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THE DEMOCRATS AND PENSIONS.

The efforts of the democrats to refute the charge that the administration and the party as a whole are unfriendly to the pension policy must fail, because the evidence is incontrovertibly against them. Unquestionably there are democrats who believe that the veterans ought to receive some care from the government, but the mass of the party does not so think and the dominant element in the party is undeniably hostile to the pension system.

It appears from a statement made in the house of representatives Monday that the contribution from the south to pensions is comparatively insignificant. According to that statement, presumably authentic, the south contributes less than \$10,000,000 to the revenues of the government, or but little over 4 per cent of the total, and the annual distribution of pension money in that section amounts to \$5,000,000, or one-third of the total revenue derived from it. A republican representative was not far astray in declaring that the south does not contribute a cent to northern pensions.

The country has not forgotten, nor will it soon forget, the record of pension votes cast by its several congresses. It is not surprising, all with the heavy approval of the great majority of its party. What evidence has been given since of a change of feeling toward the pensioners? He placed at the head of the interior department, of which the pension bureau is a part, Mr. Hoke Smith of Georgia, well known to be hostile to the pension system, and for that reason selected as commissioner of pensions, but it would seem from his course that he was appointed with the understanding that he was to be absolutely subservient to the will of his chief.

It has been pertinently suggested that some of the energy directed at the attainment of a greater New York might be profitably expended in moving for a better New York. Now that Spain and Morocco have adjusted their differences by the conclusion of a treaty, the demons of war are once more relegated to South Africa and South America.

The health board keeps on adding inspectors of milk and sanitary inspectors. But the question is what are these inspectors doing except drawing their pay at the end of each month? Her majesty Queen Victoria could not announce that she parted with her faithful minister, Mr. Gladstone, with regret, and dare not say that she parted with him with satisfaction, if not with pleasure.

well justified by his course. The general opinion is that Lord Rosebery was his choice and that he recommended him to the queen as his successor. But it can hardly be important to inquire as to the concealed circumstances, and, doubtless, there were some in connection with this change. It is sufficient to know that it seems likely to involve very important reforms in the British political system. Rosebery has taken the premiership with the distinct understanding that he is to deal with the hereditary legislators on the lines suggested by Mr. Gladstone in his last speech in the House of Commons, and he will not be permitted to evade this obligation. He is no less fully committed to the other internal policies promised by his predecessor, and upon which the liberal party must depend for maintaining its hold upon the confidence of the country. The new premier will have no lack of opportunity to show his ability as a statesman and a leader, of which he has already given evidence, and if he shall succeed in carrying to a successful issue the task devolved upon him he will take high rank among British statesmen.

DEMOCRATIZING THE POLICE. The police commission has cleared Officer Bloom of the charge of writing threatening letters to Mayor Bemis over the signature of Guitau-Predragatz. The board, rather than three of its five members, Mr. Smith and the mayor abstaining from voting, have virtually rendered a Scotch verdict—virtually, but not proven. While it is not known just what transpired in executive session when the decision was reached, it is given out that the board gave Officer Bloom the benefit of the doubt because he denied the charge and one of the experts called to verify the handwriting was not positive as to the identity of the letter received by the mayor and the copy made by Bloom before the board. Another consideration in favor of the accused was the fact that he had been an efficient officer for many years.

What ever may be thought of the righteousness of its decision, all things considered, the board has seriously impaired the discipline of the police. This was a very grave offense if committed by a private citizen, let alone an officer. It is not a question whether Mayor Bemis is in harmony with the other members of the board or its worst enemy. Writing Guitau and Predragatz threats is a cowardly way of intimidation that should be repressed by the police authorities. Men who write such letters are capable of worse things. They incite anarchy, either to avenge a personal grievance or to right an imaginary public wrong.

It is not natural that a few citizens feel called upon to protest against the use of Jefferson square for a market place. All that has been said about the beneficence of a breathing spot in the center of town may be admitted, but it is not a breathing spot. The proposed change can be presented. It is a question of the greatest good to the greatest number. To thousands of people the problem of subsistence outweighs all others. They are engaged in the battle of existence and are not concerned in the location of shaded breathing spots. If, then, the establishment of a public market shall reduce the cost of living to a few thousand people and provide employment for mechanics in the construction of a market house and auditorium the plea for breathing spots loses its force. As a matter of fact the whole city of Omaha is a breathing spot.

THE BRITISH POLITICAL SITUATION. Lord Rosebery is prime minister of England. How long he will continue in that position it would be hazardous at this time to predict. He has entered upon the duties of his great office with apparent promise of an extended tenure. The men who surround him, Mr. Gladstone in the ministry seem willing to continue on with his successor. There is dissatisfaction among the radical element of the liberal party, but this is not believed to be dangerous, for the reason that the numerical strength of this element is relatively insignificant, while it is thought if they should fall out of the liberal ranks their loss would be more than made up by accessions from the liberal unionists. Other disgruntled elements seem to create no apprehension, judging from the utterances of the liberal newspapers. On the surface the situation appears calm and placid, but no change had taken place in the premiership, amounting, as one London correspondent expresses it, to the most remarkable political convulsion this generation has known. What undercurrents may be at work or may develop to change the aspect of the situation it is impossible to say, but it would not be surprising at any time to see a manifestation of disturbance inside the liberal factions which may change the whole face of British politics.

newcomer who likewise appealed to the patronage of their customers. To remunerate is to assert that the men already in business are afraid of competition. Those who are giving inferior service must expect to be rooted out in the race for the survival of the fittest. Competition is the life of trade and the more business houses we can get the more business will there be created for all to share.

There is one noticeable feature about the republican sentiment in Nebraska this year. The republicans of the state are insisting that men shall be placed on the ticket who, if elected, will obey the laws on the statute books. The people of the state have a right to demand that their public servants shall follow the laws laid down on the statute books and not evade them. They have the right to demand that the officials who compose the various state boards shall do their duty as the law directs. For the past ten years or more the state officials have studiously ignored the law or evaded its provisions. The state funds have been carelessly handled. The railroad law has not been enforced. The State Board of Transportation has become a serviceable tool for the railroads. The state treasurer's office has been made the rendezvous for a gang of looters. The state institutions have been conducted with extravagance and without care. The members of the rings which infest the state capital have been given every protection while the people have been denied every right. This is no undrawn arraignment. It is the solemn truth and the people of Nebraska realize it at last. Honest methods must hereafter prevail or the republican party will be swept out of existence as has Nebraska is concerned. The republican party of the state is strong enough to correct the abuses which have grown up under its administration of the affairs of the state for a quarter of a century. But it cannot correct them by permitting the same old crowd of professional politicians to assume control of the party.

Of what use is our milk inspection if it does not serve to secure a higher standard of milk? The successive reports of the inspector show that milk is being delivered to consumers in this city that does not meet the requirements of a test. When people pay for milk they are entitled to receive milk and not colored water. If the samples examined by the milk inspector continue deficient some steps ought to be taken to prevent their doing so to their patrons a little more vividly upon the minds of the delinquent dealers.

Cannot Be Kept Down. Kansas City Star. Nothing will be accomplished, however, until the state is put on a new basis of business if we do nothing but talk and indefinitely postpone action. In order to reach the bottom of the present order and with a strong patriotic hand to dispel uncertainties.

Get Down to Work. Washington Post. It is, of course, very pleasant to have business men from the east comment in glowing terms on the progress of the west, but the west has a good deal to say for itself. The fact is, however, that the west is not doing so well as the east. The west is not doing so well as the east. The fact is, however, that the west is not doing so well as the east.

RAILROADS AND THE COURTS.

Springfield Republican: The next thing to be done is to get the law enforced. The enforcement of Judge Jenkins' Noblety, of course, takes the resolutions of the house labor committee seriously, for the judge, even supposing his decision against the Northern Pacific employees outrageous, has not committed an impeachable offense. What the house aims at is to notify federal judges that they are taking too much on themselves.

New York World: Judge Jenkins at Milwaukee Friday interpreted his Northern Pacific order in such fashion as to take the attorney out of it. On its face the order prescribes the doctrine that when a railroad passes into the hands of a receiver the non-employed upon it lose their essential rights as men; that they are no longer free, as they must be to quit the road's employment because of dissatisfaction with terms or wages, but may be compelled by the court to continue work at any wage or under any conditions that the receiver may prescribe. The doctrine is monstrous, and it will be well to rid of it, whether by interpretation or otherwise.

Chicago Times: The Northern Pacific is on a back track. Its lawyers have conceded that the Jenkins injunction may have been too sweeping. They will not object to some modifications of that extraordinary ruling. Senator Spooner even went the length on Saturday of conceding that railroads have a right to quit the road's employment, either collectively or singly, so long as they abstain from injuring life or property. This is a wide departure from the railway law, earliest reading of Judge Jenkins' law. This is by several thousand leagues nearer to the constitution of the United States. We commend the Northern Pacific law, but so much for their generosity as for their prudence. They have learned the familiar lesson that it is a bad policy to have a president for their government.

Simon Sterne in March Forum: Another evil of railway administration in the United States lies in the courts themselves, in refusing to enforce the law. A railway official, in consequence of his incapacity or misfortune, or as a victim of a vicious system (it does not much matter which), brings a suit into bankruptcy court. The only excuse for such an appointment is that such a receiver has the requisite knowledge of details necessary for the continued administration of the property. This is a monstrous evil.

NEBRASKA AND NEBRASKANS. The editor of the Des Moines Herald threatens to leave town unless he finds a house to live in in the city. The editor of the Des Moines Herald threatens to leave town unless he finds a house to live in in the city. The editor of the Des Moines Herald threatens to leave town unless he finds a house to live in in the city.

IT PAYS TO BE A SENATOR

One of the Advantages of Being on the Inside of Important Legislation. HOW WALL STREET HAS BEEN WORKED. Democratic Members of the Upper House Accused of Trading on Their Knowledge of Future Tariff Provisions—Investigation Probable.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 513 Fourteenth Street, WASHINGTON, March 6. There was considerable talk around the senate today about an investigation into the operations of democratic senators upon the stock market of New York, by means of inside information respecting the tariff bill. Certain republican senators are trying to collect information to convict a number of the democratic senators of manipulating the revision of the tariff so as to favor their operations on the New York Stock exchange.

Senator David Bennett Hill of New York, by his resolution in the senate today, proposing that the tariff bill be referred to a committee, and that the rates fixed in the original Wilson bill be so fixed in the revised bill, and by his leadership of those democrats who are demanding higher duties to protect home industries, has put himself in the attitude of being "a protectionist" as well as "a democrat." When charged with the bill by a protectionist in the senate today and with not being "a good democrat," he smiled broadly and said: "The Randall of this congress."

CONCERNING THE INDIANS. Senator Pettigrew has proposed an amendment to the bill providing an appropriation to pay the damages to the persons who went upon the Crow Creek and Winito Indian reservation in South Dakota in 1885, when they were ousted by presidential proclamation the following year, as follows: "And the secretary of the interior shall, in paying said claims, include the expenses of the claimants in removing to and from the reservation and the loss of time to claimants at reasonable wages per day, and shall not make any deduction from the amount of damages sustained by the claimant and allowed to him by reason of re-entering the same land under the provisions of the twenty-third section of the Sioux bill subsequently passed."

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