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THOSE SUSPENDED PENSIONS.

A few months ago a great howl was raised against Secretary Smith and Commissioner Lochren for "suspending" the payment of pensions to certain persons said to be illegally upon the pension rolls.

Act of June 27, 1890.—Under this act, aside from the requisite services and honorable discharge, there is but one condition that can give a right to pension, viz: A mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of their own vicious habits, which incapacitates from the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render them unable to earn a support.

On the 15th day of October, 1890, order 164 was issued by the commissioner, with the approval of the assistant secretary. It directed that specific disabilities should be rated under the act of June 27, 1890, as they would have been rated under the schedule then in force for disabilities of service origin, up to \$12 per month.

On Jan. 7, 1893, Assistant Secretary Bussey, in the application of Henry W. Welke for pension, officially construed the act of June 27, 1890, and held that to entitle the applicant to pension the disability must be of a character to incapacitate from the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to produce inability to earn a support.

In pursuance of this order a board of revision was formed of the ablest and most experienced men in the pension bureau with instructions to examine the cases allowed under the act of June 27, 1890, and to cull out such as had no legal basis to rest upon. In cases where it was believed that the pensions could not be sustained, and another medical examination was thought necessary, the payment of the pensions was ordered to be suspended pending investigation.

From the foregoing extract there are omitted references to the decisions and orders enumerated, which are printed in an appendix and which are too long to reprint here. In the above statement three points are prominent: 1. The plain and unmistakable language of the law.

This paper is not concerned to defend Secretary Smith or Commissioner Lochren but it does believe in decency and fairness even to political opponents.

JOURNAL believes it expresses the opinion of nine-tenths of the soldiers of the war for the Union when it declares that it in its mature opinion the action of Commissioner Lochren and Secretary Smith has tended to make and keep the pension roll a roll of honor.

The inspection of a map of the eastern part of this peninsula, which may be found in several places about town, discloses some interesting and rather peculiar coincidences. The map in question shows the lands owned by the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette Railway company and those owned by another corporation called, we believe, the Peninsula Land company.

Now it is an interesting coincidence that the chief officers and owners of these two corporations are certain Detroit capitalists, at least one of whom is very prominent in politics. Another interesting coincidence is that the new insane asylum was located at Newberry on the very lands mentioned above, and that Newberry was afforded rather peculiar facilities for securing such location by the acceptance of a cash bonus—something not even hinted at to other places—and a delay of the decision to allow purity of drinking water to be demonstrated by analysis.

Now all these coincidences may be entirely accidental but to the traditional "man-up-a-tree" they seem rather remarkable and quite a number of persons are so ill-natured as to find in them the reason for the very peculiar site chosen for the new insane asylum by our particularly guileless board of charities and correction.

HAVING elected a good set of officers and elected them for three years the proper thing for the Marquette Rifles to do is to get down to business and make a first-class military company of that organization once more. Like other human institutions military companies have their ups and downs. The militia boys should now forget the differences which have divided them and go unitedly to work.

Beware of ointments for Catarrh that contain mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

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