

SOME STRANGE WAR TALES.

Peculiar Horrors Happened to Applicants for Federal Pensions.

Every ailment known to medical science and some that are entirely original, if not imaginary, are included in the category of afflictions which seek amelioration through the United States pension commissioners.

No matter how unreasonable may appear the stories contained in these applications for pensions, each receives a thorough investigation by the secret service of the bureau, an organization which shrinks from advertising its exploits, although its members could tell hundreds of tales of interesting variety.

"I just got to be a total wreck from liver and kidney troubles and then I was totally wrecked by consumption, which come on me suddenly like, and now I am more totally wrecked by army troubles, sprains and hard marching."

An ex-soldier in Ohio wrote: "I don't exactly know what disease I am suffering with, but I do know that I deserve a pension, as I am suffering the pains of death all over my body and legs and feet. Make it a good one for I fought hard for the flag."

A hen-pecked husband, who evidently has no use for his wife, says in his application: "I got blood poison by being hit with a hen's egg which was not good. When you send my pension I want it made so as my wife won't get any of it, for she is the one who threw the egg."

A veteran in West Virginia thinks he should receive a pension because he fell off a thirty-foot bridge during the war, which resulted in a "general breaking up of my entire system."

The following extract is an excellent example of an injury which made itself known after an interval of more than forty years: "The way I got my war injury was catching a hog. Our captain wanted her for forage, and he was chasing the hog, and she crawled through a hoale in a rale fence. It was a big hoale and I thought I was about the size of the hog, and I tried to crawl thro', but I stuk an' trying to wiggle out I throd the rales off, an' one hit me on the hed and knocked me senseless. I don't think the ketohin' of the hog had anything to do with my line of duty, an' I wants a pension. The hog was never ketched."

A veteran in Howard county, Maryland, sent the testimony of a neighbor, who no doubt meant well enough, but did not know how to express himself. The latter swore to the statement that he had known the claimant for twelve years, and that "he would not work unless compelled to."

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A rather remarkable declaration was made by a Michigan veteran. He stated under oath that he picked up a shell on a battlefield of the wilderness and took it into his tent. While holding the missile between his knees, examining it, the shell exploded, "badly shattering my nervous system," but miraculously caus-

Letter to C. G. Jaynes, Walthalla, S. C.

Dear Sir: You may like to know what you pay for the paint in a gallon of "paint," assuming the pure paint part of all "paints" to be all alike; which it isn't, and worth \$1.75 a gallon.

Of a paint adulterated 10 per cent, the pure paint part brings \$1.94 a gallon. 15 per cent brings \$2.06 a gallon. 25 per cent brings \$2.33 a gallon. 33 1-3 per cent brings \$2.62 a gallon.

50 per cent brings \$3.50 a gallon. 75 per cent brings \$7.00 a gallon. The average adulteration of paint in this country is about one-third; so, you see, the average price the American people are paying for paint is about \$2.62 a gallon.

It is a game of wits. Adulterators are always too sharp for the bulk of consumers. People won't pay \$1.75 a gallon for paint. So they pay \$2.62 a gallon for paint and something that looks like paint mixed with it.

Why do they do it? They don't know Devoe. Yours truly, F. W. Devoe & Co. P. S.—J. W. Bell, Walthalla, and Seneca Mercantile Co., Seneca, sell our paint.

ing no other injury. An ex-cannoner of the regular batteries claims that he stopped a cannon ball with his abdomen and has since been badly troubled with stomach disorders. The ball, he says, was a spent one, and came bounding along, striking him squarely on the exterior of the inner man.

From Tennessee a widow writes: "My husband was terribly bloated in his stomach. He couldn't stoop over or straiten up without helpin' himself. To ham, beans, pork, eggs and cabbage his stomach was repulsive. His rheumatics was the kind called plumbago. His dropsy was terrible."

A neighbor of one Orville Jameson, who asked for a pension because of dropsy, wrote: "I believe that Orville Jameson is fatiged from arnin' his livin' becous he's too fat an' ways 200 pounds or more. The neighbors think he have dropsy, but I know he have no dropsy, becous he'd bust if he had more inside him than he now have. He are without vitrous habits or references."

The widow of a man who shouldered a musket in the Pennsylvania reserves wanted a pension and she was asked if her husband was ever wounded. "Oh, yes," was the answer, "he received an ax wound of the left foot."

Being asked to explain the circumstances surrounding the wounding of her hetter half, she said he cut his foot while splitting wood. It was not during the war that this occurred, but in 1899, at their home in Pennsylvania. The pension attorney wanted to know what bearing this had on the pension law, and the widow answered curtly:

"Well, Mr. Smarty, the ax he cut his foot with is the same one he brought home with him from the war. It was an army ax."

But there are stories of broken hearts, desertion, double lives and family troubles of all kinds. The sad side of life is given as well as the humorous.

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One Gioranna, a member of the well-known Garibaldi Guard, recited in his application for pension that he was "probed" by a rebel bayonet at the Bull Run fight.—Kansas City Star.

About 150 whales are captured yearly. Each whale averages 2,000 gallons of oil.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. Frank J. Cheney. Sworn to before and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1886.

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MOONSHINERS PASSING OUT.

Comparatively Little Illicit Distilling Is Done Now.

[Washington Dispatch] "The Passing of the Moonshiners" might well be the title of a story which has been written in official reports to the government during the past half century. In that story is written much of romance, poesy and tragedy. As a tale, it is distinctly American; and it tells the life history of many a venturesome mountaineer and the members of his family who have fought for what they believed to be a principle.

The midnight of the illicit distiller has been sounded. He is passing into the shadows of a romantic history and in a few years he will be known no more forever.

In the years, particularly since the civil war, he has given the government more trouble than many conflicts with foreign powers would have caused merely because he thought he was right. No man who ever came into personal contact with a manufacturer of "mountain dew" could fail to be impressed with the idea that the moonshiner felt that he was well within his rights as an American citizen. In the fastnesses of the mountains, into which he was driven by those whom he regarded as persecutors, he thought the whole matter out for himself and became convinced that the government had no right to pursue him and prevent him from manufacturing whiskey from the products of the soil which he raised himself. He could not be made to understand why he should be compelled by the government to pay an internal tax on a product of corn or rye while a miller was not compelled to do the same.

As a result, the moonshiner unslung his long rifle and, with powder and lead, fought the advance of the revenue agents. It was life for life, and the frightful tragedies which have occurred in the South, where most of the illicit distilling was carried on, would make volumes of vivid reading.

The day of the moonshiner, however, is done. The records contained in official reports to the government indicate that the work of illicit distilling practically is ended. Curiously enough the end, which has come slowly, is not entirely due to the activities of the agents of the revenue service, but rather to public opinion in the South. The belief is growing in that section of the country, whether right or wrong, that a solution of the race question is dependent on the stamping out of the manufacture of whiskey. It is felt that so long as whiskey may be obtained easily by the negroes, race trouble cannot be eradicated.

The general result of this sentiment, which has permeated the South generally, is the enactment of the most stringent liquor laws by the Legislatures, and in some instances recently to be noted, the enactment of absolute prohibition laws. That those laws are to be enforced by the State authorities is evidenced by the attitude of the judges who hear liquor cases brought before them. One judge alone, in Georgia, has been occupied for nearly twenty years in disposing of cases of illicit distilling, and it has been his duty to impose recently sentences on men whose grandfathers, years ago, went to prison for similar offences.

In the opinion of the government officials, the day of illicit distilling of whiskey on any considerable scale has passed and it is expected that in a few years the moonshiner will have disappeared as completely from the South as from any other part of the Union.

Warning. If you have kidney and bladder trouble and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to blame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder diseases. Dr. J. W. Bell.

The Color of Them. (From the Philadelphia Press.) Grass widows may, of course, be blue. But I have never seen, No more has any one of you, A single one that's "green."

"When I married you you said that I'd never want for anything." "Did I say that?" "You did!" "That shows how little I knew of women then."—Detroit Free Press.

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W. J. LUNNEY, Seneca.

Ode to the Automobile.

You make me tired, You badly unwired, You back-kick-fired, You fiend inspired. You seldom run, You break for fun, You're always undone, You son-of-a-gun. You promise a ride, You humble my pride, You bust open wide, You hypocrite snide. You go to the shop, You limp and you hop, You jerk and you stop, You exploded May-pop. You run up a hill, You may even kill, You give me a spill, You make me ill. You make many breaks, You are full of mistakes, You cause many aches, You collection of fakes. You run like a rabbit, You are wrong by habit, You heat in the rabbit, You repair shop inhabit. You bust your tank, You odor rank, You take me from the bank, You blame crazy crank. You break in the sprocket, You rob my pocket, You stick in the socket, You in cylinders knock it. You crazy cantankerous, bug-house cuss, You keep me and my folks in a continuous fuss, You should swap yourself off for a broken down 'bus, You devouring, destructive, mechanical muss. —M. B. H. Atlanta, Ga.

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Yorkville New Era Suspends. (From the Rock Hill Herald.) The many admirers and friends of the New Era, of Yorkville, will be sorry to learn that that paper will be no more. E. G. Sandifer, the editor, was in the city on Monday morning on route to Columbia and stated to us that on account of such poor support along advertising lines, and becoming discouraged from promises from men who proposed forming a stock company in his behalf, with none of the promises ever materializing, he felt it best to close down. Editor Sandifer is a forceful writer, and many people throughout the county will regret to learn that he will not be in our midst any more. He had worked up a seemingly good business, having a circulation of over a thousand, and from all appearances he seemed to be doing a good business in the journalistic field. The advance in the prices of printing materials is, perhaps, more than anything else, responsible for the condition of the paper.

Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup is sold under a positive guarantee to cure constipation, sick headache, stomach trouble, or any form of indigestion. The manufacturers refund your money. What more can anyone do? Dr. J. W. Bell.

Prohibition is Coming. (From the Augusta Chronicle.) There is no more chance to install a dispensary in North Augusta than in the vestibule of one of the Augusta churches.

The prohibitionists, the liquor men, the teetotalers and the half-and-halfers of that beautiful little suburban home of women and children, to a man, say "No!" The board of control would not, if it could, slap a booze shop among those babies and ladies for the accommodation and edification of drunken Edgefield and Alsea negroes.

Besides a dispensary there would not be worth a snap, in a money way, prior to January 1, the date prohibition is effective in Augusta. January 10, 1908, the South Carolina Legislature is going to vote out liquor from South Carolina, lock, stock and barrel.

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The Mountain Association. Madison, August 15.—Special: The Mountain Union Singing Convention convened in annual session at Unity Baptist church in July, 1907, and was in session two days, with Rev. Robert Cobb, Sr., chairman.

There was a large attendance and a number of singers of the upper division of Oconee county and a number from other sections. The following named ministers were present, opening and closing the sessions with prayer: Revs. Robt. Cobb, R. J. Vinson, D. F. Carter, Maslah Cobb and Henry Long.

The professors of music were John Bearden, Ervin Long, Burt Lee, Wm. Ables, Bunyan Phillips, David Ramey, Wm. Black, D. Black, Andy Black.

A long table was set near the church, loaded down with everything good and nice to eat, prepared by the good ladies of the community. About two years ago the Mountain Union Singing Convention was organized by Rev. Robert Cobb and Prof. John Bearden and Ervin Long. These gentlemen were joined by Revs. D. F. Carter and R. J. Vinson and many singers and citizens, until the Mountain Association of singers has resulted in much good and great improvement in church music throughout the mountain country.

I had the pleasure of addressing the convention for fifteen minutes, and with good work I hope the Mountain Singing Association will result in much good to the cause of religion. O. M. A.

Ten Years in Bed. "For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P., of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me." Dr. J. W. Bell.

Twelve-Mile Evangelistic Services. Rev. W. M. Walker, evangelist, of the Twelve-Mile River Association, will hold revival meetings in said association as follows: Salem—August 25 to September 1. Little River—September 8 to September 15. Pleasant Hill—September 15 to September 22. Golden Creek—September 22 to September 29.

T. H. Stewart, J. S. Fox, Frank Heaton, Committee.

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