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CLAIM JUDGES SCHEME.

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THE CITY FATHERS DO NOTHING AND ADJOURN.

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DISASTROUS TO ENGLAND.

Her Obsolete Armaments to the Single God—Standard Bridging Rite to Her Art—Said—India Also Affected.

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which it was designed. It simply makes the landowner pay the same tax in a roundabout way, and makes it still easier for the capitalist to escape taxation altogether.

The Republicans of this city are seeking office on a false pretense. That pretense is that they want to clean out the city hall. The Republican party has the same record where it governs other cities as the Democratic party. Chicago and Philadelphia are instances.

Mr. Stuart is no more disposed and no more able to clean out the city hall than Mr. Shanahan. Both men are creatures of party machinery and will have to be governed by the machines, and the machines are as near allies as two peas. These machines were erected for the same purpose and grind out the same fruit. The People's party has no such ally. Its candidates are untrammelled by pledges and make the city hall the throne of the people and not of politicians.

Mr. Stuart declared the People's party the all wise work of Providence. If that is so, and it looks that way, Providence will give the victory in due time. A party of such high and holy origin must have a purpose and mission approved by Providence. The God-like voice of the people called into existence the People's party and the sovereign demands of the people will be obeyed.

Talk by the Republicans about "the machine" makes the city hall look against the Democrats is another ridiculous version of the pot calling the kettle black.

W. K. Chast, a prominent resident of Adrian is dead.

The Democrats and Farmer's Alliance of Brown City will fuse.

W. H. Bannan is the choice of the Democrats of Saginaw for mayor.

The citizens of Marquette have nominated John E. Mack for mayor.

Henry F. Thon was nominated for mayor by Wyandotte Republicans.

The Democrats of Big Rapids have nominated George Root for mayor.

The Democrats of Easton Rapids have nominated A. D. Gallery for mayor.

Robert Sloan was killed Friday night near Adrian by his horse running away.

Col. J. C. Vanduser of Escanaba is slowly recovering after a dangerous illness.

A quarantine has been ordered at the agricultural college on account of diphtheria.

Early Sunday morning the village of Ithaca was visited by a fire that did \$200,000 damage.

Joseph Jello was killed Saturday in the Calumet & Leeds mine at Houghton by falling rock.

The Allegan county Sunday school convention will convene at Allegan April 15, for a two days' session.

C. M. Turner has been appointed receiver of the Aaron Springs estate, Michigan.

Victor J. Travis, superintendent of the Union school at Alma, has tendered his resignation.

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THE PEOPLES COLUMN.

The Veterans April Fool. These gray haired men shall plant in vain, Michigan, my Michigan. Their sufferings shall be our gain, Michigan, my Michigan.

Economy's our party cry. Its banner we will flout on high. Through every veteran's hat we'll do, Michigan, my Michigan.

That "there is no fool like an old one" is an adage tried and true and one it would seem as though none other could so well appreciate as the old veteran who has relied upon the gratitude of a nation to which he devoted the best years of his life and in his declining days became a dependent on its bounty.

Come with me if you would witness the reality of a people's gratitude to your state's asylum for the sick and destitute soldier as the first of April draws near and if your conscience is not seared it will cry aloud for justice.

These were young men once and were amongst the pick of the active and brave of our country that jumped to the cry of their country's distress. They carry yet the worn old parchment that tells you they stood the critical test of physical and mental manhood.

It tells you, too, that after years of suffering and hardship when the old flag floated again triumphant, that the bearer had manfully withstood the hardships of war and was discharged with this as his testimonial of honorable service.

Then when the old fellow recites the experience of his home return, of the grateful welcome that has awaited and the honors heaped on him he will become almost young again in his portrayal of the scenes. But that is the end, no glory pursues him further.

Soon, very soon, this soldier becomes a common factor and he finds that even three or four years of absence have sufficed to refill every vacancy caused by his service and the grade of life begins.

His sturdiest days are passed. He is too old to receive or pursue a half peacemaker's army life is but a poor recommendation for a business calling, and he soon becomes discouraged and appreciates the fact that he has done a foolish thing.

So he returns only to his own consciousness of right, and to his seller grows to middle age when his face confronts him that though he started out with Uncle Sam robust and bright, yet the faded march and night vigils on ground cold and damp, or the fever contracted in malarial swamps, have deposited their seeds and the middle aged begins to ache and stiffen, and he is led before his time to an irredeemable spirit that carried him through years of hardship and horror still clings to the sore, tired frame and continues life's battle till the hair turns gray and the limbs become weak to command a living creature.

Then he turns for an asylum for his useless body to his country or his state, and is received in a home which he finds founded with the assurance that it is a home not only in name but in fact, as the old word came gratefully on his cot and thinks, after all his countrymen are grateful and honest, the button I wear are badges of honor, and as he don't mean the suit of glory and so gleams in his days of glory and sacrifice, and he is contented and his sleep is peaceful, but soon to sorrow his happy state of mind is bled with the discovery that the little brief home at last. He finds that the same irritant that so galled our citizen soldiers in their days of service is being reduced in quality until the commissary of prison experience boasts that the cost is less than that of the convict prisons of the state and who asserts in the spirit of economy that must govern all public affairs that it shall be given further reduced. Now one old soldier grows discontented and appreciates his life only.

brief authorities that the veterans should look for the source of his troubles and sorrows. From the great fountain-head of economy Wynand Brooks springs the streams of woe that constantly mounds through our midst and keeps us in a sea of misery.

Through the august board that he says and through whom his edicts are enforced, come all the year's woe, and the little authorities' but reveal while enforcing their mandates. Occasional bullying of comradeship will overcome this pitiful spirit of power, and such an one as our present commander would, if he could, undoubtedly assert his better nature and treat humanly at least his more unfortunate comrades.

Do the people of Michigan realize that the governor and his board are accountable in the execution of the 1st of April order? Do they appreciate the fact that the enforcement of it is practically annuling every benefit for which the home was established? that there is not one man who does not now receive the \$12, which closes it down against him, or expects within the year to do so in the shape of either a new pension or an increase of the old?

Do the people believe that any of the old boys, grand old boys as they are, will stand and deliver to these "little authorities" the small pittance Uncle Sam has granted and deliver to these "little authorities" the small pittance Uncle Sam has granted and deliver to these "little authorities" the small pittance Uncle Sam has granted?

Is not the slight a pitiable one when the great rich state of Michigan becomes so parsimonious as to begrudge a few dollars' comforts to its actual producers? Show me one single citizen of Grand Rapids who would be contented to so bind his whole future years of life as to exit with nothing but his bare food and clothes, and those of the coarsest. Why the poor house prison offers these, and the degradation under the home's present status are but little less.

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