

We have intended for some time to refer to the action of Senator Butler in introducing a bill in the Senate to pension the Confederate soldier, and to utter our disapproval of the scheme. Ever since the Civil war we have desired that the Northern people shall always think of our Southern braves as heroes and not as pensioners. We have always believed in taking care of the worn out veterans, both of the North and South, but there is something utterly repulsive in the thought which is so brutally suggested by Butler and others along with the pension grabbers that the government should give to the veterans a sum of money for the part they took in the great conflict. In the Northern army, as is well known, there were many hired substitutes, and there were many others who fought simply for the pay they received. We recall this fact of history not in derogation of the many others who shouldered arms conscientiously in defense of the Union. But in the Confederate army there were no hirelings and but few conscripts. There were many hot head secessionists who believed that the Union should be destroyed, and there were many others who were primarily opposed to the dissolution of the Union. But after the first gun was fired at Fort Sumpter all such differences disappeared and there was no distinction in our ranks between original secessionist and original Unionist. They were all Southern patriots then, battling for the right of their States and they fought as no other people had fought before, distinctively for principle. If any went into the army for pay he was woefully disappointed, for Confederate soldiers received no pay, but rather were progressed and hungry from year to year until the end came. They asked for no reward, save the plaudits of their countrymen. When the war ended there was a great scramble at the close of the war to get on the pension list. I am now thirty-three years and I am close of the war the list is longer than ever. Our pension system has been, and is a national disgrace and scandal, disgusting and without number have come to light on every hand. How has it been in the South? Are our heroes? We have, with our limited means provided pensions for our disabled ones, and we have given modest pensions to those and there to such as were disabled. It has been our desire to have our pension roll a roll of honor, and our veterans have proved themselves as noble and worthy in peace as they were in war. But every now and then some politician like Butler of the South has bobbed up with a pension proposal, or some other politician of the North has introduced a bill to pension the Confederate soldier, and we have seen in the North and South the same old story. We have seen in the North and South the same old story. We have seen in the North and South the same old story.

President uttered in his Atlanta speech, they will we hope never consent that the old fellows who wore the gray, and who are now tottering to their graves shall be put in the humiliating attitude of gathering up the crumbs which fall from the table of the veterans of the North.

It is now in order for most people to brush up their stock of resolutions, and turn over a new leaf. But the question is how long will the resolutions remain unbroken and the new leaf unsoiled? — Durham, S.C.

How long? Nobody knows, but in most of the cases it is perhaps only a question of time. The German blubber keeper in the story knew his customers better than they knew themselves. As they filed out, one by one, on the last night of the year with New year resolutions on their lips, he washed the glasses and said confidently to his assistant: "Dey vill all come pack somedime alrearty."

No great demonstration on the part of the Cubans was allowed at Havana Sunday at the raising of the American flag and the disappearance of Spanish sovereignty. No Cuban flags were permitted to be unfurled, but an ingenious native, who seems already to have caught the spirit of Yankee readiness, tied the one-starred Cuban banner to the tail of a kite and flew it all afternoon high in the sky and directly over Morro Castel. A clever trick. It makes us more hopeful of the Cuban than we have yet been.

A Beautiful Home Wedding.

The residence of Mrs. Polly O'Neal on Bridge street, was the scene of a happy marriage Wednesday evening, the contracting parties being her daughter Annie Lawrence to Mr. John Spencer. The residence was tastily decorated with holly and evergreens, and long before the appointed hour, 8:30, friends of the happy couple had assembled. Rev. W. H. Call performed the ceremony that made them one. The bride never looked lovelier. The groom handsome. Small little Ruth Phillips and Ada Rhodes were the brides only attendants. Immediately after the ceremony had been consummated cake and cream were served. Miss Annie is one of our most popular young ladies, pretty and fascinating. Her lovely traits of character and urbanity of manner fits her to grace any position. Mr. Spencer is a young man of sterling worth, energetic and popular. He is an engineer by profession.

The Gazette-Messenger offers congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, with the hope their wedded life will contain only sunshine and their last days the best and sweetest.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days, and feeling much better the fourth day." — See several articles in the Leader Mexico, Texas, and other papers.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Alfred Paison and wife Annie, to John S. Hodges, dated the 21st of September, 1897, and recorded in Book 84 page 111, of Beaufort county records, I will on Friday, Jan 13, 1899, offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door, in Beaufort county, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Beaufort county, State of North Carolina, and in Richard township, beginning at the mouth of Peters Creek on the south side, runs up the Creek the southwest prong, and up the gut to a sugar gum near the gut, and North 15 East to a gut, thence with said gut to said Creek, and with said Creek to Goose Creek, and with Goose Creek to the beginning, being the same tract of land conveyed by J. W. Cannon to Alfred Paison, by deed recorded in Book 77, page 28, in Beaufort county records. Terms of sale cash. J. S. HODGES, Mortgagee. d13-1m

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

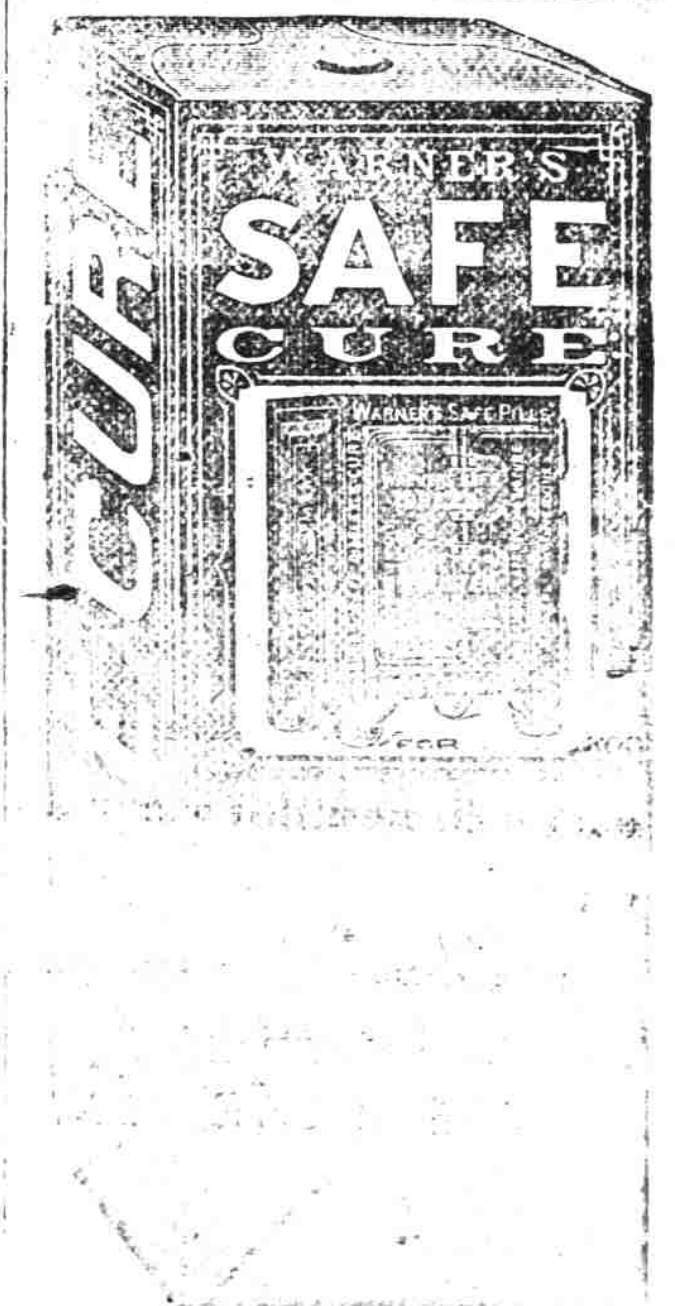
Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county as administrator of the estate of Israel Blackledge, deceased, all persons who hold claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This Dec. 23rd, 1898. JOSHUA TAYLOR, Administrator of ISRAEL BLACKLEDGE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of J. D. McCornick, deceased, and as clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county, all persons holding claims against the estate of the said J. D. McCornick are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of the said J. D. McCornick are requested to make immediate payment. This 15th day of November, 1898. J. D. McCornick, Administrator.

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