of money, and the rich men's lockers empty? Is there a dearth of money, and the rich men's lockers empty?

Now is not this a beautiful showing? With such a climate, such a soil, such abundant opportunities, can there be any such neglect, any excuse for such an unwise course? Buying what can be grown or made in our state. That is bondage. That is to make our people forever "hevers of wind and waves of water" for the insatiable money man's greed. The Yankee. Poverty must await any people who shut their eyes to opportunity and are too lazy for thrift. The Baptist says:

"This grocer told us that he sold cabbage, cauliflower, and other vegetables to the farmers in this section and to their shame. Let our farmers diversify and reach in April, 1897, as the record just mentioned on page 1,049 distinctly prove. But further, nothing can more certainly than the actual exhaustion of the last cent in the treasury must have been the result of the sale of the gold and silver in the treasury."

The following was a part of an editorial that was somewhat omitted when the first part appeared in print. It may seem to close the discussion. It was part of a comment upon an issue of the North Carolina State Bulletin: God has greatly favored our dear old North Carolina, but the people fail greatly to avail themselves of the great advantages offered them. There are grapes, apples, pears and peaches in the midland counties—particularly we speak of Warren, Vance, Franklin, Granville—that in size, flavor, beauty and perfection equal the world's best. The Bulletin says:

"This Piedmont and mountain region is capable of producing all the fruits consumed in the state and through half the year. 'But farmers have much to learn. They can't compete with the thrifty Yankee without adopting his ways.' That is correct. Until they learn how to market their products our farmers can neither compete nor obtain the reward for their industry. Learn first to do it, and then be sure to do it. The Baltimore Sun gives this hint as to the how:

"This must begin with selecting his location and favorable localities are comparatively few. Markets, shipping and shipping varieties of fruit be chosen, then the most careful cultivation and pruning be given. After the trees begin to bear, picking, handling, assorting and barreling are all necessary, and attention must be given to the trees are set till the fruit is sold."

REMARKABLE BONE.

There was an exhibition at Halifax, North Carolina, of a remarkable bone. It was a joint of what seemed to be the backbone of some huge animal of long ago.

The vertebrae, or joint, is 4 1/2 inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide and 1/2 inch across from one side of the curvature to the other. It had a spur or stump of a rib on each side about an inch long, and the rib was more than an inch in diameter.

The bone was found in Quanky creek on Mr. T. Purnell's farm, near Halifax, and from its appearance it must have been there for ages—Stoutland Neck Democrat.

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