

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

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PRESIDENT SMITH denies that any man has been appointed to a high office in the Church because he was a polygamist.

REPRESENTATIVE MOON (Pa.) has introduced a bill to amend the act of March 2, 1903, to include those totally disabled whose injuries were near the shoulder or hip joint.

AFTER a consideration of 41 hours the jury at St. Louis brought in a verdict of guilty as charged against Hon. J. R. Burton, Senator from Kansas.

STRONG PROTEST AGAINST BARBARISM. The Confederate veterans seem to be properly shocked at the barbarous scenes which have occurred at some of the lynchings in the South.

"First—That we are unalterably opposed to the lynching of a human being, save perhaps for the one unmentionable crime."

"Second—That as Confederate veterans and law-abiding citizens of Mississippi and of the United States, we are vehemently and eternally opposed to the practice of burning a human being for any crime whatsoever."

"Third—That we appeal in thundering tones to all Confederate veterans, their wives and daughters, and to that great and glorious organization, the Daughters of the Confederacy, one and all, to arise in their might and by precept and example, voice and deed, moral force and influence, help put a stop to this diabolical, barbaric, inhuman and ungodly crime of burning human beings."

PENSION FOR RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS. Senator Penrose (Pa.) has introduced a bill establishing a retirement or pension fund for railway postal clerks.

LABOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH. The experience of the cotton-mill operators in the South has developed a fact that the National Tribune has frequently alluded to.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR. Much sensation has been made by certain papers during the past week about events in the Ping Yang district, where it has been reported, the Russians annihilated the Japanese force, killing anywhere from 1,000 up.

PORT ARTHUR. Fuller descriptions of Port Arthur reveal that it has an exceedingly indefensible position from a land attack, and must fall as soon as the Japanese make the movement against it which they are preparing.

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WHERE THE CREDIT IS DUE. Unquestionably the late order of the Commissioner of Pensions would not have been issued but for the action of The National Encampment at San Francisco, and the earnest, well-directed efforts of Commander-in-Chief Black and the National G. A. R. Pension Committee toward carrying out the directions of the National Encampment to secure from Congress the passage of the Service Pension Bill.

At the meeting of the Committee held in Washington, the desire of the veterans for the best possible way to the Senators and Representatives, and nothing was left undone to convince them that this bill embodied precisely what the comrades wanted, and that they were solidly united upon it.

The Lord will now come into his own. Joseph P. Smith will stand firm for all the principles of his faith. The doctrine of polygamous marriage is not to be abandoned.

This, it is true, does not give a majority to the Convention, but it is calculated that New Jersey and New England will certainly follow the lead of New York, which will give the following number additional:

Table listing states and their number of delegates: New York 78, Alabama 12, Delaware 12, Arkansas 18, Florida 10, Georgia 20, Kentucky 26, Louisiana 18, Maryland 16, Mississippi 36, Missouri 30, North Carolina 24, South Carolina 18, Tennessee 24, Texas 24, Virginia 24, West Virginia 14, Total 416.

This will make a total of 520 and a clear majority of the Convention, and is sufficient for all purposes in controlling preliminary organization, dominating the body, and thus making sure of having the necessary two-thirds of the delegates who are seated.

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"I have noticed that the Commissioner has merely construed the law so as to make the reports change. So far as I can see, I believe the changes to be in keeping with the law."

As to his admission that the order is in keeping with the law, we wish very much that he could have taken this view when the Commissioner Lochren, at his order, so maladministered the law to cut off the pensions of tens of thousands of veterans and to cut down the rates of hundreds of thousands more.

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"We did some months of that kind of duty on the forts around Murfreesboro," Si reminded him.

"I know we did, but that was after the first fit of battle-fever had been worked off by several hard engagements, and we had grown stout and strong on the value of real soldiering and the value of earthworks. These fellows had to begin at the other end, and instead of fighting build a lot of forts that never were any use."

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really glad when Hancock scolded as in the whole of Johnson's Division—that morning. It got us out of a bad scrape honorably, and I was quite willing to stay out. I did a powerful lot of thinking while I was in prison, and my thinking was helped along by talking to the guards and citizens, and what I could see of the Northern country. I'm going back home to gather up my folks, and as soon as I can raise money I'm going to move out West, where I'll never see another old fort or breastwork, or anything to remind me of four years of my life thrown away in trying to do something that I'm now mighty glad wasn't done. Let these politicians talk as much as they please about being conquered and subjugated. I don't feel conquered or subjugated as long as I'm allowed all the rights that every other man has, and I'm told that's what we'll be.

"You certainly will, according to the terms agreed upon between Grant and Lee," said the Adjutant, "and I'm going to tell you that every other man has, and I'm told that's what we'll be. You are going to be treated just as fair as we know how. Si and Shorty echoed the Adjutant's assurance. "Let's have lunch. Boys get all those baskets that I'm now mighty glad to have you join us, and we'll begin clapping hands across the bloody chasm over the fence board."

"Thank you," said the Confederate cordially. "I shall be very glad to. I have developed quite a partiality for United States victuals, and this is probably the last chance I'll have at them for some time."

Maria said nothing, as she went on unpacking and setting out the sumptuous provender the Adjutant had provided, but her face showed that she was not comfortable, the rebel would not have been invited.

ORIENTAL COMMISSARIATS. A vital element in the war now going on between Russia and Japan is the ability of the combatants to supply great armies at a distance from their bases.

The Russian army system is based upon the corps, which is about 45,000 men and supposed to be accompanied by 2,400 wagons. The soldier is supposed to carry two days' rations on his person with two days more in the regimental trains, and from two to four days in the divisional trains.

On the other hand, the Japanese are light, alert, resourceful soldiers, who are on the lookout all the time for something to eat, and who can make a little out of a great way. They do not have much of baggage train, but pick up everything in the country through which they pass—coolies, hand-carts, sail-carts—anything that will carry rations and take these along. These vehicles are so light that they will pass over roads where heavy wagons would stall.

Not What She Expected. (The Children's Visitor.) An English nobleman, who is dining with a family in New York. The hostess' little girl sat opposite the lord and stared solemnly.

Science Notes. The Scotia Scientific Expedition has found the Antarctic continent almost as great as the Arctic continent. The deepest sounding was 2,730 fathoms, or 16,434 feet. The process of extracting radium is being constantly improved, and now it takes about one-tenth of the amount of laboratory work, where it formerly took three. It takes about 730 tons of ore to produce about one-fifth of an ounce of radium.

Poor Russian. The London cabman is noted for his up-to-date repartee. One of them silenced another of his kind the other day by shouting: "You fit to drive a keel! Why, you are driving out overboard a Russian fish! Why, you ain't!"



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"That ought to make it very sacred soil, whatever it was before," remarked Maria, who was taking in everything with deep interest. "Just think how many young sweethearts and husbands there must have been among them, and how many broken-hearted girls there must be back at home."

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