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STATE SOLDIERS' HOMES.

We believe that nearly every State in the East, North and West has now a Home for its disabled veterans. All these are spacious, comfortable, well-provided buildings, and frequently they are very costly and of great architectural merit.

The expense of building and maintaining these institutions has, naturally, been very great, but we do not know of any burden that is more cheerfully borne by the taxpayers. There is not another class of expenditures by the respective States that is so entirely unquestioned as this.

It must be kept in mind, too, that the money to maintain these institutions comes directly from the pockets of the taxpayers. It is not, like the revenue of the Government, a contribution so light and imperceptible that no man is conscious of being taxed.

It is equally insolent now to term the attitude of the G.A.R. on the pension question "dictation." Of all the people in the country the G.A.R. has the pre-eminent right to speak on the matter of pensions, and to expect that its voice will be listened to with attention.

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PROTECTION TO THE SOUTH.

When Gen. Johnson claims that taxes are laid on the South for paying pensions he lies in the face of facts which are known to every school boy.

The money which is used to pay pensions is derived from taxes imposed for totally different reasons. The protection and development of our industries and manufactures are the main reason for imposing the taxation, and the South shares as much in the benefits resulting from this policy as other sections.

As the receipts of the custom-houses are about \$200,000,000 a year, this would make one-third of the duties levied in the direct interest of that relatively small section of the country.

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WRETCHED POLITICAL ECONOMY.

In his letter to the Baltimore Sun Gen. Bradley T. Johnson reiterates the old nonsense that the South was impoverished "by the destruction of three thousand millions of private property invested in slaves."

We are usually very tolerant of the absurdities of quacks in the economic science, but it always passes our comprehension how any man of fair intelligence can talk this way. The South was not impoverished by the freeing of the slaves, but the reverse.

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PERSONAL.

Last week the body of Achilles Burean, the noted boxer founder, was laid to rest in Philadelphia by the comrades of Post No. 114.

The friends of Gen. Nelson A. Miles indignantly deny that there is being a petition circulated for his appointment as Major-General in case of Gen. Terry being put on the retired list.

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ARTICLES FORTHCOMING.

- MATAGORDA BAY.—The Thirteenth Corps in Texas in 1863. By E. B. Lykin, Co. F, 13th Me., Wild Me.
IN THE VALLEY.—The Shenandoah Campaign of 1862. By Gen. Henry Copehart, Fargo, Dak.
ON TO RICHMOND.—A Graphic Narrative of Capture and Captivity. By George B. Crawford, Co. G, 1st W. Va., Wellsburg, W. Va.
HAWKINS'S ZOUAVES.—The First Bayonet Charge. By J. H. E. Whitney, Sergeant, Co. B, 36th N. Y., New York City.
PORT HUDSON.—A Spirited Account of this Important Siege and Battle. By Wilber H. Weber, Lemons, Tex.
PICK AND SHOVEL.—Campaigning with the Engineers. By Walter H. Parcells, Co. D, 50th N. Y. Eng., Lewiston, Pa.
CAHARA PEISON.—Life and Death in this Place of Confinement. By G. J. Treasman.
LEWISBURG.—Campaigning and Fighting in West Virginia. By John T. Booth, Sergeant, Co. G, 36th Ohio, Hartsville, O.
DURANT'S MILL.—A part of the Peach Tree Creek series of battles in the Atlanta campaign. By John Algeo, Adjutant, 10th Mich.
"OUR FLAG ITS HISTORY." A BEAUTIFUL HISTORICAL CHART.

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This is an elegant as well as valuable historical production. It is a large-sized sheet of heavy paper, embellished with brilliantly-colored representations of all the flags used by the Colonies in the Revolutionary and prior wars.

Dickens's Works.

We have come in possession of a number of complete sets of the works of Charles Dickens—the greatest of modern novelists—which we offer to subscribers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE very cheap.

THE WORLD'S CYCLOPEDIA.

This is a perfect little library in itself. It is invaluable for school-children, for it answers all their innumerable questions at once and accurately, giving them information that they might have to hunt through volumes before finding.

TABLE OF PENSION RATES.

We have a carefully-prepared table of pension rates compiled from official sources, which shows the exact ratings for every grade of disability. It is printed on heavy paper, and will be sent to any address on receipt of 15 cents.

MUSTERED OUT.

HERMAN.—Jacob Herrmann died Dec. 18, 1887, of rheumatism contracted while in the army. Comrade Herrmann served three years in Co. B, 25th Me., and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 80, Havana, Mo.

WILLIAM.—William E. Williams, 4th Iowa Infantry, died at West Chester, Iowa, Dec. 8, 1887, of consumption. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 10, West Chester, Iowa.

ALDRIDGE.—Mahlon Aldridge, Sergeant, Co. B, 7th Ill., died at Fort Leavenworth, Mo., Dec. 18, 1887, of pneumonia contracted while in the service, aged 45 years. He belonged to a fighting family. His father served in the Revolutionary war, and his grandfather in the Revolutionary war, and his great-grandfather in the Revolutionary war.

GRANT.—John J. Grant, 1st Iowa Infantry, died at West Chester, Iowa, Dec. 8, 1887, of consumption. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 10, West Chester, Iowa.

PHILLIPS.—C. C. Phillips, Assistant Surgeon, 27th Mo., died at Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 18, 1887, aged 26 years. At the time of his death he was Surgeon of Gratiot County, Mo., and was buried under the auspices of the G.A.R.

ROWE.—Charles W. Rowe, Co. B, 11th Pa. Cav., died Jan. 25 at his home near Indian Creek, Pa., of lung trouble. He was a member of Samuel Hill Post, No. 538, and was buried by that organization. Comrade Rowe was a member of the G.A.R. for 15 years, and served until the close of the war.

REXNER.—Charles Rexner died at Byethel, Me., aged 43 years. Comrade Rexner was born in Germany, but he came to America and entered the Union service May 18, 1861, when he was 20 years of age. He died at Byethel, Me., on Feb. 3, 1887.

ON THE STREETS OF WASHINGTON.

Blind Beggar: "Where in thunder is that messy dog gone? I can't see him nowhere."

CAPTURING A LOCOMOTIVE. All persons wishing to engage in the canvass of this thrilling book will find it to their advantage to address THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for terms, etc. It is one of the best-selling books of the year, and is being rapidly sold in its sale are highly gratified at the handsome returns made.

THE G.A.R. NATIONAL PENSION COMMITTEE has but six sound legs for its five members to walk on. Both of Corporal Turner's legs are gone, and Wagner, Kuntz and Darr are each short one of those very useful members.

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