

RAPID GROW THORPENSIONS

Millions Paid out by the Agency Here, and the Amount Increasing.

A Talk with Captain Ensey, whose Agency is the Second Largest in the Country—No Delay and Few Mistakes.

Pension Agent Ensey was busy at his office, yesterday, getting work out of the way for a few days' absence. A Journal reporter found him confident as to the outcome of the election next Tuesday, and his proposed departure suggested the inquiry if it had anything to do with his voting. "Yes," he replied. "I am going home to vote and have a few days' rest. It has been a little over nine months since I took charge of this agency, and my duties have not only been hard, but almost without limit. I have been compelled to give the work all my time and attention."

"Within these nine months the duties of the office have no doubt increased largely," said the reporter. "Up to this hour," said the agent, "I have signed my name to 350,000 pension checks, which is only a part of my duties. It is more than one man ought to perform, to say nothing about the great responsibilities. Congress granted all the agents temporary authority to act in the absence of the Secretary of the Interior we are allowed to appoint a clerk to sign official papers and checks, but this is not the case here, and unavoidable absence of the agent, and does not seem to be much relief after all. If this agency increases in work as it has done since I have taken charge of it, and it certainly will even more rapidly in the course of the next eight months, it looks to me as though one man could not possibly do the work to the satisfaction of either himself or the service."

"In what shape did you find the office when you took charge of it?" "In taking possession, Jan. 21, 1890, I found a clerical force numbering sixteen, and greatly overworked, which could not be increased for the reason that there was not a sufficient appropriation to employ more clerks, and there was no remedy. The work simply had to be done in that condition. The first day I entered my office, I was met by a first calculating clerk in the certificate division resigned, as did the chief clerk, and the various divisions were left in a state of confusion. I had asked these gentlemen to remain until I could arrange to fill their places satisfactorily, but I accepted the resignation of the chief clerk, and the office also resigned. I had asked these gentlemen to remain until I could arrange to fill their places satisfactorily, but I accepted the resignation of the chief clerk, and the office also resigned. I had asked these gentlemen to remain until I could arrange to fill their places satisfactorily, but I accepted the resignation of the chief clerk, and the office also resigned."

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pupil of Dr. Wesley, now the organist of Christ's Church, London. The concert and lecture will be given at 8 o'clock, and the programme selected embraces the following numbers: "Festal March," "Baptiste Calling," "The Cross," "The Crucifixion," "The Coronation Anthem," "Hallelujah." The concert will begin at 7:30, and the lecture by Richard Malcolm Johnston at 8:10 sharp. Mr. Johnston is a native of Sullivan county, "Sketches of Rural Life in Georgia Before the War." Those who have read his stories in the Century and Harper's will know how entertainingly and interestingly he has written. Mr. Riley, who is to introduce him here, speaks of him in the highest terms. The concert is to be given at the Lyceum, and by the Gentlemen's Literary Club next Monday evening.

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-day's Doings. REPUBLICAN DEMONSTRATION—C. W. Fairbanks and D. F. Kennedy; Grand Opera-house; 2:30 p. m. Y. M. C. A. ATHLETIC PARK—Butler and De Pauw; 2:30 p. m. ENGLISH OPERA-HOUSE—"Pearl of Pekin"; 7:30 p. m. PAIK THEATRE—Barlow's Minstrels; afternoon and evening. EDEN MUSEE—Curiosities; afternoon and evening.

Local News Notes. Warren Brown, twenty and Lee Hammon, seventeen years of age, were arrested by special officer Carroll yesterday, as fugitives from the reform farm. They will be returned to the State penitentiary. Building permits were issued yesterday to C. F. Fletcher to build two frame cottages on Fifth street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, cost \$1,000. Also to John M. Gaston to erect a brick business block on Delaware and Ohio streets to cost \$9,000.

Personal and Society. The Lancers Club danced last night at Breunke's Academy. Mrs. B. H. of Albany, is the guest of Mrs. Belle Adams, on North Delaware street. Mr. A. J. Halford, recently of Washington, but who, after the election, will take office on Monday at that place, is in the city.

Mrs. O. H. Root will give a card party next Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. T. H. Noonan, of the city. Mrs. W. R. Brown has issued invitations for a reception Wednesday afternoon, from 2 till 6 o'clock, at her home on North Pennsylvania street. Mr. James H. Keenan, with his bride, formerly Miss Bridget A. Mungovan, of Louisville, has returned to this city. They are at home at No. 259 North California street.

Mrs. Theodore Stein entertained a large party of ladies very handsomely yesterday afternoon at progressive euchre, at her home on Lockport street. Both the rooms and the pleasant surroundings. The favors presented to the successful contestants were quite as well as elegant. Announcements have been sent to friends here of the professional debut of Miss Theodora Pfallin, of Chicago, as a lyric dramatic soprano, taking place at the Music Hall, on Friday evening, Nov. 28. She will be assisted by Mr. Charles H. Knorr, Mr. L. G. Gottschalk, Mr. William L. Sherwood, Mr. C. B. Ross, Mr. S. E. Jacobson, with a chorus of one hundred voices, and an orchestra of forty pieces.

Mrs. Hervey Bates, jr., gave a reception yesterday afternoon, from 2 till 6 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Robert Martindale, and extended about two hundred and fifty invitations to friends to meet her. Mrs. Bates's home, on North Illinois street, is artistically arranged and furnished, and with the added beauty of flowers was an attractive place as one can well find. Exquisite vases of rare china and glass, filled with the most beautiful flowers, and embellished tables and mantles and were placed in the shelled fretwork above the doors. The dining room was framed in palms and ferns. Mrs. Martindale wore a pretty toilet of black lace, trimmed with leaves of filagree gold. The music was furnished by Mrs. E. McKee, Mrs. John O. Ferrin, Mrs. E. B. Martindale, Mrs. Hervey Bates, jr., Mrs. C. C. Foster, Mrs. Charles Martindale, and Mrs. John O. Ferrin. All the ladies were handsomely costumed. The refreshments were artistically served in dainty boxes and through the house to the guests. There were large bunches of sweet English violets, daisies or pansies, the favors for the guests. From 11 till 12 o'clock, Mrs. Bates and her friends were further assisted by Miss Ayres and Miss Maxwell. An orchestra furnished the music, and the party continued throughout the afternoon and evening. The entertainment was one of the most delightful of the many similar ones which have been given.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES. Halloween was quite properly celebrated, last night, with a large number of parties. Miss Elizabeth Dye entertained what is known as the camping party, with a few other friends. The guests assembled at 4 o'clock and drove out to the farm where the camp was held, and upon their arrival they were served with a most palatable supper. All the articles necessary to strengthen the ward superstitions, which are as old as the hills, were provided. The wide old fireplaces were the very places for roasting chestnuts and apples, and the numbers of bonfires were lighted. The most interesting stories kept up the interest till a late hour, when the party returned home. Miss Lucy Holliday gave a party to a number of friends at her home. The party returned to Miss Winter's home, on North Meridian street, where supper was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Miss Ora Wilkins had quite a party of young people at her home to enjoy the pleasures of an old-fashioned celebration. Then some of the friends of the festival arranged to have a party at the residence of Mrs. C. to enjoy the pleasures of an old-fashioned celebration. Then some of the friends of the festival arranged to have a party at the residence of Mrs. C. to enjoy the pleasures of an old-fashioned celebration.

MISS VOSS'S MUSICAL. Miss Voss entertained about one hundred friends last night at the Bates house, and gave a reception to Mons. and Madame Planel, of Paris, which was followed by a musical. The assembly-room was prepared, and after the guests were seated they were treated to an unusual feast of music. Mons. Planel is one of the leading musicians of France, and his performance last evening enhanced his claims as an artist. The instrument, a fine one, became, under his skilled fingers, a voice, and spoke in a language that was understood by all. The numbers so rarely given were the "Grand Fantasia from Traviata" by Alard, "Clair de Lune" by Debussy, "The Song of the Czar," "Czardas" Hungarian air, by Chapuis. In addition to Mons. Planel's playing he is a very successful conductor. He has been throughout the State, and it is now conceded that the present administration is carrying out its promises to the soldiers in compliance with the law, and the most satisfactory results. There is a prevailing sentiment, however, that a service law should be enacted, and that it is believed that will be the next step to be taken in favor of the old soldier, and it will be but a short time until a service-pension bill will be introduced into Congress, when that is done the soldiers of this country will not be hearing such the government for any more reward for their services, as they only want to be put on equality with the Mexican soldiers who served in the Confederate army, and who are now drawing a service pension of \$12 a month.

"How many pensioners have you now on the rolls?" "At the close of business to-day the number upon our rolls was 51,547, and the amount paid out by this agency from July 1 to the present time amounts to \$3,280,000. The amount paid out in the fiscal year increases and reissue certificates from July 1 to Oct. 31, is \$1,422,428.57. I have crowded the work along all summer in order to meet the wants of the pensioners, and it is as rapidly as their executed vouchers are received at this office. They check us out in the evening of the same day of their arrival of their executed vouchers. During our quarterly payments we have to have an additional force of some twenty men, so that during the six days of our quarterly payment our force numbers about fifty, and our office is so small and inconvenient that it is impossible to work a force of this size to any advantage. We are badly in need of larger quarters and of more and better facilities. In fact, the business of the office has grown so large that we ought to have an office that would not only be a credit and honor to this city and State, but a credit to the government and its service."

Indianapolis Lecture Course. Sale of seats for the first entertainment of the Indianapolis lecture course will be given at D. H. Baldwin & Co.'s music store this morning. Proceeding the lecture will be given an organ concert by Prof. Augustus A. Agnew, lately from England, and a

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Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MITCHELL, Ind., Oct. 31.—To-night, while Halloween was being celebrated in various ways in this place, the Baptist parsonage was the scene of a quiet yet entertaining

contracting parties were some of the leading society young people. Mr. Edward Kelley, the son of Mr. Kelley, and Miss Nora Moore, the only daughter of J. D. Moore, of the Big Four Stone-quarry Company, The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist Church. This notice will be the first intimation of this wedding to a multitude of friends.

UNRIVALED VALUES—OUR SATURDAY NIGHT BARGAINS—UNPARALLELED PRICES.

There was a crowd about our Bargain Counters last Saturday evening which for size was only equalled on the night we opened the new store. These people came in response to an advertisement which said that after 6 o'clock p. m. we should sell goods at 50 per cent. below their actual cost. It was the truth, and the surprised faces of many customers showed that the values exceeded even their imagination of the possibilities. To-night, at 6 p. m., we open another sale at the same MARVELOUS LOW PRICES.

THE GOODS OFFERED.

The Place: THE NEW YORK STORE, The Time: SATURDAY, 6 O'CLOCK P. M.

FOR MEN. SHOES. Ladies Shoes, 97c, Former price \$1.75 to \$3. Misses' Heel Shoes, small sizes, 97c, Formerly \$1.75 to \$4. Children's Heel Shoes, good sizes, 43c, Formerly \$1 and \$1.50. Children's Spring Heel Shoes, 80c, Worth \$1.25. Youth's Grain Shoes, good sizes, \$1.10, Formerly \$1.50. Boys' Lace Shoes, \$1.49, Formerly \$2. Ladies' Slippers, large sizes, 49c, Formerly \$1.25. Youths' Pumps, good sizes, 49c, Formerly \$1 to \$1.40. Infants' Shoes, 19c, Formerly 75c and \$1. These lots are broken and we want the room. Those coming early can buy Shoes at less than cost in many cases. First floor, extreme rear.

FOR MEN. SHOES. Ladies' Oxidized Bangles, variety of styles, 7c Each. Formerly 20c. Ladies' Cut Silver Bangles, 13c. Sold everywhere else for 25c. Center aisle, to left as you enter.

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LADIES' UNDERWEAR. Ladies' Jersey Vests, 19c, Formerly 25c. Ladies' Jersey Vests and Drawers, 40c, Sold elsewhere for 50c. Ladies' Union Suits, 75c, Always sold before for \$1. Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, 15c, Regularly 20c. Ladies' all-Wool Black Hosiery, 19c, Regular price 25c. Ladies' Ribbed all-Wool Hose, 25c, Sold elsewhere at 35c. Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Wool Hose, 40c, Always sold for 50c. Children's Plain and Ribbed Cashmere Wool Hose, 25c, Good value at 35c. Children's Underwear, 10c a Garment. Left aisle, second counter. And upward.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR. Ladies' Jersey Vests, 19c, Formerly 25c. Ladies' Jersey Vests and Drawers, 40c, Sold elsewhere for 50c. Ladies' Union Suits, 75c, Always sold before for \$1. Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, 15c, Regularly 20c. Ladies' all-Wool Black Hosiery, 19c, Regular price 25c. Ladies' Ribbed all-Wool Hose, 25c, Sold elsewhere at 35c. Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Wool Hose, 40c, Always sold for 50c. Children's Plain and Ribbed Cashmere Wool Hose, 25c, Good value at 35c. Children's Underwear, 10c a Garment. Left aisle, second counter. And upward.

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