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WASHINGTON, June 8.—[Special to THE BEE.]—It will be remembered that the "Widow McGinnis" created considerable of a sensation in New York recently by establishing a lottery for the patronage of custom house and other employes, through which contributions were made to the campaign in the Empire state.

Accompanying the above circular was the following

Dear Sir: We take pleasure in announcing to the many admirers of General John C. Black, the illustrious hero, and the present honored United States commissioner of pensions, that we have just completed and are preparing to send a magnificent crayon portrait of the general, lithographed in photographic tints on fine plate paper, 2 1/2 inches, and closely resembling a life-size photograph, with the presence of the likeness and artistic execution of the work, we beg to refer to General Black's letter to us, a copy of which is printed on the accompanying circular.

The price of this picture, which will grace any parlor, has been placed at the sum of \$1 per copy, so as to put it within the reach of all. A limited number of "artist proof" copies has also been prepared, which will be sold at \$2 each. If you desire a copy of either of the above, please send your order sheet with amount, and it will be promptly mailed, postpaid to your address. Yours respectfully, Manager.

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(Write name and address in full and very plainly.)

COPY OF GENERAL BLACK'S LETTER.

WASHINGTON, May 13, 1888.—Sir: Your favor of May 11, enclosing copy of artist proof of lithograph portrait, in photographic tints, of myself has just been received. Permit me to thank you for the picture, and to say to you that my friends (with whose judgment I am entirely in accord) are of the opinion that it is a good one—an excellent one—of accurate likeness and artistically produced. I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly, JOHN C. BLACK.

The lithograph advertised in this circular is of the same general design and workmanship that one which has been seen in the windows everywhere, and which cost from three to six cents each. It is believed that the artist who produced the General Black may have been as much as eight or ten cents each, since the order was not very large. It will be seen, therefore, that there is a large profit. I do not charge General Black with any connection with the production and sale of these lithographs. I would not say that he derives any benefit from the sale of these men in the pension office who do not hesitate to say that somebody other than the firm who makes these pictures has been in the office. General Black has conducted a campaign for the vice presidential nomination which must have cost him some money. It will be necessary to have some money also to run a successful democratic party in Illinois, the native state of the commissioner. There are many men inquiring now: "Can it be possible that this 'Widow McGinnis' is a large profit?" It is what the arrangement is bringing in quite a lot of shakels, and clerks in the pension office are not only selling the picture, but they are buying them, but they are going to buy and to take several copies each.

The projectors of the Panama canal enterprise have recently been in the city, showing the progress of the work upon De Lesseps' ditch, and these maps have not served to convince those who have insisted that the project was a failure. The maps were incorrect. The best engineers in Washington insist that the canal can never be completed without a great expenditure of money and the subscription of an enormous amount of fresh capital. Should it ever be completed the toll would have to be so great as to make the Panama route unprofitable.

There has just been received in Washington a plaster model of the proposed route of the Nicaragua canal, and the projectors are endeavoring to give impetus to the proposition to incorporate the Nicaragua Canal company by acts of congress, and to draw the attention of members to the feasibility of the project. Said a member of the house commerce committee in speaking of this subject: "The Nicaragua canal is a derelict system as good an educator for statesmen as for children. This model will do far more good as an object lesson than could be accomplished by printed matter and speeches."

While there is a good deal of opposition to the proposed incorporation of the company, there is at the same time a great deal of energy and vim among the men who have undertaken it, and if the matter is ever reached in the legislature, it is probable that it will go through on a square vote. But, owing to the mass of other matter which crowds the calendar, and to the persistency of the opposition, it is probable that the project will take any action this session, and while the engineers of the Nicaragua company are busy at work running their lines and carrying out the preliminary portion of the enterprise, it is not likely that any of the real work of constructing the canal will be done for another year to come.

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