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CARE OF VETERANS

McBride's Bill for Indian War and Philippine Soldiers—Would Admit to State Homes.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator McBride has introduced a bill amending the law which allows Soldiers' Homes \$100 a year for the care of each veteran of the Civil war, so as to admit the Indian war veterans and veterans of the Philippine and Spanish wars at the same rate.

The senator has also introduced as an amendment to the sundry civil bill as appropriation of \$500,000 for a launch for the customs service at Victoria.

He had pending today, waiting to offer, and will offer it Monday, and amendment providing for a board of officers to determine the desirability of locating a drydock on the Columbia river.

Land for Indian War Veterans.

It is a pretty well recognized fact in Washington that there is not the ghost of a show of passing the Indian war veteran pension bill, and many of the veterans, after long years of waiting, accordingly turned their efforts in another direction, and are now urging the passage of another bill in their interest, which provides for giving a land warrant for 160 acres to each of the survivors of the Indian wars of Oregon, and other Western states. This bill would undoubtedly have a better chance of passing than the pension bill, for, in the first place, it does not require an appropriation, and, secondly, does not establish a precedent for service pensions. One of the arguments advanced in favor of the Indian war pension bill was that the survivors are all old men, and that to derive any benefit from the legislation, it would have to be enacted at an early date. It is now thought that a tract of 160 acres of government land would be of more material benefit to the veterans than the pension that they would secure, and in view of the short time they would draw this pension, this latter contention is probably correct. Representative Tongue, who introduced such a land warrant bill early in the session, has been called upon to secure its passage, and is now seeking, through the aid of representative Moody, to secure a favorably report on this bill in the hope that it may be passed before adjournment.

Kroonstad Taken.

LONDON, May 12.—The war office received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Kroonstad, May 12, 2 p. m.—I entered Kroonstad at 1:30 p. m., today, without opposition, when the Union Jack was hoisted amid cheers from the few British residents. President Steyn fled last evening, after endeavoring to persuade the burghers to continue opposition. The Transvaalers said they could no longer fight on Orange Free State soil, and made off for the Vaal river. The Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and then deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes.

"The procession entering the town was headed by my bodyguard, all of whom were colonials, and after my staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, followed by Pole-Carew's division, consisting of the Guards and the Eighteenth Naval Brigade, the Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth Batteries, two 5-inch guns manned by the Royal Artillery company, and the Twelfth Engineers. The first of the force encamped around the town.

"Before leaving Kroonstad, president Steyn issued a proclamation making Lindsay the seat of government of the Free State. Generals Botha and Dewet accompanied the Transvaalers."

War Almost Over.

LONDON, May 14, 4 a. m.—"The war is practically over," says the Daily Chronicle's Kroonstad correspondent, and, in less definite terms, this is the view to be gathered from all the correspondents. They picture the Boers as utterly demoralized and disheartened by Lord Roberts' unexpectedly rapid advance, and by his facile turning of the carefully prepared

positions of the Boers. There is practically no fighting, and there are no further details to give respecting the occupation of Kroonstad. The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The Union Jack was hoisted in the market place by Mrs. Lockhead the American wife of a Scotchman. Most of the horses of the Boers are in a wretched condition, but President Kruger declares he will continue the war."

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Kipling Indorses Appeal.

LONDON, May 13.—Rudyard Kipling brought from Cape Town the appeal of a well-known Wesleyan minister to the president of the British Wesleyan Conference in favor of the annexation of the two republics. To this appeal, Mr. Kipling adds:

"If, through any intellectual lasciviousness, we in England prefer to tickle emotion by being generous once again to other people's expense when the settlement comes, all this weary, bloody work will have to be done anew from the beginning, five or ten years back. I assume that you have full knowledge of the situation in South Africa, but I do not think you can realize how passionately and eagerly the loyalists look to England for a sign that the mother country will neither desert them nor betray them to the Dutch."

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QUICK RELIEF FROM PAIN. All who use Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism are delighted with the quick relief from pain which it affords. When speaking of this Mr. D. N. Sinks, of Troy, Ohio, says: "Some time ago I had a severe attack of rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. I tried numerous remedies, but got no relief until I was recommended by Messrs. Geo. F. Parsons & Co., druggists of this place, to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. They recommended it so highly that I bought a bottle. I was soon relieved of all pain. I have since recommended this liniment to many of my friends, who agree with me that it is the best remedy for muscular rheumatism in the market." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

Belgian Hare Craze.

ALBANY, Or., May 13.—The Belgian hare craze has struck this city, resulting in the organization last night of a club, with C. W. Sears as president; W. L. Ross, vice-president; Dr. A. J. Hodges, secretary; J. C. Little, treasurer, and F. M. French, business manager. A \$100 buck, Imperions, and three registered does have been ordered from California, to add to the stock already on hand. Commander David Torbet, of the G. A. R., has issued his call for the annual Decoration day services. Rev. W. E. Copeland, of the Unitarian church of Salem, will deliver the address.

The large registration, now 4800, the vote two years ago being 4229, has materially changed the opinions of many in reference to the law, making friends for it among those who at first severely criticised it. Anything that will interest voters in an election and get them to the polls is received with satisfaction by men of all parties here.

A Testimonial from Old England.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis," says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It has saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

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THE DISINTEGRATION BEGINS

Free Staters Go Back to Their Farms and Transvaalers Go Northward.

LONDON, May 13, 4 a. m.—The situation at the seat of war in South Africa is as satisfactory from the British viewpoint as the most sanguine friend could have hoped a week ago. The occupation of Kroonstad practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession.

It is evident from Lord Roberts' last dispatch that the disintegration has commenced. The Free Staters are scattering their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former still is likely to make seems to be centering at Lindsay, where President Steyn has transferred his seat of government.

It is evident that the strategy of Lord Roberts and the rapidity of his advance have bewildered and disheartened the Boers, as their resistance since the British reached Zand river, has been slight. The only point where they seriously attempted to check the advance seems to have been on the British flank, where they defended with some vigor two kopjes which were eventually carried by the East Lancshires and Suffesses, the Boers finally retreating, leaving a group of gunners dead on top of one of the hills.

The only point in the Free State where the Boers seem in any force, except at Lord Roberts' front, is on the southeast, where Generals Rundle, Campbell and Brabant are holding them in check, west of Ficksburg and Ladybrand; and are gradually pushing them back as well as effectually defeating all their efforts to break through and threaten Lord Roberts' communications.

There is no further news regarding the advance of the relief column to Mafeking, but it is possible that Lord Roberts' success will result in forcing the Boers to raise the siege.

Pretoria advices via Lourenco Marques state that the Boers' supply of smokeless powder is exhausted, and that all attempts to manufacture a fresh supply have been unsuccessful.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated May 12, says that Lord Strathcona's horse have gone to the front, and that Lord Castle town has been appointed commander of the Wepener district.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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Another Road for Portland.

CHICAGO, May 13.—The Record tomorrow will say: "It is rumored that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will extend its line to Portland, Or. Denver is the present Western terminus of this road. It is said the final survey has been finished between Denver and Ogden, and track-laying on that part of the extension will begin this summer. A preliminary survey has been made between Ogden and Portland."

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KEEPS LODGERS GUESSING.

New "Quarter-in-the-Slot" Gas Machine Helps in Collection of Board Bills, But Has Its Drawbacks.

About the latest thing in slot machines is the "quarter-in-the-slot" gas meter. The head of the house who contracts for one of these new-fangled contrivances is never bothered with gas bills, for he must, of necessity, pay cash for all the gas he gets. He drops his quarter into a hole in a box connected by a rather delicate bit of mechanism with the meter, and then he lights his gas stove and his gas bracket, and the jets burn away merrily until 25 cents' worth of gas has been consumed, and then there is a sudden and Egyptian darkness, says the Chicago Tribune.

The scheme has its drawbacks. Sometimes the gas goes out at midnight, when there is a party on, and though the host has a pocketful of \$100 bills but no quarter in change, he and his guests may whistle for their light.

There is a boarding house on Washington boulevard where the boarders who are not in arrears for room and food are threatening to leave unless the quarter-in-the-slot machine be turned out and one of the old time "work-day-and-night-and-never-rest" meters be put in its place. The landlord is restless sort of spirit, and forgetful to a degree. He has a habit of going downtown and staying till late at night. As a rule, the gas goes out about three hours before his return. Then one of the servants goes to every room with a tallow dip. She is under orders, however, from the proprietor, to go first to the rooms of those who have forgotten to pay their board, to see if she can raise the price of a new gas supply. Failing in this, the tallow dips are brought into use.

The worst feature of the whole thing is that, when the gas gives out in the middle of the night, and the proprietor is prevailed upon by some of the "night owls" to chip in a quarter for a new stock, it is necessary to wake up every soul in the house to see if anyone has gone to bed leaving the gas lighted. Asphyxiation would speedily follow if this were the case when the new quarter went into the slot. The new machine is warranted to keep lodgers guessing—and moving.

FLOATING STONES.

The Bit of Slate That Prof. Nordenskjold Saw Floating in the Ocean.

Prof. Erland Nordenskjold, the son of the famous Arctic explorer, saw a curious sight last year while rowing in the long and narrow channel of Ultima Esperanza, on the southwest coast of Patagonia. He observed fragments of slate floating on the surface in larger or smaller clusters. There were a great many of them, and at one cast of the net he gathered in about 700 pieces. The stones had evidently drifted out from the beach, which was covered with similar fragments that had fallen from the slate cliffs behind. The surface of the stones was dry and they sank at once if they became wet through the movement of the swell, says the New York Sun.

The fragments contained no air cavities that were perceptible to the naked eye, but a discovery was made that may explain the fact that stone fragments of a specific gravity of 2.71 were floating on a fluid of a specific gravity of 1.

It was found that small gaseous bubbles were attached to the under surface of the floating stones, and these bubbles were also found on stones at the fringe of the beach where they were being continually washed into the sea and went floating away. The greasy surface of the slate fragments also helped to keep them afloat by preventing water from adhering to them.

This unusual phenomenon is of geological interest and may serve as an illustration of the hard problems that often present themselves to geologists. Prof. Nordenskjold believes that considerable solid matter is thus transported for greater or less distances. Thus new strata that are now forming at the bottom of the sea may have a considerable admixture of these fragments representing a far-distant geological age. Perhaps some geologist, centuries from now, may puzzle his head over the question how this foreign material was introduced into the later rockbeds.

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1.75 styles, white only, 3 yards long, 50 inches wide	this week 1.35
2.50 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 54 inches wide	this week 1.85
2.95 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 52 inches wide	this week 2.25
3.25 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 61 inches wide	this week 2.35
4.00 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 60 inches wide	this week 2.90
4.50 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 62 inches wide	this week 3.50
5.50 styles, ecru only, 3 1/2 yards long, 60 inches wide	this week 4.10
5.75 styles, white only, 3 1/2 yards long, 64 inches wide	this week 4.75
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