

PENSION REFORM.
Something About the Work Being Done by Commissioner Lochren.

In the work to weeding out undeserving pensioners under the law of 1890 the bureau is not disturbing those who have lost arms or legs, hands or feet, or those who are totally blind or deaf or suffer with heart disease, Bright's disease or other ailments calculated to unfit the invalids for the performances of manual labor. These pensioners are all in receipt of the highest rate of pension allowed under this law. It is not to be expected that in such a stupendous undertaking as that upon which the bureau is now engaged the work can be prosecuted absolutely without error; but so anxious is Commissioner Lochren that no injustice shall be done any deserving pensioner that in two cases where adequate proof was produced that the pensioner was entitled to the government's bounty a telegraphic order was sent to the local agency to restore the pension immediately.

A most significant feature of the work the pension bureau is now doing is the fact that only a very small percentage of those whose pensions have been suspended are making any attempt to prove their cases. While a few have advised the bureau that they will send in additional evidence of their worthiness, the majority have quietly accepted the finding of the examiners and are apparently satisfied to let the matter rest. The outcry against the bureau's policy of ordering suspensions in all suspicious cases does not appear to come from the men who are most vitally affected. They appear to feel that they have been fortunate in getting out of the bureau, in view of the fact that under a proper interpretation of the law they have no standing as pensioners.

In answer to the charges so freely made that Commissioner Lochren is not allowing pensions, but is employing his entire staff in the examination of suspicious cases, it should be said that during the week ended July 15, 926 cases were allowed, including 401 invalids and 488 widows' pensions, and during the week ended July 27, 1,154 certificates were issued, including 549 invalids and 571 widows' pensions. This rate is by no means equal to the speed which Raum turned out pensions, but there is no likelihood that it will ever be necessary to suspend those allowed by Commissioner Lochren.

No Accounting for Taste.
When cupid makes his attacks on the human family and entangles in his embrace the human heart, whether white, black or Mongolian, he sometimes makes a queer job of his work. A Chinaman, the private secretary of Sid Beck, and a white lass are the latest victims of his curious work. Having fallen into his meshes they sought the aid of a minister or justice of the peace to help them out of their difficulty, but finding no one in Portland who would aid them, they were not willing to let trifles stand in their way, so at 2 p. m. the third day of August, they boarded a carriage for the happy hunting ground of Vancouver, Wash., where they can be tied without let or hindrance.—Despatch.

The Dreaded Cholera.
According to the Lancet, the well-known English medical weekly, cholera has been epidemic in Marseilles for the last three months. The local officials, it asserts, have carried their policy of deception to such a length that the government has been led astray in regard to the real state of affairs. The prefecture now admits that there has been 601 deaths from cholera in Marseilles since the middle of May. On several days twenty deaths were recorded, and last Saturday the mortality went up to 25. During the last four weeks there have been 623 deaths from cholera throughout France.

Gave Her Liquor.
A young mountaineer named John Adams is under arrest on charge of furnishing liquor to Mary L. Pambrum, a woman of Indian blood who has figured in court before in similar cases. The offense is alleged to have been committed during a dance at Gibbon, and complaints brought by the woman's husband, Peter Pambrum. Deputy U. S. Marshal Beattie went up to Athena Sunday after the culprit but failed to find him there, and captured him later at Adams. The case is pending in the U. S. commissioner's court.—East Oregonian.

In a Dry Goods Box.
Herman Zuiting, a German dwarf, entered the World's Fair grounds yesterday in a dry-goods box shipped from New York through the Adams Express company. The box was addressed to the Adams Express company, Jackson Park, and when it was unloaded a dwarf in a dress suit and wearing kid gloves stood before them smiling and bowing. This is the second man to take a ride into the fair grounds by means of the Adams Express company. Herman will be held till the company sees if full charges cannot be collected.

She Married a Chinaman.

The Portland Oregonian says. Charley B. Young, an Americanized Chinaman, who has acted as agent for the Northwest Fire & Marine Insurance Company for years, and is well known among business men here, was married by the pastor of the First Baptist church in Vancouver, Thursday afternoon, to Miss Mary S. Byl, of Cincinnati, O. Young is a bright, intelligent Chinaman, about 30 years of age, who long ago parted with his queue and adopted the American style of clothing. The bride is rather a prepossessing woman of 27. She came to this city about seven months ago and has since been connected with the Chinese mission. Her mother is about 72 years of age, and has been engaged in missionary work for about 50 years, visited many foreign countries but has never been in China or Japan. Her daughter has determined to be a missionary to China, and this is one reason for her marrying a native of that country.

Young has provided a nicely furnished house in McMillen's addition, where they will reside for a time, and when they go to China they will be accompanied by Mrs. Byl.

A reception was given the newly-wedded couple at the Baptist mission Thursday evening, at which about 200 of their friends were present, and yesterday a dinner in three sections—at 3, 6, and 9:30 p. m.—was given at Me Kim's restaurant in honor of Young by his Chinese friends. These are troublous times for missionaries in China, and probably the bride, if bound for that country, has acted wisely in healing herself with a husband who will be at home there and teach her the language.

Victor Hugo.
From the Nashville American.
A few weeks ago an old negress came from Bridgetown, on the island of Barbadoes, to a missionary and asked him to read three masses for Victor Hugo. The missionary was astonished, and at first believed that he misunderstood the visitor. But the negress replied to his questions that years ago she had given aid to Hugo's daughter, who had married an English officer against the will of her father, and had fled with him to Barbadoes. The officer deserted his wife, who consequently became almost insane, and was cared for in that condition by the negress. The negress wrote to the poet of the sad condition of his child. Hugo sent her 2000 francs and had her go to Paris with his daughter. After remaining a time in the house of the author the negress decided to return to Barbadoes. One reason for this was the fact that the poor daughter had become incurably insane and had been consigned to an asylum. The poet respected the negress because of the love she had borne his daughter, said to her before her departure from Paris: "When you hear of my death in your native country, have three masses read for me." The old woman who first heard of the death of Victor Hugo a few months ago, has now fulfilled the wishes of the poet.

Hard Times in Frisco.
An old San Franciscan, who has just returned from the Bay city, told a Telegram reporter that San Francisco is practically dead; and that he never saw so little doing in that city as now.

"At any time," said the gentleman, "there are hundreds of people roaming the streets, hungry and without work. Many workmen on large buildings have been laid off. Street car forces have been reduced. Business is duller than I have ever known it to be and I have known San Francisco a long time.

"Walking along the streets one is constantly meeting an endless throng, seemingly, of people, their stories of misery and want plainly depicted on their faces. In many districts where all was bustling activity, now it is quiet and almost deserted.

"For its size, Portland is wonderfully active, and more than ever am I convinced that this city is one of the most substantial in the country. In the Bay city where formerly there used to be blocks of busy stores, they are empty, and the windows along the streets are covered with 'to rent' signs. The Bay city is experiencing very hard times, I tell you.—Telegram.

Long Creek Races.
The citizens of the town of Long Creek met last Friday evening and took the initial step for fall races by electing the following officers: E. O. Woodall, Pres.; E. N. Crockett, Sec. and Treas.; E. C. Kenney, J. A. Crisman and I. W. Splawn, directors. Early this week E. O. Woodall tendered his resignation as president, and Thos. D. Williams was elected in his stead.

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