## The maximum number of soldier

 in active service in all the armies ofthe United States at any time between Sumpter and Appomattox was 698,802 , or, in round numbers, from the government records While this is true it is also true that there are 850,000 on the pension rells drawing pay for valiant It plainly reveals that there are large number of thieves on the pension rolls who have committed perjury in order that they might as sist in robbing the people.
And to such men as these, politifor their votes for years past. The country has been ruled by them. It is time the pension robbery should quit and the honest old soldier should be the first to meet the duty in defense of the country and his own rights.
The most effective way of purging the pension list of frauds and cheats is for congress to provide for the publication of a list of pensioners in each connty, in the most
widely-circulated newspaper in widely-circulated newspaper in
that county. Together with the name of the pensioner should be given the disability upon which the pension was granted and the that the mere passage of such a law by congress would cause th of neg or withdrawal of thousand fore publication could be made Swindlers should be made to feel the heavy hand of the law.-New York Sun.
We are indebted to Hon. J. R. Ralston for the following interesting intelligence: It is not generally known that there positively exists
a marked boundary line between Canada and the United States. Most people suppose the line to be "imaginary." But the fact is, the bake Nishigan to marked from Lake Sichigan to the Pacific by cairns, pillars of iron, earth mounds and timber clearings. There are
about 400 of these marks between the Lake of the Woods and the foot of the Rocky Mountains. The British have placed one post every two milternated between each of the British posts. The posts are made of east-iron, and on their faces are the words: "Convention of London,
October 20,1818 " Where the crosses through lakes, small mountains of stones have been built, rising eight or ten feet above the level
of high water mark. In the forests, the line is defined by felling trees, making a clearing for a space of a rod wide.

A bill has passed both houses and been sent to the president, providing that all filings and proofs can the U.S. circuit court and county clerks and county judges. under the Act of June 3, 1878 , for the sale of landse than for agricaltural and stone than for agricultural pur-
poses. This will be a great convenience for persons taking lands under this act, as heretofore it was neceesery to go to The Dalles land
office to file and subsegnently their witnesses there also to prove up, The price of timber or stone
land is $\$ 2.50$ per acre. Residence and improvements are not neceseary in order to make proof. Simply
file, and the advertiving then mences for proof, which must be made and money paid at same time according to date of notice, after the
ten weeks and not less than ninet days from filing.
The Astorian is the first, and as yet the only paper west of St. Paul, to use a type-betting machine. The type-setter, manipulated by intelligenee back of il, of course, does the
 obliterate the border line that now separates her from the United
States. Nothing on with her colonies could have alleviated the situation, but this has Salisbury confessed, it is hopeles ow to attempt it
The Buffalo Express says: "C member one thing, however. long as there is an element in their country which is intensely hostile will not admit Canada. If they are ever going to join their fortunes with ours, they must do it unaninot afford to annex a land in which there would be an opposition party always fighting to secede."
 cept the resignations of fourth-clase except in places where the post master dies or absconds. The department has learned that postmas ters are resigning and securing the
appointment of democrats or mugwumps, and oftentimes selling their business to the new man as a
part of the consideration. Fourth Assistant Rathbone who has charge of these matters, says that it is unfair to the new administration, and
the department does not care to be party of such bargains and sales as many of them seeu to be
The state board of equalization sessments. Attorney-Gen. Cham berlain was before the board and gave the opinion that the law contemplated that all real property including mortgages, should be as-
sessed at its fuli value. He believed that the board had the power to add to or deduct from the several classes of real property such per-
centum as would bring the property to its full value. The equalization of real property commenced 'Tues-
day. No final decisions have yet been reached on personal property

Salem Statesman: In a letter to he state board of equalization,
the asseasor of Wasco county his aim had been to assess mortgages at 75 per cent of their face. The mortgages at their face. As usual the Multnomah assessor took them he other counties considered mortgages worth dellar for dollar and assersed them.
The law to make train wreeking eneral approval. The reecent empts to wreck Southern Pacific rains have intensified popular feelng upon this subject. It is not might result from the wreeking of a passenger train. No mercy
should be shown a fiend that would delibera $\qquad$
Susan B. Anthony thinks we are on the verge of an era of unmarried women, because young men do not
wake enough money to wake enough money to support
their wives, and there is such a craze for dissipation a among them
that the wowen would rather into a store for almont nothing than $\omega$ take chanees on marrying.
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