

THE COLUMBIAN.

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THE REFORMER AT WORK.

Messrs Editors:

I see that X has either willfully or ignorantly perverted my former article. If he has done so willfully I should place him among the low politicians, who, he wishes to make us believe, are pretty good fellows after all.

A man who makes a personal canvass is engaged in very low business, and is a "peep" as designating to respectable people as the frogs of Egypt.

People differ in regard to such things. Some say stealing is very bad, while others, who, perhaps, have stolen, or intend to steal, say it is all right. One man says that we should always say truth, while another says that a man who would always speak the truth is a fool.

Anyone who expects to elect himself to office cannot be trusted in office. He will not do it. Perhaps the thing which distinguishes man from the brute more than any other thing is, that he is ambitious. Ambition within proper bounds is a virtue.

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Pensions for Everybody.

In the Senate the other day Mr. Hoar presented a petition "for \$3,000,000 for the pension of the Western States," asking that a pension of at least eight dollars a month be paid to every soldier and sailor who served in the civil war and received an honorable discharge.

It is no wonder that in this way soldiers and sailors of the Government are influenced to contribute to their support, though they are perfectly able to support themselves. It is no wonder that they should not see that it is hardly consistent with a proper self-respect for healthy men to have a pension in the army or navy to demand from the Government which is due only to men who are actually suffering from the effects of wounds or disease received in the army or navy.

Senator Logan ought to be indignant because these Western soldiers and citizens went to an Eastern Senator with their little petition. It is just the kind of petition you would like to have charge of. But Senator Logan wants to scatter the surplus with a smiling hand. His ample lungs dilate with the wind of emotion, and in the matter of pensions there is need of a little common sense.

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SENSATIONAL LITERATURE.

WHAT AN OLD PUBLISHER HAS TO SAY BY HIS CAUSE AND EFFORTS FOR HIS MOUNTAIN NUMBER OF PAPERS CIRCULATED.

The constantly increasing number of boys of tender years who have been caught robbing their parents for the purpose of securing an outfit to start for the west to kill Indians or else have organized themselves in gangs for the purpose of becoming highwaymen and burglars has attracted public attention to the cause of so much youthful crime.

With the exception of one or two of the weekly story papers, the prices paid for matter are very small. It is a long drop from Mrs. Southworth and Sylvanus Cobb to the poor Bohemians who write for the boy paper and the dime and half-dime libraries. The average price the latter scribblers get is not over \$50 a story, running anywhere from 100 to 200 pages of foolscap.

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