

### The Pension Steal and the President.

Richard W. Austin is a Congressman from the State of Tennessee. He made a speech in the House of Representatives at Washington the other day in support of the Sherwood Service Pension Bill, in the course of which he said: "No Republican President ever voted a pension bill. None will ever do it. The only one who did it was Grover Cleveland and we all know his fate when the American people gathered at the ballot box in the following election after those pension vetoes." In that election, however, as The New York Sun informs Mr. Austin, Mr. Cleveland received 98,071 more votes than Mr. Harrison received. Mr. Cleveland failed to be elected because he lost the State of New York by 14,373 votes and Mr. Cleveland's defeat in New York was not due in any sense to his veto of the pension bills. In 1887 Mr. Cleveland vetoed a House bill providing for the relief of dependent parents and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who are now disabled and dependent upon their work for support. This bill passed the House by 180 to 76 and the Senate without division. In his veto message on this bill, Mr. Cleveland said:

"The bill exacts only a military or naval service of three months, without any requirement of actual engagement with an enemy in battle and without a subjection to any of the actual dangers of war. The pension it awards is allowed to enlisted men who have not suffered the least injury, disability, loss or damage of any kind, incurred in or in any degree referable to their military service, including those who never reached the front at all, and those discharged from rendezvous at the close of the war if discharged three months after enlistment."

Mr. Cleveland's further objection to the bill was the vagueness of the language used in defining both the disability and dependence. He dwelt upon the fact that the amount expended in pensions from 1861 to 1885 was \$808,624,811.31; from 1866 to 1910 the amount paid out on account of pensions amounted to \$3,976,511,125.58. When Mr. Cleveland vetoed the service pension bill in 1887 they attempted to pass the bill over his veto in the House of Representatives, but failed by a vote of 175 to 125. During his first term of office, Mr. Cleveland approved of a large number of private pensions and vetoed many others, and only one of these vetoed private pensions was afterwards repassed by Congress. In his veto of the general service pension bill in 1887, Mr. Cleveland said:

"If this bill should become a law, with its tremendous addition to our pension obligations, I am thoroughly convinced that further efforts to reduce the Federal revenue and restore some part of it to the people will, and perhaps should, be seriously questioned."

We do not know anything about Mr. Austin, but he must be a very sorry sort of representative; indeed, he is a Republican from the Knoxville district, which might have been expected; but we do not think that being a Republican and being from the Knoxville district, and being ready to rob the treasury of \$75,000,000 the year, his view upon the pension question should be seriously entertained by any honest man. It is true, as he said in his support of the Sherwood bill the other day that "no Republican President ever vetoed a pension bill," but if we are not greatly mistaken, there is a Republican President in the White House now, who is willing to sign them.—Norfolk Pilot.

### Deer Hunt.

"A six day's hunt in Granville." Messrs. C. F. Oakley, W. F. King, Walker and Brooks, with a party from Virginia and Oxford had a most successful deer hunt last week.

Four deer killed, a number of turkeys and other game.

The fox chase was warm and long, some of the dogs were scattered and lost.

Mr. Walker had a narrow escape the "Bear hug," the bear though wounded escaped.

The scene of the hunt was on a farm near Oxford and covered nearly 8,000 acres of densely wooded land. Mr. Oakley says turkeys are as plentiful as birds, and squirrels are like rats.

### Disillusioned.

The young man sat beside the beautiful maiden on the sofa.

"Miss Nora," he began hesitatingly, "may I ask you not to call me Mr. Durand?"

A rosy blush crept to the girl's cheeks and she cast her glorious eyes down at the carpet.

"Well," she stammered, "our acquaintance is so short. Why should I not call you that?"

"Because, Miss Nora," answered the young man, "the fact is, my name is not Durand, my name is Dupont."

### The Speech Interrupter.

Of all the many nuisances that help afflict humanity there are few that illustrate more common breeding than the interrupter.

The man or woman, and it is as often one as the other, who thinks what he or she thinks about a subject is so much more important than what you may be saying about it, as to impudently break in by cutting your speech in two, is the most common type of the ill bred. Everyone has suffered from this nuisance and everyone has at some time felt an unholy impulse to kill, because of the speech interrupter.

### The Truth is Mighty.

Truth so lags behind in the race with error, fiction and falsehood that her lovers almost abandon hope that she will rally her forces and finally emerge the conquerer. Yet few are the cases in which "slow but sure" has not finally overcome her more nimble adversary who lacks the staying qualities that count for most in all combats.

For quite half a century falsehood has been busy through innumerable agencies in building for John Brown the reputation of a martyr, in whom all the Christian virtues were united to a heroic spirit, a man endowed with such rugged honesty and high conceptions of duty as never to have thought of self when the rights or interests of others were at stake; a victim of prosecution for righteousness sake, to whom deeds of violence were repulsive and who never transcended the bounds of law until goaded to reprisals by the destruction of his home and massacre of his children. So by dint of consistent and persistent misrepresentation John Brown had been foisted into a place in song and story on a level with the few immortal names that testify how near the human soul can approach the Divine model and what a heaven might be made of earth were all mortals to live so strictly up to their rights as did this so-called "John the Baptist who foreran the new Redeemer."

Some days in Kansas a movement was inaugurated to add another to the monumental brasses which perpetuate to future ages the greatness and goodness of the "pioneer and martyr of emancipation." Only a few months since Mr. Roosevelt was the orator when a statue of Brown was dedicated and the eulogy then pronounced fully measured up to the popular deification of Brown. But this was the straw that broke the camel's back. Now come to the front surviving contemporaries of the incendiary who met a felon's death in Virginia to give evidence that the figure which stands so grandly forth in Northern history and in graven epitaphs is a counterfeit presentment, totally unlike the original, a lying travesty of a life which had no claims to be remembered except as a warning against the evil passions and low practices which brought upon Brown a fate richly deserved.

Witness after witness gave testimony that the John Brown on whom fame had been heaped was an impostor; that he was not John Brown of Ossawatimie who was an entirely different and more reputable individual; that he was not a recognized factor in the free-soil struggle, but was regarded by its leaders as unworthy of their association; that he was notoriously a cheat, that he applied to his own use money collected in New England under the pretense of purchasing arms for the abolition forces in the border warfare; that he was guilty of several unprovoked murders and was engaged in horse stealing on an extensive scale; that he made no profession of religion while in Kansas and was shunned as unprincipled and dangerous by the respectable elements of both factions; that his sons were not shot down in cold blood by Missouri ruffians, but were killed in open fight in return for his and their assassination of unoffending settlers; and that when Brown left the territory he did so to realize on the booty he had accumulated in his various raids, and because he was in danger of being called to account for his numerous misdeeds. Among the evidence were statements from several close relatives of Brown, and documents were produced from William Lloyd Garrison and other leading emancipationists stating how Brown had abused their confidence to his own pecuniary advantage.

### The Sherwood Pension Bill.

The New York World calls the passage of the service pension bill "a great national scandal," and says "Democratic folly could not make a worse beginning of the presidential canvass." The Springfield Republican says the bill "justly excites suspicion because of the palpable fact that it is being pushed on the eve of a presidential campaign in response to political pressure. The 'old soldier vote' terrorizes the majority of congressmen. The bill may go through the Senate and even escape the President's veto, but it will not receive, under these circumstances, the approval of the most intelligent portion of the people."

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