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AN ORDER FOR RETREAT.

The Surrender of Abe Lincoln Post, of Council Bluffs, to the Administration-Report on the Proposed Pension Bill.

Comrades of Abe Lincoln Post: Your committee to whom was referred the draft of the pension bill, prepared by the national committee, respectfully report against any further consideration of the bill and would recommend the adoption of the following address:

To all Soldiers and Patriotic Citizens of the Republic: There are times in the lives of all men when it is their imperative duty to definitely define their position and to boldly proclaim their relation to persons and events in order to maintain their self-respect and preserve the dignity and independence which should attach to manhood.

What is true in regard to individuals is also true in regard to organizations, it is the firm and patriotic belief of Abe Lincoln Post, No. 29, G. A. R. department of Iowa, of Council Bluffs, that such a time has come in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that it is now necessary for it to give such clear and patriotic expression to its sentiments regarding its relationship to the present administration, particularly in the matter of pensions and other soldier benefits, as will permit no equivocal interpretation.

This, we hold, is now necessary to maintain the honor of the union soldier and preserve the self-respect of the loyal citizen, and in so holding we recognize that our comrades everywhere, and all patriotic citizens, are entitled to a statement of our reasons therefor.

In order that we may be clearly understood it is necessary that we should briefly refer to the action taken by the last national encampment held at San Francisco. That body took up the matter of pensions and appointed a committee to draft a bill, which, if it met the approval of the various posts throughout the country, should be presented to congress for its consideration. This committee has performed its duty, and the various Grand Army posts are now being called upon to give their approval or signify their objections thereto. This is the duty which now devolves upon the Abe Lincoln post, and it finds itself patriotically impelled, while it has no objections to the provisions of the bill, to positively express its disapprobation of any further consideration of the matter of pensions or other soldier benefits while the present administration remains in power, and our reasons are:

That the present administration has no sympathy in common with the union soldier as is shown by its repeated offenses against that patriotic sentiment of the people of which the union soldier is the foremost representative.

That it has repeatedly signified its disapproval of such measures as the one now proposed and in so doing it has gone out of its way to insult the veterans who sustained the flag against armed treason, and has never accorded laws for their relief a respectful consideration.

That, on the contrary, it has stigmatized the union soldier by the use of opprobrious names, attacked him with ridicule and heaped derision upon him, and for the first time in the annals of history made a nation's defenders the victims of political prejudices and partisan malice. In proof of this we cite:

That it has vetoed in an unfeeling and brutal manner just laws; that it has systematically removed worthy, crippled and needy veterans from office and given places to those whose chief recommendation lay in the fact that they had borne arms against the government and were traitors; that its every act affecting the interests of the soldiers up to the order to return the rebel flags to those from whom they were captured has breathed a spirit of hostility to the record of the veteran soldiery of the republic and humiliated it in the eyes of the world; that the tendency has been to make it appear that the republic is ungrateful to its defenders, thereby weakening the stability of constitutional government, and imperiling the liberties of the people.

That the honor of the union soldier, and his rights as an American citizen, alike forbid his submitting himself to the certainty of further degradation at the hands of the administration controlling the government he fought to save, and that it is better for him, as a soldier and a man, to suffer his wrongs in dignified silence, until such time as his just rights can be honorably recognized, rather than be a partaker of a bounty wrung from the empathy of the administration, or the ingratitude of any party.

That in view of the facts above enumerated, which are now notorious in the history of the present administration, we, the members of Abe Lincoln Post, No. 29, G. A. R., department of Iowa, earnestly, emphatically and patriotically protest against subjecting ourselves and comrades to any further humiliation by asking any favors of those whose answers in

the past have only been through the cruel sting of insult or the wicked barb of innuendo.

Now, therefore, we appeal to our comrades everywhere, and, to our friends in congress and to the patriotic people of the nation, to refrain for the present, from further agitation of any question relating to pensions and other soldier benefits, and as a proof of our sincerity we hereby declare our disapproval of the further consideration by the Grand Army of the Republic of the bill now before us.

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L. B. COUSINS,
F. A. SACKETT,
Committee.

HEADQUARTERS ABE LINCOLN, POST, No. 29, G. A. R., DEPARTMENT OF IOWA, COUNCIL BLUFFS, AUG. 1, 1887.—Address adopted and ordered issue by Abe Lincoln Post No. 29, G. A. R., department of Iowa, July 30, 1887.

H. C. BARNES, Post Commander.

GRIZZLIES THAT MADE FIGHT.

Perilous Position of Three Careless Hunters Who did not Know Bears.

Few persons believe that a grizzly will attack a man before he is himself attacked. I was one of those doubting Thomases until two years ago, when I was thoroughly convinced by ocular demonstration that some grizzlies, at least, will attempt to make a meal of a man, even though he may not have harmed them previously, says a writer in *Harper's Magazine*. We were hunting in the Shoshone mountains in northern Wyoming. I had killed a large elk in the morning, and on going back to the carcass in the afternoon to skin it we saw that bruin had been there ahead of us, but had left at our approach. Without the least apprehension of his return we leaned our rifles against a tree about fifty feet away and commenced work. There were three of us but only two had rifles, Mr. Hoffman, the photographer, having left his in camp. He had finished taking views of the carcass, and we were all busily engaged skinning, when, hearing a crashing in the brush and a series of savage roars and growls, we looked up the hill, and were horrified to see three grizzly bears, an old female and two cubs, about two-thirds grown, charging upon us with all the savage fury of a pack of starving wolves upon a sheepfold.

They were between us and our rifles when we first saw them, and we sprang to our horses, which were picketed a few yards below, supposing, of course, that when the bears reached the elk carcass they would proceed to eat it and pay no further attention to us. Strange to say it was the carcass to which they paid no attention. They still came after us, we had not time for flight and could not even release and mount our terror-stricken horses. Our only chance was to fight for ourselves, and with one accord we all three grasped our hunting knives and dashed at them. We threw our hats and yelled like Comanches, and the savage brutes, seeing themselves thus boldly confronted by equal numbers stopped, raised on their haunches, growled, snapped their jaws for a few moments, and then walked sullenly back up the hill into the brush. This gave us an opportunity to get hold of our rifles, and then it was our turn to charge. To make a long story short we killed the old female and one cub; the other escaped into the jungle before we could get a shot at him. The resolute front we put on alone saved our lives.

The grizzly is partially nocturnal in his habits, and apparently divides his labor of obtaining food and his traveling about equally between day and night. It is not definitely known to what age he lives in his wild state, but he is supposed to attain to twenty-five or thirty years.

Notwithstanding the great courage and ferocity of this formidable beast, he will utter the most pitiable groans and howls when seriously or mortally wounded.

Shrubs for Room Decoration.

Among the richly varied species of evergreen shrubs to be found in the most ordinary nursery in this country there are some of the most elegant ornaments for room decoration. There are the various forms of Lawson's Cypress differing so much in character individually as to appear almost specific when placed side by side. Many of the *Arbovitae* are especially adapted to the purpose of room decoration. Then there are the beautiful forms of the Japan retinosporas, some in lovely tints of green, others in golden and silver shades of variegation. These are chiefly of pyramid shape, with more or less freedom of outline. Some, such as the variety of Lawson's Cypress, known as *erecta viridis*, being spire-like in form with the most pleasing features of outline and color. Other sorts, such as those named *dumosa* and *nana* have very distinct and pleasing shades of green. The Japan retinosporas are equally varied in style and form with the Lawson Cypress. They abound in pleasing shades of green in the more ordinary types, while there are some most beautiful sorts in gold and creamy and silver variegations. Now, all these and many other beauti-

ful shrubs may be employed in the decoration of rooms with the very best effect, especially during the summer. Their pleasing tints, particularly the beautiful green sorts, impart an air of coolness to a room that is quite refreshing in summertime. They may be placed on brackets on the walls, in the fire-place, anywhere—in short, where the essential furniture will not be interfered with by them, and they will be found beautiful anywhere. They are usually kept in pots for the purpose indicated by nurserymen and florists, and are among the cheapest of room plants when their durable character is taken into account.

One of the most pleasing features of horticultural, or rather floral, taste of the present time is its catholicity. It embraces all things; nothing is considered too common for the gratification of the love of flowers. The uses to which many things are turned to show the same spirit. The present subject, Canterbury bells, is an instance of this. Formerly, even in the most popular days, it was used only in the decoration of shrubby borders, but now it may be found in many positions, and it must be admitted that it is beautiful in any of them. It is as a window plant that we have seen it used with very good effect. In the filling of large-sized window-boxes it is of great use and beauty, and it is largely grown in pots for this and similar purposes. The varieties are numerous, those known as the *calycanthemum* race are the most striking and effective. In these the calyx or green outer envelope of the flower is greatly enlarged and assumes the color of the corolla, and thus their ornamental effect is greatly enhanced. The plants need not be grown in pots the whole year for the purposes indicated above. They may be planted out in rich light soil in spring, and as soon as they show flower may be lifted and potted. They do not last so long when so treated as when grown in pots, but they are often useful in tiding over a difficulty or when the supply of choicer flowering plants is scarce.—*Leeds Mercury*.

Bathing in France.

To begin with, the bathing-boxes are made attractive and light by their canvas covers stretched over a pretty shaped frame-work of wood. A mirror and a rack of fresh towels, a basin and such necessities of the dressing room adorn the interior, as well as a soft rug on the floor. The bathing master is in attendance, and a pull on the little bell rope which hangs inside the door brings his alert little person to the bath house to do the bidding of the occupant. This cheerful attendant arranges monsieur's bathing wardrobe and dressing case, and provides him with warm water all for the modest sum of one franc. When the bather is arranged in his bathing suit of careful cut, with his long mantle softly adjusted by his valet of the bath, he daintily treads his way toward the platform extending into the water, and which ends in a spring-board. He makes up his mind as he wanders along to the shock of his first leap into the blue water. Another bathing man is ready to receive our gentleman as soon as he shall reach the first breaker, to help him to swim, if he shall need such assistance, or tell him where are the safest places.

On the opposite side are the bathing machines for the ladies, with a neat little coiffed maid in attendance. Here there is the extra garment for the bath—the cork jacket—which the polite little mistress of the bath insists that madame shall wear, willy nilly. Two hours is not considered too long for a bath at Trouville, while at a fashionable American resort half an hour is thought to be quite enough, if not a wicked waste of time. Such is the difference in peoples.

A Case of Deafness Cured.

Office of Shaw & Baldwin's Wholesale Notion House, Toledo, O., Dec. 11, 1879.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.—Dear Sirs: About three months ago, noticing a letter addressed to you in the *Bee* from Gen. Slevin, in reference to the cure of his son by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure, we were induced to commence the use of it for our daughter Nellie now fourteen years old, who has been suffering from catarrh about eight years, during which time she has been treated by one of the best physicians in the city. We have also tried the use of almost all the known remedies for catarrh, with no more success than temporary relief. Many nights have we laid awake to hold her mouth open to keep her from strangling. Her hearing had also become affected. We were afraid that she would never recover. We have now used six bottles of HALL'S CATARRH CURE, and we believe Nellie to be entirely cured. In a few days after commencing the use of it we noticed a decided change for the better, and from that right along she has improved, until now she breathes as easily as any one. She sleeps well and her hearing is perfectly good. We feel that the disease is entirely removed. We write this unsolicited letter, feeling that it is due you, and with the hope that others may be benefited in like manner. We can hardly realize that such a change could be effected in so short a time after battling with the disease so long. We are still using the remedy at intervals, as it seems to build up her system. You are at liberty to use this in any manner you see proper. We are yours, truly,

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A Mistake of Young Men.

From the safety Valve
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It is to be regretted that the young men of today, as a rule, dislike employment that bears its trade-mark in dirt upon their hands. They are decidedly opposed to wearing other than a white shirt, and would not think of appearing on the street without a highly laundered collar of the latest cut. Cuffs are also reckoned among the every-day necessities of this juvenile class. Respectability to them means following the ever-changing whims of fashion. With avenues of industry open on every side, they rush in droves for the office or store where at 20s a week they can keep up to their unreasonable standard of respectability and where advancement comes slowly or not at all.

It would be well for the young men who are forced to strike out early for themselves to know that in the army of unemployed men in and about the metropolis less than 20 per cent have a trade. This indicates with unmistakable clearness that the best opening is in the shop. Of the men who are now at the head of our great mercantile and manufacturing establishments nearly every one laid the foundation of his future success when he learned a trade.

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Call it cold, cough, croup, pneumonia, catarrh, consumption or any of the family of throat and nose and head and lung obstructions, all are bad. And all ought to be got rid of. There is just one sure way to get rid of them. That is to take Boschee's German Syrup, which any druggist will sell you at 75 cents a bottle. Even if everything else has failed you, you may depend upon this for certain. (1)

INNOCENTS ABROAD.—American tourists abroad, as we have seen in several well known instances, do not always carry with them intense feelings of reverence for what they go to see. Sometimes this is rather painful to sensitive souls, and sometimes it is very amusing. Two or three summers ago I was in a railway train going down through Italy, and we had just reached the point where the branch line strikes off for Rome. I was looking out at the window, lazily contemplating the sign "A Napoli," which was over the other side of the station, when a voice, with all the fine nasal resonance of the most vigorous of our Yankee brackmen, rang out through the train: "Na-a-ples Junction! Passengers for East Rome and Rome Center change cars here!" The peal of laughter that followed showed me that I had many compatriots in the other carriages. Everybody took the joke.—In EDITOR'S DRAWER, *Harper's Magazine* for August.

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