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FOR PRESIDENT IN 1862:
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PENSIONS PAID EARLY.—Under the recent order made by the Pension Department at Washington, the payments of pensions at the Indianapolis agency will, after the June payment, come one month earlier than heretofore. The payment which, under the old arrangement, would have occurred in September, will be made in August.

Twenty-six years ago last Thursday, Gen. Lee surrendered his sword at Appomattox court house, Va. The Democrats had to surrender at Chicago last Thursday, it seems.

John P. Baiman, who has been running a ten per cent. profit F. M. B. A. store at Newton Stewart, Orange co., for some months past has failed. Report says he will pay fifty cents on the dollar.

Here is a pointer to young women who have conceived the idea of marriage with some of the old veterans who have been so unfortunate as to lose the companion of their halcyon days. By a provision of the disability act, marriages contracted since June last do not entitle the widows of veterans to draw their pensions. This is rough on all concerned, but the government is looking ahead in the interest of posterity, and it does not propose to be paying pensions to the wives of soldiers of the late war, one hundred years after its close, as is the case with the twenty-five Revolutionary widows on the pension rolls.

An officer who marched with Sherman through Georgia says that there were many humorous happenings that brought smiles on war's grim front. Gen. Frank Blair, commanding the 17th Corps, was seated on a porch one day, when a woman of the house came to him in high dudgeon. "General, your soldiers are digging up all my peanuts." Blair stroked his long, sandy beard, looked contemplatively, with his gray eyes in the distance, and gravely replied, in his drawing voice: "Wait, madam, I don't believe the花生 will hurt the soldiers."

HICKS' APRIL WEATHER.—April showers will gather into heavier storms about the 16th and 17th. The 22d, 23d and 24th are regular storm days, in which rain and hail storms will occur. A very warm atmosphere, with electric clouds, may admonish of danger. In the north, snow need not surprise, followed by the regular fall of temperature, perhaps to freezing. There are reasons to expect storms about the 23d and 24th. Space forbids explanation. April ends cool to cold.

If thousands of Italians would get awfully mad that they would not come to this country for years the labor now in the country would be better off. From 1881 to 1890 307,310 of them have come to us.

A period of more than a year will intervene from now before the excitement of another political campaign. During this interim, every voter owes it to himself to dislodge his prejudice and earnestly and honestly investigate the existing state of affairs; obtain all the information at his command, bearing on the questions which concern him, and as an intelligent and honest American citizen, he will be fully prepared and qualified to vote for the nominees of the parties whose principles will best subserve his interests. If the people will but do this the result will be highly satisfactory to the Republican party, the party of the people.

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Racing in Europe.
An Interesting Talk About the Turf in the Old Country:

"I have spent a year with the trotters of Europe and I have had all of the old world I ever want," remarked the veteran driver and trainer, Barney Stanford, to a Detroit Free Press reporter recently. Mr. Stanford has just returned from Germany and was on a visit to some of his old friends in Detroit. He is one of the drivers that go back with John Spain, Dan Mace and other old-timers.

"I handled trotters owned by Moesinger, of Berlin, who is one of the fathers of the turf in Europe," said Mr. Stanford. "There they trot from the middle of April to December, starting and finishing in the Southern countries. The best tracks in Europe are at Berlin and Vienna. Berlin is the only one that has a mile track, the others being from 1,000 to 1,200 meters each, a meter being 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ of our inches, I believe. The tracks are not like ours, but are up hill and down dale over grass. It would be just the same if you tore down the fences and raised over the fields here. Endurance is what they claim to want in trotters there, although I have never seen any of them object to speed. Vienna is the only place where there are heat races, the rest being dashes from one and a half to four miles. They are slow and set in their ideas, and absolutely refuse to have anything to do with American styles, being afraid they will get cheated.

The races there are all handicaps, horses being allowed ten meters per second for all the time they are slower than 2. For instance, if you have a 2:30 horse and I have a 3 minute horse, I start just 300 meters ahead of you. There is no scoring, you know, all the horses standing still and starting from the drop of a flag.

In Russia each horse has his own track on course like a tow-path with a ridge on each side. The pole horse is on the mark, while the outside one may be way round the turn. If a horse makes a break and goes past two poles, fifty meters, he is disqualified, no matter how badly he beats the others out. This is the same all over the country.

The fastest time in Europe is 2:19 $\frac{1}{2}$, made by the mare Bosque Bouita at Vienna last October. She is an American mare."

A job printing office is now located in the room upstairs over Jimmy Robinson's grocery, in the Fetter gallery. All the material is new and of the latest designs, and the proprietor is a skillful workman. Merchants, manufacturers and professional men who need letter heads, bill heads, etc., can have them made to him. He will turn out work equal to Indianapolis or other cities. He has removed his family to Bloomington, and has come to stay.

The new tax law will add from 30 to 40 per cent. to the appraisement. Heretofore real estate has been assessed for taxation at from 60 to 70 per cent. of its actual value; hereafter it will be assessed at its "full, true cash value." This increased appraisement, together with the increase of 50 per cent. in the tax levy, will add nearly 100 per cent. to taxes. Suppose a piece of real estate was listed at \$1,000 under the old system, and paid 12 cents on the hundred dollars; the tax would be \$1.20. Under the new law its full cash value will be, \$1,333, and it will pay 18 cents on the hundred dollars; the tax will be \$2.39, almost exactly double the former tax. So it will be in every case.

Fourteen members of the Worthington "Canton," in full uniform arrived by train Monday evening, having come here to instruct our Odd Fellows in the "work." The Lodge here is required to furnish its own "goat."

The Hatfield-McCoy feud which has existed for nearly twenty years, and in which over 100 persons have met death, is now declared "off." This action is not altogether because there are no more of the two families left to kill but because there has been a wedding of a Hatfield and a McCoy. Instead of embroiling all the members of the families in the hostilities, these two take the fight upon themselves—concentrate hostilities, as 'twere.—Princeton Clarion.

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'Cause it's Gittin' Spring.
The medder lark is pipin' forth a sweater note to me,
And I hear the peacock over yander in the trees.
The poplar leaves is quiv'rin' 'cause the wind is in the west.
And the robin's 'round a hookin' straws to build itself a nest:
The blackbird he's a-shinin' up the crimp on his wing.
What's the reason?
Oh, the reason's 'cause it's gittin' spring.
The old man's got the rheumatism, an' stiff as he can be;
Why it don't get settled when there's more he can see;
But when it clears off splendid, then he's
feared the crops is lost.
An' he reckons just a little wind 'd keep away the frost.
The kitchen door is open; I can hear Elmyria sing.
What's the reason?
Oh, the reason's 'cause it's gittin' spring.
The air is kind o' soft'nin' and you think it's going to storm.
Sometimes it's kind o' chilly, then again it turns off warm;
An' just when it's the siest you can hear the bull-frog's note,
An' it's paws as if he wonder'd how the frost got in his throat.
The ducks an' geese are riotous, an' strainin' in' hard to sing.
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Oh, the reason's 'cause it's gittin' spring.

A Public Vault.

The great number of deaths that our community had had recently, and so many of them occurring during the most unpleasant and disagreeable weather, has awakened our citizens to the need of a public vault. To this end, Col. A. V. Voss, has proposed a proposition that he will erect at his own expense in Green Hill Cemetery a vault, providing the remaining citizens will contribute sufficient to macadamize the streets and drives that are now gradually washing away. This generous offer on Col. Voss' part should be taken advantage of at once, and we will each one of us never regret paying for so benevolent an object. —Bedford Mail.

Here is something that has for a long time been talked of in Bloomington, and has been neglected. One of the repugnant features about country town burials is the undust haste that is oftentimes manifested by relations and friends in placing out of sight the remains of deceased. In the cities, for a small compensation, the remains can be placed in a vault, secure from intrusion, and if there is any question as to a premature burial, all doubts can thus be set at rest. The PROGRESS does not believe that there is a man in our city council, who, if the matter is brought home to him, will vote against appropriating a sufficient amount of money to build a secure and creditable vault in the city cemetery, and we suggest that the matter be agitated at once.

Students

Notice to Non-Resident.

In the matter of the estate of William M. Tate, deceased.

In the Monroe Circuit Court, May term, 1891.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, M. M. Tate, deceased, has died and filed his account and vouchers in final settlement of said estate, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said circuit court, on the 9th day of May, 1891, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear in said court and show cause, if any there be, why said account and vouchers should not be allowed.

And the heirs of said estate, and all others interested therein, are also hereby required, at the time and place aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship or claim to any part of said estate.

JOSEPH S. PAYNE, Executor.

April 15, '91.

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