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CORRECT THE PENSION ROLL.

The Chicago Tribune speaks of all criticism of pension legislation as "war on the veterans," The New York Press exhausts the dictionary in its denunciation of every man who expresses any opinion adverse to an extension of the pension list, and our Republican friends generally are engaged in the attempt to "capture the soldier vote," evidently believing that if they promise the soldier everything their cause is won.

As illustrating the attitude of the pension shriekers toward pension legislation we copy the following paragraph from the New York Press:

"The soldier-hating Democracy is in the saddle and the assault on the Union veterans has begun. The Copperheads of the North whose representatives nominated a Democratic candidate for President on a platform declaring the war for the Union a failure have united with the Confederate Bourbons of the South in demanding that the payment of pensions shall be cut down."

The Chicago Tribune reads the veterans a lecture for voting for Democrats for any office. It asserts that one third of the ex-Union soldiers voted for Cleveland and adds:

"They voted thus well knowing that the Southern wing of the Democratic party was hostile to them and the cause for which they fought and to pension for them, and knowing also that the Northern wing of that party was under the malign influence and control of the ex-rebel half of the party. But such was their infatuated attachment to that bad party and its evil record that they shut their eyes to their moral stultification and voted to place a party hostile to them in control of the Government. Had they voted as they fought, for the party of Union and freedom, the Democrats could have carried no Northern State, not one; nothing indeed except the Confederate South. If they lose their pensions, or half of them, or have them cut down, or paid in 66-cent silver dollars under free coinage, or in wildcat State bank notes they will have only themselves to blame and kick."

This is the attitude of most of the Republican journals, which see nothing in the pension question but votes. Now and then a Republican editor is intelligent enough and independent enough to express a different opinion, and to declare that morals and politics and patriotism all demand a revision of the pension list. The Cincinnati Times-Star, in discussing the subject, says:

"Hon. W. W. Dudley, Commissioner of Pensions in 1882, publicly declared that in his opinion 25 per cent. of the pensions had been fraudulently obtained, and at that time the annual aggregate was only \$61,000,000. If that was true then, how much of the total appropriation under more liberal and more lax laws now goes to the undeserving? Is it less than \$100,000,000? Not only has the Government's generosity been misapplied by stretching the pension system beyond legitimate limits, but abuses have grown up

which make perjury and subornation common crimes in every community. There comes from the people, and this term includes the soldiers who bore the battle—a demand loud and deep, for reform. The law should be applied to the branches of this top-heavy tree as soon as possible. Delay will involve the danger of a popular onslaught which may end in putting the ax to the root. This, no thoughtful patriotic citizen desires or will tolerate—if it can be avoided. The pension question rises above and spreads beyond party lines. The duty of the hour is to deal with it in a non-partisan, prudent, and determined manner.

This is the spirit, and the only spirit, says the Louisville Courier Journal, in which this task can be undertaken. If the pension rolls are to be what they were meant to be, "rolls of honor," instead of a pauper directory, the reform must be undertaken by representative men of the North, soldiers and citizens. The South is paying at least \$50,000,000 annually for pensions. It can stand this drain if the North can. Every observing man knows that pensions are demoralizing in their tendency; that they are destroying the independence of thousands of men capable of self support; that men who have not the remotest claim to this aid are demanding and receiving it. The evil effects are manifest on politics on Congress, everywhere. These quarterly distributions create discontent with labor and put a premium on idleness. The effects socially as well politically, are pernicious and grow worse day by day.

Going After Mexican Trade.

It is announced that a large party of American manufacturers and merchants, including several Philadelphians, will start on a month's tour to Mexico early in the coming year for a personal investigation of the commercial needs of that Republic. This is gratifying news, and it is not hazardous to predict important results from the visit. Mexico is our nearest Southern neighbor, and its more than ten millions of people are consumers of the goods we make or can make.

There is one reason why we do not supply the Mexican trade, which requires no legislation to correct and that is that our manufacturers have failed up to this time to get acquainted with the Mexican people or their wants. They buy English and German goods because English and German manufacturers make personal efforts to supply and secure the trade, and they get it, as they deserve to do.

All this can be changed if our manufacturers and merchants make a personal investigation, get acquainted with the Mexican people and adapt their goods to Mexican wants. Our relations with Mexico are pleasant and in everything but race affiliations its interests are more nearly identical with ours than with any other people. Add to this our near proximity and the fact that American railroads permeate all parts of the Mexican Republic, and it would seem to be a most inviting field for an increased trade.

Up to this time there has been no personal cultivation of this field. The goods the Mexicans have come after we have supplied if we could without much trouble, but the matter of going after the trade has been left chiefly to our competitors across the water. It is quite time we began to cultivate the acquaintance and trade of our American neighbors, and Mexico, being nearest, is a good place to begin.

STATE NEWS.

Maxton Union: Died, on Monday night, the 5th inst., Mrs. Catherine McKee, widow of the late Malcolm McKee, in the 91st year of her age. She was probably one of the oldest persons in the county.

Winston Sentinel: W. F. Smith & Son, leaf dealers of this city, will put into operation soon a large cigarette factory, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, which will be between February 1st and 15th,

SWEEPING REDUCTION. Immense Cut In Prices. To Close Our Clothing Stock. This is no Fake!

We are not going out of business, but we are determined to reduce our stock if low prices will do it. We are prepared to give you bargains. We give a few specialties: Men's frock suits—Union cassimers reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.00. All wool brown and grey mixed chevots and cassimers, reduced from \$9.00 to \$7.50. A beautiful blue birdseye worsted, reduced from \$12.50 to \$10.00. Fifty fine cassimer and chevot, odd suits, small sizes, at prime cost. The largest and handsomest line of black clays, to cuts ways, Prince Alberts and clericals, in the city, on which we will make a reduction of 10 per cent.

Men's Sack Suits

- Union cassimers, - - - Reduced from \$7.00 to \$5.00
Black corkscrew - - - " " \$8.50 " \$4.75
100 all wool brown, black and fancy chevots and cassimers, reduced from \$10 to \$7.40. 100 guaranteed all wool black, brown and grey, mixed chevots, reduced \$14.00 to \$10. 100 custom-made, imported worsteds and cassimers, "high art clothing", to close we will make immense reductions.
BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS. - - -
Fine cassimers and worsteds, reduced from \$15 to \$11
Double breasted chevots " " \$12.50 to \$10
Union cassimers " " \$8.50 to \$6.0
300 children's suits, an elegant assortment, at 10 per cent. discount. 20 pair of pants, odds and ends, at 10 c.

Overcoats Overcoats Overcoats

All styles and sizes. Come and see our Fifty-dollar Beaver coats, now selling for Ten. These goods must go. Come early and make a selection before sizes are broken. Resp. Call.

H. WEIL & BROS.

80, 82, 84 & 86 W. Centre Street, GOLDSBORO, N. C.

CHRISTMAS Presents.

IN GREAT VARIETY AT M. E. ROBINSON & BROS. DRUG STORE.

TOILET ARTICLES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. BEAUTIFUL AND RARE FANCY GOODS.

ORDERED ESPECIALLY FOR THE HOLLIDAY TRADE. ROBINSON BROS. WEST CENTRE ST. GOLDSBORO, N. C.

Christmas Is coming!

IT IS ALMOST HERE!! The time for buying presents for the little ones and friends is at hand. I have at my

Racket Store,

On East Centre street, next to the old stand of L. Edwards, a full and varied stock of toys and

Christmas goods,

Too numerous to specify, which I am selling very cheap. Give me a call. Respectfully, Cohen & Co.

L. D. GIDDENS,

DEALER IN SOLID SILVER AND PLATED WARE.

NOVELTIES AND Souvenir Spoons

Watches and Clocks

Of the best and cheapest makes. Solid and plated jewelry of latest styles, spectacles and eye glasses, best make; lamps chamber sets, tea sets, and other wares

Dressing Cases. Alliums, manicure sets, in plush and in leather goods; Howard knives and scissors, warranted; No charge for engraving on goods sold.

Repairing the Cheapest And Guaranteed. ENGRAVING by an Artist. GOLD-HEADED CANES.

All work done neatly and at reasonable prices.

L. D. GIDDENS. West Centre street, Goldsboro, N. C.

Give me a call before buying your Christmas presents.

FOR RENT.

A comfortable dwelling with all necessary out buildings and Pump, adjoining my residence.

W. S. O'B. ROBINSON. Per Express, just received, a line of boy's jersey suits. H. Weil & Bros.

Notice.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to me, either by note or account, are earnestly requested to come forward and settle in full or in part, as I am in need of money. Respectfully, W. H. HUGGINS. Th. Jy. 1883

LET ME FIX YOU UP FOR

CHRISTMAS

- New Leghorn Citron,
L. L. Figs,
Nuts, assorted,
L. L. Raisins,
Seedless Raisins,
French Prunes,
Florida Oranges,
Choice Malaga Grapes,
Finest quality Flavoring Extracts.

PLAIN AND PREPARED

- BUCK WHEAT.
Old-fashioned Maple Syrup.
Sweet and Sour Pickles.

Ice your cake In three minutes

—WITH—

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ROYALL BAKING POWDERS.

SEAL BRAND COFFEE has no equal in this market. We think it is as cheap as any, but if you don't think so try

OUR BLEND

At a little less price. Quality considered, my prices are as low as the lowest. Best stock in the city to select from.

I. B. FONVIELLE.

Norfolk, Newbern & Washington DIRECT LINE.

TRY-WEEKLY TRIPS.

In order to make more convenient and economical use of the vessels now employed in the North Carolina service, and thus to better serve the interests of Shippers, the Clyde Line and Old Dominion Steamship Company have concluded to merge their respective lines between Newbern, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., into one line, thus giving passengers and truck shippers three trips each week between Newbern and Norfolk via Washington.

NO ADVANCE IN RATES.

On and after Monday, July 4, 1882, until further notice, the Steamer Newbern, Capt. Southgate Steamer Enola, Capt. Boyd,

AND Steamer Albemarle, Capt. Rhodes

Will sail from Norfolk, Va., for Newbern direct, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 4 a. m., making connection with the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and the water lines on Newse and Trent rivers.

Returning, will sail from Newbern for Norfolk, Va., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 m., (noon) making connection at Norfolk with the Old Bay Line for Baltimore, The Clyde Line, for Philadelphia, The Old Dominion Steamship Co., for New York, The Merchants and Mineral Line for Providence and Boston, and the Water Lines for Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., thus giving an all water route to all Northern and Eastern points.

Also connection made with the C. & O. R. R., and N. & W. R. R. of the West. Passengers will find a good table, comfortable rooms, and every courtesy and attention will be paid them by the officers.

Order all goods, care of N. N. & W. District Line, Norfolk, Va. S. H. GRAY, Agent, New Bern, N. C. Feb. 12, 1881.

BARBER NOTICE!

Guest's well-known and popular barber shop, in the Hotel Kennon, has recently added to its force of efficient help two new barbers, who are skilled in the trade, and he guarantees satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage. d 1w

KINSTON, N. C., SEP. 29, 1881 Mrs. Joe Person, Kittrell, N. C.

Dear Madam—As I have been cured of a malignant case of ulceration of the nose produced by catarrh, by the use of twelve bottles of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, I take pleasure in recommending it to the public. Respectfully, Mrs. J. M. WHITE.

For nobby suits—suits that have all the essence of tailor made suits—you will have to get ours. KINSTON CLOTHING CO.

FACTS ARE SUBBORN THINGS.

[From Tarboro Southern, July 17.]

While visiting Tarboro, on July 8th, I was requested to visit Miss Mary E. Staton, seven miles from town, who for several weeks had been suffering excruciating agony from some blood poison, supposed to be poison oak. On last Tuesday, at her request, I went to see her, and expected to see great suffering, but was not prepared for the scene that met me. I found the patient broken out all over with an eruption which had occasioned such intense itching that during the paroxysms she was perfectly uncontrollable, and had scratched and torn herself to pieces until her agony was indescribable. During these paroxysms she would have to be held, and her screams could be heard a long distance. She would pray for death to come to her relief; her whole body was purple and raw, exuded a yellow water which saturated the bed through several thick quilts—that day she had possessed herself of a thick gutta-percha coarse comb, and before she could be prevented, had raked herself with it with such force as to break out some of the teeth, thus adding to her agony. She was attended by some good physicians as Tarboro and her neighborhood could afford, but their treatment afforded only occasional relief by outward applications, and no permanent benefit, as the paroxysms continued to return with increasing violence. Upon viewing the condition of the patient I called the family together and told them to bear witness that I promised nothing. I could not tell whether my Remedy would relieve or not, as I had never even imagined such suffering, but it could do no harm and might do good. I then gave her a large dose of the Bitters and as soon as the paroxysm was over, sponged her whole body with the Wash. While doing so she would call out, "Oh, that does feel so good!" I then gave her another dose of the Bitters, and she was soon in a sweet sleep. I continued this treatment, and whenever the itching would recur I would sponge the body instantly with the Wash, which in every instance allayed in the irritation or itching and warded off those violent paroxysms. She did not have an attack during the day, and by 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the disease was under perfect control. The itching would recur, but every time was allayed by the application of the Wash. I left her Wednesday easy and comfortable, with directions for the treatment to be continued during the night and as long as was necessary. I came again to see her to-day, Saturday, the 12th, and found her up and dressed and in the regular prosecution of her household duties. She is entirely relieved, although she will, of course, have to take the Bitters some time to completely eradicate the poison from her blood. During Wednesday she frequently called for the Bitters, as she craved its soothing and quieting effects, and during the day I administered a whole bottle, with the above results, thus proving what I have always claimed, that my Remedy is an infallible antidote for all blood poisons. I am respectfully, MRS. JOE PERSON.

This is to certify that the foregoing statement is perfectly correct in every particular, as we were eyewitnesses of Miss Mary's suffering and the wonderful relief afforded by Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy.

NICHOLAS STATON, FELIX STATON, CORNELIUS STATON, PATTIE McDOWELL.

Tarboro, N. C., July 12th, 1884.

This is to certify that Mrs. Joe Person's statement in regard to my suffering is true and perfectly correct in every respect as regards my condition and the relief afforded by her Remedy.

MARY STATON Tarboro, N. C., July 12th, 1884. MERIT WILL TELL IN THE LONG RUN.

Tarboro, N. C., Feb. 4, 1885 Mrs. JOE PERSONS—Madam. Ship as once 5 gross of your Remedy and 2 gross Wash. We are doing well with it in Tarboro, and sales are rapidly increasing, and it has given satisfaction, so far as we have learned, in every case.

We are respectfully, E. B. HODGES & CO.

I Will Pay THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR

Rags and Old Iron, ALSO HAVE ON HAND A FINE ASSORTMENT OF FAMILY GROCERIES AT MY NEW STAND, Two doors North of the City Bakery

Bring your old rags and Iron to, and buy your Groceries from

F. ABRAMS,

P. S.—I also buy Ladies' and Children's worn clothing and pay good prices for the same.

MONEY!

WANTED: On satisfactory real estate security in the city of Goldsboro, in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

Apply for particulars to J. H. HILL, Jr., Goldsboro, N. C.

MOTHERS! MOTHERS!!

We sympathize with you because you usually have so much trouble in getting a good Hat for a girl; come and see what we have brought for you. JENSTEIN CLOTHING CO.