

A Pension Burlesque.

The following from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, one of the staunchest Republican papers of that city, quite clearly indicates that the Tanner pension policy is not approved of by some who assisted in electing Harrison:

The Ohio Republicans in their platform have declared in favor of granting a pension to every honorably discharged Union soldier and sailor in the War of the Rebellion, and this is a part of their declaration of principles, to which objection will probably be made by many good Republicans. Its meaning is that every body who served in the Union ranks, no matter whether he ever received a scratch or a hurt in the war, and no matter how little he may need the bounty of the government, shall have a pension. To carry out such a proposition as this would be to exceed anything in the way of giving pensions that has ever been done or even contemplated by any other government in the history of the world. It is well known that the present Pension Commissioner is in favor of issuing a pension to everybody who has ever had any connection, however slight, with the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion and of raising to the highest figure possible the pensions of those who are now on the list. Instead of making an attempt to decrease these payments, his object is to make them as large as the condition of the Treasury and the generosity of the people will admit. There is apparently no undertaking which, in the judgment of Commissioner Tanner, is so laudable on the part of a government as the pensioning its people, and the bigger its pension rolls the greater, in his opinion, are the proofs of its wealth and goodness of heart. There is no deserving survivor of the Union Army who, if he stands in need of help, will not be disabled which he may have contracted in the service of his country, will not have the sympathy of the Republican party in asking for help from the government which he helped to save. But when we are seriously told that this help ought to be extended to tens of thousands of men who are in no need of support, and who never thought of asking for it, it is time that a halt was called on the thoughtless zeal of those who assume to be friends of the soldiers. Such a policy would mean an expenditure of not less than \$100,000,000 a year, in addition to the disbursements which the government already makes, and it would be the fruitful parent of extravagance and jobbery. There is no just excuse for such a proposition. The Soldiers as a class are not asking for it, and the principles of the Republican party do not encourage the idea. It has been contended that a pension should be a mark of honor, distinction and reward, and not a gift showered indiscriminately upon all persons who ever wore the Federal uniform.

A Buried Treasure Found in Huntingdon County. Philadelphia Record of Saturday. Warden Hoyt, of the Colorado State Penitentiary, is in this city on his way home from a successful search after a hidden fortune in Huntingdon county. He received the information of the buried treasure from a convict in the State prison at Canon City, Col., who had been sentenced to a life term for murder, and who died a few weeks ago. This convict was James Hoover, a well-known resident of Franklin county twenty years ago.

In 1874 Hoover, to avenge a wrong done to his sister by a physician of Franklin county, shot and killed him. Before he could be apprehended he fled, finally locating at one of the numerous mining camps in Colorado. There he met a man named George Simpson, of Ohio, and the two, after joining fortunes, finally struck it rich. When the two had amassed a considerable fortune in gold dust and nuggets Simpson fell ill, and Hoover decamped with all their wealth. Fearing to remain longer in that country he decided to come East again and brave the chances of being arrested for the murder.

Gold Nuggets Tied Up in a Bag. The wealth he brought with him consisted partly of gold nuggets valued at \$10,000, tied in a canvas bag. Hoover found his parents had moved from Franklin county to McConnellstown, Huntingdon county, and he went in search of them, but his search proved unavailing, and he left McConnellstown, started in the direction of Alexandria, ten miles distant. When half this distance had been covered Hoover became very weary with the weight of his treasure and stopping by the wayside on the farm of Michael T. Brenneman, he hid his gold nuggets beneath the roots of a white oak tree. He then made a careful draft of the surrounding country, entering into the minutest details, and after familiarizing himself with the surroundings of the adjoining farm-house of George Miller, where he remained all night and obtained the names of the owners of the near-by farms which were included in his diagram of the locality where he had secreted his treasure, thus perfecting his description of the place.

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A Friend's Brutality. A Lebanon Woman Dragged for Two Days Through the Woods and Rescued at the Mouth of her Mother's Revolver. Lebanon, Pa., July 7.—The abduction of Lillie Johnson, the 20-year daughter of Fruit Dealer John Stains, has created an immense sensation here. After a search for two days and nights, participated in by several hundred men, headed by the girls father and the police, the young woman was found late last night and taken from the point of a revolver. Hoffman, her cousin, at the point of a revolver. Hoffman escaped. The young woman was found in the house of Hoffman's brother at Mount Lebanon. Plucky Mrs. Stains declared that she was prepared to kill her child's abductor should he refuse to give her daughter up. The girl is now confined to her bed room in her father's house, suffering from a series of beatings administered by Hoffman in his efforts to hurry her away with him. Both sides of her face are swollen and black and blue. Her right eye is discolored, and bruises and lacerations made by Hoffman in his attempt to choke her to death, and her breast and right arm are horribly bruised and discolored.

A Story of Incredible Brutality. This afternoon she told the story of the horrible tortures she had endured since she left her home on Friday afternoon. She went to meet Hoffman in answer to a note in which he said that he wanted her to return a gold ring and breastpin as he was going out west. She found him half a square from and within view of her home. He at once grabbed her by the arm with his one arm and sought to drag her away, saying he had something to say privately. She struggled to get free, and he struck her in the face and knocked her against the fence. Again he struck her, this time in the eye, and knocked her almost senseless. The girl cried for help, and her young brother John ran to her assistance. Hoffman drove the boy away, threatening to kill him, and then he dragged the girl along an unfrequented lane to an old unused cemetery, which is thickly overgrown with all kinds of bushes. He pulled her through blackberry bushes, and her clothes were lacerated from her back and her face and limbs were horribly scratched. He threatened to kill her if she did not go quietly. He stopped for rest in the bushes and fiercely told her that should she tell any one that he had struck her he would kill her.

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There is quite a feeling prevailing among the West Branch towns as to which was the greatest sufferer from the late flood, each one seeming ambitious of the distinction of having been injured the most by the great calamity, and jealousy exists in regard to the distribution of the relief fund. While we extend our sympathy, we are thankful that Bellefonte is not included in the category of flood sufferers. Her elevation places her beyond the reach of floods and her water experience extends merely to her inexhaustible supply of the best and purest drinking fluid in the world. For healthful air, a bracing climate, pure water and immunity from the ravages of floods, nothing can be compared with a city located as Bellefonte is, on the hills.

Pine Grove Mention. Rev. King and family are the guests of our townsman, Joseph Wardle. The golden grain is ripening rapidly and his fair to be of good quality. Our genial friend, J. B. Ard, Esq., is spending his heated term in Union county. Mr. T. G. Arthey recently returned from the west where he spent the last two years. Old Sol is pouring forth his heated rays again after being hid by a clouded sky, and an occasional shower has damaged much of the hay crop.

Our base ball boys returned from Bellefonte feeling joyously good over their victory achieved over the Bellefonte club, the score being 10 to 0. The old home mansion of our agricultural friend, G. W. McWilliams, has undergone repairs. A large and commodious porch, and a new coat of white paint, with dark trimmings, beautifies the hospitable home. Rev. A. A. Black has accepted a call by our German Reformed neighbors as successor to Rev. Mr. Grough. Mr. Black has entered upon his ministerial duties, preaching his first sermon last Sunday evening.

Our legal friend, Judge Krebs, of Clearfield, accompanied by an interesting little family, spent last week at the home of his boyhood with his aged mother, who is still quite a sprightly and well preserved old lady. The glorious fourth was a dull day on our streets. Not even a fire cracker was heard. In the evening a couple of young Americans engaged in a pugilistic encounter, in which each tried to show his independence. We have failed to learn who wears the belt.

Mr. James Irvin Reed, of our town, and Miss Emma Gates, of Pine Hall, tied themselves to Bellefonte on the 3d inst. to launch their love boat on the wide and billowy sea of matrimony. If this be true, and no doubt it is, here is our best wish. One of the most social events of the season was the birthday gathering at the home of D. L. Miller, Esq., where a large number of guests assembled, it being the 19th anniversary of his only son, James A. Beaver, who was the recipient of a number of presents, including a valuable watch. Last Sunday was children's day in the Lutheran church in this place. It was presided over by the pastor, Rev. C. I. Aikens, the church being beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The boys and girls all acquitted themselves nobly. The pastor delivered the address which was interesting and instructive. A liberal collection was taken for educational purposes.

It is with deep regret that we note the death of Mrs. William Beck, of Shingletown, which occurred on the 8th inst. of heart disease, after a brief illness of a few days. Mrs. Beck formerly lived here, and the deceased lady had many friends who sympathize with the bereaved husband and family in their time of bereavement and sorrow, and we can only say, God's will be done. Mr. George Grimes made a miraculous escape from being killed on Saturday last. While hauling hay along the public road, a runaway team belonging to Capt. J. M. Kepler, passing by frightened Grimes' team, causing it to run through a post fence, with which Mr. Grimes was brought in contact, trying to stop his team. For a time it was thought his hurt about the face and head was serious, but at this writing he is improving. Our community was startled by the death of Mr. Jas. W. Sheffer, who had left his home on Monday afternoon to shoot ground hogs, in which he failed. On his way home, and within sight of his home, when he discharged his rifle it exploded, the breach entering his brain and making a fatal wound. The accident occurred in the evening in James Mitchell's woods, where he was found on Tuesday, the 9th inst., about ten o'clock in the morning, he having lain there all night, and next day had to be buried immediately. Mr. Sheffer was a tailor by trade and a good citizen, generous to a fault. His young wife and babe, to whom he was much attached, have the sympathy of all the friends and neighbors in this their time of affliction at the untimely death of a kind husband and loving father, at the early age of 24 years.

Phillipsburg Pickings. It was thought that by this time the coal strike in this region would have been more or less quiet, but it seems that there is still some sort of an obstacle to put an obstruction to the output of coal. When orders are plenty it seems that cars are scarce, and when cars are plenty there are no big orders to fill. Last week the mines could have made better time, but the operators claim that they could not be furnished with a sufficient number of cars. How soon the miners of this region will have steady employment it is not an easy matter to conjecture. At recent meeting of the new School Board the following teachers were chosen to serve during the coming winter term of school: Misses Jennie Morrison, first assistant, and Emma J. Harriot, second assistant; Misses Mollie Ward, Lyde Holt, Ella Ward, Alta Smith, Carrie E. Vaughn, Myrtle Gray, Maggie Mead, Cora James, Phoebe Hoover, Mrs. Lucretia Colburn and Agnes Shoemaker. The Principal and Assistant Principals have not as yet been selected.

Books, Magazines, &c. In the Forum for July Bishop Potter, of New York, treats of the place and prospects of "The Scholar in American Life." The most urgent need of our civilization, on the intellectual side, is the encouragement of the research for truth in every department of knowledge, without direct regard to "practical result." The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Hale writes of "A Market for Books." Copyright, 1888, by J. C. Harper & Co., New York.

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Ethics, the title of his article for the present month, being "The Ethics of Journalism." Prof. Romanes makes a spirited reply to the attack upon "Anti-Darwinian Fallacies." "The Attitude of the French Canadians," by Honore Beaumont, ex-Mayor of Montreal, is a defence of the French-speaking population of Canada. Dr. Austin Flint writes of "Late Theories concerning Fever," showing the modes operandi of antipyrin and cold baths in reducing fever. "Organizations of the Discontented," by Richard J. Hinton, is an elaborate study of the aims and purposes of socialistic and communistic agitators. "The World's Supply of Fuel," how long will it last? Prof. W. J. McGee of the U. S. Geological Survey, considers this question in the light of the most recent research. The ever-pressing problem of "Domestic Service" is considered by "Jennie June" (Mrs. Jennie C. Croly), and the Rev. H. Prime Collier presents "The Better Side of Angelonia." The Forum Publishing Co., 233 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

The July Wide Awake has many strong, timely features, notably two especially American ones. One is Miss Seward's "Fourth of July at Robert College"—the other is Mrs. Burton Harrison's "The Republican Court," in which she gives portraits and charming little biographies of eighteen of the prominent young society women who were in General Washin- gton's circle of friends. "Mademoiselle Papa" is a touching little tale from the French, translated by Miss Virginia Chapman. There is a thrilling story of another French child in this number, "The Child Knight of Boufflers," written by Madame Cramer Bernhard. Then we have "How Patty earned her Salt," by Walter Colby. "Cuck-oo!" by Mrs. Frances A. Humphrey, "Five Little Peppers Further On," by Margaret Sidney serial, "Sylvia Fair's Fairies," by Charles R. Talbot, "Sister Neighbors," "The Monkey and the Cane," illustrated by Garrett. There are also many other bright things in verse and picture.

Mrs. Sallie Joy White's "Public School Cooking," Mrs. Goddard Orpen's diamond paper, Mr. Warren's "Fishing with a Bottle," Prof. Starr's "Geological Talk," and plenty of original anecdotes and entertaining "short talks" in "Men and Things." Wide Awake is \$2.00 a year. L. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston, Mass.

The July St. Nicholas, 1888.—The opening story in this month's St. Nicholas deals with Revolutionary times, and particularly with a devoted old Whig who had vowed to wear the same coat until the war was decided. The illustrations, including the frontispiece, are by George Wharton Edwards. Following this is "The Resolute," which is, virtually, the true story of a boy who walked from his home in Massachusetts to Washington and secured for himself, by personal application to President Lincoln, an appointment to Annapolis. Theodore R. Davis, the war artist, contributes a description, "How a Battle is Sketch- ed." There is also a bright little sketch by Eliza Rihmanaki Sklimore of the Prince Imperial of Japan, "Laetitia and the Redcoats," by Lillian L. Price, is based upon a touching incident of the Revolutionary war. A natural history story, "Among the Florida Keys," by Charles Frederick Holder, describing the strange adventures and observations of a party of boys during a vacation trip in Florida, begins in this number and will continue for four months. The foregoing are all profusely illustrated. Other contributors of prose are E. L. Barnard, Myra Goodwin Plantz, Mary E. Hawkins, John H. Jewett, Elizabeth E. Parker, Thomas W. Chittenden, and others. The poetical contributors are Joel Stacy, Dana Reed Goodale, Truor Jenks, Francis Randall, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Esther B. Tiffany, Adeline V. Pond, and M. M. D. The department including "From our Scrap-book," a temporary substitute for "Jack-in-the-Pulpit," contain interesting facts and reflections.

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