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AN INCREASED PENSION ROLL

The number of names on the pension roll at the present day is nearly a million. The list has grown steadily the longer we are separated by time from the wars in which the pensioners fought, says the Spokesman-Review. There are men still on the roll who saw service in the revolution. With each succeeding year and the death of many veterans of the civil war, the assurance has been given out that the top notch had been reached and that the pension list would grow smaller. The prediction has not been fulfilled, however, for each congress in its turn has made larger appropriations for an increased number of pensioners.

The number of applications for pensions which have been filed to date, as a result of the Spanish war and the Philippine campaign, is stated to be over 16,000. The most of these grew out of the Spanish war, in which probably not over 35,000 men left the shores of the United States. This will appear to be a very large number of applications to follow from a war of not over four months duration, at least when it is contrasted with the pension applications made during the civil war. During the twelve months from July 1, 1861, to July 1, 1862, the United States had half a million men in the field, and during that period some 6,800 union men were killed and 28,500 were wounded. Many more died of disease. The total number of applications for pensions filed during that year was 2,487. The whole force in the Spanish war which did fighting did not aggregate as many men as were killed and wounded in the rebellion in the year mentioned, and yet the Spanish war applications for pensions are seven times the number preferred in 1861-2. If there is the usual reciprocity among senators and congressmen, and pension sharks are permitted to pursue their calling as they have in the past, it is safe to predict that a good part of these applications will be acted upon favorably.

The army in the Philippines is to be increased, and campaigning in the tropics is likely to result in material injury to health. The Philippine pension list for death, wounds and disease is therefore likely to be large. If one is to judge by what has been done for the ex-union soldiers, there will be a very heavy pension list growing out of the Spanish war, and it will increase for the next quarter of a century. In fact, the heaviest expense of that war will be represented by the pensions that will have to be provided for during the next fifty years.

CUMULATIVE TESTIMONY.

Says the American Economist for the current week: F. Howard Hooke, vice president of the financier company, has just returned from a trip through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas and Missouri, in the course of which he visited banks and other financial institutions in the principal cities. He reports "unparalleled prosperity," and says "Money is never so cheap in the West as it is now." This testimony is of the sort which a court of law would call "cumulative evidence." The fact that there is "unparalleled prosperity" in the West and elsewhere has been thoroughly established for some time. It is most satisfactory, however, to have the evidence massing up; to have not one dissenting voice in respect to the wonderfully prosperous condition of the country. The people of the West have been, as a rule, staunch supporters of the protective policy. They grew weak in the faith, though, in 1892, and in 1896 many of them were still inclined to run after strange gods and to think that industrial salvation might be obtained through some other agent than protection. The

"unparalleled prosperity" testified to by every one, which has resulted from the enactment of the Dingley law, will recall all the wanderers from the fold, however. If the issue can be squarely drawn between protection and free trade in 1900 there will be such an uprising in support of the "American policy" as will settle the question and take the tariff "out of politics" for many years to come.

MUSTERING OUT.

The muster-out of a military organization is a matter requiring exact nicety, and it consumes much time. Take, for instance, a regiment of 1200 men. Each officer and enlisted man has to pass a careful physical examination, and an average surgeon can examine only about fifteen men each day. Any infirmity or injury suffered during the term of service must be noted on each man's papers, and the cause of any disability or partial disability. A man's complete condition must be set forth in writing, and his papers on file forever after at the war department are to be referred to if the man in after years applies for a pension or account of disability received in the line of duty.

The muster-out rolls are books whose pages are 8x14 inches in size. On these pages must be kept the complete military history of each man, and every item of his service must be shown. The actions he has taken part in, the leaves of absence he has had, the time he has spent in the hospital or the guardhouse, whether his sickness was secured in the line of duty; an abstract of his clothing account, and many other things.

In mustering out a regiment that has seen as much service as the Second Oregon, a statement of each man's service might fill two pages of the muster-out roll. In making up these muster-out rolls, reference must be made to all orders on file, sick reports, morning reports and other regular books in which have been recorded the daily duties of the men, and this makes their making-out rather slow business. So explicit must everything be that a whole printed page of the rolls is devoted to explaining just how they must be made out.

In connection with the rolls is the pay account, which shows how much money the soldier has drawn, how much is charged for ordinance, etc., and his signature shows that he has received what was coming to him. Where a soldier desires to buy the arms he has been using, he is generally allowed to do so, and their wear and tear is considered, and they are charged up to him at less than cost, and so appear on the muster-out rolls.

There must be a muster-out roll for each company, and after it is completed, five copies of it must be made, which requires much time. After the muster-out rolls are completed, each man signs a statement showing his physical condition at the time of being mustered out, and he also answers a series of important questions, one of which is:

"Have you, during term of service, received wounds or incurred injuries that would incapacitate you from following your usual occupation?"

Company commanders corroborate and sign these statements as to physical condition, according to their observation. The physical examination is ever more rigid when the man is mustered out than when he is mustered in. His sight and hearing are certified to, and placed on record, and all these papers, together with other documents, are turned over to the mustering officer, who ships them to the war department at Washington, and there they are sentenced to remain forever.

Preparing discharges is another matter that takes considerable time, and altogether the mustering-out of a full regiment is a large contract that cannot be done in a day.—Oregonian.

An event of great interest and moment in the industrial world is the passage of that magnificent railroad property, the Baltimore & Ohio, out of the hands of receivers. These officers have been in charge of the company since February 29, 1896.

While under the court's control the property has been vastly improved in permanent ways and equipped at a cost of many millions. Curves have been removed, grades have been lowered, new rails have been laid, bridges have been built and an adequate supply of modern locomotives and cars has been procured, with the result that the company is now, for the first time in many years, in a position to compete effectually with its rivals for business. Meanwhile the company has been reorganized without foreclosure proceedings, new capital being brought in and new securities issued in such volume and at such interest rates that the Baltimore & Ohio, as transformed, is solvent and has the prospect, with its improved earning capacity, of continuing so. Baltimore will continue, it is stated, to be the headquarters of the company, but the control of its finances has passed into other and abler hands. The Baltimore & Ohio takes its place in the long list of reorganized properties that are now being managed, not by railway kings, as in former years, but by conservative business men in the interest of bond and stock holders.—Oregonian.

In "David Harum," one of the newest books, this sentence appears: "Do unto the other fellow the way he'd like to do unto you—an' do it first." Just so; the advice is being well taken. The virus of greed pervades commercial life and the coming of the trusts emphasizes the wisdom of the sentence quoted. In this day and generation, more than in any other, every man is for himself, except the last one, and the devil takes the hindmost, and probably it is but the enforcement of natural law—a survival of the fittest. Man has never accomplished anything in any age unless the force of circumstances and conditions drove him to make the effort. Man is nothing without a spur. The nobilities are triumphant only in adversity, while in prosperity the vices are more often cultivated.—East Oregonian.

Some of the leaders of the Ohio Democracy are only for "contiguous expansion." Contiguous in this sense is a relative term. How contiguous? Cuba is only fifty miles from the nearest part of the United States. Hawaii is twenty-five hundred miles. The Philippines are six thousand. Alaska is many hundreds. Yet one is no more distant than any one of the others, when the cable and telegraph lines are brought into service. And none of them is farther than across the street. In this day and age, the Democrats of Ohio, seeking for a compromise issue, make themselves ridiculous. They have made a poor straddle.—Salem Statesman.

A Republican administration carried through a foreign war with a bond issue of \$200,000,000 and still has a treasury amply well filled. The record is the best to be found in the history of important modern wars.

The "Cool" Degree.

The summer months seem to have a particularly depressing effect on the various lodges of our city and their members are prone to seek other haunts than the lodge room. However, a number of Maccabees who gathered at their headquarters last evening conceived the idea of introducing the "cool degree," which will no doubt be a popular one during the heated term. The workings of this degree, however, are necessarily exemplified at an ice cream parlor, and therefore the Maccabees who were at their post last night adjourned to Keller's when the other work had been transacted and appointing T. Prinz, the head officer, or toastmaster, proceeded to initiate a candidate known as "Ice Cream" into the internal workings of their organization. The "grip" given was a cold shake, but is the best kind for this time of the year. This degree will be given candidates often during the summer and members who fail to attend will also fail to enjoy its "workings." Best of all they have expressed their willingness to initiate THE CHRONICLE reporter, who never overlooks any such degrees.

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OUR VISITORS DEPART.

The Editors Wend Their Way Homeward Shouting Oregon's Praises.

Yesterday afternoon the last of the newspaper people, who have been our guests for the past eleven days, left the state to return to their eastern homes by way of the Canadian Pacific, and to say that they take away much information which they brought not with them, does not exonerate them. Of course they have read of Oregon, but what is reading compared with experiencing all that Oregon affords. Their eyes were opened and they beheld what was a revelation to them, and will not be forgotten as they return to tell their readers not of the "wild and woolly," but of the refinement, the geniality and the bounty which they encountered.

Of course our readers are anxious to know what their impressions were of The Dalles, and while we were in a position to determine, yet, to speak paradoxically, we were not, for well they knew that were it possible to find a flaw in our city, they dared not mention the fact in the presence of Dallesites. But evidently such was not their intention, for having come over the sandy desert above this place, The Dalles was to them as an oasis, where they received perhaps the best spread of the trip and were permitted to learn and see, to a certain extent, just what our resources are. The warehouses, filled with wool, were a wonder to many of them, and when told that the strawberries and cherries (which were the largest and best flavor they were treated to on the trip) were grown on what looked to them like barren hills, they scarcely realized the fact. They were also told much of our wheat, fruit and salmon industries.

It was a bright thought that the large salmon was displayed in the dining room at the Umatilla House, for it served to call their attention to that industry as nothing else could have done. At the Cascades the train stopped and they were permitted to see the best wheel on the river catching salmon. This greatly delighted all, and it was amusing to Oregonians to see one editor lug a huge fish to the train and carry it to Portland.

Many of our far eastern visitors were anxious to see the Indians, and this was the only place on the trip where the real blanket article was displayed, for while the Chemawa Indian school was visited Tuesday, they of course are more civilized, and even the little boys and girls were able to give them their autographs. So the many kodak pictures of the swath taken (for they were particularly accommodating about posing, which is not a usual occurrence), will be labeled at The Dalles, which although not an important fact, will cause them to remember our city and the many other things they saw and heard while here.

One thing we must not forget and that is, one of the most prominent editors of the state of Missouri said that he saw the prettiest girls in The Dalles of any place on his journey, and the principal feature of their beauty was the brightness of their faces. So The Dalles girls will be remembered. With our city will be associated the thought of the beautiful flowers, which were first showered upon them here, and continued throughout their visit in the state. We could scarcely credit the assertion of an Illinois editor who said, "I'd give \$5 if my mother had this beautiful rose in her hand this morning." Our wonder was deepened when we thought of the scarcity of the editorial \$5 pieces. Among the most pleasant recollections

of their trip will be those of The Dalles, for although they were here but a short time and on a very inopportune day, they learned much concerning the city, and many old and new friends were greeted here.

Not only Portland, but the entire state, outdid herself in the entertainment of our guests, and we heard not a few express the desire to return and locate. We have received an advertisement which will be of incalculable value to our state.

We must add that to the O. R. & N. Co., which really did itself proud, is due much of the success of the entertaining. The Southern Pacific also did nobly for our visitors.

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