

HER SIXTEEN SONS

THAT NUMBER OUT OF 33 CHILDREN FOUGHT IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.

MOTHER NOW 114 YEARS OF AGE

Pension of \$100 a Month Is Asked for Ohio Woman—Case Is the Most Remarkable the Government Has Ever Known.

Washington, April 8.—Representative W. B. Francis, of Martin's Ferry, has asked the committee on invalid pensions, of which General Sherwood is chairman, to give immediate consideration to the bill which he has introduced granting a pension of \$100 a month to Mrs. Sarah Brandon, of Jacobsburg, Belmont county, Ohio.

Mrs. Brandon's case is one of the most remarkable which has come to the attention of the pension committee. Her first husband was Charles Brandon, a soldier of the Mexican war, by whom she had twenty-two children. Upon his death she married William Sweeney, who had eleven children, thus making their combined family consist of thirty-three children.

Sixteen of Mrs. Brandon's sons enlisted in various regiments, chiefly from Ohio, and one son, John Brandon, Company F, Fifteenth Ohio volunteers, died in Andersonville prison. He was her chief support, and it is on account of his death that she now draws \$12 a month pension.

Mrs. Brandon is now 114 years of age, according to the authenticated records, is in feeble health and poor circumstances. She is almost helpless and requires the assistance of an attendant.

Under ordinary circumstances the rule of the committee would not allow the amount asked for in the Francis bill, but as the case is remarkable appeals have been made for a liberal allowance in this instance.

General Sherwood's committee has the matter under consideration, and while the amount of gratuity has not been fixed the bill will soon be reported and passed.

A group picture of Mrs. Brandon's sixteen sons who entered the Union army now hangs in the statehouse at Columbus as an exhibit representing the greatest number of soldiers from one family to enlist from any state.

Her Sixteen Sons

Occupants of the derailed coaches, with those in three coaches following, were saved from death or serious injury, because three steel cars, two mall and one baggage, in front of the coaches withstood the battering of the rocky walls of the cut, carrying with them the wooden coaches. A panic followed the derailing and hardly had the train stopped when passengers streamed from it, screaming and running wildly in different directions.

A. C. Moore, a mail clerk, said last night the engine did not leave the track. The steel cars following were dashed against the rocky wall of the cut, but the cut is so narrow at the point they could not turn

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A FORMER SEDALIA GIRL

Is to Be Married in Kansas City, Mo., Tomorrow Night.

The marriage of Miss Nadine Hearn, a former resident of Sedalia, is written of as follows in the Kansas City Star:

"The marriage of Miss Nadine Hearn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomsa J. Hearn, and Mr. Lewis Talbot Shelton will take place Tuesday evening, April 9, at their country home, 7400 Main street.

"Miss Hearn will be attended by Mrs. Pardon C. Rickey, Mrs. C. Lynn Newbold, Mrs. Aldridge Corder and Mrs. Alfred Wendover as matrons of honor. Miss Nina Waller will be maid of honor and Miss Maud Vernon, Miss Rose Markey, Miss Mae Frances Check and Miss Jewel Banks will be bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Hearn will have the assistance of the following friends:

"Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barham, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fourday, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mahan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowman, Miss Vida Clare Milhon, Miss Juno Milhon."

Miss Nina Waller, the maid of honor, is also a former Sedalia girl, as is also Mrs. Claud Mahan, who as Miss Mudge Smith, was reared in this city.

A GREAT DAY AT "TRINITY"

Large Congregations Were Present on Easter Sunday.

The largest and happiest congregation of one family to enlist from



SEDALIAN ABROAD

CHARLES H. RAIFFEISEN ATTENDING A CONGRESS AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

QUITE PROMINENT WORK IN HAND

May Be Made a Member of the Commission to Visit Europe—Mr. Raiffeisen Is a Member of Local Park Board.

Mr. Charles H. Raiffeisen, who is a member of the Sedalia park board, is at Nashville in attendance at the Southern Commercial congress going as one of the Missouri delegates appointed by Governor Hadley, also as a delegate from the Sedalia Boosters' club.

The following, clipped from the Nashville Banner, shows that our genial and popular "Charlie" is very much in the limelight in that great convention and it is not improbable that he will be selected as one of the United States representatives to make a study of the "rural credit" systems of Europe. The Banner said in part:

An increased attendance this morning was evidence of the great interest being taken in the daily sessions of the Rural Credit System's conference held at the Hermitage hotel. Proceeding the address of Mr. David Lubin, who gave a full explanation of the Landshaftsch system, a summary of Monday and Tuesday's sessions was given by Mr. G. Grosvenor Howe, chairman of the conference.

An interesting feature of this morning's session was the presence of Mr.

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