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CURRENT COMMENT.

ACCORDING to the latest official statement the contributions for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers aggregate \$3,500,000.

A SUGAR refining company with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been incorporated in Baltimore by prominent and wealthy citizens.

THE novelty of seeing two women arraigned for highway robbery was recently one of the features of the proceedings in the Tombs police court at New York.

A STATE immigration convention was held in Louisville, Ky., recently under the auspices of the State League of Commercial Clubs. Governor Buckner presided.

ALL HERE, the imported English stallion, owned by Burgess Bros., of Winona, Ill., recently died at the State Fair grounds. He was four years old and valued at \$10,000.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has refused to mitigate the severity of the imperial regulations concerning passports, and the inconvenience to which hundreds of travelers in Germany are daily subjected seems as far from removal as ever.

NEWSPAPERS in the City of Mexico demand of the Government that it forbid the entrance into that country of Syrian and Turkish beggars. A number of Chinamen arrived at Tampico recently and departed immediately for Texas.

TEN double-cabbed monster locomotives will soon be out of the shops for use on the Rock Island road. It is stated that this road will endeavor to make the fastest time between Kansas City and Denver of any of the competing lines.

THE New York Daily Graphic has gone into the hands of the sheriff. It was an experiment in the field of illustrated journalism and has never been successful, though every thing that could be done for it by changes of ownership and politics has been tried.

In an interview General Boulanger said he had no hope of his party having a majority in the new Chamber of Deputies. He had not, however, lost faith in the future. The Government, he declared, had everywhere stolen votes, with raven-like characteristics. The Republican majority would prove unmanageable, he said, and France would soon be calling him to power.

A LATE dispatch from Helena, Mont., says that the half has not been told of the ravages of drought and fire this season in that State. The long continued dry weather and great forest and prairie fires have left the grazing lands in such condition that the cattle can not obtain proper subsistence from them. The cattle are already in very poor condition, and if there should come a hard winter many of them would perish.

SECRETARY TRACEY has decided to accept the new cruiser Charleston, which is at San Francisco, from its builders, but has not given any orders to that end, as he is awaiting the action of the bureau of engineering and construction, who are now considering the official report on the last trial of the vessel. The Charleston, during her trial, showed an average speed of over 18 knots an hour and a horsepower of over 6,800.

THE Opera House at Hartford, Conn., was crowded to overflowing the other evening to witness the historical tableaux given in part as a testimonial to Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. The tableaux illustrated national events from Columbus to date and were designed especially to show the progress of woman. The authoress and manager was Miss Cora Scott Pond, of Boston. Mrs. Livermore was lecturer. Mrs. Isabelle Berry Hooker personated Mrs. Stowe.

BEFORE Justice Prindiville at Chicago recently James Nicolle, an Italian, accused his wife Emily of living with Salvatore Lemor, also an Italian. The woman said her husband had tired of her and sold her to Salvatore for \$10. Salvatore corroborated the statement, and the woman said: "Of course I obeyed James when he told me to live with Salvatore. I do not think I am guilty when my husband ordered me to do so." She also said that the child was not her husband's as he had sold it for \$5. Nothing was done by the Justice in these matters, but Lemor was fined \$30 for carrying concealed weapons.

A GENERAL combination of the window glass factories west of the Allegheny mountains, which has been so freely talked of within the past few weeks, now appears to have been given up. Along with that went also a scheme to build an immense tank factory by capital furnished by the various manufacturers. After weighing and investigating the matter several Pittsburgh manufacturers and Eastern capitalists who were interested arrived at the conclusion that to organize a trust or to purchase a control of all factories or to build tank furnaces of any size was now not the thing for several reasons.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has accepted the resignation of Dr. James P. Kimball, of Pennsylvania, as Director of the Mint, to take effect October 15, and has granted him leave of absence until that day.

It is reported in Washington that Representative Rutting of New York, who has been seriously ill for a long time, will resign soon unless he recovers, so as to give another Republican a chance.

J. Q. A. BROCKERT has been nominated for Governor by Massachusetts Republicans.

REPUBLICANS of Alabama have nominated General James R. Chalmers for Governor.

THE Wyoming Constitutional convention has adopted a clause positively forbidding combinations to prevent competition or control prices and products.

REPUBLICANS of New York met at Saratoga on the 25th. After adopting a platform the following ticket was nominated: Secretary of State, John J. Gilbert, of Franklin County; Comptroller, Martin W. Cook, of Monroe; Treasurer, Ira Hedges; Attorney-General, James Varnum, of New York; State Engineer and Surveyor, W. P. Van Ransselaer; Judge Court of Appeals, Alfred Haight, of Buffalo.

BISHOP ABRAHAM R. KIMBALL, of Salt Lake City, died on the 25th at Kanosh, Utah.

SAMUEL CALDWELL, ex-president of Vassar College, died suddenly on the 25th after a brief illness. He was a native of Newburyport, Mass., and was for seven years president of Vassar.

WILLIAM WALTER PHILIPS, the new American Minister, has presented his credentials to the Emperor William of Germany.

THE Wyoming Constitutional convention on the 26th selected Cheyenne as the seat of government for ten years, or until a majority of the people vote a change.

THE President and party arrived in Washington from Deer Park on the 27th and proceeded direct to the White House.

EMMONS BLAINE, son of Secretary Blaine, was married at Richmond Springs, N. Y., on the 26th to Miss Annina McCormick, daughter of the late Cyrus McCormick, of Chicago. Many distinguished guests from Chicago and other portions of the country were in attendance and the wedding although a quiet was yet quite a brilliant affair.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE National Bankers' Association met in annual convention at Kansas City, Mo., on the 25th.

THE fast mail train on the Mobile & Ohio road was held up the other morning by robbers at Buchanan, Wayne County, N. C., and the mail car rifled.

Lewis Bros. & Co., the dry goods commission merchants of New York, have made their formal offer to their creditors to compromise at 57¢ cents on the dollar. This is 1/2¢ cents more than they and the assignee thought they could pay when their schedules were filed.

ELIZA COOK, the English poetess, died on the 25th. She was born in 1818.

THE men employed in Parrell's quarry, Ireland, threatened to strike recently because of an obnoxious foreman.

THE boiler at the sawmill of Fritz Bros., Berlin, Pa., exploded recently. John Fritz, Edward Fritz, Oliver Ross, David Ross and David Baker were instantly killed. Two brothers named Brant were badly injured.

SOL PUNNELL, a negro, was hanged recently by a mob at Winona, Minn. He had assaulted a white girl.

THE jury in the fees case at New York disagreed, standing ten for conviction and two for acquittal. He was remanded to the Tombs for a new trial.

It is reported that Christians in Crete are being flogged and tortured and women subjected to gross indignities. A Greek schooner has been dispatched to Crete to put a stop to outrages.

A RACINE, Wis., special says: Rev. A. F. Packe, a Lutheran minister who came here two years ago, has absconded with a portion of the money raised to build a new church. He caused a split in the congregation shortly after his arrival.

ALONG the line of the Mississippi Central the whites are organizing in opposition to the blacks, already organized. A grave state of affairs exists.

A MISS GLEASON was killed and Mr. and Mrs. Gale were seriously injured by their carriage being struck by a freight train recently at Hardin, near Greeley, Col.

THE schooner Alpha, of Port Townsend, Wash., is thought to have been lost at sea.

FIVE hundred men working on the Bay de Chaleurs railway, in Canada, have struck for several months' back pay, amounting to \$40,000.

BLISS & Co.'s syrup factory at Kansas City, Mo., was burned out early on the morning of the 27th. Loss, \$50,000. Insurance on contents, \$15,000.

A BRISK snow storm prevailed on the 26th in Northern and Western Wisconsin.

TWO miners were killed by a back damp in an abandoned shaft near Pottsville, Pa., recently.

EMERY's large soap factory, Ivorydale, O., was destroyed by fire the other night, causing \$125,000 damage.

THE Temple of Heaven at Peking, China, containing the great throne of the sacred dragon, has been destroyed by fire.

THE M. Luffin and Rand powder mill at Cressona, Pa., blew up recently. The explosion was terrific in force. William Schropp, Samuel Stofas and Henry Reid were killed and a number of other workmen injured.

By the collapse of an unfinished house in Milan, Italy, five persons were killed and twenty injured.

THE first convention of the Union Prohibitory League of Pennsylvania, a non-partisan scheme, having for its purpose the suppression of the saloon outside of party lines, was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on the 26th, with about 100 delegates in attendance.

THE fifth annual convention of the German-American technical Verein was in session in Washington.

At the business meeting of the society of the Army of the Tennessee held at Cincinnati on the 26th, officers were elected as follows: President, General W. T. Sherman; recording secretary, Colonel L. M. Dayton; treasurer, General Force; corresponding secretary, General A. H. Pickens.

THE fourteenth annual convention of the American Bankers' Association adjourned at Kansas City, Mo., on the 26th. The following officers were elected: Charles Parsons, of St. Louis, president; Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, first vice-president; George F. Baker, of New York, treasurer; William B. Greene, of New York, was elected secretary; D. W. Baker, of Kansas City, was made vice-president for Missouri; and J. R. Mulvane, of Topeka, vice-president for Kansas.

SEVERAL hundred Blackfoot and Sioux Indians recently held a grand "boast feast" at Fort Abraham Lincoln, Dak., which was given by the relatives in honor of those who died or had been killed in battle.

AT Carnegie's Edgar Thomson steel works at Braddock, Pa., the bottom of one of the largest blast furnaces gave way and tons of molten metal poured forth, injuring several persons so severely that they are likely to die.

THE Canadian Minister of Customs has ordered an inquiry into the smuggling of whisky into Canada, whole shiploads of American whisky being brought into Canada by the St. Lawrence route.

TWO tramps recently took possession of the town of Holland, Iowa, intimidating the constable and setting fire to a building with a broken lamp. They then went to Heinbeck, where they were overhauled by the sheriff. In attempting to arrest one Archie West was shot in the neck by one of the tramps, receiving fatal injuries.

DR. J. E. BLAINE, one of Englewood's (Ill.) prominent doctors, has been arrested on the charge of performing a criminal operation on his niece, Mrs. Jessie E. Barker. The woman was said to be in a critical condition.

FIVE persons were lately drowned in a shallow pond at South Watupa, Mass., by the capsizing of a rowboat. One at least of the party was said to have been injured.

A RECENT telegram from Escondido, Lower California, said that a city was threatened with total destruction from brush fires. San Carlos, a neighboring town, was reported in flames.

A FIRE at Cresco, Iowa, recently burned twenty-two business places. Loss, \$50,000.

CONGRESSMAN W. L. SCOTT lately addressed a long letter from Erie, Pa., to Governor Fifer, bearing on the Spring Valley troubles, and claiming that he was paying for mining all that he was warranted in a competitive market.

THE Utah Commission on the 27th passed resolutions favoring Chicago for the World's Fair.

A DISPATCH from Canajoharie, N. Y., said that a frightful collision occurred on the 27th on the New York Central railroad, near Palatine bridge, in which the death list was likely to foot up twenty or more.

THE dock laborers at Rotterdam went out on a strike recently and the cigar-makers and other occupations joined the movement.

AT Walker Station, Ala., the other day Deputy Sheriff King Vann was shot and killed by a negro named John Steele, whom he was trying to arrest. The negro was afterward captured by a mob and his body riddled by bullets, causing instant death.

A RECENT dispatch from London said that the first consignment of Chicago cattle had arrived at Mainz, and contracts had been made for a portion of 50,000 head more during October. The plan of shipments to the interior cities in the Continent was no longer doubtful.

THE fourth annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew began at Cleveland, O., on the 27th, with about 250 delegates present.

M. MONAGHAN, secretary of the Polish National Alliance and Endowment Insurance organization at Chicago was reported as having absconded.

JOSEPH C. HARVEY, a wealthy millowner of Philadelphia, has been sent to the insane asylum through brooding over the burning of one of his mills in which fifteen persons lost their lives.

TWO bodies have been taken from the debris at Johnston, Pa. One was identified as that of Mrs. Ed Swineford, of St. Louis, who met her death on the day express.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the week ending September 28 number 192, as compared with a total of 198 last week and 193 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 221.

THE five-story building of the Westinghouse Electric Light works at Pittsburgh, Pa., was partly burned the other night. The origin of the fire was unknown. Loss, \$50,000, fully covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE report of the Rochester Asylum investigating committee entirely exonerated Dr. Bowers from any culpable neglect in the management of the asylum, but makes stringent suggestions for the regulation of attendants, by whom twenty atrocities are proved to have been committed.

HOK B. E. STILES, one of the first settlers of Denver and twice mayor of that city, died there suddenly the other afternoon of apoplexy.

A SENSATION has been caused at Portsmouth, N. H., by the discovery that medical diplomas were sold by a bogus medical college called Trinity University of Medicine and Surgery, having nominal headquarters at Bennington, Vt. Besides New England being victim 2nd, hundreds had been purchased throughout the South and West.

COLONEL ROBERT PATTON CROCKETT, the only remaining son of Davy Crockett, died recently at a farm near Granbury, Tex., aged seventy-three.

CLEARING house returns for the week ending September 28 showed an average increase of 2.1 compared with the corresponding period of last year. In New York the decrease was 0.6.

AMERICAN securities were not very buoyant on the London market during the week ended September 28. Continental bourses were quiet but firm.

SUIT has been brought in the United States court against the Des Moines Navigation Company and others to determine the title to the Des Moines (Iowa) river lands.

THE expenditure of \$50,000,000 by two English syndicates for the control of an extraordinary aggregate of industrial enterprises in the United States was completed in Chicago on the 26th. The deal embraces a chain of elevators from the Minnesota and Dakota wheat districts to Chicago, flour mills in Minneapolis and breweries in Chicago and the East.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL ROGERS, of Louisiana, admitted lately that baby bonds had been abstracted or otherwise tampered with to the amount of \$400,000. According to his figures the defalcations already discovered will reach more than \$1,200,000.

A CONGRESS of the Socialist Labor party convened in Chicago on the 26th. The delegates are all Germans.

A RECENT dispatch from Guthrie, O. T., said that there was a movement among three Indian tribes—the Iowas, Otoes and Missouris—to consolidate and that the agent at Rock Creek agency, I. T., was unable to check the movement.

A GRAND reunion and parade of the Grand Army posts of Eastern Pennsylvania took place at Reading, Pa., on the 26th. Over 5,000 men marched in line.

GRAND RAPIDS and Holland business men propose to run a canal from the former city to Holland and Lake Michigan at a probable cost of \$2,000,000.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

H. P. SUTTON, an employe of the Omaha gas work, recently left work and went on a spree, during which he attempted suicide by poisoning. He was pumped out.

THERE are over thirty-one hundred pupils in the Hastings schools.

GROVER DAVIS, living near Chadron, was recently arrested for sending obscene and threatening letters through the mails to a neighbor.

A train of twenty-one cars of sheep was badly wrecked the other day two miles from Wisner. Cattle on the track was the cause. The engine and several cars were piled up a total wreck. The sheep lay in great heaps bruised and dead. The engineer was the only person injured, and he not seriously so.

WHILE Thomas Duncanson with his wife and child were out riding near Aurora a few days ago the team became frightened and ran away. In attempting to shield her child Mrs. Duncanson was thrown out of the buggy, receiving very serious injuries.

JIM BUSSEY, who deserted his family at Madison some time ago, returned the other day and failing to persuade his wife to depart with him horrified the neighbors by producing a bottle which he said contained laudanum and which he proposed to drink, and die. He swallowed the liquid, but while in the "agonies of death" a physician examined the bottle and pronounced the contents nothing more than colored water. Bussey recovered immediately and left town in disgust.

A PARTY of York boys recently played hanging, using Charlie Shreck, son of Sheriff Shreck, for a subject on a ladder as the gallows. There was a hitch in the programme and they came near finishing the young sheriff. Help came in time to save his life.

THE thirteen-year-old son of Peter Peterson, of Stringtown, ran away from home recently, and as yet no trace of him has been found.

THE other day S. A. Ripley, a butcher of Weeping Water, secured a railroad strip of land for his business. He started back at about three p. m. and collided with a freight train and was killed. Deceased was a prominent G. A. R. man and a member of the L. O. O. F. He was an old settler and leaves a large family.

HENRY HANSON, a Dane, who lived near Eldon post-office, hanged himself in his hen house the other day and was not discovered until the following afternoon. He was a bachelor and in good circumstances.

JOE BIG BEAR, one of the Indians confined in jail at Pender for the murder of the Benjamin boy, died the other day.

A POST of the Grand Army has been organized at Ogawa.

WESTERN NEBRASKA comes to the front with wheat averaging twenty-three bushels to the acre, raised by Isaac Childs, who lives seven miles southeast of Asselmo. He has just finished threshing 2,377 bushels of wheat and 826 bushels of oats.

A FURD is being raised at Tobias to defray the expenses of bringing to justice the rascal who recently assaulted a lady at that place. About \$200 has been subscribed.

WILLIAM VAN, a riprapper at work near Nebraska City, has narrowly escaped death by fire thirteen times.

THE body of a man supposed to be James Lee has been found in a corn field near Albion. It is supposed that the man had been dead three or four weeks, as the last time he was seen he was on a spree at Newman's Grove, over a month ago. Larrity was an old soldier.

A MAN at Cornlea, Platte County, owns a cow which recently gave birth to a six-legged calf, which is alive and healthy.

THE city marshal of Norfolk has offered ten cents apiece for unlicensed dogs, and the boys around town are making money by capturing cones for slaughter.

JONES and Turner, the burglars who were captured while blowing a safe at Alnsworth, have been sentenced to four and three years in the penitentiary respectively.

MARY Logan County farmers are solving long wheat, they having discovered that it pays a great deal better than spring wheat.

RECENTLY Mrs. Henry Schneyer, of Scranton, tried to cut off the head of a chicken with an axe, but instead she clipped off about an inch of her thumb.

A MAN by the name of Hagan died on the B. & M. passenger going south between Broken Bow and Ravenna the other day. His body was embalmed and awaited the arrival of friends. He was about five feet six inches in height, wore a full head of dark hair and was about forty years old.

It cost Scott Bluff County \$12,000 to send Arnold, the murderer, to the penitentiary for forty-nine years. It is said that in the beginning of their deliberations eleven men of the jury were for hanging the prisoner, while the twelfth was for acquittal. This man declared his intention of staying out a year rather than agree to a verdict of murder in the first degree.

It is estimated that over one hundred thousand sheep will be fed in Dodge County this winter.

THE Orleans oat meal mill recently shipped a car of its product to Philadelphia and one to San Francisco.

A KEARNEY plasterer recently lost all four of his children within twenty-four hours of scarlet fever.

CHARLES CHURCH, a young man living at Blue Hill, recently was caught in the machinery of a sorghum mill and instantly killed, his skull being crushed. He leaves a wife and child in destitute circumstances.

JOHN MARTIN, the sixteen-year-old son of a Pierce County farmer, was recently killed by lightning while on the prairie hunting a dog which was with him as he was killed.

MARY BLAIR, of David City, has secured a judgment of \$4,500 against a saloon-keeper for personal injuries resulting from the sale of liquor.

AN Omaha distillery which has consumed 1,000 bushels of corn a day during the summer, recently increased its capacity to 1,700 bushels, and will soon use 2,000 bushels daily. The distillery has contracted to feed 2,000 head of cattle next winter from the slop.

REGULAR trains now run on the new B. & M. line between Crawford and Alliance.

COMPANY E of the First regiment, N. K. G., from Fremont, was awarded the Governor's cup in the competitive drill at Beatrice.

HENRY L. SUTTON, of Omaha, recently drank two glasses of gin and died of hemorrhage of the brain soon after.

NEBRASKA farms are selling at from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

BERT SOUTHWICK, living near Fullerton, lately made an ineffectual attempt at suicide by drawing a razor across his throat, but failed to get deep enough.

DUNLAP, Dawson County, will soon have a flourishing mill in operation, claiming a capacity of one hundred barrels per day. The motive power is furnished by the Running Water.

A FIEND'S CRIME.

A Young Lady Drugged, Outraged and Left For Dead.

A Reign of Terror Among the Women in Consequence of His Numerous Threats—A Search Organized by Masked Men.

SABERNA, Kan., Sept. 23—This city was plunged into a state of wild excitement shortly after noon yesterday by the report of one of the most fiendish outrages that has ever occurred in this part of the country. For some weeks past the community have been periodically shocked by the dastardly actions of an unknown villain. Young ladies returning from places of worship have been assailed by this fiend. A number of ladies, some the wives of respectable and wealthy citizens, have received letters written in red ink warning them upon pain of an agonizing death to leave their husbands and fly with the unknown writer. Mr. Jerome L. Hostetter was informed that unless he immediately abandoned his wife that he would be shot and his wife abducted. Mr. Hostetter was not at home when the letter was received and the alarmed woman, almost paralyzed with fright, wrapped her baby in a blanket and left the house, taking refuge in a grain field, where she was discovered upon her husband's return. She has since been confined to her room by sickness brought on by anonymous letters. Last Wednesday evening Miss Eva Purty, the twenty-year-old daughter of Oliver Purty, one of the wealthiest farmers in this neighborhood, received a similar message. Both of the young lady's parents are in the East, leaving Eva at home under the protection of two stalwart brothers to care for the house. Although somewhat alarmed herself by the receipt of the missive, little apprehension was felt for her safety by the boys. After eating a hearty breakfast the two brothers left the house to visit a neighboring farmer and signifying their intention of being absent several hours. While clearing away the dishes from the dining room table a masked man silently stole into the apartment and upon turning around Miss Purty was suddenly chloroformed by the brute, who warned her to make no outcry and take the medicine which he held in a bottle. The terrified young woman immediately screamed and began a struggle to escape from her captor's toils. The bottle, which contained chloroform, was applied to her nostrils and she quickly lost consciousness. Raising the limp body in his arms the fiend carried her to a corn field, where he committed a horrible outrage, mutilating her person in a terrible manner. After having accomplished his vile purpose the monster took a vial of carbolic acid from his pocket and poured the contents down the victim's throat, and leaving her for dead made his escape. An alarm was given when she was found an hour later and nearly 500 armed men under the leadership of Express Agent L. W. Phillips, mounted their horses and started for the scene of the crime. An organized search throughout this country resulted in the capture by Messrs. Phillips and Don Russell of a tramp who answered the description given of the perpetrator. The prisoner who gave his name as Richard Hollow claimed to be working his way to Kansas City where he had friends. On a count of the enraged feeling of the populace the tramp was taken to Hiawatha, where he was placed in the county jail to prevent lynching. An investigation failed to identify Hollow with the dastardly deed, and after a sufficient length of time he will probably be liberated. It was developed that a great deal of jealousy has existed among the residents of the eastern portion of the town, and rumor hints to a discarded lover of Miss Purty as the perpetrator of the outrage. The victim, who is at the house of C. J. Hooper, is beyond all hope of recovery and will die. The mouth and stomach are horribly burned by the dastardly deed. An indignation meeting was held yesterday afternoon and steps are being taken to hasten the crime upon the suspected lover, who resides within a few miles of Mr. Purty's house. If the facts will warrant the unfortunate young lady regained consciousness for a few moments about six o'clock this evening and was able to give a fair description of her assailant, who she believes bears some enmity against her. Dr. Irwin, who has charge of the case, says that it is one of the most aggravated of its kind that has ever come to his knowledge. "The victim will not live until another sunset," said the doctor, "as the acid has burned through the lining of the bowels and peritonitis has set in, which will accomplish the work intended by her murderer. Many ladies who have received similar warnings from the infernal monster are in a state of abject terror, and armed guards have been placed to watch the houses, although the fiend will hardly attempt another outrage so soon after his last fatal work."

A Big Canal Scheme Proposed.

HOLLAND, Mich., Sept. 23—Grand Rapids and Holland business men propose to run a canal from Grand Rapids to Holland and Lake Michigan at a probable cost of \$2,000,000.

A committee of members of the board of trade and other wealthy men of Grand Rapids and Holland will fully investigate the route.

TANNER WRITES A LETTER.

Corporate Tanner Writes a Letter to Private Dailzell About the Pension Office Scandal.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27.—A special to the Republic, from Caldwell, O., gives the following letter which explains itself. Its authenticity is fully vouched for.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, Sept. 18, 1893.

My Dear Dailzell, Caldwell, O.: I think I have read all that has been printed as coming from your lips or pen. For your great warmth of good feeling I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

And now, once for all, about the department. I want to say to you that the President never said one word to me about it. I can not come out and say that publicly, you must not quote it; but it is God's truth. The one appointed first deputy was from Noble's State, and had lost two limbs. Of course, I could not look at him. I imagine that your keen eye has caused you to discern, and that you are contemplating the effect in Ohio of two things recently done in the Pension Office. When I say recently, I mean since I practically went out for while I am Commissioner, and will be until my successor is appointed and qualified. I am taking no part in the duties of the office, holding my own leave. While Commissioner I issued two orders which I thought, and still think, are mighty good ones. First, that the 3,000 men on the pension roll at less than \$4 a month should all, unless they had a medical examination within a year, be ordered for examination before their home board, with a view to putting them up at least \$4 per month pension or drop them off the roll. For it was and is my opinion that for a man who is worthy of any pension at all, it is a week's rest of mind to consider a pension. My second order was that thereafter in the settlement of a pension claim the word of a private, if he was a man of good standing and character, should amount to as much in the settlement of the claim as the word of the man who had received the pension. The Acting Commissioner revoked both of these orders, according to the Washington Post and other papers, but as he is a man who dare not say his soul is his own, he did it under the direction of Noble's State.

I am told this afternoon that the order revoking my decision of the small pension cases has been rescinded, but you can see what the spirit is; and how, under heavens, are they going to make the boys believe that there is to be no change in the policy.

Smith also issued an order stopping all ratings. He did not object to it until after I had rated him and put him up to \$2 for the loss of his arm and leg, thereby putting \$6.25 in his pocket. I held, and still hold, that he was clearly entitled to it, but it is not possible that a man who had that done for him and who acquiesced in it cordially in his own case should now so pronounced against the rating of poor devils who, perhaps, from the effects of malarial poisoning, chronic diarrhea, or some disease of that kind, suffer twice as much as a man does from amputation.

I want to say to you that I did not resign until the President and the Secretary had both said to me in the same minute that the completed report of the investigating committee, which lay before them, contained no word which would justify my resignation in the slightest degree. Then I had to consider whether I was man enough to decline to continue in a position where I knew my immediate official superiors did not want me, even conceding that I could stay against their wishes, which is not at all true. I have not the slightest doubt but that I would have been removed if I had not resigned; in fact I know it. Noble had my head or my resignation, and of course, a break in his Cabinet would have embarrassed Harrison greatly.

Now that I have completed the report, and have gone through it carefully and thoroughly, I say to you, as one whose good opinion I value, that all under the heavens they can charge me with is too much liberality and too much sympathy in the granting of pensions. I think you will agree with me that we have had impetuosity and prostration enough, so that it would take more than six months of my time to bring it up to a decent average.

Of the future I know nothing. If the boys, and particularly those in Ohio, acquiesce, why, it is safe to say that Tanner will be left where he is—in the soup.

Among the promotions announced in the Pension Office night before last is that of Harrison L. Bruce, of Colorado, to be a member of the board of pension appeals in the Secretary's office at \$2,000 a year. He had been detailed for duty in the secretary's office for some months, and was appointed by the Secretary one of the Commission which investigated the Pension Office. Don't you think it would have looked a little better if they had waited at least until after I had passed out of office before they promoted him? Some will be cynical enough to let it upon cause and effect, service and reward. With all my heart very truly yours,

JAMES TANNER.

P. S.—I have written you with great freedom. Don't give me any cause to regret it by saying anything about this letter. It is yours, solely.

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