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U. S. VOLUNTEER OFFICER'S BILL

Some of Veterans Get Erroneous Notions Concerning Same.

From an article appearing in the National Tribune of the 21st inst. some of the ex-union soldiers of the city conceived a wrong impression, and some way came to the conclusion that a bill was about to be passed whereby all the old soldiers were going to "be paid off" in accordance with the time served in the late war of the Rebellion. The writer has carefully read the article and to clear the matter up offers the following:

The article starts out with this statement "on the 31st instant Mr. Prince of Illinois representing the Committee of Military Affairs, submitted to the House a favorable report on the so-called Warner Townsend volunteer retired list measure, being Mr. Townsend's House Bill No. 18899, with the recommendation that it pass with certain important amendments." The bill purports to establish in the war department and navy department, a roll designated as "the civil war volunteer officers retired list."

Heretofore it seems that the government has made no provisions for caring for the officers of the volunteer army while it has arranged by law to retire all officers of the regular army at a certain age limit and continue their pay at almost their usual salary. The present proposed measure fixes the pay for the ex-volunteer officer at one third his regular pay, per month.

Sec. No. 5 of the bill provides as follows for the enlisted men: "That any person who served as an enlisted man 90 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the civil war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and whose physical or mental condition is of such degree as to require the frequent and periodical aid and attention of another person, shall upon application have his name placed upon the volunteer retired list created by this act, and shall receive, in lieu of all pensions \$30.00 per month during his natural life.

The foregoing section is one of the amendments to the measure referred to, and the committee in defending it say "Not only are these stricken and rapidly departing veterans entitled to the relief thus furnished in lieu of the insufficient pensions which they now receive, but in as much as the disability provided for is not required to be of service origin, this legislation will go far to render unnecessary, and therefore to discontinue the present unbusiness like and costly, but hitherto apparently unavoidable system of passing through each Congress a great number of special private pension bills, which in many cases are so belated as to be of little value to the beneficiaries. It is also due to the general body of surviving veterans of the Union army, who are now fraternally aiding these old and helpless comrades, that the later should be thus system-

atically and adequately cared for in their closing days directly by the Government which they helped to preserve.

It will thus be seen that the pensions of the soldiers are not to be interfered with and only those enlisted men having reached the age of seventy years and are physically or mentally disqualified from caring for themselves requiring the aid of some other person frequently will be benefited by law.

Organized Country Clubs.

Miss Gertrude Rowan of the University at Lincoln was in the city yesterday and with the help of Miss Mary Foster, County Superintendent, organized an experimental class in agriculture and domestic science consisting of the boys and girls of the vicinity. This form of work is being carried on all over Nebraska by the state superintendent of instruction at Lincoln and very pleasing results are being obtained with the younger generation of the state.

Monthly reports of the experiments carried on in each department are sent to the superintendent and in the fall of the year, contests are held at the county seats, where the specimens of the work, grain, etc are exhibited. These exhibits are then sent to the state fair at Lincoln and later to the National corn show at Omaha. It is a rather new wrinkle in the educational work of the state but in its year of existence it is proving a great success.

Miss Rowan, who opened the work here yesterday, is a very cultured young lady and arrangements have been made for talks from her at the teachers institute which will be held in the city in August. A. E. Nelson who was to have charge of the work in agriculture was not able to be in the city yesterday, but the class was organized by the county superintendent and Miss Rowan.

Starts on Long Term.

James M. McMichael was taken to the state penitentiary by sheriff Quinton this morning where he will begin to serve out his five year sentence which he drew for grand larceny. It will be remembered, he switched diamond rings on the express agent at Mynard, leaving a cheap imitation in the box and coming to Plattsmouth with the real stone which he tried to dispose of in the city. It was later found that he had played the same game on the company at Wyoming last month. While at the depot waiting for the train this morning, he seemed to prove his claim that he was a railway telegraph operator, for he recognized the calls on the wire and gave the sign of the O. R. T. to the operators at the station. He claims to be a member of that organization and had a ring with the seal of the organization on the inside of which are the initials "J. M. M." however, he insisted that McMichael is not his correct name.

Miss Alberta Thomas took the early east bound Burlington for a few days visit in Iowa. She will stop a short time with friends in Glenwood and probably with her sister Miss Daisy Thomas at Clarinda.

INDIANS ARE ON WAR PATH

Green's Tribe of Red Skinned Ball Players Coming.

SCALPING OCCURS ON MAY 6

The Game With the Fast Nebraska City Mink Aggregation is Scheduled for the Home Grounds Next Friday Afternoon.

The Plattsmouth ball team will have to get busy in the next ten days if they expect to fill their end of the score card a week from Friday when they will meet Green's Nebraska Indians in a game on the local diamond. The red skinned aborigines are on the trail of the Red Socks and will soon swoop down on them in full war paint but with the modern baseball bat to take the place of the antique tomahawk which they have buried many moons ago.

The team is one of the most widely known in the country and it will give the city quite a name in the ball world if they can hang a few over poor Lo and his brothers. The team was originally organized in 1897 and has been continually in the field since then, having played in nearly every state in the Union in its dozen years work on the diamond. They have maintained an unusually high standing and at times have defeated some of the strongest teams in the country.

Most of the Players have indian blood in their veins and some of them are full blooded articles of the plains. The tribe of dusksies is owned and managed by a Lincoln man and the cost of bringing the aggregation to

this city is quite an amount, so large crowds are hoped for to pay the expenses of the visitors. There is a big responsibility in bringing the costly out of town teams to the city and what the management needs at present is hearty support and large attendance at the games. It takes money to keep the players going find, the managers have so far booked games that are worth more than the price to see.

For the coming Friday, they have secured the Nebraska City team, which will play in this city. They are members of the Mink league, a fast aggregation which is stirring up a big bunch of dust in the base ball circles in this section of the country. It is hoped that the weather will be more favorable for the fans on the coming Fridays than it has been on the first two days that were chalked up as base ball dates; and as the weather improves the crowds are expected to increase accordingly. The boys are getting anxious for a game now. It has been some time since they have had a chance to show what they could do and they have set their teeth to get the skin if the Mink that is going to come Friday and the prospects for their accomplishing it seems bright.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

TO BE HELD ON MAY 27

Programs Have Been Completed and Arrangements Made for Graduation.

The date of the commencement exercises of the class of 1910, the graduating class of the Plattsmouth high school has been set for Friday evening, May 27. The program will take place at the Parmele theater, the participants being principally members of the graduating class.

PROGRAM

- Invocation.....Rev. L. W. Gade
- Instrumental Duet....*El Trovatore*
Virgie McDaniels, Frances Whelan
- Vocal solo.....*Rockin' in de Win'*
Harriette Adams.
- Salutatory.....
Normal Training in Nebraska High Schools.
Mattie Larson.
- Valedictory.....
Industrial Training in our Public Schools.
Marie Douglass.
- Instrumental Solo.....*Grand Valse*
Hattie Hoffman.
- Class Address.....
W. M. Davidson, Superintendent City Schools, Omaha.
- Presentation of Diplomas.....
J. M. Robertson.

The class is an unusually large one having thirty-two members with a goodly number of boys. Miss Marie Douglass was elected at a recent class meeting as Valedictorian, but the highest class standing has not yet been announced. According to a custom of the state a free scholarship for nearly any one of the Nebraska colleges is awarded the person with the highest standing for the four years of high school work.

The class sermon will be preached at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening, May 22, by Rev. W. L.

Austin of the Methodist church.

Communications have been made with Wahoo and it has been decided to hold the district championship debate at that place on next Tuesday evening, the contest being between the Plattsmouth and Wahoo teams. The High school ball team goes to Ashland Saturday to play a return game with the nine which they beat on the local grounds in the first game of the season.

Majestic Opens.

The new moving picture theater "the Majestic" opened last evening and Manager Shlaes is more than pleased with the first evening's work. The crowd packed the little house to its doors and many were turned away, while everyone who attended spoke very highly of the pictures and of the pleasant appearance of the place. Miss Marie Fitzgerald has taken the position of the piano player. On Saturday and Sunday, however, Miss Anna Priesman, a fine musician of Omaha, will preside at the keys and Mr. H. Prissman has been secured to sing at the afternoon and evening performances Saturday.

Twenty five new chairs have been ordered which will enlarge the seating capacity to a little over 200. On a week from Tuesday, Mr. Shlaes announces he will hold his first "Amateur Night," when besides a few pictures, there will be a number of musical selections by local talent for cash prizes. The proprietor expects to hold the amateur entertainment every other Tuesday night commencing with May 10.

Earl Travis was in Omaha last night, returning to the city this morning.

The chief of police was out this morning notifying the business men of the city to clean up their back yards and place their gasoline tanks underground and the men are getting busy with their shovels and rakes in an effort to obey the order. Incidentally, they might take a look at the river sand bar which could stand a little cleaning up.

Funeral of W. P. Bailey.

Services of the late William P. Bailey will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 from his old home on Eighth street. The funeral will be in charge of Rev. H. B. Burgess who was a fond friend of the deceased, spending much of his time during the last few weeks at the bedside of the old gentleman. The services at the home will be very simple and the body with that of Mrs. Bailey will leave on an afternoon train for Schenectady, N. Y. the former home of the deceased. The remains will be accompanied to their final resting place by Mrs. H. G. Garrison and Charles Bailey, daughter and son of the late Mr. Bailey, both of whom made their home at the Bailey residence in this city.

Dancers Elect Officers.

The Dancing Club of the Young Men's Turner society held a meeting last evening at Turne Halle and elected officers for the club as follows: President, Glen Rawls; Vice President, Nelson Jean; Treasurer, Fred Mann. The young men's organization is one of the leading dancing clubs of the city and their select little crowds that meet occasionally at their hall are always royally entertained in the hands of the capable officers. The last dance given by the boys was about three weeks ago and it has not been definitely decided when the next one will be held, but the date will probably be announced in a few days.

Need Two Names.

All the Nebraska Lighting Company needs now to complete the list of signers on their street lighting proposition is two names. They have given up the hope of securing 80 names as was originally intended, but have now set the goal at 70 and two more subscribers are needed to make this number. Before the day is up, they are expecting to find the two men who are willing to cough up 50 cents a month for the maintenance of the three arcs, and their list will then be full. If your name is not on that agreement, you had better get busy or you're liable to loose the chance of helping on this good advertising proposition.

Mr. J. N. Wise and Rev. L. W. Gade left this morning for Lincoln to attend a big Presbyterian meeting where Mr. Gade will formally accept the position of pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city. The gentlemen will return to their homes on the late train this evening.

COMMERCIAL CLUBS

AT COLUMBUS TODAY

Plattsmouth Delegation Will Attend and Hear Prominent Men Speak.

The sixth annual session of the Nebraska Association of Commercial Clubs, of which this city is a member, is to be held today and tomorrow at Columbus. Some very interesting sessions have been arranged for and if the plans of the Plattsmouth representatives turn out all right, the three men, J. P. Falter, A. L. Tidd and Hilt Westcott who were appointed as representatives of the local club, will leave the city tomorrow morning to be present at the day's meetings. They are meetings well worth attending and representatives from all the live towns of the state will gather and talk over the work of the hustling clubs and the results they are obtaining in the different cities.

The session will open for registration and acquaintance this afternoon at three. The opening program will be held this evening with an address of welcome by the Mayor of Columbus and the president of the Columbus Commercial club. The response is to be made by Charles Ryan, president of the Grand Island club, following which there will be the annual address by the president H. M. Bushnell, and a short speech by E. M. Dunaway of the Kearney club.

Tomorrow at ten will be a talk on "Building Communities by advertising," by N. A. Huse of Norfolk and "Home money for home development" by V. E. Wilson, president of the Stromburg Commercial club. At the afternoon meeting short reports will be heard from the different clubs, the year's officers will be elected and the adoption of the resolutions made.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, a complimentary dinner will be tendered the visitors by the Columbus club followed by a short program with the following as speakers:

Chancellor Samuel Avery, University of Nebraska; Francis A. Brogan, Omaha Commercial Club, ex-president of State Bar Association; Henry T. Clark, President Nebraska Railway Commission; L. W. Page, Director Good Roads Division Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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