

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUREAUX

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

From the annual report of Hon. Lot M. Morrill, secretary of the Treasury, on the state of the Treasury for the past year, we gather the following interesting figures:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877. Includes sub-sections for Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, and Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878.

enactment was hailed, looking to the consummation of an exigent measure of public necessity, was modified only by an apprehension of the possible inadequacy of its terms to accomplish its end. A return to the constitutional standard of value at any time will doubtless, to some extent, involve a reduction in nominal prices, and consequent contraction of the volume of currency, but this is not of itself necessarily an evil, and, if it were, it is an evil incident to a vicious system, not cured by the continuance of the evil, while the measure itself is demanded by the highest economic considerations and principles of honest dealing.

ISSUE OF SILVER COIN.

Immediately upon the passage of the act of April 17, 1876, the department, through its several independent-treasury offices, began to issue, in redemption of the outstanding fractional currency, the subsidiary silver coin which had been coined under the authority of the Redemption act of January 14, 1875.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The coin values of the exports and imports of the United States for the last fiscal year, as appears from official returns made to and compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, are as follows:

Table listing various military personnel and their counts, including Cavalry, Infantry, Artillery, and other branches.

Report of the United States Treasurer.

The Treasurer of the United States, in his report, simply reviews the business of this important branch of the financial department of the Government during the past year. No recommendations of amendments or modifications of the statutes governing the financial operations of the Government are made, it being considered that such propositions appertain solely to the office of the Secretary.

Report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

From the report of Comptroller Knox we glean the following interesting figures regarding the status of the banks and branches of the National Bank of the United States.

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Internal Revenue.

From the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, we gather the following interesting statistics: The aggregate receipts for the fiscal year were \$117,236,625, an increase over the preceding fiscal year of \$6,691,471.

Public Lands.

The following are the main points of interest embraced in the report of Hon. J. A. Williamson, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The Navy.

Secretary Hobson's report shows that there are belonging to the navy 146 vessels of 150,137 tons measurement. They carry 1,142 guns. Of these, 123, carrying 913 guns, with a measurement of 120,598 tons, have steam power.

The Pension Bureau.

The Commissioner of Pensions, in his report, recommends the repeal of the present law admitting ex parte evidence in support of claims and the existing system of modicum examinations.

The Ordnance Bureau.

Gen. Benet, the Chief of Ordnance, in his annual report recommends a large increase of appropriations for the use of the Ordnance Department for the next fiscal year over those for the present year.

The Patent Office.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Patents shows the Patent Office to have been more than self-supporting during the past year.

The Postoffice Department.

The annual report of the Postmaster General contains a very gratifying exhibit of the business of the department for the last fiscal year, showing a very large increase of receipts.

The Secret Service.

The report of J. J. Brooks, Chief of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department, represents the business of the past year as having been the most successful and profitable.

AGRICULTURAL BUREAU.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture shows that the business of the Bureau for the past year was distributed during the year by 1,521,000 packages of vegetable and field seeds and pastures including nearly 35,000 of vegetable, 372,000 of flower, 65,000 of wheat, 64,000 of tobacco, and 863 of cotton.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT.

Reforms Suggested—Mr. Buckalew's Proposed Method. [From the Chicago Tribune.]

The Hon. C. R. Buckalew, of Pennsylvania, who has devoted much of his life to the reformation of elections and of representation, has published a suggestion of a reform in the mode of electing Presidents, which would have the effect, if adopted, of making the choice more clearly that of the popular vote than now, and have the effect of abolishing many present forms which are open to abuse by fraud.

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TOM SCRIBBLES.

Tom Scribbles was a banker's clerk, On money rather small; So he was contented to be short, Though he was very tall.

Of handsome form and winning ways, He loved to cut a dash; He kept the banker's cash account, And often kept his cash.

One day the banker said to him: "Friend Tom! I much deplore, That though I'm buying stock all day I've never much in store."

"In fact, I know beyond a doubt, With me you've been too free; And, as you give me drafts for checks, I'll check your drafts on me."

"You must have thought me very blind, Your errors not to see; But I took note of you, and find You've taken notes of me."

"Your services I need no more; Your tricks will never do; You long have made the change for me, I'll make the change for you."

"Another matter, Tom, I feel To speak of would be right; Although your habits are so loose, They often make you tight."

"And when you should be at your work With all your might and main, The figures which you try to pen Are all penned in your brain."

"In hopes that you would alter, Tom, I've kept you here this long; But though you do write well at times, You're often doing wrong."

"To tell the truth, I cannot now A word speak in your praise; Yet 'tis not strange I took with you— You have such taking ways!"

Alas for Scribbles! there he was Of friend and place bereft; And as he could not stay and write, He turned away and left.

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