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REMNANT OF COXEY'S ARMY.

Score or More Still Employed as Mule Whackers on the Canal.

Washington Post. Provided one had the time and facilities, it would have been an interesting bit of sociological study to have found out what became of the army of tramps, hoboes and ne'er-do-wells who followed the redoubtable Coxeys into Washington in 1894.

It is, therefore, a matter of no small interest to know that something in the neighborhood of twenty of Coxeys' soldiers settled along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, working as canal boatmen and fishermen up even to the present day.

When Coxeys' army came through Maryland en route for the Capital in 1894 they engaged boats at Cumberland, making a part of the trip by canal. While the great body of this army was made up of tramps who were not seeking work under any circumstances, still there were a few men who were fairly honest in this matter and who joined the army in the hope of finding something to do.

Consequently, by the time the army arrived in Washington there were some twenty of them who had hired out as laborers on the canal boats. They remained with us for several years and as late as 1902 there were still three or four on the canal, though these, I think, have since left it.

Another venerable hobo belonging to this motley horde dropped out in Montgomery County, Md, at no great distance from this city. He is known to every one as 'Peg Leg,' he being a cripple. Leaving the army he built a hut by the tow path out of old crates, roofing it over with such boards and other material as he could pick up about the neighborhood.

I am not certain, but I think there are some more of these tramps now leading honest lives along the canal, but at any rate, these few have remained preferring life on or by the canal to their former nomad existence.

Part of Vanderbilt's Estate May Be Leased to a Hunting Club.

New York Dispatch.

Part of George W. Vanderbilt's vast Baltimore estate, in North Carolina, is about to be converted into an exclusive hunting and fishing preserve, which will be controlled by a club having in its membership some well known men.

Will Abandon the Law.

Spartanburg Herald.

A few days ago, the editor of this paper heard a young attorney, a graduate of one of the oldest and most famous law schools in America, a brainy and ambitious young man, say that on account of the gross miscarriage of justice in the Tillman case, and the utter disregard of law and evidence which prevailed at that trial, he thought he would give up the practice of law.

Gen. M. W. Ransom's sword presented to him by officers of the First North Carolina Regiment in 1861, and the flag of the Fourteenth North Carolina Regiment have been placed in the hall of history in the State museum at Raleigh.

"PRESIDENTIAL YEARS."

The Tradition of Bad Markets Before Election and Its Basis.

New York Post.

There has been rather more talk than usual, this week, of the probable bearing of the coming "Presidential year" on trade and finances. It is recognized tradition of both stock markets and commercial markets that Presidential years are apt to be unfavorable.

It is admitted that the money question will not come up in formidable shape next year. How far the tariff question will figure the financial community does not feel certain.

Precedent is rather odd in this matter of "Presidential years." In the majority of them circumstances have been such as to disturb the markets, quite irrespective of political uncertainties.

Taking the record as a whole, it is safe to say that, while an election canvass never helps business, it does not always have the single and overshadowing influence which is ascribed to it.

A Disgusting Show.

Richmond News-Leader.

What a pity that religion and temperance, holy, beautiful and sacred, are represented before the mob by "Elijah" Dowie, Carrie Nation and Dr. Parkhurst. All over the world thousands of humble, zealous strong men and women of beautiful lives are working for those causes obscurely and faithfully.

We do not know that the anarchists or the crazy element of the socialists and all the vicious elements of the country combined can do as much harm in a year as an exhibition like this may do in a day.

Unfortunately there is no law to prevent people from bringing religion into contempt in this way and no possibility of making one. The only remedy is in repudiation of such performances by decent and intelligent people everywhere and reminders to the common sense of the masses that these persons do not represent the religious or the temperance sentiment of the country.

CURSE OF THE LOBBY.

Members who Represent the Interest of Great Financial Corporations.

Ladies' Monthly.

As a matter of fact, the Congress of the United States is its own lobby. In nine cases out of ten the lobbyist sits in the Senate with his State behind him, or in the House of Representatives with his district and his Senator behind him.

The great curse of national legislation is the campaign contribution. That has irresistibly resulted in the growth of the new system whereby Congress acts as its own lobby.

Commercial acumen, which has built up vast fortunes in a generation or two like those of the Standard Oil crowd or of Carnegie's coterie of young men, can usually pick a winner, or make a winner, in a national campaign.

The Laws Are Enforced. Yorkville Enquirer. Although Gastonia has been a prohibition town for many years, under the operation of the Watts law it is more so than ever.

A Good Sized Fish.

Charlotte Chronicle.

Mr. O. M. Sadler, superintendent of the Southern Express Company, received one of the surprises of his life this morning, when the Florida express brought him a consignment of fish from Mr. Charles A. Moseley.

Wednesday was Confederate Veterans' day at the State Fair at Raleigh.

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