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President Taft has signed the new pension bill which will do untold good to thousands of needy veterans throughout the land.

It is with pleasure that we note that the Board of Education of Dwight has purchased flags for the school houses. It was simply, an oversight, and hereafter "Old Glory" will be in evidence. Congratulations, Messrs. B. of E.

If the same information had been given out before the Illinois primaries, that has been since, the result would have been different. There is no question but that today the conservative people of Illinois are for Mr. Taft. But what's the use.

ORIGIN OF COLORS IN YELLOWSTONE PARK.

That the harmonious and brilliant tints in the geysers and hot-spring pools are due mainly to plant life is one of the interesting statements made in a publication entitled "The Geological History of Yellowstone National Park," just issued by the Department of the Interior. Algae flourish equally well in the waters of all geyser basins and on the terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs. Wherever these boiling waters cool to the temperature of 185 degrees algal growths appear, and by the lowering of the temperature on exposure to air still more highly organized forms gradually come in. It is said that at about 140 degrees the conditions are favorable for the rapid growth of several species. The development of plant life at such excessive temperatures and on a scale of such magnitude seems a marvelous thing. Nowhere else can this be seen so well as in the Yellowstone Park.

As the water in shallow pools chills rapidly, corresponding changes in color follow. No life exists in the center, where the water is boiling. On the outer edge certain colors prevail,

and in the cooler overflow channels still other colors predominate. In a geyser basin, the first evidence of vegetation in an overflow stream consists of creamy white filamentary threads passing into light flesh tints and then to deep salmon. With distance from the source of heat, the predominating colors pass from bright orange to yellow, yellowish green, and emerald, and in the still cooler waters various shades of brown.

The marvelous colors in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone are mainly due to mineral matter, the pigments being derived from the lavas. Along the base of the canyon thermal and solfataric agencies have been at work through long ages, slowly but steadily decomposing the rhyolite rock that forms the walls. Upon the buttressed walls and sculptured amphitheatres tints of green and yellow are intermingled with red, the colors being blended with singularly harmonious effects. From the roaring turbulent river at the bottom to the somber green forests at the top, the abrupt walls seem aglow with color.

This publication contains an account of the geologic forces that have caused the wonderful natural features that have made the Yellowstone famous throughout the world. It is illustrated by photographs of some of the principal features of the park and is written in nontechnical language so that it may be readily understood by persons without scientific training.

NEW PENSION LAW.

The new pension law which has become a law is a good one, and will do untold good all over the country. It is what is known as a service and age pension, and runs all the way from \$13 to \$30 a month, and any old soldier who was disabled through wounds, or is unable to do any manual labor will get \$30 a month. Following is the amended bill as it was passed and became a law:

That any person who served 90 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of 62 years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of 62 years and served 90 days, \$13 per month; six months, \$13.50 per month; one year, \$14 per month; one and a half years, \$14.50 per month; two years, \$15 per month; two and a half years, \$15.50 cents per month; three years or over, \$16 per month. In case

such person has reached the age of 66 years and served 90 days, \$15 per month; six months, \$15.50 per month; one year, \$16 per month; one and a half years, \$16.50 per month; two years, \$17 per month; two and a half years, \$18 per month; three years or over, \$19 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 70 years and served 90 days, \$18 per month; six months, \$19 per month; one year, \$20 per month; one and a half years, \$21.50 per month; two years, \$23 per month; two and a half years, \$24 per month; three years or over, \$25 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 75 years and served 90 days, \$21 per month; six months, \$22.50 per month; one year, \$24 per month; one and a half years, \$27 per month; two years or over, \$30 per month. That any person who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War and received an honorable discharge, and who was wounded in battle or in line of duty and is now unfit for manual labor by reason thereof, or who from disease or other causes incurred in line of duty resulting in his disability is now unable to perform manual labor, shall be paid the maximum pension under this act, to wit, \$30 per month, without regard to length of service or age.

That any person who has served 60 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the War with Mexico and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of \$30 per month.

All of the aforesaid pensions shall commence from the date of filing of the applications in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this act: Provided, That pensioners who are 62 years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act: Provided, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this act: Provided further, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension, under any other general or special law, than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this act.

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pension, under this act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension.

Sec. 4. That the benefits of this act shall include any person who served during the late Civil War, or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the acts of June 27, 1890; Feb. 15, 1895, and the joint resolutions of July 1, 1902, and June 28, 1896, or the acts of Jan. 29, 1887; March 3, 1891, and Feb. 17, 1897.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions, as each application for pension under this act is adjudicated, to cause to be kept a record showing the name and length of service of each claimant, the monthly rate of payment granted to or received by him, and the County and State of his residence; and shall at the end of the fiscal year 1914 tabulate the record so obtained by States and Counties, and shall furnish certified copies thereof upon demand and the payment of such fee therefor as is provided by law for certified copies of records in the Executive Departments.

And the Senate agree to the same. Amend the title so as to read: "An act granting pensions to certain enlisted men, soldiers and officers who served in the Civil War and the War with Mexico."—Isaac B. Sherwood, John A. M. Adair, Managers on the part of the House; P. J. McCumber, Henry E. Burnham, Managers on the part of the Senate.

THAT REMINDS US

That someone sent a hilarious message that it rained last week.

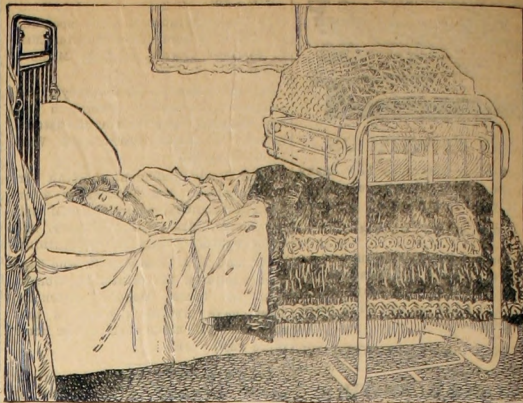
That the rain causes a great deal of comment, generally unfavorable, but the lack of it would do the same. What's a poor weather man to do?

That the national republican convention is just one month away in Chicago.

That one man says that the distribution of dirt where they are paving is the dirtiest thing he knows of. He should nose around a little.

That several democrats are after the Dwight postoffice already. Don't try to hold your breath until you get it, or you will be with many other democratic hopes—under the daises.

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