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The Pension Veto.

President Cleveland's veto of the invalid pension act which passed both houses of congress by heavy majorities, will subject him to general and well-deserved criticism.

The sentiment of the country had been fully canvassed to the measure. It had been warmly debated in both houses of congress and the local and bearing explained and understood.

President Cleveland's veto comes as a direct slap in the face to thousands of needy veterans and as an insult to congress. The causes assigned for his action will be received as an adequate explanation of his course.

Year by year the country is piling up an enormous surplus wrung from the exorbitant tariff taxation of the suffering masses. In face of the failure to secure relief, the application of the surplus to pension payments which places the money secured by taxation again in circulation among the people seems to be a wise public policy.

Lessons of the Horror.

The fearful accident on the Vermont Central has been the international topic of comment during the week. The origin of the disaster by which eighty human beings lost their lives is still shrouded in mystery.

It is generally conceded that the danger of the bridge was entirely unnecessary. It was wooden and old, a trestle without guards and strained by years of use.

Verdi's Latest Triumph.

At the age of nearly seventy-three years, Giuseppe Verdi, the great composer, has just achieved one of the most notable triumphs of his remarkable career.

On the evening of the 5th inst., at the theatre Della Scala, Milan, his new opera "Otello" was given its first presentation, with the most pronounced success.

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Some Odd Items.

A southern fur company advertises for 100,000 cats. Mrs. Mary Murphy, of St. Louis, is 100 old and is cutting her wisdom teeth.

The Coming of Patti.

The announcement of a grand operatic concert to be given at the exhibition building on Thursday evening, February 24th, by Adelina Patti and the distinguished artists associated with her, will be most cordially welcomed by the citizens of Omaha.

There is a dealer in second-hand grave stones in Buffalo. He buys old ones, erases the inscriptions and engraves new ones to order.

Fifteen years ago Kitch Kitchin, of Tallapoosa, Ga., resolved never to get mad or vexed. He claims to have lived up to his resolution so far.

The whistle of the locomotive is driving the wolves to the neighborhood of Scott river valley, Cal., in force. They travel in gangs of three to five, and attack the dogs viciously.

Albert Nickserson, a 12-year-old lad of Sag Harbor, daily sits down to the table with his father and mother, grandfather and grandmother, and great-grandfather and two great-grandmothers.

An Indian called upon the editor of the Crescent City, Cal., Record a few days ago and threatened to scold him for publishing his name in the paper for getting drunk and raising a row.

A Santa Cruz, Cal., constable arrested a man recently and was watching him in a cell for a trivial offense, he handcuffed the prisoner and his wife together and locked them in a hotel-room, where he found them safe the next morning.

The bottomless pit is not a mere figure of speech now in the Sandwich Islands. Professor Alexander declares that he has sounded the extinct crater near the leper settlement at Molokai and a line 3,500 long remained flat and failed to reach the bottom.

While Captain Cameron of Portland, Oregon, was walking on a dock the other morning smoking a pipe, some unknown ruffian struck the pipe, carrying it all away except a little bit between his teeth.

A Pressing Need.

There are no hostile fleets in sight yet, but the burden of the war tariff goes on forever. The tariff on the iron and steel goods is a need of tariff revision is more pressing.

Beware of the Terrible Militia.

Great Britain is politely informed that the militia strength of this country is seven and a half million, and that the militia are a company on a Fourth of July parade she will appreciate the force of the figures and hoist a flag of truce.

An enthusiastic reformer. The man who bobbed Senator Maxey of \$50 last week in a sleeping car is doubtless an enthusiastic reformer who has become alarmed at the rapid concentration of wealth in the United States senate, and is willing to do it all that one man can do to stop it.

The Range of Abilities. Edward Everett Hale thinks every man at twenty-five should know the range of his abilities. This is an odd expression from such a man as Edward Everett Hale.

When the Chickens Come Home to Roost. You must take the words to come and goes, and you will be sure to find that fate will square the accounts she owes.

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A Ringing Speech.

Hon. C. D. Casper, senator from Butler and Polk counties, made a ringing speech before the senate on the railroad question last Thursday. Mr. Casper's speech showed him to be thoroughly posted on this important question.

Canine Legislation.

This is the title of a bill recently introduced in the Maine legislature. Sec. 1. The dog is hereby declared to be a domestic animal.

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High and Dry.

Bars in Maine lands are kept in the attics. By the time a stranger lands there he is high and dry.

Mr. Evans, a Capitalist.

I understand that the Omaha street car folks, particularly Messrs. Murphy, Clark and Marsh, and also Mr. Guy C. Barton, and the cable company, are going to assist in pushing the new bridge project.

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Bank Statement.

New York, Feb. 12.—The weekly bank statement shows the reserve decreased \$1,820,000. There are 1,052 male teachers and 25,373 female; the average salaries in cities are \$701 and in towns \$529. The state has 422 log acres in its territory; the length of the school year is 97.7 weeks in the cities and 83.6 in the towns.

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The Ontario Plan.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The cabinet hold a session this afternoon, to consider the proposed bill for the government of Ireland.

The Montreal Carnival.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Owing to the heavy snow storm yesterday, outgoing trains were held up, and many visitors were forced to remain another day.