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GUESSING CONTEST.

For the last time we call attention to our March Guessing Contest.

See Page 1 for full particulars.

Remember.

1. The contest is to guess as near as possible the amount of money that will be received by the United States Treasury on March 15.

2. Guesses must be received by us on or before March 13.

3. You have one guess for every subscriber you send in.

See Page 5 for a complete premium list.

See Page 8 for blank form to cut out and mail to us, filled out with your guess, name, address, etc.

If you do not like to cut your paper you can write it out, but it is handier to use the blank.

DEATH OF MRS. SHAW.

The hearts of the comrades everywhere go out to Commander-in-Chief Shaw in the deep affliction that has come upon him through the sudden death of his well-loved wife, Mrs. Mary Keith Shaw, which took place at their home in Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 13.

All over the Nation the thousands who have met Col. Albert D. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will sympathize deeply with him in the loss of his beloved wife, a bereavement which comes with crushing force upon him.

She was the sharer of all his struggles and triumphs, the inspiration of his life, the keeper of a sweet home, who presided with all the graces of a Christian wife and mother, a model in all womanly virtues.

From under her roof had just departed his two daughters as happy brides, and the echoes of the wedding bells are followed so soon by the funeral knell for her who was the center and life and joy of the home life, idolized by her husband and children.

In Gen. Shaw's official life, he has been the guardian of his interests and his wise counselor. The veteran commander finds himself suddenly bereft of that happy home life which has been so much to him.

He has been a man of God, and in his errands of Christian work for the Y. M. C. A. and of patriotism in his care of the Grand Army, and from all over the land hands will stretch in sympathy, and in the grasp of friendship and sympathy for his great loss.

In a personal letter to the editor of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, the Commander-in-Chief says:

"The appalling affliction that came upon my heart and home in the death of my wife, on the 13th, has almost staggered me. Mrs. Shaw was an ideal wife, mother and friend, and she has been my life, and in her departure the loving and inspiring light of my life has gone out forever.

There seems to be a strong trend of sentiment among the comrades throughout the country in favor of Comrade Benjamin Harrison for the next Republican nominee for President.

NOW is the time for the veterans to carefully watch the course of their Representatives in Congress.

THE ANIMUS OF HENRY CLAY EVANS.

The printed Calendar of the Senate Committee on Pensions for the First Session of the Fifty-sixth Congress is interesting reading for those who may entertain any doubts as to Commissioner Evans's sentiments as to pensions and pension legislation.

By Senator Callahan: To pension victors over 70 years of age.

By Senator Cockrell: To amend the Mexican War Act.

By Senator Cockrell: To extend the privileges of the Act of June 5, 1893.

By Senator Pettigrew: To extend the pension laws.

By Senator Pritchard: Granting pensions to certain East Tennesseeans engaged in the great service.

By Senator Platt: To adjust the pensions of those who have lost limbs.

By Senator Penrose: To adjust the pensions of those who have lost limbs, or are totally disabled in them.

By Senator Penrose: To equalize the pensions of those who have lost limbs.

By Senator Penrose: To increase Mexican War Pensions.

By Senator Penrose: To limit the class of persons who shall receive pensions.

By Senator Penrose: To make a uniform rate for those who have lost an arm or a leg above the elbow or knee.

By Senator Allen: Granting a pension to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

By Senator Allen: To restore the pensions of widows in certain cases.

By Senator Allen: Granting the right to personally inspect and have attested copies of all evidence and reports filed in and proceedings to obtain a pension.

By Senator Allen: To secure the rights of pensioners.

By Senator Penrose: Granting a per diem pension.

By Senator Henshaw: Granting a pension to certain pensioners who have served in the war with Spain.

By Senator Hoar: To provide for a home for woman army nurses.

By Senator Tillman: To provide for repeal of Section 4716.

By Senator Tillman: To increase Mexican War pensions.

By Senator McBride: To amend the act granting pensions to Gray's Battalion, of Arkansas.

By Senator Foster: Granting pensions to certain officers and men of the Life Saving Service.

By Senator Mason: To increase the rating for wounds and disabilities received in line of duty.

By Senator Davis: To amend the act for the grant of telegraph operators who served in the rebellion.

By Senator Penrose: To pension certain soldiers and non-combatants.

The two on which the Commissioner reported favorably were:

By Senator Gear: To close up pension cases immediately upon the death of the pensioner.

By Senator Sullivan: To publish the pension roll.

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THE CHARGES AGAINST GEN. CORBIN.

Probably Adjt.-Gen. H. C. Corbin is the very smoothest of the Army politicians of alabaster polish, who have by good management gotten themselves into the control of the War Department.

He is the head of the coterie of staff officers who actually run the War Department, no matter who happens to be Secretary of War.

Does anybody know of any really able and prominent lawyer, any comrade of distinguished standing in the Grand Army of the Republic, who would accept an appointment under these conditions? We certainly do not.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Gen. Roberts succeeded in forcing Gen. Cronje to surrender, and gained between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners, including the General and a number of prominent officers, some French and some German.

One of the charges was that Lieut.-Col. Corbin got off his horse, and hid behind a tree.

Capt. Clarence W. Baker, mentioned by Gen. Morgan, was breveted a Major, was mustered out with his regiment, and did not enter the Regular Army.

THE INEQUITY OF THE CODIFICATION COMMISSION.

Ever since the war the veterans and their friends have been struggling persistently and energetically to build up a body of pension laws that would do exact justice to the gallant men who saved the Nation's life at frightful expense to themselves.

There has been an amount of thought, labor and high intelligence devoted to the framing and passage of those laws which is past describing.

Now Mr. Evans, by his Committee to Review and Codify the Pension Laws, proposes to sweep all the product of this tremendous amount of labor aside, and substitute for it a new set of laws, prepared by a squad of clerks under his direction.

He and his friends claim that it is to be a "Commission," composed of "distinguished and able lawyers, two of whom shall be members of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Roberts, very wisely, gives out no hint as to what he proposes to do next. He seems to be juggling up his supplies and preparing for another move, but whether this will be to go Bloemfontein or a more audacious aggression directly on the South African capital is left to the speculation of the moment.

IT IS whispered around Washington that the Democrats are preparing a first-class surprise for the Republicans in the coming campaign, on the pension question.

They are lying very low now, to draw the Republicans on, and keep them from doing anything decisive for the veterans until Congress adjourns.

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Therefore, this means and can only mean giving Henry Clay Evans full power to mangle and pervert the pension laws absolutely as he sees fit.

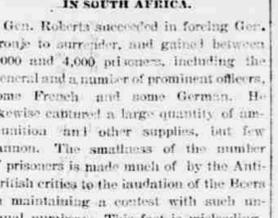
It must be remembered all the time that there is absolutely no need of this Commission. Nobody but Henry Clay Evans has ever seen any obscurity or ambiguity in the pension laws.

EVERY time a man makes an improvement in guns—big or small—there is a loud proclamation that now war is to be made so deadly that it will become impossible.

It is very depressing to that fact in this country who have been so hostile to volunteers and strenuously insisting that none but regular soldiers were any good.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION is booming Hon. Amos J. Cummings for Vice-President in the Democratic ticket.

He was a soldier, and a good one, coming home as Sergeant-Major of the 20th N. J. He differs from many New York Representatives in being sound on the pension question.



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"Hello, how are you? Did you try that conium?"

"Yes, indeedly. Just as soon as I could, I had a powerful night of trouble, and I got some soap, though. That wasn't a mite anywar in our camp."

"But I don't keep at it, jess as yo' done tole me. But so how funny hit makes my head, I don't know they're, and they're not as funny as they are look."

"Yes, soap and water have that effect when used for the first time in your life. But you'll get used to it in time. But your hair, it's more curly and limber than they did, don't they?"

"That's the work of the conium. Now hit's a fact that did not come under your mits. They look like you might have to take a mite and shiver to the work."

"Yes, I've had these up with some lye, you'd get a good jolt of soap out of them, said Tibbets, handling them gingerly."

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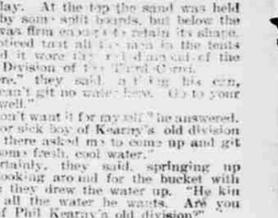
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