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THE SOLDIER CHESTNUT.

The constant aim of scheming politicians to further their interests in this country by declaring in favor of the ex-soldiers of the late war is rapidly becoming a rank, stale, old chestnut. The plans for political advancement by demanding more and larger pensions for ex-soldiers, that they be appointed to this or that position, and a score of other matters advanced by these same politicians, have become too apparent. The loudest-mouthed politicians in the republican party, such as Blaine, Morton, Sherman and others, kept strictly away from any battle during the war, yet they have always been able to retain high positions under the government by pretended great interest in the welfare of those who did the fighting. It should be remembered also that no nation of modern times has paid its soldiers more, or done as much for them in the way of pensions as the United States. The soldiers of Germany, England, Russia and other countries were not paid half as much, some of them not a third as much, for their services to their country. It was the custom for some years after the war for every State, county and township convention to offer among its resolutions something like the following: "Resolved, That the nation owes to its defenders, both by land and sea, a generous appropriation in the way of pensions for their great sacrifices, etc." That resolution became wonderfully stale and commonplace and of late years it has been altogether abandoned among the proceedings of political gatherings. It was a thing thrown out to catch the soldier vote, and did well for a time. Both sides have used it for all it was worth.

It should be remembered also that another generation has come on to the scene of action since the late war. They consider also that they have equal rights in this government even if they were not soldiers. There were millions of others who were not in the war who consider that they have, or should have, equal privileges with those engaged in the war. Everything cannot and will not be allowed to yield to this ex-soldier interest. As the years come and go the interest will become less in the matter. Future generations will have their own immediate interests to look after and will care less for the past than they will for the immediate future.

THE CAUSE OF IRELAND

It is very questionable if at any time in future years Ireland should become a free and independent nation it would remain such for any prolonged number of years. It is a wonderfully contentious, quarrelsome and aggressive race, and such being the case where could there be a union of hearts and hands which must ever be necessary to perpetrate a free government. While Ireland has given to the world some of the brightest names in literature, in war, in patriotism known to history, at the same time where is a people more divided in sentiment in many things pertaining to Irish independence? Only last week Mr. Cronin, a well known Irishman, a man always outspoken in defense of the cause uppermost in the minds of the Irish patriots, was found murdered in the northern part of the city of Chicago, his body cut and mutilated in a horrible manner. The evidence seems to be pointing ground that he was murdered by a faction of Irishmen, pretended patriots, who thought he knew too much that would interfere with some of their plans for swindling people of their race who were willing to aid the cause of Ireland with their means. And those factional quarrels appear to have existed for many long years, in fact almost every since the agitation of the cause has begun. Will they ever succeed under such circumstances? If assassination were to be a distinguishing feature of their quarrels how long would such a free government exist? Would one faction permit the other to control if placed in power by legal forms? While every patriot and liberty-loving citizen of America cannot but wish the cause of Ireland success, it would seem that the greatest detriment to this end is the continuous warring, quarrels and want of fraternal feeling among Irishmen themselves. They may in time succeed in the desire nearest their hearts by a lofty patriotism and cordiality of feeling, but they never will if they continue their exhibition of factional and malignancy of feeling.

CITY LICENSE \$250.

The city council last week raised the license for retailing liquor from \$100 to \$250, in accordance with the new law empowering corporations to do so if they desire. Other cities in Indiana have done or are getting ready to do the same thing. The cost now in the way of license to start in the liquor business in Crawfordville is city license \$250, county \$100, government \$25, making a total of \$375, before commencing business. This is not prohibition, but it might be considered a step in that direction from the fact that men without \$500 or \$600 in ready cash, are prohibited from the absence of it from embarking in the business. There are about thirty saloons, we understand within the corporate limits of this city. Whether this new movement of the council will tend to lessen the number remains yet to be seen, but it is probable that it will. The small cheap doggeries in some places will have to quit, as they cannot get together enough ready cash to continue business. If the business is concentrated and made a monopoly of the general public will not regret it. In Omaha, Nebraska, each saloon keeper must pay a city license of \$1000 per year. Before the license was raised there were 300 saloons in that city where there are now but 100. If the city license in Crawfordville were \$1000, and the business in the hands of but five or six men, instead of thirty, the public would not regret it, but in fact it might be much better for the community. Monopolies are not in general popular with the citizens, but here is a business in which the more there is a monopoly in it the better, probably it is, for the people. The new license law of the state will probably lessen the number of saloons in Indiana.

PRICE OF TOLL ROADS.

Since there has been some talk of purchasing the toll roads by the commissioners and turning them open free to the public, the stockholders of some of the roads have discovered their wonderful value and appear to have a very high estimate of their worth. While some of them for years past have barely paid expenses, their owners, all at once, when there is some little prospect of disposing of them, talk of high figures for their value—higher, in fact, than they will ever receive. A stockholder in one of the toll roads west of the city in conversation the other day could place no less estimate than \$1000 per mile for his road, and intimated that it was the lowest at which it could be purchased. Now the truth is there are some free gravel roads in this county that were constructed for less than that; some which are better to-day or as good as any of the toll roads. The commissioners will quite likely not give any such price for any of the toll roads—probably not more than \$500 per mile for the best of them, if they are purchased at all by the county. There is no compulsion on either side regarding the sale of those toll roads. There is no committee that could in law be appointed to appraise and force the owners to dispose of them at a stipulated price. It must be a matter of mutual agreement on the part of both interested parties. If, however, the owners of these toll roads aim to get exorbitant and unreasonable prices for them the idea of their purchase by the commissioners should and doubtless will vanish.

CHARITY WITH PROTECTION.

The reported difficulties and strifes regarding wages, between the operators of coal mines and their employees, at Brazil, in this state, have brought many of the latter men to the door of starvation, and subscriptions of money have been made up for their families in several localities. The owners of coal interests in every part of the country have favored the protective idea of the republican party, and have become very dictatorial and lordly in their actions in consequence. They want the earth, and come as near getting it as any interest we know of. The people are compelled to pay more to coal monopolists than to any other class of people. And yet in this favored land of ours we find their employees pushed to the verge of starvation through the oppressive and soundlessly actions of the owners of these mines. There is something radically wrong in such a state of affairs, and it will in time have to be made radically right. Many of these starving men went over to Indianapolis last fall to listen to Ben Harrison's fine protective talk, and were convinced from it that it was just the thing for laboring men. They went home and voted for him. They are now to some extent realizing the benefits of it. Public sympathy will to a great extent be modified for these people who by their votes favor the men who oppress them.

Should the company here that has been boring for gas succeed in its attempts to find it, or even strike a good vein of oil, it would be entitled to the most heartfelt thanks of the community. It has met from the start with one continued round of discouragements in the way of poor workmen, slowness in getting the money necessary for the work, lost drills and negative encouragement from the public at large. The finding of oil at Terre Haute and gas at Delphi would seem to indicate that this city is in either a gas or oil belt, and if the drill is driven on down the company will assuredly be rewarded with one or the other of these valuable commodities. We certainly need some thing to revive business here, which has been uncommonly dull and drooping for months past, whether it comes in the way of gas, oil or free gravel roads.

While the last general assembly of this State may have and undoubtedly did pass some much needed laws, at the same time it did many ridiculous things, and among them was that law requiring saloon keepers to advertise their applications for license in cities of 10,000 in daily newspapers. There was no sense whatever in changing the law from that heretofore existing. It was a small scheme, originating in the mind of some small man with only a small amount of brains—some hammer-headed hog, whose paper was starving since the last election from failure to bleed candidates any further. There would be fully as much sense in a law compelling saloon men to advertise only in the paper in each county which is recognized as the official organ.

The first execution in New York under the law which sentences them to be killed by the application of an electric battery will take place within a few days. It may look more human and civilized than by the old plan of choking their wind off by a rope, but it is killing all the same, and if the old plan is legalized murder, as many contend, so is this. It may look like a step in advance in the matter of ending a man's existence, but whether by the rope or electricity, it is according to the opinions of many, unjust, wrong and contrary to the teachings of the Bible.

The appointment of kinkfolds to live off the government still continues. Last week some fellow, an "own" cousin to some of the President's relations, was given some position. Talk about the nepotism of Grant, when he was President, that will fall into insignificance when Benny gets through appointing the cousins, sisters, nephews, etc., which he has, to government positions. If anyone of the slightest shade of kinship is omitted it will not be the fault of Harrison. The government must support them for the next four years.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANNAMAKER refuses to oust a democrat from office where the appointment was made by Mr. Cleveland and afterward confirmed by a republican senate, for the reason that to do so would undo the work of the senate. He takes the ground that it would not be right, and that the democrat must continue in office until his term expires by limitation. No sensible man can object to this.

CARNEGIE, the wealthy iron manufacturer, at whose expense Blaine took a trip through Scotland last year, has already found it necessary to reduce the wages of many of his employees. Another evidence of the great benefit of protection that Blaine told the people about in his speeches last summer, and also the effect of the good Harrison times that the people are now enjoying.

PRESIDENT HARRISON in the three months he has been in office has removed about 11,000 democratic office-holders. He is only doing what should have been done by the administration four years ago, and what future administrations must do.

MONTANA territory in its elections recently gave the democrats a majority. The rats out there are laying the blame of their defeat upon Russell Harrison, an unknown quantity a year ago, but made prominent lately by being a son of the President. They are not counting upon Montana as a sure republican State near as strong as heretofore, after she is admitted into the Union.

TIMES have not improved since Harrison's election. Times never will be better until taxation is reduced. The government is collecting from the people \$10,000,000 more every month than it needs. This vast sum is taken out of circulation and is locked up in the treasury vaults.

THE philanthropist, patriot and sage, who who is to construct a plan by which the care of the benevolent institutions of Indiana is to be taken away from the politicians has not yet formulated his plan. We fear he may commit suicide before making it known, or die from excessive grief.

THE four principal natural gas towns of this State have recently completed their enumeration of children for school purposes, showing an increase over last year as follows: Kokomo, 459; Muncie, 412; Marion, 523; and Anderson, 300.

THEY are arresting people in the Argentine Republic for speculating in gold and silver. No fears need be entertained that the present U. S. minister to that country will be arrested upon any such charge.

Church Carnival.

It is said that religious fanaticism has been the cause of more iniquity than any other one thing affecting our modern civilization. Whether this is true or not, one thing is certain, that the world tolerates absurdities and inconsistencies in the churches and foolish things done by church members that it would not if they were not covered with the cloak of religion.

This has been fully exemplified in this town by the many catch-penny affairs that have been gotten up under the pretense of aiding the churches, such as festivals, theatricals, entertainments, carnivals, etc. These have gone on until it is getting to be annoying to business men on account of being bothered and begged to contribute to the churches through these entertainments.

How much benefit was the last carnival to any business man in this town. Many of them spent a great deal more time and money than benefited either them or the church, and their only excuse for doing so was to help the church or for fear that they might be considered niggardly and mean. Half of the time and money, to say nothing about the trouble, if given out-right would have been cheaper and would have yielded more money for the church.

The reason given by the advocates of these entertainments is, that many will contribute to the church in that way who would not in any other. If that is true, and the getting of money is the only object in view, why not add to the attractions by having a counter which in addition to other articles that are usually sold at church festivals, that they sell beer, wine or even stronger drinks for the stomach's sake? Many would attend and contribute who never go near a church, simply for the fun they might have and because they could get what they wanted.

If anything happens to be said to some preacher or church official about these things being a departure from primitive customs the reply usually is, "that it is the women that is doing this,"—seemingly to forget that the devil used a woman to mislead man in his first departure from the Lord's commands. We know how hard it is to brave public opinion or to call in question anything that has the sanction of fashionable society. It is almost as suicidal as for a man to cast himself before the car of Juggernaut, or take a leap into the abyss below Niagara. Yet when I see sacred things prostituted for gain, and the church compromising her dignity and honor by selling herself to the world for money, I cannot refrain from entering my protest.

In this day of religious fanaticism when every shade of opinion and practice of the church is tolerated as some form of worship, it is difficult to decide just where christianity leaves off and infidelity begins.

The objection to these entertainments is their demoralizing influences on christianity, and our observation warrants us in saying that no church will ever become noted for its religious piety or zeal that tries to place the favor of the world by pandering to the perverted likings and dislikings of fashionable society.

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R. E. X.

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