PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

Soldier's Widow, Dillon, Mont.—$12 per month is the highest rate of pension allowed under the general law to the widow of an enlisted man. Officers' widows get as high as $30 per month under the general law. The law of May 9, 1900, that you refer to, did not provide for any increase of widows' pensions.

Reader.—There is no law allowing any widows "$250" a year. The law of May 9, 1900, amended the act of June 27, 1890, as to widows by providing that they should be entitled to pension as provided by the act of 1890, if their income from sources other than their own manual labor does not exceed $250 per year.

W. W., York, Pa.—The act of Aug. 4, 1886, providing for increase of the pension to $45 in certain cases of amputation above the knee or elbow, stipulates that the amputation shall be either at the hip or shoulder joint, "or so near the joint as to prevent the use of an artificial limb." An amputation above the middle point between the shoulder and elbow joints or knee and hip joints is regarded as leaving a stump too short for the effective use of an artificial limb. No provision is made for cases where it is only the diseased condition of the stump that prevents the use of an artificial limb.

Subscriber, Utica, N. Y.—The accrued pension due an invalid pension applicant from the date of his application to the date of his death, may be collected by children under 16, if not collected by his widow in her lifetime. If he left no children under 16, and left insufficient assets to cover the expenses of last illness and burial, then the accrued pension may be collected by the person paying or responsible for said expenses.

J. L. C.—All increase of pension on pensioned disability dates from the medical examination on which the increase is based. If the soldier made a homestead entry of less than 160 acres after May, 1862, he is entitled to an additional right of entry, provided the original entry was made before June 22, 1874.

W. C. B., Kansas City, Kan.—Application for arrears of pay for military service should be made to the "Auditor for the War Department" at Washington.

S. E., Sanibel, Fla.—You can probably get a certificate of your citizenship from the Clerk of the Court that issued your citizenship papers.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

DESERTION—VETERAN VOLUNTEER.—In the general law pension case of William Henry, the soldier veteranized by re-enlistment after two years' service, and subsequently deserted. He incurred disability prior to his re-enlistment and claimed pension thereon. The Pension Bureau rejected his case, notwithstanding the decisions in the case of John Norton (9 P. D., 882) and Daniel McGraw (Id., 442), holding that the discharge for the purpose of re-enlistment was not an absolute discharge, but was given simply for the purpose of substituting a new contract of enlistment. The decision (Ass't Secretary Campbell, April 30, 1901) holds the action of the Pension Bureau to be an error, and in conformity with the expressed views and holdings of the War Department, declares that the discharge for re-enlistment was an absolute discharge, and that therefore the desertion from the re-enlistment is not a bar to pension under the general law for disability incurred before the discharge to re-enlist.

DEATH ON FURLOUGH—BURIAL EXPENSE.—In the case of the widow of Lieut.-Col. Jos. T. Haskell, 17th U. S. Inf., the Acting Comptroller of the Treasury holds that the widow is entitled to the $75 allowance toward the burial expenses of the officer, notwithstanding that he died while on leave.

Work of the Pension Office.

The report of the certificates issued for the week ending June 1 shows:

Army invalid: Original, 12; increase, 205; reissue, 24; restoration, 18; renewal, 16; supplemental, 3; duplicate, 23; accrued, 89. Total, 390.

Army invalid (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 255; increase, 459; additional, 85; reissue, 16; restoration, 19; renewal, 17; supplemental, 3; duplicate, 32; accrued, 116. Total, 1,001.

Army invalid (war with Spain): Original, 64; increase, 1; reissue, 1; duplicate, 1; accrued, 1. Total, 98.

Army widows, etc.: Original, 43; reissue, 6; restoration, 1; renewal, 6; accrued, 2. Total, 58.

Army widows, etc., (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 238; reissue, 1; supplemental, 1; duplicate, 4; accrued, 4. Total, 308.

Army widows, etc., (war with Spain): Original, 24.

Army nurses: Original, 1.

Navy invalids: Original, 2; increase, 1; accrued, 3. Total, 6.

Navy invalids (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 23; increase, 30; additional, 1; reissue, 4; restoration, 2; renewal, 2; duplicate, 2; accrued, 7. Total, 71.

Navy invalids (war with Spain): Original, 5.

Navy widows, etc.: Original, 2.

Navy widows, etc. (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 12; supplemental, 1; accrued, 1. Total, 14.

Navy widows, etc. (war with Spain): Original, 1.

Indian wars—Survivors: Accrued, 1.

Indian wars—Widows: Original, 2.

Mexican war—Survivors: Increase, 10; renewal, 1; accrued, 4. Total, 15.

Mexican war—Widows: Original, 4.

Total: Original, 777; increase, 766; additional, 86; reissue, 52; restoration, 40; renewal, 42; supplemental, 8; duplicate, 62; accrued, 228. Total, 2,001.

Meeting of the Third Corps Union.

The 37th Annual meeting of the Third Corps Union was called to order by the President, Joseph H. Twichell, May 6, at the Allyn House, Hartford, Conn.

The Secretary in his report announced the death of the following members since the last meeting:

Col. Joseph Hooker Wood, in succession to Maj.-Gen. Joseph Hooker, in Chicago, Sept. 21, 1900.

Capt. D. M. Ford, at Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 17, 1900.

Surg. Robert K. Montford, at Newberg, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1900.

Brevet Maj.-Gen. John Ramsey, at Jersey City, Feb. 11, 1901.

On behalf of the Committee for the erection of a monument to the late Secretary, Col. Welling, report was made by Maj. Plimley of the completion of the work. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Welling accompanied the report, also photographs of the monument. The Treasurer reported as the result of the appeal for money to aid in the erection of the monument, that $183.00 had been received from 21 contributors, that the incidental expense was $25, and the cost of the work $330, making a total of $355, and leaving a deficit of $172 to be provided for out of the funds of the Union.

The committee to nominate officers for the year reported the following names and they were, on motion of Capt. Wilson, elected by the Secretary casting one ballot: Pres., Gen. Henry E. Tremain; V. P., Gen. Chauncey McKeever; Sec., Capt. Wm. H. Howard, Box 38, Newark, N. J.; Chap., Rev. Father Boyle; Directors, Capt. J. C. Buchanan, Surg. Arhand Duffoo, Capt. Morris J. Foote, Capt. Benjamin Murphy, Sergt. Wm. H. Cloudman, Capt. Henry Everett, Sergt. James R. Gerrish, Maj. A. H. G. Richardson, Capt. Christopher W. Wilson.

The time and place of the next meeting was considered and Capt. Gragg made the following motion, that was adopted as the sense of the comrades: That if the Hooker statue is dedicated at Boston next year the meeting be there, and if not, the officers shall determine the place.

The following new members were elected: Capt. Edward G. Tutein, 16th Mass., Inf.; George S. Campbell, 1st Mass. Inf.; Lieut. Henry E. Kingman, 1st U. S. Sharpshooters.

About 65 sat down to the banquet in the evening. The guests were Maj.-Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, Gen. H. C. Dwight, Admiral Bunce, and Col. J. L. Greene.

Before separating the following was offered by Maj. Plimley and carried with great enthusiasm: It is the sense of the Third Army Corps Union, in reunion assembled, that Maj.-Gen. Daniel E. Sickles is the unanimous choice for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Wisconsin Cavalrymen.

Edwin D. Coe, President of the Wisconsin Cavalry Association, Whitewater, Wis., announces that each of the Wisconsin Cavalry regiments and also the brigade will hold reunions in Sheboygan, June 19, during the Department Encampment of the G. A. R.

CLEVELAND ENCAMPMENT.

Departments and Posts Send Delegations to Secure Quarters.

Cleveland, June 10, 1901.

Gen. Leo Rassieur, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, was in Cleveland last week on his second visit to the field of the coming Encampment. His object in visiting Cleveland at this time was to confer with Chairmen of various committees as to the work. During his visit he was in consultation in the offices of the Executive Committee with Chairman Arthur Bradley, of the Committee on Decorations; Chairman C. C. Dewstoe, of the Committee on Reunions, and Capt. George A. McKay, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Parade. Gen. Rassieur came to the city from Rochester, where he had been in attendance upon the Encampment of the Department of New York. He expressed himself as greatly pleased at the progress made in the work of preparation.

Headquarters for the big George H. Thomas Post, of Chicago, whose membership is 760, have been engaged at the Hollenden by its Commander, Dr. Daniel B. Freeman, of Chicago. Dr. Freeman was in the city last week, in company with Ass't-Adj't-Gen. C. A. Partridge, of the Department of Illinois, also of Chicago. The Department had engaged headquarters at the Hollenden some time ago. Dr. Freeman called on Mr. George P. Welsh, of Sterling, Welch & Co., while in the city. He and Mr. Welch had been comrades and close friends in the army. The reunion was a pleasure to them and a pleasure to witness. Dr. Freeman recognized Mr. Welch at once, selecting him from among all the men in his place of business, notwithstanding the years that had passed. Dr. Freeman also called on another old army friend, Mr. Albert H. Porter, of the King Bridge Company. Incidents like this are illustrative of the great pleasure to be afforded by the Reunions at the Cleveland Encampment, for which Col. Dewstoe and his committee are making such careful preparations.

From H. A. Backus, Adjutant, and William Davey, Quartermaster, of Fairbanks Post, Detroit, who were in Cleveland Friday, some idea was gained as to the probable representation of Michigan at the Encampment. Mr. Backus said that of the 15,000 members of the Grand Army in Michigan he would be greatly disappointed if several thousand did not attend. Both men agreed that the excursionists who would be present from the State of Michigan would number even more than the veterans themselves. As to Detroit, which is only 117 miles by water and 173 by rail from Cleveland, it is probable that transportation service will be more than doubled and the people of the City of the Straits be poured upon the town by the many hundreds. Fairbanks Post will bring 200 men, including a band, and its quartet of veterans which made a decided hit last year in Chicago. Detroit Post will bring 100 men, and other Posts of the city will aggregate more than 100.

NEW YORK ENCAMPMENT.

C. A. Orr, of Buffalo, Elected Department Commander.

The 35th Annual Encampment of New York, G. A. R., was formally opened in Fitzhugh Hall, Rochester, June 6, by Department Commander N. P. Pond, Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, of St. Louis, was in attendance. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Charles L. Shergur. Mayor Carnahan delivered an address of welcome and Gen. John Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., replied in behalf of the assembled veterans. Col. Sherman D. Richardson read an original poem entitled "The Knights of Two Centuries."

On motion of Gen. Palmer, Commander Pond was directed to convey by telegram to President McKinley the Encampment's deep sympathy in Mrs. McKinley's illness.

Commander Pond in his annual report urged rigid economy that in later years the feeble and aged comrades might maintain the Order. He reported having received from his predecessor $4,000, and at the present time there is $6,913.90 in the hands of the Quartermaster.

Commander Pond stated that the net loss in membership during the past three years has been, 1898, 1,991; 1899, 1,617; 1900, 1,594. Of this the total loss by death has been 3,037, an average of 1,012 each year, which naturally in the coming year will materially increase.

Many minor matters of interest were also taken up by the Commander in his report.

The evening of June 6 a Campfire and patriotic entertainment was given in honor of the visiting veterans.

The contest over Department Commander was the absorbing topic during the Encampment, and was decided June 7, the final vote giving Charles A. Orr, of Buffalo, 462 ballots and H. D. Ellsworth, of St. Lawrence County, 264. Comrade Orr was declared Commander amid wild cheering. The other elections resulted as follows:

Senior Vice Commander, John H. Swift, of Union; Junior Commander, Daniel M. Hulse, of Canandaigua; Medical Director, Dr. Parsons, of Ithaca; Department Chaplain, the Rev. Ezra Tinker, LL. D., of Seneca Falls; Council of Administration, A. R. Penfield, Post 65; Joseph P. Porter, Post 47; M. J. Cummings, Post 148; James Owens, Post 578; L. L. Hanchett, Post 285.

Resolutions were adopted, among them being one criticising Pension Commissioner Evans's administration of the Department.

DEMAND REMOVAL OF EVANS.

Action Taken by the Pennsylvania Encampment in Session at Gettysburg.

The main questions of interest at the session of the Annual Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania at Gettysburg, last week, were the election of officers, the next place of meeting, and the resolution against Commissioner of Pensions Evans.

The place of meeting was fixed at Gettysburg by a large majority.

For Department Commander, after an exciting canvass and a full vote, the result was the choice of Levi G. McCauley, of West Chester, he receiving 389 votes to 211 for Thad. Mahon, of Chambersburg, and 36 for H. C. Demming, of Harrisburg.

Other officers were chosen as follows: Senior Vice Commander, A. B. Stevens, Scranton; Junior Vice Commander, John Nevin, Altoona; Medical Director, Dr. M. B. Hughes; Chaplain, Rev. John Sayers, Philadelphia.

Department Commander McCauley has appointed the following officers: Assistant Adjutant-General, Charles Kennedy; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Edwin Walton; Assistant Inspector-General, Charles A. Suydam, all of Philadelphia. William J. Wray, Philadelphia, Harvey Miller, Frankford; George J. Schwartz, Philadelphia, and H. H. Bengough, of Pittsburg, were chosen as Council of Administration. Forty delegates to the National Encampment were also elected.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment be directed to vote for a resolution requesting President McKinley to at once remove H. Clay Evans from the position of Pension Commissioner, on account of the unfair and unpatriotic actions toward the comrades of the war and their widows.

Gen. Leo Rassieur, Commander-in-Chief, attended the sessions of the Encampment.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps elected the following officers: President, Mrs. M. L. Mumford, Mauch Chunk; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Anna Martin, Renovo; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Callie Myers, Irwin; Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie B. Agnew, Tionesta.

Mrs. Anna Kitzmiller, Gettysburg, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Helen Morrison, of Philadelphia.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The ladies of the G. A. R. elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Cassie Roche, Scranton; Senior Vice President, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Pittsburg; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Ray Orchard, Philadelphia; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Troxell, Allentown; Secretary, F. A. Holgate, Laplume; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Martin, Philadelphia, and 17 delegates to the National Convention at Cleveland.

The 42d Ohio at Cleveland.

Headquarters of the 42d Ohio (Garfield's regiment), at the Encampment at Cleveland, will be at the American Surety rooms, in the Garfield building. Plenty of good, clean cots to sleep on, and bath rooms will be provided. The Garfield boys will give the whole outfit, and generously welcome all the comrades of the old regiment. A few vacant rooms can be had for the comrades accompanied by their wives. The Secretary of the association is Capt. C. E. Henry, Garfield building, Cleveland, Ohio.

KENTUCKY ENCAMPMENT.

An Enthusiastic Meeting of Veterans at Covington.

The Kentucky Encampment opened in Covington June 4, with ideal weather and an unusually large attendance of veterans from all sections of the State. One of the largest delegations came in from Louisville, and was headed by Department Commander L. M. Drye, attended by members of his official staff.

The business of the Encampment began at 9 o'clock the morning of June 4, when the Council of Administration was called to order by Commander Drye in Odd Fellows' Hall. There were 234 delegates present when the roll was called. In addition to the delegates there were several hundred members of the different Posts. Following the session of the Council of Administration where business of a routine nature was transacted, the Committee on Credentials went into session. Reports of the various officers were read.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the afternoon session: John Blaes, Commander; James Byland, Senior Vice Commander; W. H. Garr, Junior Vice Commander; D. P. Myers, Chaplain; R. M. Buckley, W. Sanders, and Charles Solar, Delegates.

In the evening a reception was held in honor of visiting comrades, to which the general public was invited. Mayor Johnson was present and welcomed the visitors, and speeches and songs filled out the program. Among those who delivered addresses were A. M. Warner, Past Department Commander of Ohio; E. R. Monfort, Past Department Commander of Ohio; Maj. L. M. Drye, Past Department Commander of Kentucky; W. C. Johnson, of Ohio; Hon. E. H. Hobson, of Greensboro, Ky.; J. F. Allen, of Covington; Congressman Boreing, Hon. J. T. Gunn, of Lexington; Senator J. B. Foraker, of Ohio, and Gen. Andrew Hickenlooper, of Ohio.

At the session of June 5, Lebanon was selected as next place of meeting. An inspection of Fort Thomas and a drill by the soldiers stationed there, preceded by a military concert by the band at the Post, was the feature of the social entertainment of the veterans.

UTAH VETERANS.

Resolutions Adopted at the Department Encampment.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Department of Utah, G. A. R., at the State Encampment in Salt Lake City, May 14, 1901:

Resolved, by the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Utah, in State Encampment assembled, That the thanks of the members of this organization are hereby tendered to His Excellency, Gov. Heber M. Wells, and to the Legislature of this State, for the three measures enacted for the benefit of old soldiers; to wit,

First, An act to provide for the burial at public expense of honorably-discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United States who die in this State without leaving sufficient funds for their burial;

Second, An act prohibiting the wearing by unauthorized persons of the badge and insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic, and

Third, A Joint Memorial to Congress asking the establishment of a National Soldiers' Home in Salt Lake City.

RESOLUTION INDORSING COMRADE JOHN M'ELROY.

Resolved, That we recognize the noble and efficient work done in the interest of the old soldiers by Comrade John McElroy, of Washington, D. C., editor of The National Tribune, and his fitness to acceptably fill any office in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved, That this Department of Utah, Grand Army of the Republic, in State Encampment assembled, hereby indorse him for the position of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment, to which he aspires.

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That the Posts of this Department be earnestly requested to see that speaking by old soldiers and patriotic exercises be held in all the public schools, and that the soldiers of the Spanish-American war be cordially invited to assist and co-operate in such exercises.

Resolved, That all officers and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic individually and collectively be earnestly urged to secure recruits for the various Posts from the large number of old soldiers in the State who do not already belong to our organization. They are of us and should be actively with us. Their interests and our's demand that they should join our ranks and help us in the patriotic and charitable work in which we are engaged.

Resolved, That all comrades be strongly urged to procure and wear at Post meetings and all public occasions blue uniforms. They can be procured cheaply, are serviceable, and add greatly to the appearance when we take part in public functions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment and of all old soldiers are due and are hereby extended to the noble women of the Woman's Relief Corps for their work of patriotism and charity, and we hope they will continue their good work until all the old soldiers are with proper honors laid away to rest.

Resolved, That it is urged upon the Posts to see that at the funeral of every old soldier that is conducted under the care of the Posts some comrade pay a spoken tribute of love and honor to the deceased.

MEMORIAL.

The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic residing in the State of Utah, in State Encampment assembled, respectfully represent that a large number of soldiers belonging to the Army of the United States in Utah in 1859, under the command of Col. Albert Sidney Johnston, died and were buried at Camp Floyd, in Utah County, in this State; and, whereas, the graves of said soldiers have been neglected and have become obliterated;

Therefore, we memorialize the Congress of the United States that from the records of the War Department the names of these dead soldiers be obtained and that a monument be erected at the United States Military Post of Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City, honoring and preserving their memory; and

We call upon the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to press this matter upon the attention of Congress.

New Jersey Encampment.

The 34th Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department, G. A. R., which was held at Asbury Park, June 3 and 4, was the most successful Reunion of the veterans for several years. Two business sessions were held June 5 in the Beach Auditorium, and nominations were made for Department Commander. There were only two candidates in the field, Quartermaster-General John Lawrence, of New Brunswick, and Past Senior Vice Commander Oscar F. Gifford, of Newark.

The evening of June 5 a grand Campfire was held in the Auditorium. Mayor Tenbroeck made the address of welcome. The Campfire was remarkable for the enthusiasm displayed. A gray-haired Chaplain sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the entire audience of 2,000 persons joined in the chorus. Old soldiers, one after another, addressed the audience.

The election on June 6 was by far the most exciting episode of the Encampment. Lawrence was opposed by Oscar F. Gifford, of Newark, and the contest was a nip-and-tuck fight until near its close, when the votes came out solidly for the New Brunswick man. Rising in his seat, before the vote was completed, Gifford moved the election of Lawrence by acclamation. The motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

Silas W. Volk, of Camden, was elected Senior Vice Commander, without opposition; David D. Keefe, of Newark, defeated Thomas J. Mead, of the same city, for Junior Vice Commander, after a hot contest. Harry Cheranne was elected Medical Director.

Massachusetts Items.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: There was the State. The schools in many places hav- unusual interest in Memorial Day all over ing very elaborate and interesting programs.

Wm. L. Baker Corps, of Northampton, cleared $131 at May breakfast.

The ladies of Corps 63, Roxbury, provided and embroidered a silk flag for the grave of Thomas G. Stevenson, the soldier for whom the Corps is named, and a special detachment went to decorate it.

H. V. Smith Corps, 82, of Athol, recently presented Post 140 with a beautiful new silk flag. This Corps is to provide the supper for the High School Alumni Association July 2, when over 300 are expected.

D. G. Farragut Corps, of Gardner, recently celebrated their 17th anniversary. Mrs. Ellen Wood, Secretary of the Corps, gave an interesting history of the work during that time.

Corps 69, Wakefield, finds that the Corps table in Citizens' Bazaar, recently held, will net them over $600 for the Post fund.

H. V. Smith fed over 200 Memorial Day; 23 members of this Corps visited Orange Corps May 28, giving them a very pleasant surprise.—SARAH L. SMITH, Department Press Correspondent, Athol, Mass.

Reunion of the 71st Ohio.

The survivors of the 71st Ohio will hold a reunion at Ludlow Falls, Ohio, June 20. D. L. Lee, Troy, Ohio, is Secretary of the Association.

Reunion of the 22d N. Y.

A reunion of survivors of the 22d N. Y. will be held in rooms of Lyon Post, Cohoes, N. Y., June 27. Van O'Linda Gordon, 64 Remsen street, Cohoes, N. Y., is Secretary of the Association.

CONVEYED BY A SPARK.

The Message of the Peaceful Boer to His Brother in the Field.

(London Chronicle.)

There are in the Transvaal tranquil, whitewashed, iron-roofed dorps, through which the trains run twice daily with a homely punctuality; where shopkeepers grow fat in trade with the big garrisons and officers fill comfortable billets as Provost Marshals, District Commissioners, and what not, which are none the less in state of actual siege, so far as their surroundings go. In the streets and market places, in the shops and pretty houses, there is nothing—save the everlasting topic of conversation—to indicate the presence of war and the proximity of an armed foe. Good-natured soldiers lounge through the place, and guards change with a clasp and rattle at the corners of the streets. It looks rather like Germany in khaki, and the good relations which prevail between the townfolk and the soldiery highten the resemblance. Surrendered burghers, who have buried their Sunday-best Mausers and temporarily suspended active operations, smoke on their stoops with an outward air of patriarchal benevolence that discredits caution and invites good faith. To them the Britisher, with his belts and bayonets, ranks and files, stars and grades, is an ever-interesting anomaly; a pushing creature to be tolerated to a certain point, but to be sniped at and rushed on proper occasion. They come and they go, these burghers, regarding oaths of neutrality like the laws of the old constitution, framed for the advantage, and not for the oppression of the wise men.

This is a view of the inside. Beyond the pickets it is otherwise. From the hills which rise abruptly like islands standing out of the water, the gray, comfortless veldt rolls nakedly to the very skirts of the town. The skyline is bare and clean as the edge of a knife, and, looking straight before one, one seems to see the rim of the earth. An ox stalks solemnly across his grazing ground, he is the only moving thing visible between here and the sky. An innocent outlook, a most innocent outlook. So innocent and open that the cossack post, striding slowly from one boulder to another and back again—it is well to have cover at hand—almost permits himself to think of home—and that girl. In the Transvaal the night drops quickly; "at one stride comes the dark." The twilight, for the few brief minutes that it lasts, is exquisite. It smooths out the creases of the day, healing where the sun has touched, easing where the dust has stung, cooling the brain and comforting the body. The cossack post does think of home; he remembers just such another evening. Then talk was not of war.

But—a light, a mere spark, winks across the miles. It might have been a star, reconnoitering over the edge of a cloud before making its debut at the dance of the zodiac. On the other hand it might have been a signal lamp, an affair of lenses and pivot, the tongue of a fate. The cossack post's home whisks aloft to bide a better while, and his eyes nail themselves on the point where that light appeared and went out.

He waits, perhaps, five minutes. Then it dodges up again. Dot-dash, dash-dash-dot, it says, blinking brazenly to his very face. The code is a very strange one; nothing is to be gathered from watching the message. He shoulders his rifle and steps briskly over the parched grass toward his homeside man. They are signaling to the town, where some of the patriarchical surrendered ones are making the most of their time among the soldiers who do not practice keeping secrets or having secrets to keep.

The light is announced from post to post, and a clever young Lieutenant is dragged from a card table to observe what he is too clever to hope to understand. They are men of arms, these soldiers, and do not recognize the brain as a fighting unit—yet! That will come; but only after the next big licking.

Meanwhile a dear old boy with a most benevolent beard, and owning to 60 years, despite his straight back and keen eye and fresh cheek, is leaning out of a window watching a lamp flashing through the darkness. His name is Petrus Johannes Coetzee, and he has four sons on commando and three more buried down by the Tugela. His wife and married daughters are out yonder on the farm, protected from plunder and insult by the fist of Great Britain, and their eggs and poultry are very comforting to the poor fellows out in the hills with their rifles. His cattle, it is true, were commandeered by an irresponsible brigadier, racing northward with his column to join French, but who, nevertheless, found time to leave a receipt in full, insuring generous payment. And Petrus Johannes Coetzee finds the British officer very affable and sympathetic, and takes great interest in the army news that he hears.

His friends, outside, carry on an affectionate correspondence with him. On their side there is the helio and signal lamp; on the other that marvelous machine, the Kaffir telegraph. Kaffirs are vermin, as we know, and much lower in the scale of creation than the oxen they tend. This we have on the authority of the Boers, who ought to know, for they have hunted them, fought them, killed them, used them, and learned them long since. But the Boer has taught us as little of the inwardness of the Kaffir as of the source of his armament. We work the Kaffir bodily, the Boer knows how to enslave his soul.

A Kaffir wa as out of the town toward dusk in the direction of the "location." More than likely he is a very fine Kaffir, with the limbs and trunk of an Antinous and a face of human intelligence. He saunters, with the peculiar Kaffir swing of the body, along the edge of the gutter, for he has no place, by the adopted law of the land, on the sidewalk, and passes unobserved everywhere by the man with the gun. Perhaps a policeman in khaki and spurs stops him to inspect his pass, or unless he be labeled human, he is mere stray cattle. But that document is an exemplary order. He is in the employ of ——— Brothers, as laborer, and lives in the location whither he goes.

But before morning that Kaffir is eating freshly killed beef and mealies, in the laager on the hills, while Commandant Van der Westhuizen eagerly peruses a certain letter, extending over several sheets of paper. And Petrus Johannes Coetzee, in his bedroom in the town, looks over his pipe bowl and lifts up his eyes to the hills whence cometh a certain message in dots and dashes from a lamp, advising receipt of his communication of even date.

Nevertheless, the intelligence department offers to hammer you in two rounds if you make any reference to "lucus a non lucendo."

STRANGE SEA FIGHT.

Thrilling Encounter With a Vicious Sea Elephant.

One of the strangest sea fights on record is that which the crew of the British warship had lately with a sea elephant near the Falkland Islands, off the seacoast of Patagonia.

As actual proof of the tremendous size of this little-known marine monster, its head, trunk and ribs have been sent to the British Museum, in London, where they will shortly be put on exhibition.

H. M. S. Flora is a second-class protected cruiser. She had just arrived at Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, and the commander, desiring to go ashore, ordered the gig to be lowered and manned.

The sea was comparatively smooth, and the boat shot along rapidly, propelled by six stalwart blue-jackets. On nearing the shore, however, they saw a strange creature in the water. What it was they did not know. It churned and beat the water into the whiteness of snow within a few fathoms of the boat.

Then the splashing and beating ceased, and from the hissing foam arose what seemed to be the dark head of an infuriated elephant. For a second the creature glared at the astonished boat's crew; then, with an ear-splitting scream, lowered its head, and like an arrow came for the boat.

There was no time to do anything, to jump or even think. Crash! and the frail craft rose bodily into the air, while the bruised and half-stunned occupants were thrown violently into the sea. Fortunately for them, the monster's attention seemed exclusively riveted upon the boat, the fragments of which it literally smashed into matchwood.

Neither the commander nor his men seem to know very well how they reached land, so exhausted and unstrung had the experience left them.

Returning later to the cruiser on a shore boat, the commander determined pluckily to organize a party for the hunting down and, if possible, the capture of their assailant. On the following day nine boats went forth, each containing the full complement of men, armed with rifles, and among whom were several harpooners.

Advancing in a semi-circle, the boats drew across the small bay which had been the scene of the previous day's incident. Till within 50 yards from the shore nothing unusual occurred. Then suddenly a huge black mass rose threateningly in a circle of foam and quite close to the center boats. Two harpooners poised their weapons, which in another instant stuck quivering in the monster's body, while a shower of bullets followed in a volley.

With an angry snort of pain, the creature darted toward the nearest boat, only to be met by another deadly volley, fired at very close range, which ripped and tore it unmercifully. Dazed by such a reception, the monster appeared to hesitate. Another volley followed, and when the smoke cleared away there was nothing visible on the surface save a streaking of blood-red foam. Whir! went the harpoon lines, while the men sat excitedly waiting a reappearance of the foe.

"He's making in for the shore now, sir!" shouted one of the officers to the commander, and the boats were signaled to close in. For nearly two minutes the brute remained below, swimming slowly back and forward; then, on reappearing, it lay quietly, as though exhausted. The boats approached cautiously, and when quite close five more harpoons were transfixed; then instantly dividing, the boats pulled rapidly for the shore.

Now commenced a tug-of-war lasting for nearly three hours, till at last, weak with struggling and loss of blood, the huge monster was hauled into shallow water to await the receding tide. Not one of the party, from the commander down to the little middy, but was thankful for the rest.

In about an hour's time the tide had gone out sufficiently, and the battle began again, but now all the advantage lay with the sailors. After a vicious struggle in which several blue-jackets were severely injured by fragments of rock hurled about by the monster in its death throes, it lay battered, silent and motionless.

This gigantic specimen of sea life is macrohinus elephantinus, or proboscideous, measuring just about 40 feet long, and weighing over 13 tons. It has a trunk four feet long, and a general conformation closely resembling that of the ordinary elephant, save that there are huge fins in place of legs. It is found only in Antarctic waters.

MAKING ENDS MEET AT COLLEGE.

How Young Men Manage to Work Their Way Through the Universities—Strange Occupations for Students.

(June Century.)

Anyone who visits a certain little meat-ship in a side street of Boston on Saturday night, when the rush of trade is greatest, will find there an extra clerk, distinguished from his fellow-clerks only by an unusually intelligent face. Like them, he wears no coat, and he manages his long white apron as easily as they. His smile and quick repartee make him popular with the waiting throng, and he saws through the bone of a porterhouse steak, wraps up the meat, and hands it to its owner as quickly and deftly as a professional. If the customer will go to a dingy grocery-store a little farther down the same street, he will find another man backed up against a kerosene barrel, patiently rehearsing the price of eggs, butter and soda to a bulky matron of the middle class, keeping his temper when she informs him that all these commodities are two cents cheaper at a rival store, and even smiling a cheerful good-by when the virago slips four cents' worth of codfish into her basket as the result of 15 minutes' haggling, and squeezes through the door.

If the same customer happens to be in Harvard Square the following Monday, at the end of a collegiate hour, he will probably feel like the victim of a modern fairy-tale, when he recognizes in two students, swinging across the yard with note-books in their hands, the butcher and the grocer of Saturday night.

In the modern development of undergraduate self-support, such metamorphoses from student to workman and back again are so common that a stranger within half a day's distance of any one of the well-known colleges for men is likely to meet with a similar experience. The students themselves take these transformations as a matter of course, but the conventional visitor in a large college town may be permitted a start of surprise when he learns that the tactful person at an evening party, who looked after the comforts of the guests effectively and unobtrusively, and who set the social wheels in motion skillfully when they threatened to run down, was in reality a student earning a dollar or more an evening for his services. It is rather disconcerting, also, for one with carefully regulated social ideas, to discover in the class orator at commencement the night clerk of his hotel. But a Nation which allows one of its sons to work his way from canal-boy to President could not, if it wished, escape a reflection of democratic ideals even in its most aristocratic educational institutions.

The opportunities for self-support vary in the different colleges, according to their size and location. Occupations practicable for students in a small town are soon exhausted. For this reason the self-supporting student in Princeton, Williams, Dartmouth, Amherst, Leland Stanford, jr., and some other colleges must make the best commercial use possible of the college public, and not rely too greatly on the limited supply of outside work. But the man earning his way at the Chicago University, Columbia, Yale or Harvard has a whole cityful of possibilities to choose from, if the college body itself proves unremunerative. When the prospective student of one of these universities consults the list of undergraduate industries from the safe vantage of his own home, indeed, he feels as bewildered as a woman before samples of all the dress-goods in a store. His choice at first seems unlimited. But only a few encounters with the actual difficulties of earning his living serve to reverse his ideas of his own importance, and to make him thankful to do the first profitable thing his hands find to do.

The freshman, particularly, discovers before him a very hard row to hoe. Lack of capital, ignorance of the college public, its supplies, and its needs, a scarcity of friends and acquaintances—all these things he must contend against. Upperclassmen may be choosers, but freshmen, like beggars, must be content with what they can get. They may be among the fortunate ones whose high grades are to be rewarded by scholarships later on. But this vague possibility will not keep the wolf from the freshman's door-mat in the meantime, and he will have to bestir himself or go hungry. Fear of hunger is a strong motive, and it drives hard bargains with its victims; but an expedient that would be a tragedy in the life of an older intellectual man becomes a pastime to the student who looks on it as a temporary measure, and he shovels off sidewalks blithely, and cleans furnaces to a song.

Reunion of the 56th Mass.

The 56th Mass. will hold its Annual Reunion at Young's Hotel, Boston, on Saturday, June 15. Business meeting at 12 o'clock, noon. Dinner at 2 o'clock P. M. Eben W. Pike, City Hall, Cambridge, is Secretary.

Reunion of the 7th Mass.

Wm. H. Wade, Secretary of the 7th Mass. Ass'n, announces that the survivors will hold a reunion at Mechanics' Hall (Howland Block), Court street, in the historic old town of Plymouth, Saturday, June 15.

MUSTERED OUT.

ASHLEY.—At Oxford, Mich., May 11, Samuel Ashley, Co. E, 1st Mich. Cav., aged 52. He leaves a family.

BANCROFT.—At Galesburg, Ill., May 23, Chas. A. Bancroft, Co. F, 148th Ill. He was born in Painted Post, N. Y. He was formerly a member of Post 45. Comrade Bancroft never married. He is survived by a sister with whom he made his home.

BLACKBURN.—At Clinton, N. Y., Henry Blackburn, Co. E, 31st N. Y., aged 67. He was a member of Lambert Bohman Post, 48. He is survived by a widow, one son, and four daughters.

BURGESS.—At Berlin, Mass., April 15, Wood J. Burgess, Co. B, 6th Mass., aged 68. He was wounded April 19, 1861, while his regiment was passing through Baltimore. He is survived by one son.

CRABTREE.—At Lanther, Ky., May 17, Moses Crabtree, Co. F, 3d Ky. Cav., aged 61. He was mustered into the service with his regiment at Calhoun, Ky., Dec. 13, 1861, and was discharged at Savannah, Dec. 30, 1864, having participated in all the operations in which his regiment was engaged, winding up with Sherman's march to the sea. A widow, two sons, and one daughter survive him.

DARRAH.—At Canaan, Ohio, May 31, Chas. T. Darrah, Co. K, 16th Ohio. He enlisted Sept. 2, 1861, and was mustered out at Camp Chase, Oct. 31, 1864. He leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters.

DAWSON.—At Connellsville, Pa., May 30, Joseph Dawson, 58th Pa.

DECKER.—At Owego, N. Y., April 29, Gideon Decker, Co. K, 109th N. Y., aged 75. He was a member of Post 646.

DIXIE.—At Norwalk, Ohio, June 1, 1901, Isaiah J. Dixie, Corporal Co. G, 72d Pa., aged 63. He was for many years a member of the Volunteer Firemen of Philadelphia, and volunteered with that body in what was known as Baxter's Zouaves. He had several offers of promotion, but preferred, he said, to remain with the "boys." He was a member of F. H. Boalt Post, 628, and of Huron Lodge, 37, I. O. O. F., of Norwalk. Funeral services were held June 3, at Odd Fellows' Temple, conducted by that Order, sermon by the Rev. E. T. Hagerman. Comrade Dixie had suffered from heart disease. He was found dead sitting in his chair.

FORD.—At Piermont, N. H., Abram D. Ford, aged 71. He served in Capt. A. P. Martin's Battery of Massachusetts Artillery.

GENTRY.—At Galesburg, Ill