According to the revised figures the amount of money in the treasury on the 30th of June, exclusive of certificates in circulation for treasury held deposits, was $1,678,923,102, of which $150,412,059 belonged in the treasury and $1,495,000,000 is in circulation. There was a net loss of $49,000,000 of gold and a net gain of upwards of $98,000,000 in other money, and a consequent contraction of about $9,000,000 in the whole volume.

The treasurer computes that, during the past ten years, there has been an average increase of $32,000,000 from the end of June to the end of December, in the amount of money actually in circulation, followed by an average decrease of $14,236,000 from the end of December to the end of June. The increase realized in the past year has been nearly double this average of $35,000,000, and in the last two years the average has been exceeded by $41,000,000.

Unusually large amounts of notes of small denominations have been sent out to the west and south since the 1st of July, chiefly for deposits in the subtreasury in New York. The aggregate up to the middle of November reached over $49,000,000 as against $51,000,000 for the whole preceding year, and a measurable improvement in the condition of the coinage, particularly in silver, has been effected, nearly $1,000,000 of the uncurrent coin in the treasury having been restored to full weight. As a result of this, and some special efforts in other directions, the amount of fractional silver in the treasury has been much reduced. Many inquiries for silver specify the new coins. It is believed that but for a prejudice against all coins showing any signs of wear, the treasury would long since have been relieved of a good portion of its load of fractional silver.

The treasurer points out that this prejudice in the case of silver coin is altogether groundless, since they derive their currency value not from weight, but from the stamp of the mint, and are received at the treasury for full value as long as the stamp can be recognized, provided the loss of metal is due to natural wear. Nearly $6,703,000 of the National bank notes were redeemed, an amount much above the average. The deposits of new 2 per cents extended the withdrawal of old bonds, and there was an issue of new notes amounting to about $7,500,000.

Monthly Weather and Crop Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The monthly weather and crop bulletin says: November has been colder than usual over the entire country east of the Rocky mountains and warmer than usual west of the Rockies. Two cold waves during the month were attended by unusually cold weather, producing temperatures from one to two degrees lower than ever previously recorded for this season of the year, and carried the frost line south over northern Florida. During the month the precipitation was in excess generally throughout the central valleys, in the lake region and in the Dakotas, while less than usual on the coast and from Texas to Nebraska.

Heavy rainfalls over the winter wheat region doubtless resulted in some benefit to the crops, but not as much as expected. Owing to the recent low temperature which has left the ground frozen, the warm wave now extending over the central valleys will cause thawing weather throughout the winter wheat region.

A Disgraceful Row at Limerick.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—There was a disgraceful row at Limerick Station today. The McCarthyites had a convention, among the prominent speakers being William O'Brien and John Dillon. When they reached the station, after the meeting, a large number of Parnellites insulted them. Trouble followed and a lively scrimmage with sticks ensued, many Parnellites being hurt, several so severely that their wounds had to be dressed at the hospital.

Theatre Matters at the Fair.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Hale Mackay, the actor and playwright, was before the World's Fair board of architects today, with a scheme for a big opera house and theater at the Exposition grounds. He contemplates a structure 400 by 600, and says he is backed by London and New York capitalists to the extent of $1,500,000, provided the desired concessions are secured.

Charges Dropped.

OMAHA, Dec. 2.—The charges preferred against the Missouri Pacific and Burlington & Missouri roads, alleging a violation of the Interstate Commerce law, which were to be investigated before the Federal grand jury, seem to have fallen short of the mark on account of the inability to procure the necessary witnesses. It has been decided to indefinitely postpone the hearing.

Comptroller Lacy's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Comptroller of the Currency Lacy shows that during the year ending October 1st, 193 new banking associations were organized, with an aggregate capital of $20,700,000, thus exhibiting a growth largely in excess of the annual average of past years. Forty-one associations went into voluntary liquidation, and twenty-five became insolvent, leaving a net gain for twelve months of 127, with a capital of $12,551,000. The number of banks in operation is 3694, having a capital stock of $684,755,865; bonds deposited to secure circulation, $152,115,800; bank notes outstanding, $171,366,868, including $31,493,713 represented by lawful money deposited for their redemption. Of the new associations ninety-one are located west of the Mississippi river and ninety-five in the Southern States. The increase is well distributed, however, new banks having been organized in forty-one States. In the number of failures the present exceeds any previous year. Six banks which were closed during the year were restored by voluntary contribution of the shareholders. The affairs of 102 insolvent banks have been closed, at the average expense of 5.28 per cent., with an average dividend to the creditors of 73.17 per cent.

Attention is called to the need of legislation more clearly defining the duties of directors; also to the need of some further restriction upon the accommodations which may be lawfully be afforded to officers and directors by way of loans and discounts. The comptroller discusses the causes of the monetary stringency of 1890, and the issue of clearing-house loan certificates in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The failures recorded are looked upon as the result of a collapse of the speculative spirit which has been generally prevalent for the past five years, greatly aggravated by the monetary stringencies experienced by most of the nations with which we sustain commercial relations.

Our Disgraceful Roads.

In spite of the wonderful commercial and industrial progress of the United States we are still to a large extent using the same soft, dusty, muddy country roads that served for our nomadic ancestors. No organization has done more to remedy this surprising state of things than the League of American Wheelmen. Its secretary, Mr. Isaac B. Potter, of New York, considers that the cost to the farmer of carting his produce over the "roughened streak of soil" that serves us for a highway is no small factor in the existing agricultural depression; and points out that the cost of maintaining proper public wagon roads, though great, is more than repaid to the community in the enhanced value of adjacent property alone. This position he supports by statistics. It is to be hoped that Mr. Potter and his coworkers will succeed in ridding our rural communities to the disgrace of a condition of things which makes us the laughing stock of European travelers in this country.—Forum.

A Strange Antipathy.

A strange antipathy is related by a young doctor.

"I had ordered a pair of new and fashionable trousers when I was taken ill with a severe attack of jaundice. The garments were made and sent home, but I was too sick to wear them, and after looking at them and seeing that they were just as I ordered them, I laid them away. When I was well I was about to wear them, when I recalled all the symptoms of my illness, and I could not endure the sight or touch of them. I tried again and again with the same result. There is no law in materia medica to account for such a manifestation."—Detroit Free Press.

How to Select a Turkey.

In this country only is the turkey found in a wild state. It is very fitting, therefore, that in the Christmas dinner it should be the principal dish. The turkey must be wisely chosen, well cooked and properly served. It should be short and plump, the meat white, with some fat, the legs black and smooth; and if there be spurs they should be short. The end of the breastbone should be flexible, more like gristle than bone. A turkey that is long in proportion to its size, and has dark or bluish flesh, may be tender, but certainly will not be finely flavored and juicy. A dry picked turkey will be found to have a much better flavor than a scalded one. All poultry that is dry picked costs a few cents a pound more than the scalded, but is well worth the extra price.—Maria Parloa in Ladies' Home Journal.

They Eat Baked Moss.

Along the Columbia river a kind of bread is made from a moss that grows on the spruce fir tree. This moss is prepared by placing it in heaps, sprinkling it with water and permitting it to ferment. Then it is rolled into balls as big as a man's head, and these are baked in pits.—Washington Star.

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