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REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE.

The extravagance of the present administration is a difficult matter for its apologists to explain. First, there is the deficit for the fiscal year 1893-'4 of over $41,000,000 staring them in the face, which has reduced the available cash balance in the United States Treasury to the zero point, so that Secretary Shaw will probably have to again call on the banks for another installment of the cash they hold and on which they pay no interest. It is all very well to call the payments for the Panama Canal an "extraordinary" expense and so excuse the present conditions. There are other expenses that this administration has piled up that are equally extraordinary that no excuses can palliate or gloss over.

Take the expenditures for the year before the war with Spain, when the Democrats were in power and the appropriations made by the Republicans for the present year, and the extravagance of the present administration is at once apparent.

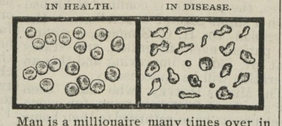
	1896-'7.	1893-'4.
Civil and miscellaneous.	$90,000,000	$132,000,000
War Department.....	48,000,000	115,000,000
Navy Department.....	34,000,000	102,000,000
Total.....	$172,000,000	$349,000,000

This makes $177,000,000 more this year than in 1896—more than double as much. What excuse can the Republican apologists offer for such a vast increase, and how do they propose to further tax the people to support such extravagance?

HEROISM AND LOVE OF COUNTRY.

"The Government of the United States was organized solely for the people of the United States. While it was contemplated that this country should become a refuge for the oppressed of every land, who might be fit to discharge the duties of our citizenship, and while we have always sympathized with the people of every nation in their struggles for self-government, the government was not created for a career of political or civilizing evangelization in foreign countries or among alien races. The most efficient work we can do in uplifting the people of other countries is by the presentation of a happy, prosperous, self-governing nation as an ideal to be emulated, a model to be followed. The general occupation of our citizens in the arts of peace, or the absence of large military armaments, tends to impair neither patriotism nor physical courage, and for the truth of this I refer the young men of to-day to the history of the Civil War. For fifty years, with the exception of the war with Mexico, this country had been at peace, with a standing army most of the time of less than ten thousand men. He who thinks that the nation had grown effeminate during that period should read the casualty rolls of the armies on either side at Shiloh, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, at Stone River and Chickamauga. I would be the last man to pluck a single laurel from the crown of any one of the military heroes to whom this country owes so much, but I insist that their most heroic deeds proceeded infinitely more from devotion to the country than from martial spirit." [From Judge Parker's speech of acceptance.]

BLOOD CELLS.



Man is a millionaire many times over in the possession of blood cells. Woman is not quite so rich, for scientists have proven that the normal number of red blood cells in adult men is five million; in women four and a half million, to the square millimeter.

The normal cell is not absolutely round in health, but, in disease, becomes extremely irregular in shape. Every one can be in perfect health and possess the millions of rich red blood corpuscles if they only know how to go about it. Dr. R. V. Pierce, consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., advises every man and woman to prepare for a long life by observing nature's laws. In the first place, if your digestion is faulty, and the food you eat is not taken up by the blood and assimilated properly, you need a tonic and digestive corrector, something that will increase the red blood corpuscles; he believes in going about this in nature's own way. Years ago, in his active practice, he found that an alterative extract of certain herbs and roots, put up without the use of alcohol, would put the liver, lungs and heart into fuller and more complete action. This medicine he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. By assimilating the food eaten, it nourishes the blood, and, instead of the ill-shaped corpuscles, the person's blood takes on a rich red color and the corpuscles are more nearly round. Nervousness is only the cry of the starved nerves for food, and when the nerves are fed on rich red blood the person loses those irritable feelings, sleeps well at night and feels refreshed in the morning.

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