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We suppose by this time Tom Reed has waited upon the President and announced his readiness to do business at the old stand.

A one-pupil school, and that pupil in attendance but twice in three weeks, is the report of a public school teacher in Oneida, N. Y. "Sincere" no longer lacks a definition.

At a recent bicycle exhibit in England all American wheels were barred. There is but one conclusion to be drawn from this, and that is that our manufacturers are making a superior wheel.

The announcement by the students of the University of Virginia for a called meeting to reorganize the movement put on foot last commencement, in order that plans may be devised for a Poe memorial, will be noted with pleasure by the alumni of that institution.

With Paris for a radial point, all France for the past week has been in a state of frenzied excitement, such as only Frenchmen can rise to, over the Dreyfus case. It really begins to look as though the young officer has been the victim of a conspiracy of the foulest sort, and already from being a by-word and a reproach among men, he is fast becoming a popular idol.

instead of "theatrical soldiers," they are making practical firemen of their pupils; not that they expect, of course, to make actual firemen of their boys, but to give them coolness, courage and promptness in emergencies, in all of which things the modern methods of fighting fire are sufficiently scientific to produce good disciplinary results.

SHIVERING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Prof. Sheppe, principal of the Commerce street school, in his reply in yesterday's Times to the card of Col. Lockett, calling attention to the fact that the children of the public schools are forced to stand on the streets until the doors are opened, during all sorts of weather, shows that he is acting strictly within the limits of school regulations.

In lieu of anything better, we would offer the following suggestion, applicable at least to the Commerce street school, which is steam heated. The janitor is necessarily on the premises at an early hour. Let the lower rooms be kept locked until the teachers arrive and instruct the janitor to allow the children who may come before that time, the privilege of the halls, which are usually comfortable, and which are large enough to accommodate such as come before the arrival of the teachers.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

SET A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF. President Diaz, of Mexico, is credited with the invention of an ingenious method of ridding the country of bandits, including train robbers, which is working like a charm.

SOMETHING TO KNOW. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters.

GET A DIVORCE FROM



TURN YOUR BACK ON old time high-price credit dealings. SEE what spot cash will do. Ladies' Genuine Kid, all solid leather, \$1, worth \$1.25.

Roanoke Shoe Co., Spot Cash Money Savers.

A BRUTAL WIFE-MURDERER.

In Greensboro Saturday Night - A Strong Talk of Lynching. The following will no doubt interest friends of the murderer in Roanoke. Winston Sentinel: One of the most horrible and cold blooded murders ever perpetrated in this State was that at Greensboro Saturday evening when Sonny Ryan, a trilling fugitive from justice, shot and killed his wife because she had refused to turn over to him \$11, which she had just collected from her boarders.

BALTIMORE'S SOCIAL SENSATION.

Mrs. Jasigi Sues for a Divorce on Statutory Grounds. Baltimore, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Alice Moore Jasigi has instituted suit for a divorce from her husband, Thomas G. Jasigi, on statutory grounds.

ANTI-FOOTBALL BILL VETOED.

Atlanta, Dec. 8.—Governor Atkinson yesterday evening vetoed the anti-football bill. He sent a message to the house stating that he had vetoed the measure, as he thought the question of whether college boys should play football should be left with the faculties of the various institutions.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia.

THE PENSION OCTOPUS.

Swallows Nearly One-Half of the Federal Revenue.

From the New York Sun: For the first time since the pension appropriations began to assume enormous proportions it seems certain that the subject will receive proper and earnest attention from Congress. It begins to be seen that a pension list which two years after the close of the war closely approximates half the total number of three-year pensioners, and which is still rapidly growing, demands serious consideration.

The pension roll now far exceeds the membership of all the patriotic societies of veterans which the war created; in fact, is considerably more than double the membership of all of them—Grand Army of the Republic, Union Veteran Legion, Union Veterans' Union, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Society of the Army of the Potomac, Society of the Army of the James, Society of the Army of West Virginia, and the Society of the Army of the Cumberland.

Looking at in another shape: if a line could be formed equal in length to one made up of all the three-year veterans of the war and every other man should be advanced a pace to the front, the numbers in either line would then out slightly exceed those on the pension roll, and more than every other dollar of the government revenue would be required to pay it.

More startling still does the magnitude of this pension payment appear when its amount is compared with the items of annual appropriations. These in round numbers were: the appropriations for the current fiscal year: Legislative, \$7,713,000; executive proper, \$300,000; State, \$2,169,000; Treasury, \$32,263,000; war, \$59,978,000; navy, \$33,554,000; postoffice, \$330,000; interior except pensions, \$15,012,000; agriculture, \$3,188,000; justice, \$6,126,000; labor, \$174,000; pensions, \$141,264,000; total, \$302,585,000; totals without pensions, \$161,321,000; pensions for next year, \$150,000,000.

It will be seen from these figures that if the cost of Congress, the printing office, the library and the botanic garden, expressed in the item legislative, and the agricultural department be taken out of the above column the pensions for next year will equal the total cost of the remaining government service. That is to say, the cost of pensions will, with the small exceptions noted, equal the entire salary list of the Government in Washington and throughout the country, the expenses of all the departments, including the whole judicial system, the cost of the army and navy, postoffice deficiencies, public buildings, fortifications, and ships, rivers and harbors, the department of labor, and the whole expense of the White House and its salaries.

Such comparisons as these have at last attracted the attention which they deserve, and Washington upon the eve of the opening of Congress is full of talk based upon such presentation of the subject.

Pension reform has been a question which for years has been forcing itself upon the attention of Congressmen. It has been put aside from year to year because, from motives which are easily understood, and which have men to commend them, there was a general disposition to provide for the growing burden rather than seem even to be turning the cold shoulder to veterans.

There is no dissent worth consideration from the proposition that if \$150,000,000 is fairly due to soldiers, or those who have been or are dependent upon them on account of disabilities incurred in the service, every cent of it should be promptly paid. Further than this there is a general assent to the proposition that the government owes to all who were disabled and impoverished by the casualties of the service, not the mere pittance which so many of those now receive, but a sum, which, with other means that the pensioner may be able to command, would lift him and those depending upon him above want.

There is a growing feeling that the pensions enjoyed by many thousands who are in full health, and comfortably fixed in life, should be terminated, and the Government be thus enabled to more nearly discharge its duty toward the helpless and the miserable.

Pain-Killer advertisement for Perry Davis' Pain-Killer, describing its benefits for various ailments like colds, rheumatism, and neuralgia.

PALAIS ROYAL, 101 SALEM AVENUE.

Large advertisement for Palais Royal featuring various clothing items like capes, coats, and suits with prices and descriptions. Includes 'Special Prices on Plush Capes' and 'Special Coat Bargains'.

disgusted with its revelations. Wealthy men in large numbers would be found upon it. Thousands would be revealed whose disabilities were only temporary and so long since disappeared. A small army of men would be discovered to whom their pensions are in no sense a necessity.

Liver Ills and Hood's Pills advertisement, describing symptoms like biliousness and constipation, and promoting Hood's Pills as a cure.