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The war of 1812 closed more than seventy years ago, and yet there are according to the last annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, 3,899 surviving soldiers and 19,512 widows on the pension rolls.

General Grant's book promises to be most interesting. It will be issued late this fall, and will meet with a hearty reception by the American people, both North and South. It will contain about eight hundred pages, and has real merits from a literary stand-point, but its real value is in its historic worth.

Another evidence of the hypocrisy of President Cleveland in matters of Civil Service reform crops out in the appointment of Daniel McSweeney, the ex-suspect and arch fraud, a special agent of the treasury at a salary of eight dollars a day. Keep an eye on the rascals.

A blind ship-builder in New York has built a small yacht upon an entirely new model, and the vessel has shown such speed as to make it a wonder among sailing craft. If the new idea can be successfully used in the construction of large ocean steamers it is thought that a ship can be built that will cross the ocean in three days.

Compiled clippings from the Springfield (Illinois) Journal have been forwarded to Washington to show that its editor is an "offensive partisan" of Republican affiliations and should be turned out of the Postoffice. Compiled clippings of the State Register of the same city have also been forwarded to show that its editor is an "offensive partisan" of Democratic affinities and should not, under the same rule, be appointed to fill the vacancy. It is a poor rule, etc.

The query is frequently made, "Why did the translators change 'hell' into 'sheol' in the revision of the old Testament?" The fact seems to be that the revisers could not find an English equivalent for "sheol" that conveyed its exact meaning, and hence did not translate the word. The word "hell" in its usual signification in the minds of the people, does not express the meaning of "sheol." An Eastern exchange clearly explains the matter thus: Originally "hell" like the Greek "hades," was the exact equivalent of "sheol," both being the designation of a vast hollow place or cavern under the earth where the spirits of the dead were supposed to dwell, not in torments, but still in darkness and discomfort. The place of punishment was called by the Hebrews in later days "gehenna," from the name of the valley near Jerusalem where rubbish and ordure were cast and where fires were kept burning to purify the air. The idea of "hell" as a place of torment is a modification of the original conception, but it has become so firmly established that the word no longer answers to the Hebrew "sheol," and has therefore properly been discarded by the revisers.

A very important case, legally and financially, was decided by the Supreme court yesterday. In the summer of 1880 the large starch works of J. A. & J. M. Cunningham, in Vincennes, were burned, entailing a heavy loss. The institution was situated by the side of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railway and sparks from a passing locomotive set the works on fire. Messrs. Cunningham sued the Railroad company for \$200,000 damages. The case was tried in the Knox county circuit court in 1881, and the verdict was found for the defendant. The plaintiffs' attorneys appealed to the Supreme Court. The case was briefed twice and twice argued orally, so important were the issues involved. The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court and sustained the plaintiffs.

A Good Day for Snakes. Lewis Asher who is seventy-one years old, relates the following story as it was told him by Uncle John Reeves, who lives on Lamb's bottom, Morgan county, and who is the only surviving witness of the affair. Nathan Whiston, Steve Hancock, Silas Nichols and John Brown, the other participants, have long since crossed the dark valley: About sixty years ago Isaac

Skelton bought at the land sale in Martinsville a quarter of the sixteenth section of land in Ashland township, now owned by B. O. Butterfield, about the center of which is a large spring. The water boils to the surface, runs some fifty yards and enters the ground again.

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A huge granite shaft passed through the city Saturday on the I. & St. L., and attracted considerable attention. The shaft is said to be the largest ever polished in any country. It came from the Syenite granite quarries, Granville, Iron county, Missouri. It is a red granite. Its dimensions are: Size of base, four feet six inches; size of top, two feet nine inches; length forty-two feet; weight; forty-five tons. Two large locomotive cars were prepared in the St. Louis Iron Mountain shops especially for its transportation. The shift is on its way to Pittsfield, Mass., where it will be erected as a monument to the late Hon. Thomas Allen, of St. Louis.—[Terre Haute Express.

The postmasters of Lawrence county are now nearly all Democrats. Mitchell still has a Republican to lick the stamps, owing to the unexpected fight that is being made against John O'Donnell, who has the endorsement of Congressman Cobb.—Bedford Democrat.

Up to the hour of going to press, President Cleveland has appointed but one ex-federal soldier to a place in the diplomatic service. He has appointed a number of the oldest copperheads and ex-confederates he could find.—Indianapolis Journal.

Two Very Surprised Ladies. South Bend Tribune.

One of the most singular, most amusing, and at the same time, for the victims, most annoying robberies, occurred in our city Saturday. Two elderly ladies on Michigan street were looking at the circus procession pass by. So intent were they in gazing upon the dazzling pageant that not only their eyes, but their mouths were wide open, and while in this awe-struck condition they were each startled by the snap of a rough hand over their mouths. Of course they were made, and looked around with great indignation to see who could be guilty of such a rude act, and it was not until they attempted to speak, in order to properly express their wrath, that they discovered their false teeth were gone. The thieves had looked into their wide-opened mouths, and saw that the plates containing the teeth were of gold, and they wanted them.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE.—We have before us the current number of this well-known favorite of the ladies' monthly. It is a splendid number, with a perfect galaxy of steel-engravings, colored fashion-plates, colored patterns for the work-table, tales, poetry, etc. Undoubtedly "Peterson" is not only the best, but the cheapest magazine of its kind, and being but two dollars a year, is a great subscriber.

The club is cheaper still, with great inducements to those getting up clubs. Subscribe to no magazine until you have seen a copy of "Peterson." Specimens are sent gratis, if written to persons who wish to get up clubs. Address Charles J. Peterson, 300 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Our folks are talking of having a road opened on the center section line of our township running east and west. It is a bee line from McCormick's creek to the upper side of our township on the east, giving our folks a straight road from each side of the township to the precinct, and it will be a great advantage for our village, giving us trade that goes to Gosport, Ellettsville and Spencer. It will be the only road in the county that is on a section line eight miles in length. Any one that would kick on such a road as that, ought to be fenced in on a ten-acre lot having no outlet whatever. The petition is now in circulation and we hope all of those that are interested directly or indirectly, will sign it wherever pre-

ferred.

Remember, I am ready at all times to receive orders for fruit trees of all kinds from the old reliable nursery of Albertson & Hobbs, Bridgeport, Ind. We insure our trees to be in good order and of the varieties wanted. We have the grafted and budded—more grafted apples than budded—not one-tenth of the apple trees are budded, can equally the best varieties in the land consider grafting the M. L. ROGERS, at three miles east of Ellettsville, Ind.—[Terre Haute Express.

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