

"To care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans."

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KING PETER of Serbia wants to abdicate. A man soon gets very tired of having to sleep in an unventilated bomb-proof!

WHILE Mr. Bryan is not at all certain of what Eastern and Southern Democrats want, he is quite certain that he is opposed to it.

SUPPOSE that the threatened secession of the other States of Colombia should take place, what a fix it would leave Gorman and his coterie in!

ANY young man desiring to travel and see the world will get an unequalled opportunity by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps.

FROM his 83 years of gathered wisdom, Senator Pettus arrives at the sage conclusion that the Democracy would have a better chance if Bryan had stayed in Europe till after the election.

WHILE everybody wants absolute neutrality maintained between Russia and Japan, yet the country's sympathies are strongly with Japan, with earnest hopes that she will whip.

MR. TEAGUE, whoever he may be, says that the army and navy of Panama "belong to the modern comic opera stage."

THE progressive Southern papers want to hurry up and get the Panama business settled so that we can turn our attention to the next greatest enterprise—a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida which will be of incalculable benefit to the Southern trade.

CHICAGO has already landed one of her boodling Aldermen in the penitentiary, while Missouri has set the whole batch free under a technicality.

RUSSIA admits a 12,000,000 busset deficiency in her wheat crop, so it is liable to be double that. As Russia has been our chief competitor in the wheat markets of the world, our Western farmers can view her going to war with much complacency.

SENATOR TELLER thinks that the President's Panama action was all right except that it was "too precipitate."

"Children," said the teacher, impressively, "you must never do anything in a hurry."

SENATOR GORMAN has not hitherto been taken for an imaginative man, unless by the men under gravestones as live citizens of Baltimore can be considered a feat of the imagination.

GORMAN's leadership is having a rocky road even in his own State. He wanted Bernard Carter for Senator, but a great majority of Maryland Democrats prefer Ex-Gov. J. Walter Smith and Gorman has had to give in, but not before his leadership has been given a bad black eye.

THE bondholders of the United States Shipbuilding Company propose, as the first step, to shako \$10,000,000 of bonds out of Mr. Schwab. Next he must drop \$900,000 on some other bonds.

JUST now the Republican Senators are finching a little from the doctrine of International Eminent Domain. They will come squarely up to it presently, because it is sound, sensible and eminently just.

LIKE the jurymen, who found himself opposed by 11 unreasonably obstinate men, Mr. Bryan finds that 162 Democratic Congressmen refuse to follow any longer the 16-to-1 delusion, while but seven are with him that the declarations of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms are still of binding force.

SENATOR MORGAN wants us to have the good will of Colombia, for without it the difficulties of disorder and outlary along the canal will be inevitably increased.

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WHAT THE SERVICE PENSION WILL DO. Let us stop for a while the discussion as to the different kinds of pension laws we would like to see enacted, to consider what the bill formulated by the G. A. R. National Pension Committee and now before Congress will actually accomplish.

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Therefore, we shall have about 100,000 men of this class of pensioners who can trace their disabilities directly to their service, and have proved that fact, who will have their present pensions in many thousands of instances doubled, and in others raised 50 per cent. or one-half.

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XX-PRISONERS OF WAR PERSONS. Comrade James D. Walker, of Pittsburg, Pa., Commander-in-Chief of the Union ex-Prisoners of War Association.

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appeal to the Throne of Grace, and we began to attack Frow Mendel's luncheon cooking. This absorbed us for some time, to the extent of preventing conversation for a while. If the Amaltheas of the south go out to fight the Samaritans of the north, or the Syrians of the east, it is taught to us. The wilderness of Ziph and the mountains of Ephraim are between us and them, and we will abide by our homes in peace. Neither shall our young men go forth, nor any man leave his wife."

"The boys came running up with the announcement that dinner was ready. Father Melliot took me with him to invite Capt. Bibb and Lieut. Hunlock to go with him to his house, and the other Elders each took one or more of the others with him."

"The patriarch rose, took his tobacco box and handed a col-pipe to each, and motioned that we go out on the porch and smoke."

"The question as to how the construction of the Panama Canal will affect the Pacific Railroads is now under earnest discussion in the railroad papers. The trend of opinion seems to be that it will not seriously hurt the Northern railroads since they are relying largely upon local trade for most of their business, but that the Southern Pacific may be injured for a while, since it has comparatively little local business and not a great prospect of any. This does not seem to us wholly sound. The first result of the construction of the canal will be to give a real impetus to trade with the Orient, and bring an immense accession of that trade our Pacific shores. In this accession the railroads will gain enormously over their present business. Now the shipment of goods across the Pacific has to be in a manner forced. It is a new route, and therefore requires promotion. The construction of the canal will make the Pacific route the great one of the world, and an immense amount of goods will be sent by steamers to the Pacific coast, and then for quick transmission forwarded over the railroads to the Atlantic coast, and reshipped to Europe. This will be a much quicker route than the other, and promises great things for the railroads."

COMRADE Simon Bollinger, Co. D, 5th U. S. Art., Henryville, Ind., is the representative of several thousand good, faithful soldiers who suffer from one of the incidental unfairnesses of the war. He enlisted in December, 1860, in the Regular Army for a period of five years, and consequently had to serve until December, 1865, or through the whole period of the war. There were several thousand like him. When they enlisted they were paid in gold \$11 per month for the infantry, and \$12 for the mounted service. They received no bounty, and their pay, owing to the depreciation of the greenback, fell to something like \$6 per month. They were also debarrated from commissions and other advancement such as came to the volunteers in the new regiments. It seems as if Congress ought to do something to partially make good those disadvantages to very faithful and valuable soldiers of the war."

THE Iroquois Club, of Chicago, to which the leading Democrats of Illinois belong, is said to be preparing to boom Gen. Nelson A. Miles for President. A banquet will be arranged at which Gen. Miles will make the principal address and the boom be launched."

RADUM has again advanced several million dollars a pound, but somehow there is no way to get in any work on the Trusts for this new attack upon suffering poor families struggling through a hard winter."