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## Interesting Figures.

General Garfield made a big mistake when he predicted that the pensioners would gradually die and thus diminish their number. On the contrary, their ranks are swelling rapidly every year, and since 1878 numerous bounty jumpers and other deserters have been permitted to draw pensions and have their names recorded on what should be a roll of honor. The Baltimore Sun gives the following facts:

One-third of the federal army deserted during the civil war, according to the figures collated by the New York Times, and owing to legislation secured since 1878 in their interest many thousands of the deserters are now enjoying snug pensions. On March 31, 1865, there were 322,339 union soldiers away from their commands, and 657,741 were present. On May 1, 1867, when the whole force aggregated 1,000,516 but 797,896 were present for duty and 202,709 were absent. There were 91,088 desertions prior to April 3, 1863, 129,334 in 1863, 90,840 in 1864, 58,420 in 1865, total, 278,682. O. Connecticut troops 117 in each 1,000 deserted; in New Hampshire, 12; in New York, 62; in Pennsylvania, 58; in Kansas, 11; in Indiana, 37. Where the biggest bounties were given there the desertions were most frequent. Men joined the army to get the bounty and deserted in order to join again in another place and get another bounty. The case is cited of 625 men sent in 1865 from New Hampshire, 255 of whom deserted before facing the enemy. The brokers who worked the bounty-jumping business during the war have worked upon the tender feelings of congress towards deserters since the war to such an extent that very many of them have been admitted to the pension rolls by special legislation. Others have gotten there owing to a lax administration of the laws, so that, upon the whole, the pension list has ceased to be what it was—"a roll of honor."—Atlanta Constitution.

## The Dalton Game.

Bill Dalton is dead again. It must be said in Bill's favor, that he stands killing better than any other man alive; and that he has a good heart, or he would not allow the deputy marshals to carry on at his expense in the way they do.

For the sake of variety, probably, the style of Bill's killing this time was somewhat different from the ordinary. Bill was on the run when he was shot. "Two jumps in the air were the only motions he made," says the dispatch announcing his death. "His pistol fell from his hand and he sank to the ground." Then Close Hart, the deputy marshal who shot him, "ran up and asked him what he was doing there." But Bill was Close-harted. "He was too near dead to reply, and expired without a word," and thus the natural curiosity of the marshal as to why Bill should be lying on the ground was destined never to be satisfied.

Another interesting variation from the ordinary style of killing Bill Dalton was the presence of a new actor in the game. It was Mrs. Bill She became hysterical, but soon recovered, we are told, and telegraphed to relatives at Kingfisher, O. T., that her husband was dead. Thus a whole

new act has been added to the little drama. In the introduction of Mrs. Dalton the game may be considered to have assumed at last its perfect form. There is nothing more to put to it, except, perhaps, a final tableau showing mourning draped along the streets of Kingfisher.

It is to be hoped that Kingfisher will not take Mrs. Dalton's telegram too seriously. Bill will ride many another raid under the blue skies of Oklahoma and go many another time down to death before he joins the church and retires from business. The Dalton game combines the spice of excitement with perfect harmlessness and is too good to be dropped. —Buffalo (N. Y.) Express.

## The Right Over Dead Bodies.

Concerning the right to the possession of dead bodies, we remember to have heard two incidents. There was a very reputable gentleman living in a neighboring town many years ago who was arrested for debt, and while in prison bounds, he died. His friends wished to bury him, but the creditor, hoping to squeeze payment from the widow or her friends, would not assent. He said the body must remain in prison bounds and should be buried in prison bounds. However, that night the widow and a friend or two went to the prison and got the remains and interred them in the church grave yard and they were not afterwards disturbed.

The case of Governor Ben Smith was somewhat different. He had given a large property in wild lands to the University and perhaps had other property which he would not or could not apply to a certain debt. The old Governor was ill and the sheriff was after him, but we believe could not get entrance into the house to serve his capias.

Smith's illness was known to be mortal and the creditor proclaimed his purpose to seize the body as soon as he was dead. While the house was being watched with that view, Smith died, but his friends kept up all the appearance of his being still alive, although ill, until such time as they could steal out with the corpse at night and decently inter it. While the dead body was not such property as might be seized, the coffin, clothing, shroud, etc., were and the creditor had to be eluded.—Raleigh N.-O-Chronicle.

## Contests For Judgeships.

The most interesting contests now going on in the State are for the Superior Court Judge nominations. In the Fourth District the fight will be between Judge Whitaker, of Wake, and W. R. Allen, Esq., of Wayne. Judge Graves will have opposition and there is talk that Cyrus B. Watson or Clement Manly will be presented from Forsythe; W. N. Mebane, of Rockingham, will be in the race, and there are others who will be pressed for the nomination.

Judge John Gray Bynum will have a contest in which W. R. Council, Esq., of Watauga, and L. L. Witherspoon, Esq., of Catawba, will contest with him for the nomination.

B. F. Long, Esq., of Iredell, at present Solicitor, has announced himself as a candidate against Judge Armistead.

Judge Shuford will have competitors in the person of Barsom Carter, Esq., of Buncombe, and Garland Fer-

guson, of Haywood

Judge Jacob Battle will be opposed by James Edwin Moore, Esq., of Martin.

In these districts the fight will be warm. May the best man win every time.—Carolinian.

## The Attempted Briber.

C. W. Butts, who has acquired evanescent fame, says the Chicago Herald, by his attempt to sugar the Senate, went into the army from Philadelphia in 1861 as first lieutenant in the 11th Pennsylvania cavalry. He was an efficient and popular officer, and in 1863 was made assistant provost marshal of Suffolk, Va. Resigning from the service in that year, he married a Southern lady, and began practicing law in Norfolk. For obtaining a writ of habeas corpus in a case of arbitrary military arrest Gen. Butler ordered him out of his department. Buttz went to Washington and in company with Simon Cameron called on President Lincoln and laid his case before him. After pondering a few minutes, Lincoln's precise words, as repeated afterward by Buttz, were: "Butler gives me more trouble than any other general in the army, and yet should I deprive him of command I should have the State of Massachusetts and the whole of New England down here." Then he wrote with his own hand an order giving Buttz permission to return to Norfolk and remain there "without molestation."—Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier.

## Our Senator.

Senator Jarvis seems to be in training as a humorist, as well as a statesman. Almost daily one sees some reference to a bit of humor lately indulged by the the junior Senator from North Carolina. They do say that it was one of the Senator's jokes that made Mr. Gorman sick. He was suffering from a congested liver and it is argued that there is an affinity between livers and jokes. If the alleged joke was accurately reproduced in the public prints, I must confess that I think the diagnosis of Senator Gorman's ailment the correct one. Certainly it is a logical one. The junior Senator is all right though. He would surprise his old farmer friends, he is 'spruced up so.' —Bohemian in Charlotte Observer.

## Pensions.

At present there are on the pension rolls 1,000,000 names, and the appropriation made for them last year was \$166,531,350. There has been some cutting going on under the administration of Commissioner Lochren, and the amount carried in the bill for next year is reduced to \$151,581,570, though the estimates are \$11,000,000 more.

Of this amount less than \$10,000,000 goes into the southern states.—Atlanta Constitution.

## True to Life.

One of the candidates who got only five votes in the election last Monday, said that afterwards sixteen of the magistrates came to him and each one assured him that he was one of the immortal five. When asked his opinion of this, language failed him.—Warrenton Gazette.

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Trains leave Tarboro, N. C. via Albemarle and Raleigh R. R., daily except Sunday, 5:40 p. m., Sunday 3:00 p. m., arrive Plymouth 8:20 p. m., 5:20 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth 8:30 a. m., Sunday 10:00 a. m., except Sunday, N. C., 10:25 a. m., 12:20 a. m., arrive Southern Division, Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Fayetteville 7:30 a. m., arrive Rowland 12:15 p. m., returning leave Rowland 12:15 p. m., arrive Fayetteville 5 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 6:00 a. m., arrive Smithfield 7:30 p. m., returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a. m., arrive Goldsboro 8:30 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6:50 p. m., arrives at Nashville 6:50 p. m., Spring Hill 7:15 p. m., returning leaves Spring Hill 8 a. m., Nashville 8:25 a. m., arrive Rocky Mount 9:15 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Latta Branch Florence Railroad leaves Latta 7:30 p. m., arrive Latta at 8:40 p. m., returning leave Latta 7:00 a. m., arrive Latta 7:15 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily except Sunday, 6:00 p. m., and 11:30 a. m., returning leaves Clinton at 8:20 a. m. and 3:10 p. m., connecting at Warsaw with Nos. 41, 43, 23 and 78.

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