

SENATOR HALE AND MR. SCHWAB.

One of the arguments, and one of the arguments on which great stress is laid in support of the ship subsidy bill, is that without subsidies we can't have a merchant marine, and that a merchant marine of our own is necessary for the expansion of our commerce.

As bearing on this point we have the testimony (although not so intended) of Senator Hale, of Maine, and Mr. Chas. M. Schwab, president of the great Steel Trust.

Senator Hanna, of Ohio, said the object of the new department was to enable the Government to give more detailed attention to the great industrial interests of the country in the course of its tremendous development.

"He said that the time had come when we must expand our commerce or restrict our production."

"At this point he was interrupted by Senator Hale, of Maine, who said that the United States had already captured all the foreign trade worth having."

"Then the Senator and I disagree," said Senator Hale.

"We do," rejoined Senator Hanna.

"The record of what has been accomplished by the Dingley law," continued Senator Hale, "is to me the most amazing record ever exhibited to the world in the absorption of foreign trade."

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trip in Europe during which he spent some time in Germany, France, Austria, England and other countries, where he gave close attention to the manufacturing industries of these countries, especially on lines where we come into competition with them.

Here we have the testimony of two distinguished citizens, both Republicans, that subsidies are not necessary to the expansion of our commerce.

Colonel Bliss, collector of customs at Havana, was one of the gentlemen who was heard by the House Ways and Means Committee, Saturday, on the question of reciprocity with Cuba.

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THE PENSION ROLL.

The pension roll now contains 997,735 names, and calls for an expenditure of \$140,000,000. The net gain last year was 4,806 names, which, allowing for the deaths and removals for other causes, means that 47,792 new names were added.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR. Widows..... 4 Daughters..... 5 Survivors..... 1 Widows..... 1,827

INDIAN WARS. Survivors..... 1,086 Widows..... 3,479

MEXICAN WARS. Survivors..... 7,568 Widows..... 8,109

SERVICE AFTER MARCH 4, 1861. Army invalids..... 293,186 Army widows..... 4,489 Navy invalids..... 2,298 Army nurses..... 650

ACT JUNE 27, 1890. Army invalids..... 432,481 Army widows..... 138,490 Navy invalids..... 18,838 Navy widows..... 6,621

ARMY WITH SPAIN. Army invalids..... 3,844 Army widows..... 1,981 Navy invalids..... 211 Navy widows..... 68

Total..... 997,735

We have still with us nine pensioners of the Revolutionary war, which ended over 118 years ago; 1,528 of the war of 1812, which ended eighty-seven years ago; 4,565 of the Indian wars; 15,677 of the Mexican war, which ended fifty-four years ago, and about 970,352 of the war between the States, which ended thirty-seven years ago.

As we still have on the list nine persons drawing pensions on account of the Revolutionary war, and over 4,000 drawing pensions on account of the war of 1812, and over 15,000 on account of the Mexican war, the possibilities are that with the hustling pension attorneys we will end the next century with a pretty large sized pension roll.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Nixon, Mr. Croker's successor at the head of Tammany, is trying to get the New York delegation in Congress to vote for the Hanna-Frye ship subsidy scheme.

The anti-oleomargarine hearings before the Committee on Agriculture, science has appeared for the first time in the history of the world.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Statesville Landmark: There seems to be an epidemic of rumps in the Statesville region among the negroes of that section.

Charlotte News: Mr. Frank Neely, of Steel Creek, reports several cases of rump among the negroes of his section.

Statesville Mascot: Alex. Gibson, a young white man, was shot in the back and killed as he ran from the house of Patsy Polson last Saturday night, near Huntersville.

Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. J. H. Atkins, of Marion, was in Raleigh Monday last, waiting for the B. & N. train.

Lexington Dispatch: A project is being carried out by a veneering factory in Lexington.

The Inspector Smelled a Rat. And Detected an Ingenious Scheme For Stealing From a Mint.

The Tragedian—My parents tried to keep me from becoming an actor.

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EAGLES AS PROPERTY.

Ownership of Birds and Nests Held by the State. The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico and Arizona have a property right in eagles.

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COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

An Easy Method by Which They May Be Detected. "Talking of counterfeit bills puts me in mind of one, a notorious rascal, who was caught not long ago in this city while at his nefarious trade."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAB OFFICE, January 27. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market strong at \$1.35 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip, and for virgin.

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine..... 9 Rosin..... 257 Cotton..... 367

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prices 70-75c; for virgin, 80-85c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 12@13c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Money on call easy at 3 1/2% per cent.

WHEAT—Chicago, Jan. 27.—The Board of Trade went up 1/4c in price.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS. SAVANNAH, Jan. 27.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 44c.

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Consolidated—Net receipts 53,000 bales; exports to Great Britain 53,000 bales; exports to the Continent 47,300 bales.

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CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXpectorant.

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