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Arrears of Pensions.

The commissioner of pensions is evidently determined to lose no time in securing to persons entitled to its benefits their rights under the bill granting arrears of pensions which has just become a law. To this end he has issued the following circular letter:

Persons who are entitled to arrears of pension, under the act granting arrears, approved January 25, 1879, and whose pensions were granted previous to that date, will not require the assistance of a claim agent in obtaining the amount due them. All correspondence in relation to any claim for such arrears will be with the person entitled, and no claim agent will be recognized in such claim.

A letter addressed to the commissioner of pensions, signed by the person who was in receipt of the pension at the date of award, and two witnesses, in the presence of a magistrate, will be the only application required, and upon which the rights of all parties concerned will be adjusted.

The Pension Certificates should not be sent to this office, but it must be exhibited to the magistrate.

The letter should be in the following or equivalent form:

To the Commissioner of Pensions:

I, ——, a pensioner under pension certificate No. ——, hereby apply for the arrears due me, under the act granting arrears of pensions; approved January 25, 1879. My postoffice address is —— [here insert the name of the post office, and if the claimant resides in a city, the name and number of the street and residence must also be given]

Two witnesses. Name of claimant State of ——, County of ——, ss:

Signed in my presence, by ——, who is known to me to be the person he describes himself to be, and at the same time he exhibited to me his pension certificate, which is numbered ——.

Magistrate's signature.

Governor Hoyt has fairly settled down to business, and once he selects a new attorney general, the governmental machine will be fairly in motion and run without a jar. With his extensive acquaintance and knowledge of public men and the wants of the people, coupled with his great personal popularity, there is no reason why he should not make one of the most popular governors the state has ever had. He goes into the office free from the trammels of old politicians, fresh from the ranks of the people, and if he fails it will be his own fault. But the Republcan party does not believe that he has any knowledge of the word fail. It is not in his vocabulary.

Governor Hoyt did the proper thing in the selection of Hon. M. S. Quay as Secretary of the Commonwealth. No man in the State is better qualified for the position than he, and none could be more valuable to his chief. The Philadelphia Recordship, a merely local office, was not the place for Col. Quay, and we are glad to see him return to the service of the State. He did more than any other man in the State to secure Republican success at the last election, and he not only deserves this, but higher honors, if it is in the power of the Republican party to bestow them.

It is reported from Washington that the new arrears of pensions bill require a much less sum of money from the U. S. Treasury than has been anticipated. It is said that the number of persons on the rolls who will be entitled to additional pensions under the bill, does not exceed forty thousand; that the cases can be settled in ninety days; that the average amount of each pensioner would be about \$750, and that the total amount required to pay them would not exceed thirty four million dollars.

The bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese was taken up in the house at Washington last week, and passed. It provides that no master of a vessel owned by any citizen of the United States shall take on board at any foreign port any number of Chinese exceeding fifteen with intent to bring them to the United States under a penalty of \$100 for each passenger in excess of fifteen, such penalty to become a lien on the vessel. The vote was 155 for the bill to 72 against it.

Our SECURITIES ABROAD.—The demand for the Government four per cent bonds in this country has extended to Europe and the newspapers there speak highly of them as a safe investment. The percentage provided is in Europe an excellent rate and now that our credit is upon a safe basis, the people are eager to obtain our securities. This will greatly help the refunding and is a complete answer to our inflationists.

Mr. Lyman D. Gilbert, who has filled the position of assistant attorney general for four or five years past, it is said will be retained by Governor Hoyt, providing he so desires. He has been at Chicago for the past two weeks acting as attorney for Major Reno in the court of inquiry now sitting there.

Muslin at wholesale prices at Weis' Selinsgrove.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

New York State will spend \$200,000 on her National Guards.

Tramps have possession of several Long Branch hotels.

There are 111,039 dogs in North Carolina, or one dog to every three sheep.

During the past two years, it is said, Georgia farmers have invested \$5,000,000 in mules.

Rambunctious small boys stung the telegraph wires cost England \$50,000 last year.

At Deadwood, Black Hills, consisted of fried liver and ice cream.

A Tilden club has just been organized in Pittsburgh to whom him up for 1880.

Richard Henry Dana, poet and essayist, died in Boston, on last Sunday, aged 33 years.

On Friday, three little girls saw their mother die from want, in Philadelphia.

Accounts from Upper Egypt give heart-rending details of the famine there.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Senator Christianity to Minister to Peru.

General Grant and family sailed on Saturday last for India, via the Suez canal.

The public debt statement for the month of January shows a reduction of \$2,701,939.

David Purkey, of Morristown, Pa., aged twenty-five, has married his step-grandmother, aged sixty.

Manufacturing establishments that have been idle for years are starting up along the upper Hudson.

The fire at Lee, Mass., last week, burned ten stores, a printing office, and an Episcopal church, Loss over \$50,000.

There are mail routes in the south where each letter carried costs the government from six to eight dollars.

A Congregational church in Illinois has rejected a candidate for its pulpit on the sole ground that he used tobacco.

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An expense of \$60 to the people, besides his own lawyer's fees, a farmer of Jones county, Ia., has recovered 1 cent from a man he sued for fourteen fence rails, worth 19 cents each.

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A dime, a nickel and a penny were found in the crop of a Montpelier rooster last week. The cat of a resident of East Berlin, Me., swallowed a five dollar gold piece, and the village butcher offered \$2.50 for it. While Mr. James Robey, of Berlin, Ind., was feeding his hogs he dropped his pocket book among them, and one of the hogs was aware

The Niagara Ice Bridge.

According to the Buffalo Courier, Niagara river below the falls, is spanned by a bridge of ice one mile long and sixty feet wide. The river has been spanned in this way before, but seldom if ever so early as now. This unexpected appearance of the bridge is accounted for by vast quantities of snow and ice which passed into the river from Lake Erie after the heavy storm. Last Sunday morning the accumulated mass of ice came to a stand still beneath the suspension bridge, but in a few hours the ice began suddenly to heave, grind and break into fragments, with a loud and painful noise. It moved a short distance and then came to a second halt, which was followed by a third movement, more violent and noisy than the other. A vast quantity of water had accumulated behind the ice and made a desperate effort to get free. As related by a reporter of the Buffalo Courier, the enormous body of snow and ice was raised up by the water and tossed about in all directions. Large blocks weighing hundreds of tons were lifted into the air. Boulders were torn from the shore and swept into the stream, and a solitary fir-tree which stands three feet above high water was carried away. The ponderous strength of the enraged waters was so apparent that it seemed as if they would rend the great gorge in twain and in that way escape from their imprisonment. As they could not break the mile-wide dam in two, they raised it boldly in to the air and dashed away beneath it, leaving a span of ice above and behind them. The formation of the ice in this bridge is not the same on both sides of the river. On the American side it is chiefly composed of snow formed into rounded boulders and shapes, and looks like white coral. As one approaches the centre of the river, the ice fragments become larger, and near the Canadian shore huge cakes of water-ice are formed into a solid mass. In some places there are crevices twenty-five or thirty feet in depth, but water is not seen through them. At present the surface of the span is exceedingly rough, so that it is very fatiguing to cross, but before long a road will be made through this ice-field—for such in reality the bridge is being sixty feet wide.

Judah P. Benjamin, once a member of the United States Senate from Louisiana, and subsequently a member of Jeff. Davis' cabinet, is a London lawyer, with a practice, it is said worth one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. He is 68 years of age, and looks no older than 49.

Dr. Warner Heath Corset excels any other kind in style, health, and durability. For sale by S. Weis, Selinsgrove.

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PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

THE undersigned, Assignee of Frederick Kistling, by virtue of an alias descended out of the Court of Common Pleas of Snyder county, for the benefit of creditors, &c., will expose to Public Sale, on the premises, in West Perry township,

Saturday, February 22d, 1879.

The following described Valuable Real Estate, to wit:

TRACT OF LAND

sits in the township and county aforesaid, bounded and described as follows:

TRACT No. 1—Bounded North and East by lands of Jacob and William West, by lands of John Swigart and South by lands of the Heirs of John S. Strong, containing

137 ACRES.

more or less, whereon are erected a large

DWELLING HOUSE,

BARN and other outbuildings,

etc. Orchard of choice fruit trees—good

water, etc. The land contains about 100 Acres close the balance well timbered.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day when due attendance will be given and terms of sale made known by

WILLIAM HARDING, Assignee, Jan. 30, 1879.

DANIEL BOLENDER, Sheriff.

TAKE NOTICE!

ALL parties indebted to us are hereby requested to make immediate payment, and those who have any claims against us to make prompt payment same, so as to that the sum is now in process of distribution.

WEIS & OPPENHEIMER, Selinsgrove, Pa.

LICENSE NOTICE.

John Krueger, West Beaver, Pa.,

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