

SURVIVORS OF INDIAN WARS.

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estimated expense of \$730,656, much less than a half a million would suffice, as income of this Government for one-half a day.

A bill to pension these men has thrice passed the Senate. A previous committee of the House recommended its passage, over 200 members of one House approve its provisions and requested its consideration, and yet, under these circumstances, the Representatives of Congressional districts where these old men and their children reside, in the last Congress, were compelled to plead with the chairman of the committee having charge of the bill, week after week, for the privilege of appearing before that committee, and imploring it to do some measure of justice, too long delayed, for the reward of this heroic people now living, and in the memories of those dead. The cruel neglect that consigned so many early settlers in the Northwest to bloody graves and cruel slaughter by merciless foes still persecutes the few who survived the fury of the savage and the ingratitude of their own Government. The criminal conduct of this Government, that 50 years ago abandoned these people, in their defenseless condition, to tomahawk and scalping-knife is being condoned today by the members of the American Congress.

"I do not believe—I cannot believe—the American people indorse or approve this continual neglect and refusal of justice to a portion of their own citizens. Some other hand than theirs withholds justice. It is too late now to benefit these people but little in a financial way. Few will survive the tedious delays in establishing their claims, should a pension bill be passed. But the passage of that bill would enable the few survivors to realize that at last, at least, their fellow-citizens had expressed a grateful appreciation for their early struggles, achievements and sacrifices made for the welfare and glory of their country. Sooner or later the worth and value of their sacrifice, the heroism of their lives, will be recognized and gratefully remembered. Why reserve the expression of this gratitude and remembrance until the ear can no longer hear and the heart can no longer feel? Why bestow praises and gratitude upon the dead rather than upon the living? Whatever we are to do, it should be done now, for the living more than for the dead.

This bill ought to pass both Houses of Congress and be signed by the President of the United States, and while the financial assistance will come too late to be of much practical benefit to very many of this people, it will at last inscribe their names among the national heroes, among the brave people who have defended, protected, developed and enlarged the nation, and who are entitled now and hereafter to the national gratitude. It will prove that the American people are not all ungrateful; that heroic deeds in their service shall not always be forgotten, or forever go unrewarded.

Mr. Crawford. This is a service pension? Mr. Tongue. Yes; but let me say that these are all old men. I think the latest war of these was in 1856, while the Cayuse war was in 1846 or 1847.

The Chairman. Some of the wars are still older than that. Mr. Tongue. Yes, I sent a dispatch to the commandant of the Soldiers' Home asking him to give me the number of men there who are survivors of Indian war, and his reply was that there were thirty Indian war veterans there whose average age is 70 years.

Heretofore I have presented a petition from substantially the same men, and their age ranged from 85 years to 70 years, perhaps. I have received a number of communications from these old veterans, from 70 to 80 years of age. When Speaker Reed was out there in our country, during the last Congress, I think there was a delegation of some fourteen of these old men that met him, and now out of that fourteen six are dead, and when I got that information another one of that fourteen was not expected to live but a few days and another one was confined to his room. The Commissioner of Pensions, some four or five years ago figured out the average life of these men in the Northwest would be about seven years more, and I think something like five or six years of that time has already gone by. So, so far as the service pension is concerned, there is no question of the disability of the men, and the highest they could get would be \$8 a month. It simply means the law of 1892, which law gave a pension to the veterans of a number of the other Indian wars. This simply applies the same provisions to these men that were applied to the veterans taken care of in the act referred to. So it is not new legislation; it is simply extending the provisions of a law already in effect.

The Chairman. What you are contending for is that the survivors of these wars are justly entitled to receive the benefits that are now being received by the survivors of the Black Hawk war and the Creek war, and the Cherokee disturbance, and the Seminole war with Florida, and the Mexican war?

Mr. Tongue. They will not quite have the same claims that the survivors of the Mexican war have, because

cause there is no provision that this can extend over \$5.

The Chairman. I mean the same service pension is obtained. I am speaking now of the service pension that goes to the survivors of the Mexican or these other Indian wars.

Mr. Tongue. It is placing them on exactly the same plane.

Mr. Weeks. I would like to inquire whether any figures have been obtained to show the amount of money that this will add to the annual pension roll.

Mr. Tongue. There were some statistics made some seven years ago. I think it then figured up to some half a million dollars, or \$730,000, I think, to be more accurate.

The Chairman. We have the statement right here brought down to a recent period—I think about a year ago.

Mr. De Graffenried. Seven hundred and thirty thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars.

Mr. Boring. That was two years ago.

Mr. Tongue. To give the idea that this was not some local affair, I will state there were enlisted in these wars in Oregon 7,911 men, which, you will remember, up to that time included a remarkably large part of the voting men of the whole state. We could not have had more than 20,000 voting population.

Mr. Boring. There is record evidence of these wars and the men who participated in them, is there?

Mr. Tongue. Yes; although, of course, evidence is imperfect. They have a sort of muster roll. I want to say that there is more sentiment than benefit in this. We would like this government to say that these old veterans shall be enrolled among the defenders of the flag. Some of them will be helped, it is true, but the principal thing is that they want to be among the national heroes, just as the survivors of other wars are.

Mr. Smith. How does this differ from the House bill?

Mr. Tongue. It is an exact copy, with one exception. There is an amendment which prohibits previous contract with pension attorneys; they are all declared null and void by the amendment of the Senate.

The Chairman. That is for the benefit of the soldier rather than anything else?

Mr. Tongue. Yes. Mr. Weeks. I have asked you about the estimate of what this bill if enacted into law would add to the pension roll, because a few days ago I got a petition from fifteen citizens of my district asking me to introduce a bill to amend certain features of the pension law, and I sent it to the statistician of the Department, and the returns show it would add \$25,000, or 100 annually to the pension roll if it were enacted into law.

The Chairman. We have a statement here made by the Commissioner of Pensions as to the number of beneficiaries that he thinks this bill would affect.

Mr. Tongue. I presume it would take at least a year, or a year and a half or two years, to perfect these claims for pension, and I presume by that time a large additional number of these old veterans will be dead.

The Chairman. What Mr. Tongue contends for is that the same service pension should be granted to these old men that is granted to the survivors of the other Indian wars—the Black Hawk war, the Creek war, the Seminole war, and the Cherokee disturbance.

Mr. Davenport. Were these wars in your country that you speak of conducted under the direction of United States officers, or was it a mere uprising on the part of the settlers in defense of their homes?

Mr. Tongue. There may have been one or two officers there, but there were no United States soldiers. They went out not to defend their homes, but to defend the homes of other settlers 300 or 400 miles away.

Mr. Davenport. It was not directed by the Government here?

Mr. Tongue. So far as there were officers of the United States there, it may have been authorized.

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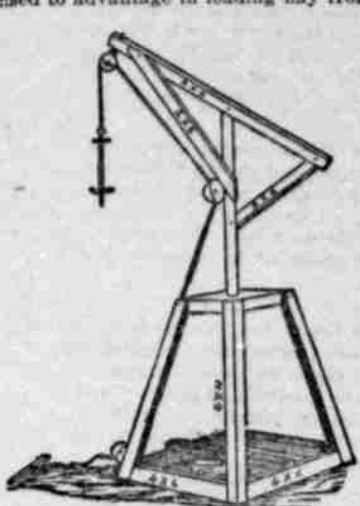
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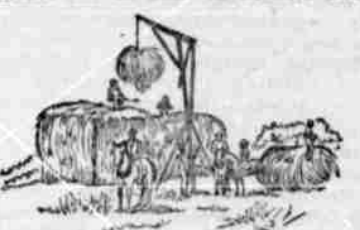
HOMEMADE HAY STACKER.

A Derrick for stacking, loading from stack to wagon, etc. The arrangement illustrated is intended for stacking hay, fodder, etc. out of doors and is also useful, if of convenient size, for loading shocks of fodder on to a wagon in the field, one team being used to haul the derrick from shock to shock. It can also be used to advantage in loading hay from



A HOMEMADE HAY STACKER.

A stack on to a wagon. A telegraph pole is best for the center pole, which turns in any direction. It is made with a shoulder to fit in the hole in the cross plank at the bottom. The bottom frame should be about one-half the height of the entire device. It is made principally of scantlings 4 by 4 and 2 by 4, as occasion requires. Three pulleys are necessary to operate the derrick and the crane can be swung around wherever wanted. Another illustration shows the device at work in the hayfield and it also shows a shifting of the pulleys instead of having them as in the first illustration. This stacker can be built on runners and



AT WORK IN THE FIELD.

may be hauled from place to place. A correspondent, describing this derrick in an exchange, says one of the kind will pay for itself several times over in convenience in handling many heavy articles and will last a long time if well taken care of.

Russian Broom Corn Milllets. Among cereals recently brought from Russia by agricultural explorer Carleton are a number of broom corn milllets. About these and their suitability for cultivation in particular sections of this country he says in substance: "Sambor broom corn millet is a yellow seeded variety adapted for growing in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Nebraska and perhaps in Wyoming, Montana, Utah and east Colorado."

Black voronezh broom corn millet, from a region where the soil is black, sandy loam containing much humus, is adapted for cultivation in almost all the prairie states, but especially in regions where there are hot summers.

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Red Orenburg is thought to be a variety of that group of milllets having pendant panicles to which the red Orenburg belongs. These drooping red milllets seem particularly suited to the drier regions. Varieties of probably the same group are grown on the dry steppes of eastern Romania. Red Orenburg is admirably adapted for cultivation in the drier and hottest part of our northwestern plains and in the arid portion of the mountain and basin states.

Rape For Pig Pasture.

Farmers not having a suitable clover pasture for their brood sows and young pigs will do well to sow a small piece of rape at successive periods during the spring months. These may be pastured off in turn. When a plot is eaten off and the hogs removed, the rape immediately starts to grow again from the root and will usually be ready to feed off again in from six to eight weeks under favorable conditions of soil and season. In this manner the pigs (and sheep as well) may be supplied a succulent feed throughout the growing season, says W. L. Carlyle of Wisconsin.

Eastern Canners Fix Prices.

Tomato canners show great uniformity. In what is known as the Baltimore territory, including Delaware and eastern Maryland, \$9 per ton is nearly a universal price, and this is substantially the same as last year. A prominent Chattanooga canner (N. Y.) packer will pay \$8 per ton for choice tomatoes up to Sept. 1 and \$7 after that date. So far as returns to The New England Homestead, authority for the foregoing, indicates, prices paid for tons in New York, Maryland and Delaware will be \$1.75 to \$2.25 per 100 pounds, taken in the vines and hulled by the packers.

COTTON SEED DISEASE.

Evil Results of Overindulgence in Poplar Feed. From comparatively recent observations it is now well demonstrated that where cattle have been fed on an exclusive diet of cotton seed for any considerable length of time an acute affection of the eyes results, says Dr. A. S. Alexander in The Breeder's Gazette. This complaint has been termed "cotton seed disease" or "cotton seed blindness" and thus far seems to have been practically confined to southern cattle.

Recently Dr. F. C. McCurdy of Kansas City, while examining a herd of small southern cattle at his stock yards, observed that all had sore eyes, that many seemed partially blind and in a few hours there was a complete loss of sight. At first glance it was supposed that they were suffering with enzootic ophthalmia. As they were being driven it was noticed that they were very nervous, weak and exhausted. They moved with an uncertain, staggering gait. Respiration seemed hurried and difficult, and there was frequent sneezing from the nostrils. "On reaching the pens," says Dr. McCurdy, "they showed a condition of

position, either recumbent or standing, with the head down, with trembling of the limbs, and without ruminating. The owner said that their poor condition was caused quite recently by his mistake of feeding them too much cotton seed." Some of the steers in the affected lot became paralyzed and showed a temperature of over 100 F. The eyes had small, opaque areas in the corners. These bad cases were slaughtered, having been previously condemned. The remainder of the herd was allowed to rest for five days and fed on hay. In that time they again commenced to ruminate, and the symptoms of weakness and nervous excitement or depression had disappeared. There remained only the lesions of the eyes—permanent opacity of the cornea—varying from a small streak to a bulging abscess, discharging pus. Inquiry revealed the fact that many cattle are seen in the stockyards show-

before they reach, remaining in one position until they are loaded in some uncleaned—very weak and poor in condition, showing opacity of the cornea and often swelling of the legs. In every case the history was the same. The cattle while en route or at home had been fed too much cotton seed meal.

While it is not the intention to detract from the value of cotton seed as a food, Dr. McCurdy thinks, from the number of cattle arriving at the stockyards weak, blind and suffering with acute symptoms of this eye disease, that many feeders are not familiar with the deleterious results from injudicious feeding of cotton seed. Cakes made from the pressed hulled seeds are safe, but the hulls should never be fed exclusively for hay, as, it seems, they are sometimes fed at the south. It should be mixed with other food and given in gradually increasing quantities until the cattle become accustomed to it.

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