

TALK ON PENSIONS.

Republican Side of the House Reminded of Past Warnings

BY THEIR DEMOCRATIC BROTHERN.

Congressman Peters Indulges in a Farmers Alliance Prediction.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The House went into Committee of the Whole to-day on the pension appropriation bill, and Mr. Outhwaite, of Ohio, said that in the debate, yesterday, charges had been made against the Commissioner of Pensions, which, if sustained, brought the conduct of the officer very near to an impeachable offense.

Mr. Outhwaite suggested that Commissioner Black had taken part in Congressional elections.

Mr. Outhwaite replied that if Mr. Black had done such things as Commissioner Baum had done he should have been brought to justice for it. He then proceeded to reproach the Republican House with shirking its duty, arguing that the pending bill would show a deficiency of at least \$2,824,000.

Charge of Partisan Action.

Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, said that a few months ago he had stood on this floor and declared that the Republicans of the House were refusing to carry out their duty, to appropriate within \$45,000,000 of the amount which would be required for pensions under existing law. The declaration had been almost substantiated by the fact that the Commissioner now came in asking for a deficiency of \$2,824,000.

Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, said that the probability was that within seven years there would be \$100,000,000 pensions on the roll, which would be paid \$170,000,000 annually. The first necessity was to meet the question frankly by adequate appropriations; the second, to raise a committee to investigate the bureau thoroughly; the third was to transfer the bureau to the War Department and take it out of the domain of politics.

These were charges which gentlemen could throw at each other across the center aisle; but when gentlemen came to act as legislators, these charges ought to disappear from their conversation. Here were the people staggering under the burdens that had so distressed them that they were seeking new alliances.

Peters Acknowledges the Corn.

Mr. Peters, of Kansas, said the Democratic party was the popular friend of the soldier in the field when it was out of power; but when it was in power it was quite a different thing. The Democratic party was endeavoring to embrace the Farmers' Alliance movement. He concluded that the Republican party in Kansas had run against it and had been overthrown. It had received a check for \$100,000.

But the time was coming when the cynics would strike Democratic States. It was now being entrenched in Texas and Missouri, and in 1892, gentlemen who were relying upon the Alliance would be in power; that their hosts had disappeared, as the Republican majority had disappeared in Kansas.

Mr. Spindler, of New York, said that during the last session he had called attention to the rumbling of thunder and had advised his Republican friends to put their ears to the earth.

Biggs Wants to Ret.

Mr. Biggs, of California, said that when his colleague (Mr. Morrow) stated that there would be no deficiency he stated what he knew to be untrue, and in order to back his statement (Mr. Biggs) would bet \$2,000 to \$100. [Laughter.]

On motion of Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, an amendment was adopted, providing that no allowance or gratuity shall be made, except on account of disability, in any claim for increase of pension on account of increase of disability. [It is estimated by Mr. Dockery and Chairman Morrill, of the Invalid Pension Committee, that this will save \$5,000,000 to the pensioners within the next three years.]

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, offered an amendment increasing to \$100,000,000 the appropriation for the payment of pensions, which was lost.

Mr. Biggs, of California, made a brief and humorous speech in the interest of an increased appropriation, which would provide a deficiency being thrown upon the Democratic House. He created a hearty laugh when in conclusion, he ejaculated: "Ask the people of California, who stand foremost among them, W. W. Morrow, or Marion Biggs; and the answer will be 'Biggs, by 50,000 majority.'"

After a long and interesting session, the bill was passed, and the House adjourned.

SKETCHES ON PITTSBURGH RIVER FRONTS will be a feature of THE DISPATCH to-morrow. Interesting stories of old-time boating in the E. Steed. All the news, twenty-four pages, 102 columns. The best newspaper in the State.

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THE PLAN OUTLINED.

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In addition to their functions as jetties they can be made to act as dredges, as is familiar with the Plenum process which readily see. It is also proposed to use these portable jetties in connection with other dredging appliances to carry out the idea of Captain Eads, in sinking the bed of the Mississippi below the alluvial deposits and carving or making it carve itself a course through the soft clays, thus securing to the lower river State good drainage and freedom from washouts.

Subsequent papers will contain drawings of the sections, a balanced automatic movable dam, portable jetties and balanced quick-acting locks; and further, a demonstration of the fact that by lowering the bed of the Lower Mississippi below the level of the adjacent land can we assure safety from future disasters too appalling to be imagined.

In order that these navigable waters may not threaten the health of the inhabitants, it will be further necessary to pass laws forbidding the cities on their banks to sewer into them. There are at present in practical operation systems of sewage separation which have been demonstrated by years of successful practice to be profitable business enterprises from the valuable fertilizers which are saved, aside from their beneficial effect upon the public health, and in view of which it is a reproach to us that we continue to pollute our streams with what we could readily convert into a source of wealth.

The Federal Government's Work.

In order that such a system as is here outlined should serve the purpose for which it is created, it is necessary that it be operated by authority in accordance with well-digested plans. It would, therefore, properly be under the permanent control of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, manned by trained men, enlisted and trained in the various stations, and operated with that vigilance and precision which is best attained by military discipline. An outline of the method and the practical operation system of sewage separation which has been demonstrated by years of successful practice to be profitable business enterprises from the valuable fertilizers which are saved, aside from their beneficial effect upon the public health, and in view of which it is a reproach to us that we continue to pollute our streams with what we could readily convert into a source of wealth.

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