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THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS. WE have frequently discussed the necessity that exists for an entire change in the system of paying pensions, and exposed the grievous wrongs that are done to the pensioners by the present arrangement for doling out to them the pittance allowed by the Government, and the newspapers throughout the country have, almost without exception, united in calling for a radical reform. Various measures, and some of them good ones, have been introduced in Congress, that if enacted would do away with the evils complained of, and not only secure to the pensioners the prompt payment of all that is due them, but would abolish the whole horde of greedy agents and other hangers-on who not only draw fat salaries from the treasury, but who grow rich on the fees and perquisites that they contrive to extract from the pensioners. Congress, however, has been too busy with other matters, and the influence of the Pension Bureau attaches has been too great to allow any such measure as this, that only involves a question of justics to a poor and politically unimportant class of persons, to engage the attention of our lawmakers. The consequence is that the whole subject has fallen into neglect, and there seems to be every probability that nothing whatever will be done to put a stop to the present abominable system. The pensioners are mostly poverty-stricken men and women, and many of them are aged or maimed, and consequently unfitted for most of the active, money-making employments of life. The amounts paid them by the Government are exceedingly small, and as they are in recognition of such services as no pecuniary recompense can adequately repay, the country has a right to demand that they shall receive every cent the law allows them, without being obliged to submit to the extortions of the office-holders who act as the agents of the Government.

That such extortions are made is notorious. and a case has been made public within a few days that, if all its features are as represented, demonstrates in a very decided manner the evils of the present system of pension agencies, and that show how the agents manage to grow rich at the expense of those who are, in a measure, dependent upon them for the pitiful sums that the Government undertakes to pay them. Grave accusations have been made against Colonel W. T. Forbes, one of the pension agents of this city, and thes facts already elicited are such as demand that a strict investigation of all the affairs of his office shall be made, and if he can be conclusively shown to be in fault that he shall be punished according to his deserts. It is alleged that Colonel Forbes has been in the habit of making advances to pensioners, and charging them extortionately for the accommodation, and that the funds of the Government have been used for this purpose, while the profits have gone into the pockets of the agent. It is asserted that frequent representations were made to the bureau at Washington, but no attention whatever was paid to them until a few days a go, when A. B. Newcomb and Charles A. Sears, operatives in the secret service division of the Treasury Department, were detailed to make an investigation, under the direction of the chief of the division. H. C. Whiteley. These officers made a report based upon the statements and affidavits of pensioners and of the former chief clerk in the office of Colonel Forbes, and they presented a a mass of evidence that should receive the serious attention of the Treasury Department. Notwithstanding this report Colonel Forbes is still retained in his position, and it is asserted there is a decided effort being made to hush the matter up on account of the political relations of the accused with certain Congressmen and his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. If that organization attempts to use its influence to shield such of its members as may be guilty of malfeasance in office, it will speedly fall into contempt, and it will be abandoned by all its decent members. This affair of Colonel Forbes demands a full and complete investigation. The charges against him are serious, and they should either be proved or disproved emphatically. On no consideration whatever should any attempt at whitewashing be permitted, but the public should know all the ins and outs of the case, and exactly what are the grounds for the charges that have been made. Whether Colonel Forbes is in fault or not, this whole affair is a forcible illustration of the evils that attend the present system of management of the Pension Bureau, and it will be useless to expect any real reform until a complete and radical change in the whole method of paying pensions is made, and such checks upon the agents established as will give the pensioners a reasonable guarantee that they will not be plundered. If there are enough honest men in Congress, a change will be brought about speedily in spite of the political influence of the pension agents, their backers, and the Grand Army of the Republic; and if Congress does not move in the matter, the conclusion will inevitably be that the members care more for goed-will of the Pension Bureau attaches and their friends than they do for that of their constituents. As for the Grand Army of the Republic, such action as has been charged against it is in the highest degree discreditable. It is composed of officers and ex-officers

of the army and navy, who might be supposed | to have some feelings of regard for such a class as the pensioners of the Government; but when it gives its support and influence to those who seek to accumulate riches by preying upon the necessities of the poor and needy, it certainly does not carry out the objects of its organization, and the sooner it disbands the better it will be for the reputation of its members.

THE ONEIDA SUFFERERS. THE latest rumor with regard to the Oneida disaster is that, according to the statement of a naval officer who has just arrived at Washington from Yokohama, Captain Eyre would have stopped his vessel after the collision, but for the entreties of Lady Temple, wife of the British Minister, who feared shipwreck. Even if true this would not mitigate the guilt of Eyre one particle, but unfortunately for even this weak plea in behalf of the brutal Englishman, there is not one word in all the testimony that will in the slightest degree implicate Lady Temple in the transaction, and the whole blame for the loss of so many precious lives must still rest upon the shoulders of the British commander. At the court of inquiry held at Yokohama every particle of testimony that could possibly favor Captain Evre was brought forward, and not one word said about any interference whatever on the part of Lady Temple or any of the passengers. In fact, the discipline on board of the Bombay seems to have been perfect. Captain Eyre was in command of the deck, with all his officers at their proper posts, and he alone was responsible for all the movements of his ship, or all that was done or left undone. The whole secret of this lamentable affair is that Evre was simply carrying out the usual policy of British steamship captains, in not stopping for anything, and when he cut into the Oneida he preferred to run on and take the chances that the injured vessel would never more be heard of, and himself and his owners be spared a lawsuit that would detain him in port beyond his appointed time, and perhaps entail upon him a heavy bill of damages. After all that can be said in favor of this brute, the fact remains that he did run away from those drowning men, leaving them to their fate with as little compunction as he would a lot of dumb beasts. Even the English papers that were disposed to extenuate Evre's conduct, probably for the reason that a Yankee frigate was the sufferer, have been compelled to take this view of the case and to unite in the universal verdict of condemnation.

Captain Williams, of the Oneida, was a gallant and skilful officer, who served with distinction during the entire war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and he had claims upon the kindly regards of his fellow-countrymen that should not be forgotten new. It appears that Captain Williams leaves three children, between the ages of five and twelve, who were entirely dependent upon his pay as an officer for support, and who by his sudden death are left without the means of livelihood. This is certainly a case that appeals in the strongest manner to the sympathies of the patriotic people of the country; and there ought to be no difficulty in raising a sum of money that will place these orphans in a position of independence and secure their proper education. In Boston efforts are being made to collect a fund for the children of Captain Williams, which will be placed in the hands of R. B. Forbes, Esq. This gentleman is so well known and so highly esteemed that his name is an ample guarantee that the money will be applied in the most judicious manner to the object for which it is intended, and we hope that a handsome amount will be promptly raised as a testimonial of the national sympathy with these children in their bereavement. Edward Shippen, Esq., No. 532 Walnut street, will receive and transmit to Mr. Forbes such contributions as Philadelphians may be disposed to give, and as the smallest sums will not be refused, it should not be a difficult thing for Philadelphia to add such an amount to this fund as will be creditable to the liberality of our citizens. OUR DEMOCRATIC contemporary, the Age, in commenting upon the celebration yesterday complains that "the negro is now as little as ever the chosen associate, social or political, of the white man." The idea is beginning to dawn upon the editors of that journal that in spite of the repeated predictions of their political associates intermarriages between the races will not necessarily be increased in frequency by the fifteenth amendment, and they are deeply disgusted by the new proof of the fallibility of the Democratic prophets. The Age also complains that the "radical leaders of the city shrunk from public fraternization with their colored brethren." We see no evidence of the truth of this charge, for, as far as we can judge from the proceedings, white Republicans participated in them, in person or by letter, as fully and freely as the proprieties of the occasion warranted. But what does the Age want? If it will be good enough to define the strict line of duty for the partisans it opposes so resolutely they will be better able to obey its sagacious counsels. Heretofore it has blamed them for with doing too much for the negroes. It has condemned them for abolishing slavery and for ratifying the fifteenth amendment. Now it takes opposite ground, and pretends to be virtuously indignant at the absence of a spirit of fraternization and the want of a cordial "fusion" between black and white Republicans. The Age is so difficult to please that we hardly know what to advise, and it is doubtful whether anything will satisfy it short of the support of the Democratic ticket at the coming election by the whole body of olored voters.

over fundamental changes of the Constitution, they can devote increased attention to the primary duty of selecting honest and capable officials and representatives. Voters should bend their best energies to the herculean task of reforming their partisan organizations and of condemning to deserved obscurity the corrupt race of office-hunters who are perpetually devising schemes to plunder the public.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COM-PANY is pushing its work with energy, and in spite of the opposition of our estimable contemporary at the corner of Sixth and Chesnut, the probabilities are that before the summer is over a large section of the road will be built and in operation. As will be seen by reference to an advertisement in another column, the company will receive sealed proposals for grading, masonry, bridging, and ballasting of the portion of the road extending from the Dalles of the St. Louis river to the Red river, a distance of about 230 miles. The advertisement gives all necessary information about the character of the work to be performed and the proper method of making application. This road will go through a magnificent country, which it will open up to civilization, and it is gratifying to see this indication that the work of construction is actually about to be commenced. The men who are at the head of this great enterprise are so well known for their financial ability that their names are guarantees that the road will be built in a first-class manner and with as much rapidity as is consistent with prudence, and ere long, under their management, there will be another iron band uniting the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE shameless manner in which Stokes, the misrepresentative of the Eighth Legislative district, violated the confidence reposed in him by his constituents last winter, has rendered his defeat next October a certainty. W. L. Marshall, Esq., has become a fermidable candidate for the Republican nomination, and he is enlisting the support of all the best and most substantial citizens of the district, who have good cause to repose implicit confidence in his honesty and ability. There are other gentlemen in the district of approved capacity and integrity who would fill the position acceptably, some one of whom is certain to receive the nomination, even if it should not be secured by Mr. Marshall.





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