

PENSION BILL PASSED.

After Five Days Debate the House Disposes of It Without Division.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—After five days of debate the pension appropriation bill carrying \$151,000,000 passed this afternoon without division. Throughout the debate there had been no criticism of the amount carried by the bill, debate being confined on the one hand to an assault upon the manner which the previous commissioner of pensions had administered the office, and his alleged unauthorized suspension of pensions, and on the other to a defense of the attempt of the commissioner to purge the rolls of those who were not entitled to pensions. To day there were several very spirited speeches, those by General Henderson of Iowa, Mr. O'Neill in closing the debate and ex-speaker Grow. All the amendments to the bill save one, that of Mr. Pickler, to make the reports of the examining surgeons open to the inspection of the applicant or his attorneys, were defeated. They all fell under points of order that they were not germane.

The one which attracted most attention was that of Mr. Enloe, to repeal a portion of the provision included in the act of last December to prevent the suspension of any pension except on thirty days' notice so as to permit the suspension in case of plain prima facie evidence that the pensioner had procured his pension by forgery, perjury or other palpable frauds. This amendment was offered at the suggestion of Commissioner Lochren himself, who under the opinion of the attorney general declares if the act of last December stood, over \$500,000 would have to be paid out to suspended pensioners who were beyond all question, not to be longer entitled to the pensions they have been drawing. Mr. Outhwaite, the chairman of the committee of the whole, however, ruled the amendment out on Mr. Martin's point of order that it was not germane.

Mr. Stockdale (democrat) of Mississippi supported the pension policy of Commissioner Lochren and the president. They were trying, he said, to rid the roll of the camp followers, and coffee coolers, and deserters in order to make it an historic and honored roll of the nation's defenders.

Mr. Johnson (republican) of Indiana made a vigorous onslaught on the policy of Secretary Smith and Commissioner Lochren. He reviewed what he called wholesale suspensions made.

After a brief speech by Mr. Thomas (republican) Mr. Springer (democrat) of Illinois took the floor in defense of the policy of the pension office. He wanted to know why Illinois, having more population than Ohio, had but 68,000 pensioners receiving \$11,019,000, while Ohio had 102,981 pensioners receiving \$17,326,000. In Indiana \$900,000 was distributed to the congressional district; in Ohio \$855,000, while in Illinois but \$500,000 was distributed to the district. He attributed this state of affairs to the fact the pension office had been made a political machine by the republican party, Illinois was certain for the republican party, while Indiana and Ohio were doubtful. Pension cases were settled in the doubtful states, while those from one solid state were pigeon-holed.

Mr. O'Neill (dem.) of Massachusetts, who was in charge of the bill, closed the debate. No amendments looking to an increase of the appropriation had been suggested, he said. The debate had been merely for political effect. The republicans, as they saw the limit of pensions was soon to be reached, realized that their stock in trade would cease when they could no longer go before the country crying out they had increased the number of pensions. In concluding, Mr. O'Neill warned the republicans they were in a poor business when they discredited General Black and Commissioner Lochren in the eyes of the old soldiers. Neither could they discredit the president with the American people. They had absolute faith in his honesty, his pluck and his courage. [Applause.]

WILD-EYED CAMPBELL.

Department Commander of Kansas G. A. R. Issues General Order No. 1.
Topeka, Kan., March 6.—W. P. Campbell, the newly elected department commander of the Kansas G. A. R., has issued "general order" No. 1. The order does not differ materially from orders of a similar character previously issued, except, possibly, that it is more radical, and the blood stained article of wearing apparel so dear to the Republican politician is waved more vigorously. The order says:

There are matters which concern us as survivors of the armies of which the great Lincoln was the command-in-chief transcending any questions that seems to divide political parties. We triumphed in the great conflict of arms. When the existence of our country was threatened by traitors, with guns in their hands, we rose up to a mighty wrath, and not with vapid arguments, but by hard knocks, we saved the country. Our flag floats triumphant over a nation of people, great, progressive and free. We had hoped the conflict was ended, but is it? There are many indications that it is not. With unexampled bravery and fortitude we attacked the old she wolf of disunion with fire and sword and drove her snarling back to her lair, from which she has not since emerged except under cover of darkness and in stolen attire; but, after all, will not our children have to contend with her whelps? They do not preach secession. Their methods, though desperate and determined, are insidious. They attack the nation by attempts to discredit its defenders. They encompass the earth and seas to find a fraudulent pension and value the rascally recipient above all price. They have no desire to punish him; it is the degrading pensioner they wish to be smirched. Recent events may well cause us to pause and consider whether the old snake of rebellion is scotched and not killed. Comrades, beware of treachery. The leading secessionist of the South and their coadjutors, the prating copper heads of the North, love not the flag of this Union neither do their descendants. They are wolves as were their fathers before them.

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It was natural and inevitable that before the periodic sky clearing of pension bombast was over in the house Kansas should be dragged into the controversy. It was like wise a pleasant variation of the monotonous charges and recrimination which have become a part of every pension debate when Mr. Hudson of Kansas, attacked both the democratic and republican policies, and brought out the interesting news that Kansas, with 40,000 pensioners, draws but \$6,400,000 a year, while Massachusetts needs only 34,000 pensioners to take \$7,150,000. There is nothing like variety, even in pension debates, and Mr. Hudson has furnished the only kind possible, except an active fist fight or an appeal to ancient Blandensburg—Kansas City Times.

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Number of Pensioners.

Washington, D. C. March 9.—The decrease in the number of claims received daily at the Pension bureau is shown in a statement prepared at the department. The number of pensioners on the rolls is now approximately 966,900, against 952,000 for the corresponding week of last year. The number has, however, steadily diminished since September 1. The number of cases now pending the action of the examiners is 654,169. This is a decrease of over 91,000 in the standing number received during last week is a decrease of 3,443 from the number received in the corresponding week last year. There is also a decrease 281 in the number of cases allowed during the week and an increase in the cases rejected. The claims now pending are divided by classes as follows: Old war, 3,557; Indian wars, 2,777; service since March 4, 1861, 203,495; act of June 27, 1890, 126,721; additional to prior applications on file under former acts, 108,427; increase 203,629; increase and accrued widows, 5,887, and army nurses, 676.

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The Blair Road To Extend.

Kansas City, March 8.—The management of the Kansas City, Osceola & Southern railway announced yesterday that the road is to be extended from Osceola, its present terminus to Greenfield, Dade county. John I. Blair of New Jersey, and Conrad Miller president of the Bangor and Portland railroad, are interested in the road. The extension of the Blair line is a thing of great importance to Kansas City. Its ultimate objective point is the Gulf of Mexico, and it is likely that the line will be in operation from Kansas City to the gulf in five years.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., March 6.—At Edgerton, this county, James Erricson, 70 years old, was last night dragged from his house in his night clothes by a mob of 100 men and given a coat of tar and feathers. Erricson, it is alleged attempted to assault a 13-year old daughter of Jas Meriter last Sunday night. Meriter severely whipped the old man. After the coat of tar and feathers had been applied, Erricson was forced to run up and down the street for the benefit of the residents of the town.

Mysterious Murder.

A passenger, who passed through here this afternoon going north, informed a Mail reporter that a strange man who had been selling cheap jewelry was found dead at Fort Scott this morning with his throat cut from ear to ear. The body was found in the north part of town and it was thought he had been murdered for his money and jewelry. He was between 25 and 30 years of age.

The Gulf depot at that place was also robbed last night. The robbery took place shortly after midnight. —Nevada Mail

Mrs. N. Mevette, the Genesee county treasurer of the W. C. T. U. and a very influential worker in the cause of women says: "I have used Park's Tea and find it is the best remedy I have ever tried for constipation. It requires smaller doses and is more thorough. I shall use nothing else in the future."

A Bed Quilt As A Dress.

Kansas City Star.

Mrs. G. Y. Slack, president of the governing board of the girls' reformatory at Chillicothe, Mo., is in Kansas City to-day, on her way to visit the Confederate home at Higginsville. She called upon Police Matron Taggart, at the Central police station to day, to explain to her some matters regarding the workings of the home.

"Ruth Stinson, an incorrigible young girl, was locked in her room without her clothing, to prevent her from escaping, a few days ago," said Mrs. Slack. "With wonderful ingenuity she tore up a quilt and with out any scissors or pattern to be guided by she tore the cloth into the shape of a dress and with the aid of some pins and pieces of string made a presentable garment. Then she made a rope of her bed linen and escaped. The town marshal spent the whole day in an unsuccessful search for her, but at night she sent for him and surrendered because she was cold. We have that dress among the curiosities of the institute, and will try to direct her talents into useful channels."

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Indian Relics Unearthed.

Monticello, Ill., March 8.—The Indian grounds on Camp Creek, just north of Monticello, were dug into by parties who are getting out sand for the new \$18,000 public school building and many Indian skeletons and Indian relics were discovered. The bones were in a good state of preservation, the brains were petrified and are perfect in size. Tomahawks, beads, pots, spoons and other Indian relics were found. The Pawnee and Kickapoo tribes formerly camped near this city, and the mounds were their burial place. Many curiosity hunters visited the scene of this discovery.

Did a Triving Business.

Wichita, Kan., March 9.—Constable Green today arrested Frank Deaker and Charles Durey on charge of first stealing a horse and wagon and then going to a neighboring county, and stealing a wagon load of oats or other grain and hauling it into Wichita for sale. It is thought that the trial will develop a curious state of affairs. At different times lately whole hay stacks have been carried away in one night, but it is not charged that these men did that work.

A good many republican papers, either through ignorance or meadacity, are associating 50 cent wheat with the democratic administration, when the world knows the price is regulated in Europe and the tariff simply obstructs the sale of American wheat by hampering its exchange for European commodities. When forced to sell exclusively on the home market through lack of demand abroad, the American farmer has grain to burn. The American farmer is an exporter and so called protection is nothing but obstruction to hinder the sale and increase cost of production.—Ex.

John W. Northcutt, a prominent farmer of Audrain county, died suddenly on the night of the 2d. aged 65. He was a native of Warren county.

Wm. A. King, a wealthy farmer of Saline county, died in St. Louis on the night of the 7th. He leaves an estate of 200,000.

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