

SOME LIGHT THROWN ON PENSION GRAB.

DEMOCRATS ACCUSED OF BEING WORSE THAN REPUBLICANS IN ACQUIESCENCE.

About 30,000 bills are introduced in every session of Congress, covering the numerous and complicated interests that affect nearly 100,000,000 American citizens. Of these 30,000 bills only one-third, or about 10,000, concern the nation's larger affairs. The remaining two-thirds, or 20,000, affect a small minority—less than 800,000 of the American people. This minority, however, is the most persistent and successful private interest in the United States. They are chiefly the survivors of a Civil war that ended fifty years ago. By the aid of their 20,000 bills, they annually take about \$174,000,000 out of the Federal treasury. A single measure, passed two years ago, increased our pension expenditures \$25,000,000, and the legislative calendar is constantly choked with bills that would add still more to the pension budget. The veterans of the Civil war are dying at the rate of 35,000 a year; one hundred pass away every day; of the more than two million men on the Union side, fewer than 500,000 now survive. The amazing thing about our pension system is this rapidly decreasing Civil war army and the still more rapidly increasing pension expenditure. We are spending more for pensions now than we have ever spent before.

The historian Lecky, in his "Democracy and Liberty," argues against democracy on the ground that, under this system of government, it is the inevitable tendency for one section of society to insert its hands into the pockets of the others. He draws one illustration for his favorite thesis from the American pension system. Whatever we may think of his political philosophy, there can be no question that his illustration is an apt one. For nearly fifty years the Republican party has fostered this pension habit, reducing it to a regular system of exchanging the old soldier's vote for a free franking privilege on the Federal treasury.

Until 1912, all the vicious pension laws have been Republican laws. Grover Cleveland's was the only administration that had set itself against this abuse. When the Democrats again secured possession of the House in 1912, therefore, the country expected something in the way of a reform. In fact, the Democratic party has so far out-distanced the Republican record in pension debauchery. It has passed outrageous laws that the Republicans had actually refused to put upon the statute book. Only Republican opposition has prevented even more shame-faced raids upon the Federal treasury. In Isaac R Sherwood the Democrats have produced a pension fanatic who has no counterpart in the long list of Republican war horses. Congressman Sherwood's pension ideas are so extreme that even the Grand Army of the Republic has denounced them, and publicly rapped Mr Sherwood down when he has tried to explain them to their gatherings. A single circumstance shows the spirit in which he approaches this problem. When someone asked Mr Sherwood where he was to get the money to pay pensions provided for by his bill, he formulated this scheme: To reduce greatly appropriations for the present standing army; to muster out the larger part of it; to stop building battleships and scrap those that we have, and to end all construction work on the Panama canal. If these "economies" did not furnish money enough to pay the "old fellows," then Mr Sherwood and his associates advocated bond issues for this patriotic purpose.

Four years ago the World's Work published a series of articles on this great National scandal. Since then much pension history has been made. Beginning with the March number, therefore, the World's Work will take up the subject again, showing the new abuses for which our new political era is responsible. In this

series, as in the earlier one, the distinction between deserved and undeserved pensions is made clear. No one begrudges adequate relief to the patriots who were disabled in the course of real service to the Union. But the horde of deserters, "bounty jumpers," widows of "broomstick marriages," and other fraudulent pensioners of types too numerous to catalogue have no claims upon the gratitude of the nation. They are the worst enemies of the deserving pensioner, for they trade upon his reputation, to prey upon the source of his earned relief. —World's Work.

The Steady Subscriber.

"How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of each year, Who lays down the money and does it quite gladly, And casts 'round the office a halo cheer.

"He never says: 'Stop it, I cannot afford it, I'm getting more magazines now than I read;' But always says, 'Send it; our people all like it— The fact is we think it a help and a need.'

"How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum. How it makes our pulse throb, how it makes our heart dance! We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him— The steady subscriber who pays in advance."

—Anonymous.

Name Your Farm.

Occasionally we get a letter from a farmer on stationery on which is printed his own name and the name of his farm. In some cases we find on the margin, briefly stated, what is being made a specialty of on that farm.

This looks like business, and demands attention at once, for it catches the eye.

The editor of your county paper always stands in need of a bushel of potatoes, a sack of water-ground meal, or some such farm product, and would be glad to swap you some nice printed envelopes and paper to match for these things, or he would even accept the money.

It will pay you to do some trading with this man, who is doing a lot in his way to help you, so next time you are in town talk it over with him. Before giving the order talk it over with the wife and family, and decide on an appropriate, catchy name for your farm and then—live up to it.—President Charles S Barrett, in National Field.

Hemingway Happenings.

(Received too late for last week's issue).

Hemingway, February 16:—Messrs J M Eaddy, J E Hemingway and Dr H L Baker spent Saturday in Kingstree.

Mr C L Creel and Dr L G Day made a flying trip to Fork Sunday. Miss Ethel McCullough spent the week-end at her home near Bryan.

Dr George Haselden and wife have returned to their home at Hemingway, after spending the winter in Florida.

Mesdames J M Eaddy and Jno H Wooten visited Mrs Eaddy's mother, Mrs — Creel, at Johnsonville Saturday afternoon.

Mr L E Creel of Poston was in town Sunday.

Miss Sue Anne Leland, the assistant principal of the graded school here, and Mr George Flowers motored over to Kingstree Sunday morning, and were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They were accompanied by Miss Emily Hudson. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

Misses — Skinner and — Noel and Mr Charlie Levy of Andrews spent a short while in our town Saturday. Mr W T Hemingway was calling on friends in town Sunday evening.

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VISITORS AT BENSON.

Many Coming and Going—A Pleasant Social.

(Received too late for last week's issue).

Benson, February 17:—Our community is favored quite often with visitors who spend the week-end among the hospitable people of this favored section of the county.

Miss Lula Easterling, an accomplished young lady whose home is at Tatum, Marlboro county, and who has been striving diligently for two consecutive school terms at Rough Branch "training the young idea to shoot," visited the home of Mr and Mrs T J Phillips, also Miss Pat Hanna, the vivacious young daughter of Mr Billie Hanna, who resides near the thriving city of Cades.

Miss Jessie Bethea, whose home is at McColl, and who for the past two years has given her time, attention and talent to instructing the children of the appreciative patrons of Bloomingvale school, visited at the home of Mrs J S McCullough during the week-end.

Also Miss Katie Bell, the charming young daughter of Mr J C Bell, spent a few days here with her brother's, Mr Rob Bell's, family.

The young men have a habit of coming, and it would take too much valuable space to enumerate them. For example only, we may mention: Messrs Clyde Gamble, Alex and Frank Rodgers, David Nexsen, David Scott, Dr Pratt (when a certain lady visitor comes), and a timid young widower who drives a beautiful black horse, Willie Dave Hanna, Johnnie Foxworth and, last, but quite often, Dock Johnson.

A few hours were happily whiled away Saturday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs J S McCullough in honor of the visitors in the neighborhood. W E S.

A FAIR WARNING.

One That Should Be Heeded by Kingstree Residents.

Frequently the first sign of kidney trouble is a slight ache or pain in the loins. Neglect of this warning makes the way easy for more serious troubles—dropsy, gravel, Bright's disease. 'Tis well to pay attention to the first sign. Weak kidneys generally grow weaker and delay is often dangerous. Residents of this locality place reliance in Doan's Kidney Pills. This tested remedy has been used in kidney trouble over 50 years—is recommended all over the civilized world. Read the following:

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Appreciation.

The following letter from a valued friend is so much appreciated that we take the liberty of publishing it. At a time like this such letters come as oases in a desert of worry and trouble and physical suffering on the part of the editor. Wish we had a thousand friends like this one.—Editor The Record.

The County Record, Kingstree, S C.
Gentlemen:—Being a firm believer in the truthfulness of the Scriptural teaching appearing in your editorial column this week, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (but which in my case should read, "to pay than to owe") and noticing that the yellow label bears a date that is somewhat in arrears, I am enclosing you my check for \$3.00, asking that you mark my subscription forward by this amount.

With very kindest regards to your Mr Wolfe, I am,

Yours very truly,

Lake City, February 19.

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THE COUNTY RECORD.



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Baptist Church.

REV W E HURT, PASTOR.
Services every Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock and evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Sunday-school at 10.00 a. m.
Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m.

Episcopal Church.

REV H D BULL, MINISTER.
Services for second Sunday in Lent, February 28: Sunday-school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11:00 a. m.

Tuesday: Bible Class, 8 p. m.
Wednesday: Lenten service, 8 p. m.
Friday: Litany, 4 p. m.

Methodist Church.

REV D A PHILLIPS, PASTOR.
Preaching every Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock and evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Sunday-school at 10:30 a. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.

REV P S MCCHESENEY, PASTOR.
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school 4:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

How Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough.

"Some time ago I had a very bad cough," writes Lewis T Davis, Blackwater, Del. "My brother, McCabe Davis, gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After taking this I bought half a dozen bottles of it but only used one of them, as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." Obtainable everywhere.



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has been stolen shows want of precaution, or of proper care of your property. Many lives would have been saved that have been lost in automobile accidents if they had had their cars in proper working order by looking after it in time, and taking it to a first class auto repair shop like the Kingstree Garage.

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