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The pension committee of the Grand Army prepared a bill that was submitted to the various posts throughout the country and a vote taken on it. The whole number of votes cast was 262,274 and of these over 250,000 were in favor of the bill. It is substantially the same as the dependent pension bill passed at the last session of Congress and vetoed by the President. The ex-soldiers of the country both in the Grand Army and out of it, are almost unanimously in favor of the bill. It will be presented to Congress at the coming session and probably be passed and the President given another chance to sign it. If it approves it, then he will get his proper share of the soldier vote at next election, but if it is again vetoed he can count on very few votes from that source. There is no question of politics in this so far as the soldiers are concerned, — they ask it as a matter of simple right and justice, feeling that the country is amply able to pay the additional amount and never feel it, and the man who defeats it will do so at his own cost.

During the recent campaign in Ohio, Gen. Gordon was one of the Democratic speakers from the south. At Cincinnati, in his speech, he glorified in the cute things the Democrats did. Says the Telegram:

He told how the South talked officers, (sent there to see justice at the polls in time of election,) into helping them get into power. When they explained to an officer "how it was," he agreed to help them, and told them to fill their pockets with Democratic tickets. Says Gordon:

"We filled them, both big pockets; then the officers stood inside the voting place with bayonets across the door, and as a batch of colored voters would come in this officer said, in a stentorian tone, 'Change your tickets.' [Laughter.] And with that he took up the Republican ticket and gave them the Democratic ticket. The poor colored man thought it was all right—and it was all right. [Laughter.] There was no opposition about it."

Just so; and the man who would indorse this sort of bulldozing, who believes slavery the proper condition of labor, who reveres Jefferson Davis, who refers pathetically to the "lofty plane" he walked in during the war, came to Ohio to plead justification and teach patriotism.

Mr. Henry George, who is enlightening the west concerning his land theory and how to abolish poverty, has been visiting St. Louis. Of his movements in that city a local paper says: "Mr. George exemplified the doctrine by which he has been living for a year or so, yesterday afternoon, by driving about town in a pair of handsome beng-tailed blacks, driven by a liveried coachman with a bug on his hat." He seems to be making a good start for the abolition of poverty in his own case.

President Ingalls, of the Big Four system, has made a new rule, holding that intoxication or the use of intoxicants will be a sufficient cause for dismissal, and any person employed in any capacity upon the road who either uses intoxicants or frequents places where they are sold or gambling indulged in will not be retained in the service.

"When you see an electric wire dangling within range, keep hands off, particularly if it be a wet day. This was the advice of an electrician.

"Aren't the wires perfectly insulated with the coating of paraffine or whatever the white material in which they are incased may be?"

"The linemen usually handle them with leather gloves, and while the wires are supposed to be reasonably well insulated it is safe to remember that a good conductor will take a discharge of electricity through any thin coat of insulating material. A human being is particularly susceptible to electrical currents, if the surface of his person at the point of contact with the wire be moist. Linemen are sometimes killed instantly by touching heavily charged wires that are not sufficiently protected. So long as the present criminal negligence is shown by the public toward the method of strung and protecting wires in cities there will be perpetual danger—not only of individuals suffering but of calamity."

Natural gas was struck at Princeton at a depth of 628 feet. It was piped away from the well lighted and has since been burning with a twenty-foot flame, the pressure is increasing and the well bids fair to be a good one. At a depth of a little less than 400 feet the drill passed through a seven-foot vein of coal; about 100 feet further down another vein of coal was found, six feet thick, and at 800 feet still another vein about six feet thick was found. The coal from the first vein has been analyzed, and found to be of a superior quality. Preparations are being made to sink a shaft at once to work the coal.

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QUININE BY THE POUND.—"We are preparing to sell quinine by the pound," remarked the man with mortar and pestle. "Is there so much malaria?"

"No; the drug is becoming so cheap that an ounce is hardly worth measuring out. You can remember when it was worth \$5 an ounce. Now if you take large quantities you can get it at 30 cents an ounce."

"Are the cinchona trees more prolific?"

"Yes, because they are not destroyed now in taking off the bark. Formerly the bark was stripped clean and the tree was left naked to bleed to death. Now when the bark is removed the tree is swathed with moss, new bark forms on them and instead of living to bear one crop of bark they may be preserved forever, and yet yield their bark yearly. It amounts to multiplying the quinine-bearing trees by millions. Quinine will never be expensive again."

CIGARS OF PREPARED PAPER.

Smokers will be interested to know that not a thousand miles from Albany there is a firm which makes large quantities of paper for this avowed purpose. The plan of operation is said to be this: The paper on reaching the tobacco warehouse is repeatedly soaked in a strong decoction of the plant. It is then cut up and pressed in molds which give to each sheet the vein of the genuine leaf tobacco. So close is the imitation that expert tobacco men and habitual smokers have been deceived. At a recent gathering in this city cigars made from this paper tobacco were tested and declared excellent. Many of those present declared that the cigars were made from rare brands, and so well was the imitation carried out that one man actually insisted that there could be no mistake about the cigars being genuine tobacco.—Albany Express.

An exchange recommends the presence of guineas in every flock of barnyard fowls to prevent the inroads of thieves. The remedy would certainly be an effective one, but should be employed only where the family goes away from home to remain some time. Guineas are good to warn the neighbors, but they are a certain cause of a slow death from sleeplessness. Let us suppose a case, the like of which is frequent with farmers. A sleep-loving farmer adds to his flock of one guinea. Some maliciously minded neighbor has occasion to pass by his peaceful domicile just as the soothing embrace of morphine is encircling the family. Being on the alert he calls to mind the presence of the guineas and hurls a pebble against the henry. Immediately a lone cackle is heard, a solitary but piercing cackle; shortly there is a chorus of voices and there is anarchy in the henry.

The farmer is gently nudged with a sharp elbow and informed that chicken thieves were upon the premises. Of course he must look into the affair, even though the night air and damp ground be disagreeable to bare head and feet.

The air is blue all next day about that place and that guinea is a doomed fowl. The recommendation is good in theory but horrible in practice. It is an innocent looking fowl but a judicious person gives it the right of way and peaceful possession to everything to which it attains access. Otherwise a guinea serenade follows, and the man woman or child has not yet been found who could religiously hear a serenade of this kind to the rock.

How Rockville Was Named. [Tribune.]

It was named by Andrew Ray and Aaron Hann, who originally owned all the land surrounding the public square. Ray and Hann had a dispute as to the honor of naming the town, each insisting that his name should be perpetuated by the seat of justice of the new county because of priority of residence. The men were standing on the ground that is now the court house yard, near a large rock, part of which is still where it then lay.

One of the bystanders touching the rock, said: "Name it after this fellow; he's been here longer than any of you." These words fell like an inspiration. A bottle of whisky was produced and drank, and the empty bottle broken on the rock.

Every school child for a century or two has been told of the wonderful structure, the Great Wall.

Mollie Ducker's little 5-year-old daughter, the future bride of herofest limb, was Saturday, Nov. 25. Dr. Judah treated the fractures and the patient is doing well.

The eternal and ineradicable distinction of sex, is one principal reason why women, in a representative government, should be indirectly represented. If lawyers alone can-

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of China, said to be over 3,000 miles in length, forty-five feet high and eighteen feet broad. Now one Abbe La-rieu, a French missionary to China for many years, has published a work showing that no such wall exists, or ever did exist. One emperor centuries ago did contemplate such a work, and built towers along the proposed line, but they were never connected by a wall, and this great historical and geographical object is a mere myth.

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