

WASHINGTON CULLINGS.

Secretary Noble's Correspondence Given to the Public.

HE MAKES SOME STRONG POINTS.

The Quartermaster's Department--Enlistments in the Army--Smokeless Powder.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

TANNER AND NOBLE.

The Secretary of the Interior Lays Down the Law to the Corporal.

WASHINGTON, October 18th.—Secretary Noble's first letter to Commissioner Tanner on the subject of the rating of pensions is made public to-night. It is dated July 24th. The Secretary acknowledges the receipt of Tanner's letter of July 11th, marked "unofficial," but which he does not receive as anything but an official paper, raising as it did the question of authority between the Commissioner and the Secretary, and asserting that of the Commissioner to be superior as to the matter discussed.

"Your position, in your own language," says the Secretary, "is that while the Secretary of the Interior has power to reverse the decision of the Commissioner of Pensions, on appeal by the claimant against whom the Commissioner has decided, on the other hand, if for any reason it be decided that the claimant has been granted too much pension the Commissioner himself is the only person who has power to call a halt and reduce the pension."

"The Commissioner is laboring under a great misapprehension. The Secretary has power to correct any abuse in the bureau of the Treasury, or any other bureau in the Department."

The Secretary, in support of his position, quotes copiously from the Revised Statutes, and adds: "It would not do to say that the Secretary may not interfere and stop by his own power the execution of any order obviously illegal and arbitrary. The Secretary is responsible for the conduct of the Commissioner, and he is bound to see that the law is enforced, that the public treasury is not unlawfully invaded, and that one citizen entitled to a right, whether of pension or land or anything else, is not unduly preferred, either in time of hearing or in allowance, to the many."

The Secretary takes up the cases which, he says, seem to be largely mere increases of pension allowed for long periods prior to the date of the examining surgeon's certificate, establishing him the same under the pending claim for increase.

In fact, he says, the Commissioner himself acknowledged them to be cases of increase of pensions. The Secretary continues: "The cases referred to were ten in number. In each the claimant was an employe in the Pension Bureau, receiving a salary sufficient for his comfortable subsistence, and at his work daily. They were associated together and most of them had been in their places under a former Administration, but they did not then prefer their claims, so they made them soon after the advent of the present Administration."

"There was no reason under the existing rules that their cases should be made special or rushed through in advance of all others."

"On the contrary, there was then and had been for some years, printed rules in full force that no cases should be made special except in case of destitution, or when the applicant was on the point of death."

"Yet these cases were all hurried through by your order, while hundreds of thousands of other pensions waiting throughout the land and allowance for a just time of the bounty the Government promised them. These other pension claimants were, many of them, supported by no such salaries as these particular men were receiving. And the association together of these men, whereby this preference seemed to have been secured, and subsequent allowances obtained in their favor, for the purpose was to impose upon the Commissioner."

"A further fact in each case is that an increase was allowed prior to the return of a certificate in a pending claim, and that the sums allowed aggregate over \$16,000."

"Neither you nor I can afford to act upon pension claims in a matter of this magnitude. We are each bound by law in all things, and it is our duty to take the law as we find it, to fully exercise that power given to either of us and to abstain from the abuse of it to any degree whatsoever."

The Secretary refers to the duties of the Board of Review and says it is established and well-known rule that the Department will uniformly refuse to disturb an adjudication of claims by a former Administration except in the most conclusive evidence that an error has been committed. When the question as to propriety of given rating is one of judgment merely depending upon the merits of the evidence, the Department will not allow the opinion of to-day to overturn the opinion of yesterday. Furthermore, old cases will not be reopened to reconsider or to readjust except upon the presentation of new and convincing evidence tending to show the existence of palpable error or a mistake.

The department does not entertain the least objection to an increase of a pension or an increase to commence under the pending claim, as the law directs, and upon the evidence to support it.

The Secretary reviews at considerable length the cases of three of the Pension Office employes, whose pensions were related, and concludes that the relating was illegal and that the cases should be more carefully examined. I notice you say in your letter that you have such regard for your official and personal reputation that you will not permit these cases to remain as they are, but will order a re-examination for medical examination before men whose word upon medical points will be unchallenged and stated.

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Some months since Los Angeles county effected the sale to the State Board of Examiners of some \$90,000 of its bonds, to be applied to the benefit of the State school fund. On an examination of the bonds the discovery was made that they were authorized to be issued under the Act of the Legislature approved March 4, 1883, when, as a matter of fact, no such Act was approved on that date, the date being March 14, 1883, the figure "1" having been inadvertently omitted.

The Attorney General subsequently rendered an opinion that the wrong date did not affect the validity of the bonds, but State Controller Dunn deemed it best not to draw his warrant in favor of Los Angeles county for the purchase of the bonds and the sale fell through.

The \$155,000 in bonds above referred to contain the same defect as those rejected by the Controller, as the following reproduction of one of them will show:

For value received, I promise to pay to Thomas Dunn, or to his order, the sum of \$100,000, in the city of Los Angeles, on the 1st day of July, 1883, or at any time before that date, at the option of the payee, in gold coin of the United States, with interest at the rate of 4% per cent, payable annually on the 1st day of January and July in each year, on presentation and surrender of the interest coupon here attached.

This bond is issued by the Board of Supervisors, has been ordered by the Board, dated the 20th day of June, 1883, and under authority conferred upon said Board by an Act of the Legislature of California entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of county governments, approved March 4, 1883."

In testimony whereof the said county, by its Board of Supervisors, has caused this bond to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and attested by the Auditor, with the county seal attached, this 1st day of July, 1883.

Oscar Macy, Chairman of Board of Supervisors. Following are copies of the certificates showing the purchase of the bonds:

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Deeds to Real Estate Filed With the County Recorder.

[From law and abstract office of Bruce & Taylor, southeast corner of Seventh and J.] The following transfers of real estate have been made since the last published report: John E. Birch to Mrs. Emma Young—South-east quarter of section 36, township 8 north, range 12 east, also the half of northwest quarter of section 6, township 8 north, range 7 east, containing in all 210 acres, 44.50. Bernardus Sumner to Frank Koenig—Lot 50 by 100 feet in section 7, township 6 north, range 5 east. William J. Smith to Mary B. Worthington—West half acre of the north half of lot 1, in the town of Florin, 75.

SUNDAY RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, corner of Sixth and J. Preaching at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, at 12:30 P. M. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. Every other week. United Brethren, corner Fourth and K streets—Preaching by Rev. J. W. Baumgardner at 10:45 A. M. Subject—The Philosophy of Religion. Evening: Praise service at 7 P. M.; preaching at 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school 9:45 A. M. Come one and all. You are welcome.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Eighth street, between I and J. Rev. John F. von Herrich, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school at 9:30 A. M. Mission school at 3 P. M. First Baptist Church—Ninth street, between L and M—Rev. J. C. H. Read, D. D., pastor, will preach at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject—"The World's Greatest Orator." Evening: "Little Things" Sunday-school at 12:15. A special invitation to strangers is extended. Seats free.

Calvary Baptist Church, I street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth—Rev. A. C. Herbeck, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. Theme—"The First Victory." Evening, at 7:30. Subject—"The Leper and the Helper." Memorial services of the twentieth anniversary of the Mission, October 24th, at 7:30. Cordial welcome to all.

M. E. Church South, Seventh street, between J and K—Preaching by Rev. A. C. Banc, pastor, at 10:45 A. M. Subject—"Two Harpings." Sunday-school, 12:15. Young People's meeting, Christian Church, 12:15. Preaching, between N and O—A. M. G. W. Brown, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject—"The Power of a Warm Church." At 7:30 P. M. "The Cross and the Pulpit."

Sixth-street M. E. Church, between K and L—Rev. Arnold T. Neenan, pastor. Preaching at 10:45 A. M. Subject—"Dead and Alive." At 7:30 P. M. "Marriage a Farce?" Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. Union Hall, corner Twentieth and O streets—Sunday-school at 3 P. M. Praise service at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. John T. Gromer. Subject—"Working With God." Meeting for Men Only in Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Sixth street, between K and L, at 8:30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Summers addresses the members of the Y. M. C. A. in the morning. "Friendship." In the morning: "Religious Friends." At 7:30 P. M. are cordially invited.

Central M. E. Church, Eleventh street, between H and I—Rev. C. H. Beechwood, pastor. Services at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Young People's meeting at 6:30 P. M. are cordially invited. Congregational Church, Sixth street, between I and J—Rev. W. C. Merrill, pastor, will preach at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday-school, 12:15. In the morning: "The Christian Endeavor in the Church." The public cordially invited. No evening service.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Department One—Armstrong, Judge. P. H. Jordan et al. vs. W. C. Merrill et al.—Demurrer overruled by consent; twenty days to answer; notice waived. Estate of J. H. Hanche, deceased—Order made for distribution. Estate of George Smith, deceased—Continued one week. Estate of M. E. Acock, deceased—Continued one week.

Department Two—Van Fleet, Judge. Estate of John Sverkrup, deceased—Order made for distribution. Estate of Ann Kay, deceased—Decree of due notice to creditors; order to correct monument. Estate of H. Hanche, deceased—Continued one week. Estate of George Smith, deceased—Continued one week. Estate of M. E. Acock, deceased—Continued one week.

Department Three—San Francisco, Judge. Estate of J. H. Hanche, deceased—Final account heard and order to correct monument. Estate of H. Hanche, deceased—Order discharging administrator. Estate of George Smith, deceased—Continued one week. Estate of M. E. Acock, deceased—Continued one week.

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TESTIMONIAL.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LETTER FROM Mrs. George Stoneman, wife of Hon. George Stoneman, ex-Governor of the State of California: "I received this morning, and I am happy to oblige you by testifying to the excellence of the METROPOLITAN THEATER, SATURDAY, October 19th, 1889. Last Performance of the Eminent Representative Actor, MOORE HANKIN, ASSISTED BY Miss Mabel Bert And a competent company of players, By Special Request, a Repetition of THE RUNAWAY WIFE! PRICES--50 and 75 cents; no higher. Seats now on sale. CLONIE OPERA HOUSE. CHAS. F. HALL, Proprietor and Manager. L. HENRY, Business Manager. TWO-NIGHTS--TWO! Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21st and 22nd, ENGAGEMENT OF HENRY CHANFRAU, In the Sterling American Drama, 'KIT!' The Arkansas Traveler! supported by MISS ETHEL BRANDON and the Actors. THE COMPANY Special Scenery! Elaborate Production! POPULAR PRICES--50 and 75 cents. No higher. Seats on sale Saturday, 10:15. BASEBALL! SNOWFLAKE PARK, Sunday, Oct. 20th. Sacramento vs. San Francisco. Game called at 2 o'clock P. M. TRAIN LEAVES DEPOT AT 12:45, 1:05, 1:25, 1:45. Stops at Third, Fifth and Eighth streets. Fare, round trip, 15c. Admission to Park, including fare both ways, 50 cents. The Colored Jubilee Singers WILL GIVE TWO CONCERTS at the First-street M. E. Church, OCTOBER 21st and 22nd. W. S. Bell, O'NEER HALL, on Seventh street, between J and K, SUNDAY EVENING, October 21st, at 8 o'clock. Subject--"Reason and Satisfaction."

Auction Sale

REAL ESTATE.

TUESDAY.....October 22, 1889, at 10 A. M. sharp, on the premises, BELL & CO., AUCTIONEERS, WILL SELL to the highest and best bidder two high lots, known as Lots 7 and 8, 8x160 feet each, in the block bounded by Twelfth and Twenty-sixth S and T streets. Good house of four rooms and basement; good, pure and windmill, in line order; good fence; house roofed for \$12 per month; choice trees and shrubbery. Plans examine the property, as it will be sold Ten per cent. of purchase money on day of sale. TITLE PERFECT. BELL & CO., Auctioneers. McKUNE & GEORGE, Attorneys for Property. 612-1/2

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A. L. Hart is at the Bay. Joseph G. Walter, of San Francisco, is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Whitney, of Truckee, are visiting here. Mrs. W. W. Gray, of Placerville, is visiting Sacramento friends. Frank Nichols, Deputy Assessor of El Dorado county, is in the city. J. J. O'Connor, of the Controller's office, has returned home on visit to relatives in Gridley, Butte county. Mr. and Mrs. C. Rood have returned from a few weeks' sojourn at San Francisco. Mrs. Anna Markham, of Coloma, is visiting Sacramento. Her mother, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, of Coloma, is also here. The mother of Ben Johnson arrived yesterday from Missouri. He had not seen her for twenty-five years. He is a well-to-do man and is now at the Johnson mansion last evening. Clement J. Shuster, San Francisco's champion exponent of the German school of turning, has been spending a few days in Sacramento. He has just returned from Germany, whither he went by the San Francisco Turn Verein to compete in the World's Turner Fest. He brought back many prizes and diplomas. Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: George Orr and wife, Master Orr, Galt: E. A. Worn and wife, Chico; Al Brown, Truckee; W. Engwer, San Francisco; N. B. Harros, Atlanta, Ga.; L. Matvia, Rocklin; F. Myers, Polson; A. Beckford and wife, Marysville; B. W. Lewis, W. Taylor, Truckee; C. White, St. Louis; W. Erroy, New York; W. M. Crutcher, Auburn; Est. at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: K. F. Crocker, Syracuse; Thomas Peay, Toledo; J. Jordan, Syracuse; A. S. Canney, New York; W. J. Jordan, Boston; J. Johnson, Chicago; W. M. Kendrick, A. Peabody, New York; F. W. Thompson, W. H. Sully, B. F. Hake and wife, Grand Rapids; G. W. Taylor, New York; E. E. Cusack; Mrs. Wilson and two daughters, Sutter; Mrs. J. H. Brown, San Francisco; Mrs. Brown, H. K. Bidwell, J. J. Kelley, San Francisco.

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INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION.

A. E. Redstone's Party Reorganized Under a New Title. WASHINGTON, October 18th.—The Industrial Party, that nominated A. E. Redstone for President last year, has reorganized under the title of the Industrial Party, with Redstone as President for one year. The party