

The Enormity of Our Pension List.

The cost of pensions in this country for the current year will be over \$87,000,000.

This is \$21,000,000 more than the entire net ordinary expenses of the government in the year before the war. It is \$60,000,000 more than the cost of pensions thirteen years after the close of the war, when, under the operation of natural laws, the list would have begun to decline. The increase in pensions since the close of the war is within \$14,000,000 of the yearly diminution in the interest upon the public debt within that time; so that, as a charge upon taxpayers, the enormous war debt has for the most part merely changed its form. As bonded, it would all be paid in 1907. As represented by pensions, it will run on indefinitely.

The pension list for the United States costs this year within \$3,000,000 as much as the annual cost of the standing army of Great Britain and within \$18,000,000 as much as the enormous standing army of Germany. And there will be no halt in piling it on so long as the surplus holds out and pension agents can make fortunes and demagogues gain votes by the indiscriminate voting away of the people's money. —New York World.

The Negro and the Franchise.

We have not accomplished any good to either race by conferring upon 1,500,000 negroes the privilege of voting. Its effect is only to neutralize the same number of votes that would otherwise be cast with reference to the general welfare and prosperity of the country. It is needless to recall the history of the race contests that have pervaded the ballot-box under this mistaken policy. The facts are present in every election, to establish the existence of this national misfortune. Unless the voter can sink his race prejudices and aversions in his sense of duty to his country, it is vain that we endeavor to compel by law the harmonious action of the white and negro races, either in voting or in conducting the government. This impossible condition is hidden in the core of the negro question, and neither law makers, judges nor executive officers can remove it. —Senator John T. Morgan.

The railroad commission bill provides that the commission shall be composed of three men, one of whom shall be a lawyer, one a practical farmer and one of experience in business affairs. It is probably wise to have the commission so composed; but if the legislature or the people have a mind to elect, say, two lawyers, or two practical farmers, or even two business men, what would be the result? Under the Constitution any voter who can get a majority of the votes will be elected; and the legislature cannot by a law take away the right of a man with a majority of votes to hold the office, or take away from the people their right to elect any man (unless disqualified by the Constitution itself) they may prefer; nor can the legislature itself be so restrained by an act of assembly. —News and Observer.

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Montreal had better put its ice palace in a refrigerator. It's going to be a hot summer.

The haters demand a sixty per cent tariff on hats. The haters have evidently got the big head.

Hot water is said to cure nervousness. Cold water will, too, if you stay at the bottom of it long enough.

Even the most absent minded man generally remembers to stop short of the division line between his own and his neighbor's sidewalk when he is shoveling off the snow.

Jinks, to old friend in theatre lobby. "I notice you come out every set. You are not drinking, I hope?"

Blinks. "Oh, no, but it is rather tiresome inside. I came with my sister."

Arrangements should be made for those good people who attend the inauguration and have conscientious scruples against dancing. They might be permitted to go out on the White House lawn and play Copenhagen while the ball is in progress.

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The employees at the blast furnaces in the Mahoning Valley, Pa., have been notified that their wages would be reduced 10 per cent, commencing on the 15th inst. Last November an advance of 10 per cent was given.

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