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Pensions.

The subject of pensions occupying a conspicuous place in the attention of the public by reason of the heavy expenditures of the Government, it is proper to make two observations which it seems to us, covers the whole question.

First—The pension payments are now enormous. It requires all the normal import duties to pay them. If they are increased to any considerable extent the government will be compelled to resort to extraordinary means of raising revenue to maintain its credit and solvency.

Second—But the people of the United States are able and willing to pay reasonable pensions to all soldiers of the war who need them and who are entitled to them.

There can be no doubt that thousands of persons who do not deserve them are drawing pensions from the United States Treasury. The proof of this is that in every State there are many veterans who never have received and never have asked for pensions, and the names of those who are entitled to them should be on it if all those who are entitled to them were drawing monthly pensions.

While it is right that the Government should take care of those needy veterans who by their faithful service during the war earned the gratitude of the country, it is wrong to squander public money on those who have no just claim to it. It is a wrong against the Government, which must pay all its bills without overburdening the taxpayer. It is a wrong against the deserving veteran, who cannot get what is his, because others are wrongfully receiving what belongs to him.

With the vast sums which the American people are distributing in pensions it is possible to provide for every deserving veteran of the War of the Rebellion. But only let those have pensions who are entitled to them. And let every man who is so entitled receive his due. If the pension lists contain names which should not be there—and every indication points to large numbers of such names—strike them all off.

Clear the pension list of the undeserving and a positive conservation of those to whom in their old age, infirmity and disease, the Government owes a debt which the American people will take a pride and honor in discharging to the last day of the last veteran who bore arms under the Stars and Stripes to preserve the Union which has been established for all time.

The greatest political event of the year just passed was the Greco-Turkish war, in which the unexpected efficiency of the Turkish army came as an unpleasant surprise, and has given a sick man of Europe a new lease of life in the industrial world, says the Scientific American, the year has been remarkable both for the promise which it gives for the future and the increasing prosperity which has marked its course.

The steady increase in our exports prevents us from strengthening our hold on the markets of the world, and in certain lines we are easily underselling the foreign manufacturer in his own markets. Perhaps the most significant event was the securing of the contract to equip the new underground electric road in London by an American firm.

This event caused a positive conservation among English electrical manufacturers. We have also secured large orders for mining machinery, locomotives, etc., from British colonies, the contracts being awarded in the face of active competition from the mother country.

Ohio Politics. Monday was a day of great excitement in Columbus, the streets were a mob of excited men; Gov. Bushnell did not ride with the inaugural procession, the meeting to protest against the defeat of Hanna, who was said to be one vote short, was an immense affair, stories of bribery were passed around, and late that night the combiners met and endorsed Chas. L. Kurtz for both the short and long terms in the U. S. Senate.

Tuesday morning, early the State House was crowded, and there was a free-for-all rush for the galleries. Both houses met at 10 o'clock, and in the House resolutions demanding investigation of bribery charges were immediately presented and read. There was some preliminary skirmishing, and then a ballot was taken, with one Democratic member absent, which resulted in Hanna securing 56 votes; McKisson 49, and Wiley, Warner and Lentz 1 each.

In the Senate the vote stood McKisson 19, Hanna 17. This gave Hanna 73 votes in the two houses—enough to elect him on joint ballot next day, and there was great cheering for Hanna and cries of "What's the matter with Hanna." Droste and Lane, silver Republicans of Cincinnati, voted for Hanna, and their votes were the only ones of the kind.

Representative Showalter introduced a bill in the house to pay a bounty of \$100 to John M. Turner of Butler that was authorized under a war measure and which he never took advantage of. A petition of the citizens of Butler, in favor of the nomination of S. M. Turk as P. M. at Parkers Landing was confirmed.

A TOBACCOER at Fort Smith, Arkansas, killed forty people, yesterday. Friday, the 29th inst., is the last day for filing certificates of nomination for the February election.

POLITICAL.

His Congressman Fred C. Leonard, who has been nominated by President McKinley United States marshal for the Western district of Pennsylvania, is a resident of Connersport, Potter county, and was the representative of the sixteenth district in the Fifty-fourth congress. He was beaten for the re-nomination last year by a deadlock, the nomination going to Congressman Packer of Tioga county, Lycoming county, the home of Attorney General McCormick, is in the district, and the appointment of Leonard may be looked upon as a significant strengthening of the Quay line in the McCormick territory.

It is the second appointment given to the sixteenth district, the other being Assistant United States Attorney John B. Myers, of Clinton county.

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Another matter concerning penalties was the report of the Committee on Lunacy of the State Board of Charities, in which a suggestion was made for the isolation of the convict and criminal insane. The report says there are 118 convicts who have gone insane since incarceration and 120 insane convicts are in the State's institutions and the Board is of the opinion that the Legislature should authorize the construction of a building of moderate size upon the grounds of one of the penitentiaries, to be used for the hospital treatment of the classes referred to. It is claimed that such a building can be constructed for \$25,000, convict labor being employed, and that far better results would be obtained than under the present system.

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QUAY'S PHILADELPHIA DEFEAT.

A Hundred Leading Republicans to Meet—The Business Men's League Opposes the Battle—Candidates Will Be Nominated—The Month's Some of the Recent Latest Moves in City Politics—The Appointment of Boyer to the Mint.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Harrisburg, Jan. 11.—The action of the Pennsylvania branch of the National League of Business Men in deciding to call together for conference representative business men from every part of the State, resulted in a very shrewd move. General satisfaction is expressed over this action. The termination of the league and the Republican party from another Andrews candidacy for governor and its use as its best effort to send a representative to Philadelphia in the next week instead of a politician of the Quay stripe meets with general approval.

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For The Children's Aid Society.

When the Butler delegates, Mrs. T. C. Campbell and Mrs. J. D. McKinnon, returned from the meeting last summer, the society here unanimously pledged \$100 towards the purchase of the property in Indiana, Ala., experience in the work having shown conclusively the necessity of such an institution. No special day was set for the raising of the money, but the time for paying it having arrived, the Children's Aid Society of Butler now makes their plea to the public, confident that the beneficence only needs to be presented to be met in the generous way the Butler people have shown in the past.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Thomas Weber, head waiter of the Victoria Hotel, Pittsburg, became despondent over a committee of last Tuesday, by laying his neck across a rail before an approaching engine which entirely separated his head from his body.

At the Sheep Hill limestone quarry, just south of New Castle, Andrew Thompson and John, placed a charge of giant powder in a hole and lighted the fuse. The charge not exploding, they started to investigate. Just as they had reached the place the heavy charge was ignited and the two were huried twenty feet. The father will lose both eyes and the son one. Both may die.

The Coroners Jury in the case of the violent death of Milton Neal and his wife of Indiana county could not agree, but public opinion is that the old gentleman in a moment of temporary insanity shot his wife and then himself.

DEATHS. CRANER—At his home in Penn. twp., Jan. 11, 1898, Leslie T. Craner, in his 84th year.

AARON—Jan. 9, 1898, infant child of J. C. Aaron of Butler.

THOMPSON—At his home in Brady twp., Jan. 9, 1898, James Thompson, in his 83d year.

CARMICHAEL—At her home in Farmington, Jan. 7, 1898, Mrs. Dr. C. A. Carmichael, aged 92 years.

REYNOLDS—At her home in Farmington, Jan. 5, 1898, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, aged 67 years.

STEWART—At the hospital in New Castle, Jan. 6, 1898, Bert Stewart of Penn twp., aged 21 years.

BIEDERMAN—At her home in Butler, Jan. 11, 1898, Katharine daughter of George Biederman, aged 3 years.

ANDERSON—Jan. 12, 98 at his home in Farmington John Anderson, aged about 65 years.

CONWAY—At his home in Middleburg, Jan. 11, 1898, Wm. Conway, aged 77 years.

CAMPBELL—At his home in Washington twp., Jan. 7, 1898 Harper Campbell, aged 72 years.

PATTON—At his home in Concord twp., Jan. 11, 1898 David Patton, aged about 75 years.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

D. R. S. A. JOHNSTON, DENTIST. Gold Fillings (Painless Extraction of Teeth and Artificial Teeth without plates or Local Anesthetics used.)

W. P. W. MILLER, DENTIST. Formerly known as the "Peerless Painless Extractor of Teeth," Located permanently at 111 East Jefferson St., Opposite Hotel Lowry, Butler.

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N. M. HOOPER, DENTIST. 137 E. Wayne st., office hours, 10 to 12 a. m. 1 and to 3 p. m.

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W. H. BROWN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office 236 S. Main St., opp. P. O. Residence 315 N. McKoon St.

SAMUEL M. RIPPUS, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. 205 West Cunningham St.

BLACK, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. New Trenton Building, Butler Pa.

RUSSELL, M. D. 300 S. Bickel Block, Butler Pa. Peoples Phone No. 309. Night call 173.

F. L. ACQUISTON, CIVIL ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR. Office near Court House.

M. ZIMMERMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office No. 45 S. Main street, over City Pharmacy.

JOHN W. COULTER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Special attention given to collections and business matters.

J. B. BREKID, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office on Main St. near Court House.

THE JANUARY Clearance Sale

Is still going on. One Dollar does in most cases the work of two. Stock taking now over, we find many odd lots of goods that must be turned into cash, and the way to dispose of them is to pay no attention to their cost, but mark them so low that economical people will buy them quickly.

Terms Cash! Three Piece PARLOR SUIT, Price \$25, Old price \$50.

Parlor Chairs. Some fine chairs in this lot; oak or mahogany finish. Price \$7.

Parlor Tables. Oak or mahogany finish, round or square top, and 2x2. Price \$3.50.

Ladies' Writing Desks. Price \$10. Mahogany finish. Old price \$15.

Oval Framed Mirrors. Price \$1.50. Old price 2.50.

Rocking Chairs. One of a kind, but a large assortment to select from. Price \$3.50.

Decorated Vases. Price 50c. Old price \$1.00.

Ward Robes. Fine early silk or polished oak; well made and nicely finished. Price \$12.50.

Decorated Cups and Saucers. Price 15c. Original price 30c.

Lot of Pictures. To be sold quickly. Price 50c.

Polish finish, quartered sawed oak and fine beveled mirror. PRICE \$25.00. Price was \$40.00.

Notwithstanding the very great success of our semi-annual Clearance Sale, last week, we find our stock of Winter Goods to be large, as our yearly invoice comes immediately after January 1st. We have decided to continue this genuine sacrifice of price sale until

Saturday Night, 10 P. M., JANUARY 15th.

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