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EDITORIAL.

THE INCOME AND OUTGO.

In a desire to give everything that can be claimed for the financial administration of the Government "The Post" yesterday made prominent, and without reservation, the claim of the secretary of the treasury that the deficit for the last fiscal year was only \$38,047,247. But the important fact was not stated that included in this amount was the \$64,751,223 of Pacific railroad debts received. Without the money from the railroads the deficit, instead of being \$38,000,000, would have been over \$100,000,000. This repayment has no proper place in receipts and expenditures showing the current operations of the Government. It was simply the payment of an old debt, and did not cover the entire amount due.

The amount of the deficit for the current fiscal year ending July 1 is estimated at \$122,000,000 by the President and secretary of the treasury, but it will go much higher. It amounted to \$83,000,000 for the five months ending with November.

Those interests in National finances will be struck by the annexed figures, showing how we have been running behind the last five years and a half. We begin with the fiscal year ending July 1, 1894, which was the commencement of the deficiency era. The following table shows the extent of the deficit or excess of ordinary expenditures over ordinary receipts since and including that year:

	Total Deficit	Average Monthly Deficit.
1894	\$ 72,325,448	\$ 6,027,701
1895	42,805,223	3,567,102
1896	25,201,246	2,100,270
1897	18,052,254	1,504,354
1898	100,753,127	8,396,094
1899 (5 months).	83,259,408	16,651,900

Thus from July 1, 1892, to December 1 of this year the Federal government has expended over \$392,000,000 more than it has collected from taxation, and its present state in this respect is far worse than the first. War explains the huge deficits of 1898 and part of 1899, but it is to be borne in mind they were contracted in great part after new sources of revenue had been created by the war tax bill. The Government for six years has been running on borrowed money. McKinley inherited \$70,000,000 from Cleveland as part of his bond sales, and besides had \$200,000,000 from the late bond issue.

Splendid time this for costly imperial experimenting, when for six years we have been having an average yearly deficit of \$72,000,000, and there is no telling when this is going to stop in the future.

It is also noteworthy that the deficit has been under the three tariff laws in force—the McKinley, the Wilson and the Dingley. The Wilson tariff, however, in the fiscal year 1897 was reaching bedrock, with a deficit of only \$18,000,000, or \$54,000,000 less than the average, when it was made to give place to the wretched Dingley abortion, when the deficiency ran to over \$100,000,000, and \$122,000,000 is promised for this year. True, much of this is due to the war, but it was promised the war tax bill would pay the extra outlay. Since hostilities with Spain were suspended and half the volunteer army was disbanded and the navy was practically put upon a peace footing the monthly deficit has averaged over \$10,000,000. It is now likely to remain indefinitely at nearly that figure under present conditions of taxation and projected policies of imperial domain, with a standing army increased to 100,000 men.—Post.

GRADUALLY the sentiment of our people is turning against that of territorial extension. A sober, second thought is gaining the public mind.

TO-DAY Wm. J. Bryan, on the question of territorial expansion, is the recognized leader. This man, it seems, can not be downed.

THE guilt of Quay and the doubt of his re-election are almost apparent.

It Is Correct.

Last week mention was made in this paper of an extraordinary corn crop raised by Henry Gentzel in Spring township, an average of 156 5-6 bushels from 18 acres. Many farmers think it is a mistake, something must be wrong in the figures.

Mr. Gentzel gave these amounts and he insists they are correct. It is no joke, but an actual yield. The Gentzel farms are in the most fertile section of Nittany valley and always are productive.

WHERE THE COMMON MAN STANDS.

In considering the policy into which the expansionist element insist that the nation must embark, it is well to pay a little attention to the effect on the common people. The first and most tangible result is in the form of tax burdens, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Congress now has before it estimates of \$166,000,000 for the military establishment, \$115,000,000 for the naval establishment, a bill pledging the United States for \$100,000,000 for the Nicaragua canal, and \$20,000,000 is coming as a result of the treaty. These are stated to be made imperative by the policy of expansion. We also have a tax burden of \$140,000,000 in pensions from the last war, and if we are to embark on the policy of holding foreign and half savage countries under military subjection, that cost, which was expected to diminish gradually, must be reckoned as constant. The general increase in administrative expenses involved in holding antipodal possessions is not yet known, but it cannot be less than a half score millions. Here is a total of \$411,000,000, while the liability of further burdens from the possibility of complications with other powers in the management of eastern possessions is a wholly unknown quantity, with immense probabilities.

The increase of over \$350,000,000, in annual taxation must come from the common people. That is the experience with nearly all taxation, and especially with the national revenue. If there is a stamp tax on deeds and checks, that tax is added to the cost of acquiring the property or transacting the business, and the final consumer pays it. The imposition of \$25 annually on the average wage earner of a family of five may not seem to the expansionist crowd a very serious matter; but when the wage earner is already paying, in his rent, his clothing, and a large share of his food, from \$75 to \$125 of national, state and local taxation, the additional load of two weeks' pay subtracted from the annual wages of every workman may prove the last straw that breaks the back of the much enduring camel.

When the common people find out that a policy of military expansion means simply increased taxation and the use of American troops to conquer antipodal nations, that policy will turn into the worst boomerang ever produced in all the generations of political stupidity.

A Cowardly Attack.

About a year ago a deer disappeared from John G. Uzzle's park at Snow Shoe. It was evident that somebody had shot it and, working it over the high pale fence surrounding the park, made off with it. Who had committed the deed was a mystery until a short time ago, when it was learned that a young man by the name of Ambrose Davis was the guilty party. Mr. Uzzle had valued the deer at \$50. He arrested Davis and a hearing was had before 'Squire Brown on Friday evening 9th. When the matter was compromised by Davis giving his note for \$25, Mr. Uzzle compassionately agreeing to pay the costs. After the matter was adjusted Mr. Uzzle left the 'Squire's office for his home, and when passing Reeser's butcher shop he was waylaid by Emanuel Starke, (a friend of Davis) who struck him on the back of the head with an axe handle, rendering him unconscious for several hours and causing him intense suffering ever since. Starke was arrested and gave bail for appearance at court.

Interesting Discourse.

On last Thursday evening the Ladies Literary Club, of State College, had the pleasure of hearing a carefully prepared lecture on the topic "The Legal Status of Woman" by Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., one of Centre county's leading practitioners. At the conclusion of the discourse the speaker invited the ladies to propound any questions that might be appropriate and of general interest. The result was a flood of inquiries that kept Mr. Orvis's thinker quite active and showed that the audience was intensely interested in the topic which they allotted and invited Mr. Orvis to discuss and were pleased with the effort.

This organization embraces the leading families of that place. Dr. Coldfelt will be the next lecturer. Topics only of special interest, and selected by the club, are discussed at these meetings.

Dedication Postponed.

Owing to the inclement weather the dedication of the Fairview Christian Union house of worship was put off till New Year's day, January 1st, 1899. The church is three miles north of Curtin's Works. Inasmuch as this is a house for every Christian in its vicinity so that all will have a place of worship, as well as the facilities for funerals, all should give a helping hand in freeing it from debt. Services will begin at 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Sunday Jan. 1st. All are invited. COMMITTEE.

Water Company Organized.

A water company has been organized by the following progressive citizens of Boalsburg: Dr. Kidder, Pres.; F. S. Ishler, V. Pres.; John Fortney, Sec'y.; J. M. Wieland and George Ishler. The organization is to be known as the Boalsburg Water Company, and have broken ground for the piping of water from a spring at the foot of the mountain. The contract has been awarded to Malone Bros.

Howard.

Elmer is all smiles; he says its a girl. Miss Bertha Noll left for Harrisburg last week.

Harry Neff, left on Wednesday, for Hillsgrove.

Wm. Krape arrived home, last week, from Johnstown.

F. W. Dunkle, of Hecla, was in our town on Tuesday.

W. N. Neff, of Hillsgrove, Pa., was in our town on Tuesday.

Samuel Loder, of Flemington, was in our town on Tuesday.

Curt Fox, of Walker, took dinner with S. I. Reber, on Tuesday.

Misses Alice and Rosetta Cook were to Lock Haven, last week.

Miss Lulu Hensyl was visiting friends in Bellefonte, on Thursday.

Professor Lathaw preached in the church of Christ, on last Sunday.

Mrs. Z. T. Welrick was visiting her brother, Charles Neff, at Castewa.

Wm. Weber and wife were transacting business in Lock Haven last week.

Messrs. Bitner and Fisher, of Flemington, were guests of Ira C. Leathers.

Charles L. says that girl he kissed in front of his gate was only his cousin.

Wm. C. Dietz and wife, of Walker, were guests of E. C. Dietz on Sunday.

Bruce Garman and lady, of Bellefonte, passed through this place on Sunday.

Wm. T. Loder and family are visiting friends at Rebersburg, at this writing.

Reuben Snyder and Miss Maggie Long, of Walker, were in our town on Sunday.

R. E. Hockman, late of Clintondale, was in our town on last Tuesday evening.

Don't forget the Y. P. S. C. E. fair held at this place, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

J. W. Beck's sale, on Tuesday, was a success. The crowd was large and things sold well.

Messrs. N. J. Hockman and Calvin Gerberich, of Zion, took dinner with E. C. Dietz, on Tuesday.

Messrs. Wm. Irwin and Frank Thompson, of Walker, took supper with J. W. Maves, on Tuesday.

John A. Thompson and family left on Friday for Hagerstown, Md., where they expect to spend the holidays.

William Hensyl, who had been attending college at New Berlin the past three months, came home on Friday.

Miss Emma Hockman, of Spring Mills, was visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Dietz, on Thursday and Friday of last week.

It is said that one of our sports went to Bellefonte to see his dame, but as something seems to have turned up he was obliged to sleep in the barn.

Misses Ada Confer, Mable Packer, Alma Packer, Mary Loder and George Lower started for Pittsburg on Wednesday, where they expect to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Grove, of Leont, while on their way home from the State Grange convention, held at Williamsport, stopped off on Saturday and took dinner with I. W. Maves.

HOWARD NO. 2.

The schools at this place are all closed for a two week's vacation.

Frank Daughenbaugh arrived home from the woods one day last week.

Everybody should attend the fair and festival to be held in Lucas & Bro's hall. Refreshments of all kinds.

The cantata to be given in the new Christian church, on next Monday evening, promises to be something fine.

The new telephone line will soon be completed, and then we can talk to most any place, without paying a fortune for it.

Miss Mabel Packer and sister Alma, Miss Mary Loder, Miss Adda Confer and George Loder all left here on the Wednesday noon train for Pittsburg, where they will visit relatives.

Just received at Confer's confectionery, a large lot of extra select oysters at 35 cents per quart. Stews plain or milk, from 15 cents to 25 cents. Candies of all kinds, from 8 cents a pound up.

Fairbrook.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Our gang of men, who are putting up the new telephone poles are on full time.

Rev. Aikens preached his tenth-year anniversary at Pine Hall, last Sunday morning.

Frank Bowersox has returned from Central Penna College, at New Berlin, to spend his holidays at home.

Drs. Bailey and Krebs, of the U. P., of Philadelphia, are home spending the holidays with us.

There will be a Christmas entertainment in the Pine Grove Lutheran church, on Friday evening, and on Saturday evening at Gatesburg.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best? If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by P. Potts Green, druggist.

Get your neighbor to subscribe for The Centre Democrat and you will tickle us immensely. A new subscription always gives us cause for rejoicing.

Fillmore.

George Blair is home from school during his vacation.

John Lucas, of Tyrone, came down to help Mr. Kephart butcher.

Clayton Whitmer is rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at his place.

Trube Runion, of Stormstown, is visiting at the home of C. H. Kephart.

Mrs. Lidle McAlamey, of Altoona, visited at James Huey's last week, a few days.

Mrs. Henry Norris is on the sick list at present. Neuralgia of the nerves, is the cause.

Jessie Wolford and Cyrus Huey are all smiles since the little girls came to glad on their homes.

Butchering is over, and the large porkers are not talked so much about since the scales were used.

Everybody that has a sleigh now is out making use of the snow. Some use what is called a spider, but they get there just the same.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the M. E. church, on the evening of the 24th of December, and a treat for the Sunday school.

Miss Annie Rockey has been under the treatment of Dr. W. U. Irwin, the past week. She is some better at present. Convulsions was the trouble.

The calathumpians turned out on last Wednesday night and paid their respects to Mr. and Mrs. McEntire after the golden wedding. They treated the band with cigars, and all the boys went home happy.

A young man in this valley had better take warning and not do so much shooting along the public road, as he has done in the past, or we will make a sample of him. A boy going to see the girls and carrying a revolver must be a coward, or wants people to know when he goes home.

—We make all our clear toys and candies. They are pure and fresh—at Sourbecks.

Romola.

Miss Emma Robb spent a few days of this week, at Lock Haven.

Mrs. Rufus Johnson, of Beech Creek, called in our town last week.

Jacob Bechdel spent Monday in Howard, where he assisted John Wetzel in butchering.

Miss Emma Miller is visiting in Lock Haven, at the home of her brother, Thomas Miller.

Dr. Mothersbaugh, of Beech Creek, is at present attending the youngest child of Peter Robb.

Miss Sudie McCloskey, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas McCloskey, spent Monday in Lock Haven.

William McCloskey spent Saturday in Blanchard, at the home of his brother, Joseph McCloskey.

Miss Nellie Winslow, of Blanchard, is visiting in this place, at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Welch.

Miss Flora Duck, who teaches the primary school in this place, spent Sunday at her home, in Spring Mills.

Miss Marie DeLong and sister Etta are visiting in Beech Creek at the home of their sister, Mrs. Rufus Johnson.

Our teachers together with a number of young folks of this place, are attending institute in Bellefonte this week.

Miss Mamie DeLong and brother Dean, are visiting in Loveville at the home of their sister, Mrs. N. J. Wilson.

—Powers Shoe Co. have handsome slippers, leggins and footwear, suitable for X-mas presents.

Axemann.

Lots of rain and mud at present.

Miss Edna Harter, of near Oak Grove, spent this week with relatives in this town.

Miss Cynthia Hoover, of Mountain View, spent this week at the home of W. S. White.

Miss Blanche Kaup, of our town, is spending her vacation with relatives at Oak Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Calvert, of Williamsport, are at present visiting friends in our town.

Quite a number of people of our town attended the institute that was held in Bellefonte this week.

Some of our farmers were busy hauling ice from S. H. Hoy's ice-dam, of near Pleasant Gap, last week.

Quite a number of young people have been attending the protracted meeting held at Valentine's forge last week.

Mrs. John Musser and daughter Katie, of near Bellefonte, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of W. H. Miller.

The Axe-Mann Union Sunday school will have a Christmas entertainment on Christmas evening. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

—Christmas greens, laurel by the yard, holly wreaths and mistletoe—at Sourbecks.

Aaronsburg.

Miss Ida Kahl, of Green Burr, was seen in the burg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver, of Feidler, spent a few hours on Monday with the former's parents.

Frank Weaver, who has been confined to his bed for the last few weeks, is slowly improving.

As our teachers have all gone to Institute this week. The scholars will all enjoy their vacation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is the wish of the writer to all readers of The Centre Democrat.

John Dettwiler expects to go into the mercantile business, as he has bought the store goods, formerly owned by Adam Maize.

Mrs. John Musser and Mrs. J. G. Meyer expect to spend their Christmas holidays with Prof. W. T. Meyer, at Philadelphia.

The infant son of Mazie Bower died on Friday and was buried on Monday. Rev. Lohr, of the Evangelical association, assisted by Rev. F. W. Brown of the Reformed church, conducted the funeral services.

—Get a photo camera for your boy for an X-mas present. at Bush's.



A boy may arrive safely at school with his "shining morning face," but, by recess, to quote Charles Lamb, "If dirt were trumps, what hands he would hold." Think of those hands with ink stains, cuts and slivers, and the discomfort that would result from washing them with harsh soaps. Ivory Soap for years has stood the test of use in the lavatories of many of our best public schools, and is recommended by no less a personage than the boy himself.

IT FLOATS.

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Long Worm in a Young Child. The Lewistown Gazette says that by the aid of milk and pumpkin seeds a tape worm over seven feet long was removed from the youngest son of John B. Keller, of that place. As the lad's age is but 4 years, it is believed he is the youngest child known to be afflicted in this way.

Musical Convention. The M. E. and Christian churches, of Mt. Eagle will hold a singing convention in the Christian church, at Mt. Eagle, beginning Dec. 26 and ending with a concert, Saturday evening, Dec. 31st. —Cut prices on Holiday goods at Bush's.

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