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PENSIONS GALORIE.

A dispatch from Welr. Kansas, says "Congressman Tarsney started the whole United States talking some time ago by unearthing a man who had applied for and secured a pension for baldness, but for thrift Tarsney's baldheaded pensioner does not belong to the same class as a miner once employed by the Kansas and Texas Coal Company, near this town.

James W Smith is about 55 years old, 5 feet 7 inches high, weighs 140 pounds, and is reported to have been a good soldier. When the war closed and every old soldier, no matter how sound in body, was importuned to apply for a pension, this member of the Smith family was not forgotten. James Smith was a private. He had two good eyes, his arms and legs were intact, but a lung trouble, resulting in total disability, was easy to prove and a pension attorney took Mr Smith's case and a Kansas congressman assisted in rushing it through for him. Now if there is any kind of manual labor that requires a good constitution and bealthy lungs it is mining, and in all this region hereabout Pensioner Smith is pointed out as the most successful miner. He can work more hours a day and more days a month than any other man.

An examination of the books of the Kansas and Texas Coal Company for the six months preceeding March shows that during that time Smith fell under \$100 a month only once, and his average was \$117.50 per month. During these six months this totally disabled man worked 109 days, or practically every day the mine was operated, and earned \$703,74.

During this time Smith's living expense as shown by the books at the company's store, were \$192.13, so that, for six months he had, besides keeping the wolf from the door, more than \$509 to his credit, not including the 812 per month pension for total disability.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B Reed does no take kindly to donning the legislative surcingle and being hitched to the congression al harvester in midsummer. Mr Reed is needlessly alarmed, as he will have no more laborious work than switching flies from the democratic, wheel-horses. In his anger at being compelled to leave the cool breezes of Portland in August the erstwhile Czar say: that the extra session will be a good prep aration, not for solving the silver question but for the future life. Is it possible that Mr Reed has so lost confidence in the power of saving grace as to kok calmly forwards to something even hotter than Washington in the dog day?

The army bill introduced in the new Reichstag by Chancellor von Caprivi yes-terday is substantially the old. Huene com-It provides for an increase in the army of 50,000 men at once, and of 75,000 within three years, and ultimately for a trained army of 4,400,000 men, which is fully ten times as many as the young war lord could handle effectively. The cost of the present increase will be about \$16,000,-000. When the chancellor announced that the bill contained the emperor's ultimatum the pretensions of imperialism in Germany

were very plainly revealed.

In the mountains of Kentucky, where the feud has its home, theft is regarded as a worse crime than homicide. It is not sur-prising, therefore, to find the Hazel Green Herald advising the community to "bunt down and hang for the good of the coun try" a housebreaker who stole articles worth \$20 from Porter Lacy's cabin. Sneuk thieves, says the Herald, "are one of the marks of civilization that we can well atford to dispense with, and if the one who committed this deed could be put out of the way it might have a salutary effect in deterring others from following in his foot-

Two English gentlemen of the cloth travelling in the Orient were recently number the victims of a curious trick of the role graph. While in Persia, near the Armenian frontier, they sent a message to the British consul at the town they were approaching announcing that "two English clergymen" would reach him on Wednesday. On arriving at the town they found that the consul was absent and that no preparation had been made to receive them-It appeared that the message as received ran: "Two worthless wretches will reach you on Wolnesday."

A gentleman with a handsome equipage followed by a time English mustiff, drove up in front of a Cincianatti hostelry the other day, says the Times Star of that city, and jumping from his buggy snapped the hitch strap into the ring of his horse's lift, and hen placed the other end of the stup in he mouth of his mastiff, which by this time had stated bimself on the curistians. There the mastifi sat like a statue of stone holding the strap securely, while his master went in to "see a man." On the gentleman's exit the dog yielded up the strap and the gentleman drave of, closely followed by the faith full four-legged lackey.

tine for them, Percei and Dennie abs-

Our Republican friends will find the Democratic majority in Congress sufficiently courageous to attack the entire line of infamous class legislation when it convenes which has been enacted for special interests by the Republicans. This beyond doubt ncludes the tariff as one of the first outrages to be assautted. The pro-ectionist's hopbut the present stagnation in business will deteraction on this question, will not be realized. The country is suffering from McKinleyism touch more than it is from an over graduction and eleculation of silver, and the party will have to go down to the very mots of the evil and remove it. It is special interests which have received the fostering care of a Congress of their own selection that are trembling and it is these interests which hope to profit by the cry of hard times and business stagnation. They know they cannot longer depend upon the special favors of the Government, unless by deception they can secure timid Democrats. while the beople are demanding that class legislation shall be destroyed forever. When a Democratic Congress, with a Democratic president, shall take the rems of government in hand, it is expected that they will redeem the pledges made to the people last fall, and first of all remove the direct cause of the most important one-the tariff from the neck of the toiling masses. The protectionist, who has made his fortune from the tellers and producers, will no longer be allowed to count his exorbitant profits and the Government guarantee him his income. Things will have to be equalized and the first duty of Congress will be to remove the cause and redeem the pladges the party has made. There can be no child's play in this matter, and the Democrat who fails in his duty this time, will not be returned to his seat by a constituency which he deceives. Remove the cause and all will be well,-Portland Dispatch.

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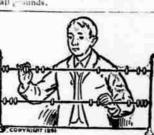
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