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C. P. HUNTINGTON has been whining to the San Francisco reporters that he can't get "justice" from Congress this year because Congressmen are all looking for re-election. It is generally considered that "justice" is the thing most to be feared by Mr. Huntington.

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Mr. Wm. J. McCann, 99 Randall st., Boston, writes: "Six months ago I began to throw up my food after eating. I thought I was going into consumption. I soon began to have pain in the chest, stomach and sides. I got little sleep and awoke all tired out. I once lost five pounds in four days. I began using Shaker Extract of Roots, or Seigel's Syrup, and when I had finished the sixth bottle I could eat three square meals a day, and go to sleep the minute I struck the bed. I am a paper hanger by trade, and have worked every day since I took the second bottle, and gained 18 pounds. I ought to be thankful and I am."

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Soldiers' Department.

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Along the Skirmish Line.

The cost to the State of Wisconsin for the case of fifty-one veterans at the Soldier's Home at Waupaca for the quarter ending March 31, was $1,373.15—$3.50 per week.

The bronze statue of General G. K. Warren, to be erected on the summit of Little Round Top, Gettysburg, will be completed for dedication Aug. 8, 1888.

A reunion of union and confederate soldiers from the armies of the Potomac and Northern Virginia is to be held at Gettysburg July 1, 2 and 3.

Bryner Post, Peoria, recently lost all their war relics, records, and equipments by fire.

Frank C. Wilson, No. 1,312 Castle avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., desires all members of the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry to send him their addresses at once.

There are only four men now living who have personally received the thanks of the Congress of the United States. They are Gens. Sherman, Sheridan, Howard and Terry.

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, QUINCY, ILL., April 14,—*To the Editor.*—Will you kindly request through the widely read Veteran Column, that all comrades report to me the names and residences of any honorably discharged soldiers or sailors of the Mexican or Civil Wars, two years resident of this state, whose disability is such that they cannot earn a living, and who desire admittance to the home. It is the desire of the management that all who are eligible, and who need the shelter of the home, should be provided for as soon as possible. Attention to this will much oblige

J. G. ROWLAND, Supt.

Richard W. Surby, late Quartermaster Sargeant Seventh Regiment Illinois Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, and chief of scouts of the famous Grierson raid from Tennessee to Louisiana, April and May 1863, is the designer of a beautiful illustrated Grand Army chart representing all the Past Commanders-in-chief G. A. R. all the Past Commanders-in-chief Sons of Veterans all the Past Presidents Woman's Relief Corps, all their different badges, all the army corps badges, and very many other loyal features. The size of chart is 24x32, and is now in process of completion, work being done by M. Umbdenstock & Co., Chicago, and expected to be ready for the market by first of July next.

The Order in General.

General order No. 7, National headquarters Grand Army of the Republic has been promulgated under date of April 16, 1888. It calls attention to the near approach "of May 30, 1888, the twentieth annual recurrence of Memorial Day." The order says: "The spirit and customs of our order impose upon all comrades the duty of participating in the public recognition of the day. Let it not be forgotten that our comrades dead were earnest, manly men, who voluntarily faced death for a cause worthy of the sacrifice. Let all known graves of the men who fought for the Union, on land or sea, be marked by the pure blossoms of spring, which in all tongues speak the language of gratitude and love. Let the people be assembled for special memorial services where eloqueuce and song shall unite to teach and exemplify the duties and rewards of patriotism; and so may the better angels of our nature touching the tender chords of memory which stretch from every battle-field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, so swell the chorus of the Union that no discord shall ever again mar its glorious harmonies."

Soldiers and the Civil Service.

The new Civil Service rules bear hard upon the ex-soldiers of the Departments. Many of them were making the existence of a Civil Service commission possible during the best years of their lives. They were in the service of the Union in time of war while many of those now occupying places not touched by the new rules were enjoying the benefits of the peace establishment. Yet the ex-soldier, under the new rules, upon failure to pass the minimum, or under a new trial after six months, may be humiliated by reduction or be dismissed altogether. In the meantime the man who has a fourth-class place has the advantage of the ex-soldier in education, because he preferred the walks of peace to those of war. Justice seems to require that the fourth-class clerks should be compelled to stand an examination for the places they hold, and the agitation for a change of the rules in this respect is not likely soon to subside.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Confederate Money Loaned in a Prison Repaid in Greenbacks.

[*From the Bangor (Me.) Commercial.*]

On Tuesday of this week County Attorney H. H. Burbank, of Saco, paid the following note, which was recently forwarded him from Greenville, Pa.:

$50. COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 16. 1865.

For value received I promise to pay, on demand, to William Washburne, or order, the sum of fifty dollars.

(Signed) HORACE H. BURBANK, Limerick, Me.

When this note was given Col. Burbank was an inmate of Columbia prison, unwillingly partaking of the hospitality of the Confederacy. Among his companions was William Washburne, a Lieutenant of the 5th Mass., who had received from his father a large sum of Confederate money. Unwilling to alone enjoy the advantages that Confederate money could purchase, Washburne distributed his fortune among his comrades in sums of $50 each, taking their notes therefor. The $50 was then only worth $10 in United States money, but nevertheless it enabled the prisoners to obtain many a luxury or an extra ration.

Soon after Col. Burbank returned to his home he wrote to Mr. Washburne at Boston, where he gave his address, asking if he still had the note, but no answer was ever received, and till a short time ago he supposed that his benefactor had joined the silent majority. Recently the Colonel found among his mail a long letter from Mr. Washburne, who is now living in Greenville, Pa. The letter stated that its writer had been paroled at Charlotte, N. C., shortly after the fortunate escape of Col. Burbank and a number of others from Columbia Prison.

From Charlotte, Washburne was taken to Annapolis, Md., where he was exchanged. By this time he had become a physical wreck and totally blind. Under the care of his parents he improved somewhat and regained the partial use of his eyes, but is still disabled. He says that since he has struggled along trying to maintain his small family. The letter is gracefully worded, and tells in a modest way a truly pathetic story. In the same envelope was the old note, yellow, but well preserved.

It is needless to say that Col. Burbank hastened to pay off his old debt, and at the same time to relieve the necessities of a prematurely old veteran soldier.

HOW "STONEWALL" FELL.

The Story of a Confederate Soldier who saw the Fatal Shots Fired.

Athens (Ga.) *Banner:* We followed our bottoms until we got to the plank road leading from Fredericksburg to Chancellorsville, being then near and in the front of Hooker's (better known as Fighting Joe) army. We were thrown in line of battle three deep, and ordered to rest, but our rest was suddenly disturbed by the firing of one of our cannon immediately in our rear, and as the echoes died away we heard the answer from one of Lee's guns. The boys then knew that the next thing would be to fight, and in a few minutes we heard the order coming from the line, "Fix bayonets and charge." With a yell we pushed on but had gone but a very short distance before we were on the enemy greatly to their surprise. As they were not looking for us at that time and place, they were not prepared to receive us, so they took to their heels rather than be taken prisoners, leaving their knapsacks laid in squares by companies, guns stacked and camp kettles boiling with beef. On we went in high spirits in double quick time, loading and firing. I passed one poor fellow with a ball through his leg bathing in a hole of water. He looked up at us and said: 'Go ahead Johnnies; the Yanks are running like ——!" The further we went the more stubborn the enemy became, but there was no stopping the Stonewall men. Just at dusk they made a bold stand in the edge of heavy woods, where they had thrown up some good breastworks, but we made no stop but forced them on. As it was dark we soon came to a halt. The best of my recollection is that we must have been on this charge one and a half hours. When we stopped I found I had strayed off from my company, but I soon found them standing in the plank road telling as soldiers will, what each one had seen, how many rounds each one had shot etc. While waiting we heard the clatter of horses' hoofs, and well does any old soldier know how we felt to think of a cavalry charge in the night. Soon we heard the clinking of sabres; then we momentarily expected the dash of cavalry upon us. Our officers gave orders to all that had loaded guns to fire when they came near enough, and all that had empty ones to prepare to receive a cavalry charge. On they came closer and closer, until they seemed to be almost upon us. Being in the woods and very dark, we could not see them, but we fired one volley. Only those fired that were immediately in the road, and all was still as death.

Soldier-like we were delighted to find that they had stopped and were easing their way back. But oh! it was not so. It was Stonewall Jackson. Better would it have been had every hand that pulled a trigger to a loaded gun that night fallen dead than take part in that disastrous killing. Immediately after the rain stopped the charge at dark Jackson rode in between the lines to find out where the enemy was (history gives it as a supposition that he intended making one of his night charges). One of his aides telling him they were among the Yankees, they turned and put spurs for our lines, but were met by a shower of balls and death.

Were Both Boys in Blue Once.

A Soldiers' Home "Vet" was recently brought before a Justice of the Peace in this county who was recognized by the Justice as a comrade in the late war. The prisoner was slightly intoxicated, lame and stoop shouldered. The Justice gave the following commands to the prisoner which were carried out to the letter:

"A-t-t-e-n-t-i-o-n! Salute your superior officer!"

He was saluted.

"Pre-sent! Right about face!

He was obeyed with a military mien.

"Forward! March!" shouted the Justice.

The prisoner obeyed going toward the entrance with the regulation stride. When within ten feet of the door the Justice cried "Halt! Attention! Mark time!"

The Home inmate solemnly tapped his foot on the floor.

"Forward! March! Double quick!"

The boy in blue waited for no more, but went through the door like a rocket.

A Boom in Parrots.

That chattering genius of the bird tribe known as the poll-parrot is creating something of a financial sensation among fanciers, who find more customers than parrots, but who are timid about holding their prizes at such prices as now prevail for fear that a West India or South American fleet may at any moment overstock the market. "Sure enough there's a boom in parrots," said a Ninth street dealer, "and we are getting high prices for the birds on hand, especially for Brazilian pets that can talk. The other day we sold a bird for $150, and we hold this one in the cage here (pointing to a fine specimen on a perch near by) at $125."

"O, yes. We sold the $150 parrot partly on its merits and partly because it bore a strong resemblance to the recently deceased pet of an old lady on Spring Garden street, who was as fond of her bird as though it had been her daughter. But it was a bright parrot, could whistle like a flute and knew half a dozen such tunes as 'Comin' Thro' the Rye,' 'Yankee Doodle,' 'Over the Fence is Out,' and 'The Old Man's Drunk Again.' The latter tune it learned from its late mistress, along with sundry profane expressions, which cut down its value at least $50. A parrot that would split out half a dozen tunes without a cuss word, say 'good night' and 'good morning' at the proper times, and would not fight with the house cat, would, in the present condition of the market, fetch $250."

"Is the parrot market cornered?"

"O, no. That was tried once, and a New York firm bought up all the talking parrots in the country quietly, at fair prices, and waited for a big raise. Just as the corner was about to succeed two vessels sailed into New York harbor with several hundred birds on board, and the pool was broken, the syndicate losing over $100,000 on the deal.

"But that was not so queer as the bad luck of a captain who bought over a hundred or more parrots in 1884. He left Rio about two months before the presidential election, and thought that he would make a 'spec' by teaching the birds to say 'hurrah for Blaine.' The sailors were busy during the entire voyage instructing the birds in this single sentence. When the vessel arrived Cleveland had been elected, and the parrots were a dead loss. The captain did not get enough for them to pay first cost."

"What are prevailing prices now?"

"Well, Cuban parrots sell for $5 to $15 and Brazilian parrots from $80 to $125. These are double the prices which have been prevailing. The result is due to a limited supply and brisk demand. Parrots are great pets, and an old lady the other day bought a parrot from us for $10, which we had about made up our minds to give away, just because the bird looked like one which she had owned for years and which had just died."—*Philadelphia Record.*

She Did Not Decline.

Mrs. Bascom—You wouldn't believe it, Mrs. Tibbitts, to look at me now; but when I was a girl about 19 years old I lost my appetite, and grew so pale and thin that everybody said I was going to fade away and die.

Mrs. Tibbitts—Indeed! and what was the matter with you?

Mrs. Bascom—Love.

Mrs. Tibbitts—Do tell! How did you ever recover?

Mrs. Bascom—O, it came around kind of natural like. You see, Joshua called to see me one night, looking awful blue; and says he, "Mildred, folk say you're goin' into a decline." "No, I ain't Joshua," says I, "not till you'll have me."—*Tid-Bits.*