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A HUMILIATING SURRENDER.
Hoke Smith has been compelled to make another humiliating retreat. Last week, it will be remembered, he modified his original sweeping order by providing that due notice should be given to pensioners whom he had marked for suspension which gave them an opportunity to present evidence in defense of their position on the rolls. This modification, however, left unaffected the 10,000 cases which had been arbitrarily suspended before the modification was made. Col. Charles P. Lincoln, late Assistant Commissioner of Pensions, the other day called upon his Hokeship and Commissioner Lockren and made a demand on behalf of the suspended veterans that they be immediately restored to the rolls in conformity with the recent modification of the original sweeping order. The obvious justice of this demand evidently impressed both the Secretary and the Commissioner but at the same time they were embarrassed by the fact that such action would be a complete and humiliating acknowledgement that their previous course had been entirely unwarranted. Col. Lincoln urged that they reach an immediate decision for the reason that the quarterly date for pension claimants had just passed, being September 4. They refused to do so, he urged and restore by one act the suspended pensioners to their rights, but in lieu thereof promised to detail an extra force of clerks to adjudicate finally all these claims, and that this work should be done under the provisions of the modified order and that it should be pressed to completion within two weeks. This in itself, however, is a tremendous concession, and is in reality a complete and humiliating surrender. More than that, if the department keeps its promise, as made to Colonel Lincoln, the next fortnight will see the claims of nearly all of the 10,000 suspended claims finally adjudicated and restored to the pension roll. This action, if faithfully carried out, will also make it unnecessary for Colonel Lincoln to bring his proposed test case into court.

In one of his happy speeches at the encampment General Harrison spoke these hopeful, patriotic words:

There is a great reserve of patriotism. We differ and fall apart, and things fall into evil ways in public affairs. Some say free government is a failure and the people going wrong; but, my countrymen, it is not so. Mr. Lincoln expressed it truly when he said, "the people may get off the line, but they will wobble right after while." So let us not lose faith. When the powers of evil seem to lift themselves, when men throw out the red flag instead of the starry banner that represents law and liberty, when riots break out upon the streets of our great cities, do not be disheartened; do not forget; for I tell you when the appeal comes to the great body of the American people—when it comes to the farms and shops, to those who are the sons of soldiers of 1861, no other flag will be permitted to stay for our moment in the air but the starry banner. [Applause.]

The Indianapolis newspapers—the Journal, the Sentinel and the News—vied with each other during the Encampment in their enterprise in giving full and complete reports of everything that transpired during the week. There were corps meetings, division gatherings, brigade assemblages, regimental and battery reunions galore but they all found a place in these most excellent newspapers. Like the city itself they showed what they could do when put to the test.

For the benefit of the down trodden and tariff oppressed laboring man the Ways and Means Committee has determined to modify the McKinley law so as to place Malaga grapes and Bermuda onions on the free list. The next step probably will be to place sugar, coffee and tea back on the dutiable list. Looking after the interests of the laboring man is Democracy's "best bolt."

One reason for the diminished custom receipts may be found in the fact that every bonded warehouse in New York City and Brooklyn is full to bursting with foreign products. They are there awaiting reduced custom dues. Let it be known no reduction will be made this session, and the warehouses will be emptied and Uncle Sam's purse replenished.

NINETEEN miles have been added to the Frankfort gas pipe line, making the line thirty four miles long. The line reaches the Elwood fields where there is plenty of gas and our neighbors are happy in the prospect of a comfortable winter.

Every good citizen of Indiana regardless of party will approve the act of Governor Matthews in his efforts to suppress the Rely infamy.

A CURIOUS FRIENDSHIP.

How a Snake and a Rooster Were Wrapped Up in Each Other.

The Attachment Was Harmonious Until His Rooster Was Found He Could Crow—A Yarn That Would Give Munchausen a Pang of Envy.

"Snakes don't grow very big up our way," said ex-Sheriff Warren Kalama, Ridway, of Pike County, Pa., to a New York Sun man, "but they grow uncommon smart. I've seen 'em do lots of cut things, the most of which I have kept to myself, because I have always been on good terms with my neighbors, and my business is such that I can't afford to have them weaken in their confidence in me—they, like all Pike County folks, being simple and unsophisticated and unable to appreciate the fact that truth is stranger than fiction. I am getting along in years, though, and I don't feel like passing away without putting on record at least a few of the evidences of genius I have seen in the snakes that lie up our way."

"A friend of mine, who lived back in the High Knob country, captured a young blacksnake once and made a pet of it. The snake got as tame as a kitten and had the run of the premises. One day he got egg hungry, and he stole an egg from under a setting hen and swallowed it. The egg was just on the eve of hatching, and the chick picked its way out of the egg as it lay inside the snake, and not finding daylight yet kept on picking until it had picked a hole through the snake and stuck its head out. That was as far as it could get, and there it stuck. The snake didn't like it at first, but by and by the novelty of the situation seemed to strike him, and he grew proud of that strange living protuberance. My friend didn't interfere, curious to see what the result of that singular companionship would be. The chicken and the snake grew very fond of one another, and it was worth a farm to see 'em go to sleep together, the snake turning its head back and snuggling down by the chicken's head. The snake kept the chick well supplied with food, catching flies and worms and insects of various kinds, and passing them back to the chicken by the hundred. The chicken grew like weed, and along toward the end of a summer the blacksnake's body was pouched out like a small hand satchel where the chicken was spreading out, and the latter's neck stretched nearly six inches above the snake's back. It was the funniest sight you ever saw, and touching too, the two creatures doted on each other so. But their end was sad.

"One day along in August the snake and his friend were taking a nap. Presently the chicken woke up, stretched his neck to its full length, and got rid of its first crow. The first crow of a young rooster, even when he has the aid that seems to be in the flapping of his incipient wings, is always a heartrending performance, and as this rooster couldn't use his wings his first crow was real spooky. The snake woke up with a start. He looked wildly about. He was scared and no mistake, but finally made up his mind that he had been dreaming, and settled down to finish his nap. He had scarcely closed his eyes when the young rooster, encouraged by his first attempt, stretched his neck and tried his voice again. The snake jumped as much as ten feet, his eyes full of terror, and sailed around the yard as if he were flying from an avenger. He came to a stop by and by, but glared wildly and panted like a hot dog. The chicken seemed to enjoy the performance hugely, and while the snake was still trembling, he let go another crow. "Then the snake discovered where the queer noise was coming from, and he turned a look on the chicken that was terrible in its reproachfulness. The young rooster would have done well if he had headed it, but he didn't. He stretched his neck as high as he could and crowed again, square in the snake's face.

"The snake struck at the chicken's head, but missed it. The chicken got mad and clipped the snake in the head with his bill. And then it went. They tumbled and fought around that yard for five minutes. Then they suddenly became quiet. The snake had got the chicken's head in his mouth and swallowed it, neck and all. He had killed his friend, but had choiced himself to death in doing it."

Grecian Antiquities. Archaeological research in old Greece continues with the passion and duration worthily characterizing the scientific enthusiast. The site of the excavations now being conducted under the auspices of the American school of classical studies at Athens and the archaeological Institute of America is the great temple of Hera, at Argos, a sanctuary only less renowned than the temple of Zeus at Olympia, and the Parthenon at Athens. The presiding genius of the work of exploration is Dr. Waldstein. A find of architectural significance, because bearing upon a mooted point, is the discovery of color upon cornices, triglyphs, metopes and other parts of the Doric order. Of small reliefs sixty-three baskets had been collected at last accounts.

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OSTRICH FARMING IN AFRICA.

Fifty Million Dollars' Worth of Plumes Exported in the Past Thirty Years.

Ostrich farming is one of the important industries of South Africa, which as yet, furnishes the bulk of the ostrich plumes for the markets of the world. The American Agriculturist thinks there are probably two hundred thousand domesticated ostriches in Cape Colony. Each bird is supposed to net his owner forty dollars per annum. The inclosures in which they are kept are usually built of stone, but where stone is not abundant wire fences have been employed with equal success. The birds are commonly plucked once every eight months, yielding one pound weight of feathers each; but many farmers only pluck sixty feathers at a time, as not to cause too much irritation and resulting inflammation, which is very injurious to the health of the birds and lessens the next crop of feathers. The birds in these large fields find plenty of food, rarely having to be fed with mealies, beans, lucerne or other cultivated food products.

The number of eggs laid varies from eighteen to twenty-four, the male bird usually excavating the nest in some sandy spot, but both birds assisting in the incubation, taking turn about. But it is during this period of incubation that the plumes are at their best, and many of them are utterly spoiled by this method, and that the young thus hatched are no less vigorous than those brought up by the birds themselves. The value of feathers exported from Cape Colony during the past thirty years is estimated at over fifty million dollars, the total weight being about twelve hundred tons.

TRAIN ROBBERS AND WRECKERS.

They Made Eighty-Two Attempts in the First Six Months of 1893.

The Railroad Gazette has collected statistics of train wrecking and train robbing for the first six months of 1893, which yield some surprising results. One is accustomed to think of train wreckers and train robbers as inhabiting sparsely settled western states, but the statistics show on the contrary that such crimes are most prevalent in well settled states.

The Gazette's figures show sixty-one attempts to wreck trains and twenty-one attempts to rob them. Massachusetts and Illinois head the list in the number of attempts to wreck trains, and Ohio follows. In these three advanced states were made more than one-half of all the attempts to wreck trains, and the state of New York follows. The only explanation offered for this preponderance of train wrecking in well settled and, generally speaking, well-governed states, is that the mileage of railroads is greater in those states than others, and that tramps, who are responsible for most attempts to wreck trains, flourish in thickly-settled regions.

The geographical distribution of attempts at train robbing are still more curious. Iowa heads the list; Indian territory and Oklahoma taken together have the same number; Texas follows, and then come Kansas and Nebraska. Sixty-seven per cent of all the train robberies or attempted train robberies occurred in these four states and two territories.

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