

THE PENSION OCTOPUS

Swallows Nearly One Half of the Federal Revenue.

Gen. H. V. Boynton's Pointed Views on the Subject.

The Sum of \$150,000,000 May Be Required in 1898, or \$32,000,000 More Than the Estimated Receipts.

For the first time since the pension appropriations began to assume enormous proportions it seems certain that the subject will receive proper and earnest attention from congress.

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post-office deficiencies, public buildings, fortifications and ships, rivers and harbors, the department of labor, and the whole expense of the white house and its salaries.

Such comparisons as these have at last attracted the attention which they deserve.

Pension reform has been a question which for years has been forcing itself upon the attention of congressmen.

There is no dissent worth consideration from the proposition that if \$150,000,000 is fairly due to soldiers, or those who have been or are dependent upon them on account of disabilities incurred in the service, every cent of it should be promptly paid.

There is a growing feeling that the pensions enjoyed by many thousands who are in full health, and comfortably fixed in life, should be terminated, and the government be thus enabled to more nearly discharge its duty toward the helpless and the miserable.

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The huge dimensions of the pension roll are largely due to the fact that the government has the preparation of cases go out of the hands of its own force into those of attorneys.

The experience of congressmen who have the least disposition to restrict pension legislation uniformly discloses the fact that the army of pension attorneys at once proceed to raise a clamor.

It is in the interest of every deserving pensioner and every self-respecting veteran that unworthy pensioners should be exposed, and the success of undeserving applicants should be prevented.

members of all patriotic societies for help. If the spirit of 1861 still lives, it should not be difficult to create a sentiment among veterans that unworthy pensioners cannot be held to be in good and regular standing.

The feeling among congressmen is that, in the nature of the case, any proposition for pension reform should emanate from the republican side, and more important still, from some prominent Union veteran, if one of sufficient courage can be found to lead.

It is regarded as probable by those whose judgment in this matter should be good that unless revisionary or restrictive measures or both be soon adopted, the pension list for next year will reach \$150,000,000, and that in three years it will be \$170,000,000.—H. V. Boynton, in New York Sun.

It often happens that the doctor is out of town when most needed. The 2-year-old daughter of J. Y. Schenck, of Caddo, Ind. Ter., was threatened with croup, he writes. "My wife insisted that I go for a doctor at once; but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved the child immediately.

Congressman Gibson was forced to pay excess baggage rates on his luggage when he moved on Washington.—Nashville Sun.

Gov. Taylor's hired man on the Nashville Sun not only does it but he overdoes it so suddenly and tumultuously that he makes the many people laugh who really take themselves seriously.—Bristol Courier.

Editor Reeves, of the Knoxville Tribune, and Editor Tatam, of the Hardeeman Free Press, will exchange tripos during the holidays. This will prove a liberal education to the newspaper readers of Knoxville.—Commercial Appeal.

Judge Estill, in the Hamilton county circuit court, last Wednesday granted seventeen decrees of divorce, and dismissed and continued twenty other divorce suits. Chattanooga is getting to be a veritable little Chicago in the divorce business.—McMinnville Standard.

"The Georgia legislature, having disposed of foot ball by prohibition, has now a proposition before it to permit bull fighting. It is urged in behalf of the legalization of tauromachy that it would considerably advance the value of cattle."

Still the cry goes up: "For humanity's sake, stop that cruel war by recognizing the independence of Cuba." It was established long ago that humanity hasn't anything to do with the question.

Where are those patriotic republicans who were sympathizing in a loud voice with poor down-trodden Cuba and denouncing President Cleveland for his cold indifference and cruel neglect in the matter? Has their ardor cooled? Is their sympathy dead? Has their indignation expired by the statutes of limitation? If not let them come forth and give President McKinley a piece of their patriotic minds.

Bate and McMillin for senators and Carmack for governor is the program that would suit a good many Middle Tennesseans. Keep your eye on the possibility.—Chattanooga News.

The little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquitt, Ga., overturned a pot of boiling water, scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs.

We are under many obligations to the Washington Post. It has notified us that "Coxey is going south on a lecture tour." Having been so warned we can now take the necessary precautions.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

YELLOW JACK PREVENTATIVE. Guard against Yellow Jack by keeping the system perfectly clean and free from germ breeding matter.

SUGAR BEET FARM. San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The King ranch, in Monterey county, has been purchased by the Spreckels Sugar Company.

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YESTERDAY'S MARKET REPORT

TRANSACTIONS OF THE NEW YORK AND CHICAGO BOARDS.

JOTTON AND GRAIN EXCHANGE OF THE COUNTRY.

QUOTATIONS OF NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

St. Louis But Comprehensive Report of Transactions in the Market of Commerce in the World of Trade and Finance.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Amid considerable excitement, December wheat sold today at \$1.09, the highest price with one exception since the memorable "Old Hutch" corner in 1888.

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(Bankers & Fry's Private Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The grain and provision markets today ranged as follows:

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Flax, Timothy, Lard, Pork, Beef, Mutton, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Spices, etc. Includes prices for various commodities.

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11 A. M.—The heaviness in some stocks at the opening was partly dis-

sipated by the strength of other individual stocks.

Noon—Money on call nominal; 1 1/2% per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3/4 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.85 1/2 for demand, and \$4.82 1/2 @ 4.83 for 60 days; posted rates \$4.84 @ 4.87; commercial bills \$4.82 1/2.

LIVE STOCK. Cincinnati, Dec. 9.—Hogs—The market was active.

Select shippers \$3.30 @ 3.32 1/2; butchers, \$3.25 @ 3.30; fair to good packers, \$3.20 @ 3.25; good light, \$3.15 @ 3.30; common and roughs, \$2.75 @ 3.15.

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FOR WOMAN'S EYE.

The much discussed question whether hot or cold water, soap or no soap, is more beneficial to the complexion, can be most satisfactorily settled by the Chattanooga ladies.

How often little children are arraigned, even punished for little misdemeanors, which perhaps only rise from a want of understanding the meaning of the words they hear.

WON AN ANNUAL PRIZE. San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Prof. Perrine, one of the members of the Lick Observatory staff, has received a letter from the French Academy of Science announcing that his work on astronomy has been considered of such value as to merit the bestowal on him of one of the annual prizes.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for the past year, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried."

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