

CONSCIENCE IN PENSIONS

A Rare Example of It Furnished by an Indian Veteran.

DEFECTS IN THE PENSION SYSTEM

A Multitude of Inequalities—Some Recent Peculiarities—Manufactured War Widows—The Rogues' Gallery.

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LOOPOLES OF THE SYSTEM

Use of the mails is surrounded with safeguards. To prevent even the appearance of counterfeit checks, the law is made so strict that the checks and counter-checks exist in the exercise of other government functions, but in the pension system numerous loopholes are provided for the benefit of the nation to go to the full limit of liberality in dealings with the defuncts.

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BOGUS EVIDENCE

The manufacture of evidence in pension cases reaches proportions of which the officials scarcely dare to think. Such of this evidence as is referred to here is not the belief that there must be some one who still passes for genuine and forms the foundation for pensions which are being paid. One of the brothers died and the others were sent to the penitentiary. They began doing in their cases are offered to them at so much for copies.

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MURROE MAY GO HOME HIGHER

Another Step Up Before the Freight Traffic Manager.

CHANGE IN UNION PACIFIC CIRCLES

Probability that the Traffic of the Road Will Be Placed in the Hands of One Man Hereafter.

The attaches of the Union Pacific have scarcely caught their breath since the announcement that Foster B.urt will be the incoming president of the reorganized company. Gossip concerning changes, promotions and dismissals at local headquarters is rife among the representatives of the Union Pacific, as well as among their fellow railroaders in other companies.

STRENGTH OF THE DIRECTORY

There was considerable comment this morning over the fact that a railroad attorney, instead of a man more closely identified with railroad business, had been elected chairman of the new directory of the Union Pacific. It is regarded that the election of Winslow S. Pierce to that high position, which is conceded to be an influential one, even the presidency itself, is a fitting compliment to the brilliant young man, some times called a wizard, who evolved the scheme of reorganizing the Union Pacific upon a firm financial basis.

REMOVAL OF PLANS IN IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 28.—Colonel Dewey made an important announcement today respecting the Idaho Northern railroad, from Boise to Butte, with a side line to Spokane. He stated that the preliminary work on the connecting line between the two roads is very short time. He said he had been requested by eastern men who are interested in the enterprise to be in readiness to go to New York City, where the plans for the proposed road would be made looking toward the construction of the road.

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BOSTON, Dec. 28.—As a result of the Union Pacific reorganization the offices of the company will be removed from Boston to New York. The change will probably take place within a few months hence, but no details can be announced at present.

RAILWAY NOTES AND PERSONALS

H. M. Clay, general agent of the Union Pacific's passenger department, is in the city from Salt Lake City. Fred A. Nash, general western agent of the same road, is here on a trip through the western territory. T. M. Schumacher, general agent of the freight department of the Union Pacific at San Francisco, has returned from a short trip to Kansas city.

JOBBERS LOOK UP THE NEW RATES

Agent Entekin of the Port Arthur route kept quiet busily. Entekin of the Omaha & St. Louis and the Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern railroads has been doing a land office business for the last two days in replying to the requests of jobbers and other local business houses for copies of the new tariff, effective December 1st, abolishing the bridge tolls across the Missouri river.

AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE LOCAL TRAFFIC

An agreement relative to the local traffic, but says that no different arrangement has been made than has existed for the last year and a half. The recent meeting, he says, were for the purpose of arriving at an understanding regarding a division of business.

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT OF HIS ACCOUNTS WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY

Commissioner Kierstead Discusses the Board's Recent Action and the History of the Clerk of Courts' Office.

When asked by a Bee reporter concerning the settlement of the county with Frank E. Moore, Commissioner Kierstead said: "The official records of the proceedings of the county commissioners are sufficient evidence that through its auditing department it had withheld from Mr. Moore every dollar it could in any manner be justified in so doing."

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