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Looting The Treasury.

If the people of the United States were not injured by twenty five years of plundering to the most reckless schemes of expenditure they would be startled and aroused by the proposition of the Senate Committee to add \$35,000,000 to the already enormous pension list.

This is the sum coolly announced by Senator Davis, Chairman of the committee on Pensions, as the "estimated cost" of the Dependent Pension bill now under consideration in that body. The history of every general pension bill passed since the formation of the government proves that the actual cost exceeds from two to ten times the amount of the estimates. The Arrears of Pension Act was estimated to cost \$15,000,000. It has already cost more than ten times this sum. If the Dependent pensions bill shall pass it will cost nearer \$100,000,000 a year than \$35,000,000, and will mortgage the revenues of the government to a system of bogus pauper support, or "out door relief," for the next fifty years.

The cost of pensions the present year will be fully \$100,000,000. A quarter of a century has elapsed since the close of the war. Under vastly liberal and even carelessly generous pension legislation more than three hundred and fifty thousand veterans are already on the list. It is fair to presume that these and the claims pending include nearly every deserving and needy soldier. And now the surplus squanderers in the Senate propose to add in one lump \$10,000,000 more than the entire cost of pensions fourteen years after the close of the war!

Is not this looting?—[N. Y. World.]

[How would it go under Grover Cleveland's ruling.—[Ed.]

Stanley's Own Book.

Mr. Stanley has advanced so far with his account of his adventures in achieving the rescue of Emin as to be able to announce the title of his book. All sensible persons will await with patience for the publication of the authentic account, "In Darkest Africa, and the Quest, Rescue, and Retreat of Emin, the Governor of Equatoria," though there will be an abundance of Stanley literature turned out from the printing presses during the next few months. Probably the smooth-tongued book agent will be able to convince some guileless persons that he is retailing "Stanley's Own" long before the only genuine narrative of the great traveler's heroism, privation and suffering is given to the world.

Is it Ignorance?

The Postmaster General has appointed a negro postmaster at Athens, Ga. It is stated that a Georgia Democrat, protesting against the appointment, suggested to Mr. Wainmaker that if he would visit Athens he could find the kind of a man that would suit.

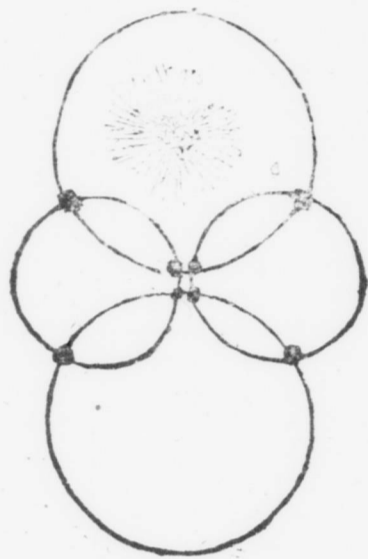
"Visit the South!" exclaimed the Postmaster General in a passion. "Why, I wouldn't dare to! I am a Northern Republican. They would murder me!"

The Charleston News and Courier offers a premium of five tons of guano to the person who makes the closest guess as to the number of bales of cotton, produced in the United States during 1889-90. You must guess on blanks printed in the Weekly News and Courier.

The man who makes the longest prayers can't always get the longest credit on his purchases.

A Singular Astronomical Phenomenon.

On Monday of last week a very singular phenomenon was witnessed by the people of the greater part of Caldwell county. The sun shone brightly and had reached its zenith, when an extremely luminous circle formed around it. Soon two more rings hung from the first one, and lastly another circle became suspended from the central pair. At the



point of the intersection of the circles, the transposition of light was shown by the increased brightness of those points, and which will be better understood by reference to the above diagram.

The freak excited much concern among the people of Caldwell county.

It is said that Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, has a speech in soak which he is going to deliver the first chance he gets, in which he will go for Ingalls' war record. He can't do it. Ingalls never had any war record. He parted his hair in the middle and sniffed the battle from afar—so far that he wouldn't be able to recognize a battle if he saw one in a chronicle.—[Wilmington Star]

What the New House Rules Are For.

Direct tax bill.	\$20,000,000
Blair educational bill.	77,000,000
Navy and fortifications.	350,000,000
Service pension bill.	200,000,000
Certain other pensions.	100,000,000
River and harbor bill, bigger than ever	
Steamship subsidy bill, all the rest	
Total.	"God help the surplus."

St. Transit Gloria Mundi.

Asheville Junction will be changed to Blitmore, the name of Vanderbilt's North Carolina home. Best will also be changed. This is probably the last of W. J. Best in this State. He was good enough, to fool the simple minded legislators with, but his usefulness is a thing of the past. Let his name be obliterated.—[North State.]

A Suit For \$86,250.

Suit has been brought by State Treasurer Bain against the Raleigh & Gaston railroad company for the payment of eighty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, which the State claims is a certain tax due the State from the Raleigh & Gaston railroad company.

The first rattle snake out this season is reported by the Wilmington Messenger, as killed near Burgaw on the 5th inst. It was five and a half feet long, fourteen inches in girth, had twelve rattles on his tail and a full grown rabbit inside. A bad reptile.

A Big Gold Yield.

In grinding of ore from Allison's mine, one-half day this week, the yield of dry amalgam was seventeen ounces, avoirdupois weight.—[Concord Times.]

Theodore W. Poole died on the 4th inst. at Raleigh.

WASHINGTON CITY MELANGE.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Caught Up in and Around the Centre of Political Chicanery

WASHINGTON, March, 11.—Vice President Morton's sudden trip to Florida has been fully explained to your correspondent by a prominent Republican who is not an admirer of the boodle campaign which Mr. Morton has entered upon to capture the Republican nomination in '92. "Morton's object," said this gentleman, "in going to Florida at this time is to hold a private consultation with Senator Quay, who is also down there, and to ascertain whether his support can be purchased. He is prepared to pay a big price, and I am afraid he will succeed, for Quay has always had a weakness for money, particularly when in large sums, and no man knows the value of money in a political campaign better than he."

The Democratic members of the House are fretting no little because they lost a seat in the House last week that might as well have been kept. The trouble is that certain Democratic members of the House refuse to sacrifice either their pleasure or their private business to occupy their seats and attend to the duties that they were elected to perform. There are several of these men who have not voted in the House three times this entire session. In this particular case several Republicans, disgusted with the report of the majority of the Elections Committee, intimated to Democrats that while they would not vote against the contestant they would make it a point to absent themselves without notice when the time came to take the final vote so as to make it certain that the Democrats could defeat the contestant. These gentlemen kept their words, and yet the contestant was seated by a beggary majority of two votes, all because the chronic absentees of the Democratic side were not on hand to vote.

A minority report was submitted by Mr. Qutes who it will be remembered engineered the long dead-lock in the last Congress against the same bill. No dead-lock can prevent it from becoming a law this time.

The House committee on Pensions seems to have gone daft. A majority of that committee has practically agreed to report bills that would, if they became laws, require nearly \$700,000,000 to pay the pensions. These reports are only bunkum, no sane man has any idea that more than one of the bills—the dependant—will be passed, and that is by no means certain, as the rapidly lessening Treasury surplus has already caused the Republican leaders to notify the chairman of committees to curtail their appropriations if they expected the bills to get through.

The House will probably take up the bills admitting Wyoming and Idaho this week. The Democrats will antagonize the bills with an omnibus bill prepared by Mr. Springer providing for the admission of Wyoming, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona.

It was supposed that in view of the facts and the law, and also of the fact that the votes were not specially needed that the Senate Committee on Elections could afford to be fair in making a decision in the Montana Senatorial contest, but by a strict party vote it has de-

ecided to report in favor of the Republicans. A more outrageous and unfair decision was never made by any committee.

It is impossible to get a Republican member of the House Ways and Means committee to say a word about the new tariff bill, and when it will be reported, if it ever is, nobody seems willing to even guess.

Out of the four contested election cases decided by the House only one Democrat has been allowed to retain his seat.

When the Senate Committee that has been struggling so hard to discover how the proceedings of secret sessions leaked out began to examine the Senators the scales fell from its eyes. Now the committee knows what everybody else has known all the time. R.

Prominent People.

Capt. R. E. Page, of Trenton, died on the 6th inst.

Hon. O. H. Dockery, Minister to Brazil, is expected home this week.

Gen. J. M. Leach is on foot again after long confinement from his broken leg.

The remains of Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton, ex Minister to Germany, have been brought back to his home in Cincinnati.

Senator W. B. Allison, of Iowa, has been elected to another term.

Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Philadelphia Press, has been appointed Minister to Russia.

Shaffer Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of A. W. Shaffer, postmaster at Raleigh, N. C.

Senator Spooner opposes the Blair bill and says the Republican party is not pledged to its support. That is not the way the South has been talked to.—[North State (Rep.)]

Governor Fowle has pardoned James Stone, convicted of manslaughter in Wakes county and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Ex-Governor James E. English, of Connecticut, died on the 2nd inst. in his 78th year. In 1867 he was the only Democratic Governor in the U. S.

Now that the National House of Representatives is through with the World's Fair racket, it will resume the unseating of Democratic members.

Gen. Thos. L. Clingman has sent his "Message to the Senate and House of Representatives," urging the remonetization and free coinage of silver.

The Cabarrus County Alliance has passed a resolution not to purchase books, agricultural implements, etc., from traveling agents.

The Salisbury Watchman says that seventeen candidates for sheriff have already bobbed up in Rowan and all are in the race to stay.

Cross and White, the Raleigh tank robbers, have gone to work on the public roads in Wake county. The wicked shall be punished.

Rev. Thomas Dixon delivers the annual address before Wake Forest College next commencement.

Norris & Carter, of Raleigh, have assigned. Liabilities \$25,000.

Capt Charles Price Confirmed.

Capt. Charles Price has been confirmed as District Attorney, at last, and this will silence some of the little whippersnappers, who have been teasin' at his heels. They said he was not a Republican.—[Carolina Watchman.]

The Hassayampa Dam, in Arizona, seems to have been as carelessly built as that at Johnstown, in Pennsylvania. We shall not make progress in these matters until we hang somebody.

The great effort in Washington just now is to get up a measure that will be at the same time plausible and constitutional, entitled: "A Bill to Prevent the Democratic Party From Securing a Majority in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second Congress."

Senator Ingalls, Republican, and President pro tem. of the United States Senate, insists that every man should shave himself. If there is a barber shop that does not work for the Democratic ticket this fall, then it ought to be shampooned.

The grand jury of Davidson, it is said, failed to find a true bill against any of the persons alleged to have been implicated in the lynching of Bernier, who killed his wife's mother under circumstances provocative of great popular indignation.

Mrs. Gadbout—Oh, Mrs. Snappy, I saw your husband in the park with three or four ladies around him.

Mrs. Snappy—That's all right, but let me catch him with one lady around him.—[Phil Times.]

Huge Texan (at the hotel table)—Bring me a bit of ham and egg.

Waiter (sizing up the customer)—Yes, sir. Ostrich egg, sir?—[Chronicle-Telegraph.]

He—Do you really love me, darling?

She—Yes, really. To prove it I'll name my dog after you.—[Yankee Blade.]

Icebergs as big as small mountains are reported from the Atlantic waters a few hundred miles out at sea.

A planter at Monticello, Fla., has already shipped this season 40,000 pounds of watermelon seeds.

Don't attempt to drown your sorrow in drink; you will find that sorrow can swim.

A man who has common sense is a man who avoids as much trouble as possible.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the powers contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by J. W. Campbell and wife, which is duly recorded in book 34, page 25, in the office of Register of Deeds of Catawba county, I will sell at public sale in front of Bank of Hickory in Hickory, N. C. on the 13th day of April, 1890, that valuable horse and lot in East Hickory, now occupied by Mrs. Campbell, adjoining the lands of J. L. Alexander, Rowland and others. For more particular description see mortgage deed above referred to. Terms of sale cash. Time of sale 12 o'clock, p. m. March 12, 1890.

F. L. CLINE, ATTY. H. B. HICKS, MORTGAGEE.

NORTH CAROLINA, SUPERIOR COURT, COUNTY OF CATAWBA.

CAROLINA FOUNDRY COMPANY, vs. J. L. LEWIS, G. D. SMITH ET AL.

The defendant, J. L. Lewis, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the superior court of Catawba county for the relief of the plaintiff. And the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the superior court of said county to be held on the 7th Monday before the 1st Monday in September, 1890, at the courthouse of said county, in Newton N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. P. A. HOYLE, clerk superior court. Cibley & Merrill, Atty's. for plaintiff. 19-91.