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THE PENSION OFFICE.

THE RECORD OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONTRASTED WITH THAT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The Special Correspondent of the Bluffton Banner writes as follows to that paper:

WASHINGTON D. C., May 26.

The Democratic party had been out of power a quarter of a century when the people, the sovereign power of government, returned it to the administration of public affairs. During the absence of the Democratic party from power public office and the best interests of a free people were prostituted to the interests of individuals, monopolies, and gigantic corporations. So strong had become the influence of monopolies that the popular will of the people was overthrown by fraud and perjury. Laws were enacted by the representatives of the people and a wholesale system of robbery promulgated under the revenue system never before known in the history of the country. The people's domain was voted away by millions of acres to corporations; corrupt rings were formed in every direction, and the public official became a rogue and a plunderer. Every necessary of life was taxed for the benefit of the few, and the American ship bottoms were forced from the carrying trade on the high seas. By Federal laws the right of suffrage had been restricted by bayonets in the hands of United States Marshals, and every emotion of mankind excited to sectional hate and revenge by the party in power. The rights of the States to self-government had been denied, and a centralized power sought to be established. All this and much more was the order of the times, and so corrupt had become the public official, and so intolerable the oppression of monopoly, that the voice of the people, reinforced by thousands of the honest voters of the party in power, brought a change and elevated the Democratic party to power again.

During all these years of defeat the party never ceased to exert itself in the interest of the people and against the oppression of the cormorants who were plundering them in excessively taxing the most common necessities of life. During its absence from power it never ceased to combat the encroachments of centralization or the aggression of monopoly. It finally triumphed, and after three years of power and administration of public affairs we are about to go before the people asking for a still further lease of power.

The claim for this preferment is based upon the good results and efficient work in every department of the public service. The party has reclaimed millions of acres of the imperial domain that had been voted away during its absence from power to unholy combines. It has pruned the public service of many useless offices and reduced public expenses by the millions of dollars. We can not go into detail in all the departments, but will briefly take up one branch of the public service, the Bureau of Pensions.

In the Presidential campaign that restored the Democratic party to power it was loudly proclaimed, as your readers know, from the stump, the forum, and the Republican press, that the elevation of the party to power endangered the pension system of the government, and if the ex-Union soldiers did not desire to lose their pensions they should vote the Republican ticket. Their rancorous appeals to the soldier element, however, did not avail, and for three years the Democratic party has administered the affairs of the pension office. And what is the result?

This can only be ascertained intelligently by giving the work of the office for a period of years, that you readers—and especially our comrades—may be able to judge if we have not had a better,

a cleaner administration in the pension office under the present Commissioner of Pensions, than for years.

For this purpose we will take the past six years and here is the result:

ORIGINAL PENSIONS GRANTED.

For the fiscal years of 1883-84, under Dudley, the Republican Commissioner, we find from the records allowances of pensions as follows:

1883 'see Report, p. 87' allowed	38,162
1884 'see Report, p. 17' allowed	34,182
1885 'see Report, p. 17' allowed	35,767
Total in three years	108,111
1886 'see Report, p. 11' allowed	40,567
1887 'see Report, p. 25' allowed	55,194
1888 to May 1st of this year allowed	44,608
Total in 2 years and 10 months	140,659

It will be seen from these figures that General Black's administration has allowed in two years and ten months 32,548 more original pensions to soldiers and their widows than was allowed by Dudley's administration in three years, and if we add the 11,300 Mexican service pensions granted under the Act of Congress, the increase of pensions granted would reach 43,848, making an average of 1,289 more pensions granted each month by this administration than by its predecessor.

To further illustrate the work done in this important branch of the public service, we will take two full years of Dudley's administration and compare the same with two full years of Democratic administration:

1883. Original pensions granted	88,162
1884. Original pensions granted	34,182
Total	72,344
1885. Original pensions granted	40,857
1886. Original pensions granted	55,194
Total	96,051

Increase in favor of this administration over its predecessor of 23,607 original pensions granted in the two years services given.

PENSIONS GRANTED OF ALL CLASSES.

The more fully to give our comprehensive statement of the work done in all classes of claims, we take from the records as may be seen by reference to the Commissioner's yearly reports, the allowances and pensions granted in all classes:

1883. Originals allowed	38,162
Increase claims allowed	29,028
Restoration, re-issues, etc.	798
Total for the year	61,704
1884. Originals allowed	34,182
Increase claims allowed	28,017
Restoration, re-issues, etc.	1,281
Total for the year	57,920
1885. Originals allowed	35,767
Increase claims allowed	33,985
Restorations, re-issues, etc.	1,835
Total for the year	71,577

Grand total of all classes of claims allowed and certificates issued in the three years of Republican rule

1886. Originals allowed	40,857
Increase claims allowed	40,857
Restorations, re-issues, etc.	2,229
Total for the year	83,537
1887. Originals allowed	55,194
Increase claims allowed	32,167
Restorations, re-issues, etc.	2,707
Total for the year	90,008

Grand total for the 2 years and 10 months under the Democratic administration of pensions granted & certificates issued 84,040.

Making a grand total of increase in claims of all classes admitted and certificates issued by this administration in thirty-four months' work over its predecessor in thirty-six months of 149,729; or, to state it in another form, General Black issued 4,716 more certificates each month than his Republican predecessor.

CLAIMS REJECTED.

It is well known to the reader that there has been an indecent clamor raised all over the country against the present administration of the Pension Office by the Republican press, charging that soldiers' claims were being peremptorily rejected without cause other than that of enmity to the soldier, and nearly every rejected claim has had an airing by some Republican, and the Commissioner roundly abused. It is well known to the informed that all rejected pension claims are re-opened whenever the claimant files evidence, but this

fact made no difference with the political demagogues who hoped to score a point for their party with the soldier element by attacks upon the Democratic administration. In order to silence forever such clamorous political rogues, we here give a comparison of claims rejected, by years:

1883. Originals rejected	16,901
Widows' originals	4,512
Navy claims	876

Total 'see Report p. 87'

1884. Originals rejected	22,289
Widows' originals	27,557
Navy claims	459

Total 'see Report p. 23'

1885. Originals rejected	83,029
Widows' originals	15,918
Navy claims	852

Total 'see Report p. 17'

1886. Originals rejected	20,305
Widows' originals	7,657
Navy claims	412

Total 'see Report p. 41'

1887. Originals rejected	11,550
Widows' originals	3,481
Navy claims	121

We have taken