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HANDLE BARS IN COURT.

First Case Brought Under the New Police Regulation.

Mr. F. W. Moore was charged in Judge Scott's court this morning with violating the new police regulation concerning the height of handle bars on bicycles. It was charged that he rode a bicycle with the lower end of the handle bars on a plane lower than four inches from the top of the saddle at its center. The case was brought at the request of the defendant and his counsel, Mr. Reed, for the purpose of testing the validity of the regulation of the Commissioners. Attorney Mackall appeared in the case with Mr. Reed, and admitted the facts.

Prosecuting Attorney Pugh called Policeman Estes of the bicycle squad, and his measurement made in court showed that the lowest points of the handle bars were 7¼ inches from the top of the saddle at the center.

Counsel for the defendant then attacked the regulation as unreasonable, and argued that it was unconstitutional. The Commissioners, it was argued, had no right to say that owners of wheels should be compelled to ride any certain style of wheel.

Mr. Pugh said the Police Court could not pass upon the advisability of making such a regulation. There has never been a test case made of any of the bicycle regulations.

Counsel for the defendant argued that the Commissioners ought to give a good reason for such a regulation. The ordinance, said counsel, ought to be made clear and plain. If the Commissioners have authority to enact such a regulation, then they have power to say that citizens shall not use certain wagons and other vehicles after a certain date.

For the purpose of showing the alleged unjust character of the regulation, Mr. F. J. Marble was put on the stand. He had ridden low handle bars until the regulation was enacted, and then he changed them because he did not want to come in conflict with the law.

Mr. Pugh objected to the giving of the witness' opinion as to whether or not the regulation is unreasonable, and his objection was sustained.

While the case was not finally decided, the judge sustained the regulation. A postponement until Tuesday was granted in order to give defendant's counsel time to consider the question of taking the case to the Court of Appeals.

Victory for Association.

In a letter of thanks to the District Commissioners, Chairman A. H. F. Holsten of the water, lights and sewers committee of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association, referring to the order of the Commissioners for night watchmen at grade crossings on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, says that, through the enforcement of the order his association has won a well-earned victory, having labored over four years to achieve the point at question.

IN THE CHURCHES

The officers of the Christian Endeavor Society of East Washington Heights Baptist Church, Rev. James W. Many, pastor, who were elected several weeks ago, entered upon the discharge of their new duties this week. Those chosen were: President, C. B. Campbell; vice president, Miss Jessie C. Hodgson; recording secretary, Miss E. B. Fountain; corresponding secretary, Miss E. A. Lamson, and treasurer, Harry Mathieson.

Committees for the ensuing term have been appointed as follows:

Lookout committee—Wm. M. Lamson, Mrs. J. A. Fountain, Mrs. Ida Denison, Mrs. E. L. Hill and William Allen.

Prayer meeting committee—C. B. Campbell, Miss E. A. Lamson, Miss Elsie Tudge, Miss Mabel Denison, Miss Clara Hill.

Social committee—Miss W. L. Fountain, Miss Bertha Havenner, Miss Roberta Caldwell, Miss Jessie Hodgson and Loran J. Harrison.

Missionary committee—D. C. Fountain, Miss M. E. Hodgson, Miss Laurania Clifton, Harry Mathieson and Wm. H. Havenner.

Rev. Geo. E. F. Stevenson, the former pastor of the church, is now in Chicago, attending the divinity school of the University of Chicago, and serving as pastor of the Custer Park Church.

Mr. Arthur Rose, who was recently appointed choirmaster of the Eckington Presbyterian Church, Rev. George S. Duncan, pastor, took charge this week. In future the music will be by a quartet and chorus choir. The pastor will, Sunday next, begin a course of evening sermons on the "Message of the Epistle of James."

Miss Ada P. Janney, a trained nurse, will deliver a public lecture on "Nurses and Nursing" in the Eckington Presbyterian Church Friday evening, January 14, at 8 o'clock. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered in that church Sunday morning (tomorrow).

The congregation presented their pastor, Dr. Duncan, with a bicycle as a holiday gift.

The District W. C. T. U. has arranged for a mass meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m., in Foundry Church, to protest against the sale of wine and beer in the Congressional Library restaurant. There will be a number of short speeches by representative clergymen of various denominations. Among those who are expected to attend and make addresses are Rev. Dr. L. B. Wilson, presiding elder of Washington District M. E. Church, and Rev. Dr. Lucien Clark, pastor of Foundry.

The Methodist preachers of the city at their weekly meeting Monday adopted by an unanimous vote a strongly worded resolution against the sale of wine and beer in the restaurant above named, and appointed a committee to personally protest against the same to the proper authorities.

The W. C. T. U. is sending out blank petitions to all the pastors in the city, and to all temperance organizations, urging their societies to petition at once for the passage of the bill to prohibit the sale of liquors in any government building.

At the New Year reception of the W. C. T. U. the Central Union Mission quartet gave some very enjoyable music, and there were words of greeting from Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chappell of Japan and Rev. Dr. Couden, chaplain of House of Representatives.

The members of the congregation of Epiphany Church gave a New Year present of $230 to the assistant rector, Rev. L. G. Wood.

The members of Metropolitan Baptist Church, R street between 12th and 13th streets northwest, presented their pastor, Rev. Robert Johnson, with a suit of clothes and a supply of groceries and provisions during the holidays.

The Sunday school connected with the church has been reorganized, and the following named persons will be installed tomorrow morning: Miss Emma V. Russell, superintendent; Mr. John H. Johnson, assistant superintendent; Miss Mamie Robinson, secretary; Miss Sarah C. Miner, assistant secretary; Mrs. V. F. Winslow, treasurer; Miss Henrietta Johnson, organist; Mr. William Bolden, librarian; Mr. Charles S. Reed, assistant librarian.

The Enon Baptist Church, C street between 6th and 7th southeast, presented the pastor, Rev. J. I. Loving, a fine suit of clothes as a holiday gift. Many other useful articles were presented by the officers, ladies and friends of the church. The church has begun a series of special meetings.

It has been announced that church mission boards of most denominations, both in this country and England, are suffering from a falling off in their incomes. The American board, the oldest of the mission boards in this country, has just decided to send a deputation to China and Ceylon to inquire in what way the mission work in those fields can be curtailed with least sacrifice. Methods by missionaries under the supervision of the board are to be looked into and compared with the cost of methods and results accruing to efforts put forth by other denominations. The head of the deputation will be Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, one ofte secretaries. The belief is general among the membership that at some of the stations results do not warrant a continuance of the effort, while at others, it is thought, the work is on such a basis that it ought henceforth to maintain itself.

To keep up the present expenditure an increase of at least $130,000 in contributions from churches must be realized. So far from this increase being likely a growing deficit is accumulating. There is already a debt of nearly $50,000.

Rev. Father Barnum, who, some months ago, was appointed librarian of Georgetown University, has reached Baltimore from Alaska, where he has been stationed for several years, and, after a period of rest, will, it is expected, enter upon the discharge of his new duties.

Father Barnum, in giving an account to a friend of the work of the Catholic Church in Alaska, said that, while the field is a difficult one, it is also a most promising and profitable one.

The Prefecture Apostolic of Alaska was, he said, established less than three years ago. The prefect is the Very Rev. Pascal Tosi, S. J., and his residence is at Kozyreyski. The most important Roman Catholic church in Alaska is located at Juneau City, with Rev. J. B. Rene, S. J., as priest in charge. At this time it has three missions, one at Sitka, a second at Wrangle and the third at Forty Mile Camp, on the Upper Yukon. Plans were under way when Father Barnum left to establish six new mission stations along the Klondike and Yukon. Although abandoned almost entirely, the land and house at Circle City are being held, under the belief that the city will be resettled with the influx of gold seekers next April. Father Barnum is quoted as expressing the opinion that the half has not been told of the richness of the country in gold quartz.

Early next month, probably the 11th, Rev. F. B. Meyer, a famous evangelist of London, is expected to be in Washington, and remain three days. A tour of the United States which has been arranged, under the auspices of the International Young Men's Christian Association, for him will be devoted mainly to addressing meetings of professing Christians.

Cardinal Gibbons has selected the following dates for the observance of the "forty hours' devotion" in the Catholic churches of Washington during 1898: St. Aloysius, January 9 (tomorrow); Little Sisters of the Poor and Chapel of the Good Shepherd, January 16; St. Mary's, January 23; Visitation Academy, Georgetown, January 30; Holy Name, March 13; St. Matthew's, March 27; Providence Hospital, April 10; St. Patrick's, April 17; St. Paul's, May 1; St. Dominic's and Immaculate Conception, October 16; St. Joseph's, October 23; St. Teresa's, Anacostia, St. Cyprian's and St. Stephen's, November 13; St. Peter's and St. Augustine's, November 20.

Father Dolling, the English high church clergyman, whose ritualistic troubles with his bishop made such a stir in the religious world last year, will spend all next week in Washington, in the course of the mission tour he is now making of the United States.

The priority of Lord Kelvin's or of Swedenborg's claim to the vortex theory of matter will be discussed by the Rev. Frank Sewall in his lecture at the New Church tomorrow evening on the "Rational Basis of Faith in a Spiritual World."

Bishop Hurst will preach at Ebenezer M. E. Church, Rev. John H. Griffin, pastor, tomorrow morning.

While the reunion of the two great branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States is not expected to take place as the immediate result of the joint commission of those bodies held here this week, there is a widespread feeling that the time is rapidly approaching when they will again be one. In reference to this, Bishop McCabe said not long since: "I hope that by the close of the present century all the branches of Methodism in this country will be united. I have not consulted my colleagues on this point. And when they elected me as one of their body they took me for better or for worse, but I want to say that I am in favor of the union of Methodists. It would be the grandest event of the century. I believe it is coming, and I hope it will come in my day. I trust the time is not far distant when the sons of John Wesley will be united and there will be no southern or northern churches, but all one.

"I did not realize how strong this sentiment for union is until about two years ago, when I was attending a large meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn. Upon that occasion I expressed the same sentiment and a great shout went up from that acre of people, and then a vision opened up before me, wherein I saw the Methodist of Georgia clasping hands with the Methodist of Massachusetts. Yes, I want to see the day when a bishop of the church South will preside over a conference in Massachusetts, and a bishop from Massachusetts will go to the conference in Texas."

A series of revival meetings, to continue for several weeks, were begun Sunday evening last at the Fifth Baptist Church. Rev. C. C. Meador, the pastor, is being assisted by Rev. Dr. J. B. Taylor of Virginia.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor of the Maryland Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. N. C. Naylor, pastor, had a donation social a few evenings since, to which a large number of packages of food were brought. These were subsequently given to needy families.

A course of six illustrated free lectures on Church History from Apostolic Times to the Reformation will be begun in the Sunday school room of the Chrch of the Epiphany Thursday evening next by Rev. R. H. McKim, the rector, and his assistants, Rev. Louis G. Wood, Rev. A. M. Hilliker, Rev. Dr. J. Macbride Sterrett and Rev. Herbert Scott Smith.

Wednesday evening next the first of a series of organ recitals will be given in Epiphany Church by the parish organist, Mr. H. Clough-Leighter, assisted by the organist of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mark Mr. De Offeo Brown, late of New York. The solo singer of the evening will be Mr. Otto Luebkert, who will renter selections from the two great oratorios, "Elijah" and "Messiah."

Rev. Wenzel Schubert, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., has been appointed director of music at Trinity P. E. Church. Prof. Schubert was for a long time director of a large boy choir in Jacksonville.

The first of a series of improvements planned for Trinity Church—the introduction of the incandescent system of electric lighting—has been completed, and was used for the first time a few mornings ago.

Rev. Dr. W. Bishop Johnson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, is being assisted at a series of special services by two well-known evangelists of New York, Rev. Drs. Walker and Robinson.

A meeting of the Federation of Young People's Societies of the Liberal churches of this city will be held tomorrow evening in the Church of Our Father. Cruelty to Animals will be the theme of discussion. Remarks will be made by Rev. Leslie Moore. Rev. Dr. Power and Mr. Crammond Kennedy. A solo will be rendered by Mr. Kimball. Miss Minke will be the organist.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Stanley Bilheimer, pastor, at the 11 o'clock service tomorrow.

A series of Epiphany conferences, lasting one week, will be held at St. James' P. E. Church, 8th street, near Massachusetts avenue northeast, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. They will be in charge of Rev. R. R. Dolling, late of St. Agatha's, Landport, England. The subjects to be considered will be, successively: "The Child Life," "The Religious Life," "The Life in Society," "The Life God Taught," "The Life of Pain," "The Life of Business," "The Life of Obedience" and "Life of Gradual Growth."

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Emmanuel P. E. Church met Wednesday evening for conference, Mr. Barnabas Bryan, director, presiding. An address on "Bible Study" was delivered by Rev. Mr. Davenport, the rector of the parish.

At the regular monthly meeting of Emmanuel Chapter of the Daughters of the King, Mrs. Davenport presided. It was the evening for the annual visitation by the officers and others of the local council of the District. The rector, the Rev. W. G. Davenport, opened the meeting, which was largely attended, the guild room being full of members of the chapter and visitors from the city. The rector then addressed the meeting on the work of the order. An interesting conference followed.

Rev. Edward Warren preached his third anniversary sermon as pastor of Faith Chapel Sunday evening last. During these three years he has officiated at twenty-two weddings and at forty-four funerals. He has made nearly 1,500 pastoral calls and received ninety-two members into the church, nearly all of whom were present on this occasion. The chapel has recently added a free kindergarten.

There will be revival services at Bethany Chapel, 13th and C streets, under direction of the pastor, Rev. Edward Warren, every night, except Saturday, of the week beginning with tomorrow, at 7:30 p.m., and also at Faith Chapel, M street between 4½ and 6th streets southwest, beginning Sunday, January 16, for one week, at the same hour each evening.

The Ladies' Aid Association of the Church of the Advent held its first monthly luncheon of the season at the residence of Mrs. W. S. Chase, Eckington, Wednesday, at 12 o'clock. The large and handsome house was thronged with guests. Luncheon was served. The affair was quite successful, socially and financially.

Rev. Dr. Barr, assistant rector, in charge of St. Paul's P. E. Church, near the Soldiers' Home, who, year before last, organized a mission at Chillum, expects to have a chapel built there in the near future. The Sunday school at Chillum was closed Christmas eve for the winter.

Special meetings, during which many persons have professed conversion, have been held each evening this week at Wesley M. E. Chapel, Rev. J. Fred Heisse, pastor.

Rev. E. B. Shaver of Maurertown, Va., will begin a series of evangelistic meetings Wednesday evening next at the First Brethren Church, Rev. W. M. Lyon, pastor.

Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana will lecture before St. Paul's Union of St. Paul's parish, Rev. James E. Mackin, pastor, Wednesday next, on "Andrew Jackson."

The regular quarterly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Washington district, Baltimore conference, was held Wednesday at Hamline M. E. Church. The program as published in The Star several days ago was carried out.

Bishop Leonard of Utah lectured Wednesday evening at Trinity Parish Hall on mission work of the Episcopal Church.

The superintendents of the purity department of the several local unions of the W. C. T. U. held a conference Wednesday at the District headquarters, No. 910 F street northwest, and arrangements made to prosecute the work during the ensuing year.

A union prayer meeting, at which several congregations were represented, was held Wednesday at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor. Rev. Dr. W. C. Alexander, pastor of West Street Presbyterian Church, presided.

For Theft of Bicycle Lamp.

"Bicycle lamps are not safe when such persons as you are about," Judge Kimball said to Charles Wicks this morning, "and when such offenses as this are brought to my attention I am going to impose severe fines."

Wicks, a young colored man, was charged with the theft of Frederick A. Kraft's lamp, and when arrested the claim was made by Wicks that the lamp was given to him by a boy. His version of the transaction was not believed and a penalty of $30 or ninety days in jail was imposed. The fine was afterward reduced to $15 and was paid.

AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

Elections and Installations by Local Organizations.

The installation of the officers of Salem Lodge, No. 22, I. O. O. F., Anacostia, took place Thursday evening in Masonic Hall. The ceremonies were in charge of Deputy Grand Master W. W. Millan. During the evening music was rendered by a part of the St. Elizabeth Band, and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the exercises. The new officers are: David Shanks, noble grand; William Nally, vice grand; William White, recording secretary; Burns Harlan, financial secretary; Alpheus C. Davison, treasurer; William Nash, warden; Dr. George C. Fisher, chaplain.

At the regular meeting of Martha Dandridge Council, No. 1, D. of A., held Wednesday evening at its hall, 316 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Acting state councilor, Mrs. E. J. Palmer; officiating councilor, Grace M. Lowry; associate councilor, Emma Greene; vice councilor, Julia Roberts; associate vice councilor, Etta Wilkinson; financial secretary, Cora Burns; conductor, Miss Lampkin; warden, E. C. Emme; inside sentinel, Indiana Shanahan; outside sentinel, Isabelle Righter; past councilor, Mary Dresckler; trustee, eighteen months, Annie Ranke; trustee, twelve months, Gladys Thompson; representatives to state council, Emma Bromwell, Annie M. Dykes and Annie Ranke.

The annual meeting of the Scientific Society was held yesterday afternoon at the Phelps School. The following officers were elected: President, J. Brandenburg; vice president, R. Vanderhoef; secretary J. H. Wilkins; treasurer, R. Griffin.

The officers of Minneola Tribe, No. 14, Improved Order of Red Men, were installed last night, in Masonic Hall, by Grand Sachem P. J. Johansen, assisted by the grand chiefs of the District. The officers installed are: Prophet, Jerome Diggs; sachem, P. Mesmer; senior sagamore, Geo. E. Baxter; junior sagamore, H. W. Tippett; keeper of records, Wilbur S. Dodge; keeper of wampum, Edward Hinwood; first sanap, Benjamin Havenner; second sanap, H. E. Eno; first warrior, W. E. Jordan; guard of wigwam, W. L. Ashdown; guard of forest, W. C. White.

The newly elected officers of Royal Crescents will be installed during the coming week at the Royal Crescent Hall, No. 514 9th street northwest, as follows:

Royal Lodge, No. 10, Monday, the 10th instant; Columbia Lodge, No. 5, Wednesday, the 12th instant, and Crescent Lodge, No. 6, Friday, the 14th instant. Washington Lodge, No. 1, will elect officers Wednesday, the 12th instant, at its hall, No. 419 10th street northwest.

Magenenu Encampment, No. 4, of Patriarchs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, now in the fifty-third year of its existence, was instituted by the late Wm. W. Moore, past grand sire, who at the time was deputy grand sire for the District of Columbia. Last evening the officers of the Grand Encampment installed the lodge officers, George Washington Uline, grand representative, officiating as grand patriarch, assisted by Grand High Priest Joseph Lewis Irwin, Grand Senior Warden Lemuel Walton Sanderson, Grand Scribe Peter Drumm Ranke, Grand Treasurer George Alfred Crawford, Grand Junior Warden A. R. Vermillion, Grand Inside Sentinel Francis Delavan Seiffert. Officers of the encampment were installed as follows:

Chief patriarch, John Henry Kleindienst; high priest, Henry Clay Hazard; senior warden, William Francis Brown; scribe, William Primrose Allan; treasurer, Henry Arthur Herrell; junior warden, John Thos. Cook; guide, Herman Kahlert; first watch, George Alfred Crawford; second watch, Lemuel Walton Sanderson; third watch, John Louis Rohlader; fourth watch, Wm. Bennett; inside sentinel, Thomas Winfield Scott; outside sentinel, William Paul Brown; first guard of tent, Joseph Mitchell Wells; second guard of tent, Peter Drumm Ranke.

The Golden Rule degree was conferred on three candidates, and at the next meeting the Royal Purple degree will be conferred on the same candidates.

Canton Potomac, No. 5, Patriarchs Militant, were largely represented at this meeting, and discussed the advisability of accepting the invitation of Maj. Gen. John C. Whitaker, commanding the Department of Ohio, to attend the exemplification of the Patriarchs Militant degree by Canton Earl, No. 16, the 18th of February next, at the Odd Fellows' Hall Temple in Dayton, Ohio. At that meeting Grand Representatives Ed. C. Deans of Pennsylvania, A. C. Cable of Ohio and E. S. Conway of Illinois, a special committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will be in attendance.

At the meeting of National Council, No. 527, Royal Arcanum, held last evening the following officers were installed for the year 1898: Regent, George E. Davis; vice regent, W. S. Moore; orator, T. L. De Land; secretary, Henry W. Smith (fourth term); collector, John W. Harsha (eighteenth term); treasurer, N. C. Martin (fifteenth term); chaplain, George H. Clements; guide, George J. Nash; warden, E. R. Wiseman; sentinel, Nicholas Riley; trustees, F. G. Collins, J. G. Jaquette, E. G. Barnard.

DEFENDED FROM ATTACK.

President Hayes and Carl Schurz Praised in the House.

After The Star's report of the House of Representatives' proceedings closed yesterday, Mr. Burton (Ohio) continued in defense of the merit system, and in the course of his remarks paid high tributes to Secretary Sherman and the late President Hayes, whose record had been assailed by Mr. Cummings. He inveighed against the insolence of office seekers and argued that this was not a government for the reward of party workers.

Mr. Mahaney (N. Y.) said if he were not allowed to vote for a modification of the civil service law he was one of those who would vote for its repeal.

Mr. Kerr (Ohio) favored the modification of the law. He was especially severe in his condemnation of the last Cleveland executive order, which, he said, had been used to cheat the incoming administration out of legitimate fruits of victory.

Mr. Bartholdt (Mo.) took occasion to defend Carl Schurz from what he termed the slanders heaped upon that gentleman by Mr. Grosvenor. The very intimation that there was a stain upon his personal honor was an insult to the German Americans, whose confidence Mr. Schurz had retained for years.

The other speakers were Messrs. Driggs and Bradley (N. Y.), who defended Tammany Hall, and Mr. Fitzgerald (Mass.). At 4:55 the House adjourned.

Northway Not a Candidate.

Representative Northway of Ohio says of the published report that he would be a compromise candidate before the Ohio legislature:

"It is a device of the opposition to still public clamor against them. Under no circumstances will I allow my name to be used in connection with the senatorship. I believe Mr. Hanna will be elected."

Representative Grosvenor has returned to Columbus to join Senator Hanna's forces, and Mr. Northway will leave for there after a brief stay here to attend to pressing business.

Proposed Pension Roll Publication.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

Will you courteously permit me to express, through the columns of your widely-read journal, my convictions on a subject of general interest?

Every writer who is urging the publication of pensioners' names take pains to profess, somewhat ostentatiously, a profound reverence for the pension roll as a 'roll of honor.' Yet all advocates of the publication assume, as the main argument in favor of their scheme, that pensioners are a set of suspects, attempting to swindle the government which a generation ago they fought to preserve.

Now, if any pensioner is so unpatriotic as to receive the governmental bounty on a fraudulent claim of injury or invalidism, that wrong is made possible only by the negligence or the connivance of the government itself. What is the pension bureau for, if not to adjudicate claims for pensionable disabilities resulting from military or naval service?

If that bureau, with all its safeguards—its lynx-eyed medical boards, examining boards, boards of review and its corps of special agents scouring the country for the purpose of detecting frauds—is not able to expose and punish dishonest claimants, then it is time to legislate that "circumlocution office" out of existence, for there is no longer any reason for its continued survival. I do not believe, however, that the pension bureau has sunk to so low a state of impotence and imbecility. It has ample facilities for doing its proper work; let it be held to a strict accountability therefor.

But what good would result from giving the notoriety of publication to the pension list? Would frauds be brought to light by this means?

I doubt it, notwithstanding the claims of certain metropolitan dailies that they have done some brilliant detective feats of this nature. It is very easy for an unscrupulous writer to affirm that he has discovered that an old soldier named Z. X. Y. of the town of P. is receiving a pension of $12 a month to which he is not entitled. If any newspaper knows of such a case, let it not deal in sly innuendoes or hide its irresponsible head behind the breastwork of initials. Let it come out with a specific charge, and say just who the culprit is and in what precinct he votes.

On the other hand, the proposed publication would do harm. To whom? To the pensioner, of course. Him it would humiliate, and that is the real purpose of the plan to publish the "roll of honor." I wonder if any ex-soldier is stupid enough to be deceived by that seductive phrase, "roll of honor." The animus of those who are pushing the scheme is clearly apparent. In many towns the authorities refuse to allow the names of paupers to be printed in the annual reports, lest they should wound the feelings of the unfortunates that have become a public charge. Shall less consideration be shown for the sensibilities of pensioners?

As a make-weight and afterthought it is next asserted that most pensioners are capable of self-support and do not need their pensions. This is not true; but if it were true, what of it? Must they forfeit their pensions on that account? How many retired officers of the army and navy need the two or three thousand dollars annually paid to each of them by the United States government? Yet no cross Congressman or economic penny-a-liner dares propose cutting off the fat stipends of the rich officers of the retired list. Perhaps they could not eke out a subsistence if deprived of their pensions.

Another proposition, intended to benefit the old soldiers, is that the pensions of all government employes shall be suspended during tenure of office.

Now, I am both a government employe and a pensioner. From the government I receive $40 a month for my services. I served at the front during three years of the late war, and my body bears the marks of two bullet wounds. My disability resulting therefrom is rated at $4 a month, and for nearly ten years I have drawn the sum of $12 quarterly from the public treasury—less the fee of 50 cents charged by the notary for executing my voucher. But if the infamous and degrading scheme to secure the publication of pensioners' names succeeds, I, for one, shall surrender my pension certificate in disgust, and refuse to wear the stigma which designing men seek to brand upon the forehead of every recipient of a pension.

If our national legislators wish to economize, let them cut a few millions out of the river and harbor bills and other big jobs for which they are responsible; but don't crowd the pensioners, for they will not be long in the way.

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