

Manchester, August 4, 1868.

For President, CLYDE A. GRANT, of Illinois. For Vice President, SCHUYLER COLfax, of Indiana.

For Electors at Large of President and Vice President, GEORGE W. GRANDET, of Vermont, HORACE FAIRBANKS, of St. Johnsbury.

For Governor, JOHN B. PAGE, of Ireland.

For Lieutenant Governor, STEPHEN THOMAS, of West Fairlee.

For State Treasurer, JOHN A. PAGE, of Ireland.

For Judges, HARMON CANFIELD, of Arlington, MARTIN J. LOVE, of Bennington.

For Sheriff, LEARNED POTTER, of Bennington.

For State's Attorney, HANNY HOWARD, of Manchester.

For Assistant Judges, HIRSH COLE, of Shaftsbury, E. M. AYDENWORTH, of Arlington.

For High Bailiff, JAMES L. McCALL, of Bagroot.

For Judges of Probate, JOHN W. YALL, of Bennington, for the District of Bennington; ELIAS B. BURTON, of Manchester, for the District of Manchester.

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MR. WELLS LETTER TO THE PUBLIC.

In reply to Mr. Allison's letter to the special commissioner of the revenue, Mr. Wells has given the following interesting statistics, which we condense from his letter:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1867-8.

The national receipts of revenue from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, were substantially as follows:

Customs (Gold), \$120,000,000; Internal Revenue (Currency), \$120,000,000; Miscellaneous, \$1,000,000; Public lands and direct tax, \$2,000,000.

Total, \$243,000,000.

The expenditure of the government on account of the interest on the public debt for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, \$141,625,531.18.

The other aggregate expenses of the several departments of the government for the same period were \$229,914,674.56; making a total expenditure for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, of \$371,545,225; and leaving an estimated surplus of receipts over expenditures of \$34,749,774.77.

The details of the expenditure will be seen in part by the following statements, which also show ground for believing in future years the expenses will be smaller:—

Interest.—The present condition of the debt of the United States necessitates the annual expenditure, on account of interest, of about \$126,000,000.

The excess of interest over this amount last year, was due mainly to payments on accumulated interest on the compound interest notes, and will not again appear.

The Civil List.—The expenditures of the executive, legislative and judiciary, foreign intercourse, territories, collection of the revenue, District of Columbia, public lands, mints and assay offices, coast survey, light houses, post office deficiency, &c., were last year \$53,009,846.95. The estimate of the present year is about \$36,000,000.

Interior Department.—The expenditures under this head for the last fiscal year were \$17,882,676.17, apportioned substantially as follows: For pensions \$23,282,676; for Indians \$4,000,000.

Navy Department.—The expenditures under this head were \$25,775,502.72, but the appropriations for the present fiscal year are only \$17,300,000.

War Department.—The total disbursements of the war department were \$123,246,648.62, of which amount there were paid:—

For bounties \$30,000,000; Reimbursing state war claims \$10,300,000; Engineer bureau, mainly river and harbor improvements \$6,132,820; Payments for property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States, estimated \$1,111,300.00; Subsistence Indian, estimated \$1,000,000.00; Freedmen's bureau \$2,215,000.00; Expenses of reconstruction \$1,729,270.00; National cemetery \$792,000.00; Commutation rations of prisoners of war \$122,000.00.

Total, \$65,383,228.

The amount deducted from \$123,246,648.62 indicates the legitimate army expenditures, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, to have been \$56,713,410; of which a large part is due to the Indian hostilities in the summer and fall of 1867.

The military appropriations for the present year are only \$33,981,018.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Dividing the expenditures of the last year into "ordinary expenses," or those which are required to support and maintain the government, and "extraordinary expenses," or those which have been the unavoidable result of the war, we have:—

ORDINARY EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal year 1867-8. 1868-9. Actual. Estimated or appropriated.

Civil list, \$30,000,000.00 \$30,000,000.00; Interior (Indian), 4,000,000.00 4,000,000.00; Navy department, 25,775,502.72 17,300,000.00; War department, 36,713,410.00 33,981,018.00; Rivers and harbors, 6,132,820.00 1,500,000.00.

Total, \$102,621,732.67 \$96,881,018.00.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES.

Fiscal year 1867-8. 1868-9. Actual. Estimated or appropriated.

Interest pub. debt, \$141,625,531.18 \$141,625,531.18; Pensions, 23,282,676.00 23,282,676.00; Bounties, 30,000,000.00 30,000,000.00; Freedmen's bureau, 2,215,000.00 2,215,000.00; Reconstruction, 1,729,270.00 1,729,270.00; Reimbursing states, 10,300,000.00 10,300,000.00; Property lost or destroyed in military service, 1,111,300.00 1,111,300.00; Subsistence Indian, 1,000,000.00 1,000,000.00; National cemetery, 792,000.00 792,000.00; Commutation prisoners, 132,000.00 132,000.00.

Total, \$239,346,498.66 \$239,346,498.66.

EXPENDITURES OF THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

The aggregate expenditures of the war department, from April 1, 1865, to June 30, 1868, inclusive, were \$917,117,043.43.

The disbursements for the nine months from April 1, 1865, to December 31, 1865, as stated by quarter, were as follows:—

Second quarter of 1865, \$414,196,277.26; Third quarter, \$163,230,237.22; Fourth, \$139,616,528.95.

Total, \$717,043,043.43.

So that of the above total expenditures of the war department, \$647,688,000, or 70 per cent of the whole, was directly contingent upon the termination of the war, and was disbursed in the nine months succeeding the surrender of Lee. The balance of expenditure charged to the war department, viz., \$269,428,977.10—covers a period of thirty months, or from January 1, 1866, to June 30, 1868, and represents the disbursements further contingent upon the termination of the war—such as arrears of pay and transportation of troops, the regular expense of the military establishment, the expenses of 1867, the payment of bounties (\$49,382,859) from July 1, 1866, to June 30, 1868, the payment for property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States (\$11,000,000), the reimbursement of the state claims in 1767-8 (\$10,330,000), river and harbor improvements and expenses of fortifications, subsistence of Indians, freed-

men's bureau, expenses of reconstruction, &c.

The expenditures of the navy department from April 1, 1865, to June 30, 1868, were \$133,119,296. Of this amount \$59,847,889 or 45 per cent, were distributed within the nine months succeeding the termination of the war in April, 1865. The balance \$73,271,407, covers the regular expenses of our navy for a period of thirty months, ending July 1, 1868, as well as the disbursements on account of prize money, and for the settlement of contracts entered into prior to the war. The following table shows the expenditure of the navy department since and including the fiscal year 1862:—

1862, \$42,052,548; 1863, 62,211,136; 1864, 62,783,289; 1865, 126,262,778; 1866, 43,314,118; 1867, 41,944,941; 1868, 25,153,249; 1869, 11,300,000.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU AND RECONSTRUCTION EXPENSES.

The expense of the freedmen's bureau since its organization have been \$5,617,000.

Concerning the proportionate expenditure incurred by the bureau for the relief of the starving and destitute of both races, and for educational and other purpose, the treasury has no information.

According to the accounts of the treasury, the expenditures contingent upon the reconstruction act have been \$344,700.56.

REDUCTION OF TAXATION AND DEBT.

The amount of taxes abated or repealed since the close of the war is thus estimated:—

By the act of July 13, 1865, \$50,000,000; " " February 3, 1867, 40,000,000; " " March 2, 1868, 23,700,000; " " March 21, 1868, 43,900,000.

Total, \$157,600,000.

At the close of the war taxation was all but universal; land, agricultural produce, unmanufactured lumber, breadstuffs, and a few other forms of property and produce only, being exempt. At the present time, of all manufactured articles or products of industry, the following only are subject to specific or direct taxation: Distilled spirits, fermented liquors, manufactured tobacco, gas, matches and playing cards. Perfumery, cosmetics, patent medicines, and a few other manufactured articles, are subjected to a stamp tax in proportion to their selling price, since July, 1865; furthermore, the additional tax of five per cent on all incomes has been increased from \$600 to \$1000. The taxation formerly imposed on the gross receipts accruing from the transportation of merchandise has also been entirely removed.

Coincident with the above reduction of taxation, or from August 31, 1861, to June 30, 1868, the aggregate debt, deducting cash in treasury, exhibits a reduction of \$250,000,000. On this statement of the debt the reduction of the interest at six per cent would be \$15,000,000 per annum.

A long-standing feud between the families of Selba Plumley and Isaac H. Balch of Shrewsbury, in Rutland county, resulted fatally Saturday afternoon. Plumley had impaled two of Balch's horses for depredations in his corn-field, and the appraisal of damages was left to outside parties who were on the spot for the purpose of deciding the matter. Plumley, with two sons, Horace R. and Frederick, and a son-in-law, named George J. Utterby, were present, as was also Balch with two hired men and John Gilman, a neighbor. Both parties were armed. John Gilman, Jr., a respectable and peaceable citizen of Little Falls, N. Y., was on the ground as a spectator, unarmed. He was ordered from the field by Horace R. Plumley, who pointed a gun at him, which Gilman seized by the barrel and turned aside; but being attacked in the rear by Frederick Plumley, with a pitchfork, he turned to meet this new assailant, and was shot and instantly killed by Horace R. Plumley, receiving four buck shot through the heart.—shots were then exchanged by the parties, Horace R. receiving a shot in the thigh and another through the scalp, and Gilman senior one through the leg. Hostilities closed by the opportune appearance of Sheriff Sanderson, who arrested Selba and H. R. Plumley, George Rutterby, Abraham Wain and Napoleon Quartier, the two latter being workmen for Balch, and committed them to Rutland jail. Fred Plumley will be delivered up by his friends to-morrow morning.

"THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, ITS CAUSE, CHARACTER, CONDUCT AND RESULTS," by Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, is the title of a valuable work just issued by the National Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Historians of the late civil war have sprung up like mushrooms, and they can now be numbered almost by hundreds, but all who are desirous of arriving at a correct understanding of the cause, and a clear history of the events of the late lamentable war, have felt the want of a reliable history of the same from a Southern standpoint, by some representative man of the South. This want is about to be supplied by Alexander H. Stephens.

Mr. Stephens was a most earnest proponent against secession, and only once, at the last moment, when his State, in spite of his warning, committed the great error.

The late announcement that this distinguished Statesman had determined to write a book, would of itself, be sufficient to kindle a lively and wide-spread interest in all sections of the country. But when it is known that he has chosen as his theme the one so fruitful as the AMERICAN WAR, the absorbing interest of the subject together with the evident and peculiar fitness of the author for the treatment, unite in making a curiosity naturally participated in the ranks of American literature.

In presenting a careful political analysis of the past, representing a view from approved sources of the late unhappy conflict, and giving those interior lights and shadows of the Great War, only known to those near the scene, who watched the flood-tide of Revolution from its fountain-springs, and from which were so accessible to Mr. Stephens from his position as second officer of the Confederacy.

This most valuable work is sold only by subscription, and the publishers want an agent in every County.

Local Intelligence.

—Read the advertisements of C. F. Smith in to-day's paper.

—David Parsons, of Wheelock, advertises his farm for sale in to-day's issue.

—Mr. Eliza Phillips, of this place, a member of the graduating class of Middlebury College, takes charge of a school at St. Johnsbury for the coming year.

—Lecturers on the DUREN CONVENTION.—A. L. Miner, F. H. Orin, M. S. Colburn and L. A. Munson are the delegates from Manchester.

—Feminism.—T. W. Park, H. O. Root, and several others whose names we have not learned.

—Report.—James Willer, George Hopkins.

—A match game of base ball was played on the grounds of the Outlaws club at Factory Point, on Saturday afternoon last, between the "Shiners" of Factory Point and the "Stars" of North Dorset. Both clubs are composed of juveniles, between the ages of seven and seventeen, and those who witnessed the match speak well of the playing.

The score stood 23 for the Stars of Factory Point and 12 for the Stars of North Dorset.

—BANK & BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—By an advertisement in the present number it will be seen that the next term of this institution will open Aug. 26th, with Rev. L. A. Austin as principal.

The editor of the Rutland Herald, Henry Clark, Esq., after transferring to his columns the announcement of the appointment of this gentleman, recently published in our paper, appends to it the following interesting notice:

"The above is taken from the Manchester Journal, and from a long and intimate personal acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Austin, we know the selection to be a judicious and popular one, which will give that venerable institution so long presided over by the Rev. Dr. Wickham, a new life. The principal clerk is a gentleman of fine talents, good scholarship and executive ability, which are so happily combined as to make him pre-eminently fitted for the position."

This volunteer testimony from one so well known for his zeal and devotion to the moral and educational interests of the people of this State, and himself one of the pupils of the institution, justifies the expectation of its friends of a successful administration of the affairs under the newly appointed principal.

—REVENUE CUSTOMS FACTORY.—The cheese factory at West Rupert seems to be in a prosperous and flourishing condition. A correspondent of the Rutland Herald says: "The 'cheese' factory of West Rupert sold in New York on Monday last, (20th ult.), 214 cheese, weighing 13,445 lbs., at 15 cts. each, netting the patrons of the factory a tidy sum of \$32,167.50. We were offered on Saturday 15 cts. per lb. at the factory for 150 more, which we refused. We have a customer in New York who proposes to take the entire make of the season immediately on the arrival, at the highest market price. It ranks thus far as extra fine, selling as well as the old established factories of Central New York. This is the second year of the factory, and the cheese is made this year, so last, by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonnevillie, than whom two better cheese makers can not be found in the State. We are now making the milk of about 275 cows, making eleven cheese per day, average at about sixty-two pounds each. The officers of the association are as follows: Edwin Hawley, President; T. L. Sheldon, Secretary; E. S. Sherman, Treasurer; T. L. Sheldon, John Cleveland and W. A. Stearns, Directors.

—The new Music Hall in the village, which has been in process of erection during the past year or more, is now nearly complete, and will be thrown open to the public on Thursday evening of this week. The building is three stories in height, ninety feet in length and fifty in width, the first story containing a billiard room and four very fine bowling alleys. The Hall is in the second story of the building, and is perhaps the finest room of the kind in the State. It is fitted up in excellent taste, is handsomely furnished, and contains a large stage, the scenery and appointments of which will bear favorable comparison with the stages of more pretentious halls.—The room will contain a grand and beautiful pipe organ. The third story of the building is occupied for sleeping rooms and contains several large and airy apartments, which are made easy of access from the Manchester Hotel by a passage-way connecting that house with the third story of the hall. The building is a model of beauty, and an ornament to our village of which all feel proud. It has been erected by our enterprising townsman, F. H. Orin, Esq., proprietor of the Equinox House, and the accommodation of the guests of that house, and especially the visitors of summer resorts can find no handsomer hall or better accommodations than they can find in this beautiful place. The third story of the building is occupied for sleeping rooms and contains several large and airy apartments, which are made easy of access from the Manchester Hotel by a passage-way connecting that house with the third story of the hall. The building is a model of beauty, and an ornament to our village of which all feel proud. It has been erected by our enterprising townsman, F. H. Orin, Esq., proprietor of the Equinox House, and the accommodation of the guests of that house, and especially the visitors of summer resorts can find no handsomer hall or better accommodations than they can find in this beautiful place.

—The opening exercises on Thursday evening will consist in part of recitations from our best poets by Prof. Clark of Troy, an eminent reader and teacher of elocution.

—CONCERT BY THE MEMORABILIA QUINETTE CLUB.—The Memorabilia Quinette Club of Boston, assisted by Miss Maria Bradstreet, of New York, will give a concert in this city on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst. The concert will take place in the new Hall, which is now completed and is one of the largest and finest in the State. Although the simple announcement of a concert by this distinguished club would seem sufficient to bring out every lover of music, we append the following from the pen of "M. G. A.," a talented Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Independent, in regard to a recent concert given by the club in that city, for the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the reputation of these artists:—

"It is not often that the lovers of harmonic art are able to witness a concert of vocalists so well and so varied as that given by the instruments of the Memorabilia Quinette Club of Boston. Five men, bound together for nineteen years by the love of art, practicing and playing together during all that time the purest music of the most classic composers, must feel a single sympathy which thrills from lips and fingers into their instruments.

What wonder then that violin, violoncello, clarinet and flute seem to send out every waking moment a tone