



JENKS AND THE SOLDIERS.

HOW HE PLEADED THE CAUSE OF THE PENSIONERS.

A Noble Tribute to the Boys in Blue on the Floor of Congress that should Never be Forgotten by Them.

In 1876 the Honorable George A. Jenks then a member of congress, introduced a bill to transfer the Pension Bureau of the United States from the Interior Department to the War Department. The matter being under discussion Congressman Kasson, of Iowa, was quoted as having made the declaration that pensions were in the nature of a government gratuity and were not in the nature of a contract between the government and the soldiers; that the government had the right at any time to shut off all pensions and granted them only as a mere gratuity and not as a matter of obligation. The whole matter of the granting of pensions it was claimed by Mr. Kasson was discretionary with the government both as to the amount of the pension and the time of its continuance.

Congressman Townsend, of New York, argued in a like strain to which Mr. Jenks replied as follows: "From these extracts it will be seen that gentlemen of experience, learned in the law, and for whom personally I have the highest respect, have asserted that an invalid pension is not a debt; that it may be granted or withheld at the pleasure of the government; that there is no obligation to pay it; that it is simply a gratuity. Now, if it be a gratuity, we may at any moment cut off these pensions; we may refuse to pay them from any moment that it may occur to the legislative branch of the government that it is for the interest of the government so to do. If that be so it is a most fatal truth for these pensioners who have been deprived of their limbs in the cause of their country.

"Now, in order to refute what seems to me to be a most flagrant fallacy, I propose to discuss the question at this time, because, first, I think the Pension Bureau, which we seek to transfer, has been laboring under the same fallacy, has been of the opinion that they may grant or refuse a pension as they see proper, that they may expedite or delay it as to them may seem convenient, that they may grant it to a political friend or deny it to a political opponent as may seem best for party purposes. It is to refute this view, and that the people may comprehend what is a right and what is a gift, that I propose now to discuss this as the first question in this bill. A contract is an agreement for a sufficient consideration to do or not to do some given thing. Now if the government, before the soldier entered the army, told that soldier that if he should enter and become disabled he should be paid a pension, that would be a contract, if the soldier entered the army and was disabled." (Here Mr. Jenks quoted the resolution of the Continental Congress in 1776, the act of April 30, 1790, the act of January 11, 1812, and the act of July 14, 1862 all to the effect that it was the rule of the government to consider an invalid soldier as entitled to a pension as a matter of right based upon the promise of the lawmaking power.)

Mr. Hewitt, of Alabama, interrupting Mr. Jenks at this point said: "If the gentleman will allow me, I would remind him that in the proclamation of President Lincoln, issued in 1861, calling for volunteers, a promise was made that such as might be wounded or should contract disease in the war should have a pension, and congress afterwards raised that promise." To this Mr. Jenks replied as follows: "The facts are as the honorable gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Hewitt) states them. The pension law of 1862 was not passed before the first soldier went into the army; yet prior to that time the soldiers had the word of a man they had reason to trust that if they should go into the service they should be provided for. Shall that word be disgraced here on the floor of this Congress? Shall we disregard that contract in view of which they went into the army? They obeyed the call of their country; and in that view they did only their duty, it is true, as the honorable gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Hurlbut) has said; but it was a duty the performance of which was dangerous, and it was performed under the promise that this provision would be made. Dare we repudiate that promise and say that it is not a contract? Shall we say to a man who asks for a pension, 'You are the acceptor of a gratuity; you are a medicant; we can grant you this or refuse it at our option, and no one can charge us with injustice?' In the name of the pensioners of the United States, I repudiate this doctrine. If their pension certificates are to be regarded as

badges of mendicancy, they would spurn them from them and hurl them in your face."

The speech from which the above extracts have been taken may be found in full in the "Congressional Record" of 1876, in part 2 of volume 4, pages 1739 to 1744. No man can read the remarks of Mr. Jenks on that occasion without feeling a thrill of pride that Pennsylvania had a soldier's champion on the floor of congress in the person of George A. Jenks who stood for the pensioner's rights, insisting that they were not pauper medicants asking alms but worthy veterans demanding their just rights under the sacred promise of that government for the perpetuation of which they had volunteered to sacrifice health, limb and life if need be.

He is the same George A. Jenks now he was in 1876, always for the right and never upholding the wrong. The flag and the veteran are to him sacred; they are not the playthings of political fortune nor are they articles of merchandise to be trafficked to the highest bidder.

Trouble in the Air.

Centre Hall has been noted all over this part of the state for its prosperity, local disturbances and scrapping propensities of its citizens, but we doubt whether the ill feeling and after-blood spirit has ever reached the high mark that it has been touching the last week or two. And it is all over that troublesome water question, which one would suppose would quench instead of adding fuel to the flames. The Indians "talk damns" are frequent but up to date there has been no blood shed although threatened. The bitter feeling will not subside for at least a generation.

Playing With Dynamite.

Saturday afternoon several small boys who were playing in the vicinity of a limestone quarry near Bellefonte found an object which proved to be a dynamite cartridge. Not knowing at the time what it was, one of the boys placed it on a stone and commenced to pound it. Instantly there was an explosion. Ten-year-old Alvin Fetters was hit full in the face and neck. An examination showed the wounds to be of a serious character and his chances of recovery are very small.

Should be Arrested.

Certain members of the water company and other citizens of the town have been charged and said to have been apprehended in the dastardly work of cutting off the water from the boro's reservoir, tearing out pipes, etc. It is the duty of the council to have these wrongdoers arrested at once and bound over to court. The shortage of water is attributed to this, and if the council is sure of its evidence they should not hesitate to haul up the parties accused.

Getting Along Nicely.

The schools under Prof. Wagenseller, Wagner Geiss, F. A. Foreman and Miss Anna Bartholomew are progressing and the scholars have settled down to steady work satisfactory to the directors. The effort at the outstart to create a disturbance by one or two, met with no approval, instead received general condemnation of almost every citizen, which was wise and timely.

Centre Hall Students at State College.

Of the 266 students at the Pennsylvania State College, representing 55 counties of the state, nine other states, and Venezuela, 48 are from Centre county. Of this number, Albert M. Arney and Miss Grace M. Alexander are from Centre Hall.

Increasing in Membership.

The newly-installed Sons of Veterans in this place, is showing a healthy growth by the mustering in of new members. The boys take an interest in the order, and under the direction of Captain C. J. Shaeffer, the camp will be permanent.

Prospect for Foreign Demand for Wheat.

The crops in Northern and Central Russia are a complete failure and in South Russia the harvest is far below the average. Prices are bound to advance, as experts predict that the supplies are wholly inadequate to meet the requirements. Chances are for our farmers profiting by this.

Awarded the Contract.

Contractor Malone, of the boro water plant, has received the contract from Harris township supervisors for building the abutments of the new iron bridge to be erected across Spring creek at Boalsburg. He will do a good job for the township.

When you call for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the great pile cure, don't accept anything else. Don't be talked into accepting a substitute, for piles, for sores, for burns; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

WORDS FROM WANAMAKER.

Scandalous Steals.—Taxpayers' Relief.

Here is one of many cases, said Mr. Wanamaker, and I give it to you because it is fresh. A few weeks ago State Treasurer Beaumont appointed J. D. Patty a Quay political worker from Westmoreland county, a fireman in the Treasury Building at an annual salary of \$900. The Treasury Building has been heated by city steam, supplied by the Harrisburg Steam Heating Company ever since the building was erected. There are no fires in the building, no boilers or heating apparatus, nothing but an open grate in the Auditor General's Office, which is not lighted more frequently than once a year. The building is abundantly supplied with janitors and scrub women, and this political fireman is only appointed to draw his salary, and to go to Westmoreland county at election time to look after the interests of Senator Quay.

Another case:

The new State printer, Mr. Ray, started in well to sustain the reputation of his predecessor. The first printing bill he presented was for \$12,000, \$6700 of which was declared by the Deputy Attorney General to be made up of illegal charges, and was not paid. Now comes along a new one. The last Legislature failed to make its usual appropriation of \$40,000 to the State Fish Commission. Said Commission has been forced to beg money from its friends to prevent the decay of the State fisheries. Yet we find a bill from the State printer of \$26,000 for printing a report showing how the \$40,000 appropriated at the previous session was expended.

Twenty-six thousand dollars is a good lot of money to expend in showing how \$40,000 had been disbursed, but it all goes to help the Quay machine.

Upon the back of this personal property blank, which I hold in my hand, are printed ten lines in red ink. You tax-payers have got to pay to the State printer \$250 for this piece of gay decoration.

Thomas Robinson, for many years the Quay leader of Butler county, was the State printer under whose eye this fraudulent printing was done.

In one department, that of State printing, upwards of \$100,000 worth of unauthorized jobs have been unearthed within the last six months, and the one-half has not been told.

The Secret of Bad Roads.

Roads are bad because: They are not properly graded and shaped; adequate drainage is not provided; repairs are too long delayed; unsuitable material is used in making them; too much material is put on at one time; the work is done at the wrong season; too much is spent for material; too little is spent for labor, the work is done by incompetent hands; constant supervision is not enforced.—Good Roads.

Burglars at Howard.

On Saturday night burglars broke into the office of Wm. H. Long, the Prohibition candidate for the legislature and manufacturer of granulated wheat at Howard. They blew open the safe and stole valuable papers and about ten dollars in money. The loss was not discovered until Sunday morning. No clue as to the identity of the burglar has been obtained.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: James O. Fultz, of Mill Hall, and Mamie E. Lambert, of Bellefonte. C. Clayton Rote, of Bellefonte, and Ida May Justice, of Benner twp. Robert A. Miller, of Benner twp., and Ada F. Jamison, of Spring Mills.

There Are Such.

A man who dams a newspaper because it doesn't subscribe to his political vagaries, and then, when he is a candidate for office, expects you to lie awake at nights to grind out arguments to vindicate his cause, evidently mistakes the composition of the average individual.

Cyrus Wasson.

Cyrus Wasson, a well-known resident of Lemont, died on Friday, aged about 72 years. He was greatly respected in that community as a man of probity, upright, and a Christian in all his practices.

How They Work It.

The anti-cigarette league, of Coudersport, has induced the merchants of that place not to buy or sell any more cigarettes. A fund is now being raised to purchase all the stock the dealers have on hand.

Parlor Stove for Sale.

A parlor stove, late style, and as good as new, can be purchased at a bargain. Call at property of Mrs. Mary A. Dinges, Centre Hall.

—Subscribe for the Reporter.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

DEMOCRATS SURE TO HAVE CONTROL OF THE HOUSE.

Hanna Says it Will Require Two Million Dollars to Elect Enough to Secure a Majority.—Bryan is Ill.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Some idea of the panic existing in administration circles, on account of the prospect of Republican defeat in the Congressional campaign, may be had from Boss Hanna's estimate, after going over all the information in the possession of the Republican Congressional Committee, that it would require a campaign fund of \$2,000,000 to elect a Republican majority of the next House. Hanna is Chairman of the National Committee, and under ordinary conditions, would have nothing to do with the congressional campaign. But existing conditions are not ordinary. On the contrary, they are extraordinary, from Mr. McKinley's point of view. Chairman Babcock, of the Congressional Committee, told Mr. McKinley that he considered the fight already lost. Then Hanna was telegraphed for and asked if he could not save the House for his party. He decided that it would take \$2,000,000 to do it, and made out a list of men that must put up that amount. They are the same men who furnished him the money he used so lavishly two years ago, and already they are being personally waited upon and made to come down again, some of them by Hanna himself and others by his agents.

Col. W. J. Bryan, who has been confined to his bed by an attack of malaria, is now much better, and expects to return to his regiment after a short stay in the Virginia mountains. None of the many attentions paid Col. Bryan during his stay in Washington, gave him more pleasure than a magnificent basket of roses from the Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Association, accompanied by a communication, from which the following is quoted: "The Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Association deem it a privilege and a pleasure to present this basket of flowers to Col. Wm. J. Bryan, as a token of their respect, love, and esteem for him who, more than any man living, stands as the personification of the most vital issue affecting the welfare of all the people of our Nation and of the world. The intelligent, aggressive and disinterested advocacy of the cause of the plain people that marked your entrance into public life at once awakened a response in the hearts of your countrymen, and singled you out as an object of their affection. Your steadfast devotion to principle, your untiring zeal in the cause of the people, and the recognition by them of your rare talents, combined to make you their chosen leader in their contest for deliverance from the evils that are threatening the overthrow of Republican institutions and the establishment of a plutocracy to rule and plunder under forms of law."

Gen. Fitz Lee, who was ordered to Washington last week, has gone to West Point to visit his son, who is a cadet there, but will return to Washington in a few days. Republican influence is being brought to bear upon the administration to cause it to give General Lee only a subordinate command of the entire army. It was to sound him, in order to find out how far he would allow himself to be pushed into the background without tendering his resignation, that he was sent for. Gen. Lee's admirers hope that if he is tendered anything less than command of that division of the army of occupation that will have Havana for its headquarters, he will tender his resignation and leave the army at once. If he gets less than that, a very positive promise will be violated, but that happens frequently in Washington.

Not being admitted to Boss Platt's confidence I cannot vouch for its correctness, but there has been a lot of talk around Washington to the effect that "Teddy" Roosevelt was nominated for Governor with the deliberate intention of ending his political career by getting him badly defeated, and that he is to be traded for legislative votes wherever to do so will increase the chance of electing a Republican member of the legislature. According to this talk, Mr. McKinley and Boss Platt are acting together in this scheme to get rid of "Teddy" and at the same time elect a legislature that will send a Republican successor to Senator Murphy. Democratic advisers indicate very strongly that the Democrats will control the legislature as well as elect the entire state ticket. They say they can beat Roosevelt without any assistance from Platt and his knifers.

Although Gen. Joe Wheeler is offered command of all the cavalry that will go to Cuba with the army of occupation, there are reasons for be-

lieving that he will not go to Cuba, unless there is a hitch in negotiating the treaty of Peace at Paris. A close friend of Gen. Wheeler says he will resign his commission and resume his Congressional duties, as soon as the treaty of Peace is signed; he has no hankering after the command of a mounted police force, in Cuba or elsewhere, and that is about all our cavalry will be after the treaty of peace becomes an accomplished fact.

That investigation commission promises to do some investigating this week; it has done nothing yet but get ready, except to abandon the idea of star chamber sessions, and agree to have the Press Associations represented at all sessions where testimony is taken.

BOSS QUAY UNDER ARREST.

Also His Son Dick, Ex-State Treasurer Haywood and Charles H. McKee.

Warrants were issued on Monday for the arrest of Senator Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay, Ex-state Treasurer Haywood, and Charles H. McKee, of Pittsburg, law partner of Lieutenant Governor Lyon.

They are accused of conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, formerly Cashier of the broken People's Bank, of Philadelphia, to use public money for their own use.

Hopkins killed himself last March, shortly before the bank's failure.

The accused are held under \$5000 bail for a hearing at noon to-day.

A TICKET ALL CAN VOTE.

The nominees below should be voted for by all friends of Reform and honest government:

For Governor: George A. Jenks.

For Lieutenant Governor: William H. Sowden, of Lehigh.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs: Patrick Delacy, of Lackawanna.

For Superior Judge: C. M. Bower, Centre; Wm. Trickett, Cumberland.

For Congressman-at-Large: J. M. Weiler, Carbon; F. P. Iams, Allegheny.

For Congress: J. K. P. Hall, of Elk.

For Senator: W. C. Heinle.

For Assembly: Robt. M. Foster; J. H. Wetzel.

Prothonotary: M. I. Gardner.

District Atty: N. B. Spangler.

County Surveyor: H. B. Herring.

The above is not a machine ticket dictated by a boss.

Requirements of the School Law.

According to the school law, a child cannot enter school until he is 6 years of age. The compulsory education law requires that he must attend school from 8 to 13. Unless otherwise employed he must attend from 8 to 16. He cannot be employed anywhere until he is 14. He cannot be employed in a mill or factory until he is sixteen. He cannot attend school after he is twenty-one unless he pays tuition and the school board wishes to accept him. The school is not free to anyone living outside of the school district.

Soon Finished.

The new reservoir up in the mountain will be ready to hand over to the boro in a week or two. The sides are lined with clay and stone, being built up like a stone fence. The bottom is to be cemented, and then all the water now running into the lower reservoir will be turned in. Contractor Malone is not bound to have it filled and tested, as we had been informed.

Vacated the Hotel.

Landlord D. C. Keller, who enjoyed such a large patronage and built up a large trade at the Haag House, Bellefonte, on Tuesday vacated the stand and moved to Centre Hall. He will devote his time to the attention of his farm, along with dealing in stock. He moved in with his son Roll, in his old home down street.

Ready in about a Month.

The new creamery in course of erection near the depot is expected to be in operation in the course of a month or so. Mr. Wilson, of Howard, the proprietor, will occupy the house of B. Poulson, who has removed to Titusville. The building is not quite completed, but it will be in readiness by the time the machinery arrives.

Still Unsettled.

D. F. Fortney, the Democratic postmaster of Bellefonte, still holds the fort although his four years term expires last May. The recommendation of Congressman Arnold has evidently been hung up until after the election when the success of Arnold will likely be the point on which the office hinges.

A stubborn cough or tickling in the throat yields to One Minute Cough Cure. Harmless in effect, touches the right spot, reliable and just what is wanted. It acts at once; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Her Invitation.

Were I the wind, my darling,
And you a blushing flower,
I'd sigh with love forever,
And play around your bower,
And I would come and kiss you
And bring the fragrant shower,
And I would talk in whispers
That you could understand,
And the perfume of your petals
I'd spread all o'er the land,
Were I the wind, my darling,
And you a blushing flower.

SHE.

Were you the wind so wanton,
And I a blushing flower,
You say you'd sigh forever
And play around my bower,
And that you'd come and kiss me,
And bring the fragrant shower,
And you'd talk in whispers
That I could understand,
And the perfume of my petals
You'd spread o'er all the land—
Let's play that you're the wind,
That I'm the blushing flower!

Cleveland Leader.

Boalsburg has about half a dozen typhoid fever cases.

The president has appointed C. W. Scott postmaster of Williamsport.

Penns creek, Pine creek, Elk creek and Sinking creek are all very low.

The Boalsburg Reformed congregation has organized a Gospel League.

Street sprinkling in this place, once so plentiful, seems to have become a "lost art."

John Runkle, of Altoona, formerly of Tusseyville, is sick of typhoid fever at the home of his mother at Spring Mills.

Rev. Bearick's appointments for Sunday, Oct. 9: At Centre Hall, 10 a. m.; St. John's 2 p. m.; Georges Valley, 7 p. m.

About 1000 persons went to the Union county fair, on Thursday last, from the stations between Bellefonte and Coburn.

Mrs. Daniel Bohn, an aged and esteemed lady of Boalsburg, died on last Sunday. Her husband died about one month previous.

A Warren man is the owner of three kittens that may be regarded as freaks. One of the young felines has eight well developed feet, and another has six feet.

Thomas Pelky, formerly of Williamsport, who struck it rich in the Klondike gold fields, has sold some of his mining property to a French syndicate for \$600,000.

Mrs. Thomas, the decoration day poetess, of near this place, presented the Centre Hall Lutheran Sabbath school with a beautiful floral cross, worked in a body of green vines, by her own hands, artistic in design.

H. B. Herring, of Gregg, nominee for County Surveyor, is well fitted by experience, for that position; his qualifications are undoubted, and he was nominated without his seeking for it because of his well known fitness.

This burg is now the happy possessor of three water plants: The new boro' plant; the "darn ole water plant", and the J. T. Lee plant. The first was to be dollar or free—but both being way up.

The only water now that's free, is the water of J. T. Lee.

With praiseworthy forethought, the boro' water committee shut off the water from Saturday evening to early on Monday morning, which, being general wash day, stored a supply for our good house wives to start in on washing.

One of our town patrons hurried in to our desk with the friendly remark: "I want to pay my back subscription and one year ahead, the Reporter was always so very helpful to the interests and improvement of the town, I can't go back on it,"—and with that he shot off after his business.

A curious statistician has been summing up the light diet of those who attended the Allentown fair, and the figures are interesting. Two dealers roasted and sold 545 bushels of peanuts, enough to supply 34,880 persons with one pint each. There were also 250 barrels of beer sold at the regular stand, or about a quarter of a million "pony" glasses, an average of more than two for every attendant at the fair. This is a trifle above our own granger picnic which, by a little stretching, may outstrip the Allentown show.

Mrs. Rivers, an aged lady who resides in Nippenose valley, is reported to have made a desperate attempt at suicide on Wednesday by cutting the arteries in both wrists with a razor.

Mrs. Rivers is 70 years of age and lives with her son, who is a bachelor. At about 10 o'clock in the morning he went from the mill and found his mother with blood flowing from her wrists where she had gashed them with the razor. Continued bad health is alleged to have led the woman to attempt to kill herself.