

PENSION STATISTICS.

The Soldiers Get Nearly a Third of the Expenses of the Government. The report of the commissioner of pensions that there were during the fiscal year ended June 30, '88, added to the pension rolls 61,352 new names, the largest annual increase in the history of the bureau, making a total of 427,457 pensioners on the rolls at the close of the year.

The total expenditures of the Government for the fiscal year 1888 were \$297,934,901, of which the amount expended for and on account of pensions was nearly 31 per cent of the entire outlay of the Government. The highest number of claims on account of the late war was received from Ohio, Indiana followed next, then New York and Pennsylvania, and from Montana, Utah and South Carolina none were received. Up to Jan 31 last 26,581 claims were filed under the Mexican Pension act, 19,788 being survivors and 6,793 widows.

CROP BULLETIN.

Heavy Rains Have Done Considerable Damage. The weather crop bulletin for the week ending September 1 states that the weather during the week has been unusually favorable for ripening, harvesting and threshing of wheat in Minnesota and Dakota. It has also been favorable in the greater portion of the corn belt, but too much rain occurred in the extreme portions of the States bordering on the Ohio. Reports from Kansas indicate that the corn crop is secure and past possible injury from frost.

Light frosts occurred in the upper lake region, probably causing some damage to the cranberry crop in Wisconsin. The weather has been too cold in Michigan to favor a rapid growth of corn, but no injury is reported to the crop in that State, and cutting will commence next week.

Reports from Kentucky show that the heavy corn crop in that State has been somewhat damaged by recent rains, and that the season has been sufficiently favorable to insure an average tobacco crop.

The heavy rains have damaged the growing crops in the cotton and sugar regions, except in North and South Carolina, where the rain fall has not been excessive, and the weather has been generally favorable. In the middle States favorable conditions have prevailed, both for the ripening of corn and for fall plowing. In New England the rainfall was generally favorable, but the weather was cool. Light frosts occurred on the 25th, but no injury to crops is reported.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

Three Men Boiled to Death in Oil, Near Bradford, Pa.

A terrible accident occurred at the great oil tanks a mile west of Oil Center, 12 miles north of Bradford, Pa. One of the immense iron tanks of the Bradford Pipe Line Company, with a capacity of 25,000 barrels, and holding at the time 23,000 barrels of oil, sprung a leak. A couple of a dozen men, some of them being up on scaffolds. While at work in this manner the tank suddenly burst, giving way at the bottom and the top falling in.

The oil was thrown in every direction with great violence, throwing the men with it. All escaped but three. They became engulfed in the oil, and were carried with it. In a moment the oil caught fire from an open lamp, and all the hapless men were smothered in the flames. No assistance could reach them, as the fire raged fiercely, and great waves of flames swept for 100 feet on every side. They were burned to a crisp, their clothing being reduced to ashes, and even the buttons crumbling at the touch. The names of those who perished in the flames are James P. East, Charles Grace and Resident Rankin. All are married men and former residents of Bradford, Pa.

CRUSHED HIS SKULL.

A Train Robber Fatally Wounds His Pursuer and Escapes.

P. W. Van Antwerp, a Cincinnati detective, was found lying at the corner of Lake and Franklin streets, Chicago, with his skull crushed in. It was learned that Van Antwerp had been following Frank Kline, alias Julius Huston, a notorious train robber, for several months, and found him at the corner of Lake and Franklin streets. When Van Antwerp attempted to arrest Kline, the latter struck him with some blunt instrument, fracturing his skull, and made good his escape. On the 12th of July last Van Antwerp attempted to arrest Kline in Monticello, Illinois, and was badly wounded by a pistol shot. Van Antwerp was taken to the County Hospital, where he now lies in a critical condition and will probably die from his injuries.

Sioux Don War Paint.

Trouble is brewing on the Shoshone reservation, Fremont county, Wyo. The Government issues rations to 900 Arapahoes and 1,100 Shoshones at this agency. The Sioux visitors of the Arapahoes are at the bottom of the trouble. Two white men were found dead near the Rattlesnake Mountains, on the reservation, where they were doubtless murdered by the Sioux, who donned war paint after being ordered off the Shoshone reservation. Half-breed hunters report the presence of a band of 150 hostile Indians within seventy miles of the reservation. They are fully armed, having plenty of ammunition, extra ponies and no women and children. Five Sioux on the reservation were arrested by the Indian agent.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

In the Senate, Wednesday, Mr. Reagen introduced a bill to permit the importation of jute bagging free of duty, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance. He spoke of the "straw" which had been used in the jute bagging, and said that the cotton planters were discussing the question as to whether or not to hold their cotton from market until that oppression had passed by. The "straw" which had been used in the interests of the country—an interest which had no protection, and which had to compete in the markets of the world with cotton from other countries. Congress has the power to protect the great industry against such a wrong, by taking the duty off jute, and he trusted that the Committee on Finance would take the matter into consideration and give the relief needed. Mr. Furbush, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back the Fortification bill, and gave notice that he would ask for its consideration to-morrow. The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Furbush, in reference to the diversion of the waters of the Platte and Arkansas rivers and their tributaries in Colorado was taken up, discussed, amended and agreed to. Mr. Stewart offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information as to land suits, land patents and timber operations. Information which Mr. Beckwith stated would be as extensive and voluminous as that supplied by the Secretary of the Navy a few days since, in reply to Mr. Chandler's resolution, and which has cost him as much as a year's expenditure of the naval academy. Mr. Morgan analyzed the resolution and characterized it as an effort to dig up everything done by the Interior department for several years in regard to the Colorado and Arkansas rivers, and to propose and cause great delay in the current business.

In the Senate, Thursday, Mr. Blair offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses, instructing the Committee on Inter-State Commerce to examine fully into the system of Mechanical Telegraphy, now on exhibition at the Capitol, and to secure the aid of competent and disinterested experts. He explained the object of his resolution to be to have the system of telegraphy examined, and if found to be as representative, to secure it for the benefit of the people. He had been told by Mr. D. H. Craig, the owner of the patents, that two thousand dollars would be required to purchase a single letter postage. The Senate then resumed consideration of the President's retaliation message, and Mr. George proceeded to the speech which he had begun yesterday. In reply to the assertion made by Mr. Edmund, in his speech last week, that the President had a right to suspend the operation of Section 3006 of the Revised Statutes (which allows the transit of goods between the United States and Canada) by some port of duty, Mr. George argued that if the President were to undertake to suspend the operation of that section, he would be assuming autocratic power denied to him by the Constitution and possessed only by some potentates in Europe and Asia. The President could not abrogate a solemn enactment in Congress, absolute in its terms and without any contingency whatever.

In the House Monday Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania, asked unanimous consent to introduce for present consideration a bill supplementary to an act to secure certain treaty stipulations relating to Cuba, approved May 6, 1882. Section 1 provides that from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any Chinese laborer, who shall at any time heretofore have been or who may now or hereafter be a resident within the United States, and who shall have departed or shall depart from the United States, to return to the United States. Section 2 provides that no certificate of identity provided for in the fourth and fifth sections of the act to which this is a supplement shall hereafter be issued, and every certificate heretofore issued in pursuance thereof is hereby declared void and of no effect; and the Chinese laborer claiming admission by virtue thereof shall not be permitted to enter the United States. Section 3 provides that all duties, penalties and forfeitures prescribed by the second, third, eleventh and twelfth sections of the act to which this is a supplement are hereby extended and made applicable to the provisions of this act. Section 4 provides that all such part or parts of the act to which this is a supplement, as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

THE GEISER'S FAULT.

The September Pilot Chart Will Show She Was Too Far North.

The S-September Pilot chart, issued from the Hydrographic Office, embodies a new chart which puts the blame for the fatal collision between the Geisler and Thingyvala squarely upon the commander of the former vessel. These pilot charts are distributed to all vessel masters leaving American ports every month. A supplement to the chart of December, 1887, called attention to the importance of a general understanding as to the routes to be followed by eastward and westward bound vessels, and each month since that time one track has been plotted as the southern limit for westward-bound vessels, and another as the northern limit for eastward-bound vessels. These have been generally followed. The chart for September will say: "This recent disaster would not have occurred had the Geisler been further to the southward, as recommended for eastward-bound vessels, and the collision thus emphasizes the importance of this matter, not only to owners, agents, masters and marine underwriters, but to the public generally."

A TERRIBLE STORM.

Six Persons Drowned at Hot Springs—\$100,000 Damage to Property.

Hot Springs is gutted, and ruin and wreck is at the vision at every point. Nothing like it has been known before. Disaster by flood and fire have visited the valley, but nothing to equal last night's storm and water-pout. The valley was swept by a tidal wave. The storm struck the city about 11 o'clock. It was accompanied by a cool, stiff wind, though not strong enough to produce damage from that source. Rain fell in torrents from 11 until 1 o'clock without cessation. At the close of the storm a great and ominous roar mingled with shouts of people and cries of distress went up from the valley. For half an hour the main avenue of the place was a rushing river fifty yards wide. Several of the hotels were flooded and many buildings wrecked. Six persons are reported missing and five bodies have been recovered from the debris. Damage to property will amount to \$100,000.

More Than 100 Killed.

Five hundred Dervishes attacked an Egyptian fort near Wady Halfa and captured a portion of it. The Egyptians received reinforcements from Wady Halfa and finally succeeded in driving out the Dervishes, killing more than 100 of them. The Egyptian loss was 16 killed and 27 wounded.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Justice Lamar is a fervid horseman.

Mr. Cleveland is an expert lawn tennis player.

The Shah of Persia is making a tour of Europe.

Representative Craik is the only native Texan in Congress.

Lord Tennyson has passed his eightieth year with a light heart.

Milan, of Serbia is said to be financially the poorest King living.

The Duke of Argyll has declared himself to be in favor of cremation.

Mrs. Sheridan, widow of the General, has Cherokee blood in her veins.

Wendell Phillips' body lies in an unmarked grave at Milton, Mass.

A son of President Tyler has been chosen President of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va.

Mrs. Hopkins-Seabell has bought \$250,000 worth of paintings in Paris for her mansion at Great Barrington, Mass.

Amalie Rives Chalker, the Virginia authoress, receives about thirty letters a day from admirers of her works.

John Hoyt, President of the Adams Express Company, has sailed for Europe, where he will organize an express system.

Mr. Whitman, a member of the English Parliament, is said to make over \$1,000,000 per year from his brewery.

Lord Randolph Churchill is an enthusiastic student of Gibbon, and can repeat by heart long passages of the "Decline and Fall of Rome."

The King of Spain has set her heart upon making St. Sebastian, on the Spanish coast, an Autumn resort of the fashionable world of all nations.

Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, takes beer at luncheon, a limited amount of champagne at dinner and smokes the commonest cigars.

Princess Beatrice, daughter of Queen Victoria, has sent some of her own musical compositions to the exhibition of woman's industries in Sydney, Australia.

Emperor William II. of Germany has a passion for having his photographs taken. Since his accession to the throne he has had 10,000 of Germany with his pictures.

The Earl of Roslyn is a candidate for laureate laurels. Queen Victoria has approved of his two sonnets on the death of Emperor Frederick and "commanded" him to publish them.

Miss Kelleher, who is keeping house at Washington for the first time, is having guests at dinner, and the speaker has instructions to bring home friends with him in the afternoon when the house is not full of visitors.

The Master of Trinity College, Oxford, England, who married Miss Lamson, the distinguished Senator Casson, presented his bride for a wedding gift with the works of Plato, Sophocles, and Dante, splendidly bound in morocco.

The smallest member of the Supreme Court of the United States is the now Chief Justice, who is but five feet six inches tall, and weighs only 125 pounds. Associate Justice Gray is the largest, measuring six feet five inches in height and tipping the beam at nearly 300 pounds.

General Grant, the American Party's candidate for President, is bright and cheery and evidently sincere. He is interested in various steel companies in New York City and New Jersey, is sixty-six years old, is reported to be worth \$2,000,000 and lives at Bridgeport, Conn.

There are several left-handed writers at the Capitol. Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, writes with the left hand exclusively, never having learned or tried to use the pen with the right. Mr. McComas, of Maryland, writes with either hand at pleasure, but not with both at once.

Russell Sage is at least fifteen years older than Jay Gould, but he is as well preserved as a man of fifty. He attributes his continued good health, after twenty-five years in Wall Street, to the fact that he never permits himself to worry about business outside of business hours.

At his White House Monday receptions, President Cleveland has introduced a novelty in his attire. Heretofore he has worn a black frock coat on such occasions. Recently he was attired in a pepper-and-salt business suit. The costume was in the latest style. A low-cut vest and wide trousers proved this.

NEWSY NOTES.

ONLY about one in ten die of yellow fever.

A FULL sugar crop is expected in Louisiana.

The Afghan insurrection has been suppressed.

VANCOUVER ISLAND coal is to be mined at the rate of 2000 tons per day.

QUINTANA ROO, Mexico, has had rain for twenty-seven consecutive days.

The aggregate value of the output of our mines is set down at \$78,930,343.

A LONDON crank has been arrested for threatening to murder Gladstone.

It is announced that the Czar and Czarina of Russia will found a monastery in Abyssinia.

The New Zealand Parliament has voted to renew a contract with the Spectacle line of steamers.

COLORADO is to have an observatory 120 feet nearer the stars than any other in America.

A HUNTER in Clarendon County, S. C., shot and killed his companion, mistaking him for a bear.

BOUVIA, which has a population of 2,000,000, is without a single Protestant missionary.

The agricultural exports constitute over seventy-five per cent of the entire exports of the country.

It is estimated that 50,000 mocking birds are caught monthly in the immediate vicinity of New Orleans.

Since the beginning of the present year, 4121 members of the Grand Army of the Republic have died.

An American boy is reported as having been shipwrecked on board of a British ship at Portland, Oregon.

The railroad from Paris to Constantinople, which has been completed, is opposed by the Turkish Government.

RALPH KING, of Kansas, aged ten, is in jail for stealing some fifty horses in the course of the past year.

TURKEY is undergoing a Cabinet crisis owing to a scarcity of money in the Treasury to pay the army and navy.

It is now not only denied that the White Pasha, of Africa, is Stanley, but denied that he is any White Pasha at all.

FLORENCE MORSE, twelve years of age, has ascended Mount Blanc. She is the youngest tourist that ever made the ascent.

FORTY-NINE suicides have occurred at Monte Carlo, the Italian gambling city, during the last two and a half months.

PENSION COMMISSIONER BLACK'S annual report shows 69,252 new names on the rolls; during the year \$78,775,862 were paid to pensioners.

NUMEROUS veins of gold, silver, copper and lead have recently been discovered in Monroe, Fayette and Kanawha counties, West Virginia.

The German Government has paid \$100,000 to an Austrian engineer named Mannlicher for a patent cylinder stopper for quick-loading rifles.

IMMIGRATION into Canada from Europe thus far this year has reached 54,001. Of this number 40,000 have proceeded direct to the United States.

MARGARET PENNINGAL, one of the smallest women in the world, fifty-five years of age, and only thirty-four inches in height, has just died at Carlisle, Penn.

Irrigation has produced a great crop of mosquitoes at Los Angeles, Cal.

Rambler: Spiritualistic Medium—"You now behold the spirit of Algernon Snobbins. Do you recognize him?" Visitor—"I do." Spiritualistic Medium—"He does not seem to recognize you." Visitor—"O, that's because I failed in business recently."

Estelle (D. T.) Bell: The death rate in Dakota for years past has been only five in 1,000. Even the moderate average for our Territory might have been materially lowered had there not been such a popular prejudice against more than four acres in a pack of cards.

Exchange: "Do you allow drunken people on the train?" asked a clergyman at the City Hall elevated station in New York. "Sometimes, but not when they are too drunk," replied the brakeman. "Just take a seat near the middle of the car and keep quiet, and you'll be all right."

Clinton Advocate: A Henry County farmer came to Clinton on the late cold wave wearing a coonskin overcoat. A West Side grocer inquired: "Why don't you wear the hairy side in instead of out?" "I reckon the coon knew which side was warmest when he wore it, didn't he?" replied the farmer.

Somerville Journal: Wife—"Well, Ned, what do you think Charlie wants now? He asked me to-day if I wouldn't help him lease you to buy him a bicycle?" Indignant Father (who once had ambitions himself)—"Bicycle? Nonsense. The boy can't even tell him to go up in the attic and fall down two flights of stairs. It will be just about the same thing, and save me \$100."

Binghamton Republican: "Robert, what did you say to the boy this morning when he taunted you for going to Sunday-school?" "Didn't say nothin'. I just went right on without sayin' a word back." "That was right, my son; and I am glad to see you had madness enough not to notice him."

"Yes, but you can bet if he hadn't been bigger in me I'd thumped him out of him."

Philadelphia Press: Queen Victoria is trying to find out who it is that gives so much gossip of the royal household to the newspapers. She should keep her eye on Henry Battenberg. That youth has no money of his own, but he has been seen buying chicken pasties lately and it takes some to do that. As likely as not he has been subsidized by a venal press.

People Who Never Would Be Missed. The intolerant man who sees no good in people who differ from him in religion or politics.

The man who thinks he is handsome, and in consequence of that illusion becomes something of a fool as he hears middle age.

The incessant talker, man or woman, who talks to you at all times and in all places, and never says anything you want to hear.

The woman who, having things in her own life to conceal, thinks she can best keep them dark by assuming to be extremely proper, and showing neither charity nor mercy to those whose errors come to light.

The man who reads aloud when not asked to do so.

The man who asks you how you are "getting along," as though he expected you to tell him everything about yourself, physical, social, domestic, and financial.

The man or woman who cherishes spite at people for real or fancied wrongs, and gets even by giving them digs behind their backs.

The suspicious person who sees evil in the most innocent actions, because evil is within him or her.

The sweeter, male or female, who chills everybody within sight by a finished sneer.

The man who talks overmuch about his ailments at table, or elsewhere.

The extremely young man who knows so much that he refuses to learn anything more as long as he lives.

The elderly man who assumes the fatherly to an offensive extent in his association with young and beautiful girls.

The man who accepts favors and returns none.

The man who sits cross-legged in a horse-car and lets other men and all women wipe the dirt off his shoes with their clothes as they pass him.

The man who carries his cane horizontally under his arm, to the peril of everybody behind him.

The man who dyes his whiskers and thinks nobody knows it.

The old, old bean who has never learned that he has lost the power to charm.

The woman who was once a belle and refuses for the remainder of her life to fill any other role, and at 60 mimes and coquettes as much as she did at 18.

The too friendly friend who sort of takes charge of you, domineers over you, and otherwise annoys you till you break with him.

The perfect creature who has never sinned, in his own opinion.

The man who is a saint abroad and a devil at home.

The woman who sits behind you in the theater and talks all the time.

The woman who sits in front of you wearing a towering bonnet and bolts from side to side, obstructing your view.

The woman who talks theater continually and the man who talks shop.

The friend who nudges you too frequently at public entertainments and whispers his criticisms at the most absorbing points of the play.

Famegriping's Light. Mr. Otto Fahnehjelm, of Sweden, invented a combination of suitable substance and flame for producing light from an incandescent solid. The flame of water gas has intense heating power. An ordinary fan-tail burner is used, the flame from which passed between two rows of vertical teeth composed of magnesia, baked and molled, with starch, under high pressure. The teeth when heated become beautifully luminous, and the light shows colors correctly, and can be used for photography.

Citrate of Silver. Thomas Kay argues that bottles containing citrate of silver be stowed away in life-boats. Seven ounces of the citrate will turn enough sea-water into drinking water to supply a man for a week.

LOG CABINS are neither fashionable nor in demand, but they were more comfortable and more healthy than are many modern dwellings. Warner's Log Cabin Hops & Buchu is a reproduction of one of the best of the simple remedies with which Log Cabin dwellers of old days kept themselves well. Did you ever try "Tippecanoe?"

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